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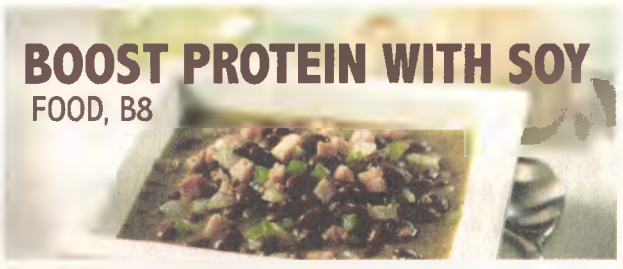

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Google seminar

Plymouth business owners will have a chance to learn new ways to grow their business online with a Google seminar offered by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Luna Tech 3D.

The seminar takes place Thursday, Jan. 24, from 7:45-9:30 a.m. at Panache 447 in downtown Plymouth. The featured speaker will be Ana Owczarak from the Google AdWords team in Ann Arbor.

"It's important for business owners to take control of their Google search results," said Tony Bruscato, director of operations of the Plymouth DDA. "This seminar will help teach our local business owners how to grow their online presence."

To register for the seminar, visit lunatech3d-plymouth.eventbrite.com or call (734) 260-1069.

Literacy help

The Community Literacy Council, a volunteer, nonprofit organization whose aim is to improve adult literacy in Plymouth-Canton and surrounding areas of western Wayne County, needs volunteers.

The agency provides free literacy tutoring to adults via one-on-one instruction or small conversation groups. Tutors undergo 14 hours of training and customize each of their lessons to the individual needs of their students.

In 2012, tutors volunteered more than 3,000 hours promoting literacy in the community.

The group's biggest event of the year, its 22nd annual Spelling Bee, takes place March 13 at the Canton High School DuBois Little Theater.

Free throw contest

Knights of Columbus, Father Victor J. Renaud Council No. 3292 of Plymouth, hosts a free-throw shooting contest 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of state competition.

For entry forms or additional information, contact Andrew Bishop at ajbishop1@comcast.net.

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Richard Teeple, who is retired from Henry Ford Community College (here judging a recent carving competition with Doug Ganhs of Oakland Community College) said the annual Plymouth Ice Festival has helped revive the art of ice carving in Michigan.

Culinary carving

Ice sculptors carved revival with festival's support

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Ice Festival has strengthened culinary education programs and helped revive the art of ice carving in Michigan over the last three decades, according to a veteran carver and instructor.

Richard Teeple, who recently retired from Henry Ford Community College, where he taught in the culinary arts program for more than 30 years, said "there's no question" the festival has been a boost to his school and to ice carving in general.

"Many of my students over the last 30 years have gotten their start there, and they have opened up very successful ice-carving businesses," said Teeple, who still advises at HFCC and will help coordinate the collegiate competition during this year's festival.

The 2013 edition of the Plymouth Ice Festival, the 31st annual, is Friday, Jan. 18, through Sunday, Jan. 20, at Kellogg Park and nearby downtown streets. It will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, team and individual competitions, the popular "Dueling Chainsaws" competition, entertainment, refreshments, wintertime sports and more.

Teeple said the art of ice carving "was dying" at the time the festival began in the 1980s, and that by providing a venue for student carvers and the

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Macomb Community College student Sean Ess worked on this sculpture right down to the final minutes of competition.

Rock Bar faces closure under deal

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Downtown Plymouth's popular Rock Bar and Grill, under scrutiny by city officials for repeated liquor license violations, nuisance complaints and public safety incidents, will have new management — or close altogether — by Friday, Feb. 1.

Owner Kevin Montagano told the Plymouth City Commission at its meeting Monday that he is seeking to sell the bar on Penniman, and that the Rock will close after this month unless new ownership is at least pending and new management is in place. The Rock opened in late 2009.

Following Montagano's brief statements, made with Keith Kecskes, the attorney representing the bar, at his side, the commission voted to recommend to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the Rock's license to sell alcohol by the glass be revoked.

But the City Commission, under an agreement reached with Montagano just before the meeting, also agreed not to file the recommendation for 90 days in order to give Montagano time to market the bar and reach a purchase agreement. In turn, Montagano agreed not to contest alleged license violations and also not to contest, at the local level, the recommendation that the Rock's license be revoked.

If Montagano does not have a signed purchase agreement for the Rock, plus proof of earnest money and evidence that the sale would be to an unrelated entity, within the 90 days, the city can forward the license revocation recommendation to the state, the agreement says.

The agreement comes after a December public hearing on the license revocation and intense discussions in recent days between city officials and the Rock's representatives.

The development took some at Monday's meeting by surprise.

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Barrett gets second term leading school board

John Barrett was re-elected as president of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board of Education Tuesday.

A Plymouth resident, former high school principal in Farmington and former Plymouth city commissioner, Barrett thanked his colleagues, applauding the talent of the district and adding "I am proud to be part of this board."

Also elected were Judy Mardigian, vice president, Adrienne Davis, secretary, and Sheila Paton, treasurer. Mardigian, the board's longest-serving member, served as secretary in 2012 while Davis served as vice president.

Barrett and Paton, a financial analyst at the University of Michigan Health System, were elected to the board in November 2011. Paton is the only board member with children attending Plymouth-Canton schools.

All officers were elected unanimously. The terms end Dec. 31.

Other business conducted at the board's annual organization meeting included approving bylaws setting regular meetings (7 p.m. on third Tuesday of each month at the board office — E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey in downtown Plymouth), naming banks and other depositories for school funds and investments and naming general counsel (Collins and Blaha, P.C.) and special counsel for specific legal issues (LaPointe and Associates, P.C.; Thrun Law Firm, P.C.; Lacey & Jones, LLP and Clark Hill, PLC).

Stauder, Barch and Associates was named the financial consults for 2013.

The board's next meeting is Jan. 22 at which trustees are expected to discuss a bond issue to pay for new technology and building improvements.

Dr. John Barrett, here presenting 2012 graduate Alan League with his diploma at last year's commencement, won a second term Tuesday as president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

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Jeff Lao smoothed his sculpture, while Michelle Klucka stood back from the torches while competing for Henry Ford Community College.

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expensive raw materials — blocks of ice — the show in Plymouth helped bring it back.

"It was one of the reasons why Henry Ford has invested so much time and money into developing an ice program, was because of the ice festival," Teeple said. The college went on to build top ice-carving teams that would tour a dozen or so cities, in other states and even other countries, every year, he said.

"You could always count on getting experience" at the Plymouth show, he said.

"The community colleges' participation in the ice festival is crucial as it ensures the art of ice sculpting continues," said Sam Walton, the event producer. "The schools that participate always bring their finest sculptors, and the public really gets a lot of enjoyment out of their carving demonstrations."

Teeple said that, so far this year, 38 students and 14 different teams have signed up for the collegiate competition, and that others are continuing to register. Schools that will be represented include the University of Michigan, Macomb Community College and Washtenaw Community College, in addition to HFCC, he said.

Individual collegiate competition will take place Saturday, Jan. 19, and team competition Sunday, Jan. 20, both in Kellogg Park.

Teeple said that since the festival's early days, decorative ice carvings have expanded into functional pieces such as serving trays, punch bowls and "shot luges."

"Ice carving has really evolved," he said.

Another way to measure the growth in popularity of ice carving, he said, is the increasing use of carvings at weddings, parties and corporate events and in television commercials. Sculptures of corporate logos have also become much more common, he said.

Teeple, who helped organize early ice festivals, said he's not planning to pick up the chisel this year.

"This is the first time in 30 years I'm not carving anything with this show, so I'm having withdrawal," he said.

Hours for this year's Plymouth Ice Festival are 3-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. For more information, visit the festival website, plymouthicefestival.com.

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New pact restores pay to DPW workers

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Three years after a contract slashed their pay and increased their health insurance costs, employees in Plymouth Township's Department of Public Works are regaining some ground.

Township officials and Teamsters Local 214, which represents seven township employees, have agreed to a three-year contract that restores the workers' pay to 2009 levels and adds a 2-percent raise. The deal means a DPW service technician at the top of the pay scale will earn just over $45,000 a year.

"Everybody's been biting the bullet around here for a while, so it's nice to get back to our 2009 level and get a little bit extra," said Bob Courter, the union steward, on Wednesday.

The DPW workers sweep streets, clean sewers, maintain the township's water system and respond to emergencies like water-main breaks, plus do other maintenance work.

The new contract, which runs through December of 2015, was unanimously approved Tuesday night by the township Board of Trustees. Both sides described negotiations as smooth.

"We've sort of turned the corner," and can afford the raises, said Supervisor Richard Reaume. The workers will also be getting 2-percent raises in 2014 and in 2015.

"They took it in the paycheck pretty heavy," Reaume added.

In early 2010, responding to recessionary times and cuts to the township's revenue, the Teamsters agreed to a contract that reduced their pay by 7 percent and increased insurance costs from a small percentage of their salary to 10 percent of the cost of the premium.

"This group saw the wisdom of working with the township to take concessions at the time without layoffs," and cut their pay without taking furlough days, Reaume said.

The new contract does include a giveback on the part of the Teamsters: they are now required, per Michigan Public Act 152 of 2011, to pay 20 percent of their insurance premiums, up from 10 percent. For an employee with a family insurance plan, the cost will be about $2,900 a year, said Treasurer Ron Edwards.

The deal also creates two service technician II positions, jobs that didn't previously exist. The new jobs require state certification in water-system management, and the base pay will be 5 percent more. The new jobs replace the former crew leader position, which didn't require water-system certification.

Courter said the new positions will help the DPW bring all sewer-cleaning work in house, starting this year, rather than having to contract out some of it.

The contract also establishes a financial incentive for workers to obtain state water-system certification: a bonus of up to $1,500 a year for the highest certification level. The township will pay for one training class and one test, per worker, per year.

"Any time you get a higher level of certification, I think you've got a better worker," Reaume said.

The township has yet to settle contracts with two police unions, the public safety dispatchers, office workers and firefighters.

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CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, Jan. 6, *Plymouth Observer* ("Numbers down, need up for local families") should have said the Plymouth Goodfellows helped 95 Plymouth families this year.

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COLBECK HOURS

Date/Time: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 6-7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Ryan Eggenberger, the district manager for state Sen. Pat Colbeck, conducts office hours in Plymouth. Colbeck won't be able to attend due to the governor's State of the State address. However, Eggenberger will still hold the office hours in Plymouth. Eggenberger will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. Sen. Colbeck will be available at future events.

Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call 734-335-0673.

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Monday, Jan. 14, noon-1 p.m.

Location: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville.

Details: Northville area residents will now be able to visit with Rep. Kurt Heise from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. The new time is a permanent change to his ongoing Northville office hours that take place on the second Monday of every month. Heise also is sponsoring office hours on Monday, Jan. 14 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., from 3 to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary during these office hours.

Contact: Call 1-855-REP-KURT.

BOOK SIGNING

Date/Time: Thursday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Church and Main in downtown Plymouth.

Details: Plymouth author Dianne Griswold will sign copies of her book, *A Slice of Time*. The book records the stories and provides a pictorial history of the citizens who founded the museum. The stories will take readers back in time and provide a personal look into the lives of the many citizens who worked to eke out a living and those who helped Plymouth flourish as it does today.
The book is available on Amazon.com and 800publishing.com.

Jazz time

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 welcomes visitors back to another series of Jazz @ The Elks in a club setting on the last Tuesday of every month from 7-10 p.m. The Jan. 29 event will feature the Ron Kischuk Quartet with Kischuk on Trombone, Gary Schunk on Keyboard, Marion Hayden on Bass, and the Judie Cochill on vocals. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call (734) 453-1780. The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

Date/Time: Saturday, Jan. 19, 1-4 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland (between Newburgh and Wayne Road)

Details: Seniors Helping Seniors hosts a grand-opening open house featuring food and drink and drawings for free gifts. Learn about services, providing in-home care and support for seniors by seniors. Learn about flexible job opportunities for caring, active seniors over 50 years young.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 996-9570 or email seniorshelpingseniors14@gmail.com

FREE THROW CONTEST

Date/Time: Jan. 19, 10 a.m.

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton

Details: Knights of Columbus, Father Victor J. Renaud Council #3292 of Plymouth, hosts a free-throw shooting contest. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of state competition for 2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Contact: For entry forms or additional information contact Andrew Bishop at ajbishop1@comcast.net.

EUCHRE TOURNEY

Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 2, 6 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: Canton Lions Club members will be holding a Euchre tournament. An ante of $25 (payable with cash or check at the door) without pre-registration. Save $5 at the door by paying $20 with pre-registration. Cash awards to the top three players! 50% of $20 entry paid out. Raffle 50/50 and great prizes, pizza and snacks. Cash Bar available at phenomenal Elks Club prices. According to Larry Wegrzyn, Club President, money raised from the tournament will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in the community including those who need assistance during the slowing economy.

Contact: Pre -register your first and last name by calling (734) 358-4280 or email CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com by Jan. 30.

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Board OKs Salem assistant principal

Todd Noonan, a former teacher at Royal Oak High School, was named assistant principal at Salem High School. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education confirmed Noonan's hiring Tuesday.

He replaces Lawrence Stroughter, who left in December to become principal at Harrison High School in the Farmington School District.

Noonan

Noonan, a Farmington resident, was among 11 candidates and four finalists interviewed for the job at Salem.

The district received 104 responses to the job posting. Noonan starts Jan. 28.

Noonan began working at Royal Oak High School in 2002, and served as dean and student accounting advisor from 2007-2011. He previously worked at Fremont High School in Oakland, CA, in 2002. In Fremont he taught six classes of 35 student in a culturally and economically diverse school district with a large English Language Learner student population.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and Spanish from Kalamazoo College and a master's in educational leadership from Wayne State University.

Before teaching, Noonan worked as an account manager of client partner services at CNET Network Inc. in San Francisco.

Council on Aging hosts senior programs

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a variety of programs in the month of January.

• On Monday, Jan. 14, the council hosts "New Years Bingo" at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 1:30 p.m. Door admission is $1 for PCCA members and $2 for non-members.

• On Monday, Jan. 28, the Michigan Humane Society will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 1 p.m. This is a free presentation which will focus on low-cost and no-cost programs that the MHS provides to animal lovers.

Attendees will also learn how the Fostering Program works. Refreshments will be served.

• On Wednesday, Jan. 30, Kraig Barr, the Cath Lab Supervisor from St. Mary Hospital, will be at the Cultural Center from 10-11:30 a.m. to discuss symptoms and treatment options for Peripheral Artery Disease, When a Pacemaker Implant may be necessary and Prevention and Treatment of Cardiac and Arterial Problems.

To RSVP for these programs, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

ROCK BAR

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Janet Adkins, who lives nearby and had complained at last month's hearing about intoxicated patrons and noise levels from the Rock, expressed concern with the length of time the Rock has operated with alleged violations, and said the waiting period could mean more problems will occur.

"Three years is a long time to come to this conclusion," Adkins told commission members during a second hearing before Monday's vote.

But city officials said any license violations within the 90-day waiting period could trigger the immediate closure of the Rock, even if it is before Feb. 1.

Complaints against the Rock ranged from noise and litter coming from the bar and its patrons to traffic crashes, drunken-driving arrests and fights among people who had reportedly been drinking there.

Any ownership and liquor license transfer at the Rock will have to go through normal local and state approval processes.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Date/Time: Monday, Jan. 14, 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley Road, in a strip mall across the street from Mettetal Airport next to the Secretary of State office, south of Joy Rod on the west side of Lilley.

Details: Canton Women's Connection hosts their meeting featuring guest speaker Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly, PhD and author of "Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story." Dora Stockman was the first woman to win a statewide election to public office in Michigan. She was an incredible woman and Margaret will take us on a journey through her amazing life. Please RSVP by Friday, Jan. 11.

Contact: June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@comcast.net

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Telephone harassment

A Canton woman complained to police she was being harassed by her grandson's father.

Although the woman had instructed the father only to contact her regarding her grandson, the man continued to harass her via text messages, according to police reports.

The man has sent texts referencing other family members, and also threatening to file a personal protection order against family members to keep them from seeing the grandson.

Police contacted the man and advised him not to contact the woman again. According to the police report, the man made a comment about contacting the woman's employer, and laughed it off when the police officer repeated the warning not to contact her.

Drug bust

While patrolling, a Canton police officer saw a black Jeep Cherokee drive across the front parking lot of the Days Inn in the area of Michigan Ave., and Lotz, then disappear around the west end of the building.

The Jeep reappeared minutes later and moved onto Lotz Road. The officer noted the Jeep had a malfunctioning tail light, so he affected a traffic stop.

The officer discovered the driver was operating with a suspended driver's license, and that both passengers in the car had outstanding warrants out of Dearborn Heights. All three suspects were arrested.

While searching the vehicle, officers found an unlabeled pill bottle containing 45 pills in the center console. All three suspects denied knowledge of the pills.

Officers confirmed the pills were Hydrocodone, a Schedule 3 narcotic.

Failed fraud

Officers were dispatched to the Michigan Ave., Walmart for a retail fraud in progress call.

As the officer was headed to Walmart, he was advised the suspect was running northbound through the Walmart parking lot toward Michigan Ave., according to police reports. Upon arrival, the officer could not located the suspect.

The officer met with the store's Loss Prevention Officer, who said the suspect had placed a television in a shopping cart, then attempted to leave the store without paying for the television.

When the LPO approached him, the suspect took off running, abandoning the cart with the television.

The LPO told police the suspect had entered the store with a white female, but that she'd lost sight of the woman. The Canton officer and the Walmart LPO reviewed security video and found both suspects.

The man was wearing a Detroit Lions jacket over a red striped polo shirt and blue jeans. He had a mustache/goatee. The woman was described wearing a brown jacket with a white stripe and blue jeans.

Retail fraud

Officers were dispatched to the Michigan Ave., Walmart where four teenage boys suspected of retail fraud were walking through the parking lot.

The dispatcher had advised the responding officer the four had left the merchandise behind. Police found all four suspects and placed them in patrol cars. Police said at least one of the suspects smelled of marijuana, according to the report.

The Loss Prevention Officer told police the four subjects were involved in the theft of an Xbox 360 Kinnect controller valued at $110.

She said she'd seen the four enter the store together. She said one suspect stole the controller, while the other three acted as "lookouts." The LPO said the suspect took the controller out of the box and stashed it down the front of his pants, and all four left the store.

She said as the suspects fled, the one with the controller took it out of his pants and left it atop a nearby car, from where she retrieved it. A search of the suspects produced small bags of suspected marijuana from two of the suspects.

Car parts taken

A Canton man said he parked his car in the northwest corner of the Emagine Theater parking lot on Ford Road around 7:45 p.m., and when he came out two hours later, the center hub caps had been stolen from all four wheels.

There were no witnesses, and police have no suspects.

Hit and run

Police were dispatched to the scene of a hit-and-run vehicle damage report on Willard.

Upon arrival, according to police reports, the officer found a white Ford Taurus parked on the east side of Willard, legally parked facing northbound. The owner told police she'd parked it around 9 p.m., and when she came back around 11:30 p.m., she saw it had been hit.

Police noted the only tire tracks led to a house across the street, but upon investigation found no damage to any of that home's vehicles.

No evidence from the unknown vehicle was left behind at the scene.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Vandalism

A window on a Ford Escort was broken out recently as the car sat parked outside a home on Northville Road in the township.

The vandalism occurred between about 6 p.m. Dec. 27 and just before 7 a.m. the next day, a police report said. There was nothing reported stolen from the car.

Wheel theft

Two wheels and the tires on them were reported stolen from a Ford Edge parked at Blackwell Ford, on Plymouth Road just east of Haggerty, on Monday.

The wheels had been stolen some time since Friday, the sales manager told police.

— By Matt Jachman

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Northville City Firefighter Karen Westfall has been with the department for 13 years. She is a graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia and a 32-year resident of Plymouth Township, where she and her husband, a retired career firefighter, raised their three children. She has one grandchild and a second on the way. Westfall served with the Northfield Township Fire Department for nearly 10 years where she rose to the rank of duty shift captain. She is certified Firefighter 1 & 2, Emergency Medical Technician, Hazmat Operations and Fire Officer 1.

Driver recovering from crash injuries

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A 27-year-old Canton woman is continuing to recover from "significant injuries" she suffered Friday afternoon when her car crashed head-on into a semitractor trailer while she was driving eastbound on Ford Road near Ridge, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The woman was airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital. A 61-year-old man driving the truck was treated at the scene.

