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Canton mother charged with not reporting signs of abuse

Father faces 30 years after 5-week-old son suffers injuries

STAFF WRITER

Stratton Tuesday for allegedly ignoring



Canton Police arrested Jayme Beth the signs of abuse of her

> five-week-old baby boy. Stratton's husband, Steven Michael Szyszkowski, 26, was arraigned Saturday on. two charges of first degree child abuse, each charge punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Canton police say he seriously injured the infant, who doctors determined had nine broken bones,

Although police investi-gators don't believe Stratton, 36, had anything to do with the actual injuries, they arrested

among other injuries.

her for maintaining an environment in which the infant was physically abused. She was charged with second degree child abuse, a four-year felony. She was arraigned Tuesday in 35th District Court. Magistrate Eric Colthurst issued a \$5,000 cash bond and set her preliminary exam date for Dec. 22, at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

The family lives in a mobile home in the 51000 block of Mott Road.

Szyszkowski, who will also have his preliminary examination Dec. 22 in 35th District Court, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment, and was given a \$30,000 cash bond. He is currently being held in Wayne County Jail.

According to Canton Detective Rick Pomorski, the decision to charge Stratton

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A holiday classic

Donn McIntosh took the stage as Herr Drosselmeyer as the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presented their 16th-annual performance of the holiday classic "Nutcracker" last weekend at the Salem High School auditorium. The group, featuring some 80 children, did three shows, including a sold-out Sunday performance. "The sets were phenomenal, and the kids did such a wonderful job," said PSO director Jennifer Philpot-Munson. "It's just a lot of fun to watch." The performances featured Twin Cities Metropolitan Ballet guest artists Erik J. Sanborn and Laura Goodman.

Murder trial set in death of foster child

STAFF WRITER

After more than four hours of testimony in Carol Ann Poole's preliminary hearing in 35th



District Court Monday, her lawyer, Mark Satawa, tried to convince Judge John MacDonald the prosecution had not shown evidence of intent on his client's part

in the death of 2-year-old Allison Newman, Poole's foster daughter. But MacDonald wasn't buying

The chief judge bound Poole over for trial in Wayne County

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Canton boy takes music on the road to spread holiday spirit

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Erik Partin could've been at home playing video games Tuesday afternoon, but instead the 12-year-old decided he wanted to spread some holiday cheer.

With his violin and viola in tow, Erik visited residents at The Canton Place senior apartments on Ford Road and entertained them for half an hour. In addition to playing Christmas standards such as Joy to the World, the Canton Charter Academy seventh grader performed the theme from

the James Bond movies.

"The fact that it's his idea to come and do this for us is incredible," said Dianne Bodell, Canton Place service coordinator.

Standing in the middle of a room filled with holiday decorations, including a large candy cane propped on a wall, Erik tucked his viola between his left shoulder and his chin and began playing Deck the Halls.

Some Canton Place residents hummed along with the music, others nodded their heads and a few tapped their fingers.

We love having him

here," said Bodell, adding that Erik's age gives some residents a good perspective on today's youth. "One of our residents had been receiving prank calls from some kids so this gives her a nice opposite view."

Having performed at Canton Place last year, Erik was also scheduled to play outside of the Canton Wal-Mart Wednesday evening, hoping the holiday spirit would rub off on shoppers.

"I'm just trying to promote compassion," he said. "And I hope to get other people to use their talents to help others."



Erik Partin, 12, entertains the residents of Canton Place Tuesday. He wants others to use their talents to spread compassion.

Erik, who's a member of two orchestras, began playing the viola two years ago. In addition to playing

Silent Night two times by request, Erik played Jingle Bells, the Star Spangled Banner, Happy Birthday and a few fiddling tunes for "I'm always happy to

make you happy," he told the audience, as people asked him to come again next year. "I really appreciate you watching me play."

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Township residents brace for water rate increase

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Canton residents still grappling with this year's water rate increases are in line to face another hike in 2007.

The township, which introduced new quarterly charges in May that averaged a 7.75percent increase, is looking at another 7-percent raise next year, based on a proposal by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

"This is crazy," said Canton resident Kristen Rielly. "I really feel for the people on fixed incomes."

George Ellenwood, Detroit Water and Sewer

Department spokesman, said next year's rate boost is based on a formula comprised of 11 basic computations, with the primary drivers being distance, elevation and the community's peaking factor.

The peaking factor, he explained, is "determined by the maximum usage of a community on a given hour of a given day against the department's maximum

Rielly, who lives in Sunflower Village and is the president of its homeowner's association, said residents are still reeling from this year's rate jumps. "It seems really excessive,"

she said, adding that the subdivision is hit twice because residents maintain two large pools and two clubhouses within the complex.

Residents with sump pumps pay about \$13 in quarterly fees while those without sump pumps pay nearly \$20. The fees are slated to topple more than \$50 by 2010.

The charges, which remain a main topic during public comment at Township Board

meetings, were created after a three-year study determined the township was charging too little for water service.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the township hadn't raised water rates in three years and thought it was best to phase in the increases over the next several years.

"We know it's hard on our residents but we're not allowed to lose money," he said. "That's not good busi-Rielly, who didn't initially

notice the new quarterly

charge, said the fees could be overlooked by a lot of people until they get higher.

"I hadn't paid any attention to it until a (neighbor) called me," she said. "I'm figuring a lot of people may not notice it yet.'

By next year, the quarterly charges are expected to hit \$18 for homes with sump pumps and \$25 for homes without them. Those numbers will rise to \$26 and \$32 in 2008. In 2009, the fees will increase to \$36 and \$43.

By 2010, homes with sump pumps will pay about \$51 per quarter while residences

without them will fork over nearly \$60.

"Our bills are pretty high in the first place so I think this is ridiculous," said Canton resident George Kruczek. "I don't understand why it's changing so much so soon."

Kruczek, who also lives in Sunflower Village, said he's hoping the water rate changes won't spell higher dues or service cuts for the subdivision.

"On the surface, this just doesn't seem right," he said.

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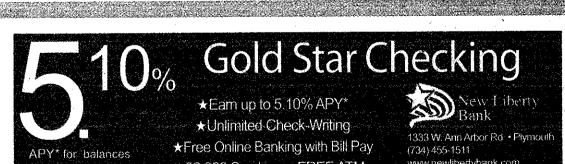


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Coming Sunday in Health



Rotary Santa event

The Canton Rotary Club will host Pizza with Santa 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 16 at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road, just west of I-275. Santa will be arriving by helicopter. There will be all you can eat pizza, salad, and beverage. The cost of the event is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children (children 3 and younger are free). All children will receive a photo with Santa, and there will also be a craft table to make crafts.

Tigers ticket winner

Bill Wasko of Canton was one of 10 to win four tickets each to a 2007 Tigers game in the recent Comerica sweepstakes drawing for Detroit Tigers season tickets at Comerica Park. Dearborn resident Cliff Barnes was the grand prize winner in the contest, earning four 2007 Detroit Tigers season tickets. Nearly 9,000 fans of the American League Champion Detroit Tigers entered the sweepstakes drawing by visiting a Michigan Comerica banking center and completing an entry

Tri-City Christmas musical

The children of Tri-City Christian Center will present

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the musical drama "The Perfect Neighborhood" at 7 p.m., Dec. 22 at Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton. The children will perform carols, and take a musical journey through what appears to be a perfect neighborhood in this topsy-turvy modern production that explores the real meaning of Christmas.

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Admission is free. For more information, contact Sandy Bazner at (734) 397-1777.

'Jesus in Islam'

The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (MCWS) is hosting a lecture titled "Jesus in Islam" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Canton Public Library (1200 S. Canton Center Road). The speaker, Harry Bassel, will discuss Jesus, and how he is viewed from an Islamic perspective. Our non-Muslim friends and neighbors are cordially invited. Admission is free and refreshment will be served. For more information call (734) 467-7704 or e-mail info@mcws.org.

Head start openings

Plymouth Canton Head Start, which is a free preschool program, is now enrolling children that are 3 and 4 year olds. There are openings at all three locations, including on Sheldon

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Coping with grief

Heartland Hospice announces a new support group for widows and widowers. The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is held from 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley in Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Sounds of the Season

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs will present their annual holiday concert "Sounds of the Season" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19 in the Salem High School Auditorium located at 46181 Joy in Canton.

