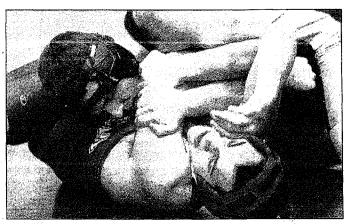
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Community Financial will be awarding 11 scholarships in April, valued at \$1,000 apiece.

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

Garden club

The Plymouth Garden Club celebrates its annual Founder's Day meeting Monday, Jan. 11.

The club meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth. Light refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

For more information, call Eileen at (734) 340-2062.

Road show

The Friends of the Plymouth Library take their "show on the road" and host the Sunday Rhapsody Series at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Sunday, Jan. 10.

The featured speaker will be Nan Washburn, Music Director and Conductor of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras. Washburn will speak on the "Music and Genius of Brahms," while Symphony musicians, Lisa Raschiatore (clarinet) and paatrick Johnson (piano) will play selections of Brahms great works.

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will present a Chamber Concert, "Brahms Sunday Serenade" on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 2 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Plymouth. Featured soloist will be Harpist Maurice Draughn on the Brahms, "Serenade."

Tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students and are available online at www.plymouthsymphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112.

Following the concert a High Tea in the Reception Hall will be served. Tickets for the tea are \$20. Call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112, for reservations.



Plymouth Salem High School grad Alysia Sofios has authored a book, 'Where Hope Begins,' detailing a mass murder in California and how she took in four surviving family members.

Tragedy to triumph

Local upbringing fostered compassion, author says

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

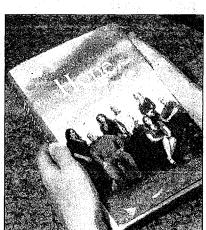
In the wake of mass murder in California, Alysia Sofios helped turn a family's tragedy into triumph.

But her work came at a cost. As a television reporter covering the murders of nine children in the Wesson family, and later the trial that sent their father, Marcus Wesson, to death row, the former Canton Township resident felt she had to conceal the extent of her involvement.

That is, until now. Sofios, a 1994 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, has written a book, Where Hope Begins, about the murders and about how she took in four of the surviving family members and helped turn their lives around.

"They were basically on the streets. They had nowhere to go," Sofios said of the three women she took in six weeks after Marcus Wesson killed nine of his 17 children in Fresno, Calif., in March 2004.

They were complete outcasts from the community. I was really outraged by that," she said.



Alysia Sofios says she knew taking in family members crossed a journalistic line, but felt it was for the greater good.

However, Where Hope Begins, written with Caitlin Rother and published by Simon and Schuster, has changed attitudes in Fresno, Sofios said. "People have so much compassion for them now, it's like a whole different community," she said.

Marcus Wesson, who is 63, was

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New commission sets goals for '10

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission mixed new resolutions with old business Monday in setting its goals for the year.

At their first meeting of 2010, commissioners spent nearly two hours discussing a broad range of goals involving budgeting, planning, city services, marketing and municipal projects, then quickly came up with a list of five, a number suggested by Mayor Dan

Moving toward budgeting with a five-year outlook was among the top goals, winning a vote from each of the seven commissioners.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle, referring to an anticipated drop in revenue because of cuts in state aid and falling property tax collections, had pushed the idea, saying city officials need to look further ahead when budgeting.

'We need to get this stuff going now," Loiselle said.

Commissioners acknowledged five-year projections are "a moving target," in Commissioner Ed Hingelberg's words, but worthwhile nonetheless.

Other commission goals for the

• Balancing the budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year, which starts in Other goals considered, A3.

July. Plymouth's current generalfund budget is about \$7.6 million.

• Figuring out how to pay for anticipated retiree health-care benefits in the future.

• Designing an action plan to implement after the six-month moratorium on new liquor licenses ends in the spring. Commissioners approved the moratorium last fall, with those who supported it saying they wanted to take the time to find a way to address concerns about the growing number of licensed establishments in the city.

• Coming up with a way to best use the findings and recommendations of an ongoing study of public safety services - police protection, firefighting and emergency medical services. Officials are looking for ways to save money in the long term, perhaps through a broader regionalization of firefighting and medical services, or by changing to a public safety department, in which police officers would be also trained to fight fires and provide

emergency medical aid. In addition to the commission's goals, City Manager Paul Sincock ticked off a list of more than 60 projects his administration has planned for the year. They included:

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Year in pictures

April 15, tax filing day, brought hundreds of protesters to Plymouth's Kellogg Park. It was one of many events that dotted the 2009 Plymouth landscape. For more on the year's happenings, in words and pictures, please turn to page A6.

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Clerks back online registration

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

With so much of every-day life centering around the computer these days, local clerks are by and large in favor of legislation that would allow residents to use the computer to register to vote.

The proposed law, sponsored by state Rep. Lesia Liss, a Warren Democrat, would make the voter registration process more convenient, boost voter turnout and cut the state's costs to register voters.

The bill, introduced in March and passed in the House last month, would allow people to electronically register to vote in an election through 4 p.m. the day before the election. In addition, it would require applicants to:

• Have either an official state identification card or driver's license on file with the Secretary of State's Office.

• Use an electronic signature online on their

electronic registration form. · Provide a valid e-mail address. The bill now awaits approval in the state Senate.

just the third state to allow online voter registra-

If it ever makes it into law, Michigan would become

tion; Arizona and Washington are the others. Local clerks think the process would encourage more residents to register.

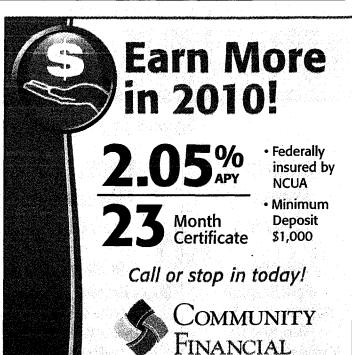
"There are so many people whose lives revolve around the Internet," said Linda Langmesser, the clerk in the city of Plymouth, which currently has some 7,100 registered voters. "People do so many things on the Internet, I think they'd definitely use it."

Critics say an online registration system would be ripe for security problems and fraud. But local clerks figure those risks are outweighed by benefits such as cost and convenience.

"(Fraud) is always a concern, but before they actually roll it out for us to actually use, they'll have those issues taken care of," Langmesser said.

Plymouth Township Clerk Joe Bridgman is a little more cautious, though he, too, supports the concept.

"There will still be a verification process, like everything else," said Bridgman, who noted the township has more than 21,000 registered voters. "Anything that makes it more convenient for the voter is important. You also have the other side of the coin: For those who would use it legitimately and correctly, you've got people who will try to manipulate it as best they can."





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Bright Nights

The Plymouth District Library hosts a "Bright Nights Community Forum" presented by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Depression Center, "Understanding Adolescent Depression," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Guest speaker is Melvin McInnis, M.D., The Thomas B. and Nancy Upjohn Woodworth Professor of Bipolar Disorder and Depression. Dr. McInnis will provide information on fluctuating moods, disrupted sleep, and changes in physical activity or appetite - all normal behaviors in adolescents. He will further illustrate that sometimes they can signal something more serious: depression or bipolar disorder. Attendees will learn more about the causes and symptoms of adolescent depression and bipolar disorder, and how to recognize the difference between "typical" adolescent behavior and a depressive ill-

The presentation is followed by a question-and-answer session between the audience and a panel of UM Depression Center experts.

Sign-up is requested for this

free program. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or register online at http://plymouthlibrary.org/regis_friends.htm

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Council on Aging

The Plymouth Council on Aging will host "Lunch & Learn" at noon Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

HealthQuest Back & Neck Solution Centers will be on hand to provide information, first hand, on how pain affects more than just your back and neck. It impacts your mood and limits your activities and can literally devastate your life.

Come join us for a complimentary lunch and discuss strategies to help you find a solution for your severe pain.
Call (734) 453-1234, Ext.

236 to reserve a spot.
• The Council on Aging also

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

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

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



Happy exhibit

Gracie Peper, 6, Mary Kate Peper, 3, and William Peper, 7, all of Plymouth, made their way over to the Canton Public Library to view the exhibit marking the 30th anniversary of McDonald's popular Happy Meal. The exhibit contained many of the different specialty toys and artifacts that have been included in the Happy Meal since its introduction in 1979. Ronald McDonald, the company's Chief Happiness Officer, even made an appearance during the exhibit.

Real estate training

Out of a Job? Changing Careers? Become a real estate agent and be ready for the upcoming real estate boom.

REMERICA HOMETOWN presents a pre-license training class beginning soon. Real Estate Professional Education Group, LLC is located at 44025 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Total class cost is \$50 and it includes all materials. For more information, a reservation or to schedule a private interview, call Chris or Judy, (734) 459-6222, or e-mail info@remericahometown.com

Pinocchhio on stage

Enjoy a musical adaptation of "Pinocchio" at the Historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan.24.

"Pinocchio" is the story of how a wooden puppet, lovingly hand-carved by Gepetto the toymaker, becomes a real boy.

Performances are Saturdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 16 and Jan. 23; and Sundays Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24. All performances are at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for all performances are \$8.50 each (no children under the age of 3). Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout days available.

For more information please call the Marquis Theatre at

(248)349-8110 or visit the theater's Web site www.north-villemarquistheatre.com.

Parenting seminar

What do you do when children misbehave? Parents who are interested in learning how to manage a variety of situations that arise with their children are invited to hear nationally recognized educator and speaker Chick Moorman Monday, Jan. 18. The free workshop will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, which is located at 466 N. John Daly in Dearborn Heights.

"Mr. Moorman is highly regarded for helping both parents and educators," said Kay Neff, head of Dearborn Heights Montessori Center. "This will be his third visit to our school, and we look forward to the wealth of information that he always brings to our staff and families."

Moorman will present "The Five Voices of Enlightened Parenting," regarding a variety of techniques that parents can use to help guide children through the daily challenges of family life. According to Moorman, when children misbehave, it can become a teaching moment for parents.

Although consequences or punishment may be the appropriate response to some misbehavior, Moorman will talk about other approaches that work better and create lasting improvement. He offers parents five "voices" that they can use to help their children through difficult situations.

Moorman is a distinguished educator and captivating speaker who has addressed more than 300,000 parents and educators while conducting more than 2,000 talks on raising and educating children. He is noted for his humor and enthusiasm, as well as his ability to deliver practical ideas. He is the author of more than a dozen books and teaching resources. He writes monthly parenting columns for publications across the United States, and is a regular contributor to the Chicken Soup for the Soul series of books.

The free workshop, which is open to the public, will include complimentary child care. To ensure adequate seating, reservations are requested by calling (313) 359-3000.

For additional informa-

tion about the January 18 workshop and programs available at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, call 313-359-3000 or visit www. dhmontessori.org.

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center is a nonprofit educational community founded in 1972. Now in its fourth decade, DHMC is the largest and longest-established Montessori school in western Wavne County. Programs include preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school as well as summer programs and academic tutoring. Day care and latchkey are also available for enrolled children. DHMC preschool and latchkey programs, along with its satellites Livonia Montessori Center and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, are licensed by the Michigan Division of Child

Care Licensing.

More information is available at www.dhmontessori.org.

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale is selling the 2010 Entertainment Book to support its vocal scholarship program. The book contains hundreds of 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts at airlines, restaurants, hotels, car rentals, movie rentals, theater and sports events, and much more.

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Call (734) 459-6829 to order. Books will be delivered in the Plymouth area upon request.

Grief seminar

Harry J. Will Funeral Home sponsors a one day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 9. This workshop will be conducted by John O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support.

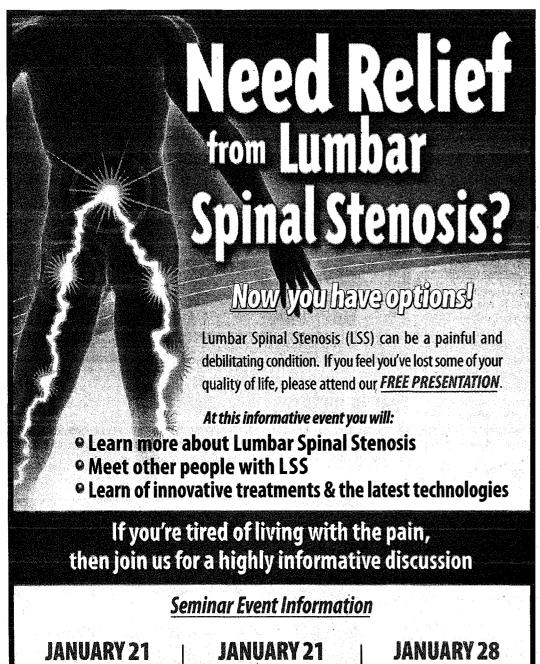
All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar which is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Harry J. Will Funeral Home is located at 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia.

For registration information call New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115 or view our Web site www.newhopecenter.net

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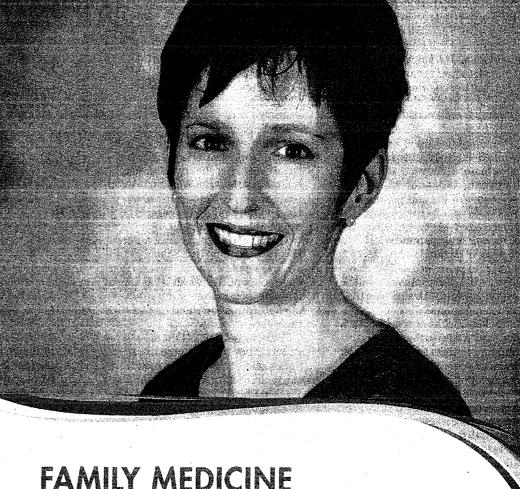
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Hockey coach made everyone feel important

The Canton and Plymouth hockey communities are in mourning with news of the New Year's Day death of Tim L. Davison of Canton Township, who died in a swimming accident in Hawaii.

A lifelong ice hockey player, referee and "most wonderful coach" for 10 years in Plymouth and Canton, Davison was the kind of person who made sure that everyone he came in contact with knew why they were impor-

"When they made Tim, they broke the mold and no one will ever replace him. He was like a ray of sunshine that brightened up your day," said his administrative assistant, Charlene Tinsley.

Whether as a youth hockey coach, businessman, colleague or friend, Davison, 49, was a master at bringing out the best

in people. Davison, a regional vice president at DHL International, died while snorkeling on Jan. 1 during a holi-



day vacation with his family in Oahu, Hawaii.

"Tim was the kind of guy who loved to win but he insisted that everyone have

a good time in the pursuit of excellence," said hockey father and Plymouth Township resident Steve Barnaby, whose son, Ian, played for Davison in the Plymouth Hockey Association.

"I will always remember him for his infectious sense of humor and his dedication to the players. You couldn't help but have a good time when you were on Tim's team," said Barnaby about players and parents alike.

Davison was best known in the community for his commitment to youth hockey. During his coaching tenure, he led several teams to championship status in tournaments and league playoffs.

• Improving the city's Web

site (www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

advocated by Commissioner

Gerald Sabatini. "Curb appeal

means a lot to people," he said.

Old Village neighborhood,

pushed by Commissioner Ed

great things happening," he

said. "It's a vital part of our

Hingelberg. "I think there are

Sabatini agreed and added

he'd like to see strong ties to

Old Village become "a part of

· Greater recognition of

residents who volunteer their

time to serve on city boards

and commissions, proposed

by Commissioner Michael

Wright. "We ought to pay a

little more attention to how

important it is that they're

Managing the Downtown

streetscape improvement proj-

advocated by Dwyer. "It's going

doing that," Wright said.

Development Authority's

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to have a large impact on the

Commissioners decided,

community," he said.

however, that while the

city will be involved, the

overseen by the DDA.

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our culture."

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"I learned so much from Tim," remembers Dr. John Kahler, an emergency department physician at University of Michigan Hospital. Kahler was so inspired by Davison's coaching skills, that he also became a youth hockey coach.

"Tim inspired kids to want to be better. I honestly cannot recall anyone in the hockey community who didn't respect Tim and admire his contribution to youth hockey. This is a rarity in today's youth sports, said Kahler, whose son, Roman, played on Davison's

Kahler, of Plymouth Township, went on to say he modeled his coaching career on the principles learned from Davison.

"Although Tim will be missed greatly, his enthusiasm and integrity will carry on in those that he influenced," concluded Kahler in a note that he wrote to Davison's wife, Lori, this week.

Canton resident Adam Powers, who played on

Davison's teams as a goalie for a number of years and later would go onto play at Salem High School and in Junior A hockey, is representative of how players felt about Davison's leadership.

"Coach Tim was always very encouraging to me to work my hardest, to believe in myself and always keep my head up no matter what happens," said Powers, now a student at Central Michigan University.

Powers' father, Jeff, a team manager for Davison's teams, told how the players showed their appreciation for coaching several Plymouth Shark teams to victory.

"The team presented Coach Tim with a framed picture of each of the championship teams signed my many of the young players. Tim was visibly moved by the memories and the thoughts of his young players," said the senior Powers.

"He had a knack for making everyone feel part of the team, brothers and sisters, moms and dads, even grandparents,"

Powers added.

One of the traditions fostered by Davison was the annual dad and son camping trips. Davison knew how much the fathers enjoyed the tradition and he participated fully every year. Even when the Michigan weather refused to cooperate, Davison's high spirits saved the outing.

"I remember one trip to Fletchers Pond," said Powers. "We arrived and it was raining sideways, said Powers. So "Coach Tim", as he was known by all, had a better idea."

The group invaded a local restaurant rather than brave the weather to set up camp.

"Much to the surprise of the restaurateurs, we stayed for a few hours. The rain finally stopped long enough to set up camp so we could all enjoy an evening campfire" remembers Powers.