"We are continuing to investigate possible causes, including the possibility of a medical cause," Schreiner said. "It does not appear drugs or alcohol were a factor, but we're continuing to investigate all possibilities.

"Our primary concern is to let the driver get well," he said. "We're thankful that she survived."

The accident occurred shortly before 12:30 p.m. Friday, closing a section of Ford Road for hours as police responded to the scene to investigate the accident.

Police said the woman's car was struck by the westbound semitractor trailer and then pushed back into the eastbound lane, where it was then struck from behind by another car driven by a 26-year-old Garden City woman who was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Neither vehicle had passengers.

The crash was one of two serious accidents during the early days of 2013 in Canton. A 41-year-old man died last Thursday morning after he apparently suffered a medical condition, crossed the center lane and struck another vehicle on Canton Center at Hanford.

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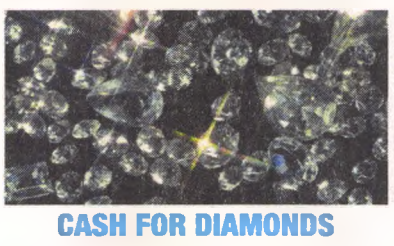

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Tax law changes important; main goal keeping money in your pocket

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Over the last couple months there has been much speculation as to what would happen with the fiscal cliff. Everyone was speculating as to what would happen if the parties did not reach some sort of compromise. Not surprisingly, after putting the American people through the wringer, Democrats and Republicans finally did reach an agreement. Unfortunately, the agreement doesn't resolve the issues. The can was just kicked down the road again. That being said, the agreement signed into law will affect many of us.

One of the changes is an increase in payroll taxes. Payroll taxes are different than income taxes because they're based upon gross earnings. For the last two years, employees paid approximately 4.2 percent of their wages for payroll taxes. That number increases to 6.2 percent in 2013. That means for the average worker who earns about $40,000 a year a biweekly check will be about $32 less than it was last year.

There also will be an increase for some taxpayers in their income tax bracket. For individuals who have income over $400,000 or a married couple who has income over $450,000, the top bracket will increase to 39.6 percent. Currently, the top rate is 35 percent.

For some investors who are in the high brackets ($400,000 of income for a single person or $450,000 for a married couple) the rate on dividends and capital gains will increase. Currently, the maximum rate for dividends and capital gains is 15 percent. That new rate will now be 20 percent. Many of those taxpayers will also be hit with an additional 3.8 percent tax. This was not part of the fiscal cliff deal but rather, is due to Obamacare.

The results of the fiscal cliff deal will be that many middle-income taxpayers will no longer be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Under the new law, the income exemption for the alternative minimum tax has been made permanent and will be adjusted for inflation.

The new law also limits its personal exemptions and itemized deductions for high income taxpayers. Taxpayers who have income over $422,500 will no longer qualify for a personal exemption. In addition, under the new law, homeowners who receive personal forgiveness or who go through a short sale or foreclosure will not have to pay the tax on the amount of debt forgiven in 2013.

Married couples will continue to receive the standard deduction that is twice that of individuals. This helps reduce the impact of the marriage penalty.

One other major change in the law deals with estate taxes. The estate tax exemption will be $5.12 million and will be indexed to inflation. In addition, the top estate tax rate will rise from 35 percent to 40 percent. If a change was not made, the estate tax exemption would have been $1 million dollars per person.

This provides a brief overview of just some of the changes in the new tax law. I believe it is important to understand the tax laws so you can take advantage of them. However, when it comes to taxes, the goal is not to lower your taxes but rather, to have more money in your pocket.

My philosophy is, you don't want to do anything for tax reasons alone. You want to do things that make good economic sense. If you do so, you'll end up with more money in your pocket and that is exactly where it belongs. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Blood drives aim to address need

According to Red Cross officials, the Red Cross nationally needs 17,000 blood donations each day for patients in need. The Red Cross encourages people to give someone hope by donating blood.

"It's a gift that doesn't cost a thing but can offer patients another season with family and friends," said the Red Cross' Diane Risko. "Blood donations typically drop during the winter months. Every day, patients count on generous volunteer blood donors to give the gift of life."

All who come to one of the following blood drives will be entered into a monthly raffle for a $500 Visa Gift card.

- Jan. 13, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty in Plymouth.
- Jan. 17, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 Sheldon in Canton.
- Jan. 24, 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Gardner White, 39453 Ford Road in Canton.
- Jan. 25, 1-6:45 p.m., Central Middle School, 650 Church in Plymouth.
- Jan. 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.
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Children's entertainer comes to Village Theater stage

Red Grammer, one of today's premier entertainers of children and families in America, will perform a special show at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26.

Armed with nothing more than his stunning voice, a guitar, and some of the best songs ever written for kids and their families, Grammer lifts his audiences to a place where hearts are filled to the brim and everything is possible. Bursting with energy, irrepressible joy, and an obvious love for the entire human race this award-winning entertainer mesmerizes and engages his listeners, young and old.

"We are delighted to bring this Grammy-nominated recording artist, who has set the gold standard for writing and performing contemporary children's music, to Canton," said Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. "Red and his wife (co-lyricist Kathy Grammer) have created a treasure trove of music for families that has a universal appeal and cuts across generations, backgrounds, ethnicities and religions."

The ideas and themes that permeate the Grammer's music arise from their belief that children are intelligent, inquisitive and come into this world "pre-wired" to learn how to work together and understand each other. Children are supported to be problem-solvers, embrace diversity, and live up to their highest reality, laughing and singing as they go.

Grammer can be heard nourishing the hearts and souls of both young and old via his multiple award-winning recordings, his numerous appearances on television (The Today Show, CBS This Morning, Nickelodeon, Showtime, PBS, and The Disney Channel), and his new video/DVD.

Grammer's recordings are also widely used in schools to enrich conflict resolution and character education programs. One of them, Teaching Peace, was named by The All Music Guide "one of the top five children's recordings of all time" and was given a rare Parent's Choice Classic Children's Audio Award. Grammer has recorded six albums for kids and families, two for adults and tours extensively around the world.

Tickets for the Village Theater show are $16 for adults and $14 for youth and seniors and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

Award-winning children's entertainer Red Grammer comes to the Village Theater in Canton for a 2 p.m. performance Jan. 26.

VanDam, Zona to entertain, educate crowds at big fishing show this weekend

Two of the biggest names in bass fishing, Michigan natives Kevin VanDam and Mark Zona, will make special appearances at the 2013 Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit (UFD), Jan. 10-13 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

VanDam is one of the world's most accomplished fishermen with four Bassmaster Classic championships and seven B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year titles on his resume. His seminars at past UFD events have been both entertaining and educational and attended by beginner anglers and seasoned pros alike. KVD, as fans know him, will make a special appearance on Thursday, Jan. 10, at the show.

Zona is well known as a passionate and opinionated angler and expert on bass tournament fishing. He made a reputation for himself in the industry with a rod and reel, and now hosts his own show on the Outdoor Channel – Zona's Awesome Fishing Show. He has appeared as a host on several ESPN Outdoors shows. Zona entertains and inspires fans with his high-powered seminars and will make a special appearance at UFD on Friday, Jan. 11.

More than 75 other free fishing seminars by some of the top anglers in the country are scheduled during the four-day event. Marianne Huskey, the first female ever to win the Angler Insight Marketing (AIM) Angler of the Year; Mark Martin, "The Original Champ" of the Professional Walleye Trail (PWT) Championship; Jonathon VanDam, a rising bass-fishing star and the second youngest angler ever to win a Bassmaster Elite Series title (Saturday and Sunday only); and Hall-of-Fame muskie guide Bob Brunner are some of the other big names scheduled to appear.

"I don't know of any other show in the country with a powerhouse lineup like the one we have assembled for the Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit," says UFD show manager Adam Starr.

Check out the newest fishing gear at the Ultimate Fishing Show at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Jan. 10-13.

DETAILS

Event: 2013 Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Grand River between Taft and Beck roads, Novi
Dates: Jan. 10-13
Hours: Thursday, 3-9:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Admission: $10 for adults and $4 for children 6 to 14. There is no charge for children 5 and under. Discount coupons are available at Wendy's Restaurants and online at www.UltimateFishingShow.com Free on Thursday for patrons who bring six cans/boxes or four pounds of non-perishable food items to donate to the annual Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger food drive. The food will be collected by volunteers from local conservation organizations and donated to the Red Cross & area food banks.
Parking: $5 per entry parking rate for on-site parking.
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Special features galore

The Hawg Trough, a mobile 5,000-gallon fish tank that is transported to locations around the country as an attraction and seminar platform, returns after an absence of several years. Once on location, the tank is stocked with fish, and angling experts provide seminars and demonstrations throughout the show. Audience participation by both seasoned anglers and freckle-faced kids keeps the crowd entertained throughout the day.

An indoor lake? You bet. With more than 110,000 gallons of water, Lake Ultimate provides seminar leaders to present from their rigged fishing boats. By trolling and casting, they actually catch fish while instructing spectators on the intricacies of their sport.

Nationally recognized Grillin' Buddies, will appear all four days of the show. Mad Dog & Merrill are self-proclaimed "Grillologists," who travel the country entertaining and educating thousands of backyard enthusiasts on the finer points of grilling cuisine. Their seminars, cookbooks and videos show people how easy it is to be creative and to entertain in their own backyards.

The Michigan Charter Boat Association will provide show patrons with an opportunity to experience simulated Great Lakes fishing with the Virtual Fishing Simulator. Participants hold a trolling rod in hand and watch a video as a salmon hits their lure. Then the fun begins as the participant attempts to land the salmon while the simulator fights back like a live fish. There is a small fee to participate and all proceeds benefit the MCBA's scholarship fund.

New this year is the Virtual Reality Simulator, offering show patrons the unique opportunity to enjoy the thrill of water skiing or wakeboarding – in January, without getting wet. Experience the simulated thrill of throwing a back roll on a wakeboard or hitting a ski jump at 80 mph and flying 240 feet in the air.

With more than 400,000 licensed anglers living within an hour's drive of Suburban Collection Showplace, the Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit is smack dab in the middle of America's largest freshwater fishing market. Anglers attend the annual show to find the season's best value on fishing boats and angling gear and to book fishing adventures from the dozens of professional guides, charter boat captains, lodges and outfitters.

Several downstate dealers including Wilson Marine and Wonderland Marine West are bringing more than 200 new fishing boats, complete with motors and trailers and fully tricked out for immediate angling action. They will unveil the state's most complete assortment of fishing boats representing 40 brands at the new year's best prices.

Because of its sheer size, the show attracts representatives from major manufacturers such as Stren, Berkley, Fenwick, Lowrance, Okuma, Shimano, Offshore Tackle and Bert's Custom Tackle and others.

Many guides, outfitters, lodges, charter fishing captains and other destination vendors have reserved space again this year. "Outfitters Expo" is a popular show within the show that offers fishing and family vacations throughout Michigan, the Great Lakes, Canada and beyond. Patrons can compare costs and services by speaking directly to lodge owners, fishing guides and even bush plane pilots.

The show attracts anglers of all ages and levels of experience. The Trout Pond will have live rainbows for "kids" young and old to catch and some lucky anglers win prizes every day. The Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation clubs will hold their Casting Kids competition on Saturday and Sunday. Children receive casting instruction from representatives of the Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation clubs and then compete for accuracy.

Lots of promotions and prizes

Two Michigan companies, Eppinger Manufacturing of Dearborn and Quick Fillet Tool of Plymouth, are donating free fishing gear to Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit attendees.

The first 500 attendees to the Ultimate Fishing Show on Thursday and Friday only will receive a free commemorative Dardevle fishing lure from Eppinger Mfg.

Eppinger is a fourth-generation, family-owned Michigan fishing lure manufacturer with a century-long history of producing the world-famous Dardevle spoon. These special lures bear the logo of the show and a special run of only 1,000 has been made just for this event. Make sure to attend early to secure this valuable collector's item. Factory experts from Eppinger Mfg. will be at the show every day to answer questions.

The first 500 attendees to the show on Saturday and Sunday will receive a free Quick Fillet Tool.

The Ultimate Fishing Show has teamed up with Michigan's own Quick Fillet Company to make this special offer possible. Every angler has room for a Quick Fillet Tool in his or her tackle box.

Second Faerie Gathering planned for February

By Susan Steinmueller
Observer Staff Writer

Diane Rothman believes fairies may well have attended the first Farmington Faerie Gathering last year.

"Fairies love music, dancing, and people having fun," said Rothman, owner of The Sacred Sage downtown.

Rothman is planning the second annual Farmington Faerie Gathering from Feb. 14-16.

The three-day event will include a Faerie Door Scavenger Hunt; a Rose Garden Faerie tea; and a Sun, Moon and Stars Faerie Ball.

Rothman said the events will be fun for everyone, whether they believe in fairies — as she does — or not.

Rothman said fairy gatherings are held around the country. She decided to organize one after attending a couple of them.

Last year's event was well attended with about 75 people at the faerie ball, and a couple of hundred people participating in the scavenger hunt, generally in groups, she said.

Eighteen merchants participated, this year there are 25, Rothman said.

Do you believe in faeries? Diane Rothman, owner of Sacred Sage, believes faeries were at the first Farmington Faerie Gathering last year.

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Diane Rothman, owner of Sacred Sage in downtown Farmington, is planning the annual 'Farmington Faerie Gathering,' in February.

Diane Rothman, owner of Sacred Sage in downtown Farmington, is preparing for the annual 'Farmington Faerie Gathering' in February.

Winter fun

Rothman said another reason she decided to organize the event is that "January and February are really quiet months, and there are no other activities during that time."

As for Valentine's Day, "we had a lot of people who came to the ball to celebrate Valentines Day last year."

Following are details of the gathering:

• Faerie Door Scavenger Hunt: The hunt will be through participating downtown Farmington shops, Feb. 14-16. There will be two hunts, one for adults and one for children.

Players will receive a goody bag with the scavenger hunt play card and instructions, a brochure listing the event activities and coupons and information from downtown Farmington merchants.

The play card will lead players around to participating merchants where they will have to find the faerie door and collect a clue that will lead them to the next merchant. They have three days to complete the scavenger hunt. This allows time for browsing and shopping in the participating shops along the way. Completed play cards will be entered into a drawing for prize baskets. If players spend $25 in participating shops they are entered into a drawing for a second prize basket.

•Rose Garden Faerie Tea: The tea, for all ages, will be the afternoon of Feb. 16 in The Village Mall at Grand River and Farmington. $10 includes tea, treats and faerie entertainment. There are two seatings, at 1 and 3 p.m.

• Ginger's Café Faerie Tea: 1-3 p.m. Friday Feb. 15, includes herbal tea, scones with cream and jam, sparkling juice and faerie tea sandwiches. There will also be mini magical cupcakes. $21.95/person.

• The Sun, Moon and Stars Faerie Ball: This will be held at Grand Celebrations on Grand River the evening of Feb. 16 for adults 21 and over. Tickets are $25 and include open bar, appetizers, DJ, and a costume contest to elect the Faerie King and Queen.

Lots of activities

In conjunction with the gathering, Faerie vendors will be located in The Village Mall on Saturday, Feb. 16.

"We are looking for faerie-ish face painters, vendors, entertainment, etc," said Rothman, with vendor tables being $20.

Free activities around downtown on Saturday Feb. 16 include: Victorian Lace Elegance: Guess the number of tea bags in the jar to win a prize; The Sacred Sage: Faerie oracle card readings and visit the Faerieland Diorama; The Vines: Make your own Faerie crown;

Farmington Downtown Development Authority: Make your own leprechaun mask, location to be decided.

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Two ex-McCotter staffers will learn fate Jan. 18

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Two former staffers of Thaddeus McCotter will learn their fate Jan. 18 when they are scheduled to be sentenced on felony counts in the petition fraud case.

A hearing on a motion to quash a remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, against Paul Seewald, McCotter's former district director, and Don Yowchuang, former district director, was originally scheduled for Wednesday before Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton, but the hearing was postponed. Braxton said she will rule on the motion before the sentencing.

Both Yowchuang and Seewald entered pleas Nov. 27 in connection with McCotter's petition scandal.

Yowchuang of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court before Braxton to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Seewald of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty to nine misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, The misdemeanor is punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald.

On Aug. 9, 2012, Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the attorney general's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May 2012 on behalf of McCotter. At that announcement, Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that four staff members faced criminal charges. Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

Seewald

Yowchuang

On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

O'Brady was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program followed by 18 months probation with the first 12 months as reporting probation. O'Brady was also ordered to pay $2,625 in fines and court costs.

The fourth staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's 52-4 District Court.

McCotter was not charged, as there was no direct evidence of his involvement, according to Schuette.

In earlier interviews with the *Observer*, attorneys representing Seewald and Yowchuang were surprised that no plea agreements were offered as their clients had cooperated in the investigation. Mark Mandell, Seewald's attorney, added that the attorney general's investigation didn't go far enough in finding out who actually cut and pasted the fraudulent signatures.

Seewald has dedicated his life to public service, and community activities, like Livonia youth football, Mandell said. "He's never even had a traffic ticket," Mandell said.

Schuette opposes the defense attorney's motion to quash the charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, according to spokeswoman Joy Yearout, and the attorney general's office will continue to argue against it in court.

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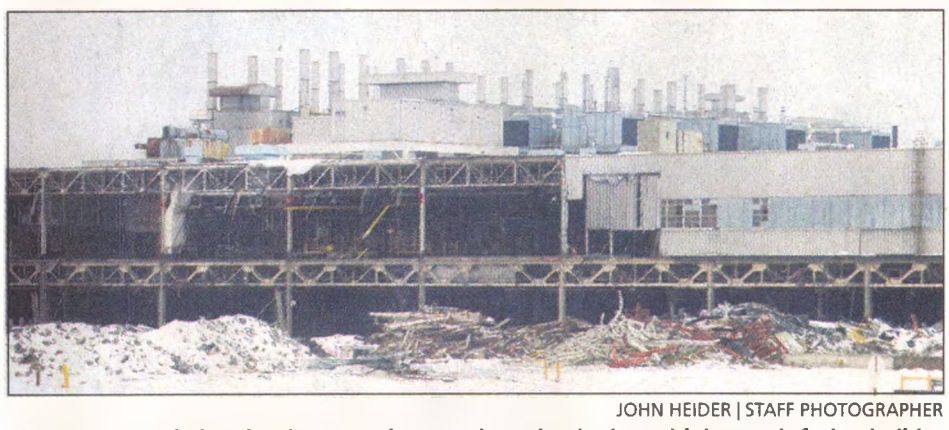
Buyer of most of Ford's plant site envisions mixed-use development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The Wixom Ford plant has begun to be torn down beginning with its north-facing buildings. The last car rolled off the 4.7-million-square-foot plant in 2007.

By JC Reindl
Gannett News Service

Ford has sold three-quarters of its giant former Wixom Assembly plant property to an industrial site redeveloper and may sell most of the rest to home improvement retailer Menards.

The automaker's real estate arm announced Jan. 4 that it closed the land deal in late December for 239 acres of the 317-acre factory site near I-96 off Wixom Road.

Brian Wilson, the lead partner of the new property owner, Trinity Barrow Development, said he will start demolishing what remains of the 4.3 million-square-foot complex in late March. He envisions replacing the plant with a mixed-use development of commercial, industrial and retail, and perhaps even a park or recreation area .

Ford shuttered the factory in May 2007, dealing a major blow to the City of Wixom's tax base.

Highly publicized plans by Ford and then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm to transform the idled property into a $725-million renewable energy park unraveled in 2011 when an out-of-state battery maker and a solar energy company couldn't obtain enough financing from the U.S. Energy Department.

Trident Barrow Management is a subsidiary of New York-based Barrow Development, whose specialty is "repurposing obsolete real estate."

The selling price was not disclosed, although Wilson said he paid Ford in cash.

Wilson, co-founder of Barrow Development, said there is interest in the development from several commercial and industrial businesses. But his firm has yet to draw up site plans or agree to prospective tenants. The next step after demolition, he said, is to choose the right anchor for the project while remaining flexible about what goes there.

Too many unsuccessful redevelopment projects made the mistake of getting locked in to a certain concept, he said.

"We just don't know what's going to go there," said Wilson, a Massachusetts native who bought a residence in Royal Oak so he can monitor the site.