Tickets (\$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the door) are currently on sale and may be purchased in the PCEP Choir Office (Room 1603 at Salem High School) during school hours. For more information visit the choir Web site at www.pcepchoirs.org or call (734) 416-7800.

"Sounds of the Season" will

CORRECTION

A photograph accompanying an article on not drinking and driving in Sunday's Observer had an incorrect caption. The woman who was representing the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance was Tamara Norrix and not Theresa Webster.

collecting 442 pair of used eye glasses, which they donated to the Canton Lions Club. Lions member Aldona Chew (back row) visited the troop to accept the glasses. The glasses are recycled and sent to third world countries, according to Lions member Charlie Mott. "It took the girls about a week to collect the glasses. It usually takes us about 3-4 months to collect that many. It was quite an accomplishment," Mott said. feature more than 200 students who are members of the awardwinning PCEP Choirs under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp. Students are in grades 9regarding the 2007 Home 12 and attend either Plymouth, Canton or Salem High Schools.

Home Expo applications available

The PCEP Choirs will be performing a wide variety of

favorites including music from the film The Polar Express.

Christmas and Hanukkah

A visionary troop

Applications to participate in Canton's 2007 Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are now available on the township Web site at www.canton-mi.org. The Expo, scheduled to be held next year on March 3-4, is an opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders to promote their products by hosting a display booth or participating in the Parade of Homes.

All vendor applications must be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 by Jan. 15, 2007. For questions Improvement Expo please call (734) 394-5200.

Members of Brownie Troop 1385 (based out of Canton Charter Academy) surpassed all expectations by

Holiday art workshops

D & M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services, is now taking r egistrations for all holiday workshops.

They are offering several workshops, including preschool Christmas workshops (ages 3 -6) on Dec. 12 and Dec. 15 (\$18); ceramic Christmas workshop on Dec. 13 (\$15); student and teen Christmas workshops (Ages 6 and up) on Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 (\$24), Dec. 15 with

pizza party and Dec. 23 (\$24). To register for workshops or for more information on additional "All-Day Paints" and "2-Hour Workshops," as well as all classes, please call D & M

Studios at (734) 453-3710 or visit its Web site at www.dmartstudio.com.

Chamber computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a MS Excel Part I course 6-9 p.m., Jan. 31 at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road. This is one of many computer training courses that the chamber has scheduled in 2007. The classes are open to chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Jan.







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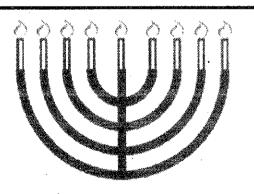
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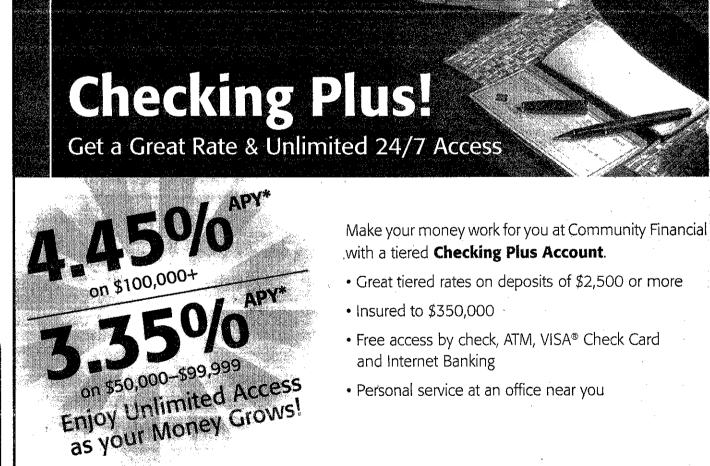




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Candles put glow on memories

Vigil allows parents to remember children

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Jamie DeWitt was dating Andy Imielowski of Romulus when Andy died earlier this

So when Andy's hearingimpaired parents, Monica and Roman Imielowski, learned about The Compassionate Friends' candlelight vigil to remember children who have died, DeWitt, a sign language expert, knew she had to be there, too.

DeWitt, and more than 500 others, were in Kellogg Park Sunday night for the annual vigil, which brings together The Compassionate Friends chapters from around the world to form a ring of candles around the globe to honor children lost too soon.

DeWitt stood onstage, fighting back the emotion and interpreting everything from the poems that were performed to the reading of nearly 300 names of children.

"To be here ... it's hard to explain," DeWitt said. "To be a part of something I wish I didn't have to be a part of, and to be able to bring some special emotion (for Andy's parents) is



Tara Rotthoff of Canton (front right) looks for an ornament that has the name of her niece, Mackenzie Rae Whitney, while Mary Ann Kropinak and Pat Hatchinson of Plymouth, look for Kropinak's son, Marty Kropinak, on the Christmas tree in Kellogg Park.

wonderful. This is very per-

sonal for me." It was personal to a lot of people. According to Gail Lafferty, the Canton woman

who is the group's co-leader, The Compassionate Friends bought some 500 candles to be used in the vigil, but that wasn't enough.

The program included poems read by parents who have lost children, along with the songs Who You'd Be Today by Kenny Chesney and To Where You Are by Josh Groban. In addition, Lafferty and Pat O'Donnell of Westland read nearly 300 names of children who have

All of it was designed to help parents, families and friends remember the children they've

"People are struggling so much through the holidays," Lafferty said. "This just helps."

Judith Gangnier of Farmington lost her son, Beau, earlier this year. She heard about The Compassionate Friends from a woman whose son is buried in the same cemetery, and she decided she had to go.

"I love my son, I miss my son, and it helps to be able to talk to people about that," Gangnier said. "Most people feel uncomfortable talking about it. The Compassionate Friends don't. This is real important to me."

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Stolen Menorah turns up on resident's lawn

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Does the grinch have a soft side or is he just afraid of getting nabbed?

The 7-foot menorah recently stolen from the township has been recovered.

"You have to wonder about the people who took it," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "Whether it was a prank or otherwise, it's still stealing."

A Jewish symbol associated with Hanukkah, the menorah was taken from the front lawn of Summit on the Park just hours after the township's annual tree lighting celebration.

Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said a homeowner called police this past weekend to say the \$750 item had

shown up on her property. Since it appears the menorah was dropped off on the woman's lawn, police are still

unsure of who took it. "If we find out who did it, we can press charges," Pomorski said. Yack, who had been optimistic the prominent, seven-branch candelabrum would be found, said it's likely the item will be placed outdoors again.

"It's very rare that we run into this," he said. "I'm assuming it will be placed in the same spot."

The township bought the menorah a few years ago at the request of a resident.

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4 p.m. No registration required. ■ ABC Activity: Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. Drop in sensory activities for children ages birth through 5 (with caregiver). Puzzles, matching games, LeapPad and more.

■ Gingerbread House: Dec. 16, Tweens at 1 p.m., Teens at 2 p.m. Create a traditional gingerbread house with your own special touch. Registration required.

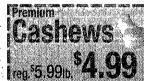


The Compassionate Friends had some 500 candles available for their annual candlelight vigil in Kellogg Park Sunday, but it wasn't enough to accommodate the crowd that showed up.

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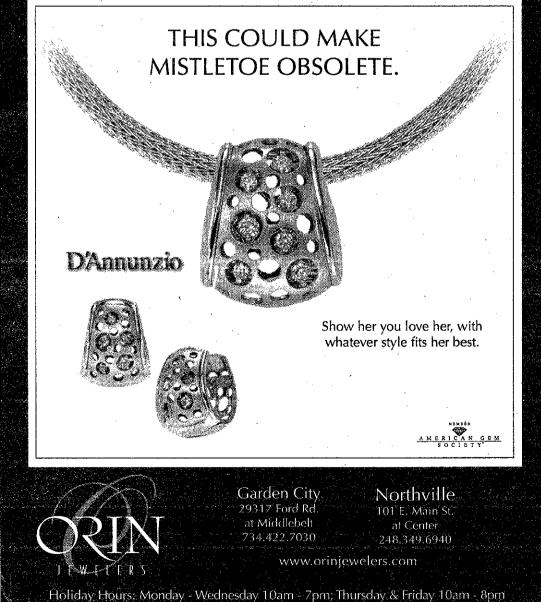
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was made after a statement she made to police, in which she allegedly said she thought her husband might have been abusing the child.