Davision was born in Canada on Feb. 1, 1960 and grew up in Ohio. He was a graduate of Glenwood High School and Kent State University. He had served five years with the Plain Township Fire Department Station 3.

Davision is survived by wife, Lori, who works in education administration in the Crestwood School District; sons, Patrick, 23, a senior at Central Michigan University, and Bryan, 19, a freshman at the University of Michigan-Dearborn; daughter, Erin, 22, a senior at Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

Also surviving are parents Harold and Rhona Davison of Canton, Ohio; brothers, Gary (Susan) Davison, Massillon, Ohio: Steve (Caroline) Davison, Dallas, Texas; sisters, Lynne (Ron) Brahler and Laura (Gary) Brison of North Canton, Ohio; in-laws, Ed and Judith Wallace of North Canton, Ohio and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is 1-9 p.m. Friday at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton Township. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the L.J. Griffin Chapel.

Some goals put aside as commissioners set priorities

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer urged restraint by fellow Plymouth City Commission members when it came to setting the commission's goals for

Don't, said Dwyer at Monday's commission meeting, overreach or overburden the city administration.

"Times are tough," said Dwyer, who is beginning his second two-year stint as mayor. "Every staffer in here is doing the work of two people."

With that caveat, commissioners were left with a number of also-rans as they hashed out a list of their top five goals for the new year.

All worthy projects, commissioners agreed, that could be taken up individually by commissioners, but don't necessarily deserve space on a formal

The runners-up included: Improving the parking situation downtown, proposed by Commissioner John Barrett, who said good parking is vital to the city's continued growth.

"The city doesn't have the cash, that I'm aware of, to do anything substantial," answered Dwyer.

a "master manipulator" who kept his family cloistered, Sofios said. He began fathering children with his wife, Elizabeth, when she was in high school, and later fathered children with daughters and nieces, Sofios said.

"He was like a cult leader with his family," she said. The children didn't attend school and had limited contact with the outside world, she said. Male children, who represented competition. were turned out when they reached their 20s, she said; females weren't allowed to talk to men.

Sofios, who worked for the Fox affiliate KMPH-TV in Fresno (she is now a part-time features reporter there) took in Elizabeth Wesson, now 50, and two other women from the family, daughter Kiani Wesson, 32, and niece Rosa Solorio, 27, a short time after the murders. Another daughter, Gypsy Wesson, 25, joined them about a year later.

Sofios knew she was crossing a journalistic line, but felt it was for the greater good. "I just knew this was bigger than my job," she said.

Fearing she'd be fired, she kept the arrangement secret from most people, assuring a boss, who had heard rumors.

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that she be able to cover the 2005 Wesson trial objectively. But living with family members, she said, did give her an advantage, and made her a more compassionate reporter, as she was able to see how media coverage affected those

directly involved in the story. Sofios said she "took it a day at a time" with her traumatized house guests. At first, she said, they were very much on the defensive, protecting Marcus, and she spent a lot of time listening to their stories.

"I was the only person that they trusted," she said.

Gradually, the women began to change their views about the world when Sofios showed them it wasn't as evil as Marcus had them believe. Their first meal at a restaurant was at a Japanese steakhouse. "It was a huge experience for them," she said.

The women reversed roles after Sofios, while driving to a Halloween party, was

struck by a drunken driver in October 2004 and was out of work for three months because of injuries. "For three months, they (Elizabeth, Rosa and Kiani) took care of me," she said.

Currently, Elizabeth, who is divorcing Marcus, and Gypsy are still living with Sofios. Both attend community college. Rosa, also in college, and Kiani, who is working, are on their own. "It's really amazing to think

that it's a story about a mass murder, but it really ends up being a story about hope," Sofios said.

Sofios said she was motivated to help because of her own background and by the support from the community that she felt while growing up in the Plymouth and Canton area. "I had the best upbringing anybody could ever have, she said.

Sofios recently went to visit her second-grade teacher,

Norma Foster, who is now in her 32nd year at Gallimore Elementary in Canton. Foster was a major influence, Sofios

Foster was thrilled with the visit, saying it was uplifting.

"It's so nice to have those children ... come back and tell us we have a made difference in their lives," Foster said. "It just really meant a lot."

She remembers Sofios as a "sweet child" who was "ready to take on any question" and was enthusiastic about her studies.

"It doesn't surprise me that she is such a success and is such a good writer and reporter, because she was such a fine student," Foster said.

Sofios graduated from Michigan State University in 2000 with a major in journalism. She worked at the Fox affiliate station in Lansing before landing a job in Fresno.

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- A downtown streetscape improvement project (up to \$1.8 million) being led, and paid for, by the Downtown Development Authority.
- Repaving several residential streets.
- Exploring the further regionalization of senior citizen transportation — services are already shared with Plymouth Township — in an effort to save Negotiating a contract
- with the union representing workers in the Department of Municipal Services.

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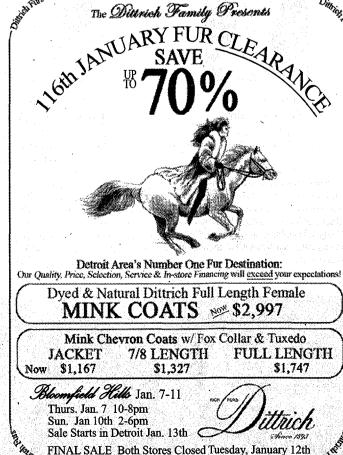
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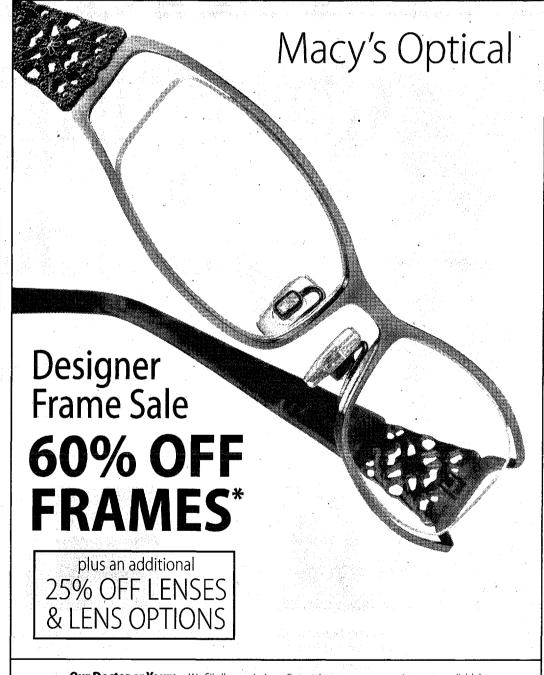
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Man napping in parked car found with cocaine

A 59-year-old Plymouth Township man was arrested on drug- and drug paraphernalia-possession charges Saturday after police found him sleeping in a car on the township's southwest side.

The man had handed over to an officer a substance that resembled heroin or crack cocaine, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The substance later tested positive for cocaine, police said. A suspected crack pipe was also found in the car, police said.

The arrest took place after officers were dispatched about 5 p.m. Saturday to Hillcrest south of Harvest Drive on a report of a suspicious vehicle. They found a man sleeping inside a gray car that had been left running, the police report said. Upon waking, the man told police he was tired and had been taking a nap.

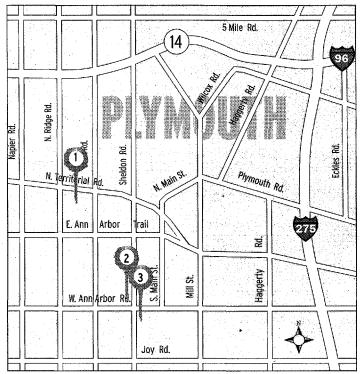
The man held a piece of paper in one hand; when an officer asked what it was, the man replied that he didn't know and handed it over. Wrapped inside, police said, was the cocaine. When the man got out of the car, a suspected crack pipe that had been sitting in his lap was revealed, police said.

The car was checked by the department's drug-sniffing dog, Radar, and no further evidence of drugs was found, police said.

Gum caper

Two Detroit men, 49 and 47, were arrested on Dec. 29 in the shoplifting of at least 45 packs of chewing gum from

CRIME WATCH



the CVS drug store on Sheldon Road.

Police got involved after it was reported that a man had concealed packs of gum in his clothing and left CVS without paying for it. The thief reportedly rode off in a silver Buick.

An officer spotted a silver Buick Lacrosse with two men in it and stopped it in the area of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail, police said.

One three-pack of gum was found under the passenger's shirt, police said, while another 14 three-packs were found inside the Lacrosse. The packages were marked with an identification code for the Sheldon Road CVS, police said.

The driver initially denied knowledge of the shoplifting but later admitted he had acted as a lookout, police said. Both men were issued court dates. The gum was returned to the store.

Stolen pickup found

A pickup truck that had. been reported stolen in Plymouth was discovered by police outside a Plymouth Township restaurant early on Dec. 29.

Police found the 1998 Chevrolet pickup in back of the Red Olive Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road shortly after 4 a.m., a report said.

The pickup had been reported stolen Nov. 21 from outside Plymouth Roc, a bar and restaurant on Ann Arbor Road near Harvey. Police turned the pickup over to police in Plymouth.

– By Matt Jachman

Parents can shield children from high-tech dangers

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

New technology, new problems.

That's the way Officer Tony Angelosanto sums up the dilemma confronting parents when it comes to keeping their children safe on the Internet, with cellular phones, and with e-mail and other messaging systems.

While the technology makes it easier to communicate and puts a world of information and cultural experiences at children's fingertips, it comes with dangers, many of which have their own high-tech names: cyberbullying, cyberstalking, sexting.

Parents need to be aware of those dangers, said Angelosanto, Plymouth's crime prevention officer, and talk frankly to their children about them

"If you're going to give kids access to these computers and these cell phones and everything else, they need to be educated," Angelosanto said.

Sexual predators are turning to the Internet, Angelosanto said, and on-line solicitation of minors increased 500 percent in a recent threeyear period.

He said parents should stress with their

children that the concept of "stranger danger" applies to the Internet, too, and that those who may contact them via computer may not be who they say they are.

Cyberbullying, Angelosanto said, is just what

it sounds like, a high-tech form of intimidation. "Some of the same stuff that was going on on the playground for years has found its way" into new technology, he said.

An example would be a threatening text mes-

sage, or a photo of the victim undressing in the school locker room that's passed from camera phone to camera phone for the purpose of ridicule.

Cyberstalking overlaps somewhat with cyberbullying. Cyberstalking, Angelosanto said, includes sending threatening or harassing messages, on-line identity theft, unwanted, inappropriate e-mails, and forged e-mails — messages that purport to be sent out in the victim's name.

Sexting is the sending of explicit photographs via camera phone. Even when it occurs among teenage couples, it is considered child pornography if the subject is under age 18, Angelosanto said. Plus, "Now the predators are getting into



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Plymouth Police Officer Anthony Angelosanto offers safety tips in his monthly appearance in the Observer.

it," sending photos of themselves, he said.

Angelosanto offered these further tips for keeping children and teenagers safe in a hightech world:

• Have open discussions with children about the dangers of new technology. Tell them they should be careful while on line and should not respond to messages that are inappropriate, too personal or make them feel uncomfortable.

• Locate the computer used by children in a common area of the home, where a parent can more easily monitor computer activity.

• Tell children not to give out personal information — name, address, phone number, birthdate, passwords, etc. — to anyone over the Internet.

• Use a program, like Cyber Sentinel, that shields children on the computer and helps track their online activity.

• Tell children to report to grownups — parents and, if appropriate, school officials and law enforcement — when confronted with cyberbullying, cyberstalking or online predators.

Angelosanto suggested several online resources for combating high-tech crime, including www.crimedoctor.com/crime. htm, and the Michigan State Police (www.michigan.gov/msp) and Wayne County Sheriff's Department (www.waynecounty.com/mygovt/sheriff/) Web sites.

Officer **Tony Angelosanto** can be reached at (734) 453-1234, ext. 526. He will conduct free home and business inspections in Plymouth, offering suggestions on making the premises safer, and will speak to Plymouth business and community groups about crime prevention.

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• GREAT BOOKS, Monday, Jan. 18, 7:15 p.m. - The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to http:// www.greatbooks.org/

• WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

• LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1-3 p.m. - This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics - caregivers or friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required - for more information contact Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, ext. 232.

• YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, Jan. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. Registration is not required.

• RHAPSODY MUSIC
SERIES: Brahm's Music &
Notes, Sunday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m.
- A musical ensemble from the
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
performs classical music selections highlighting a lecture
by Nan Washburn, Music
Director and Conductor on
the life and music of Johannes
Brahms. Register for this free
program - (734) 453-0750, ext.
4 or at plymouthlibrary.org

• VIETNAM TODAY:
FROM WAR TO ECONOMIC
TRANSFORMATION AND
GLOBALIZATION, Monday,
Jan. 11, 7 p.m. - The Library's
Vietnam Perspective Series
continues as UM Professor
David R. Smith returns to
examine how traditional



High-energy show

Brace yourself for a heart-pounding experience as John Latini And The Flying Latini Brothers appear in concert at The Village Theater At Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. The concert features regional favorite John Latini, whose clever songwriting, musical versatility and charming personality have won him numerous music awards and nominations. With The Flying Latini Brothers, he performs a powerful and captivating show that demonstrates a wide variety of music including blues, rock, folk and jazz standards. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now at www. cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Vietnamese society is being reshaped by the nation's growing integration into the global economy. Registration is required – (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or at plymouthlibrary.org

 UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. - Melvin G. McInnis, M.D., of the UM Depression Center will present vital information about the causes and symptoms of adolescent depression and bipolar disorder and how to recognize the difference between typical adolescent behavior and a depressive illness. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or go to plymouthlibrary.org

• CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, ext. 241 or email spatterson@plymouthlibrary.

• STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS - Monday, January 18, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

• UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME, Monday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. - In the Library's continuing Money Management series, Beverly Stanton, Real Estate Appraiser will explain how the value of your home is determined and how improvements pro-

vide return on investment. Register for this free program at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or email plymouth@plymouthlibrary.

• MIDWEEK MOVIES

- Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.

- Enjoy a recent release, pop-

- Enjoy a recent release, popcorn and pop. No registration required.

• GENEALOGY:

Researching your Ancestors' arrival to the U.S., Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m. - The Library's Great Michigan Read programs continue as Kathy Petlewski, Electronic Resources Librarian will present a how-to class on researching the arrival of your immigrant ancestors to the United States. This class will be presented in the Library's large meeting room, not in the computer lab. Register for this free program at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org

• NEEDLECRAFTERS
MEETING, Monday, Jan. 25,
7 p.m. - Knitters, quilters,
needlepointers are all invited
to attend this informal group
gathering. Lessons are not
provided, but ideas exchanged
among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

• BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Jan. 27, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read Stealing Buddha's Dinner by Bich Minh Nguyen. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman at the Library, (734) 453-0750 - ext. 206,or email tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth Programs

• BABY PLAY, Monday, Jan. 25, 10 and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

• LAP SIT STORYTIME, Monday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute program is designed for the very young - babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required - call the Youth Desk at 734-453-0750, ext. 5.

• PRESCHOOL/FAMILY
EVENING STORYTIMES,
Session one: Tuesdays, Jan.
12-Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Session
two: Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb.
17, 7 p.m. - This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family
members and children ages 2
- 5. Registration can be made
by phone starting on January
5, 734-453-0750, ext. 5.
• PRESCHOOL

STORYTIMES, Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3 ½ - 5 years. Registration is required and may be made starting on January 7, by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 5.

• TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16 - The 10:00a.m. session is for children ages 2 - 3 ½ years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings

The 11:00 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and may be made starting on January 5, by telephone – 734-453-0750, ext. 5.

Teen Program

• DIY CRAFTS, Monday, Jan. 11, 3:15 p.m. - Turn old floppy disks into cool pencil holders – all supplies provided. Register for this free program at Reader's Advisory Desk, 734-453-0750, ext. 4. • VOLUNTEER

TRAINING, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. - Orientation session for all teens wishing to volunteer at the Library. Various tasks include shelving or moving books, computer tutoring, assisting with children's programs. All teen volunteers must complete this 40-minute training session.

• VIDEO GAMING, Thursday, Jan. 21, 3–4:30 p.m. - Snacks and friendly competition on the Library's gaming consoles: Xbox 360, Wii and PS2. No registration required.

• TEEN ADVISORY
BOARD, Saturday, Jan. 30, 3
p.m. - Are you looking for ways
to make your voice heard in the
community? Come and help
make the Plymouth District
Library what you want it to
be. Join the Teen Advisory
Board (TAB) and suggest
new programs and materials,
write book reviews for the web
site and just have fun. Free
refreshments.

• BOOKS & BITES, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 3:15–4:15 p.m. - Read The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson. In the bio-tech future, a 17-year-old girl learns a startling secret about her existence following a serious accident. Register at Reader's Advisory - 734-453-0750, ext. 4.



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News was abundant in 2009



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Steven Monaghan leads the Plymouth Memorial Day observance, watched by young men also wearing uniforms.

■here was good news - and some bad news, particularly regarding the economy - in Plymouth and Canton in 2009.

Among the highlights:

CANTON

In the good news category, Canton remained one of the safest communities of comparable size in the nation and Michigan according to statistics compiled from several sources, including the FBI. Supervisor Phil LaJoy has made keeping the township safe one of the priorities of

St. Joseph Mercy Health System of Canton unveiled in December its new Center for Advanced Medicine and Surgery, a project reflecting a \$43 million investment, much of it in state-of-the-art technology including southeast Michigan's first radiation therapy using Rapid Arc technology, which offers improved precision and speed.