"We have 50 different scenarios that are floating."

Wilson said his project may not need the tax credits that come with the property, although they could come in handy for his future end users. The Michigan Economic Growth Authority board has approved a $6.3-million tax credit and two, $10-million Brownfield tax credits.

For Barrow Development, the Wixom site's redevelopment will be its largest undertaking in its 12-year history. Barrow Development's past projects include the redevelopment of an industrial center in Fairfield, Ohio, and the ongoing redevelopment of a former Bell Laboratories building in Columbus, Ohio

Ford Land, which handled the sale, remains in talks with Menards to buy a separate 45-acre section of the property that is nearest to I-96. Under one scenario, the retailer could place its store on 15 acres and market the rest. Demolition began late last year on that smaller segment of the factory.

Ford will retain ownership of a 32-acre parcel near the back of the property that was a landfill.

The massive production complex opened in 1957 and last made Lincoln Town Cars. It employed nearly 5,500 workers at its 1970s peak but only 1,100 when it closed.

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Vacant restaurant gets new life as Hibachi Grill

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

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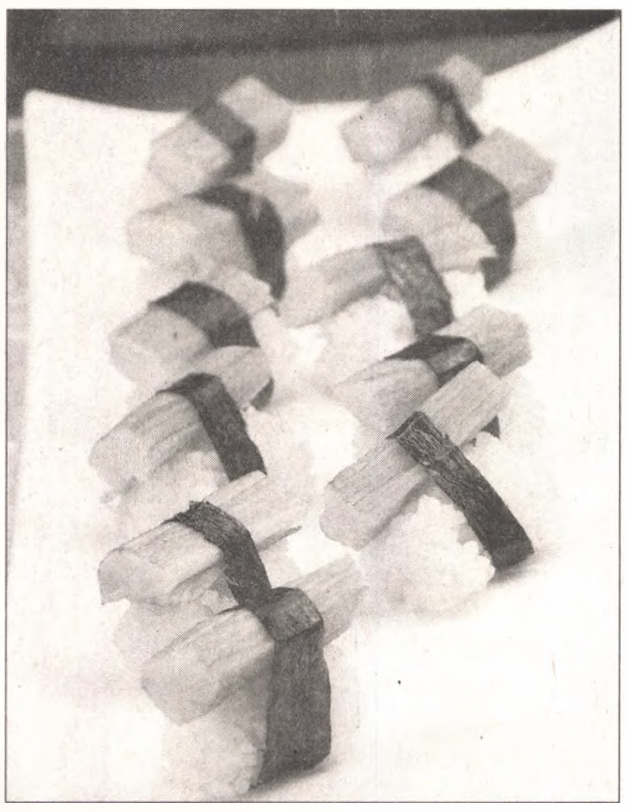
Patrons of the Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet find plenty of choices of 10 buffet tables filled with Chines, Japanese, Italian and American food.



Sushi is a featured cuisine.

Tony Dong worked in the restaurant business for decades until, in 2007, he ventured out on his own and opened his very first business. Five years later, the Chinese native has 75 Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffets scattered around the country, including one of the newest in Westland.

"We're very excited at the response of the people," said Sophie Weng, Dong's daughter and the restaurant's manager. "Some people come in and tell us it looks so different. All the people say it is so comfortable and clean and that when they come back they will bring their family."

Dong spent almost six months remodeling and expanding a former restaurant in the shopping center at Wayne Road and Hunter into the an international style buffet restaurant, offering Chinese, Japanese, Italian and American food. The restaurant seats 520 people and has a 200-seat banquet room for special events.

Dong has picked the locations of shuttered Old Country Buffets for his family-owned restaurants, replacing the generic buffet atmosphere with chandeliers and color-themed interiors. The Westland Old Country Buffet was shuttered in January 2011 after its parent company, Minnesota-based Buffets Inc. and all of its subsidiaries, filed voluntary petitions for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Hibachi Grill joins Char House breathing new life into closed restaurants in and near the city's Dine and Shop District. Char House on Warren Road opened last July.

While the color themes include yellow and purple, the Westland Hibachi Grill is done in brown, reflected in the walls, widow shades and table and chairs. A chandelier is a fixture in all Hibachi Grills, and the Westland store has three that light up the buffet area, the sushi bar and hibachi grill where customers can watch their selections cooked. There are also a salad bar and ice cream bar as well one featuring cakes made by Weng's mother, Ai Hua Chen.

"She's a great cook," said Weng.

According to Weng, there are more than 250 items on the buffet bar, including traditional Chinese favorites like fried rice and spring rolls, and several specialty items like Hibachi chicken, beef tenderloin and Italian shrimp. The American cuisine includes pizza, barbecued chicken and pork, mashed potatoes and pasta.

Connie Thomas of Westland, has dined at the Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet twice and reports that "Everything I've had is just great."

The Westland buffet is the fourth such restaurant Dong has opened in Michigan. The first one was in Flint, followed by Taylor and Clinton Township. A fifth one will open soon in Kalamazoo.

The restaurants at one time were called Teppanyaki, but Dong has now settled on Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet. The supreme, according to Weng, is "because the buffet is huge." And he's is able to keep the restaurants in the family because he and Chen have five brothers and five sisters.

"They brought in their brothers and sisters, their parents, their children and their friends," said Weng who has worked in almost every one of her father's restaurants. "We have 35 people working in the kitchen and nine servers, two cashiers and myself in the dining room."

The makeover and cuisine has proved popular with patrons. Opening day, the family hoped to make $5,000, but ended up taking in $10,000. Last Sunday, cars were parked in the lot almost to Wayne Road.

"People were talking about having to walk a long way," Weng said. "We were very crowded for our opening, too."

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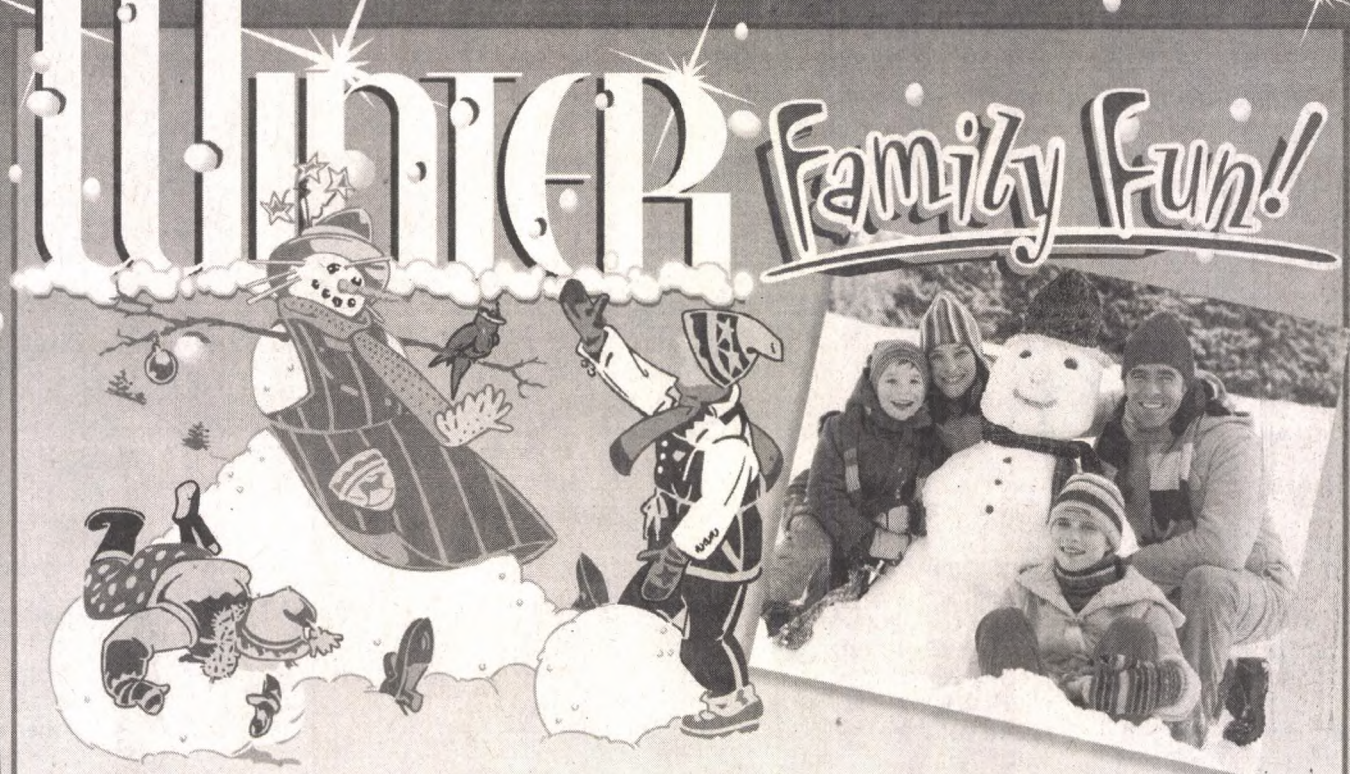

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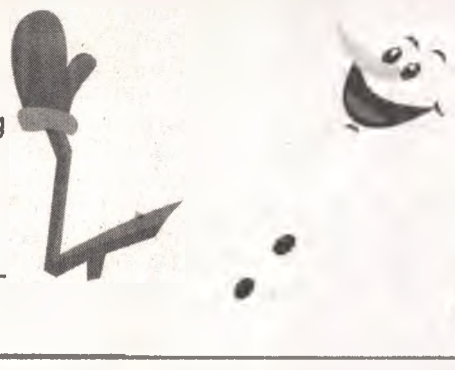
Color a picture of Scoop having fun this winter or create your own drawing of winter fun.
You could win an Angry Birds 'Knock on Wood' Board Game. To obtain Scoop's coloring page go to facebook.com/ScoopTheNewsHound and look for Scoop's coloring contest. Submit your drawings to cbjordan@hometownlife.com or mail to Scoop The Newshound, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth MI 48170.



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Scoop wants to help you set your goals! List what you would like to achieve over the next year. Keep your list safe throughout the year and see how many goals you accomplish. Here is a chart to help you.

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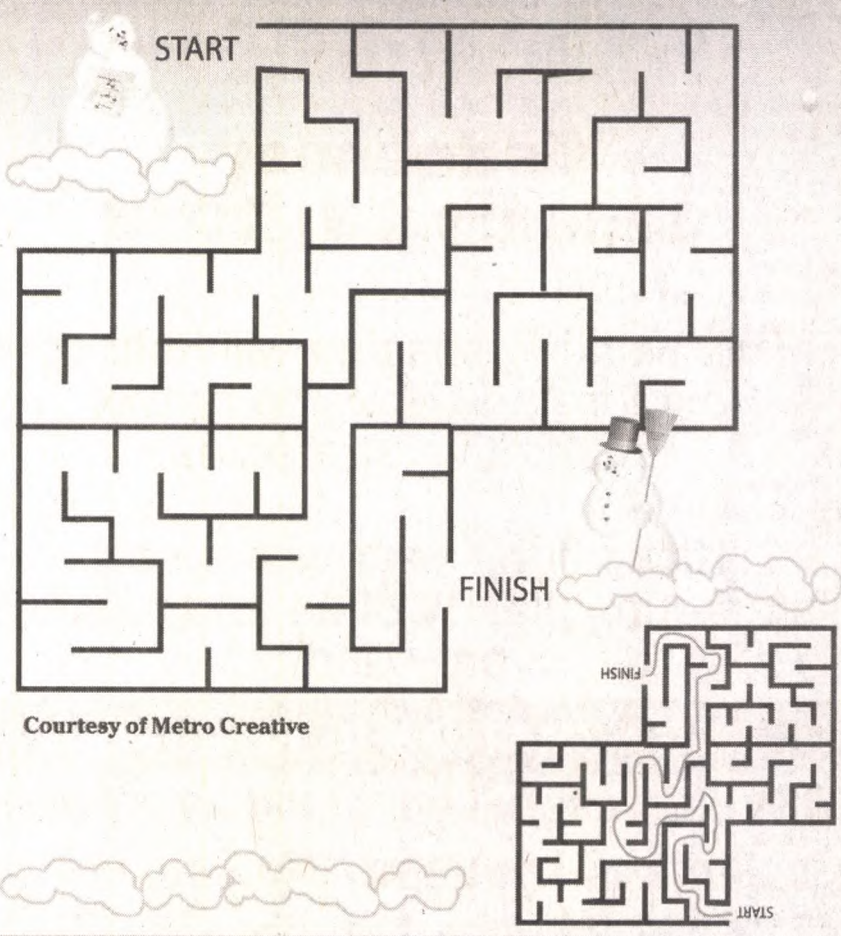

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BUSINESS

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American Coney Island, the home of the original Detroit 'Coney Dog,' opens a new, 50-seat restaurant on Michigan Avenue in Canton on Saturday.

Family brings 'Detroit Coney' to Canton

American Coney Island, the home of the original Detroit "Coney Dog," will open a new restaurant in Canton on Saturday, Jan. 12. The new location at 44532 Michigan Avenue will feature a 50-seat restaurant where diners can opt to eat in, carry-out or drive-thru, the first for American Coney Island.

Serving up traditional coney dogs, the restaurant will also offer other ACI menu favorites such as Greek salad, spinach pie and baklava.

As part of the grand opening celebration, American Coney Island will offer free coney hot dogs to the first 50 customers (one per person) beginning at 9 a.m., and .99 cent coneys from 2-3 p.m. on Jan. 12. In addition, for each coney purchased, customers will receive an entry form into a drawing for a chance win a free coney hot dog a week for a year (52 weeks). The drawing takes place at 11 p.m. (need not be present to win) and winner will be notified the next day.

"Customers have asked us for years to open another American Coney Island in the metro Detroit area and the timing and location for this new restaurant in Canton was ideal," said Grace Keros, third generation owner of American Coney Island. "While our original downtown location will always be a destination spot for our loyal coney fans, we are looking forward to serving the Canton and surrounding communities."

In the past several years, the 95-year-old iconic family owned American Coney Island has expanded to the Detroit Zoo, Ford Field and, most recently, opened its first out-of-state location in The D Las Vegas Hotel and Casino.

The new restaurant will open Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. and hours of operation will be Sunday to Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 7 a.m. to midnight.

Founded by Gust Keros in 1917, American Coney Island is Detroit's oldest family run restaurant and is the original home of the famous Detroit "Coney Dog" with chili, mustard and onions. American Coney Island, located at 114 W. Lafayette in downtown Detroit, has been owned by three generations of the Keros Family: Gust, his son Charles and today, Charles' daughter Grace is the first woman owner.

The restaurant has been featured on The Today Show, Iron Chef Michael Symon's "Food Feuds" on Food Network and Travel Channel's "Food Wars" – and won best Coney Dog in Detroit on both Food Feuds and Food Wars.

For more information, visit www.AmericanConeyIsland.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank acquisition

Bank of Ann Arbor announced it has acquired Ervin Leasing Company, a privately held national equipment leasing and finance company founded in 1978 and headquartered in Ann Arbor.

Ervin Leasing, a subsidiary of parent company Ervin Industries, has been a highly successful and growth oriented leasing company since its founding in 1978. After successfully navigating the economic downturn in 2008 and 2009, the company began to ramp up sales in 2010.

However, Ervin Leasing's funding sources, previously providing lines of credit in the range of $100 million, remained on the sidelines, leading to Ervin Industries' decision to seek out a new owner who could provide funding for growth. After seeking proposals from banks and private equity firms, Bank of Ann Arbor was chosen as the successor to Ervin Industries as the new owner of Ervin Leasing.

"We are super excited about this opportunity to join forces with Ervin Leasing and further diversify our product offerings," said Timothy G. Marshall, Bank of Ann Arbor's President & CEO. "Bank of Ann Arbor has a substantial level of liquidity to fund the anticipated growth of the newly acquired leasing company. Having done business with Ervin Leasing for over ten years, we know the company very well and admire the strong and experienced management team and its seasoned employees who will all join our Bank of Ann Arbor team."

"We chose Bank of Ann Arbor as the new owner of Ervin Leasing based on our strong desire to affiliate with a company who would hire all of our local staff, has a similar culture that is growth oriented and a great place to work, and has an impeccable reputation," said Bruce Gaffney, President and CEO of Ervin Leasing "We also have maintained a very strong credit culture over the history of the company which is similar to the credit culture at Bank of Ann Arbor. I am confident that our companies will be a great fit for years to come."

Ervin Leasing will remain at its current office location at 3893 Research Park Dr., Ann Arbor.

Cider winners

Jim and Becky Engelsma of Engelsma's Apple Barn have taken home another first place win in the 16th annual Michigan Apple Cider Contest. The cider makers have received first place in the contest four times, in 2005, 2007, 2010 and this year.

"I am honored to represent our industry again, and recognize that there are many people that have made this win possible," said Jim Engelsma. "I am very proud of our industry, even on the toughest year we have ever gone through, everyone is still hard at work doing what they do best."

The cider contest had a unique feel this year, as cider makers, judges and contest organizers reflected on a difficult year for the Michigan apple industry.

Other honors in the 2012 cider contest went to Mary Emmett of Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill in Plymouth, Mich., who took home second place. Third place went to Jim and Michelle Goldstein of Hy's Cider Mill in Romeo, Mich.

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its inaugural "State of the Chamber" Breakfast Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 8 a.m. at the Summit on the Park.

Chamber President Thomas Paden will present the chamber's annual report letting members know what has been accomplished during the past year and moving towards the future.

Also, 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou will be on hand to facilitate the installation of the 2013 Board of Directors.

Cost is $10 per person, and reservations are required. The event is sponsored by Bovitz, CPA, P.C., Showroom of Elegance and Premier Development Solutions.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business Development Workshop, "The 13 Ways Small Businesses Can Jump Start Their Year," 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the chamber's meeting room.

Business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend. There is no cost, but the event can only accommodate 25 people.

In this 60 minute workshop participants will learn how to identify and how to remedy the 13 not so common mistakes that small business owners make and how to turn them into revenue producing opportunities in 2013.

Be prepared to learn:

- Three ideas that will prevent from sabotaging your own business success
- A simple formula for handling customer complaints
- Three key ideas that will help you gain and keep new clients
- One proven strategy for multiplying your efforts and getting more done

The presenter, Tom Borg, is president of Tom Borg Consulting, LLC. He is a specialist in helping small businesses find, attract, sell to and keep the right kind of clients to maintain an increasingly profitable business.

There is no cost to attend, but we can only accommodate 25 people. To RSVP contact teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Kick-off breakfast

Chamber Chairman Mark Baker of PNC Bank, and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors host the annual Chamber Kick-off Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at The Inn at St. John's. The event will feature presentation of a new five-year plan for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

"We are working on new dynamic ways we can serve our members and better promote the area to attract residents, businesses and visitors," said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth chamber. "We also will introduce our Board of Directors, highlight upcoming events, provide opportunities for members to volunteer and introduce our new Chamber app."

The event will feature exhibit stations to learn more about the Chamber's initiatives and committees. There will also be the opportunity to join committees and volunteer to help with Chamber events.

Last year the breakfast attracted 140 members, making it one of the best networking opportunities of the year. The cost to attend this event is $5. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 20.

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Sheldon (the corner of Sheldon and Five Mile roads).

To register, contact the chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Grand opening

Barwis Methods Training Center recently cut the ribbon on their location at 44191 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Owner Mike Barwis is the former U-M Director of Strength and Conditioning, including direct responsibility for the football team. He also worked in the same capacity for West Virginia University and is a consultant to the New York Mets. Pictured are his staff and members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

Speak up

Add your voice to educators' cries

A lot of people were rattled by the flurry of bills passed by the Michigan Legislature in its lame-duck session late last month. But the one that seemed to shake up the most people locally was a proposed sweeping restructuring of the state's public education system.

Jeremy Hughes, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was pretty succinct in his assessment.

"It's basically a dismantling of public schools," Hughes said.

Among its provisions was the expansion of the Education Achievement Authority, essentially creating one statewide school district under control of the governor, not the state superintendent of education. It also would allow for the broad expansion of charter schools and even would have allowed the state to take vacant school district buildings to be used for charter schools, which could operate in direct competition to the local public schools.

The governor and state legislators who supported the concept made the point that something has to be done to help the failing and underachieving schools.

It's a valid argument — but not when it comes to Plymouth-Canton, or any of the other fine, quality school districts across the state that are in no sense failing.