"She saw signs of what she thought was abuse, and she

didn't do anything about it," Pomorski said.

Canton police officers arrested Szyszkowski, who is unemployed, last week after receiving a tip from an anonymous female caller, who told police she had heard a rumor that he was abusing his son.

"She heard from a friend that this guy might be abusing the baby," Pomorski said.

After receiving the call, two Canton officers were dispatched to the home. Pomorski said the officers arrested him on some minor outstanding warrants. When they checked the baby, they noticed minor injuries, according to Pomorski. As a matter of procedure, they called for a rescue unit to transport the newborn

Mott Children's Hospital, where he was examined by doctors.

Doctors determined he had nine broken bones, including a tibia, fibula and some toes.

According to Pomorski, the baby is out of the hospital and has been placed in foster care by Child Protective Services.

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TRIAL

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Circuit Court on all three charges Poole faces: felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter. Poole, the Canton woman charged in the toddler's Sept. 22 death, faces arraignment at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice Dec. 26.

Satawa pinned his argument on the fact neither of the two medical experts called Monday by the prosecution - University of Michigan neurosurgeon Dr. Hugh Garton and Washtenaw County Medical Examiner Bader Cassin - could determine whether Newman's death was the result of an intentional act or an accident.

"I think the testimony as we heard it (Monday) showed there is no evidence of intent," said Satawa. "There never was, there never will be. This was a tragic accident."

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey wasn't surprised by Satawa's motion to dismiss, saying that were he a defense attorney, he'd argue the same way.

"If I'm a defense attorney, that's what I'd argue," Dorsey admitted. "I, of course, feel there is some evidence the injuries Allison suffered were intentionally inflicted. (MacDonald) found probable cause the crimes were committed, and probable cause (Poole) committed them. That's what we were here for."

Dorsey played the tape recorded when Poole called 911 in the early hours of Sept. 22 to say Allison was unresponsive. Canton Police Detective Michael Wells testified Poole gave police four different accounts of how Allison suffered the injuries.

"We didn't really feel she was being truthful with us," Wells

Dorsey introduced photos from inside the Poole's Canton home, showing the 12-foot drop from the second-floor balcony to the first floor. The fourth story Poole told Canton police - the one they now believe is the truth - involved Poole accidentally dropping

to the University of Michigan's

Allison from that height. After Poole called 911, EMS technicians from the Canton fire department transported Allison to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where her injuries were deemed severe enough to be airlifted to Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan.

Garton, the U-M neurosurgeon, said a CT scan of Allison's head showed a skull fracture, bleeding over the surface of the brain and swelling of the brain. She aiready "showed no signs of brain activity" by the time Garton saw her, he testified.

He also testified, in his experience, a fall from 12 feet "isn't

likely to have caused the injuries Allison presented."

"There's nothing that allows you to conclude whether (the fall) was intentional or accidental?" Satawa asked. Garton said "No."

Cassin performed an autopsy on Allison Newman three days after the toddler's death, and ruled the death was of "indeterminate" manner "because the set of circumstances and injury pattern lends itself to more than one" interpretation.

Two of the stories police say Poole told them involved Allison falling in the bathroom, once during a shower in the bathtub, the other from a countertop at the bathroom sink. Cassin said neither of those explanations was likely.

"This was a very forceful impact," Cassin said. "This injury was too severe to have been caused (that way)."

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Kettle drive struggling with two weeks left to donate

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

With just two weeks left in the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Red Kettle drive, Capt. Jim Irvine said collections are significantly off from last year.

'We're about 15 percent down," Irvine said. "The need is huge out there. Because of the downturn in the economy. we are seeing more families coming in."

Irvine said the Corps is in danger of not meeting this year's goal of \$155,000, the same as last year. The drive has netted \$27,821 since it began Nov. 24. Last year at this time, the drive had collecteded \$39,878.

Irvine said not only is the demand for services up, but with the many who have lost jobs, there are fewer people

able to give.

"The very people that were able to help us last year are needing us this year," Irvine said. "Those who supported us financially last year are coming to us for help for utility assistance, mortgage and rent payments. It's one thing when demand goes up, but when our own base is seeking help, it signifies how deep the need is out there."

The Salvation Army doesn't ring the bells on Sundays, so this year's campaign will end on Saturday, Dec. 23, one less day than most Red Kettle drives.

"Christmas Eve is usually a huge giving day for us," said Irvine. "Last year on Christmas Eve we raised \$6,000."

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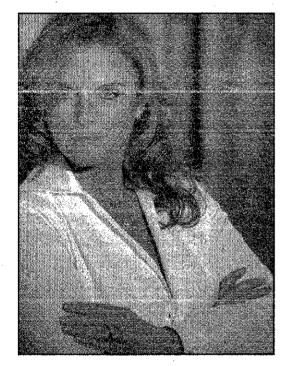
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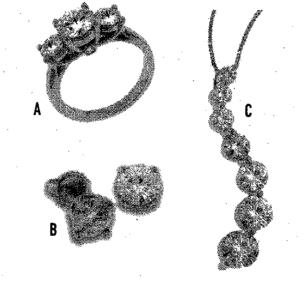
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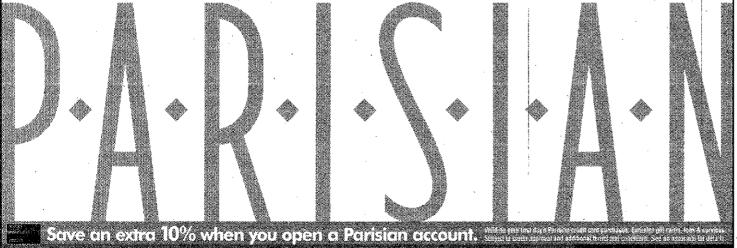
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OUR VIEWS

Drug sweep sends strong message

If the recently formed task force to study drug and alcohol use at the high school campus didn't grab students' attention, surely the drug sweep conducted by the Canton Police Department in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park parking lot last week should have been a wake-up call.

The message is clear - if students are using drugs or alcohol, they better not be doing it on the high school campus. It

won't be tolerated.

Seven students found out the hard way. Canton police officers arrested two high school students and ticketed five others on various drug charges, after drug-sniffing dogs walked up and down each parking aisle. The dogs "hit" on a total of 38 cars, which then were searched.

Schools and police officials said students can expect additional searches in the future, though none are planned within the three schools. In other words, there are no plans to search

Some students have questioned the tactics, saying police went too far by having the dogs randomly checking cars. But all students that obtained a permit to park on the campus entered into a pact that allows for such searches. They should've known better.

The district should be commended for being proactive, and doing all it can to prevent widespread drug use among the student population. There aren't many things that can derail a child's future or ability to learn like being high at school or strung out on drugs. Educators know this. Police officials know this. And drug counselors know this.

That's why the district has teamed up with the Canton Police Department and the Growth Works Youth Assistance program to form the task force that will examine drug, alcohol and tobacco use at the campus. Members of the task force aren't so naive to believe they will be able to stop all drug use by students, but they are providing a strong deterrent that will at least keep most of the drugs away from the campus.

The students also deserve some credit here. Only seven kids were arrested or ticketed. That is a drop in the bucket considering 5,800 students attend school at P-CEP. And those numbers are pretty consistent with the initial findings of the task force, which said fewer than 10 high school students for every 1,000 were involved in a drug, alcohol or tobacco incident last

That suggests students are heeding some of the warnings out there about how dangerous drugs and alcohol can be.

There's more than shopping this holiday

That holiday shopping is anything but jolly is part of the nature of the beast. Consider the predatory nature of shoppers trying to get an advertised item, which the store has maybe two of in stock. And then there is the 40-foot tail of shoppers waiting to check out that whips around corners in the store.

But what if you could see a really interesting 40-foot tail, and not be part of it? No, you wouldn't be shopping; you would be taking a much-needed break from the holiday mad-

The only thing predatory about the Cranbrook Institute of Science exhibit, "When Crocodiles Lived," is the nature of beasts that lived 60 million years ago.

Now what do you think will impress you kids more — the most expensive gift you can afford, or some green thing with a

tail longer than your house? Taking a break from the shopping frenzy has its own rewards, from venturing out to such regional attractions as Cranbrook (39221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills) to a wacky museum of another sort in Farmington Hills.