Perhaps the biggest news story in Canton came in July, when a young driver tried - and failed - to beat a CSX train barreling down the tracks around 70 mph. The resulting crash claimed the lives of the driver and his four young passengers. Video footage showed the driver of the Ford Fusion tried to get around another car and the through the crossing gate but was struck by the 530-ton Amtrak train at the crossing at Hannan. The victims ranged in age from 14-21.

More bad news came a couple of months later, when a distraught Detroit police officer met his wife in the parking lot of the Canton Public Library and shot her to death, then took his own life.

PLYMOUTH

The year in Plymouth started with yet another successful ice festival in January, which turned out to be the last one for long-time organizer Watts Up, Inc. The ice festival board later in the year decided the festival need "some fresh ideas," and turned to Wixombased Signature Professional Group, run by Plymouth resident Sam Walton, who is organizing the 2010 festival.

The Green Street Fair made its second successful run, and the year also featured perennial favorites Fall Festival and Art in the Park.

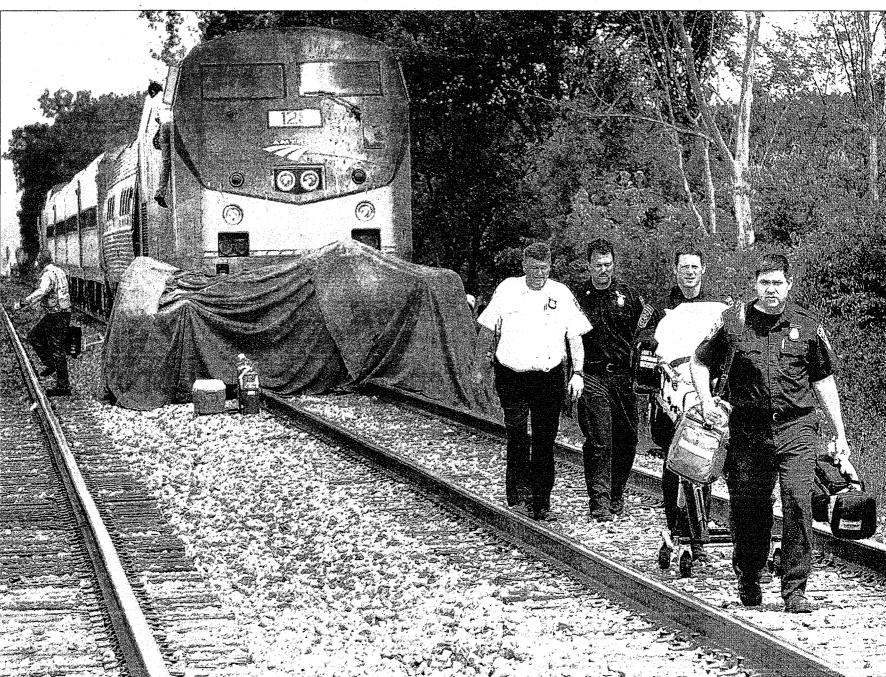
Workman offers a hug.

Plymouth and Plymouth Township government officials battled declining revenues and other budget problems, while the Plymouth-**Canton Community Schools** dealt with potential \$5.5 million worth of cuts in its state funding.

Plymouth Township Police were involved in a robbery attempt at the Wireless USA store, during which the suspect was shot and killed and Officer Mike Lego sustained gunshot wounds, as well.

The City of Plymouth bade farewell to police chief Wayne Carroll, who retired and was replaced by Chief of Detectives Al Cox. In election news, longtime city commissioner Stella Greene lost her bid for re-election, ending her long tenure

on the commission. And, late in the year, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow granted a new trial to former Plymouth Township resident Jean Pierre Orlewicz, convicted in 2008 of killing Daniel Sorensen in the Canton garage belonging to Orlewicz's grandfather. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is appealing that decision.



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Paramedics and rescue workers clear the scene of the July car/train collision in Canton. Five people, ranging in age from 14-21, died in the wreck.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Plymouth's election night brought an end to Stella Greene's long years of service on the City Commission. Dave



The Canton Chiefs had another good year. Davion Stackhouse scores, leaping over Plymouth Wildcat Dante Fox during their Oct. 30 game. Canton prevailed 38-25. The Chiefs made it to the regionals, falling to Novi Detroit Catholic Central.



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The state's disastrous financial condition means hard times for the Plymouth Canton schools. Governor Jennifer Granholm met with local school leaders at the board office. Wayne RESA superintendent Chris Wigent, and State Rep Marc Corriveau listen to the governor.



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Jaila Amari Barksdale and her mom Briana Dunn shared a ·happy moment during Barack Obama's inaugural speech. Canton's Emagine Theaters invited the public to watch the President's inauguration on their big screens.



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The Penn Theater's marquee and rooftop sign was rebuilt. Hunreds of local folks showed up to celebrate the grand occasion.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Andrea Teresa Lee adjusts her mortarboard before the processional begins. It was a bittersweet time for the Agape Christian Academy grads, because the school closed its doors at the end of the school year.



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Eleven-year-old Andre Young is proud of the trout he caught at the Canton fishing derby.



The new Harry Potter film wasn't scheduled to start until dark, so wizards Dakota and David Hallinen had time to battle it out at the drive-in located at Compuware Arena.

Legislative leaders embrace collaboration

BY PAT MURPHY **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Shortly after each was elected to his respective leadership position in 2006, House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop met quietly in an out-of-the-way setting for what was the first in a series of meetings.

They were by no means private sessions. Other people knowledgeable about the legislative process occasionally attended.

But the Democrat from Redford Township and the Republican from Rochester wanted to establish rapport and discuss their new responsibilities in settings free of distractions and interruptions. Those informal meetings continued over the next three years in Lansing, metro Detroit or elsewhere in the state, helping the leaders develop a working relation-

In many ways, that relationship was not unlike those forged by their predecessors. The leaders in the House and the Senate, regardless of party affiliation, are expected to get along.

What makes the relationship between Dillon and Bishop worth noting are the times, arguably the worst in recent state history. Unemployment in Michigan is at near record levels, falling revenues have prompted layoffs and furloughs and K-12 education appears to need significant reform — as indicated by the legislature's recent debate on getting Michigan in position to qualify for \$400 million in federal Race to the Top funding.

With the state facing these challenges, the leaders of both houses must get along. Theirs is a relationship of necessity, particularly going into politically charged 2010, when every member of the legislature, the governor and other state officials are up for

Both leaders are term-limited. But each is pondering political life after the legislature. Bishop has announced his bid for attorney general,



House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, left, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester – both lawyers in their 40s - have different political philosophies. But they've managed to work together for almost four years. It's mutually beneficial for them — and the state — that the relationship continue into the 2010 election cycle.

and Dillon announced earlier this week he'll form an exploratory committee to explore a run for governor.

Thus, much depends on the relationship between Bishop and Dillon, even if some outside observers think the Lansing leadership — including Gov. Jennifer Granholm — hasn't done a good job.

State leadership has been less than exemplary, according to Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan, a private, nonprofit organization composed of senior executives from most of Michigan's largest companies and universities and dedicated to making Michigan a "Top Ten" state for job and economic growth.

"All three (Granholm, Bishop and Dillon) are bright people who care about Michigan," Rothwell said. They are competent and capable individuals, he said, but they don't seem to have enough trust and confidence in each other to make the compromises needed to address the state's problems.

Painful decisions are needed, said the former executive director of Worldwide Real

Estate for General Motors. But the governor and the two legislative leaders don't seem willing to make politically unpopular compromises — particularly in light of the upcoming election cycle.

That assessment is likely an oversimplification, said Bishop. "People think this job is easy," he said as the legislature was about to wrap up its final session of 2009. "And if I were CEO it might (be). But government (by design) doesn't work like a business. There has to be consensus."

He and the Democratic House Speaker have developed a good working relationship, Bishop insisted.

Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, agrees. Bishop and Dillon were both new to their leadership roles in 2006, Ballenger said. Each was new to the job, and each had different philosophies on government, he said.

"They'd never be in lock step," Ballenger said. But they needed to understand each other, he said, "and today they seem to get along as well as any two leaders I've seen."

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said

shares with local government). He thinks government must find a way to provide a core level of funding, the House Speaker said, hopefully without raising taxes — as the legislature did in 2007, when lawmakers increased the flat rate from 3.9 to 4.35 Bishop says government

sharing (or money the state

should be small and unintrusive to families and businesses. He opposed the recent smoking ban signed last week by the governor, for example, because he felt it infringed on individuals and businesses.

As for taxes, Bishop takes some degree of pride in saying no. "If the state can live without something," he said, "it should."

Naturally, perhaps, Bishop and Dillon consider the other to be the bottleneck.

"Bishop is very entrenched," said the speaker. "He never

wants to raise revenues." The current governor said the two leaders need to put any differences aside for the

Dillon may be able to work

with Bishop better than he

Democrat. "From what I've

governor who stands in the

way of meaningful change."

That's not so, said Dillon,

who once considered himself

to be a Republican although

he never ran for office on

a GOP ticket. He and the

governor meet or converse

at least three times a week,

Dillon said. "We have some

we get along well.

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they are nothing serious, "and

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Any disagreement between

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him and Bishop is rooted in

their philosophies about the

role government should play,

Dillon said. "We get along socially," he said, "but that

doesn't translate into mean-

a basic role in corrections

(the prison system), educa-

tion, Medicaid and revenue

Dillon said government has

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seen," said Patterson, it's the

good of the state. "We certainly hope they get along and work well together because there is a lot of work to do on behalf of citizens,"

said Granholm press secre-

tary Liz Boyd. The Senate Majority Leader considers Dillon to be a pragmatist, a quality he says is vital in government. "But as long as he supports Granholm's plans — solving problems with increased taxes or more regulation

— we'll have a problem." Some Lansing insiders say the relationship between Bishop and Dillon was strained — if not fractured during contentious budget negotiations.

"I think the two have had some tense, terse conversations" since early December, e-mailed one insider.

Dillon declined to say the relationship was strained. But what happened with the budget "was not in the spirit of what I thought our agreement was," he said.

Bishop admitted their relationship might have cooled. The state has been dealt a bad hand, he said. "We put our hearts and souls into what we believe," he said, "and we fight until we don't have anything left.

But if their relationship is strained, Bishop insisted, "it will work itself out." Besides being mutually beneficial, they need each other.

That need is dramatically underscored when it comes to the health care reform plan for state employees announced by Dillon in July - a proposal that alienated unions like the Michigan **Education Association and** convinced many that Dillon does indeed intend to run for

By Dillon's account — his proposal would save an estimate \$900 million in state health care funding by bringing all government employees under one plan, something Republicans lauded as "thinking outside the box."

Critics have said the \$900 million in estimated savings is inflated — a charge Dillon dismisses.

A committee chaired by House Speaker Pro Tem Pam Byrnes (D-Chelsea) has held nearly a dozen hearings on Dillon's proposal and is expected to issue a report.

Ironically perhaps, Bishop will need Dillon's help for his pet legislative project: a part-time state legislature. It would trim the bureaucracy, said Bishop, and save money. "If a legislator didn't work, he (or she) wouldn't get paid," he said without much optimism about its passage.

A part-time legislature isn't Dillon's first preference. But if state government can't address Michigan's problems in a more effective manner, he said, "I may be willing to consider it. Our present structure may be dysfunctional," he said.

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Church embraces elderly with special needs

BY SHARON DARGAY OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Riverside Park Church of God is reaching out to seniors who need a little extra TLC.

At the same time, it's assisting families who need respite from caring for an elderly loved

"We specialize in dementia," said Justin Zarb, director of the Livonia church's adult day care ministry. "Taking care of someone in advanced stages of Alzheimer's gets to be challenging. Caregivers need a break.

Zarb said not all seniors who attend adult day care have dementia or Alzheimer's but the ministry is designed to meet those specialized needs.

Open from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., weekdays, the Riverside program costs \$5 an hour for a 'jam-packed" day that includes discussion and reminiscing,

chair exercises, sports games a recent session had seniors playing tabletop bowling lunch, snacks, bingo and other activities.

The focus is on "empowerment," allowing attendees to engage in supervised activities and tasks that will help them achieve success.

"What we find is they come out of their shells," Zarb noted. He said sometimes caregivers may strengthen a loved one's feeling of helplessness by constantly diverting their attention and discouraging their participation in simple tasks.

A son or daughter, for example, might prohibit their elderly mother from helping to wash dishes at home, even though she has lifelong experience in the kitchen.

"If you're always stepping in, it becomes an indignity. It makes them feel helpless. The key is to give them successful

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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 RD. ON JANUARY 19, 2010.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY OFFICE OF BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE

COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2010 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$110,000.00. WAYNE COUNTY REQUIRES FOR 2010 THAT OUR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS NOT EXCEED 19% OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION. BASED ON THAT SPECIAL REQUIREMENT THE PROJECTS ARE PRODOCED AS FOUL OWE.

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TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE \$85,000.00

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Bridge from Pavilion to Dock

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things to do," Zarb said.

"If we're playing bingo we might have one member call (numbers)." Or one senior might help another in keeping track of the game. A mix of paid staff members and church volunteers lead the program activities and assist partici-

FLEXIBLE MINISTRY

Families choose how often - and how many hours — their elderly loved one attends the program.

"We can be very flexible in terms of hours and cost," Zarb said.

The Rev. Debra Klein, senior pastor, said the church has the freedom to "meet families where they are" and accept payment on a sliding scale if needed, because the day care is a church ministry and not a business.

Before starting its own day care last year, the church rented a room to HelpSource, a private not-for-profit agency, based in Ann Arbor, that also offered adult day care on site.

That program folded in 2007, but the need for adult



Senior Pastor Debra Klein (right) and Associate Pastor Rhodell Valentine of Riverside Park Church of God, in Livonia

day care persisted. "God provided Justin and the staff," Rev. Klein said. "Families know they have a place that is there for them. It's a part of the church."

Both said families look at the day care program a little dif-

ferently now that it's a church ministry.

T've had a couple of families tell me they feel closer to their own church and they feel closer to God," Zarb noted.

"It's not 'us' and 'them," Rev. Klein added, noting that the previous day care and its clients were separate from the church. "They basically rented a room from us. Now there's a real connection," she said.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Although the Adult Day Care ministry is a major outreach for the church, it isn't Riverside's only mission. The non-denominational Christian church, with headquarters in Anderson, Ind., strives to "demonstrate the spirit of Jesus Christ by offering significant ministries" within the community.

The church partners with Life Care Services LLC to offer affordable counseling to families in need.

Senior luncheons, held the third Thursday of the month, draw many individuals who do not regularly attend Riverside

Life Groups meet on Wednesdays and Sundays in



Jim Reardon and Anne Hall take a

spin during an activity.

various members' homes to deal with such topics as decision making, understanding the Bible, prayer, fasting and relationships.

Associate pastor the Rev. Rhodell Valentine said the Church of God tends to maintain smaller, more intimate churches — as opposed to "megachurches" with hundreds of members — and has many missionaries.

Rev. Valentine joined Riverside Park Church of God two years ago. The Rev. Klein became its senior pastor in 2005, when church membership had dwindled to about 25 individuals. She has increased membership and attendance every year since then.

"There were only two people under 50," she said, recalling her initial days as pastor. "Now we have families of all ages."

Sunday family worship starts at 10 a.m. The contemporary Christian rock service, "Sunday Night Lights," starts at 4 p.m., and is offered the second and fourth Sundays, beginning March 14.

For more information about the adult day care ministry, call (734) 367-4220. For more about other church activities call (734) 464-0990. The church is located at 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road.





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- Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
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- Servicing of Stationary Recycling Container(s) and
- Related Solid Waste Services as Described in the Contract Documents.

The above services shall be provided for a period of five (5) years. The Charter Township of Plymouth currently services approximately 8,500 single family residential units for solid waste, recycling and compost, and has an estimated population of approximately 28,000 persons. The following represents the appropriate loads of waste for 2007, 2008 and 2009 (through December 18, 2009):

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| 2008 | 8423 | 680 | 151 | 279 |
| 2009 | 8470 | 595 | 187 | 329 |

All Bids shall be made on the Bid Form and in accordance with Instructions to Bidders furnished by the Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department. Each Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and plainly marked, "Bid for Residential Solid Waste, Recycle and Compost."

Bids shall be submitted on or before March 23, 2010, 3:00 PM to the following address:

Office of the Township Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth 9955 N. Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170

ANY BID RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE SHALL NOT BE

Copies of the bidding documents including Instructions to Bidders and Bid Form are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the above address.

Bids will be <u>publicly opened</u> and available for review at 3:05 PM on March 23, 2010 at the Charter Township of Plymouth Town Hall Board Meeting Room located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI

Questions should be directed to Susan Vignoe, at 734-354-3270 ext. 4, Charter Township of Plymouth, Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department.

Bids must be submitted with a Bid Bond of \$185,000.00 executed by a Surety Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the Township.

No Bidder may withdraw his/her Bid within ninety (90) days after the date set for receipt of Bids.

The defined terms appearing in the General Specifications apply to all Contract Documents.

Bids shall be fixed prices as specified on the Bid Form. No variable fees, e.g. fuel recovery fees, recycle commodity fees, etc. will be considered by the Township.

A Pre-Bid Meeting for all interested parties has been scheduled for February 3, 2010 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth Town Hall Meeting Room located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of the

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WILL DETERMINE THE USE OF THE 2010 FUNDS.