Plymouth-Canton officials were a little taken aback to find several of their schools listed by the state as "Focus" schools based on the gap between the top 30 percent and bottom 30 percent of its students. (The list of Michigan's 358 Focus schools also includes schools in districts like Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Pointe and Troy.)

Like officials in good-performance districts, the Plymouth-Canton Board had already recognized shortcomings in some of its achievement groups, and had already begun dealing with the issue.

"It is important for the community to understand that we have recognized the achievement gap and have been working on solutions," Hughes pointed out. "Even before the state announced the Focus school designations, the Board of Education created an achievement goal to deliver 133 percent growth this year for non proficient students. Our board is insisting we raise the floor and close the gap. It's also important to recognize that we are a high-performing district, and large numbers of our students do very well on state assessments."

Local educators have raised a ruckus over what the state was proposing and bombarded their legislators to oppose the plan. They went public, urging residents to speak out against the plan.

School boards passed resolutions opposing the changes and urged Congress to overhaul the No Child Left Behind legislation. They also asked Congress to amend the federal Budget Control Act to mitigate any cuts to education that would have resulted from sequestration if the so-called "fiscal cliff" had not been averted.

It was, and that became moot — for now. But the point is that the districts finally have stood up and said no to what they think is wrong.

It's about time.

Such resolutions do carry weight. They let the legislators know that they are not happy with what they are doing and they assure parents and other district residents they are looking out for their interests. But even more important, the school boards informed parents and taxpayers at large about what was at stake.

Over the years — decades even — schools have been saddled with a variety of unfunded mandates and ill-conceived programs like No Child Left Behind and the onerous, and pointless, MEAP tests.

Most of this has been met with begrudging acceptance. Now, at last, our school boards have found a voice and have spoken up.

In response, the Legislature has stripped much of the features of the bills that would have been most detrimental to the local schools. The matter is expected to be taken up again in the new legislative session.

No doubt, our local educators will keep an eye on and speak out about the action. But they can't keep up the full court press alone.

Our school boards need the help of parents, grandparents, the business community and the average taxpayer out there to say, "We've got your back," and then go one step further.

Tell legislators that making education a priority in 2013 will earn them your vote in future elections.

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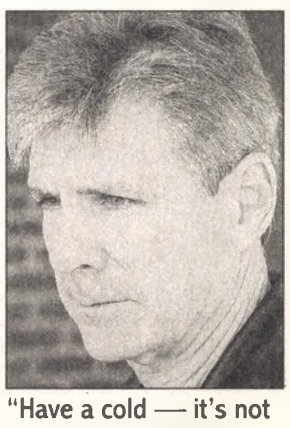
COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you do to keep healthy in the wintertime?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.

"I try to exercise more at home, which really doesn't work. ... I play the Wii Fit with my daughter."

Lisa O'Hare
Plymouth



"Have a cold — it's not working. Lots of vitamins. Normally, they do (work), for many, many years."

Tom Guina
Plymouth

"I do yoga. I live in (a condominium): If you walk the hall 15 times, it's a mile. ... I try to be as active as I can be."

June Clark
Plymouth

"I'm going to Florida. It's been a long time coming."

Jackie Von Buskirk
Plymouth

LETTERS

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Dick Ford
Plymouth Township

Draw, stranger

Using guns against guns will solve the killing problem? Put guns in the hands of teachers to prevent others from using guns against them in schools? Dump another responsibility on teachers who are already overloaded with concerns far beyond their primary teaching duties?

Teachers experience a wide variety of emotional moments during the course of a teaching day. Reactions usually are controlled, but what about the time when conflict at home, an individual student's severe negative behavior, a misinterpretation of an action, or just a bad day might lead to a reaction on the part of a teacher with an unfortunate outcome?

Dealing with human reaction under stress is a sensitive area, and teachers must not be placed in a situation where they might react incorrectly.

The NRA, rather than take any positive action toward solving the killing problem, just suggests that someone else deals with it, namely anyone but them. Imagine the change in the comfort and sanctity of a church when individuals are attending services wearing sidearms.

According to the NRA, ministers, priests rabbis, imams etc., also would qualify as gun bearers. Those individuals, including teachers, whose lives are emotionally and physically geared to trust, understanding and compassion would be reduced to the level of a sheriff in the old wild, wild west.

Draw, stranger ...

Ron DePentu
Canton

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STAFF COLUMN

After Sandy Hook: More guns not the solution to school safety issues

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

I don't like guns. Frankly, they scare me. When I was in the Air Force, the guys at the gun range had to count the shots in my target and the target next to me just so I could qualify with the M-16.

I don't understand the fascination gun-owners have with them. On the other hand, gun owners don't understand my fascination with Barry Manilow either. They don't seem to begrudge me mine, so I don't begrudge them theirs.

Brad Kadrich

That doesn't mean I think guns should be allowed to be carried anywhere the owner wishes to take them. That's why it frustrates me to hear reasonable people leaping to the conclusion, in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, that the best way to keep our children safe is to put armed guards in every school building.

At first, I understood the knee-jerk reaction. Twenty of our most precious resources died in that massacre, which was far more than an attack on an elementary school. It was an attack on our consciousness, on our souls. And we need to protect those most innocent among us.

But take the suggestion on its face value and say we do that. Now there's an armed guard, probably a volunteer of some sort, in each of our school buildings. Now apply that logic to Sandy Hook. What are the chances that single volunteer is going to be in the right place, at the right time, when Adam Lanza makes his assault on the school?

If the armed guard is at one end of the building when Lanza enters the other end, what good has he done? Lanza peppered the school with more than 100 bullets while killing 26 people, including 20 children. If the armed guard had gotten to him, and managed to stop him, say halfway through the rampage, it's true 13 lives would have been spared. And maybe that's a good argument in favor of putting the guard in the building in the first place.

But what happens when the volunteer misses Lanza and hits a teacher? What happens when the guard, whose qualifications we don't know yet, misses Lanza and hits a student? What happens when the guard shoots at Lanza and misses, enraging the shooter even further and prompting an even larger massacre?

Then there's the pragmatic side. Where do we get the volunteers? Administrators and teachers? Former military members? Off-duty police officers? The guy down the street who happens to own a handgun? And who decides what level of training these people need? And who verifies they have it?

Do we put police officers in every building? Plymouth-Canton alone has 26 buildings; the Plymouth Township Police Department has 21 officers. How's that going to work?

And who pays for all of this extra security? I defy anyone to find a local school district who can afford it now, much less when Gov. Rick Snyder gets done gutting — excuse me, *restructuring* — public education funding. On *Meet the Press*, NRA vice president Wayne LaPierre ducked when asked if the NRA will help pay for it. It probably would at first, but I suspect that particular funding source would dry up pretty quickly.

Besides, I just don't believe it's a good idea. Putting more weapons — more bullets — in the school environment just seems wrong. If it's such a good idea, where's all the support? I personally haven't heard many educators or law-enforcement officials support it. If those folks don't like it, why should we?

But you can't suggest anything else without being labeled anti-gun. You can't suggest the gun-show loophole for gun purchases be closed without hearing "You're trying to take away my guns." And you certainly can't suggest that your next-door-neighbor has no real use for an AK-47 without being labeled a liberal who wants to take away that neighbor's Second Amendment rights.

For the record, if you don't care how many Manilow CDs I have, I don't care how many AK-47s you have.

I just don't think bringing them into the schools does anything but exacerbate the problem.

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Wildcats gear up

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

BOYS WRESTLING

Staying sharp during the holidays in order to be prepared for the start of the KLAA South Division schedule is what Plymouth varsity wrestling coach expected by having the Wildcats compete in some high-caliber invitationals.

One week after finishing fourth at the Milford Yeti Challenge, a split squad fared well Saturday at two venues. Plymouth took five wrestlers to the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Invitational and four of them returned with medals. And at the Highlander Duals at Howell, remaining Wildcats competed and earned a 34-31 win over Rockford.

"Wrestlers who had good days of competition (at Howell) included Joey Shaver, Brandon Harris, Collin Reed and Sofus Nielson," noted Guernsey in an e-mail to the Observer. "While the outcome as far as team record is concerned was not as successful as the team hoped it was a good experience for many of the younger wrestlers going into the always challenging KLAA South schedule."

Plymouth opened that phase of the season Wednesday against Livonia Franklin and Wayne Memorial. Results were not available as of press time.

In the highly competitive invite at Catholic Central, still-undefeated Mohamad Youssef (fourth at 103), Trey Berry (sixth at 119), Jon Conn (sixth at 135) and Alec Breckenridge (fifth at 140) won medals while Hussein Youssef "looked strong at 145 wrestling very talented opponents but fell just short of placing," Guernsey added.

On Dec. 28 at the Yeti Challenge, Plymouth went 2-2 on the day, winning the first two matchups only to lose 54-21 to Swan Valley in the championship semifinal. The Wildcats

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Proudly displaying her plaque after being inducted last September into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame is 93-year-old Jerry Gawura of Canton.

Ageless wonder

Still-active 93-year-old Canton woman stays young at heart

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

One of the most heartwarming stories of the Plymouth-Canton area during 2012 had to be the September induction of 93-year-old Jerry Gawura into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame.

Now it's 2013 and the Canton resident is doing more than basking in her glory.

The softball team she traveled with and played on since the late 1980s (Michigan Mavericks) had to be disbanded after the 2009 season due to players' various health issues and their other interests.

"I wanted to play one more year at least," Gawura said last week. "But four of the 80-year-olds decided to get into something else."

With that, the Mavericks' practice field (Moeller Field in Garden City) became less crowded.

It also meant Gawura's softball days were over, yet nothing seems to slow her down — not even stomach cancer, knee replacement surgery or macular degeneration (an eye disease that hampers vision).

Sending the ball toward home plate during a 2006 contest is Michigan Mavericks pitcher Jerry Gawura. She played with the team until it disbanded in 2009, but she still plays volleyball among other activities.

For example, with her 94th birthday looming in March, Gawura continues to play vol-

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Aleardi traded by Whalers

Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci Monday announced the acquisition of 19-year-old left winger Zach Lorentz from the Windsor Spitfires in exchange for 20-year-old right wing Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills).

Ontario Hockey League teams had until noon on Wednesday to cut down to three overage players (1992 birthdays) on their respective rosters. The trade allows Plymouth to keep defensemen Colin MacDonald and Austin Levi and center Mitchell Heard as the team's overage players.

Windsor has an overage slot available, so the deal was made for Aleardi, who was acquired by the Whalers on Sept. 20, 2010, from Belleville for a pair second-round draft choices.

Aleardi scored 71 goals and 62 assists for 113 points in 164 career games with the Whalers.

Lorentz is no stranger to the Western Conference. Originally selected in 12th round (223rd overall) by the Kitchener Rangers in the 2009 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection, Lorentz played two seasons in Kitchener, enjoying his best overall season with the Rangers last year when he scored 19 goals and 14 assists for 33 points.

Canton lacrosse

The Canton boys lacrosse team will hold its mandatory meeting for all parents, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in Room 133 of Canton High School.

Call Maura Topper at (734) 454-4864 for more information.

Plymouth Christian Academy's Jennifer Malcolm (No. 25), shown from last season, tallied eight points and nine rebounds in Tuesday's game against Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

Eagles' offense grounded by Liggett

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Last season's Miss Basketball, Madison Ristovski, graduated after leading Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett to the Class C finals.

But her two sisters — Haleigh and Lola Ristovski — helped the Knights show host Plymouth Christian Academy on Tuesday night that the Class D Eagles will have a battle on their hands at the top of the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference-Blue Division standings.

They did it by playing pressure defense and forcing PCA to rush shots as Liggett never trailed in a 47-29 victory.

"They (Eagles) just panicked under a little bit of pressure," PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said. "We haven't played a really competitive team in a couple weeks, so I think it's hard to engage back into that kind of game."

Liggett head coach Omar Ahart, whose team improved to 2-4 overall and 1-0 in the MIAC-Blue, praised his team for its aggressive defense.

Top contributors in that area were senior forward Haleigh Ristovski (11 rebounds, six steals, four blocks along with six points), sophomore guard Jessica Rotzoll (15 points to lead all scorers and nine boards) and senior point guard Ariana Castillo (six points, four boards, three steals).

Chipping in with 10 points was sophomore guard Lola Ristovski.

"This (PCA) is an outside shooting team from what I understood," Ahart said. "And our man-to-man defense, our speed, that's what we're trying to preach and that's what makes us different at Liggett now.

"We got to defend, we don't have Miss Basketball (Madison Ristovski) anymore."

Ahart described that as "getting out, closing out" to stop drives to the basket and uncontested perimeter shots.

According to Gerulis, her players found it difficult to get quality inside shots as the game proceeded. In the first half, they missed a number of layups and putback attempts.

"We just didn't look inside either," she said. "We kept the ball outside, we didn't do a good job of looking inside and finding the open player."

Plymouth Christian (5-3, 2-1) battled Liggett tough in the first quarter, cutting a 9-3 deficit down to 12-10 by the

Please see HOOPS, B4

Baseball tryouts

Open tryouts to fill out roster spots for the 2013 Livonia City Thunder 12-and-under baseball team will be from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market St., Canton.

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Chiefs top Rockford field

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Even with several girls battling illness and injuries, Canton's gymnastics team continues to display state championship potential.

At Saturday's Rockford Invitational, the Chiefs tallied 142.0 points to place first out of 28 teams — and coach John Cunningham didn't even have promising freshman Ellie Bachman or returning vault champion Erica Lucas (stress fracture) in action.

The Chiefs' closest competitor was Farmington, second with 138.5 points.

"When we were done with the meet, we were happy to win," Cunningham said. "But we really weren't happy with our score or performance. … The only really super event we had was beam."

In that event, sophomore Jocelyn Moraw overcame illness to finish first among Division 1 gymnasts with a 9.55 score. In D2, senior Nicole Lasecki was the first-place finisher with a 9.3 tally.

Medals were awarded to the top five finishers per event in the D1 division; 10 per event were handed out to the D2 gymnasts.

Moraw also won floor exercise in D1 with 9.35 and placed fifth in all-around (36.4).

Also medaling were Canton's other D1 performers Saturday.

Freshman Maddie Toal nearly caught Moraw in the race for first on beam, finishing second with 9.5 points. Toal took fifth on floor with 9.175.

Melissa Green earned third place on floor with 9.275.

In D2, in addition to beam, Lasecki also won the all-around competition with 35.1 points and medaled on floor (third, 8.95), vault (fifth, 8.6) and uneven parallel bars (sixth, 8.25).

Freshman Haley Hodgson, also under the weather, took home medals on vault (with 8.6, she tied for fifth with Lasecki) and floor (eighth, 8.625).

"I've got three really talented freshmen," Cunningham said, listing Toal, Hodgson and Bachman. "Maddie is going to be one of my best gymnasts and Hallie is also very good. Score-wise, Maddie will probably be a 37 all-arounder and I think Hallie's going to get up to 36."

Canton's tourney win follows victories in the first five dual meets headed into Wednesday's division matchup against Plymouth.

"Among the teams that I really know about, they (Wildcats) are the only ones that can really challenge us," Cunningham said. "Pam (Yockey) is one of those coaches that sort of holds things back, so I know they'll be gunning for us.

"But I think we have enough talent to go undefeated. There are some teams out there that are good. But even at 142, 143 we haven't shown anyone how good we really are."

Canton finished just 0.825 behind last season's champion (Grand Ledge) and Cunningham is confident this year's team can reach the mid-140s and thus exceed that high level of success.

"Right now it's a two-horse race (with Grand Ledge)," he said.

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Salem's boys lacrosse team welcomed new coach Paul Nemzek (back row, sixth from left) at a recent booster club meeting.

Salem introduces new boys lax coach

At a recent Salem Boys Lacrosse Booster Club meeting, Paul Nemzek was introduced as the new head coach for the upcoming 2013 season.

Mike Sutfin, President of Salem Boosters commented, "The future is very bright with Paul as the new leader of Salem lacrosse, said Mike Sutfin, president of the booster club.

Nemzek spoke of his lacrosse experience and how he hopes to expand on the already successful program that is in place. His message was well received by players and parents.

After playing lacrosse at Detroit Catholic Central, Nemzek coached at Detroit Country Day, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and University of Detroit Jesuit. He had playoff success at each of those coaching stops.

Salem is coming off a strong season in 2012—including its first playoff win in addition to being "Park" champions. Also welcoming Nemzek into t he fold is junior varsity head coach Alan Keicher, returning for his fourth season at the JV helm.

Next up for Salem Boys Lacrosse is a registration meeting on Monday, Jan. 14. Those interested in joining the program can find more details at www.lacrosse.salemrocks.com.

Warriors' trio perfect at invite

Three different wrestlers posted 5-0 records on the day as Lutheran High Westland finished 2-3 in Saturday's Burton Bendle Invitational team tournament.

Lutheran Westland, now 9-2 in dual matches, scored victories over the host Tigers (72-11) and Hemlock (62-12), while falling to Capac (62-15), Fowlerville (45-29) and Memphis (42-41).

The Warriors' Zachary Francis, a fourth-place finisher in Division 4 a year ago, upped his individual record to 18-0 on the year by going undefeated in five matches at 125 and 130 pounds.

Brothers Caleb and Jacob Richter each finished 5-0 as well in the 135- and 145-pound classes, respectively. Caleb now stands 17-2 overall.

Martin Kemp (171) raised his record to 15-3 by going 4-1, while Manny Rankine (103) finished 3-2 while avenging an earlier setback.

Coach Joseph Schmidt also praised the efforts of Kole Niemi (140), Alex Reardon (215) and Brad Hura (285).

Trojans finish 2-1

Mikey Weiss (135), Aaron Bibik (160) and Shane Martin (125) also finished 3-0 Saturday as host Livonia Clarenceville won two of three dual matches in its own team tournament.

Joey Walker (140) also captured both of his matches as the Trojans defeated Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (60-18) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (60-6).

The Hartland 'B' team handed Clarenceville it's lone setback, 45-34.

"Overall the our team looked really good Saturday," said Clarenceville first-year coach Nick Elam, whose team is 4-3 overall. "We just had a few key losses that were the turning point between first place Hartland and us coming in second."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem needs discus coach

The Salem varsity girls track and field team is looking for an assistant coach that specializes in the throwing events.

Please contact head coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 or SalemGirlsTrackandField@pccsmail.net if interested.

K-of-C contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. with all age-group contestants recognized for their participation in the event, which will progress through local, district and state competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call Dave Lengel at (734) 516-4930 or email dlengel2@yahoo.com.

Salem tennis meeting set

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing Salem girls tennis this spring is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 in the Salem High School library.

Forms will be filled out and uniforms ordered for the upcoming season. This will be the only opportunity to order a uniform.

Interested players should bring a current physical dated after April 30, 2012 as well as the following: health care policy information; a copy of parents driver's license and car insurance for team travel; a check made out to Salem Girls Tennis to order a uniform.

Spirit wear will also be available to purchase; a separate check to Pictorial Graphics will be needed for spirit wear.

Softball camp

Madonna University will hold a series of winter softball camps (ages 7-18) including:

Fundamentals (Camp I) – 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26;

Fundamentals (Camp II) – noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. (Cost for each is $125 by Dec. 1; or $150).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Canton lacrosse

The Canton boys lacrosse team will hold its mandatory meeting for all parents, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 in Room 133 of Canton High School.

Call Maura Topper at (734) 454-4864 for more information.

Baseball coach

Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a varsity baseball coach for the 2013 season.

Interested candidates should send a resume, letter of recommendation and references via mail to: Kevin Murphy, Athletic Director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152; or via e-mail to kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

WRESTLING

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then lost 42-37 to Franklin in the third-place match.

Plymouth got started with a 41-33 victory over Lake Fenton, keyed by important wins by Hussein Youssef (145) and Shaver. Next up was L'Anse Creuse in the pool finals, a contest Plymouth won by a 39-30 score.

Freshman 215-pounder Ronnie Dancer prevailed 7-3 in what the coach called the "pivotal match" although Mohamad Youssef clinched the victory at 103 by pinning his opponent in the second period.

But the Wildcats met their match against Swan Valley, currently ranked No. 3 in the state in Division 3. Guernsey said the most exciting match of that contest was at 103, where Youssef beat KJ Suitor by a 5-0 score. Suitor is ranked No. 3 in D3 at 103.