Marvelous Marvin's Mechanical Museum (www.marvin3m.com) is a one-of-a-kind venue for pinball and arcade memorabilia. From old movie posters to coinoperated oddities, kids can get an appreciation for your memories of a hometown summer fair. Admission is free. Call (248) 626-5020 for more.

If that sounds like fun, but you're looking for some holiday entertainment, there are a variety of activities accessible to everyone in southeastern Michigan.

For instance, Wayne County for the 10th year is again hosting its drive-through Lightfest. The five-mile route winds through Hines Park (enter at Hines Drive and Merriman Road) 7-10 p.m. daily through Jan. 1, except Christmas day. A holiday scene greets visitors at every turn in the road. There is

a \$5 donation. Reliving holidays of old is the charge of Greenfield Village (www.hfmgv.org) during its Holiday Nights, Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 19-23. The evenings start with carriage and Model T rides along paths lighted by lanterns, and end with fireworks in the bright winter sky.

In between are performances, such as a Fife and Drum

Corps, food and a chance to visit with Santa.

With such a wealth of points of interest both locally and in the region, it would be a shame to spend all your time waiting in a 40-foot line.



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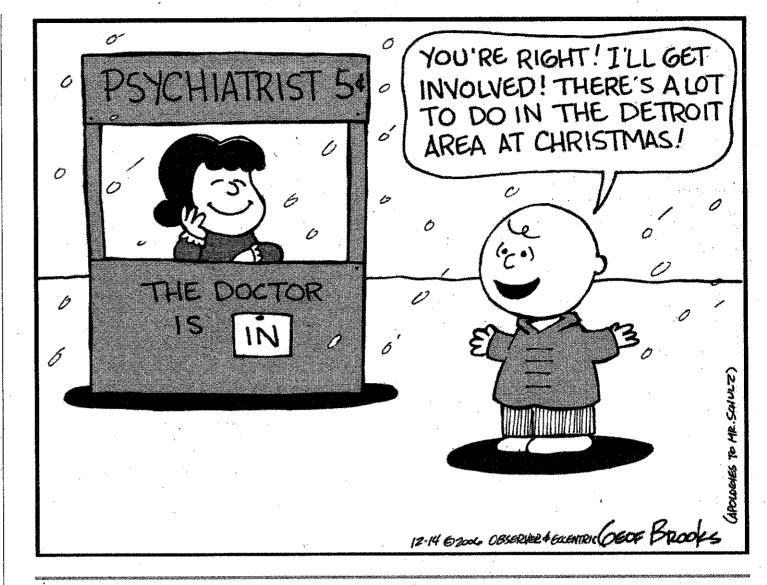
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Make season merry

Every December, my family and I spend a lot of time thinking about how we can honor all the teachers in our lives. When we list all the school teachers, aides, bus drivers, piano teachers, dance teachers and others, the list gets quite long. Just what kind of gift should we give these people?

My husband recently had an idea worth sharing. There is so much need in the Canton community this year, why not adopt a child or family in honor of the teachers? Pool all the money we would have spent on a trinket or small gift card and use it to make a local child's Christmas merry. Brilliant!

We had already adopted two children through the Canton Goodfellows. Last weekend, we called back and adopted two more. The teachers will all receive a letter from us with a photo of our own children wrapping the gifts we purchased for our "adopted" children.

The Canton Goodfellows still need a lot of help to make some little faces smile on Christmas morning. If you have not yet made plans to give to your community this ing.

Maria Kuechler

Canton

Keep up good work Dear Canton Observer,

I think your newspaper is really great. I love the articles you write, and think the kids are able to read and understand your

I went to Hoben Elementary School last year and was in the class that went to Waltonwoods and thought that it was great you put us in the newspaper. Overall, I think your newspaper is really great.

I like the articles like "What's your favorite piece of art on Ford Road?' because it expresses Canton. I'm really glad we have a local newspaper for Canton. Keep up the good work!

Courtney Deska sixth-grader, Discovery Middle School

Exhibition was enjoyable

I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the 14th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition this year. It was an awesome opportunity to showcase a piece of my art, and I appreciate the exposure that it received.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill was the perfect venue to host Canton's Fine Arts Exhibition. The theater personnel and volunteers helped to make this exhibit a resounding success!

Cheryl A. Martin Canton

Thanks for tour

Boy Scout Troop 898 was the beneficiary of a tour of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers facility on Nov. 15 that was arranged by Michele Collins, whose son is a member of our troop. The tour was conducted by your customer service manager Michele Austin.

We are appreciative of having been allowed to visit your facility. It was interesting seeing firsthand the complexities of a modern day newspaper publisher.

We found the facility to be clean, bright

and well-organized. The employees were conscientious, polite, and helpful. Michele Austin did a great job of conducting the tour. This tour will help the attending Scouts earn their communications merit badge which is one of the merit badges required to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity to visit your facility.

Boy Scout Troop 898 Canton

At what cost?

I am writing in response to your story on the upcoming IRS investigation of the Plymouth Historical Museum ("IRS eyes museum campaign activity," Nov. 12). I am greatly saddened, but not surprised, to hear that the museum is now an IRS tar-

During the legislative campaign, Carl Berry and his crew were not content to make the Stewart campaign's use of the museum an issue to hound Stewart. Berry filed the original complaint with the IRS in the Abbo campaign's attempt to not just defeat her but to strangle the life out of her reputation. Berry's tactics were more effective than he may have realized.

Yes, his camp won the primary. But at what cost, Chief? I have no problem with Beth Stewart losing. After all, I was one of her opponents. However, isn't it sad that even at the legislative level we have to resort to destroying the lives and reputations of our opponents?

And isn't it heartbreaking to have one of our community jewels now the target of the IRS attack dogs? How is this going to affect the long-term health of the museum and its ability to fund-raise? Did you think of this before you took aim and fired off another one of your infamous political attacks?

Here is another consideration, on the political side of this. When analyzing the results of the 20th District race, look at the votes in Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Corriveau not only won the city decisively, but he came very close to winning the township, a Republican stronghold. Why? I have no doubt there was a serious political backlash against Berry and his gang for what they did, and are still doing, to the museum.

As a result, there is a Democrat from this district for the first time in many, many years. You wanted to have an impact on our politics, and you sure did. It seems that you are also having quite an impact on our community as well.

Now is the time for our entire community to rally to the side of the Plymouth Historical Museum and its many hardworking supporters and volunteers. I fear we may have a long road ahead with this investigation and with the impact it may have on the finances of the museum.

Jason Vorva Plymouth

Letter writer wrong

While the great efforts by the $O \mathfrak{S} E$ Newspapers to represent numerous peoples' opinions in columns and letters to the editor must be applauded, and realizing that not every piece of information can be checked prior to publication, I still felt it necessary to correct some items appearing

as facts in an extensive letter to the editor by a Dave Dobias from Canton ("Speak for yourself," Nov. 30). Commenting on Terry Ahwal's column

"There can be no winners from war and occupation," Mr. Dobias twists the words of Ms. Ahwal throughout the entire piece, but the most glaring mistakes were the following:

1. Citing Israel's occupation of Palestinian lands as "defensive" to suicide bombings and rocket attacks. The Israeli occupation started in June, 1967, well preceding the first Palestinian suicide bombing almost 27 years later on April 6, 1994. The rocket attacks didn't even start till years after 1994. Note: this first suicide bombing in 1994, was in response to the Hebron Massacre by Israeli settler Baruch Goldstein. For more info on this, see Human Rights Watch report, www.hrw.org/reports/2002/isrlpa/ISRAELPA1002-05.htm.

2. Citing a Hamas and Hezballah-supported insurgency in Iraq. Hamas is a Palestinian organization, Hezballah is a Lebanese one. Neither one has any proven ties whatsoever to the Iraqi insurgency at all. Both were created in response to Israel's occupation of Palestinian and Lebanese lands and do not have a common ideology with Al-Qaeda as Dobias implies.

3. The Kurds in northern Iraq putting down an insurgency. There was never an insurgency in the Kurdish area of northern Iraq to begin with. This Kurdish area came under international protection after the first Gulf War in 1991.