TOTAL ALLOCATION

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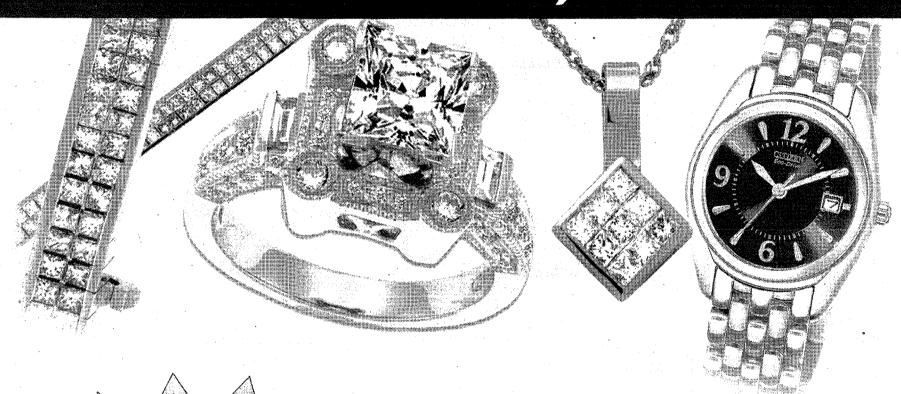
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OUR VIEWS

Even with new chief, ice fest hinges on economy

The governing committee of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular chose not to renew the contract of longtime ice festival organizer Mike Watts, deciding instead the festival needed "fresh ideas."

That was certainly the committee's decision to make. But here's a note of caution: Be careful what you wish for.

"Fresh ideas" frequently come with "fresh price tags" and a need for "fresh money." In this economic climate, there's some question about whether that money will be available. With major sponsors dropping out, funding will get even tighter.

New organizer Sam Walton, who grew up in the area and who the committee believes understands the importance of the festival, said fund raising will be one priority. We wish him well, in this economic environment, but that might be the toughest challenge facing the new guy.

Making everyone feel a part of the festival would also help. Businesses who aren't located right around Kellogg Park often don't feel included. And we've heard complaints from Plymouth Township that they really aren't part of it.

We don't feel that's Watts' fault; he did everything but carve sculptures on their doorsteps to get outlying businesses involved.

Including the Plymouth businesses that aren't located right on Kellogg Park might be possible in ways that aren't monetary. Perhaps — though logistics could make it improbable — some of the actual carving could take place somewhere other than Kellogg Park. Maybe individual stores could host a carving team. Maybe that kind of involvement would loosen some purse strings a little.

Fixing the township's issue is more problematic. Downtown Plymouth provides an easy walking route for spectators to view the carvings and see the sculptures. Plymouth Township provides no such location, unless the festival committee decides Plymouth Township Park would make a nice location for some of the carving.

None of it will ultimately work if local merchants don't find it in their hearts — and somewhere in their wallets — to support the ice festival financially. That, ultimately, is what cost Watts the job to begin with.

Economic strife outside his control made it tough to come up with the "fresh ideas" the committee seems to want. Such things as a small ice rink in Kellogg Park or The Gathering carry with them costs such as insurance. With a tightening budget, Watts was stuck between a rock and a crushing economic downturn.

City Commissioner Ron Loiselle, president of the festival's governing board, has said the switch is not a criticism of Watts, whom he said did a phenomenal job, but a nod toward the financial challenge, which everyone attributes to the worsening economy.

Walton has ideas how to get back to the basics. He's already dropped the "international" flavor and won't bring in the Japanese team. He's also kicking around the idea of "dueling chainsaw carvers," among other ideas. Many of his plans may have to wait; with the ink barely dry on his contract, Walton didn't really have the time to reorganize the event.

If he's trying to tag it as a totally local event, maybe he should team with the Downtown Development Authority and add a concert feature, something the DDA wanted to do a couple of years ago.

Watts busted a gut over the ice festival, and the committee has been very careful to publicly praise his efforts while at the same time calling for a new approach. Watts pointed out — and he's got a point — Walton's firm is from Wixom, and everybody in Plymouth right now is screaming "shop Plymouth" (Watts' Watts-Up, Inc., is an established Plymouth business).

At this point, that's Monday morning quarterbacking. The decision has been made. As is true with most things, the first step toward solving the problem is admitting you have one. The committee admitted that with the hiring of Walton.

Now it's up to the new guy to come up with the all-important next steps.



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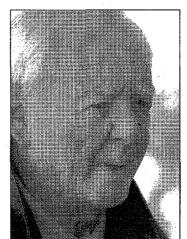
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"What is the number-one thing Michigan's leaders can do to turn the state around in 2010?"
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"Get the property taxes in line with the price of the homes."

Jo Ann Davis Canton Township



"Get more people working. Find a substitute to manufacturing, increase tourism."

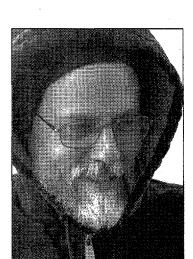
Bill Boxberger Plymouth



"We need all kinds of help.
Too much. Unemployment's
high. ... The schools need
help. The roads need
repair."

Diane Deptula

Plymouth Township



"Raise taxes."

Joe Kenny Plymouth

LETTERS

Fact-check McCotter

Upon receipt of a glossy and obviously costly mailing entitled, "Health Care Update" sent by Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, I began my usual task of sorting through the claims to determine accuracy and validity.

Any communication received from McCotter, someone who has proven to less than credible in the past, must be closely scrutinized. Most of his assertions were designed to unnecessarily and disingenuously scare the stuffing out of all of us about the peril we face with the passage of health care reform.

McCotter's pamphlet proved to be no more "fair and balanced" than FOX NEWS. Rather than a good source of information upon which constituents could formulate reasonable opinions, the congressman has used this publication to restate his overall opposition to real health care reform, complete with partial truths, mischaracterizations, exaggerations and outright falsehoods used as justification for obstructionism.

One of the bullet points included in the pamphlet indicated McCotter's support for the repeal of provisions in the "stimulus" bill that established a Washington-based health care rationing board. The following quote appeared on www.Factcheck.org in February concerning the creation of this board; "Actually, the legislation doesn't call for any kind of 'rationing board,' nor does it say the government can, should or will 'deny' the public any medical treatments."

Still McCotter, 10 months down the road, makes a dishonest attempt to reintroduce this long-debunked rationale for opposition.

Another bullet point included in McCotter's pamphlet contends that passage of the current health care reform legislation will result in the loss of 5.5 million jobs over the next 10 years. Again, www.Factcheck.org, no friend of McCotter, roundly disputes such a claim characterizing potential job losses as "small." Additionally, a RAND Corp. expert says job loss would be "quite minimal."

Close inspection of several other bullets, in addition to the points above, demonstrate an attempt to, in roundabout fashion, revive the "death panel" accusation that has been debunked by www.Politifact. com and voted the "lie of the year." That falsehood coupled with other prior lies like "millions to save the harvest marsh mouse's habit" and billions to build the "sin express" railroad between Disneyland and Vegas, alleged to have been part of the stimulus bill but stricken down by Factcheck, along with "tall tales" about cavemen in 1000? B.C. hunting mastodons and not worrying about the melting glaciers, told in an effort to mislead citizens about human caused climate change should put McCotter's credibility on thin

Excuse me but I don't think that this attempt by McCotter to "educate" his constituents is appropriate or ethical. Ironically McCotter, a self-described budget hawk, has earned the unenviable distinction of being one of the biggest spenders in Congress when it comes to pricey, politically motivated mailers.

I am sure that I am not the only constituent that resents this use of taxpayer dollars to promote opinions I oppose, especially when supporting rationale is so flawed. The special interest drug and

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health insurance lobbies that use McCotter and others as mouthpieces certainly don't need or deserve a taxpayer assist when they currently spend \$1.35 million daily to block essential reform needed by so many. Mitch Smith

Canton

Response is disheartening

I find it disheartening that Obama has "ordered a thorough look at the short-comings that permitted the plot," referring to the 23-year-old Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian accused of trying to destroy Northwest Flight 253 bound for Detroit which failed not because of U.S. actions but because the would-be attacker was unable to ignite an explosive device.

Obama makes statements like this while at the same time his attorney general, Eric Holder, is seeking to prosecute the CIA members that extracted intelligence from al-Qaeda leaders and prevented further attacks on this country during the Bush administration.

How can the agency work under this type of pressure knowing that any of its associates may be imprisoned down the road for doing a job that is within the law currently established? It cannot and that is the reason this bomber slipped through.

Obama is so hell-bent on distancing himself from the former administration that he is leaving our country weak and wide open for future attacks. He preached to us on transparency and changing the way things get done in Washington. I know many that voted for him for just those principles but are now outraged because what he is doing is not what they had hoped for.

On a daily basis the corruption continues to grow in D.C. with the payoffs to congressmen for votes on a health care plan that will crush our economy and our God given rights; lies about climate change that has now been proven to be a hoax on all the people of the world.

Obama has continued to fill cabinet positions with people that he owes for getting him elected such as union operatives that are rewriting laws and regulations put in place to ensure minimal standards of union transparency and accountability.

His transparency has become opaque and his policies are evidence of the communistic path he wishes to take this country. Thank God for the tea partiers that have brought this to the attention of the rest of the country. If it were not for them, we may have already slid behind the iron curtain.

Phil Solarz

Westland

AARP's agenda

While listening to Sen. Debbie Stabenow singing the praises of the Senate health care bill, I would like to comment on her statement "AARP also has endorsed this bill."

Let the fact be known that AARP received \$18 million in the stimulus package. While AARP has not produced one new job with this money, they do comment that they are using the money for job training. I question the fact why AARP would receive any stimulus money at all.

The second fact that every senior should know, the Senate bill will cut Medicare drastically, and guess where you can purchase supplemental insurance plans from? Yes, the rescuers — AARP. Anyone with an AARP membership should cancel, you can get the same services from senior organizations without the political agenda attached.

Secondly, Sen. Stabenow states how the high cost of insurance is driving small business out of Michigan. The small businesses of this state have suffered long enough under the likes of Stabenow, the single business tax alone is enough to drive business away from this state.

This bill does nothing but tax upper and middle class Americans, add extra burdens to small business (which in return will add to unemployment, if that is possible in this state) and drastically cut Medicare. But AARP will be there to save you, with your dollars.

Vickie Kahle Farmington Hills

Stop the rhetoric

After reading many online comments regarding the attempted Northwest Airlines attack, I am thoroughly appalled. It is shameful that some of my fellow Americans would dare to imbue the old anti-Muslim rhetoric due to the actions of one man.

I don't blame "Christians" for the actions of those who murder abortion-providing doctors or for the "Catholic" who murdered people by blowing up the Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Furthermore, these same people who blame President Obama for the actions of a man who departed from a foreign airport selectively fail to remember that the 9-1-1 attacks occurred on King George's watch! These same folks are probably blaming President Obama right now for a lack of snow on Christmas. I wouldn't be surprised if that is what Faux News brainwashed them into thinking.

Let's remember that here in America — even in Detroit — people of different races and religions do indeed unite together. When I volunteered this Christmas morning with Meals on Wheels I joined my Christian, Jewish, atheist and Muslim neighbors. I'd hate to assume that all Christians, Jews, Muslims and nonbelievers are either good or bad.

Does more anti-Muslim rhetoric and Obama bashing really make our country greater?

Brianna Knoppow Farmington Hills

SACS of Life

Plastic is out, polyester is in

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you want to live a greener 2010, why not resolve to B.Y.O.B.?

SACS of Life is making it easy and fashionable to 'bring your own bag' for travel, shopping and even tailgating.

The Walled Lake company creates a line of totes, duffels, backpacks and insulated sacks that fold up into tiny pouches and expand to hold the equivalent of up to 16 plastic bags worth of stuff.

Owner Annette Ferber Adelman invented SACS after she tired of "schlepping" things around for herself, four children and two dogs.

"I thought about all those times I was at the grocery store ... I have 16 bags, I can't find my keys, it's raining out. I figured there's got to be an easier way to shop," said Ferber Adelman, of West Bloomfield. "I couldn't sleep at night because I thought how great it would be to have systems. One thing led to another and I haven't slept in a year."

Her first design was the Clipster, a roomy shopping tote that collapses into a keychain

Since she launched the company in March 2008, SACS has grown to include 13 bag "systems," priced \$11.99-\$59.99. Among them are the Back-Packer, a backpack and tote that tuck into a cute wristlet clutch, and the Metro Bag, a stylish cross-body satchel that includes an extra tote in its front pocket.

All of the systems are made from 100 percent PVC-free polyester for minimum weight and maximum durability. They come in a range of fabrics that Ferber Adelman designed herself, from groovy psychedelic and leopard prints to neutral textures that mimic cotton ramie.

"I'm a lawyer so I was very concerned about having my own fabric designs," Ferber Adelman said. "I have one named after

my daughter Bella and I even designed my own camo."

SOLD LOCALLY

Adelman, whose children range in age from 7 to 15, is also co-owner of HoMedics, based in Commerce Township. Although she doesn't work at the family business, it gave her background to manufacture in China, as well as provided an introduction to buyers at Bed Bath and Beyond, where her products are now sold. You can also find SACS at dozens of local markets and boutiques including Warren Drugs in Farmington Hills, Zieban Mare in Franklin and Plum Market in West Bloomfield.

buybuy Baby recently ordered a SACS of Life diaper bag system, and Ferber Adelman expects to debut her largest system yet, which holds the equivalent of 15-16 plastic bags, on QVC next month.

With her busy lifestyle, Ferber Adelman said she uses her own bags all the time. On a recent trip to Costco, she fit almost \$500 worth of merchandise into her five-bag Totester system. When she travels, she uses the foldout bags to bring the kids' laundry home.

"I will not go to the grocery store or tailgating without my bags. You have beautiful bags that are so great and yummy and you can fold them if you want to or just smush them in like I do," she said.

GOING GREEN

Lori Sullivan, president of One Shade Greener in Plymouth, includes the Clipster in her "Green Starter Kit" gift bags.

"I'm always promoting bringing your own bags and I really like the Clipster because I think one of the biggest challenges in using reusable bags is you get to a store and you realize you don't have the bag with you," Sullivan said. "If it's packaged really small and you have it in your purse or on your keys you never have that moment."

One Shade Greener helps busi-

nesses and homeowners take small steps to reduce their impact on the environment. Sullivan said avoiding plastic bags is something simple everyone can do to make a difference.

"The key to plastic bags is they don't biodegrade and less than one percent of them are recycled so the majority, almost all of them, are going to a landfill," Sullivan said. "I am always looking for businesses, especially Michigan-based, that have green products and services. I think SACS of Life has a great line."

Adelman, who admits a penchant for Chanel and Prada handbags, says she didn't originally set out to be "green" when she started SACS. She was simply trying to make her own life easier. But the concept has resonated with shoppers and now SACS of Life's mission is to make plastic bags—as well as bulky, ugly totes—a thing of the past.

"People are going to have to make the transition away from plastic bag's no matter what, so my thought is to make it convenient and make it fun," she said. "It's all about durability and style."

She sums it up in her company's motto: "Start small, shop big."

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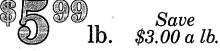
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Canton opens '10 with win

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Some of the bad habits from 2009 carried over into 2010 namely difficulty hitting free throws - and it contributed to Salem's 49-34 loss to host Canton in a KLAA girls basket-ball crossover Tuesday night.

"We missed some free throws and they made all of their free throws," said Rocks head coach Fred Thomann, "as was the case all night.

... We didn't close out a couple times and there were just a couple

GIRLS BASKETBALL attentionto-detail things that we didn't get done that they got done."

That, along with a putback by Canton junior forward Kayla Bridges with one second to go in the first half, put Salem squarely behind the eight ball (24-16 at the break) and the Rocks couldn't recover.

The Chiefs (5-1) only led 6-5 after the opening frame before getting a spark from Bridges, who scored 13 points off the bench to lead all scorers.

Canton then built a 39-28 lead after the third quarter (the closest Salem would get the rest of the game) thanks to successive triples by senior forwardguard Brett deBear (12 points).

"I thought Kayla Bridges rotated in and played well again, she sort of got us rolling at the end of the first quarter into the second," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski. "She's done that two games in a row now. She brings some fresh legs and she's great around the rim and can score."

Samulski said the two-week holiday layoff might have been a factor in Tuesday's sluggish start. But he wasn't worried about his team's effort.

"The execution with all those days off was dicey early on," he noted. "But I knew we'd come out and play hard."

Scoring 12 points each for the Chiefs were junior forwards Kari Schmitt and Sara Schmitt, with the latter pulling down 10 rebounds and going 6for-6 from the charity stripe.

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Heidi Lucke is all smiles about this weekend's softball showcase event in Ohio involving 264 players from North America. The Canton junior will be one of the participants.

DIAMOND GEM

Canton junior to take her cuts at Ohio softball showcase

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Are you saying this is the time for softballs and not snowballs?

It is for Canton High School junior infielder Heidi Lucke. Her favorite sport is something she loves doing 12 months a year — even in frigid January.

And to prove it, the 16-year-old Lucke is competing Saturday and Sunday at the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North to take place at Kent State University in Ohio. The QDSN, in its 17th year, is the largest fastpitch softball showcase of its kind in the United States.

Lucke was selected out of 2,000 applicants from all over North America, with criteria including softball talent, college potential, academics, personality and attitude. College scouts and coaches can't wait to see what the future might bring to their campuses.

"It really hasn't hit me yet that I got selected out of all those people," said Heidi, whose parents are Cindy and Roger Lucke of Canton. "Once we get

down there, we'll realize you don't stand out anymore, that everyone around you's a standout player and that we all bring different things to the field."

CREAM OF THE CROP

Only 264 of the applicant pool were green-lighted for the two-day experience. Also going to Ohio is Garden City sophomore Hillarie Werda.

On Saturday, Lucke, Werda and the remaining 262 players will make their way to the Kent State Fieldhouse and sports dome for a softball camp — the kind of instructional venture run annually at Madonna University.

But what makes the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North unique takes place Sunday, when softball games are played almost nonstop.

Heidi will don her Canton Chiefs uniform (all of the players wear their colors) and play for Team No. 5 (one of 24 at the showcase).

According to Cindy Lucke, one of the

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LUCK(E) OF THE DRAW

Who: Heidi Lucke, 16, a junior at Canton High School.