Winning their bouts against the Patriots were both Youssefs, Berry, Spencer Shiftar, Daniel Ahearn, Breckenridge and Shaver.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE
2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 8, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 9955 N. HAGGERTY ROAD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2013.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 3013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2013 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY $88,000. WAYNE COUNTY REQUIRES FOR 2013 THAT OUR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS NOT EXCEED 15% OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION. BASED ON THAT SPECIAL REQUIREMENT THE PROJECTS ARE PROPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

ESTIMATED 2013 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation	
PUBLIC SERVICES	**$13,358**	
Senior Services	**$4,558**	
Council on Aging		$2,334
Senior Alliance		$2,224
Senior Transportation	**$8,800**	
Senior Transportation		$8,800
ADMINISTRATION	**$8,800**	
Administration		$8,800
BRICK & MORTAR	**$65,842**	
ADA Township Park Improvements		$65,842
TOTAL ALLOCATION	**$88,000**	

IF WAYNE COUNTY DETERMINES AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS THE PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

ESTIMATED 2013 ALLOCATION BASED ON TOWNSHIP PREFERENCE

	Allocation	
PUBLIC SERVICES	**$43,120**	
Senior Services	**$11,440**	
Council on Aging		$9,216
Senior Alliance		$2,224
Senior Transportation	**$30,800**	
Senior Transportation		$30,800
ADMINISTRATION	**$8,800**	
Administration		$8,800
BRICK & MORTAR	**$36,080**	
Multi-Year ADA Township Park Improvements		$36,080
TOTAL ALLOCATION	**$8,000**	

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WILL DETERMINE THE USE OF THE 3013 FUNDS.

ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED USE OF THE 3013 FUNDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SUSAN VIGNOE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD, PLYMOUTH, MI, 48170 AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013.

NANCY CONZELMAN
CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Publish: January 10 and 13, 2013

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on Monday, January 21st, 2013 at 9:30 A.M. at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:

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Plymouth Whalers' forward Mitchell Heard (No. 15), who returned last week from Lake Erie of the AHL, stays a step ahead of Guelph's Scott Kosmachuk during Saturday's game at Compuware Arena.

RENA LAVERTY

Whalers work OT for win

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Mike Vellucci hates to tinker with a winning recipe, but that's what he had to do this week.

Vellucci needed to ship out one of four 20-year-old Plymouth Whalers by Wednesday's OHL deadline to get down to three overage players for the rest of the season.

The team's longtime coach and general manager lamented having to do so, particularly when the team is on a roll.

"It's always tough," Vellucci said following Saturday's 3-2 overtime win over Guelph at Compuware Arena. "You don't want to do that but you got to do what's best for the team and for the kids, too."

Things cleared up on Monday, however, as Vellucci traded overage forward Alex Aleardi of Farmington Hills to Windsor in exchange for left wing Zach Lorentz.

Potential other roster decisions can wait a little while longer with Thursday the OHL trade deadline.

Meanwhile, the Whalers (19-12-5-3) can temporarily enjoy their fourth win in a row — and second in as many nights to conclude with an exciting finish for home fans.

On target

Saturday was defenseman Connor Carrick's turn to score the winner, sending a wrist shot past Guelph goalie Keegan Wilson (26 saves) at 2:29 of OT.

Winger Tom Wilson (two assists) made the play happen, digging the puck out of the left corner and threading the pass to Carrick in the middle of the blueline.

"It was a great little pass there (from Wilson) and Carrick got open in the middle," Vellucci said. "The biggest thing was (Danny) Vanderwiel's screen.

"The goalie never saw it. It wasn't a hard shot but it was accurate."

On Friday, Plymouth blueliner Gianluca Curcuruto's power play goal with 13 seconds left gave the Whalers a 4-3 win over Owen Sound.

The Whalers — despite playing only nine forwards — continue to impress against teams ahead of them in the OHL Western Conference.

"We're short so many bodies, I think I played nine forwards the last four or five games," Vellucci continued. "So guys were tired, I thought it was a real gutsy win, for sure."

That overtime scenario might not have been possible without a clutch goal by forward Matthew Heard, who scored his first goal in three games since returning unexpectedly from Lake Erie of the American Hockey League.

Heard — one of Plymouth's overage players — scored with 3:31 left in the first period to make it a 2-1 game. The marker came just 1:01 after Patrick Watling put Guelph (21-13-0-4) up by two.

Defenseman Simon Karlsson outmuscled a Storm player along the right boards in the Guelph zone and centered the puck to Heard, who one-timed it over Wilson's catching glove.

Plymouth's improved power play evened things up at 2-2 with 7:50 left in the second period.

Curcuruto sent a pass from the right point to Aleardi — playing his final game for Plymouth — in the left circle. Aleardi's shot was kicked out by the Guelph goalie.

But Tom Wilson directed the rebound to Garrett Meurs for the slam dunk at the left post.

That would be all the scoring in regulation, as Keegan Wilson and Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (25 saves) did their part to get the game to overtime.

Welcome back

Vellucci said Heard already is making a "huge" impact since coming back from the AHL, where he was playing on the fourth line.

"He solidifies us down the middle, that's for sure," Vellucci said. "When we get (Rickard) Rakell, (Ryan) Hartman and (Stefan) Noesen back in the lineup we'll be pretty deep down the middle."

Rakell and Hartman will be coming back from the IIHF World Junior Championships; Hartman helped the USA team win gold with a 3-1 win Saturday over Sweden.

Noesen is set to rejoin the team Friday following a 10-game suspension.

Ironically, Heard's return pushed Plymouth's overage roster over the limit.

With the trade of Aleardi, other overage players are defenseman Austin Levi (who has ties to Farmington Hills), along with defenseman and team captain Colin MacDonald.

Heard said playing for Lake Erie (the top affiliate of the NHL Colorado Avalanche) was a learning experience, but he's ready to help the Whalers move up the conference ladder.

"I learned a lot from the vets up there and what it means to be a pro," Heard emphasized. "All the little things from nutrition to working out, stretching before games. Just learn to be a pro."

One lesson he'll be working on the rest of this season is becoming more of a complete player.

"I think it's going to help me mature as a player," Heard added. "Just come back here and get more ice, get a better all-around game."

He's off to a good start in that quest.

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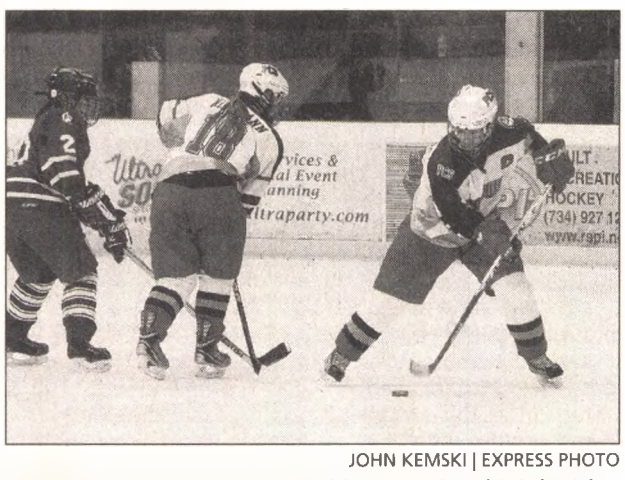
Penguins heat up, rout Regina

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer



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PCS Penguins senior captain Ashley Saunders (right) stickhandles in an attempt to send a backhander toward the Regina goal on Tuesday night. At left are Regina's Mary Mrdjenovic (No. 55) and Annelise Niermann (No. 18) of the Penguins.

It took one period Tuesday night for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins to get used to ice again.

After a lengthy holiday break, the Penguins came out sluggishly against Regina in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League contest at Arctic Edge.

The teams were deadlocked 1-1 at the end of the first period. Then PCS went up 3-1 after two and salted the 8-1 win away with an avalanche of goals in the third.

Scoring two goals each for the Penguins (3-4) were junior Jordan Patterson and freshman Kayla Savoie. Ten players registered at least one point.

"Regina didn't necessarily come out flying but we definitely didn't come out as strong as they did," Penguins head coach Mary Beth Trainor said. "After the first period, after they settled down, we started getting some shots on net, moving the puck around and we played much better."

About a third period where virtually all of the play was in the Saddlelites' zone, Trainor chocked it up to having better depth.

"We rolled three lines on them, we played everybody," Trainor said. "... We were patient with the puck. Once we gained the zone we worked it around and they were kind of chasing us. It kind of wore them out."

The Penguins outshot Regina 41-13, making it a relatively easy night for PCS junior netminder Gwen Gadulka.

Regina did take an early 1-0 lead, however, before PCS answered with a goal by sophomore Elizabeth O'Donohue (from junior Alexis O'Flynn).

Senior Cortny McAdoo (one goal, one assist) then put the Penguins ahead to stay with her goal in the second. She tapped in a cross-crease pass from senior Beth Johnson (one, goal, one assist) — who managed to get the puck over while being knocked down.

It was a 3-1 game entering the third following the first goal by Savoie, who also had an assist for a three-point game. Setting up her tally were Patterson (two goals, two assists) and freshman Amanda Hoehn (two assists).

At 3:04 of the final frame, the Penguins went up 4-1 on a goal by junior Jenna Carter. She sent a wrist shot from the left circle that beat screened Regina goalie Alex LaRue.

PCS kept crashing the net and scoring — widening the gap to 6-1 with 6:56 left. Savoie and Patterson scored 55 seconds apart.

Rounding out the rout were goals by Patterson (from Savoie) and Johnson (from senior Annelise Niermann).

"Kayla (Savoie), who is brand new to hockey this year, had two goals and one or two assists," Trainor said. "And Beth Johnson had a 'Gordie Howe hat trick,' which is one goal, one assist and one penalty.

"We had multiple goal scorers and points for different players, so it was really nice to see a different array of people get on the scoresheet."

The Penguins will face Bloomfield on Saturday before hosting Ann Arbor in a game slated for 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

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The Michigan Mavericks are shown at the 2001 Sr Softball Olympics at Disney World in Orlando, where they won a gold medal. At far right is Canton's Jerry Gawura. Also pictured are several players who joined Gawura at The Rusty Nail Lounge in Canton last week for the group's annual meeting. Those include Monica Doig (third from right), Evelyn Langland (fourth from right), Kay Oswalt of Garden City (sixth from right), Joan McEvoy (seventh from right) and JoAnn Hathorne (fourth from left). Canton's Joan "JJ" Jasin (fifth from right) could not make the recent gathering.

GAWURA

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leyball, enjoy bingo with the Canton Zesters Senior Club and get behind the wheel.

"I don't know how much longer I'll be driving," Gawura said. "But I'm still driving."

By the way, Gawura played shortstop at the 1988 Women's Senior Olympics in St. Louis — and until recent years pitched the discus, javelin and horseshoes.

Staying physically active is the secret to longevity that she wants today's kids to get in on.

"I want to keep going," she said. "I'm trying to keep the families, especially young people, involved in some activities, especially sports. Because I think that's what kept me going."

Looking back

Several hours before Gawura chatted about softball and the importance of staying active, she met longtime friends and teammates at The Rusty Nail Lounge in Canton.

It's a group dwindling to a precious few.

"Well, we want to get together," Gawura said. "We had a very nice time today, looking at our pictures and everything and reminiscing.

"I showed them the (Hall of Fame) plaque that I got. I wanted to brag about it."

She chuckled over the telephone when she mentioned the plaque, without any boastfulness in her still-robust voice.

Of course, other softball lifers who enjoyed the Rusty Nail gathering don't mind praising Gawura one bit.

Included in that inner circle are Canton's Joan "JJ" Jasin (who turned 88 last week) and 87-year-old Kay Oswalt of Garden City. Jasin and Oswalt both began playing senior softball in 1954.

Oswalt — a player, coach and manager for the Mavericks — is the only other member of that team to be inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in Dalton, Ga.

"She pitched, played third base," Oswalt said about Gawura. "She had a terrific arm."

Oswalt also took part in nominating Gawura.

"I don't know who started that. I helped with it," Oswalt said. "They put me in in 2008, and I thought she should be (inducted) because of her age."

How it all started

Perhaps the Hall of Fame honor bestowed upon Gawura could have just as easily been a Lifetime Achievement Award. Gawura's softball career spanned many decades, beginning in 1928 when she was only 9.

Several years later, Gawura kept playing for community teams — a necessity for Jerry because her high school didn't have a girls softball team. She graduated from Dearborn Fordson in 1937.

She talked about how unique circumstances that year helped her land on a boys team, which played on a field near railroad tracks in Dearborn.

"When they presented the plaque, they gave me a chance to say something," Gawura said. "So I just told them that when I lived in Dearborn, there were railroad tracks and an empty space (where) the boys would play softball.

"But they didn't want any girls until one time they were short players. Well, they let me play. After that, they didn't mind if I played with them. That's where I started to love this game."

With her welcome into the Hall of Fame, the game is loving her back.

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Plymouth icers win sixth straight

A four-goal barrage in the second period broke a scoreless tie and vaulted the Plymouth varsity hockey team to a 6-1 road victory over Northville on Saturday.

Junior center Mike Schultz opened the scoring 4:55 into the second period with a breakaway goal, set up by senior defenseman Cam Nadell. Less than two minutes later, senior defenseman Dean Gunther fired a shot from the point that found the net.

Senior forward Mitch Claggett scored his sixth goal of the season with a power-play goal with 3:54 left in the period. Schultz scored again, his 17th of the season, with one minute left in the period.

The Wildcats grew the lead to 6-0 early in the third period with power-play goals by Gunther, his fifth score of the season, and senior winger Nick Schultz, his 17th of the season.

Sophomore goalie Eric VandenBosch lost his shutout bid with 8:53 left in the game when Northville defenseman Ken Kosinski scored. VandenBosch made 13 saves on 14 shots in the game to earn his fifth win of the season. The Wildcats outshot the Mustangs 29-14.

"I was really happy with our defensive effort, I thought it set the tone for the game," head coach Gerry Vento said. "I was pleased with the way the boys stayed focused after a scoreless first period and didn't take chances."

He added that Northville scored six goals the previous night, "so to hold them to only one goal and 14 shots was a total team effort," Vento said.

Saturday's effort resulted in Plymouth's sixth consecutive win and improved its record to 11-1-1. During the streak, the Wildcats have allowed only four goals.

They will travel to Sault Ste. Marie this weekend for games against Cheboygan on Friday and Sault High on Saturday.

PLYMOUTH 8, MOTT 0: The Wildcats returned from their holiday break and made quick work of the Corsairs with a two-period mercy victory Friday at Lakeland Arena.

"I was happy to see us get our legs going so quickly after the long break," Vento said.

Nick Schultz had two goals and an assist, and Claggett tallied five assists to lead the Plymouth attack. Senior forwards Spencer Godin and Joe Burke; junior forwards Zack Tavierne, Charlie Supernois, and Mike Schultz; and sophomore forward Josh Smith also scored for the Wildcats.

Sophomore goalie Jared Maddock didn't see much action as Plymouth outshot Waterford Mott 41-4; however, he earned his third shutout and sixth victory of the season.

SALEM 6, NORTHVILLE 6: The visiting Mustangs scored on a penalty shot with 10 seconds left in the third period to eke out this KLAA South tie against Salem (6-5-1 overall, 3-3-1 in the KLAA) Friday at Plymouth Cultural Center.

That spoiled big offensive nights by Salem's Jake Sealy (two goals, two assists) and Alek Zultowski (one goal, two assists).

Other goal scorers for the Rocks included Cam Nixon, Kyle Downey and Justin Katulski.

Making 29 saves for Salem was goalie Anthony Veresan.

Sealy scored both of his goals in the third period to put the Rocks up 6-4.

But that lead did not hold up, with a penalty shot being called after Veresan pushed the net off its moorings.

Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said awarding the penalty shot was "the correct call."

"Overall I thought it was a gutty performance by our guys," Ossenmacher said. "But we continue to give up too many goals to consistently win hockey games."

Chiefs take it to Zebras

GIRLS HOOPS

Even though Canton's girls basketball team held a 36-21 halftime lead Tuesday against visiting Wayne Memorial, Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski wanted to see defensive improvement after intermission.

That's exactly what happened, as Canton gave up just eight points in the second half and finished off the Zebras by a 68-29 score.

An 18-2 advantage in the third really broke open the KLAA South Division contest.

Tallying 16 points for the Chiefs (5-3 overall, 1-1 in the KLAA South) was Paige Aresco, who also registered four steals.

Other key contributors for Canton included Annie McDougall (13 points), Rachel Winters (nine points, four steals), Taylor Hunley (eight points, five rebounds) and Kelsey McDougall (seven points).

Wayne's Ashley Bland led all scorers with 20 points.

"I wasn't really happy with our play in the first half," Samulski said. "But to the girls credit they came out and played a great second half, holding them to eight points. The key is we need to keep getting better every day."

On Friday, Canton will host Plymouth in the first half of a varsity girls/boys doubleheader. The girls contest will tip off at 6 p.m.

PLYMOUTH 42, FRANKLIN 37 (OT): Shelby Cheston tallied 14 points, while Brooke Senkbeil and Jada Woody each added nine Tuesday as the host Wildcats (3-5, 2-0) pulled out an KLAA South Division overtime win over Livonia Franklin (4-3, 1-1).

"We finished strong," Wildcats coach Bob de Bear said.

Plymouth trailed by six with three minutes to go in regulation and finally caught the Patriots to send the game to OT on a free throw by Senkbeil and a basket by Cheston. It was 31-31 going in to the extra frame.

"In overtime we fell behind and Kylie Robb tied the game with a huge three," de Bear noted.

The Wildcats took it from there. Senkbeil added two free throws with Cheston and Woody contributing two and one field goals, respectively.

Katelyn Devers scored 12 points for the Patriots, who shot a miserable 12-of-58 from the floor (20.6 percent).

Plymouth made only 11-of-30 free throws (36.6 percent), while Franklin hit 13-of-21 (61.9 percent).

The Canton boys bowling team took first place at Saturday's Ladywood Tournament at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. From left are coach Karl Brubaker, Mitchell Zelenak, Brian Faust, Josh Pozan (with trophy), Alex Champagne, Michael Richards, Gary Barnett and Aaron Madsen.

Chiefs bowl 'em over

It was a Kensington Lakes Activities Association affair Saturday as boys teams from the circuit swept the first three places in Saturday's Livonia Ladywood Holiday Tournament held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Canton won the battle for total pin count with 3,580 followed by Westland John Glenn and Salem with 3,503 and 3,346, respectively.

"With the lane conditions as tough as they were the kids really had to make sure that they were staying focused," Canton coach Karl Brubaker said. "Making spares throughout the day was key. We were able to take the lead after the first game and that did a lot for their confidence and they were able to hold on to that for every game."

Confidence was no problem for Canton's Alex Champagne and Michael Richards.

Finishing first overall was Champagne, who rolled a scoreline of 217-206-226-649 and made the all-tournament team.

Also on the all-tourney team was Richards. He placed third overall, with a 197-216-220-633 scoreline.

"Winning this tournament helps the team realize that the goal of making the state finals again this year is very possible," Brubaker continued. "As long as we keep improving every week, there is no reason why this team can't go to the state finals again."

Salem's boys bowling team, coached by Kathie Hahn and Glenn Clark (far left), finished third overall at the Ladywood Tournament. Members of the team (listed alphabetically) are Brandon Allison, Steven Cadwell, Tony Przytulski, Nolan Rudis, Tyler Snyder and Kevin Williams.

Other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowlers in the top-30 were Salem's Tyler Snyder (20th, 184-174-201-559), Kevin Williams (24th, 172-195-187-554), Nolan Rudis (25th, 193-200-187-554) and Plymouth's Ryan Riva (27th, 164-185-186-535) and Evan Grimme (28th, 178-201-155-534).

Plymouth finished 14th out of 25 teams, with a total tally of 3,129 pins.

Meanwhile, Wayne Memorial took seventh with a 3,247 total.

Glenn posted team series games of 852, 923 and 1,049 with Steven White leading the way individually with a 624, including a second-best tournament high game of 257. White made the all-tournament team.

"The lanes were tough and it was a good test to see how we would handle adversity," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "These (middle road pattern) conditions are how the lanes will be for the states in February, so it was a good test for all the teams. Our team got stronger after each game."

Chiefs finish strong

BOYS HOOPS

A big fourth quarter Tuesday night propelled Canton's varsity boys basketball team to a 56-46 win over host Wayne Memorial in a KLAA South Division contest.