4. The rhetorical question of Hamas and Hezballah being both Shiite organizations. This indicates the lack of knowledge by Mr. Dobias of the situation; Hamas is a Sunni group, not a Shia one. There is actually no significant Shia population in

5. Twisting Ms. Ahwal's words related to the soldiers serving in Iraq is really inexcusable. It is obvious that when she states our soldiers have given up their voices, it refers to the voices following the military chain of command and following their duties as good soldiers do. Therefore, it is absolutely our duty to speak out on behalf of our soldiers as Ms. Ahwal does, when the government sends them to combat based on lies.

> **Rifat Audeh** London, Ontario

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'We think our numbers are low, but we don't have our head in the sand. Kids will experiment with drugs, but it won't happen in our schools. The best deterrent is for us to stay on top of it, and kids will see we're serious about this."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Director of Community Relations Frank Ruggirello, on the drug sweep last week.

Kuban

Quality of life must be weighed as trail proposal moves forward

n any town that has developed as quickly as Canton, there are going to be growing pains. That's just the way it is.

As development swallows up what once was, there are going to be people who are unhappy about the changes. But there are times when opposition to a project is so great that it can actually derail the proj-

We have learned that lesson time and again this year, as several proposed projects have stirred up a hornet's nest of opposition. Remember earlier this year when Canton officials proposed selling off

Fellows Creek Golf Club? Resistance to the proposal was swift and overwhelming, particularly from residents living in the new condominium communities along the course. Township officials read the writing on the wall, and are now in the midst of making long-needed

improvements to the course. More recently, residents living in the Beck and Geddes area turned out in droves to stop a proposal by

Oakwood Healthcare Systems to build a medical facility, which some day could be a full-blown hospital complete with a helipad for helicopters. The residents pointed out that they wouldn't have bought their homes had they known they would be living next to a giant hospital, especially considering the area is currently zoned for residential development. Facing such opposition, Oakwood, which needs to get a zoning change, has gone back to the drawing board with its plans, though it appears the plan isn't likely to get approval from township officials. The latest project that has encountered its share of opposition is a township proposal to build a recreational trail along the Lower Rouge River just north of Michigan Avenue. Many of the residents living in the subdivisions along the river's wooded corridor have fought the proposal tooth and nail from the moment they learned about it.

You have to feel bad for them, especially the residents who have lived in those subdivisions for a long time. They have witnessed the building of the Sauk Hills landfill just south of Michigan Avenue, and many have complained about the noise coming from the Canton Police Department's gun range on Van Born Road. Now comes this trail proposal.

Unfortunately for these residents, however, they have something working against them here. This project just makes too much sense, especially in the eyes of township officials.

First of all, Canton has to put in a sanitary sewer to handle all of the additional sewage that will be produced by future homes in the southwest part of the township. Crews will be down there anyway, so it would make sense to kill two birds with one stone, so

Second, recreation is taken very seriously in Canton, and the one thing residents have said they want more of is trails. Canton has some great parks, but it does lack a trail system, and this could be the backbone of a future trail system that would connect neighborhoods and parks, which in my opinion would make Canton a more complete and attractive

Wayne County is providing a grant to pay for much of the trail work, something Canton officials don't want to walk away from.

Despite the way it has been treated in the past, the Lower Rouge River and its wooded corridor (part of the Lower Rouge Parkway) are probably the greatest natural resource within the township. It has been underused as a recreational asset. Although some residents do use the area to take hikes and walk dogs, this trail would make the area more accessible to residents who are less adventurous.

All of these factors, however, have not made the plan any more attractive to the residents living along river, Canton officials have had three informational meetings about the trail proposal, all of which have been well-attended. Last week, the township board had a study session, which drew an interesting crosssection of residents, some of whom are completely opposed to the plan, but also some residents who think it is a great idea.

Barring some unforeseen circumstances, like the county saying the money suddenly disappeared, it is my belief the trail is going in. But township officials must make a commitment to the residents who live in that area, because they have some very legitimate concerns.

There is no question that the trail is going to create access to these people's homes that does not really exist now. Crime is a concern, and nothing that was said at the meeting last week is going to quell those fears. Canton Police Officer Bob Kerr, who spoke at last week's meeting, said the department would be able to police the trail with motorcycle and mountain bike patrols, but even that won't completely eliminate the possibility of crime, which Kerr admitted.

"I don't think anybody will say there won't be any crime on this trail, because anywhere that is accessible is susceptible to criminal activity," he told resi-

Another thing the residents are worried about is the fact that the area is going to be torn up by heavy equipment. But township officials said they have made a serious commitment to restore the area along the path, which will only be 10 feet wide once it is done. When the path is ultimately completed, which may take as long as a decade, I think it could be one of the township's real recreational jewels, especially if it links up to other recreational trails township officials envision for the future. As it stands, the trail will already link up with the I-275 bike trail, which is also scheduled to be renovated by the state. Despite the fears by residents that this will bring their property values down, I believe it will actually improve the area and make it more attractive to future buyers. But I'm certainly no real estate expert, and my opinion won't mean a darn thing to these residents if they have trouble selling their homes in the future.

The township must do everything possible to protect those investments. But township officials must also invest in the community, and this trail could prove to be a wonderful investment. Like I said, change is never easy.

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Vigil a chance to ease pain, honor children lost too soon

have five children and two grandchildren and. while all of them at one time or another have caused me some angst, all of them are vibrant young men (except Jennifer, who is vibrant but is not a young man).

And all of them are alive.

Sadly, that's not the case for some 500 or more people who crowded into Kellogg Park Sunday night for The Compassionate Friends' annual candlelight vigil honoring children they've lost, for reasons ranging from accidents to illness, from

> drugs to disease. Some 500 people huddled with each other and against the cold, saddened by loss, warmed by memories. As you find at most funerals, stories are recounted and there's a lot of laughter. Of course, there are

Kadrich

also lots of tears. Including my own. I've never lost a child, but I can empathize with them,

because I can't imagine losing Jennifer, Matthew, Marcus, Robert, Andrew, Sydney or Maycie. Maybe that's why the tears flow so easily at this event every year. It serves as a reminder how fleeting life really is.

Take Judith Gangnier of Farmington, who last year celebrated Christmas with her 28-year-old son. Beau. This year, she's getting ready for a Christmas without him after he died suddenly earlier this year.

In fact, the fleeting quality of life is a lesson Judith Gangnier has learned repeatedly over the last year or so. Beau's cousin Travis also died this year, six months after having been graduated from the University of Michigan law school with honors. Judith's mother died the same day as Travis, and her father suffered a stroke. As if that wasn't enough, Gangnier also recently lost her job.

That's an awful year, one made at least marginally better because Gangnier found solace with The Compassionate Friends. A woman whose own son is buried in the same Farmington cemetery as Beau told Gangnier about it.

Gangnier, as well as her sister in Indianapolis, made it a point to be at the candlelight vigil Sunday, during which candles are lit by chapters all over the world, essentially bringing together a ring of light that theoretically encircles the globe, casting a glow that honors all children lost too

"This is real important to me," Gangnier said Sunday. "I love my son, and I miss my son. It helps to be able to talk to people about that. Most people feel uncomfortable talking about it. The Compassionate Friends don't.

Every year, new people find out about this group, and every year the crowd for this event grows. A Livonia man was a first-timer, huddled near the Christmas tree decorated with photos of the children being honored. Fighting back tears, he occasionally reached up, clearing the branches away so he could see his son's picture better.

in trouble, until he got caught up with the proverbial wrong crowd, older men the father blames for leading his son astray. The son wound up snorting a line of cocaine, which had been laced with fentanyl. He died in August.

"We miss him so much ... it helps to be with other people who are grieving, too," the father said. "Not a day goes by we don't cry over it. I don't know if we will ever get over it."

I'm not sure death is something you "get over." Maybe you just learn to cope with it, learn that life goes on and approaching it any other way is simply counterproductive. My mother died 20 years ago, and I can relate to the Livonia man because there's still not a day that goes by where I don't think of her. My memories now are all fond, the pain and agony of her life and her death replaced by happy thoughts of her ironing T-shirts and trying (mostly in vain) to cook something edible.

For some of the people at Sunday's vigil, the loss is too recent, the pain too real and deep, the shroud of grief too heavy to believe the memories. will ever be good. Others have reached the point where death is a distant recollection, the pain not removed, but at least tempered by the passage of time. It gets easier to smile, easier to joke - easier to remember.