What: Lucke is going to the 17th annual Queen of Diamonds Showcase North, Saturday and Sunday at Kent State University in Ohio. She will display her softball skills for college scouts and coaches, both at an instructional camp and in games. Heidi is one of 264 players from North America, out of 2,000 applicants, to be selected for the fastpitch event.

Future plans: Heidi would like to play college softball and work toward a degree in occupational or physical therapy. Playing professionally is another goal.

Miscellaneous: She plays for the Canton varsity softball team and is a student manager for the wrestling squad. When not playing for her high school, Heidi suits up for a fastpitch travel softball team, the Mizuno Explosion out of Macomb County.

GAME WRAPS

Boys basketball EISENHOWER 66, CANTON 46: Perhaps

visiting Canton was looking ahead to Friday's home game against 2008-09 KLAA South champion Wayne Memorial at the beginning of Monday's nonleague tilt at Utica Eisenhower.

The Eagles built a 23-7 lead during the first quarter, setting the tone for a disappointing defeat, said Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy.

"Utica outplayed us in every fashion of the game," Reddy said. "The most disappointing thing was how bad we played defensively."

Utica was led by Corey Petros (19 points) while Canton's Dietrich Lever sparkled again with 22 points along with four assists.

We have a lot to work on in the next three days' before squaring off against the Zebras 7 p.m. Friday, he added. Canton fell to 2-3 with

PLYMOUTH 33, SOUTHGATE 31: Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup called Tuesday's home matchup with Southgate Anderson "a typical afterbreak game," but his squad made enough plays at the end of the night to earn the non-

conference victory.
Leading the Wildcats (3-2) with 17 points was junior guard Mike Nadratowski. Adding eight and six points, respectively, were Pat Salo and Brennen Beyer.

The victory wasn't secure until a Titans player missed a long shot at the buzzer.

It was close right down to the end," said Soukup, whose team will next host Livonia Franklin (7 p.m. Friday).

Girls basketball

SOUTHGATE 52, PLYMOUTH 37: The Plymouth girls basketball team took it on the chin Tuesday night, falling to host Southgate Anderson.

Coach Ted Sturdivant said unforced turnovers were very costly against the Titans (8-1).

The top performers for the Wildcats (1-4) were senior Stacey Klonowski and sophomore Rachael Hille, with nine

and eight points, respectively. Next up for Plymouth is a Friday night contest at Livonia

ALLEN ACADEMY 58, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 44: The host Eagles fell behind 19-4 after one quarter on Tuesday and that pretty much told the story for the evening.

PCA did outscore the visitors 17-8 in the third to creep back to within 46-33, to provide some solace for head coach Carol Gerulis.

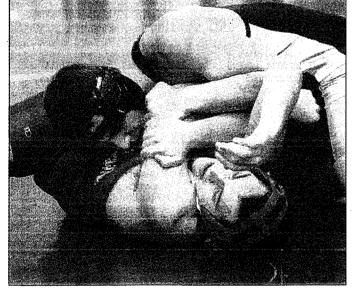
The Eagles were paced by sophomore forward Kristin Malcolm, who scored 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Contributing 12 points and five boards was junior point guard Brianna Harris.

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest visits PCA at 7 p.m.

LADYWOOD 53, DIVINE CHILD 47: In the Catholic League Central Division opener Tuesday, Livonia Ladywood (6-2, 1-0) overcame a 29-point performance by sophomore guard Rosanna Reynolds to beat host Dearborn Divine Child (6-3, 0-1).

Senior forward Molly Gacioch led the victorious Blazers with 15 points. Senior guard Mary Fitzgerald and senior forward Alyssa Anastos added 12 and 10, respectively.

"It was a typical Ladywood-Divine Child game, very scrappy, up-and-down," Ladywood coach Pat Cannon said.



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Plymouth's Curtis Crosier (top) gets set to pin Salem's Tony Agostini during last week's tournament.

Wildcats grab third at Salem invite

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Last week's "Plymouth Elks" Salem Wrestling Invitational proved to be a winner for two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park squads even though Carleton Airport and Dexter shared

the top spot in the 13-team field with 178 points. According to Plymouth varsity coach Quinn Guernsey, the third-place Wildcats (167 points) featured a deep and battling lineup that nearly reached the pinnacle despite not having starting heavyweight Wally Eppler available for the Dec. 29 tourney at Salem High School.

Guernsey praised his team's perseverance. "Dexter had four (champions) and Carleton Airport had five, both had a lot more champions than we did," Guernsey said. "But I told (the Wildcats) if were going to compete that we'd have to do it in the consolation brackets, ... and not have guys get knocked out.

"At the end of the day, I had 12 starters and two backups wrestling and only two of my starters got knocked out. The team did what they had to do."

Garnering championships were sophomore 112-pounder Alec Breckenridge (the Lower Weights MVP thanks to a 3-0 record) and Shadi Jammoul (3-0 at 103).

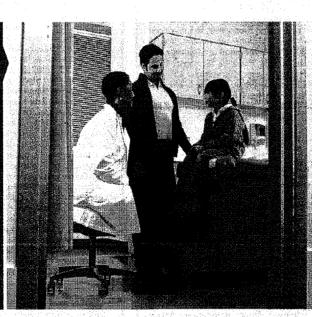
Breckenridge earned a 7-4 decision over Salem's Nick Kim in the finals while Jammoul pinned Garden City's Rob Doane in 1:17.

The Wildcats' lone runner-up for the day was Ziad Tamimi at 130. He lost to Airport's Curtis French by a 15-7 major decision to finish 3-1.

"Alec wrestled great, he beat the returning state placer in the finals (Kim) so that was a good win for him," Guernsey said. "He also beat a pretty good kid from Wayne (Tristan Jarasicwicz) in the semifinals. He's good, I really

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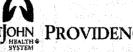
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Power surge sparks Plymouth

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Paul Fassbinder's Plymouth hockey team made so many uncharacteristic turnovers in Tuesday night's game against Salem that he said "it was like a racquetball game.'

But despite having to shake off some rust following a lengthy holiday layoff, the host Wildcats scored three power play goals and prevailed 6-4 in a KLAA South tilt at Compuware Arena.

"I thought we took it too them and went up 3-0 (in the second), but I think we. sat back and started making mistakes," Fassbinder said. "Give them (Rocks) credit, they picked up their forecheck and pressured us into turnovers.

But the coach said there was a lot to like, such as junior Kevin Matusiak scoring his first prep goal or getting "great games" out of two-goal scorers Ryan Renault and Tyler Sanders.

Netting the sixth marker

BOYS HOCKEY

for Plymouth (9-2-1, 3-2-1)

was Zach Gambrell. "We had some guys who played really well," Fassbinder said. "They got the job done and found a way to win."

Plymouth built a 2-0 first period lead thanks to goals by Renault and Sanders, and it was a three-goal spread after Gambrell lit. the light behind Salem netminder Steven Manser.

But Salem (3-4-3, 2-2-1) rebounded with two tallies from sophomore forward Mark McGee to make it 3-2 before the Wildcats restored a two-goal lead when Sanders scored again.

After a marker by Salem senior forward Josh Jarvela closed the gap to 4-3 early in the third, Plymouth found breathing room when Matusiak and Renault both solved Manser.

Earning the win in net for Plymouth was Mike Justus.

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Chipping in with six points was senior guard Lindsey

Also tallying 12 points for Salem (3-3) was senior forward-

guard Sara Stone (five boards). Adding four points a piece were Heidi Schmidt and Rachael Norman with senior Tabitha Mann collecting eight rebounds.

"I thought our kids did a really good job of staying resilient and hanging in there," said Thomann, adding that the Rocks will work at getting better "as we get through the rest of the season and hopefully we'll get a chance to play them later on and see if we can measure up."

Both teams play road games 7 p.m. Friday, with Canton traveling to Wayne Memorial and Salem visiting South Lyon East.

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main questions Heidi had to successfully answer to make the cut revolved around what the teen could bring to the table.

"The main thing she will always say is 'I have no problem doing what you want me to do, coach," Cindy noted. "She's a very aggressive base-runner, and I think that's one of the things that caught their eye, too.

"She's competitive and she'll take that chance to get that extra base."

Heidi Lucke also is a good hitter, polishing her line-drive skills with Canton's varsity team last spring as well as with the Mizuno Explosion (a summer travel ball team where she fashioned a .300 average).

Meanwhile, she is hopeful that playing for the Explosion and participating at the QDSN will lead to a starting role in 2010 with the Chiefs.

"I think it's going to push me more, because I'm a really competitive person," she said.

ON THE RADAR

A strong showing this weekend also could help put Lucke on the radar screen for Division 2 college softball programs. If that eventually comes to fruition, her goals are to play well enough to possibly turn pro someday.

Heidi becoming a softball lifer is a natural progression. Today's passion for hitting, fielding and running began more than a decade ago.

As a 5-year-old, however, she

wanted to play hardball with the boys.

LOCAL SPORTS

"I grew up wanting to play baseball, I think my dad was watching a baseball game when I was being born," said Heidi, chuckling. "I remember I was upset when I was signed up for softball instead of baseball when I was little."

Her first teams were in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

She quickly got over her initial disappointment about not playing baseball.

Around the age of 9 she joined a Michigan-based travel team called Finesse Fast Pitch (coached by John Wojick, the man who told her about the QDSN).

After two seasons with Finesse, Heidi moved over to Mizuno where she continues to play tournaments in Michigan and other Midwest states.

"So many sports now are year-round," Cindy Lucke said. "I never thought softball would be considered year-round, but

All told, Heidi has seven years of travel ball under her belt (plus two seasons with Canton's varsity, under the watch of head coach Jim Arnold).

"I love it (softball)," said Heidi, with a big smile. "It keeps me going. I love the competition, I love having teammates around me that I can trust."

Another perk are the road trips, even in January. But chauffeur-mom Cindy isn't complaining one bit. "I'm just so very proud of her."

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Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett robs Windsor's Kenny Ryan late in the cond period in the Whalers' 4-3 victory Saturday night at Compuware Ar

Whalers edge Spits on late goal

Sometimes, change is good. Tyler Seguin's goal at 15:18 of the third period snapped a 3-3 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Windsor Spitfires, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before a sellout crowd of

3,530 at Compuware Arena. Plymouth improves to 23-17-0-1, good for 47 points and second place in the OHL's West Division and fourth in the Western Conference. Windsor remains the top team in the OHL with a record of 31-5-0-4.

Give Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci an assist in the win. With the game tied at 2-2 after forty minutes, Vellucci broke up his line combinations at the start the third period and matched Seguin with Austin Mattson and Robbie Czarnik.

All three players started the game on different lines, but clicked in a big way in the third period. Mattson broke the 2-2 tie with his second goal of the season at 5:54 (assisted by Czarnik and Seguin). Mattson and Czarnik then assisted on

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OHL HOCKEY

Seguin's game-winner.

"I was looking for some offense," Vellucci said succinctly after the game.

Earlier, Ryan Hayes scored two goals (7-8) for Plymouth. Justin Shugg scored twice for Windsor (18-19) and Harry Young scored his seventh of the year for the Spitfires.

Ex-Spitfire Matt Hackett continues to play well against his former teammates for Plymouth, stopping 49-of-52 shots as the game's third star.

Whaler notes: Both teams were missing significant players in the game. The Whalers played without AJ Jenks (Team USA, World Junior Championships), Michal Jordan (Czech Republic, World Junior Championships), Garrett Meurs (Team Ontario, World Under-17 Challenge) and RJ Mahalak and JR

Marsden (both injured). Plymouth plays in Erie next Wednesday and in St. Catharines, Ontario, against Niagara on Thursday.

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2002 in Liber 36869, Page 2131, Wayne County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing,

Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed

to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Six

Hundred Eighty-Four and 28/100 Dollars (\$65,684,28) including interest at 8.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is

hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the

Courtroom 1607, Wayne County Circuit Court Tower in the Coleman A.

Young Municipal Center in Detroit in Wayne County, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. on FEBRUARY 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of

Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 174, Glenwood, Grosfield and Scanlon's Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 18

Page 24 of Plats, Wayne County Records. The redemption period shall be

6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period

shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS:

The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your

damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount

tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 3,

2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy,

MI 48007-5041 File No. 617.2591 ASAP# 3393573 01/07/2010, 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010

for either "online" or manual registration can be found at www.GCYBSA.com. Programs are available for players ages 4-18. Registration will remain

open through March 15. cott@canton-mi.org.

League also is holding walkin spring registration for five leagues available to residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Twp, Canton and Canton Twp.

Canton Coney Island (8553 N. Lilley Road) will be the site for the first date, 1-3 p.m.

The follow-up is slated for 1-Lanes, located at 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The leagues include the following: T-Ball (ages 5-7), Coach Pitch (ages 6-8), Minor League (ages 7-10), Major League (ages 10-12) and Junior League (ages 13-14). Early registration is encouraged as the teams fill up fast.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"It really hasn't hit me yet that I got selected out of all those people," said Heidi Lucke (above), a Canton junior.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

GCYBSA open registration The Greater Canton Youth

Baseball Softball Association will hold open registration on Monday, Jan 11. Information

Questions can be directed to

Join PCLL spring leagues

The Plymouth-Canton Little

Saturday, Jan. 23.

3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at Plaza

For more information, go to www.ply-canll.com.

Plymouth soccer signups

Plymouth Soccer Club is holding spring registration through Jan. 29 at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Those who are interested are invited to download forms or e-mail a password to do on-line registration at www. ci.-plymouth.mi.us.

Ice shavings

Plymouth Cultural Center is hosting drop-in hockey sessions p.m. Tuesdays. Fees are \$5 for skaters except for the first four goalkeepers to sign up (they can play for free). Full equipment is required and participants must

be age 14 or older. The Cultural Center (525 Farmer) also features open skating and "Sticks & Pucks" through March 31.

Open skating is 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 4-5:50 p.m. Sundays. Fees: adults, \$5; under 16 and over 55, \$4; skate rental, \$2.

Call 734-455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for more information.

PREP BOWLING

BOYS BOWLING RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16.5 PLYMOUTH 13.5 Jan. 5 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Jordon Hornes, 216-246-462; Tommy Ruark, 223-193-416; Chris Harper, 175-223-398; John Cleavenger, 197-182-379; Thomas Brusseau, 182; split score, 144. Team totals: 957-1,025-2,082 (16.5 points); Baker games: 189-175-364 (0

Plymouth scorers: Rob Korstjens, 203-245-448; Justin Thompson, 193-191-384; Kyle Webb, 170-204-374; Matt Bracy, 182; Brandon Congdon, 142; Andrew Fraser, 139; split score, 157. Team totals: 849-979-1,828 (3.5 points); Baker games: 244-205-449 (10

Dual match records: John Glenn, 5-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Plymouth, 2-3 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central. **GIRLS BOWLING RESULTS** WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 25 PLYMOUTH 5

Jan. 5 at Novi Bowl John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 186-209-395; Khiry Sparks, 167-191-359; Natalie Brown, 160-160-320; Karlyon Rhynes, 130-110-240; Jennifer Horgas, 99; split score, 89. Team totals: 733-769-1,502 (15 points); Baker games: 220-121-341 (10 points).

Plymouth scorers: Mackenzie Carlson,

193-169-362; Kristyn Sturtz, 140-166-306;

Tiffani Patterson, 126-120-246; Mandy Martin, 126; Serena Oliver, 110; Katie Poter, 76. Team totals: 695-645-1,340 (5 points); Baker games: 132-223-245 (0 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 4-1 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Plymouth, 1-4 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE -Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack Goldman, a married man and Leila Goldman, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 11, 2002 and recorded August 22, 2002 in Liber 36793, Page 2718, Wayne County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 91/100 Dollars (\$81,881.91) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the Courtroom 1607, Wayne County Circuit Court Tower in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit in Wayne County, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. on FEBRUARY 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 360 of Morang's Three Mile Drive Annex Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 47, Page 72 of Plats, Wayne County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 3, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 617.2598 ASAP# 3393575 01/07/2010, 01/14/2010, 01/ 21/2010, 01/28/2010

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WRESTLING

think he can go with almost anybody in the state."

Guernsey said Jammoul blew through the competition in impressive fashion.

We thought he'd be competitive," he said. "But he dominated the match. He was a below .500 wrestler for us last year and now he's got the second best record on the team."

YOUNG GUNS

Salem varsity coach Greg Woochuck noted the strong showings of a trio of freshmen at the invite but lamented having three of his wrestlers fall in the finals.

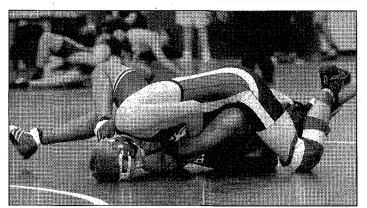
As it turned out, the Rocks still had a solid day, placing sixth with 138.5 points.

"We had three make it to the finals (but) they could not close," Woochuck said. "Three freshmen had an outstanding

day," however. Those were Cody Korpus (third at 119 with a 3-1 record), Mike Karizat (eighth at 130 with a 1-2 mark) and 171pounder Tony Agostini.

The latter opened up by pinning Redford Union's Devin Gardiner in 1:38 before Plymouth's Curtis Crosier (3-2) turned the tables. Crosier needed just 65 seconds to take care of Agostini.

Livonia Stevenson finished in fourth with a total of 157.5 points, followed by fifth-place Wayne Memorial (142).



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Chris Sweet of Salem (top) clinches a victory at 152 pounds over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Markeyce Drewery at the Plymouth Elks Salem Wrestling Invitational. Sweet later finished fifth in his weight class.

COMING CLOSE

Stevenson garnered three second-place finishes: Jake Burns (171), Andrew Schramm (189) and Nathan Keedle (285).