The Chiefs (3-5 overall, 1-1 in the KLAA South) held a slim 35-34 lead after three frames before busting loose in the fourth with a 21-12 stanza.

"I thought we had a good second half but we started out slow tonight," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "Greg Williams was solid all night, especially around the rim. And Ryan Planey gave us a spark off the bench."

Williams and Planey each led the Chiefs with 16 points, with Josh Mayberry contributing nine points.

Canton outmuscled the Zebras on the glass, leading 40-19 in rebounds. Senior forwards Adnan Bayz and Scott Bayz were solid in the paint, with 12 and 11 boards, respectively.

For Wayne (2-5, 0-2), Josh Lowry scored 16 points with Juawn Snipes and Brian Williams chipping in seven points each.

Canton will host Plymouth 7:30 p.m. Friday.

SALEM 67, S. LYON EAST 31: The Salem Rocks (6-2, 2-0) continued their fine play with this KLAA Central Division win Tuesday at South Lyon East.

Leading Salem's offensive charge were Kevin Mack (17 points) and Chris Dierker (15 points, 12 rebounds) with Michael Hoover chipping in with eight points.

The Rocks took a 28-15 lead into halftime and took control in the third, when they outscored the Lions 26-11 to go up 54-26 going into the final quarter.

Salem head coach Bob Brodie said it was a complete team effort.

"We just came out playing real well, we led from wire to wire," Brodie said. "All the kids contributed and they all did a nice job.

"Defensively we were pretty good, we held a team to 30 points. We just played a good, all-around basketball game."

FRANKLIN 44, PLYMOUTH 42: Trouble putting the ball in the hoop again stymied Plymouth (3-5, 1-1) Tuesday at Livonia Franklin.

Plymouth got a game-high 17 points from Josh Priebe but not much else.

"We just couldn't shoot it in for whatever reason," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "We're getting shots, it's just a lack of making shots.

"They threw a box-and-one, kind of a hybrid defense on Priebe. I thought we attacked it fairly well, got organized against it. But again, ... we just couldn't make shots."

The Patriots, now 4-4 overall and 2-0 in the division, got a team-high 12 points from Alex Armstrong along with a double-double from Tyrone Rayford, who finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

It was 17-all at halftime before the Wildcats were outscored 14-8 in the third. Franklin held off a late surge by Plymouth for the victory.

The Wildcats shot 30 percent from the field (12-of-39) and 13-of-17 from the foul line (76 percent), while Franklin connected on 44 percent from the floor (16-of-36) and 6-of-13 at the charity stripe (46 percent).

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 68, PCA 53: Plymouth Christian Academy lost for the first time in six outings on Tuesday at Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

Four Eagles reached double figures. Alex Huber and Mick Noel each scored 13 points, with Daniel Jipping and Matt Sumner adding 12 and 11, respectively.

Huber led PCA with 10 rebounds.

Scoring 15 points for the Knights was Eric Ewing.

PCA will host Parkway Christian 7 p.m. Friday.

HOOPS

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end of that stanza.

It was a 15-12 game with 4:45 to play in the second following a nice hook shot by senior guard Karen Windle (five points, 16 rebounds).

Cold spell

Unfortunately for the Eagles, they couldn't register another point until a full quarter later. Junior forward Emily Gerulis (five points, five boards) sank a free throw with 4:34 remaining in the third to make it a 27-13 score.

Back-to-back treys by Rotzoll put the Knights up 35-17.

PCA briefly came to life after that.

Junior center Jennifer Malcolm (eight points, nine rebounds) and senior guard Jenna Abraham (nine points) connected on back-to-back triples in the final minute of the quarter, making it a 35-23 contest entering the fourth.

With 5:37 remaining in the game, the lead was down to nine points (37-28) following a trey by Abraham and a to-the-hole bucket by Gerulis.

It was all Liggett down the stretch, however. The only point the Eagles could manage was a free throw by Malcolm with 1:02 to play.

After the disappointing loss, Gerulis reminded her team that it will have to play tougher overall and better defensively if it is to make a run at the conference title.

"This is a great challenge for us right now," she emphasized. "We want to get ready by the end of the year, we want to compete with this team in our conference."

PCA will return to action Monday against visiting Chandler Park Christian.

PCA 61, LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 15: On Jan. 4, a 12-2 first quarter triggered this rout against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Scoring in double figures for the Eagles were Jennifer Malcolm (12 points), Rachel Smith and Karen Windle (11 points) and Jenna Abraham (10 points).

PCA 75, FRANKLIN ROAD 36: The Eagles had their scoring shoes on against Franklin Road Christian Dec. 28 at the Country Day Roundball Classic.

Karen Windle (17 points), Rachael Fuller (14 points), Martha Mullett (13 points), Emily Gerulis (11 points) and Jenna Abraham (10 points) spearheaded the lopsided victory.

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Glenn girls best at tournament

The Westland John Glenn girls bowling team returned from a two-week break to earn a runner-up finish in Saturday's Livonia Ladywood Holiday Tournament held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

L'Anse Creuse North captured the team title with 3,285 pins following by John Glenn and St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 3,188 and 3,072, respectively.

Finishing sixth was Salem, with a score of 2,834. Canton and Plymouth placed 9-10, respectively, with tallies of 2,704 and 2,699.

Host Ladywood came in 16th, tallying 2,553 pins for the day.

Bowling in the middle road pattern, the Rockets' Julia Huren posted the tournament high game (246) and series (613). She was named to the all-tournament team along with Olivia Cabildo, who posted a 546 series.

Also named to the all-tournament team was Brittany Antonelli, Waterford Kettering (584); Rae'ven Turner, North Farmington (560); Kyrsta Pierce, Lakeview (557); Kasie Allen, South Lyon (546); and Molly Krist, Lakeview (546).

Each of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park squads had one bowler make the top-20 individually.

Plymouth's Caitlyn Webb finished 12th with a 142-200-180-522 scoreline.

Placing 18th was Bridget Maul of Salem. She rolled games of 168-202-135 to finish with 505 pins.

In 20th place was Canton's Jessica Holowicki (183-115-201-499).

Those teams second-best performers were Canton's Brianna Bailey (156-169-169-494), Salem's Kristin Larkins (154-171-162-487) and Plymouth's Megan Blanck (147-186-137-470).

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

2013 ROCK KILGORE INVITATIONAL
Jan. 5 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 269; 2. Zeeland, 245; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 244; 4. Northville, 218; 5. Salem, 134; 6. Canton, 49.

200-yard medley relay: (Heat 1) Stevenson (Jake Goeddeke, Tommy O'Donahue, Zack McCarter, Brandon Shatter), 1:47.79; 5. Salem (Nicholas Marion, Matthew Chin, Patrick Casey, Russell Sharpe), 2:04.60; 6. Canton (Grant Kurili, Jack Chaney, Marcel Young-Bean, Nick Valli), 2:18.10; **(Heat 2)** 1. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Grant McNamara, David Ptashnik, Alex Lee), 1:44.25; 4. Salem (Brian Kuang, Smaran Bhaktawara, Danny Lynch, Jason Basanese), 1:49.51; 6. Canton (Travis Alber, Nick Lacich, Cole Malhoit, Chris Jenner), 2:03.42; (Heat 3) 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki, Jackson O'Dowd), 1:39.72; 5. Salem (Charles Liu, Turner Solterman, Jerry Bai, Kenny McManimon), 1:47.68; 6. Canton (Kyle Bindas, Alex Bourdreau, Trevis Majtara, Josh Joy), 1:58.15.

200 freestyle: (Heat 1) John McCormack (Pioneer), 1:57.25; 2. Eric Ferrara (LS), 1:57.54; 5. Colin Urbaczewski (S), 2:11.53; 6. Bryan Tolinski (C), 2:19.85; **(Heat 2)** 1. Matt Laporte (LS), 1:55.31; 2. Matt Pairitz (S), 1:57.59; 6. Nathan Benjamin (C), 2:12.36; **(Heat 3)** 1. Micah DeJonge (Zeeland), 1:49.76; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 1:54.98; 5. Kuang (S), 2:00.00; 6. Gerard Niermann (C), 2:09.93; **(Heat 4)** 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:47.15; 5. Liu (S), 1:51.67; 6. Michael Wilyard (C), 2:13.35.

200 IM: (Heat 1) 1. Chris Geng (Northville), 2:13.26; 2. Tommy O'Donahue (LS), 2:14.36; 5. Brandin Yee (S), 2:34.97; 6. Grant Smith (C), 2:49.81; **(Heat 2)** 1. Bielicki (LS), 2:10.93; 4. Casey (S), 2:19.46; 6. Jay Akolkar (C), 2:54.44; **(Heat 3)** 1. Daniel Wu (P), 2:06.05; 3. McNamara (LS), 2:07.25; 5. Bhaktawara (S), 2:18.16; 6. Nathan Albin (C), 2:37.79; **(Heat 4)** 1. Chris Klein (P), 1:58.10; 2. Ferrara (LS), 2:02.93; 5. Solterman (S), 2:1.51; 6. Bourdreau (C), 2:29.61.

50 freestyle: (Heat 1) 1. Finn Magoon (P), 23.53; 2. Basanese (S), 24.10; 5. Reilly Jackovich (LS), 25.32; **(Heat 2)** 1. Matthew Erickson (P), 23.33; 2. McManimon (S), 24.37; 3. Brandon Shatter (LS), 24.47; 6. Alex Sogge (C), 26.37; **(Heat 3)** 1. Isaac Perez (Z), 23.05; 4. Bai (S), 24.12; 5. Lee (LS), 24.66; 6. Joy (C), 26.07; **(Heat 4)** 1. O'Dowd (LS), 22.48; 2. Jason Zhang (S), 22.70; 6. Bindas (C), 25.47.

1-meter diving: (Heat 1) 1. Josh Zylstra (Z), 217.05; **(Heat 2)** 1. Christian Field (N), 206.70; 3. Chas Eisenhardt (LS), 173.10; **(Heat 3)** 1. Brian Atiyeh (LS), 306.75; 5. Michael Falzon (S), 136.40; **(Heat 4)** 1. Tyler Leach (P), 461.30; 2. Zach Bartolec (S), 290.30; 5. Jesse Damesworth (LS), 242.90.

100 butterfly: (Heat 1) 1. Nick DuFresne (N), 1:01.28; 3. Blake Beck (LS), 1:03.65; 5. Urbaczewski (S), 1:06.97; 6. Akolkar (C), 1:22.57; **(Heat 2)** 1. Brendan Vorobiev (P), 59.81; 4. Zack McCarter (LS), 1:00.94; 5. Pairitz (S), 1:03.19; 6. Albin (C), 1:09.54; **(Heat 3)** Judd Vander Plaats (Z), 56.60; 4. Bielicki (LS), 1:00.07; 5. Lynch (S), 1:02.44; 6. Cole Malhoit (C), 1:08.44; **(Heat 4)** 1. Kai Williams (P), 39.02; 4. Ptashnick (LS), 58.43; 5. Bai (S), 59.23; 6. Majtara (C), 1:09.10.

100 freestyle: (Heat 1) 1. Dan Metzler (P), 54.25; 4. Jackovich (LS), 55.76; 5. Brendan Wellman (S), 58.06; 6. Joy (C), 58.09; **(Heat 2)** 1. Austin Hunt (N), 51.62; 3. McManimon (S), 55.40; 4. Shatter (LS), 55.49; 6. Sogge (C), 1:00.22 **(Heat 3)** 1. Andrew Heise (P), 51.03; 2. Basanese (S), 51.20; 3. Belmore (LS), 51.42; 5. Alber (C), 59.34; **(Heat 4)** 1. Zylstra (Z), 48.62; 2. Zhang (S), 48.98; 4. O'Dowd (LS), 49.76; 6. Chris Jenner (C), 59.21.

500 freestyle: (Heat 1) 1. Sergio Reyes (N), 5:15.07; 4. Michael Chen (LS), 5:25.56; 5. Gregory Payne (S), 5:41.53; 6. Tolinski (C), 6:24.40; **(Heat 2)** 1. Michael Heyboer (Z), 5:05.93; 2. Ferrara (LS), 5:12.75; 5. Lynch (S), 5:38.13; 6. Chaney (C), 6:27.35; **(Heat 3)** 1. DeJonge (Z), 4:57.65; 2. Laporte (LS), 5:01.47; 4. Kuang (S), 5:26.05; 5. Benjamin (C), 5:56.32; **(Heat 4)** 1. Arakelian (LS), 4:37.15; 5. Liu (S), 5:12.28; 6. Wilyard (C), 6:05.34.

200-freestyle relay: (Heat 1) 1. Northville, 1:39.88; 3. Stevenson (Della Mora, McNamara, Laporte, Sean Reppemhagen), 1:42.18; 5. Salem (Sharpe, Andrew Schwank, Casey, Spencer Torok), 1:50.71; 6. Canton, DQ; **(Heat 2)** 1. Pioneer, 1:36.79; 4. Stevenson (O'Donahue, Beck, McCarter, Jackovich), 1:44.49; 5. Salem (Wellman, Urbaczewski, Bhaktawara, Payne), 1:44.94; 6. Canton (Jenner, John Everitt, Wilyard, Kyle Spence), 1:47.69; **(Heat 2)** 1. Zeeland, 1:31.43; 4. Salem (Zhang, Pairitz, Basanese, McManimon), 1:33.49; 6. Canton (Bindas, Alber, Joy, Sogge), 1:44.96.

100 backstroke: (Heat 1) 1. Deegan (P), 1:00.58; 3. Chen (LS), 1:03.67; 5. Marion (S), 1:11.27; 6. Kurili (C), 1:24.89; **(Heat 2)** 1. Belmore (LS), 58.51; 5. Payne (S), 1:08.27; 6. Malhoit (C), 1:14.49; **(Heat 3)** 1. Goeddeke (LS), 58.15; 5. Niermann (C), 1:08.27; 6. Salem, DQ; **(Heat 4)** 1. Ferrara (LS), 55.60; 5. Wellman (S), 1:04.10; 6. Bindas (C), 1:09.88.

100 breaststroke: (Heat 1) 1. Reizo Osawa (P), 1:08.03; 4. Della Mora (LS), 1:11.15; 5. Chin (S), 1:20.95; 6. Everitt (C), 1:27.12; **(Heat 2)** 1. Thad Stalmack (P), 1:05.85; 4. Timmy O'Donahue (LS), 1:12.25; 5. Yee (S), 1:18.44; 6. Young-Bean (C), 1:29.58; **(Heat 3)** 1. Milburn (Z), 1:03.61; 2. Tommy O'Donahue (LS), 1:04.34; 5. Bhaktawara (S), 1:08.17; 6. Canton, DQ; **(Heat 4)** 1. Klein (P), 59.35; 2. McNamara (LS), 1:02.95; 3. Solterman (S), 1:04.82; 6. Bourdreau (C), 1:12.68.

400-freestyle relay: (Heat 1) 1. Pioneer, 3:37.66; 4. Stevenson (Laporte, McCarter, Beck, Chen), 3:47.82; 5. Salem (Casey, Urbaczewski, Payne, Torok), 3:59.47; 6. Canton (Benjamin, Albin, Lacich, Akolkar), 4:24.69; **(Heat 2)** 1. Pioneer, 3:29.71; 3. Stevenson (Ptashnik, Lee, Jackovich, Goeddeke), 3:36.04; 5. Salem (Bai, Kuang, Wellman, Lynch), 3:39.68; 6. Canton (Spence, Smith, Chaney, Tolinski), 4:18.99; **(Heat 3)** 1. Pioneer, 3:18.36; 2. Stevenson (Ferara, Belmore, O'Dowd, Arakelian), 3:20.06; 5. Salem (Zhang, Pairitz, Liu, Solterman), 3:29.57; 6. Canton (Jenner, Alber, Sogge, Niermann), 3:58.45.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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January

ANNULMENTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: The Rev. Ron Richards, a canon lawyer with experience working on the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will present information about annulments in a question and answer format. He'll answer such questions as: What is an annulment? How does one get an annulment? How long does it take to get an annulment. Call the parish office to register

Contact: (734) 455-5910

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, starting Jan. 14 and 9:30 a.m. Friday, starting Jan. 18

Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth,

Details: Beth Moore's 10-week Bible study for women will explore the account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, the pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for a woman's walk with God today. Participants will be challenged to prepare their hearts to become a home for God's love and glory. Cost is $15 for a workbook. All women are welcome

Contact: (734) 542 9816 or irenejim1@hotmail.com

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is $3 for adults and $1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

DUELING PIANOS

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., show starts 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12

Location: St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Light refreshments, 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Tickets are $20 and available at the church office

Contact: (734) 421-6130

FILM

Time/Date: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and movie starts at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Details: Screening of "October Baby," a film about a young woman who discovers she was adopted after a failed abortion attempt. She embarks on a journey to discover her hidden past in this film by the same producers as "Courageous" and "FireProof"

Contact: www.christoursavior.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Free movie night features the film "Sarah's Choice," about a career woman who has an unexpected pregnancy. She envisions three options and then makes a choice. There will be a special meal of braised country ribs (free will offering) along with the film. Call the church for dinner reservations

Contact: (248) 553-3380

FILM

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: The church and AAA Pregnancy Resource Center show "The Voice of John," a documentary about abortion and pro-choice laws. Admission is free and free child care will be available during the movie

Contact: (734) 459-3333

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Jan. 16

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The church shows the film, "The Freedom Riders," which looks at Americans who deliberately violated Jim Crow laws in southern states in 1961. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 354-4488; www.northwestuu.org

GREEN FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17

Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham

Details: PRI's John Hockenberry goes inside the organizations that fought the scientific establishment to shift the direction of the climate debate. Film is followed by a discussion with Kathryn L. Savoie, Ph.D., an authorized presenter of the Climate Reality Project, trained directly by former Vice President Al Gore. Free admission. Sponsored by the church's Green Ministry

Contact: www.ccbucc.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house

Contact: www.saintgenevieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13

Location: Prentis Apartments community room, 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan is a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework. It will hold a "Stitch and Kvell," with members showing off recent projects

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. cash bar, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, Jan. 16

Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, one block south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Cost is $18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games, and conversation until 9 p.m. Reservations by Jan. 11, 2013

Other activities: Celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth; stay after for fellowship and refreshments

Contact: Carol at (313) 562-3080 for dinner; Pat at (734) 895-6246 for Mass

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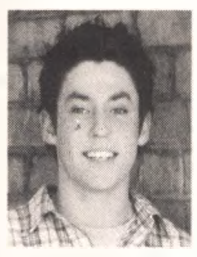
AYLWARD, ROBERT GEORGE

Age 77, of Livonia and formally of Detroit passed away peacefully on December 20, 2012. Son of the late Alexander and Gertrude Aylward, brother of Joan Brantigan, uncle to Gail Gordon and Dale Brantigan. Robert (Bob) valued friendships and he enjoyed mentoring. His passions were cars, horses, and travel. A memorial luncheon will be held in celebration of his life on January 13, 2013 in Farmington Hills. Details will be provided by calling 248.880.7339

GORDON, JEAN F.

Age 90, of Northville, passed away January 6, 2013. She was born January 6, 1923 in Oil City, Pennsylvania; daughter of Robert and Frances (Williamson) Gordon. Jean completed her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and her master's degree from Western Michigan University. She taught biology and horticulture for 19 years in the Livonia Public School district; retiring in 1988. Jean was very active with the Detroit Story League and the Northville Weaving Guild. Jean was a wonderful sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her brother Wesley (the late Sophia) Gordon and nine nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Norma Stachlewitz and Lois Ann Adams. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



BAWULSKI, LUKE AUSTIN

24, of Farmington, died suddenly January 7, 2013. Luke will be remembered as a kind and compassionate soul who had a smile for everyone and was loved in return. He enjoyed working out, disc golf and coin collecting. He deeply loved his nephews, Cort and Reed. Luke is lovingly survived by his father, Ronald; mother, Cynthia; sister, Brooklyn (Scott) Gehringer; brother, Eric; grandparents, Elaine (the late Fred) Bawulski, and Joan and John Weld; and nephews, Cort and Reed Gehringer. Funeral Ceremony Saturday, January 12th, 10:00 am at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Friday 1-9 pm. Interment Farmington Oakwood Cemetery. Luke is truly loved and will be sorely missed.