Gail Lafferty of Canton is a case in point. She lost her beloved son, Max, a few years ago. The pain was horrific at first, now dulled by the passing years, replaced by a smile when she thinks of him. Every year, the weather seems to be much better than Michiganders have a right to expect for mid-December, a fact Lafferty attributes to Max looking down, taking care of them. A couple of years ago, it snowed all day the day of the vigil, but stopped shortly before it was scheduled to start. Sunday, it was chilly, though not bone-shattering cold. It did, however, rain a little, and Lafferty noticed.

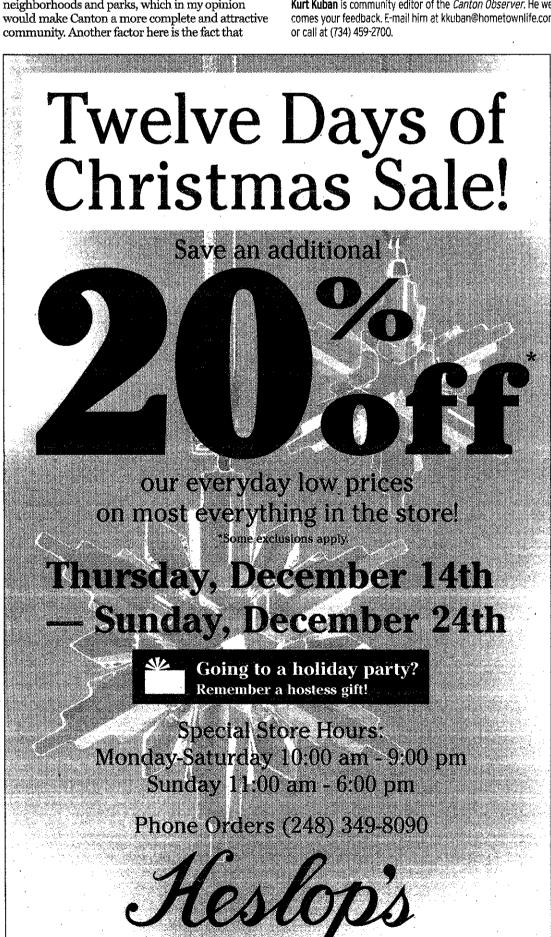
"We were talking about that, and we decided it was the kids being mischievous," said a smiling Lafferty, who believes so much in The Compassionate Friends she's now the group's co-

The program is designed to remember the children, something the grieving parents, families and friends are determined to do. It's tough to leave Kellogg Park with dry eyes when you've heard some 300 names read out loud, listened to poetry and heard the emotion in songs such as Kenny Chesney's Who You'd Be Today and Josh Groban's To Where You Are.

Everyone leaves the vigil drained, emotionally and physically, having spent a precious hour huddled and hugging, laughing and crying. As the candles go out, there's time for one last tear, one final goodbye, and then they move on. Those for whom the pain is still simply too fresh will soon learn what the others have found out, the final lesson they'll learn from their children.

Life goes on.

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RESA superintendent says it's time to retire

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Marlene Davis says there is still "a lot of juice in the tank," but the time has come to retire as superintendent of the Wayne County Regional **Education Service Agency** and let someone else take up the cause of improving student achievement.

"I decided to retire because I have been doing this a long time. This is my 39th year in (education, and I've done a lot of different jobs, played all the parts pretty much," she said.

Davis will step down as RESA superintendent on June 30, 2007. She became RESA superintendent in 2001, leaving her position as superintendent of Southfield Public Schools. She also served as a school superintendent in southern California, principal at several schools and teacher.

"I'm ready to move on to something where I am not the boss," she said.

RESA is Wayne County's intermediate school district. The districts were created by the state legislature in 1962 as an intermediary service agency between the state Department of Education and local school districts. The state has 57 intermediate school districts. RESA serves the 34 school districts in Wayne County.



Marlene Davis

AN ADJUSTMENT

For Davis, moving from superintendent of the Southfield district to RESA was an adjustment.

"The job is different in that you aren't in charge of anyone except the people at RESA. But people say you're the county superintendent," she said. Everyone of those 34 school districts is an autonomous district headed up by its own board and superintendent. My job is to advise, influence and support, mostly. It's not to tell anyone what to do."

Davis said the work of the agency isn't as clearly defined as a K-12 school program and it's important that what RESA does is relevant to the 34 school districts.

"There are similar aspects to the job," she said comparing the "superintendent" positions. "You're leading, creating empowered environments and working off a mission, but the

enterprise is different, because you don't have school boards and you don't have parents. You're much more anonymous.

The mission for intermediate districts varies from district to district. Outstate, a ISD may serve several counties. In the population centers, an ISD serves one county. Some ISD operate schools and directly handle special education pro-

RESA provides administrative technology for all county school districts except Livonia and Detroit. They handle software, payroll, finance and student database. They provide technology, including Internet access for all the school districts and 60 districts outside of Wayne County. They help provide purchasing economies of scale for the districts. They also monitor special education programs, do student enrollment audits and interpret state and federal education programs.

"People call asking what to do, like with No Child Left Behind," she said. "We read it, we interpret it, we pretty much translate for local districts. Here's what you need to do and not do."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the heart of Davis' mission has been improving student achievement. RESA has a program with Detroit Public Schools to help troubled schools reach adequate yearly

She has mixed feelings about the federal No Child Left Behind law.

The notion of No Child Left Behind is excellent," she said. "It has gotten the attention of the school districts. Where I disagree is in the excessive micromanagement of the details, and the failure to understand what real schools look like - schools that need help, schools where we do leave children behind. It's a challenging environment. There's no acknowledgment of that, it's just do it."

She also said the "penalties" prescribed to correct failing schools are unrealistic and haven't been imposed.

Davis is passionate about public schools. The Dearborn Fordson High School graduate said public school is often the one place where young people do feel a sense of accomplishment.

"In these schools, you see these kids, this is their oasis, this is where it's happening for

them," she said. "That is why public education is still at the heart of our country. We're the only ones who take everybody. That's what we have always done in public education, the great equalizer and homogenizer."

Davis said her biggest legacy at RESA has been to refocus the agency to better serve the needs of the school districts. She said one of the first things she did was send out a survey asking superintendents what they needed from RESA.

Davis still sees education as part of her new life in retirement.

"I'll work with gusto for Wayne RESA until June 30 and on July 1, I'll say now what," she said. "I suspect I'll be doing something, I'm not ready for the golf course. I suspect it will be in education, I love education and I'm good at

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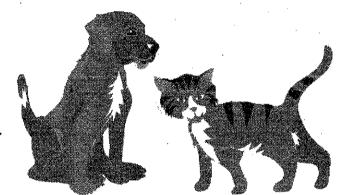
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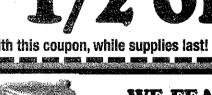
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Jewish center trying to extend its reach

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When the Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life's Women's Circle got together a couple of weeks ago for a latka tasting, the one thing organizers noticed was an increase in the number of women from Canton who took part.

It was noteworthy because folks at the center, currently located in Novi but which draws many of its participants from the western Wayne County area, are trying to increase their presence here, particularly in Plymouth and Canton.

The center, which opened



CHANUKAH PARTY

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■ The Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life hosts a Chanuka party 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at 42142 Logenberry Ridge N. in Novi. The event will feature the lighting of a seven-foot Menorah, a magic show, traditional latkes and Chanukah crafts. Admission is free.

The center has a photo gallery and a variety of other information on

its Web site, www.novijewishcenter.com

For more information, call (248) 790-6075.

two years ago under the direction of Rabbi Avrohom Susskind and his wife, Leah, is designed to give Jewish people a place to go for activities, events and worship. The Susskinds started it after hearing requests for such services from a number of Jewish families in the Novi-Northville area.

"A number of people started inquiring if there could be something local for them, as a Jewish center that provides Jewish activities for holidays and services throughout the year," Susskind said. "People really wanted something that can provide them the Jewish

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Even if only one person in a particular family is Jewish, being Jewish is enough, he said.