Burns and Schramm came within a whisker of reaching the finals in their weight classes before losing -7-6to Airport's Marcus Copley and 9-7 to Dexter's Sequoyah Burke-Combs, respectively. Keedle lost by technical fall to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Chris Biggs, 21-6.

Taking second place at 140 for the Zebras was Anwar Oliver, dropping a 4-3 decision to Airport's Bryan White.

Other Observerland squads at the tournament were Garden City (11th, 71) and Redford Union (13th, 52).

The Cougars boasted a second-place performance at 103 by Doane (3-1) as well as a fourth-place finish at 152 (by Kevin Allard, 3-2).

Redford Union's highlight was a championship at 160 by Collin Rankin (3-0), who edged Colin Gross (2-1) of Salem in a 5-4 decision.

Salem's third runner-up was Devin Stratton (2-1 at 125), who fell in 1:04 to Dexter's Dan Flowers.

JV RECAP: On Dec. 12 at Salem was the JV invitational. Although team standings were not kept, there were some excellent individual showings by area wrestlers.

Firsts were registered by Salem's Cody Korpus (4-0 at 112A), Tyler Gross (4-0 at 152A), Alex Brown (4-0 at 160A), Jordan Zhou (4-0 at 189B), Plymouth's Trey Berry (4-0 at 112B), Canton's Kyle Polaski (3-0 at 103A), Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Casey Hagan (4-0 at 103B), Chris Nawburt (3-0 at 140C) and Joe Sliversti (4-0 at 171B).

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 7 Salem at Garden City, 7 p.m. Calvary Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m. Ply. Christian at Baptist Park, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 8 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m. Luth. Northwest at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Marian at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 7 Salem at Bloomfield United, 7 p.m. Ladywood vs. G.P. South at City Arena, 7:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 9 Franklin vs. Plymouth at Compuware, 2:30 p.m. Canton at Midland, 3 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m. PCS Penguins vs. Northville at Novi, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern vs. Salem at Plymouth CC, 8:30 p.m. PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 7 Farmington Quad, 5:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 9 Roch. Adams Invitational, 8 a.m. L'Anse Creuse Invitational, 9 a.m. Wildcat Team Invite at Plymouth, 10 a.m. Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m. Wyandotte Invitational, 9:15 a.m. Novi-Detroit CC Invitational, 10 a.m. **BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**

Thursday, Jan. 7 Salem at South Lyon East, 6:30 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Rock-Kilgore Inv. at Salem, noon. W. Bloomfield Invitational, 1 p.m. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Thursday, Jan. 7

Canton at Salem, 6:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 9 Fraser Invitational, 9 a.m. Rockford Invitational, 10 a.m. PREP BOWLING Thursday, Jan. 7 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Astro Lanes, 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8

Ladywood vs. Bishop Foley at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Ladywood Inv. at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m. GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Jan. 9 Novi Invitational, 8 a.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Saturday, Jan. 9

Happy Hornets

Members of the Canton Educational Basketball League Hornets boys 7/8th grade team celebrate winning the A League championship recently. The Hornets finished 7-1 during the regular season and topped it all off with four straight playoff victories for the title. Pictured in the bottom row (from left) are Alex Price, John Ellis, Brendan Noble and Alex Mercurio. In the top row (from left) are: Jason Newel, Nick Osann, Andrew Hunt, Brendan Noble, Jackson Krohn and coach Bruce Price. Not pictured is Kyle Webster.

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH ELKS SALEM WRESTLING INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Dec. 29 at Salem TEAM STANDINGS: 1. (tie) Carleton Airport, Dexter, 178.00 points; 3. Plymouth, 167; 4 Livonia Stevenson, 157.5; 5. Wayne Memorial, 142; 6. Salem, 138.5; 7. White Lake Lakeland, 104.00; 8. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 99.50; 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 87.5; 10. Lincoln Park, 71.50; 11. Garden City, 71.00; 12. Southgate Anderson, 68.00; 13. Redford Union, 52.00.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS 103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (Ply.) pinned Rob Doane (GC), 3:35; 3rd place: Dylan McLeod (LP) p. Pablo Flores (WM), 4:58; 5th: Sesad

Al-Hussien (DHC) p. Jared Fernandez (S'gate), 112: Alec Breckenridge (Ply.) decisioned Nick Kim (Salem), 7-4; 3rd: Tristan Jarasicwicz (WM) dec. Brandon Calma (Lakeland), 7-6; 5th:

Trey Berry (Ply.) p. Raven Schmitt (S'gate),

Josh Lockwood (S'gate).

119: Anthony Barbour (LP) dec. Gabe Allomare (Dexter), 6-2; 3rd: Cody Korpus (Salem) won by forfeit over Kyle Babin (L); 5th: Said Youssef (Ply.) won by injury default over

125: Dan Flowers (Dexter) p. Devin Stratton (Salem), 1:04; 3rd: Ali Ayache (DHC) dec. Chase Kallil (Ply.), 8-3; 5th: Tyler Carson (S'gate) p.

Ryan Murphy (AAP), 3:56. 130: Curtis French (Airport) won by major dec. over Ziad Tamimi (Ply.), 15-7; 3rd: Dominic Lomuscio (DHC) p. Corey Davis (LS), 4:35; 5th: Trent Norman (Lakeland) won by injury default over Cody Allen (WM).

135: Bryan Reyes (Airport) p. Jake Coraci (Lakeland), 3:35; 3rd: Joey Polocoser (DHC) p. Jimmy Ahern (Ply.), 2:48; 5th: Kody Roy (LS) won by disqualification over Josh Hall (RU).

140: Bryan White (Airport) dec. Anwar Oliver (WM), 4-3; 3rd: Dylan Hatcher (Salem) dec. Jake Mailloux (LS), 6-4: 5th: James Chapman (LP) dec. Dan Muzyca (DHC), 5-3.

145. Anthony Chisolm (Dexter) dec. Alex Lancina (Airport), 5-1; 3rd: Jalen Jones (WM) dec. Joshua Marhofer (Salem), 14-8; 5th: Charlie Kokenakes (LS) won by injury default over Will Jackson (AAP).

152: Drew Barnes (Dexter) won by major dec. over Justin Cooper (Airport), 11-0; 3rd: C. Arnold (LS) p. Kevin Allard (GC), 4:07; 5th: Chris Sweet (Salem) p. Rob Kanalos (LP), 2:27. 160: Collin Rankin (RU) dec. Colin Gross

(Salem), 5-4; 3rd: Justin Bose (AAP) p. Josh Seibert (LS), 3:50; 5th: Robbie Barackman (Ply.) dec. Brandon Whittenberg (WM), 11-9.

171: Marcus Copley (Airport) dec. Jake Burns (LS), 7-6: 3rd: Dan McCarthy (LS) won by major dec. over Curtis Crosier (Ply.), 21-7; 5th: Frank Diaz-Pezva (AAP) p. Samer Abboud

189: Sequoyah Burke-Combs (Dexter) dec. Andrew Schramm (LS), 9-7; 3rd: Devon Bronson (S'gate) dec. Dimitrus Renfroe (WM), 3-2; 5th: Brandon Varner (Ply.) dec. Nate Cavanaugh

215: Jake DeWeese (Airport) p. Alex Sokoll (Lakeland), 0:29; **3rd:** Shawn Chamberlain (Dexter) p. Dylan Korzetki (WM), 0:15: 5th: Youseff El-Sayed (DHC) p. Jerome Triplett (LP),

285: Chris Biggs (AAP) won by technical fall over Nathan Keedle (LS), 21-6; 3rd: Josh Cash (Dexter) p. Dustin Burley (S'gate), 0:59; **5th:** Chris Bowie (WM) dec. Blake Abbey (Salem), 4-2. **TOURNAMENT MVPS**

Lower weights (103-140): Alec Breckenridge (Plymouth), 112. Upper weights (145-285): Sequoyah Burke-Combes (Dexter), 189.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on December 18, 2009, the United States any of the Debtors' chapter 1 cases of Motors Liquidation Company (ft/k'a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, harming in the state of the chapter 11 cases of Motors Liquidation Company (ft/k'a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, harming in the first of the content of the chapter 11 cases of Motors Liquidation Company (ft/k'a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, harming for the period of the content of the co

If you have any questions relating to this Notice, please feel free to contact the Debtors at 1-800-414-9607 or by e-mail at claims@motorsliquidation.com

YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, NCLUDING WHETHER YOU SHOULD FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF

CLAIM.

1. WHO MUST FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM
You MUST file a Property Proof of Claim to vote on a chapter 11 plan filed by the
Debtors or to share in any of the Debtors' estates if you have a claim that arose prior
to June 1, 2009. Acts or omissions of the Debtors that occurred before June 1, 2009
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or certain prior to June 1, 2009.
Pursuant to section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used in this Notice, the
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YOU SHOULD NOT FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM IF YOU DO
NOT HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS.

2. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE 2. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE All Property Proofs of Claim must be filed so as to be actually received on or beforebruary 10, 2010 at the following address:

If by overnight courier or hand delivery to: The Garden City Group, Inc. Attn: Motors Liquidation Company Claims Processing 5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A Dublin, Ohio 43017 Or if by hand delivery to United States Bankruptcy Court, SDNY
One Bowling Green, Room 534
New York, New York 10004

Property Proofs of Claim will be deemed timely filed only if actually STAMPING PON received by The Garden City Group, Inc. or the Court on or before NORTH CAMPUS Publish: January 7 & 10, 2010

The Garden City

Group, Inc. Attn: Motors Liquidation

Company P.O. Box 9386 Dublin, Ohio 43017-4286

February 10, 2010. Property Proofs of Claim may not be delivered by facsimi

If you file a Property Proof of Claim, your filed Property Proof of Claim must:

(i) be written in the English language; (ii) be denominated in dollars; (iii) conform
substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 10; (iv) state the Debtor against which
it is filed; (v) set forth with specificity the legal and factual basis for the alleged
claim; (vi) include supporting documentation or an explanation as to why such
documentation is not available; and (vii) be signed by the claimant or, if the claimant
is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant.

IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL, by an authorized agent of the claimant.

IF YOU ARE ASSERTING A CLAIM AGAINST MORE THAN ONE DEBTOR SEPARATE PROPERTY PROOFS OF CLAIM MUST BE FILED AGAINST EACH SUCH DEBTOR AND YOU MUST IDENTIFY ON YOUR PROPERTY PROOF CLAIM THE SPECIFIC DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOUR CLAIM IS ASSERTED AND THE CASE NUMBER OF THAT DEBTOR'S BANKRUPTCY CASE. A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE DEBTOR'S AND THEIR CASE NUMBERS IS SET FORTH ABOVE.

Property Proof of Claim Forms may be www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/ or www.motorsliquidationdocket.com. YOU SHOULD ATTACK TO YOUR COMPLETED PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM FORM COPIES OF ANY WRITINGS UPON WHICH YOUR CLAIM IS BASED. IF THE DOCUMENTS ARE VOLUMINOUS, YOU SHOULD ATTACK A SUMMARY.

4. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE PROPERTY CLAIMS BAR DATE

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If you do not file a Property Proof of Claim on or before February 10, 2010 in
the appropriate form in accordance with the procedures described in this Notice for
any such claim you wish to assert against each of the Debtors, you will be forever
prohibited and forbidden from asserting the claim in the future, and each of the
Debtors and their respective chapter 11 estates, successors, and property will be
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JAN. 7-13

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Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 12-6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, afternoon of study, prayer and song focusing on the Biblical book of Exodus; \$10 charge covers lunch and refreshment costs; reservations required for lunch; 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10, free panel discussion "Michigan and Israel: Partners in Building Bridges to a Green Future," featuring Lieutenant Governor John Cherry

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfied

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net

Livonia Church of Christ

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Jan. 10 Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia **Details**: Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus; free admission Contact: (734) 427-8743

Our Lady of Loretto Parish Time/Date: Starting at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10

Location: 17116 Olympia, Redford Details: A "Grief Recovery" series runs for six-weeks and deals with the phases of grief, loneliness and other related issues. A \$20 fee covers all materials. Sponsored by Widowed Friends

Contact: Joan at (248) 478-1084

JAN. 14-20

St. Theodore Catholic Church Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon. Sunday, Jan. 17

Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road,

Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, beverages. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's

Contact: (734) 425-4421

St. Thomas a' Becket Parish Time/Date: Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends

Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

Leon's

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Jan. 16 Location: 30149 Ford Road, in Garden City

Details: Monthly breakfast meeting of Bethany Suburban West for divorced individuals and singles Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479

JAN. 21-27

Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Havdalah service, 7 p.m., silent auction, kosher wine and cheese tasting and gold party where guests sell unwanted gold jewelry; \$10 at the

Location: 6800 Drake between Maple and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield

Contact: (248) 408-7275

JAN. 28-FEB. 3 First Presbyterian Church of

Farmington Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Sunday, Jan. 31 Location: 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details**: The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation

in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve stress. The focus will be on ways to under-

stand emotional and physical

responses and to explore coping skills, including faith. Contact: (248) 474-6170

ONGOING

AWANA

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

Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through

fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene. 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong,

7-8:30 p.m. Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@ energeticarts.org. Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491



SHIRLEY M. CLARK

of Madison, NJ and formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, died Tuesday, the 22nd of December at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She was 79 years old. Born in St. Louis, MO in 1930, Shirley was pre-deceased in 2001 by her husband of 23 years, John V. Clark. She was previously married for 29 years to Arthur D. Desch, Jr. A loving and attentive mother, sister, wife, andmother and great-grandmother, Shirley was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a skilled artist, craftswoman, baker, role model and a pillar of strength for her entire family. Her values, positive attitude, and devotion to God and church were many of the qualities admired by her friends and family. She is survived by three children, Arthur "Russ" Desch of Visalia, CA, Pamela A. Diotte, of Interlochen, MI, and Suzanne Becker of Madison, NJ and three step-children, Diane Palm of Winona, WI, Vickie Cheek of Laurel, MD, and Debbie Clark of Springfield, Additionally, Mrs. Clark had 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the United Methodist Church of Madison, NJ at 4pm. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 5 Mile Road. Livonia MI 48154 or the First Baptist Church, 36 Cook Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940.

> May You Find Comfort in Family Friends



JERALD H. FALLOT

January 1, 2010, age 77. Born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in Plymouth, Michigan. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1950 and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. An avid golfer, hunter and country and western dancer. Beloved husband of Virginia for 59 years. Dear father of Pamela Truskowski and Brad (Susan) Fallot. Grandfather of Elizabeth, Lindsay and William. Services were private. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



MICHAEL A. GROFF

January 4, 2010, age 44 of Canton. Beloved husband of Rose. Loving father of JoAnna and Michael S. Dear son of Geraldine and the late John. brother of Peggy Muraske, Mary, John (Wendy), Karen (Larry) Allman and the late Paul (Georgette). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until 10:30 AM funeral mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren (west of Sheldon) Canton. To share memories please visit: ermeulenfuneralhome.com

(MCCARTHY) HOLINSKI

Went into the loving hands of Our Lord on January 3, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Holinski, her eldest son, Daniel Holinski, grandson, David Holinski, and a brother, Vincent McCarthy. She is survived by her sons, Gregory (Debbie) Holinski, Edward (Lisa) Holinski, Barry (Bonnie) Holinski, Gerry Holinski, and Jimmy Holinski; daughters, Cindy (Sanford) Simon and Caryn (Curt) Wachsmuth; brother, Erv (Mae) McCarthy; and sister, Marge Hoover. Another part of her legacy are her 25 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and numerous and nephews. Her greatest love and dedication were to her family that God blessed her with. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Road in Hartland Twp. on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10:30AM. Burial will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday 2-9PM. Rosary Thursday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or for Masses to be prayed in her name at St. John's. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

A memorial will be held for EDWARD P. ROWLAND

51, on January 12th, 2010 at 11 am at the First Congregational Church of Wayne in Wayne, MI. A lunch will be held after the services. Please call (734) 956-5877 to confirm

attendance, as a head count is needed.

HILDA WOLKE

December 28, 2009, age 94. Hilda died peacefully after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John M. Ellsworth and Homer Wolke. Survived by daughter Linda J.(James) Oldfield of Canton, and son John R.(Germaine Gaudet) Ellsworth of San Jose, California and several nieces and nephews. She emigrated from Liverpool, England during October 1923 with her parents, Edward and Emily Newman, siblings Emily, Albert Edward and Arhur and settled in Dearborn, Michigan where she graduated from Fordson High School in 1933 and Grace Nursing School with an RN degree in 1938 She had a keen interest in music, opera, and literature and demonstrated artistic talents in painting and needlework. A Memorial Service will be held 11AM Thursday January 7th at St. John Episcopal Church 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the church. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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BUSINESS MILESTONES

Art classes

Art & Ideas, the recently opened contemporary art gallery and teaching studio located between Plymouth and Northville, presents its art class schedule and a new art exhibition this month.

The new exhibition is called "WoodEngrained Messages," and features the woodcuts of the gallery's artist-in-residence, Shaqe Kalaj. The public is invited to the exhibition's free opening reception and lecture, which will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, at the gallery at 15095 Northville Rd. (The gallery's successful first exhibition, "Dreaming Identity," ends Jan. 14, said Art & Ideas director Mike Tolinski).

The woodcuts, in which the artist cuts images into inked wooden panels, have become Kalaj's specialty.

"This show will be a retrospective of my work with woodcuts over the last five years," she said. One large group of woodcuts, called "American Woman," will be on display only for the Jan. 16 event. (This work has been displayed in a museum near Tokyo, Japan, and it's being sent out of Michigan again this month for display at a university in Pennsylvania.) Other woodcuts, and prints made from the woodcuts, will remain on display at Art & Ideas from Jan. 16 to March 2.