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FLOWERS, MARILYN ANNE (nee: Sullivan)

Age 75, December 21, 2012. Survived by her husband William, her aunt Dorothy Coon and several nieces and nephews. Marilyn was extremely active in both Redford and Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Churches where she served in many different capacities in mission and service. She will be remembered for her hard work, dedication, can do spirit and loyalty to friends and family. She will be dearly missed. A memorial service has been planned for Friday, January 11, 2013 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist. Family will receive visitors at 11:00 with a service at 12 noon with a luncheon to follow.

SCHNEEBERGER, DERRILL W. "DUTCH"

Age 84; of Farmington; January 7, 2013. Dutch was an Army Master Sergeant and Korean War Veteran; a graduate of Central Michigan University; lifetime member of the Elks, longtime member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. He was an avid U of M fan and community volunteer; active in his fraternity, Phi Sigma Epsilon; and the Boy and Girl Scouts; he received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts. Dutch was married to Barbara, his wife of 57 years; father of Jill (Phillip) Craig, Lindsey (Kristoffer) Granning and Todd (Patricia) Schneeberger; grandfather of Anders, Evan and Stefan Granning; Jacob, Nicholaus and Cole Schneeberger; and Maxwell Craig; great grandfather of Brianna and Rowen Granning. Uncle of Laura Hallan and Rick Heslet. Dutch was preceded in death by his sisters, Janet and Barbara. Visitation, Sunday, January 13, 1:00-6:00 pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Monday, January 14, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts suggested to Forgotten Harvest.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Festival celebrates playwrights, offers comedy, drama

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

TLC Productions received so many submissions for its second Canton One Acts Festival that it stopped collecting the contest entries a month early.

"We probably could have gotten more, but we closed it down 30 days before the deadline. We received 101," said Christopher Tremblay, who founded the acting/writing troupe, along with Linda Pohl and Tim Chanko, all Canton residents. "We picked 18 for dramatic readings from the 101. The judges met and finalized the shows. This is such a testament to the quality of writing in southeast Michigan."

Judges chose eight finalists from the 18 readings. The final eight will take the stage at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 18-19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Admission is $12. Call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or cantononeacts.com, and click on "tickets." They're also available at the door. The box office opens one hour before curtain.

The biennial playwriting contest drew entries from across the country this year. Playwrights paid $12 each for their works to be read and considered for staging. The entry fees will help TLC Productions cover its costs in producing the plays and will enable it to award cash prizes for the top three plays.

New this year is the festival's "R" rating.

"There's no nudity. It's primarily because of adult language and theme," Tremblay noted. "There's nothing extreme. I felt in addition to language, some of the plays were a little more edgy this year."

The contest called for shorter pieces this year, enabling judges to choose eight plays — two more than were produced in 2011. Each runs 10-20 minutes.

Leanne Young (left) of South Lyon plays Liz and Tim Chanko of Canton plays Steve in the play, "Who Goes to Russia?" by Redford Township resident Maureen Paraventi. In the background are Patrick Wears of Canton as Mark and Natalie Barosso of Ann Arbor as Marie.

This year's festival also includes a piece by TLC Productions. Tremblay penned *Priced to Sell*, a humorous play about a garage sale. It's not eligible for prize money, but will keep the audience entertained when the curtain falls after each of the other plays.

"We decided we didn't want any down time between plays," Tremblay said. "*Priced to Sell* doesn't have a heavy plot. It can easily be chunked out into segments without losing continuity."

Tremblay edited the piece into five smaller segments that will appear throughout the festival between the end and beginning of other works.

"I sporadically go to garage sales. I think they are a funny part of American culture," he said. "I had a long drive home one day from Pennsylvania and ended up writing two pages of random ideas and weaving them together. Some are things that happened in my family and some are stories I've heard. It's designed to poke some fun at something that everyone is familiar with."

Mysteries, thrillers

Jake Zinke of Canton found inspiration in puzzles and mysteries for his play, *The Replacement*, about a home health worker and an elderly patient who piece together clues about a murder. Brion Scheidel, also a Canton resident, turned his ideas for a novel into the one-act play, *Saving JFK*, after discovering that Stephen King had published a similar thriller.

"One of the ideas I had was for a story about someone who needs to go back in time and prevent JFK from being assassinated," said Scheidel, a software developer who has written poems, songs and stories.

"I had the idea for about 15 years. I had notes I had taken and I had done research on events around JFK's assassination. It had been sitting in the back of my mind for a long time. But I never found time to progress farther than a lot of notes and research."

He heard about the Canton One Acts Festival shortly after learning that Stephen King's new novel also focused on a time traveller and the JFK assassination.

"I decided to take the climax of my story and make it into a one-act play."

Scheidel had never written a play. He read through a few scripts and researched online.

"It's very different than a short story or novel. It's more focused on dialogue and interaction between characters rather than describing how people feeling or what they are seeing.

"I found it to be an easy transition."

First play

Maureen Paraventi of Redford Township, writes nonfiction stories as an assistant editor for *Industrial Safety & Hygiene News*. She also has penned three novels and is active in community theater.

Who Goes to Russia? is her first one-act play.

"What motivated me was that I went to see the one-act festival that was put on a few years ago. It was all original material," she said.

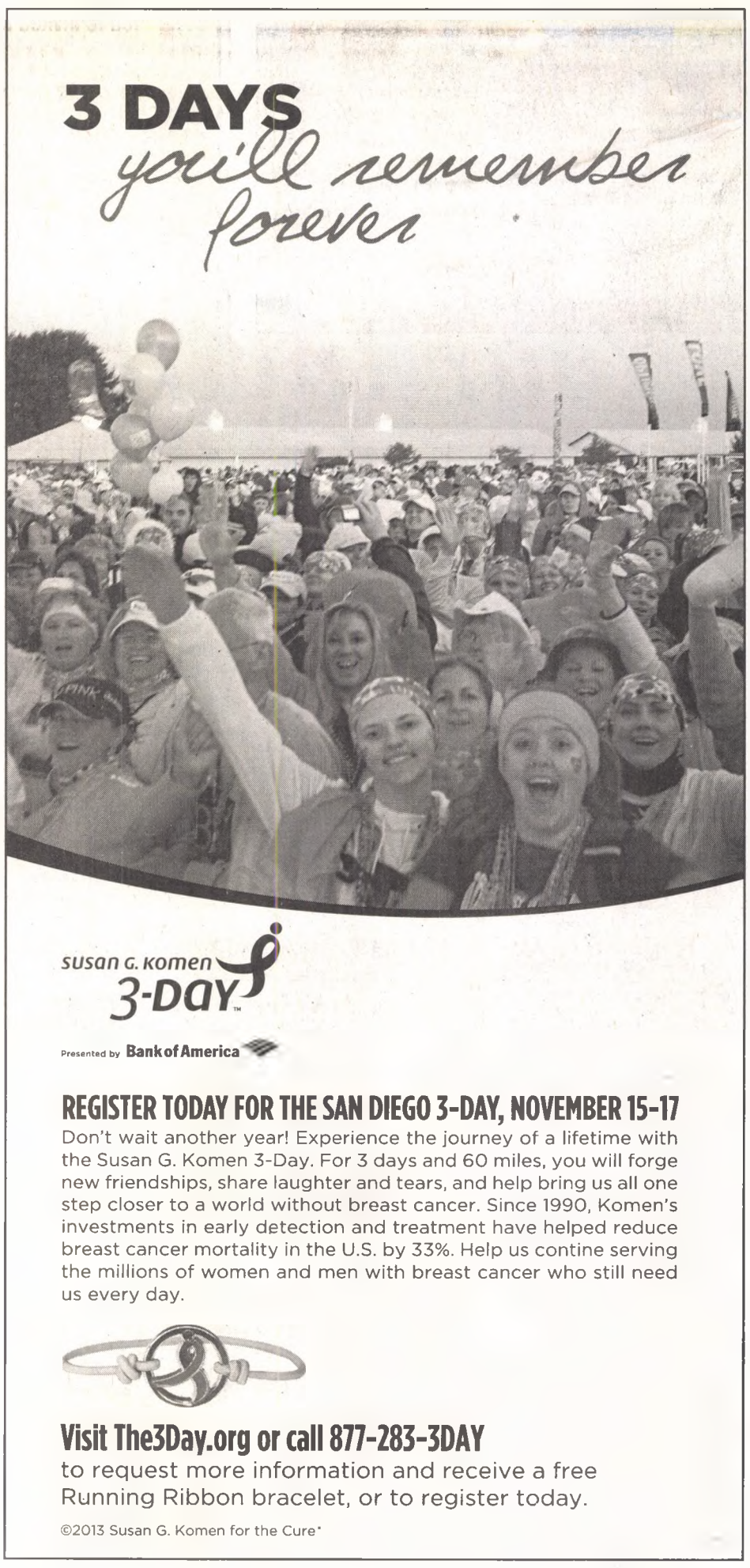
"Novels live in the desk drawer ... but to write a play and see it come to life is completely different. Playwriting has so much more immediate satisfaction."

Her play is a "dramedy" about two married couples who confront issues of infidelity, complacency and secrecy. They're in a rut as they attempt to sustain their long-term relationships, but still in love.

Paraventi also directed her work.

"It was a great learning experience. I did the smartest thing possible and got the best actors. I'm so pleased with this cast."

The other plays are *Security Blanket* by Nicole L.V. Mullis of Battle Creek; *Slick Dame* by Kay Poiro of Kailua, Hawaii; *Carmen Garmin* by Maria Rudin of Sanibel, Fla., and *I Can Feel It Coming On* by Carl Williams of Houston, Texas.



Arts Crafts

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3, 2013

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

LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

Time/Date: Artist reception, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25; exhibit through Jan. 31; pub hours are 3 p.m.-midnight, Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday; and noon-midnight, Sunday

Location: 149 W. Liberty St., Plymouth; Upper Hall Gallery

Details: Paintings by Kate Paul

Contact: (734) 207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Jan.26; artist talk and reception runs 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Patricia Candor: Hiding in Plain Sight," presents the personal and creative evolution of an artist from 1978 through the present. Candor is a long-time adjunct professor at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and Lawrence Technological College

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through Jan. 31

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Realee Edgar's realistic paintings feature classic and vintage autos.

Contact: (734) 416-4278

Auditions

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: Registration at 1:30 p.m., auditions begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20

Location: Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 West Twelve Mile Road Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "Legally Blonde," a musical with more than 40 parts. Vocal audition cuts and monologue options are available at www.farmingtonplayers.org. Click the Legally Blonde home page and select the link for vocal cuts or monologue options. Those auditioning should dress comfortably and prepare a 60- to 90-second monologue for the reading audition. They'll also be required to sing, read and dance. Contact: Jason Wilhoite at (734) 765-4535 or legallyblonde@farmingtonplayers.org

PAUL'S PLAYERS

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14 and 16

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Open auditions for "Quilters," a musical that celebrates a pioneer woman and her daughters as they record the family's hardships and joys in the exquisite quilts they make by hand, each quilt 'block' commemorating an event in their lives. Participants should bring a prepared song (with sheet music) that shows their singing range. An accompanist will be provided. Actors should wear comfortable clothing. They will be asked to read from the script and learn some simple movement. Roles include seven women of varying ages, from 15 and up, and voice ranges. Performance dates are May 3-5 and 10-12

Contact: Sarah Hedeen at sarahhedeen@yahoo.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 15-16

Location: Liberal Arts Theater, main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Auditions for Shakespeare's "Hamlet" edited by James Hartman. No experience is necessary and auditions are open to the general public as well as students and non students

Contact: James Hartman at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

Film

MAPLE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 6-7

Location: 4136 Maple, west of Telegraph, Bloomfield Township

Details: Meet seven survivors of profound loss in the documentary, "Transforming Loss," by Judith Burdick, licensed psychotherapist. Learn what the human spirit is capable of in times of trauma and tragedy. Burdick will be on hand for the premiere of her new film. The screening is sponsored by Temple Beth El. Tickets are free and available by pre-registering online at www.transforminglossdocumentary.com. Click on the "register" tab

Contact: (248) 808-5569

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 and 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 12-13

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Cloud Atlas," $3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 18, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 19; prizes will be awarded to all Marilyn Monroe look-alikes

Location: 17350 Lahser, Detroit

Details: "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," $4

Contact: (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

Nestor Torres performs Jan. 26 at the Jazz Cafe in Detroit.

Music

10 NORTH BAR & GRILLE

Time/Date: 9 p.m. to approximately 1 a.m.

Location: 24555 Novi Road, Novi

Details: Free live music series with The Hips, female-fronted classic rock and current hits, Jan. 11; The Rocks, female-fronted cover band, Feb. 1; The Party, '80s cover band, Feb. 8; Soul Hustler, Motown, classic covers and current hits, Feb. 16. All ages welcome. Food and drink specials all night long

Contact: (248) 365-4720; 10northbar.com

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

Location: At Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Latin Jazz All Stars performs Afro Cuban, Salsa, Brazilian, and Latin Jazz. Performers include Arturo O'Farrill, pianist; Chembo Corniel, percussionist; Nestor Torres, on flute; and Steve Berrios, on drums. Tickets are $30 in advance and $40 at the door

Contact: (313) 887-8501; www.musichall.org

Veteran "Antiques Roadshow" Asian arts expert, Lark Mason, (left) identifies a collection of Chinese carved rhinoceros horn cups, valued at $1 million to $1.5 million during a visit to Tulsa, Ok. The popular PBS show will record in Detroit June 1.

'Antiques Roadshow' plans Detroit stop

Detroit will kick off *Antiques Roadshow*'s summer tour June 1.

"We're very excited to be coming to Detroit," said Mariel MacNaughton, an account executive for the popular PBS program, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We have 3,000 tickets to give out — all are free and randomly drawn."

MacNaughton couldn't confirm the venue in Detroit, but said viewers can apply for tickets now through the show's website at pbs.org/antiques Or call (888) 762-3749. Ticket recipients will receive two admissions to the show, which features experts offering free evaluations of antiques and collectibles. They also must bring at least one and no more than two items for appraisal in order to be admitted to the event. All ticket holders are guaranteed a verbal appraisal.

Antiques Roadshow's "Furniture Roundup" also seeks large pieces of furniture to appraise and display on the set at the event. Applicants must live within 50 miles of Detroit or the other tour locations. Furniture that is selected for the show will be transported to and from the event at no cost to the owner. The owner will receive two free tickets and is required to attend the event.

No grandfather or other tall case clocks, pianos or non-furniture items will be considered for the "Furniture Roundup." Complete furniture submission rules are available online at pbs.org/antiques or by calling (888) 762-3749.

In addition to Detroit, *Antiques Roadshow* will visit Jacksonville, Fla., Anaheim, Calif., Boise, Idaho, Knoxville, Tenn., Baton Rouge, La., Kansas City, Mo., and Richmond, Va.

Programs taped during the 2013 summer tour will make up *Roadshow*'s 18th broadcast season on PBS, premiering in January 2014.

The 17th broadcast season began Jan. 7. The show airs at 8 p.m. Monday in Detroit.

— By Sharon Dargay

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NATIONAL SOUP MONTH

Cuban Black Soybean Soup

Boost protein in soup with soy foods

January is National Soup Month, a perfect time to combat the cold with hearty, hot fare. The Soyfoods Council is offering easy-to-make hot ideas that include globally-inspired soup recipes such as Miso Chicken Soup with Snow Peas and Tofu, Broccoli Chowder, Cuban Black Soybean Soup, Gouda Soup and Great Plains Harvest Soup. Not only are these soups rich with vegetables and flavor, they're also packed with soy protein.

Soyfoods have played an important role in Asian cuisines for centuries. In recent years they have become popular in Western countries because of their nutrition and health properties. Soyfoods are excellent sources of high-quality protein and provide a healthy mix of polyunsaturated fat. In addition, independent of their nutrient content, there is evidence indicating soyfoods reduce risk of several chronic diseases including coronary heart disease, osteoporosis and certain forms of cancer.

Soup boasts a history that probably goes back to the roots of cooking. It's a convenient one-pot meal that combines readily available ingredients and favorite seasonings. When you add soyfoods into the ingredient mix, you're adding approximately 7 to 15 grams of heart-healthy protein. It's easy to incorporate soymilk, canned soybeans or tofu to your favorite soup recipes. If you're on the lookout for new and appetizing ideas, though, the following soups will provide inspiration.

Miso Chicken Soup with Snow Peas and Tofu is a simple-to-make soup with a depth of flavor the whole family will love. The recipe features chicken quarters, fresh ginger, miso paste, water-packed firm tofu cut into cubes, and snow or snap peas.

Another quick recipe, Broccoli Chowder, is an ideal recipe for busy days. This warming soup combines vegetable broth, frozen chopped broccoli, canned creamed corn and plain soymilk. Seasonings include onion, garlic, oregano and black pepper.

The robust Cuban Black Soybean Soup is made with a base of low-sodium beef broth, combined with canned black soybeans, smoked ham, onions, green pepper and celery. Seasonings include red pepper flakes, cumin and dried oregano.

Cheese-lovers appreciate the rich texture of Gouda Soup. It's flavored with Spanish onion, leeks, celery root, chopped or grated Gouda cheese and seasonings that include bay leaves and thyme sprigs. The soup is made with chicken stock and plain soymilk.

Great Plains Harvest Soup brings soybeans, vegetables, rice and potatoes together in a creamy broth.

Visit The Soyfoods Council website — www.thesoyfoodscouncil.com — for recipes that will have you celebrating National Soup Month.

Harvested soybeans

Cuban Black Soybean Soup

Makes 6 servings

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup diced onion
¼ cup diced green pepper
¼ cup diced celery
1 cup diced smoked ham
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 (15-ounce) cans black soybeans, not drained
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
¼ teaspoon ground cumin
2 pinches dried oregano
3 cups low-sodium beef broth
1 teaspoon salt

1. In large saucepan over medium high heat, heat oil. Add ham, onion, green pepper and celery and cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are almost tender, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook another minute.

2. Add all remaining ingredients. Heat to boiling, then reduce to a simmer and cook 45 minutes. (If soup gets too thick, add more water or broth as needed.)

3. Serve and enjoy.

Gouda Soup

3 tablespoons soybean oil
1 large Spanish onion, sliced thinly (12 ounces)
7 ounces diced leek (white and light green portion only) (2 ½ cups)
8 ½ ounces diced celery root (2 cups)
7 cup chicken stock
2 cup unsweetened soymilk
1 bay leaf
3 thyme sprigs
8-12 ounces chopped or grated Gouda cheese
Salt and white pepper to taste

1. In a large saucepan, sauté onion, leek and celery root in soybean oil. Sauté over medium heat so that the vegetables do not caramelize.

2. When the vegetables are soft, add chicken stock, soymilk, bay leaf, and thyme. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer.

3. Cook for 30 minutes or until the vegetables are very soft.

4. Remove the bay leaf and thyme. Process the soup in a blender until smooth. (Be very careful as the soup is hot. Hold a towel on top of the blender so that the soup does not come out of the blender.)

5. Place the soup back into a saucepan. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to a bare simmer. Add cheese and stir until the cheese is completely melted. Verify seasoning and serve.

Miso Chicken Soup with Snow Peas and Tofu

This classic miso soup is adapted from a recipe in "A Spoonful of Ginger" by Nina Simonds. It's a splendid way to spotlight tofu. Make sure to use the water-packed firm variety.

3 pounds chicken quarters
12 cups water
8 slices fresh ginger, smashed lightly with the flat side of a knife
½ cup miso paste
1 pound water-packed firm tofu, cut into cubes
¾ pound snow or snap peas, strings removed
3 tablespoons minced green onion

1. Combine chicken and water and ginger in a large saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce, heat, simmer 1 ½ hours. Remove chicken and cool. Discard ginger. Scoop out and reserve ½ cup broth.

2. Remove the meat from the chicken, and shred. Discard skin and bones. Add chicken to broth. In small bowl, combine reserved broth and the miso paste; stir until smooth.

3. Add tofu and snow peas to soup and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and add miso mixture, and stir well. Ladle soup into serving bowls; top with green onions. Yield: 6 servings.