"We wanted to open a center that was non-judgmental," Susskind said. "People had felt rejected (in other similar centers). We're here for you at your comfort level, and making it available the way the people wanted it, rather than asking them to adapt to the way we

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The center, which has a out of the Susskind's home. offers a variety of activities,

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"Lunch and Learn" is one popular group, providing able during the day (stay-atout of the home, etc.) to get together and discuss Jewish topics, current events relating to anything Jewish. The Women's Circle is a similar group Susskind said is "very

'We're getting a lot of new

building at Novi Road and 10 Mile in Novi but also operates holiday observances and serv-

and study groups; and a variety of other services.

opportunities for people availhome moms, people who work popular."

faces in those groups," he said. Those kinds of activities are responsible, Susskind said, for



Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life member Chuck Keys lights a seven-foot Menorah at last year's Chanukah party at the center. This year's party is set for Sunday.

the success of the center.

"I think just experiencing people and having conversations with them, that was a very important aspect of our success so far," he said. "People have constantly shied away from getting involved in any shape or form in something Jewish because they felt they had to adapt to a certain type of behav-

"For us, there aren't any labels," Susskind added. "Labels are for wine bottles, not for people. It's just simply who you are. That really has resonated with people."

The Susskinds have grown the center the old-fashioned way: Bit by bit. They've met with Jewish families not only from the Novi-Northville area, but they're spreading the center's presence even

All of the center's activities are detailed on its Web site, www.novijewishcenter.com. The center also puts out a publication four times a year, Celebration Magazine, Susskind said is important in keeping people informed.

Drug search comes up empty

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Two Wayne County Sheriff's Department drug-sniffing canines failed to find any contraband in a sweep of the Starkweather Education Center parking lot Wednesday morn-

Starkweather, located on North Holbrook in Plymouth, is Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' alternative high school with an enrollment of about 300 students. The sweep of the nearly 50 cars began at 9:40 a.m., and took less than 15 minutes, according to Principal Irene Ras.

We just want to be proactive,

and not reacting to things that might be happening," Ras said. "We did it as a precautionary measure to make sure things are on the up-and-up around here."

The sweep at Starkweather occurred one week after a simi-

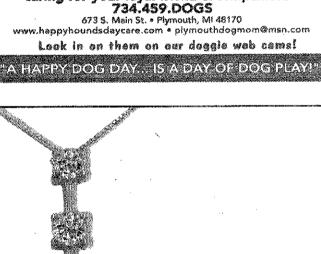
lar sweep at Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park in Canton** Township, which houses 5,800 Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school students. In that sweep, Canton police reported 38 cars were searched, with two high school students arrested and five others ticketed on various drug charges.

Ras said she was unaware of the P-CEP plans when she scheduled the sweep at

Starkweather. "I didn't know the park

scheduled one," Ras said. "I had one already scheduled."

Starkweather student Chris Ofiara, 18, of Novi, said he's not concerned about the sweeps, but said he's not surprised it happened. "They've got to do what they've got to do, I guess, to keep drugs out of the school," said Ofiara, who said alternative students sometimes get a bad rap. "I think that's a big stereotype. Miss Ras, the principal, I think her main goal is to weed out the drug users and keep the kids who aren't on drugs in school. I don't think it's fair, but at the same time, I'm just here to graduate on time."



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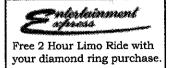
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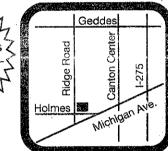
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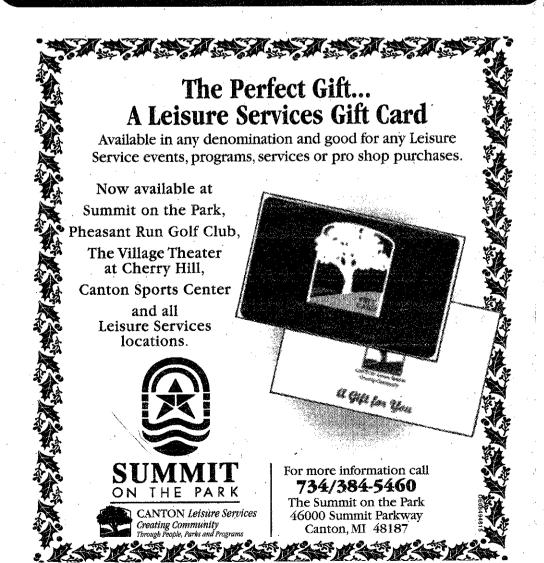
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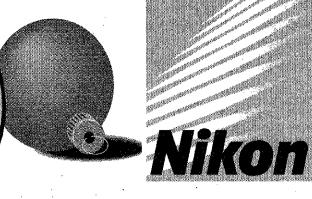




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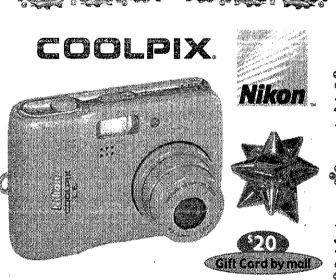
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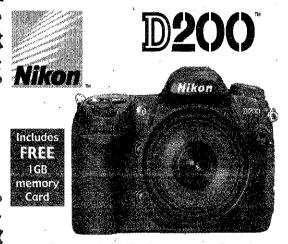
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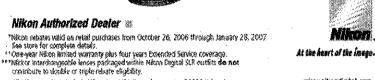
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DECEMBER

Detroit Choral Artists

Perform holiday favorites under the direction of Donald Daniels 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$18, \$15 for seniors, free for students age 18 and under, and

available by calling (248) 626, 2515, ext. 109, or at the door.

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Benefit concert

Great Lakes Lyric Opera and Beverly Hills United Methodist Church present a benefit concert for Mom's Place 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the church, 20000 W. 13 Mile and Evergreen, Southfield. Tickets are \$10, \$25 max for parents with minor children. To reserve tickets, call (248) 646-9777. Light refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall, For more information regarding Great Lakes Lyric Opera, send e-mail to gllo@comcast.net. The concert is billed as Christmas entertainment for the entire family and

features sopranos Erin Scheffler, Kim

Swan and Dina Kessler-Vailliencourt; mezzo-sopranos Patricia Willington. Lia Dexter, Rebecca Englehard, Karen Martin, and Nicole Stevens, and tenor Richard Krzeczkowski, accompanied by pianist Edward Price.

Celebrate Christmas season

At Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, and 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, the Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists and drama team present Journey to the Manager, a musical drama. The nursery is available for children birth to age 3 for both dates. The 10:50 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve services include communion and end with a

traditional candlelight service, nursery available for children birth to age 3, at the church, 21260 Haggerty. For information, call (248) 348-7600.

Breakfast meeting

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Christmas drama

The Maple Youth Drama Team presents Three Wise Men and a Baby, a delightful, humorous version of the Christmas story 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. at The Vinevard Church of Farmington Hills, 29200 Shiawassee, east of Middlebelt, one block south of Nine Mile. All are welcome. There is no cost for tickets but call (313) 535-9101 or send e-mail to dtaylor167@aol.com for reservations.

Christmas concert

Presented by the Friends of the Opera of Michigan and features Karin White, soprano, and Quinto Milito, baritone, accompanied by pianist Jeanne Muraski 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington. No charge. Donations are welcome. For information, call (313) 582-0997.

MAMA's Coffeehouse

Features Grammy Award winning singer songwriter Barbara Bailey Hutchinson who performs at 8 p.m. (open mic at 7:15 p.m.) Saturday, Dec. 16, (Luke Sayers opens), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Admission \$12, \$10 senior citizens and children age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965 for information. Call (248) 626-4650 to reserve an open mic time.

Concerts Christmas Festival featuring the Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Teen Choir. The evening includes congregational carol singing and other Christmas favorites 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 16-17, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, For information, call (248) 374-7400. The concert is free. Bring your family, invite your neighbors and friends. No childcare Saturday. Childcare provided to age 4 on Sunday.

Choir cantata

"There is a Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata, will be performed 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford, Call (313) 537-7480 for details. Sermon series

Presented by Anglican Church of Livonia (www.HisChurch.usVirgin) Part 1 of 3 is Birth...myth or truth? 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17; Part 2 is Christmas a fairy tale? 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, Part 3 is God in the flesh 7 p.m. Dec. 24. Christmas Eve Service. All three parts take place at Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, For more information, call (248) 442-0422 or visit www.HisChurch.us.