The gallery/teaching studio has also announced its schedule of adult art courses, starting in February and taught by experienced teacher Kalaj. "Shaqe uses an exploratory approach when teaching students, focusing on developing each student's own individual talents and art interests," said Tolinski. Thus, class sizes will be small, students require no previous art class experience. and, to accommodate people's schedules, course lengths are flexible, from 2 to 8 weeks, depending on the class

THE ART-MAKING SERIES is composed of short courses that can be combined together or taken individually:

• Art & Ideas (the Class!) is specifically about idea development, providing the student with an artistic direction. It meets for 3 weeks (Feb. 10-24) on Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Fee

• Intuitive Art Making is a workshop in which playful techniques are used to open up the student's imagination. It meets for 3 weeks (March 3-17) on Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Fee is \$95.

• Autobiography & Art-Making incorporates each



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student's personal history into their art creation. It meets March 24-31 on Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. Fee is \$95.

 Mood & Art-Making incorporates emotions as tools for art-making. It meets for 3 weeks (Apr. 7-21) on Wednesdays, $\overline{6}$ -9 p.m. Fee is

• FEARLESS CREATING is for creative artists of any kind. The guided discussion will reveal what kinds of things hurt and help the creative process. It meets for 8 weeks (Feb. 9-March 30) on Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Fee is \$195.

• REALISM IN ART-MAKING teaches the skill of realistic drawing, helping the student discover hidden abilities. It meets for 8 weeks (April 12-June 7) Mondays, 6:30-9 p.m. Fee is \$240 and includes most supplies.

 EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ART teaches that art is a spiritual, self-finding journey. It meets for 8 weeks (April 28-June 16) on Wednesdays, 6:30-9 p.m. (fee is \$240 and includes some supplies).

Art & Ideas LLC is located at 15095 Northville Rd. in Plymouth Township, in Provincetown Center. It's across from Phoenix Lake, just north of the eastbound 5 Mile Rd. intersection, at the intersection where northbound **Edward Hines Drive ends** at Northville Rd. For a map. directions, hours, class registration, and other details, see www.artandideasgallery.com or call (734) 420-0775 (gallery) or (734) 604-1735 (cell).

Real Estate class

Out of a job? Changing careers? Become a real estate agent and be ready for the upcoming real estate boom.

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Going to DECA

On January 8, more than 700 members of Michigan DECA in southeast Michigan, including Plymouth-Canton schools, will be invited to Eastern Michigan University to attend the District 5 Conference. Students will be able to show business professionals, volunteer judges, that they have what it takes to become the world's future workforce leaders. This conference is an opportunity for business professionals to interact one-on-one with students being educated in the freeenterprise system, and to get a sneak peek at their potential future employees.

Students compete for the right to advance to Michigan DECA's State Career Development Conference (SCDC) held annually in March at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. Out of over 2,500 students competing at the state conference, an elite group will be chosen to represent Michigan at DECA's annual International Career **Development Conference** (ICDC), in Louisville, KY, where they will compete with over 12,000 DECA members.

Marketing Educators and professionals have designed 20 events to help students learn

January is a good time to get finances in shape

he new year is here and that traditionally means that we sit down and think about resolutions. This year, I decided no resolutions. Not that I don't want to improve myself but this year's resolution would have been the same as last year and, in fact, the same as they are almost every

The reality is that most of us who make a New Year's resolution break it by the first week of January. Why? I don't know but that's the way life is. However, another explanation is that when we make New Year's resolutions, they require us to major changes in lifestyle and that's hard to do. The key to success may be we need to take baby steps and over time we may get to where we want to be.

I bring this up because I believe everyone's New Year's resolution should be to keep his/ her financial house in order. In reality, most Americans do not get passing grades when it comes to personal financial planning. We could all do better. This year, resolve to take small steps to control personal finances.

There are a few main areas of personal financial planning. These are estate planning, taxes, risk management, debt management and investing. These areas are all important, however, depending upon your circumstances they can take a greater importance. Look at the list and prioritize for your individual

When prioritizing it is important to have an understanding of each area. Estate planning is the orderly management of your affairs and disposition of your estate upon death or if you no longer are able to handle them. Estate planning also deals with the issues surrounding medical



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ing then handling risk. Some like to call this category insurance. However, insurance is a product to help cover your risks. Not everyone needs to insure every risk. Make sure that the appropriate risks are identified and if insurance is needed use the most effective and efficient

Taxation is

Risk manage-

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type of policies. Debt management has taken greater importance in these difficult times. Make sure to understand the terms of debt and whether it is tax deductible. In addition, for those who have a debt problem, knowing what can be restructured is essential.

Taking small steps to improve personal financial affairs can pay immediate dividends.

We are in different times and we must be prepared. The only way to do is to make sure personal financial affairs are in order.

Instead of tackling every area of personal financial planning at once, start slow and build momentum. You will be surprised how taking little steps can take you a long way.

Good luck. Have a happy, healthy and prosperous New

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

CHAMBER CHAT

State of the Chamber

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Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Greg Blackwood of Fraza Forklifts, along with the rest of the chamber's Board of Directors, are inviting community members to attend the annual State of the Chamber Breakfast.

The breakfast is scheduled 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Inn at St. John's, located at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

At this event you will hear from chamber leadership about what the chamber has planned for this upcoming year and how you can become involved. There will be representatives from committees to answer questions and you will have the opportunity to sign up for committees or volunteer for activities/events.

Last year the breakfast attracted 170 members, making it one of the best networking opportunities of the year. The cost to attend the event is just \$5 and you will receive a full breakfast. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 22. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the chamber is liable for all meals.

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

Red Ryder

The Plymouth Historical Museum is showcasing a special exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story," in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Throughout our Main Street there will be vignettes of scenes from the movie and from the original story that the movie is based on, Plymouth Historical Museum style. Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth. The exhibit runs



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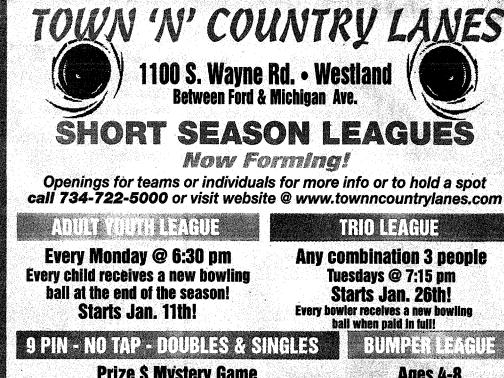
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce recently cut the ribbon on a "new" old-fashioned candy store that opened this year in downtown Plymouth. Plymouth City Commissioner Ron Loiselle, friends and Chamber Ambassadors helped Sandi McGrew celebrate the opening of the Candy Trail at 942 W. Ann Arbor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

through Jan. 24. Call (734) 455-8940 for the museum's schedule.

Genisys top workplace

Genisys Credit Union was chosen as one of the 2009 Detroit Free Press Top Workplaces in the medium size category (150-499 employees). The survey, conducted by WorkplaceDynamics of Exton, Pa., identified key factors that are important to employees such as business practices, company growth, education, income, atmosphere and future opportunities.

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Kids practice their fishing skills at the Ultimate Fishing Show.



Bobbing for Trout

Reel in some fun at fishing show

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Get out and do something different this weekend — bob for trout.

Not inclined to shove your head into a big bucket of water and catch a live fish in your mouth? Then watching someone else do it might just be your laugh-filled ticket to fun Saturday.

WRIF will broadcast from the Ultimate Fishing Show in the Rock Financial Center, Novi, Thursday through Sunday and will sponsor the event that gives participants a chance to win a fishing trip. The twisted take on "catch and release" starts at 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, at the show.

It's just one of many entertaining activities that anglers and non-anglers alike will find at the four-day, fouracre family-friendly expo.

"Even if you aren't interested in fishing, this show has so much to do," said Paul Sacks, president of Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Nation, an organization that represents 36 bass fishing clubs, including Livonia Backlashers Fishing Club, statewide.

"A lot of people come to the show because they know certain smokehouse companies will be there. There are vendors that book (fishing) trips. If you need to buy a rod and reel, it's a good place to go because you can see everyone at once."

Sacks and other members of Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Nation will staff a booth throughout the show

to "answer questions about everything." "We're primarily skilled in bass," he said, but members also have experience

reeling in other kinds of fish. "We're happy to talk about all that. Or if you want to talk about a particular lake, we'll do that," he said, praising Lake St. Clair as one of the best for

We teach all kinds of techniques. There are all kinds of ways of catching fish. This (the show) is a wonderful place to get beginning knowledge."

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

The organization is dedicated to conservation, promoting fishing tournaments and getting youth involved in the sport. It represents six junior clubs in southeastern Michigan. It will offer a casting competition for youth, age 7-15 Saturday and Sunday at the show. Winners get a medal, a rod and reel and target to practice at home.

"We set out a long lane with targets on the floor. We teach three different methods — the flip is for short distances; we show how to pitch a lure and the last one is overhand casting," Sacks said.

Other family activities include a rock climbing wall; virtual fishing simulator where children grab a rod and reel to try and land a 100-pound sailfish or 50-pound salmon; a 110,000 gallon pond stocked with live rainbow trout for catching live fish; an exotic animal zoo; and a "family zone" with simulated campfire, crafts and climbing tower. Free fly tying and fly fishing lessons

will be available all four days of the

show. Fishing experts will offer nonstop seminars, clinics and demonstrations on topics including fishing from a kayak, perch and panfish, the Detroit River and St. Clair River, and more.

"I enjoy seeing big name fishing personalities such as Kevin Van Dam and Roland Martin when they are available at these shows," said Leo Benchich, of the Livonia Backlashers Fishing Club. "Their talks are truly inspirational. I also enjoy seeing all the different lure manufacturers and distributors hawking their wares. I usually end up spending more money that I had planned on rods, reels, lures, and accessories. It gives me an all-in-one shopping experience for tackle."

Vendors run the gamut from guides and outfitters to boats, fishing tackle, electronics.

"All in all, as a 'regular guy' fisherman, I find these shows have a high value to me, especially this time of year when we can only dream of being out on the water," Benchich added.

ULTIMATE FISHING SHOW

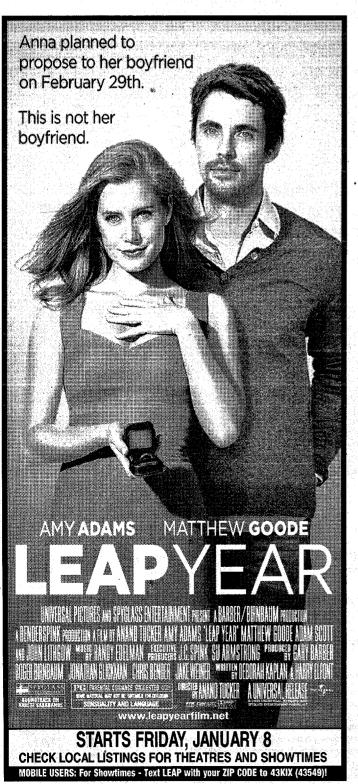
When: 2-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 7; noon-9:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 8; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10 Where: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi

Details: Fishing seminars, demonstrations, kids' activities, contests, trout pond, boats, equipment

Admission: \$10 adults; \$4 for children, 6-14; bring six cans or boxes of non-perishable food items to the show on opening night and receive a free ticket worth \$10 for admission to the show that night only.

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ART **Costick Center** Oakland Community College Time/Date: Through Jan. 8 Location: 28600 W.11 Mile, in Farmington Jan. 27

Details: The work of multimedia artist Susan Warner Contact: (248) 473-1856 **Lotus Arts Gallery** Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, down-

town Plymouth Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400 **Northville Art House**

Time/Dates: "Made of Wood: Multiple Perspectives" opens Jan. 8 Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www. northvillearts.org

AUDITIONS

Farmington Hills Youth Choir Time/Date: Auditions by appointment 5-6:30 p.m. and open auditions 6:30-7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 13

Location: Longacre House, located at 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills **Details:** The Youth Choir offers children, age 6-12, with all levels of experience the opportunity to perform a wide variety of choral music in an engaging, meaningful

Contact: Call (248) 473-1859 for audition appointment

Farmington Players

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. sign-in for ages

8-17 and 2:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 18 and over, Sunday, Jan. 24; call backs at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25

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

Details: "Gypsy" is about a relentless stage mother, Rose, who travels the country with her two daughters, June and Louise, and their manager, Herbie. While June and Louise wish their mother would settle down and marry Herbie, Rose continues to pursue dreams of stardom for her girls. The auditions for those between 8 and 17 will include singing, reading and dancing. All materials for these auditions will be available on the Gypsy home page at www. farmingtonplayers.org. Those who are 18 and over should be prepared to perform a 60- to 90-second monologue for the reading audition.

Contact: E-mail Jason Wilhoite at coun-

terpoint78@gmail.com or call him at (734)

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Jan. 26 and 5-7 p.m.,

Location: Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, south of 1-696 in Farmington Hills. **Details:** "Black Comedy" revolves around the efforts of a young man to impress his fiancée's father while desperately and hilariously dealing with the ensuing confusion among his invited and uninvited guests. Needs five men and three women, ages 17 to 60. Auditioners should arrive 15 minutes early and be prepared to read a character and scene of their choice from excerpts posted at www.oaklandcc.edu/theatre. Contact: E-mail preferred date and hour for audition to dohill@oaklandcc.edu or leave a message at (248) 522-3636.

Schoolcraft College Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday,

Jan. 12-13 Location: 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, in the liberal arts theater

Details: Auditions for "King Lear;" 35 roles will be filled. Performances will be March 19-20 and 26-27 and April 19-20, 2010 Contact: (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

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

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

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays **Location**: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit **Details:** Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic: 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia **Contact**: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Jim David, Dec. 31 **Location**: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

GET OUT

Time/Date: Ark 45th Anniversary Kickoff: Mountain Heart, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 8; Dick Siegel and the Brandos, 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9; Livingston Taylor, Jan. 10; Alejandro Escovedo, Jan. 11; The Red Sea Pedestrians, Jan. 12: Lee Harvey Osmond, Jan. 13; Solas & Bearfoot, Jan. 14; The Ragbirds, Jan. 15; The Verve Pipe: A Family Show, Jan. 16: The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 16

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org **Detroit Institute of Arts**

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m. Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag Time/Dates: Whitey Morgan & The 78's, Jan. 8

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale Contact: (248) 544-3030, www. themagicbag.com

Music Hall Jazz Cafe Time/Date: Open jam session, 9 p.m.,

Jan 5; DJ LaJedi, 5 p.m. and High Profile, 8 p.m., Jan. 6; M.L. Liebler, 7 p.m., Jan. 7; The Cookers, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Jan. 8-9; Stuart Scaggs-Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 12; Judy Adams, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 13; Lauarette Designs event, Jan. 15; MotorCityBlog 5 Year Anniversary with Electric Fire Babies, Mick Bassett & the Marthas, Ken's Loud Band, Satori Circus. The Lincolns UK, Kinetic Stereokids, Blase'

Splee, 7 p.m. Jan. 16; Tim Reeves, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m. Jan. 19; Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 20; Ben's Friends, 7 p.m., Jan. 21; Stage to Stage, Jan. 22; Ain't Misbehavin, 7 p.m., 7 p.m., Jan. 26; Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m.; Jan. 27; Grandeur Events Extravaganza, 8 p.m., Jan. 20 Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: No cover most shows; \$27 for The Cookers; \$10 for Lauarette Designs; \$10 Motor City Blog anniversary; \$5 Ben's

Contact: (313) 887-8500



Flying Latini Brothers

Village Theatre at Cherry Hill Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in

Details: John Latini And The Flying Latini Brothers perform; tickets are

Contact: (734) 394-5460

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays **Details:** Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave.,

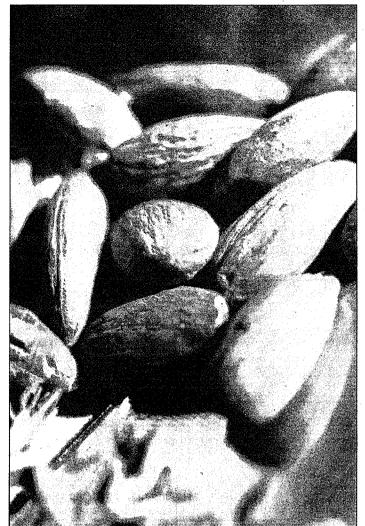
Detroit Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays **Details**: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with

admission Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.

Marguis Theatre

Time/Dates: "Pinocchio," through Jan. 24, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up Location: 135 E. Main, Northville Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com



Almonds are a healthful snack.

Add healthy snacking to this year's resolutions

Forget diet shakes and strict meal plans. This year, pledge to eat more snacks. Healthy snacking is emerging as a new food trend for consumers who have resolved to focus on health and wellness in 2010.

Today's consumers see snacking as an integral part of their lifestyles. From stressed-out Generation Xers to comfort-seeking Baby Boomers and wellness-savvy Millennials, consumers recognize that smart mini-meals can be part of an all-day wellness plan, according to U.S. trend watcher Iconoculture.

Iconoculture reports that consumers want to bring their lives back into balance. They crave basic, comforting, filling and better-for-them foods when they snack, including nuts, seeds, fruits, popcorn and veggies.

'Consumers want their snacks to be multitasking munchies," said chef and cookbook author Tina Salter, who develops recipes for Diamond culinary nuts, Emerald snack nuts and Pop Secret popcorn. "They want snacks that provide health benefits, but that are also convenient, delicious, satisfying and taste a little indulgent."