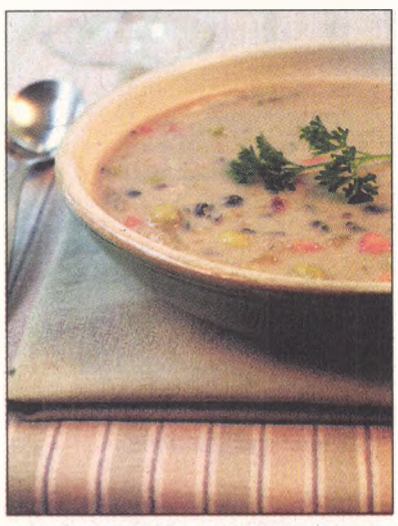
Great Plains Harvest Soup

Chef Christopher Koetke, Associate Dean at The School of Culinary Arts of Kendall College in Chicago, Ill., developed this recipe that uses a bevy of soy ingredients. MicroSoy Super Spuds are instant potato and soy flakes. You can also find them labelled I.M. Healthy Instant Mashed Potatoes. Added at the end, they thicken up the soup beautifully. You can find them in the green section of most grocery stores.

4 tablespoons butter
1 cup diced onion
¾ cup diced carrot
½ cup diced celery
½ cup diced leek
2 garlic cloves, sliced
10 cups chicken stock
2 bay leaves
8 branches of fresh thyme
1 ½ teaspoons fresh sage
1 cup cooked wild rice
1 (15-ounce) can yellow or black soybeans
1 cup shelled edamame
¼ teaspoon white pepper
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup half-and-half or light cream
1 (3.5-ounce) package MicroSoy Super Spud or I.M. Healthy Instant Mashed Potatoes
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

1. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium-high heat, add onion, carrot, celery, and leek. Sauté 5 minutes. Add garlic, sauté 3 minutes. Add stock, bay leaves, thyme, sage and wild rice. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook for 40 minutes. Add canned soybeans, edamame, salt, pepper, and cream. Cook 10 minutes or until heated through.

2. In a blender, combine MicroSoy Super Spuds with 2 cups of stock from the soup.



Great Plains Harvest Soup

Allow to sit for 2 minutes in the blender. Then, blend until smooth. Add to soup. Bring to a simmer. Serve immediately. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Yield: 12 cups (serving size: 1 ½ cups).

Calories 320 (37 percent from fat); fat 13g (sat fat 0.1g, mono fat 0.1g, poly fat 0.2g); protein 13.9g; carbohydrate 38.7g; fiber 4g: cholesterol 26mg; iron 1.4mg; sodium 1331mg; calcium 115mg

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Realtors decry home lending standards, urge reform

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

New survey findings, combined with an analysis of historic credit scores and loan performance, show home sales could be notably higher by returning to reasonably safe and sound lending standards, which also would create new jobs. That's according to the National Association of Realtors.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said there would be enormous benefits to the U.S. economy if mortgage lending conditions return to normal. "Sensible lending standards would permit 500,000 to 700,000 additional home sales in the coming year," he said in a statement. "The economic activity created through these additional home sales would add 250,000 to 350,000 jobs in related trades and services almost immediately, and without a cost impact."

A monthly survey of Realtors shows widespread concern over unreasonably tight credit conditions for residential mortgages. Respondents indicate that tight conditions are continuing, lenders are taking too long in approving applications, and that the information lenders require from borrowers is excessive. Some respondents expressed frustration that lenders appear to be focusing only on loans to individuals with the highest credit scores.

Tony Schippa, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth, said there has been talk of lowering credit scores for buyers. "I'm dealing with that right now with a client," who had a foreclosure several years ago. The client's had to reapply through the FHA.

"If they lowered the scores, it would definitely free up buyers," Plymouth resident Schippa said. "Making it harder to get loans, there goes the business."

Buyers buy furniture, paint and much more, the local Realtor said. "That definitely brings jobs to Michigan. I think lowering them would be a good thing. With anything, you've got to look out for the abuse."

Buyers should put decent money down: In the Clinton years, some people weren't doing that, taking on interest-only loans, Schippa said. Some consumers weren't educated on interest-only loans, he said. "When it tanked, you've got all these people sitting on homes they can't afford."

Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, advocates rules we can abide by and still get a decent mortgage. Twenty percent down isn't realistic, especially for first-time buyers, he said. "If you're a first-time homebuyer, you might wan to get off the fence."

Interest rates may rise, Schippa said, in 2013. "You can definitely buy a lot of house now and inventory's tight."

Even though profits in the financial industry have climbed back strongly to pre-recession levels, lending standards still remain unreasonably tight.

"As an industry, we'd like to see the credit scores loosened up," said Schippa. The average young buyer has too low of a score to buy, he added.

"The first-time homebuyer's really the one who boosts the economy." Schippa noted new residents like to spruce up their homes, which encourages neighbors to also do so. He cited an example in Detroit, highlighted in a TV broadcast, of neighbors taking pride and fixing up their homes together as a community.

The NAR's Yun said all it takes is a willingness to recognize that market conditions have turned in the wake of an over-correction in home prices, with all of the price measures now showing sustained gains. "There is an unnecessarily high level of risk aversion among mortgage lenders and regulators, although many are sitting on large volumes of cash which could go a long way toward speeding our economic recovery. A loosening of the overly restrictive lending standards is very much in order," Yun said.

Respondents to the NAR survey report that 53 percent of loans in August went to borrowers with credit scores above 740. In comparison, only 41 percent of loans backed by Fannie Mae had FICO scores above 740 during the 2001 to 2004 time period, while 43 percent of Freddie Mac-backed loans were above 740.

In 2011, about 75 percent of total loans purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are now a smaller market share, had credit scores of 740 or above.

There is a similar pattern for FHA loans. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has defined a prime loan as having a FICO score of 660 and above. However, the average FICO score for denied applications on FHA loans was 669 in May of this year, well above the 656 average for loans actually originated in 2001.

Loan performance over the past decade shows the 12-month default rate averaged just under 0.4 percent of mortgages in 2002 and 2003, which is considered normal. Twelve-month default rates peaked in 2007 at 3.0 percent for Fannie Mae loans and 2.5 percent for Freddie Mac loans, clearly showing the devastating impact of risky mortgages.

Yun said homebuyers in recent years have been highly successful. Since 2009, the 12-month default rates have been abnormally low. Fannie Mae default rates have averaged 0.2 percent while Freddie Mac's averaged 0.1 percent, which are notable given higher unemployment in the timeframe.

Under normal conditions, existing-home sales should be in the range of 5.0 to 5.5 million. "Sales this year are projected to rise 8 to 10 percent. Although welcoming, this still represents a sub-par performance of about 4.6 million sales," Yun said. "These findings show we need to return to the sound underwriting standards that existed before the aberrations of the housing boom and bust cycle, and thoroughly re-examine current and impending regulatory rules that may cause excessively tight standards."

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

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The NAR website contributed to this report.

Heed Fair Housing Act

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am wondering whether the Fair Housing Act only applies to sales and rentals of residential property. Can you elaborate?

A: 42 USC 3604 of the Federal Code applies not only to sales and rentals of residential property, but also to the provision of services and facilities. Accordingly, HUD can obtain jurisdiction over a condominium association not involved in the sale or rental regarding alleged discrimination in the provision of services or facilities based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status or national origin, or handicap status. With respect to a handicap, the failure to allow a reasonable modification of premises or to grant a reasonable accommodation in rules and policies constitutes a violation. The association should always be mindful of this potential risk in establishing rules and regulations and other forms of conduct.

Robert Meisner

Q: I am thinking about buying a condominium in San Francisco along the waterfront near the baseball stadium. Do you have any information about that?

A: You are a little bit late in getting a bargain, since that area is in the center of a redevelopment undertaking by private developers along the pier, as well as the construction of many new condominiums which have been successfully marketed. Obviously, there is reasonable rapid transit to and from the ballpark area with a number of restaurants and boutiques. You are best advised to consult with a real estate professional who has expertise in condominium development to ensure that you are not buying a pig in the poke, so to speak, particularly in a newly constructed condominium, but which could result in substantial additional assessments being levied.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 17-21, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
43648 Amber Ct $141,000
2250 Arcadia Dr $70,000
6639 Ardsley Ct $192,000
2460 Barkhill Rd $77,000
4011 Brighton Ln $170,000
1475 Centennial Ct $455,000
291 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr $168,000
41964 Coventry Way $133,000
7137 E Spring Dr $145,000
4260 Forest Bridge Dr $202,000
44954 Glengarry Rd $258,000
48251 Gyde Rd $375,000
50050 Harding St $288,000
50076 Harding St $226,000
50088 Harding St $239,000
7748 Kaiser St $121,000
7851 Kaiser St $110,000
6451 Kennesaw Rd $395,000
1587 Liberty St N $401,000
43550 Lyme Ct $194,000
2152 Premier Ln $77,000
2103 S Brookhill Ln $77,000
4548 Sherwood Cir $195,000
4745 Sherwood Cir $220,000
48615 Stonebriar Dr $200,000
2896 Wakefield Dr $238,000
1430 Whittier Dr $125,000
GARDEN CITY
33223 Alvin St $80,000
434 Belton St $70,000
961 Belton St $50,000
250 Helen St $46,000
32237 Marquette St $60,000
921 Radcliff St $57,000
LIVONIA
38651 Eight Mile Rd $245,000
35934 Ann Arbor Trl $38,000
27680 Bennett St $90,000
11025 Berwick St $50,000
11787 Cavell St $68,000
36257 Club Dr $30,000
17379 Doris St $119,000
35681 Elmira St $130,000
18421 Filmore St $100,000
29620 Grandon St $104,000
31544 Haldane St $100,000
9235 Harrison St $100,000
29433 Lori St $140,000
36313 Meadowbrook St $168,000
37656 N Laurel Park Dr $168,000
29583 Nottingham Cir $99,000
29823 Oakley St $123,000
14305 Richfield St $153,000
31103 Roycroft St $125,000
16722 Ryan Rd $340,000
34699 Saint Martins St $285,000
18221 University Park Dr $70,000
30169 Vassar St $135,000
32530 W Chicago St $127,000
NORTHVILLE
48260 Binghampton Dr $500,000
48414 Binghampton Dr $504,000
16643 Brooklane Blvd $465,000
318 Buchner Hill Dr $290,000
20573 Clement Rd $252,000
44280 Deep Hollow Cir $547,000
40300 Fairway Iii Rd $1,200,000
17542 Hilltop View Dr $495,000
40822 N Northville Trl $312,000
44573 Spring Hill Rd $538,000
18993 Stonewater Blvd $532,000
46043 Sunset St $125,000
19313 Surrey Ln $76,000
17206 Tall Pines Ct $425,000
530 W Main St $459,000
44590 White Pine Cir E $508,000
17948 Winchester Dr $315,000
PLYMOUTH
47145 Beechcrest Dr $234,000
371 Blunk St $332,000
1160 Fairground St $195,000
623 Jener Pl $177,000
11422 Maple Ridge Dr $488,000
12154 Wildwing Rd $253,000
15167 Willowbrook Ln $237,000
REDFORD
19145 Beech Daly Rd $87,000
14221 Breakfast Dr $152,000
25020 Doris Ct $60,000
25751 Dover $66,000
14201 Farley $75,000
14435 Fenton $37,000
9578 Grayfield $20,000
11313 Kinloch $28,000
17651 Lennane $48,000
8963 Mercedes $70,000
13959 Mercedes $33,000
26900 Minock Cir $72,000
20427 Norborne $30,000
19151 Olympia $24,000
15413 Pomona Dr $15,000
8919 Sarasota $40,000
9601 Sarasota $42,000
15168 Sumner $26,000
18458 Sumner $25,000
12015 Telegraph Rd $50,000
26727 W Chicago $50,000
WESTLAND
2150 Ackley Ave $13,000
37155 Baker Dr $227,000
32422 Birchwood St $62,000
29132 Brody Ave $80,000
34138 Florence St $80,000
32429 Hazelwood St $63,000
7833 Hillcrest Blvd $125,000
33657 Hunter Ave $70,000
7414 Manor Cir $28,000
7599 Manor Cir $30,000
33031 Melton St $81,000
32666 Merritt Dr $81,000
32119 Parkwood St $73,000
34768 Stacy St $70,000
8221 Terri Dr $91,000
2230 W Miller Cir $78,000

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16116 Buckingham Ave $233,000
19129 Chelton Dr $296,000
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537 Bird Ave $150,000
1700 Bowers St $276,000
1860 Bowers St $139,000
612 Brookside Ave $690,000
1444 Chesterfield Ave $490,000
530 Fairfax St $500,000
359 Ferndale Ave $280,000
737 Greenwood St $1,020,000
1731 Hazel St $135,000
1039 Stanley Blvd $159,000
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS
4459 Barchester Dr $408,000
926 Dowling Rd $230,000
3279 E Breckenridge Ln $320,000
217 Hillboro Dr $163,000
4207 Ramsgate Ln $335,000
1725 Tiverton Rd Unit 2 $136,000
6190 W Surrey Rd $250,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
4271 Covered Bridge Rd $265,000
454 Fox Hills Dr N # A-3 $39,000
4891 Haddington Dr $264,000
1866 Hunters Ridge Dr $165,000
2865 Lahser Rd $135,000
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2860 Augusta Dr $245,000
4310 Forest Dr $405,000
3933 Heatherwood Dr $209,000
3556 Moberly Rd $380,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
21990 Cass St $170,000
29186 Glenbrook Dr $300,000
28767 Kirkside Ln $258,000
33617 Old Timber Rd $291,000
29230 Scotten St $38,000
30053 Shiawassee Rd $100,000
31823 W 13 Mile Rd $129,000
27107 W Skye Dr $157,000
28454 Wellington St $190,000
27700 Westcott Crescent Cir
$142,000
FRANKLIN
32635 Franklin Rd $225,000
17023 Marguerite St $201,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
18190 Rainbow Dr $100,000
MILFORD
906 E Commerce St $399,000
203 W Washington St $165,000
NOVI
25308 Birchwoods Ct $375,000
45039 Cobblestone $325,000
26412 Fieldstone Dr $275,000
24816 Glenda St $140,000
40492 Lenox Park Dr $250,000
40435 Oak Tree $185,000
21730 Picadilly Cir $465,000
22272 Pondview $108,000
25636 Portico Ln $117,000
44443 Wright Way $257,000
SOUTH LYON
24322 Brompton Way $321,000
23899 Copperwood Dr W $262,000
26260 Daria Cir W $319,000
54818 Glenwood Ct $308,000
901 Hidden Creek Dr $245,000
22542 Lazy K $332,000
59594 Mary Ln $50,000
53870 Springwood Dr $205,000
52312 Trailwood Dr $2,000
52312 Trailwood Dr $105,000
SOUTHFIELD
28440 Brooks Ln $155,000
25220 Magic Dr $52,000
20765 Northome St $120,000
25169 Southwood Dr $85,000
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4 October's stone
8 Throw a party
12 Promissory note
13 Descartes' name
14 Unwelcome obligation
15 Large kerchief
17 Pajama coverer
18 Laud
19 Hot-dog part
21 Astronaut's destination
23 Provide new weapons
27 Sound of bells
30 Scarlett's hangout
33 Diner coffee
34 Twisted
35 Bullfight yell
36 Arroyo
37 Ship's record
38 Not make the grade
39 Draft animals
40 Cheers!
42 Hearty laugh
44 Masking —
47 Seashore
51 Flake off, as paint
54 Car buyer's recourse (2 wds.)
56 Benefit, often
57 Green pod
58 Not rainy
59 Black-and-white divers
60 Hey, you!
61 Magazine fillers

DOWN

1 Feeling
2 Persuade
3 Litter's smallest
4 Ph.D. exams
5 Briefcase item
6 Miller and Blyth
7 Pipe problem
8 "Stormy Weather" singer
9 Yoko —
10 Long sandwich
11 Mao — -tung
16 Napkin
20 A Gershwin
22 Ancient colonnade
24 Warrior at Troy
25 Went by horseback
26 Fritz's possessive
27 Companions
28 Jedi ally
29 Cornstarch brand
31 Cassius Clay
32 Bank on
36 Roused
38 Sunshine st.
41 Library tome
43 WWII movie staple (hyph.)
45 Drop heavily
46 Cartoon shrieks
48 "Same Time, Next Year" star
49 Part of a deck
50 AAA recommendations
51 Links org.
52 Perfume label word
53 Moose kin
55 Fem. honorific

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	R	A	D	■	H	U	T	■	S	A	M	E
A	E	R	O	■	E	R	N	■	I	L	E	X
H	A	L	O	■	L	E	T	A	L	O	N	E
■	M	O	D	E	L	■	■	L	O	T	U	S
■	■	■	A	T	O	L	L	S	■	■	■	■
S	H	A	D	E	■	E	C	O	■	J	A	Y
O	O	P	S	■	A	D	D	■	E	A	V	E
B	E	E	■	D	S	T	■	P	R	I	E	S
■	■	■	■	A	P	O	G	E	E	■	■	■
T	Y	R	O	L	■	■	R	I	C	C	I	■
R	E	T	R	I	E	V	E	■	T	A	C	O
A	T	E	E	■	R	A	T	■	E	N	O	W
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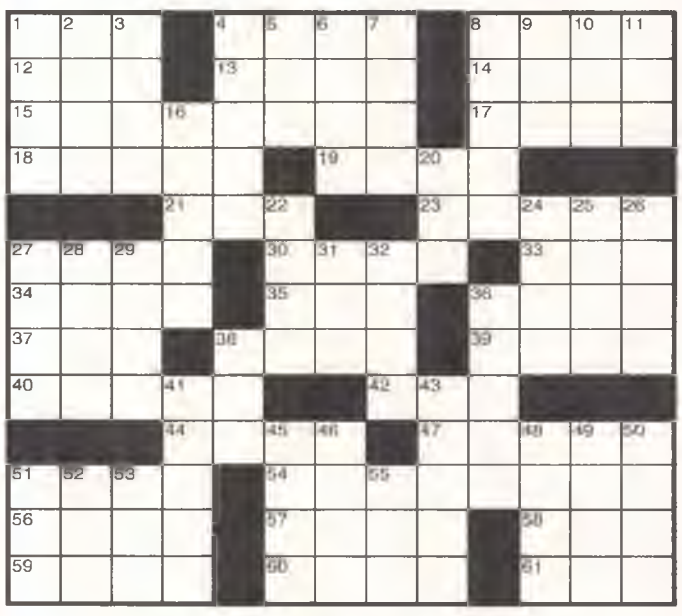

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						7		8
	8	9		1	5		6	4
9	7		1			2		
			5	6		9		
	4		9	2	7		3	1
6	5	7			1			
		1		5				
	3	2	7				9	

Level: Beginner

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R	F	B	O	S	A	G	L	A	R	U	T	A	N	N	C	A	M	S	G
Y	N	D	A	O	U	G	E	H	B	U	R	N	B	U	D	G	E	T	D
S	V	O	Y	B	L	A	N	N	Y	N	A	N	S	T	R	Y	S	N	V
O	T	P	I	T	N	I	S	I	E	D	G	C	C	A	N	C	W	E	W
Y	H	E	O	T	I	E	N	O	L	R	R	O	H	T	O	L	C	M	C
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N	L	I	L	L	E	V	I	R	G	A	I	Y	D	O	T	R	M	O	T
V	V	O	A	F	E	R	R	R	G	D	R	R	H	M	U	M	F	R	L
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P	C	B	A	M	N	L	S	N	A	R	U	S	R	A	L	I	U	U	E
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S	D	Y	A	R	H	T	M	R	A	W	W	O	Y	E	F	N	F	Y	P
N	F	I	R	E	M	H	H	V	N	N	I	D	N	M	R	W	L	R	U
D	N	I	W	S	S	E	V	I	T	A	N	R	E	T	L	A	L	I	S

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Sudoku

3	1	4	6	7	8	5	2	9
2	6	5	4	3	9	7	1	8
7	8	9	2	1	5	3	6	4
9	7	3	1	8	4	2	5	6
1	2	8	5	6	3	9	4	7
5	4	6	9	2	7	8	3	1
6	5	7	3	9	1	4	8	2
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8	3	2	7	4	6	1	9	5

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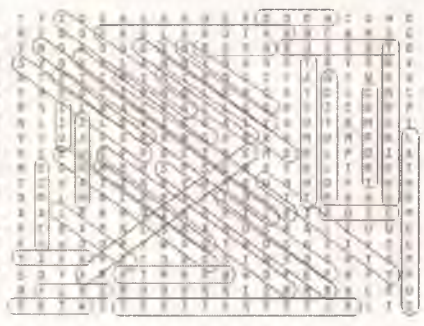

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