SNACK BENEFITS

One of the keys to healthy snacking is not just eating foods that are good for the body, Salter said, but also finding treats that are handy and leave us satisfied without the guilt. That's why so many healthy snackers are turning to nuts and popcorn. Both snacks are high in fiber, have proven antioxidant benefits and provide a whole host of benefits

In fact, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says that scientific evidence suggests, but does not prove, that eating 1.5 ounces per day of most nuts, as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, may reduce the risk of heart disease. Other facts supporting nuts as a part of a healthy diet include:

• Walnuts are one of the most concentrated sources of omega-3 fatty acids. One serving of walnuts, about 1/3 cup or 12-16 walnut halves, several times a week has been shown to lower overall cholesterol and blood pressure while reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and fighting arthritis and other inflammatory diseases.

· Almonds are a beneficial source of vitamin E, magnesium, manganese, and a good source of fiber, copper, phosphorous, and riboflavin. A one-ounce serving, about 23 almonds, has 13 grams of good unsaturated fats, just 1 gram of saturated fat, and is always cholesterol free.

"Nuts are delicious, nutritious and portable, making them an excellent choice for today's busy consumers," Salter said. "Stash them in your desk at work, in your purse or gym bag and in your car so you always have a healthy snacking option at hand."

MOVIE NIGHT HEALTHIER

A recent study showed that plain popcorn has the highest level of polyphenols among snack foods; polyphenols disease, cancer and other dispercent whole grain and is an easy to prepare snack for the whole family.

AWESOME BANANA WALNUT SHAKE

The frozen banana in this shake creates an ice cream-like consistency. The wal-nuts get so finely ground by the blender that you don't even know they're in there . until you taste it! It's so yummy!

1 medium very ripe banana, frozen ½ cup vanilla low-fat yogurt

¼ cup chopped walnuts 1-2 tablespoons honey

Place banana, yogurt, walnuts, and 1 tablespoon honey in a blender. Blend on low speed until ingredients start to mix together. Then increase to high speed and blend until smooth. For a sweeter smoothie, add another tablespoon of honey. Serve immediately. Tip: To make a frozen banana, peel and cut the banana into chunks. Wrap in plastic and place in freezer several hours or overnight. Serves two; prep time five minutes; 267 calories; 11 grams fat

CAJUN SPICED WALNUTS

A spicy kick makes these a perfect predinner nibble with drinks. Prepare them a day ahead if you can, as the flavors blend and mellow overnight.

1½ teaspoons garlic salt

1½ teaspoons mixed dried herbs 1 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

1 teaspoon paprika

2 cups walnut halves and pieces Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a large, shallow baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix egg white, garlic salt, dried herbs, cayenne pepper and paprika with a whisk or fork until blended. Add walnut halves and pieces and toss until they are evenly coated, then spread in the prepared baking pan. Bake 16-18 minutes, stirring once after about 8 minutes, until the walnuts look dry and toasted. Remove from the oven and cool completely. Store in an airtight container. Serves eight; prep time is 15

minutes; 201 calories; 20 grams fat APPLE AND WALNUT SPICED MUFFINS

 $Spicy \, muffins, dense \, with \, apples, rai$ sins and walnuts are crisp outside and moist within

hot water

1 cup raisins

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup oatmeal

⅓ cup sugar 2½ teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon cinnamon ½ teaspoon ground allspice

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

4-5 small apples

1 egg 2 egg whites

¼ cup canola oil or vegetable oil

½ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Grease muffin tins, or coat with non-stick spray.

Pour hot water over the raisins in a small bowl and let sit 10 minutes; drain well and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the flour, oatmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg. Stir and toss to combine the ingredients, then set

Peel and core the apples. Grate them coarsely – you need about ${\bf 2}$ generous cups, lightly pressed down.

NUT, POPCORN SNACKS

MAPLE CINNAMON ROASTED ALMONDS

2 cups whole almonds ¼ cup maple syrup

2 teaspoons canola oil

·2 teaspoons vanilla 1 tablespoon cinnamon

Roast the almonds on a large square baking sheet at 350ºF for 15 minutes. Take

the almonds out of the oven. In a saucepan, mix together the maple syrup, canola oil, vanilla and cinnamon. Heat at medium just until the mixture starts to boil. Add the roasted almonds to the saucepan. Toss until the almonds are evenly glazed and covered with the syrup mixture. Cover the baking sheet with parchment paper. Spray with vegetable oil. Spread the maple almond mixture onto the parchment paper and let cool. Enjoy the same day or store in an airtight container in the refrigerator to enjoy throughout the week. Serves 8; 245 calories and 10 grams fat.

HEART-Y ANTIOXIDANT ALMOND SNACK MIX

3 cups multi-grain cereal squares, such as Chex brand

3 cups fiber cereal twigs, such as Fiber One brand

1 cup sweetened dried cranberries ¾ cup dark chocolate morsels 3/4 cup almond butter

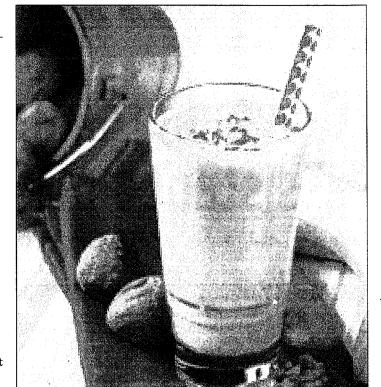
½ cup enriched margarine spread such as Smart Balance brand (may use butter)

3/4 cup almond flour ¼ cup sliced almonds

¾ cup confectioners' sugar

Line a large sheet pan with waxed paper. Place cereal and dried cranberries in a large resealable plastic bag. In a microwavable bowl, add chocolate chips, almond butter and enriched margarine spread (or butter). Microwave on high heat, uncovered, for 1 minute. Stir. Microwave for another 30 seconds; remove and stir until smooth. Pour chocolate mixture into plastic bag, seal and shake to coat evenly. Add almond flour, sliced almonds and confectioners' sugar. Reseal and shake to coat. Spread mixture on waxed paper and cool completely. Refrigerate in an airtight container; mix can be stored for up to 1 week. Contains 237 calories per serving and 13.3.

grams of fat.



Awesome Banana Walnut Shake

DIAMOND PECAN AND CITRUS ON SWEET POTATO ROUNDS

2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

½ teaspoon kosher salt

1 cup chopped pecans, toasted 1 cup freshly cut orange segments, reserving 2 Tablespoons of the juice 6 tablespoons chopped fresh cilan-

2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime

iuice 1 tablespoon minced green onion

2 teaspoons freshly grated lime zest ¾ teaspoon kosher salt

¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

12 ounce fresh goat cheese or whipped cream cheese, at room tem-

Preheat the oven to 350

degrees. Generously oil a large baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with salt. Arrange sweet potato slices in a single layer on baking sheet; press each round in the oil and turn so that the oiled side is facing up. Bake until tender, about 20 minutes. Cut each orange segment into thirds. In a small bowl, combine orange pieces, cilantro, orange juice, lime juice, green onion, lime zest, salt and cayenne; add chopped pecans and toss well. To serve: Spread a thin layer of goat cheese onto each

sweet potato round; top with a teaspoon of the chopped pecan mixture. Serve immediately. Makes about 30 rounds

Recipe courtesy of Diamond Foods

MEDITERRANEAN ALMOND DIP

½ cup plus 1 tablespoon toasted whole natural almonds

2 tablespoons olive oil or almond oil

1 clove garlic 1 can (15½ oz.) garbanzo beans

¼ cup lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)

% cup chopped toasted almonds (optional) Crackers or pita bread rounds, cut into

Chop 1 tablespoon whole natural, almonds for garnish; set aside. Combine remaining portion of the ½ cup whole natural, almonds in food processor with oil and garlic. Process until well chopped. Drain garbanzo beans, reserving ½ cup liquid. Add beans, liquid, lemon juice and pepper to almond mixture. Process until smooth. Stir in ½ cup chopped almonds, if desired. Spoon into a serving bowl. Garnish with chopped almonds and serve with crackers or pita wedges. Serves eight; 133 calories and 6.7 grams fat.

Recipes courtesy of the California Almond Board



Consumers Energy, DTE outline winter assistance plans for their customers

With the official start of winter just around the corner, it's important that we begin preparing ourselves and our houses for the colder weather. DTE Energy and Consumers Energy offer a number of programs to help customers with their energy bills. Payment assistance programs offered to customers include: a medical emergencies program to postpone shutoffs in the event of a medical issue; and a shut-off protection plan to spread future bills out over the year, and to include equal monthly payments on an unpaid balance in order to avoid a shut-off.

Some consumers and all senior citizens, regardless of their income, also qualify for DTE Energy's Winter Protection Plan. This program protects these customers from shutoff between Nov. 1 and March 31. During this period, customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill plus regular payments on any past-due bills. After March 31, the required bill payments will increase to cover winter bills. For more information on any of these programs, call Consumers Energy at (800) 477-5050, and DTE Energy at (800)

Many assistance programs are available by calling 2-1-1 at United Way. Weatherization help is available for low-income residents. These programs help with caulking, weather stripping, and insulation. Another program that is available is THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund, which helps people facing a shut-off who have exhausted all federal and state funding programs.



The state offers assistance with energy bills through the State Emergency Relief Program in the Department of Human Services. This program is available to DHS clients and non-DHS clients. For more information, call the Energy Assistance Hotline at (800) 292-5650, or visit your local DHS office. State Department of Social Services for Wayne County is located at 2929 Russell St. in Detroit. You can reach

4090 Forest Edge Dr

that office by calling (313) 396-0200. Visit these Web sites to learn more about the help that is available:

DTE Energy: http://www.dteenergy.com/residentialCustomers/billing-Payment/paymentPrograms/payAssistance.html.

Consumers Energy: http://www. consumersenergy.com/welcome.htm.

United Way of Southeastern Michigan: www.uwsem.org/.

THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund: http://www.thawfund.org/ how_help/index.html.

State Emergency Relief Energy Assistance Programs: http:// www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance/0,1607,7-215-33211-105989--,00.html.

2232 Camelot Dr

Heed standards on board votes

Q: At a recently held condominium board election, the current board president had all ballots affixed with a label identifying the coowner. I maintain this is a violation of privacy. How a member votes should not be known to anyone other than the voter. Am I not correct?

A: Although your voting should be kept confidential, condominium association voting procedures are uniquely different from other nonprofit corporations. Sometimes each unit vote is weighted by the "percentage of value" assigned to the unit as set forth in the master deed



Robert Meisner

\$187,000

so the unit number must be identified to properly calculate the votes. Also, the bylaws often require that the ballot must be signed by the "designated

voting representative" for the unit and the signature on the ballot must match the association's records for the person authorized to cast the vote and to keep track of who submitted each ballot to ensure there is no duplicate voting for a single unit. Also, since delinquent units often are ineligible to vote, the identity of the unit is needed for that purpose. To maintain confidentiality, the association should appoint and swear in two inspectors of the ballots to tabulate the votes and report the tally. You should consult an experienced community association attorney to analyze your specific condominium document requirements to ensure that your rights are

Q: I frequently review your column as it relates to property in southwest Florida with particular emphasis on Naples. Are things getting any better in residential sales?

fully protected, however.

A: Based upon a recent visit to Naples in September-October of 2009, it appears that the bottom has not been reached. Property along the coastlines has depreciated approximately 25 percent with property more inland having depreciated between 40 and 50 percent. A number of developers are experiencing extreme financial duress and are walking away from the properties much like the case in other areas of Florida and around the country. Foreclosures are increasing, and, while the rental market appears to be strong, the real estate market is weak. Many contractors who went to Florida to find work have been laid off and the economy, even in the Naples area, is suffering.

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

26363 Mandalay Cir

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 14-18, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| Auburn Hills | |
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| 615 Alberta St . | \$131,000 |
| 3050 Catalpa Ct | \$19,000 |
| 66 Delevan St | \$100,000 |
| 3551 S Shimmons Cir | \$150,000 |
| Beverly Hills | |
| 22140 W Valley Woods Dr | \$240,000 |
| Birmingham | |
| 1695 Bowers St | \$90,000 |
| 2795 Buckingham Ave | \$150,000 |
| 1460 Cole St | \$159,000 |
| 1881 Hazel St | \$121,000 |
| 809 Ruffner Ave | \$355,000 |
| 1935 Sheffield Rd | \$177,000 |
| Bloomfield Township | |
| 730 Wattles Rd | \$370,000 |
| Clarkston | |
| 7605 Bitterbush | \$250,000 |
| 4731 Cobden Ln | \$73,000 |
| 4820 Eagle Springs Ct • | \$400,000 |
| 8270 Foster Rd | \$650,000 |
| 5851 Kingfisher Ln | \$161,000 |
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| 6600 Trillium Village Ln | \$61,000 |
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| 39252 Kennedy Dr | \$255,000 1047 S Co | | \$135,000 | 5031 Davers St | \$103,000 |
| 21790 River Ridge Trl | | rsmeet Dr | \$251,000 | 5797 Eldridge Dr | \$60,000 |
| 36856 W 12 Mile Rd | \$100,000 | Rochester | 720,000 | 1376 Fieldcrest Dr | \$65,000 |
| 28001 W 13 Mile Rd | \$250,000 810 Plate | | \$29,000 | 2081 Lone Birch Dr | \$218,000 |
| Lake Orion | 903 W Th | | \$290,000 | 1275 Oregon Blvd | \$121,000 |
| 2382 Brabant St | \$178.000 | Rochester Hills | 4270,000 | 2994 Otsego Rd | \$55,000 |
| 177 Four Seasons Dr | \$125,000 3078 Ava | | \$100,000 | 4270 Stanley Ct | \$35,000 |
| 2009 Hillwood Dr | \$162,000 2426 Bloo | | \$172,000 | 6058 Waterfront Dr | \$175,000 |
| 430 Waldon Rd | \$132,000 3135 Bran | | \$230,000 | West Bloomfield | \$11.5,000 |
| Lathrup Village | 1302 Brod | | \$90,000 | 3091 Brewster Ct | \$175,000 |
| 27124 Eldorado Pl | | von Creek Dr | \$630,000 | 5477 Centerbrook Dr | \$245,000 |
| 18500 Saratoga Bivd | | rter Oak Dr | \$40,000 | 6785 Colony Dr | \$180,000 |
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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Mondays. To reserve a spot, contact Steve Leibhan, Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

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Learn the procedures for appealing your property tax assessment presented by Harold Hoyt, a principal with Professional Property Tax Appeals Inc. He will cover: the required documents, the Board of Review, local board results and petitioning the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www. REIAofOakland.com)

Career Seminar

Interested in a career in real estate? Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, an optimistic "can do" attitude and a strong desire to

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Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, commission structures. Questions will be answered. Please call (734)459-4700 to reserve your free seat 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Keller Williams, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Boot Camp Sales Training on six Monday mornings, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, and 15, from 9-11 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

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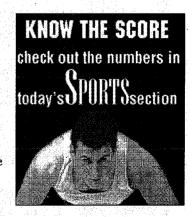
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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Avenue in Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010.

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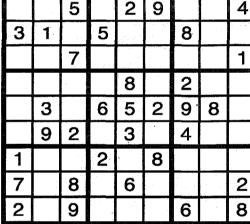
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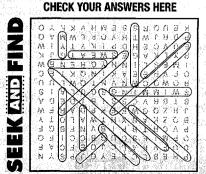
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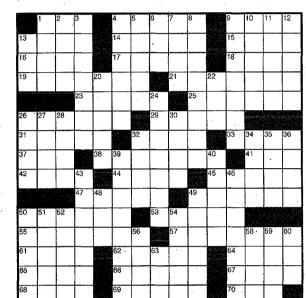
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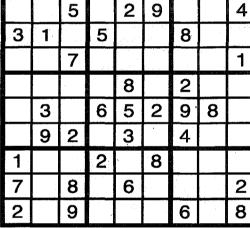
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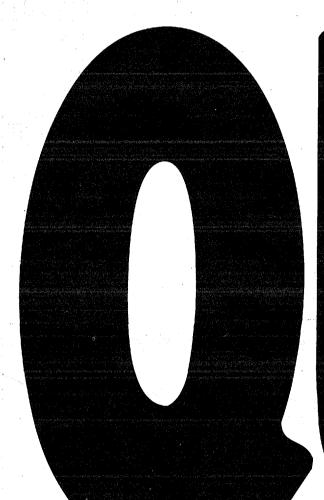
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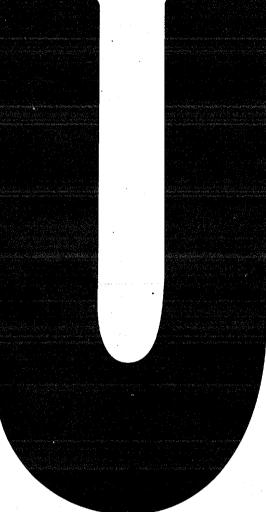


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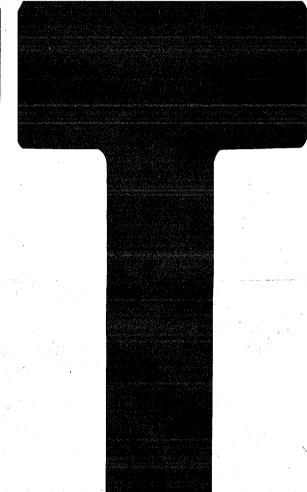
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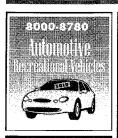
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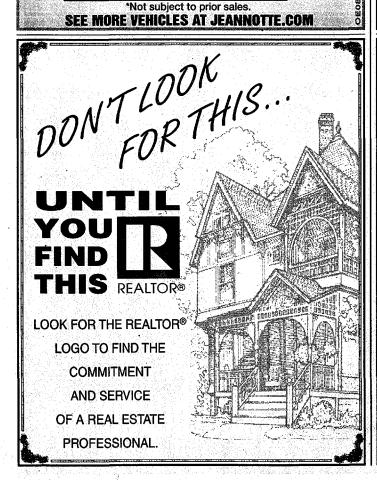
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