Advent service

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills, will hold Advent services Wednesday Dec. 20, at 7:15 p.m. Soup suppers will be held before each service at 5:45 p.m. On Dec. 17, the Sunday School will host its Christmas program at 10:45 a.m. Special services will be held on Christmas Eve at 10 a.m., family drama at 5 p.m. and traditional candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day service will be at 10 a.m. to ring in the King. More information available on Web site at www.poptcms.org or by calling (248) 553-3380.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community site for the American Red Cross blanket drive. New twin size blankets are being collected for the homeless. This campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2007. The Red Cross would like to collect 7,000 blankets. Donations may be dropped off 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas concert

Presented by the Friends of the Opera of Michigan and Redford Civic Symphony, features Karin White, soprano; Quinto Milito, baritone; Steve Tompkins, tenor, and the Redford Civic Symphony under the director of Douglas MacQueen, Jeanne Muraski conducts the St. Priscilla Catholic Church Chorus 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. No charge. Donations are welcome. For information, call (313) 582-

A Family Convenant

A new production with drama skits, music, dancing, a 150-voice choir, flying characters, big screen video, kids dream scene and more 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, and 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 18-19, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford, Tickets are \$5, children under age 3 are free, groups of 10 or more are \$3.50 per person. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, ext. 236 or visit www.dwo.org.

Bible-based ESL classes

Mondays 7-8:30 p.m. Registration: Dec. 18 (classes closed after that), at First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee. Call'(248) 474-0350 ext. 222. Open to adults 18 and over. Book fee only.

Advent service

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 20, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Begins with a simple soup and bread supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holden Evening Prayer accompanied by our handbell choir. A pick your favorite Advent hymn sing precedes the service. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

Advent worship

Service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck. Canton, For information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Christmas caroling

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at St. Mary's Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. A fun activity presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, and Single Place. For details, call (734) 531-9479 or (248) 349-0911.

Christmas Eve services 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24: 4 p.m. Family Service with child care provided; 9 p.m. Choir Concert, 9:30 p.m. Festival Candlelight Eucharist, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, Call (734)

Christmas dinner

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Noon to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760. Twelve-step meetings follow the meal for those who wish to attend.

Christmas Day dinner

Dinner for anyone who is alone or doesn't have anywhere to go on Christmas Day, dinner will be served 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25 (doors open at 1 p.m.) at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1616 Belton, Garden City. There is no charge for the dinner but reservations are necessary. Call Mary or John at (734) 425-3282 for reservations or more information.

World Peace service

6:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, guest speaker is Robert Weir, Citizens for Peace facilitator for Western Michigan and author of Star of Hope, a biography of John McConnell, the founder of Earth Day, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

New Year's Eve dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths. Tickets \$35 and available now. First 100 ticket holders will have the chance for a cash prize, drawing will be at the dance. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

Singles New Year's Eve

Catholic Singles New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance catering to singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. For tickets and information, visit www.CatholicSinglesNYE.com or call Kathleen at (734) 657-7750.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

UPCOMING

Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West. a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Jan. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Christmas concert

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one-act opera featuring boy treble Jonah Yousif in the title role, and the rest of the cast and chorus comprised of members of the Kirk Chancel, Boys and Girls Choirs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. For details, call (248) 626, 2515, ext. 109. This event is of particular appeal to families.

Education pilgrimage

The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-

ONGOING

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration feed includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child.) care).

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday workship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the

Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053. Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford, Call-

(313) 534-9000. TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at 🤅 Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-

5920. Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland, Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games

and stories. Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worshipservice at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hourall for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call

(734) 421-1760. Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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AURILLA "PEGGY" McCULLOUGH WILLIAMS

December 11, 2006, age 92. Long time resident of Birmingham, MI Wife of the late Fred McCullough and Ralph Williams. Loving mother of Powell, Jean McCullough (Driska) and Fred Dear grandmother of McCullough. Michael, Clifford, Bradley, Matthew, Mark, Kathleen, Daniel, Amy, Joan, Laurie and Jeffrey. Also survived by great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy (248-362-2500). Memorial Tributes Gospel Baptist Christian School Scholarship Fund, 24861 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. View obituary and share memories at

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December 10, 2006 Age 93 of

Birmingham (formerly of Lawrence, KS). Wife of the late Rev. Robert MacNab and Edmund J. Dempsey Dear mother of Patricia Love (flenrik) and Elizabeth Cummings (Roger). Grandmother of Michael Jacob, Susanna, David, Julie, Jessica and Amanda. Great-grandmother of Sofie, Andrew and Annika. Former wife of Niels B. Knudsen. Family will receive friends Friday 3:00-9:00pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons Rodgers & Connell Chapel 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Funeral service Saturday 11:00am at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. Fourteen Mile at Lahser Rd., Beverly Hills, 48025. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the church. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DAWN RENEE HAUGAN ERNST

Dawn Ernst of Vero Beach, Florida passed away at Indian River Medical Center at 3:50 a.m., December 12, 2006. She was born September 12, 1927 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Alfred and Linnea Haugan. After many moves around the country the Haugan's settled in Birmingham, Michigan, where Dawn graduated from Baldwin High School. She went to Michigan State College, where she was involved in student government and a member of Gamma Phi Beta She met and married Richard Ernst they have been married 58 years Dawn and Dick lived in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan for 45 years. She was an active member of Orchard Lake Country Club and a charter member of the Village Womens Club, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. They enjoyed summer times on their island in Canada, bone-fishing trips in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and People to People golf trips. She moved to Vero Beach in 1993 and has been active at Grand Harbor, playing golf and bridge and continuing her work in ceramics. She is survived by her husband, Dick DeGay Ernst; daughter, Vicki E. Biggers of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; son, DeGay Ernst, of Portland, Oregon; grandsons, Bryan and Scott Biggers of Miami Beach and sister, Gail H. Holley of Tequesta, Florida. Memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2006 at Strunk Funeral Home, 916 17th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. Friends may make contributions to American Heart Association, 2300 Centrepark West Drive, West Palm Beach, FL, 33409 in memory of Dawn Renee Ernst.

MARGARET STEINLAUF

Age 74, of Bartow, FL and former resident of Livonia, died Monday, December 11, 2006 at her home. Mrs. Steinlauf was employed by Livonia Public Schools for 35 years. She is survived by her husband Edward Steinlauf; daughters, Debra Medland Elaine Jennings and three grandchildren. Services will be held at Whidden-McLean Funeral Home.

MAURICE L. BROWN Jr. (Morey)

63, of N. Miami died from kidney failure complications on 12/11/06. Funeral at Morris-Sutton, Windsor on 12/16 at 1:00 pm Tel. 519-254-8633

ERIC PETER TREMBLAY

suddenly December 11, 2006, in Rantoul, IL. Age 17 of Bloomfield Beloved son of Daniel and Dear brother of Lisa Ann. Hills. Loving grandson of Terry and Sandra Werrell and Gisele Tremblay (the late Albert). Also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 2-4, 7-9 PM. Funeral Service Saturday 11:30 AM at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Saturday at 11 AM. Memorial Tributes Habitat for Humanity.

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ESTHER L. HIBLER Dec. 13, 2006. Age 89 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of 63 years to the late John R. Loving mother of John D. (Anita), Connie, Jeanine (Bill) Rossbach, James P., Thomas (Elaine), Dr. Betty Hibler (Dr. Jim Olney), and Dr. Joseph (Nanette). Loving daughter of the late I. Alexander and Frances Downey. Loving sister of James, Lucille, Janet, and the late Marion and Phyllis. Cherished grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother or six. Esther was loved and revered, for many years, by all who knew her. Visitation Thurs, 2-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. In state Fri. 10AM until 10:30AM Funeral Mass at Our of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd. (at Beck).

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MICHAEL H. INGERSOLL, Sr.

Age 63. December 11, 2006. Dearest husband of Susan. Loving father of Michael Jr., Scott (Kimberly), and Shari (Jim) Krazel. Dear brother of Mary Ann Brown, Fred (Gloria), and the late Robert (Anne). Also survived by eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 2 - 8 pm at the Weise Funeral Home 7210 Park Ave., Allen Park (313 382-1150). Memorial Service Saturday 4:30 pm at the Allen Park Presbyterian Church 7101 Park Ave., Allen Park (313 383- 0100). In memory of Mr. Ingersoll contributions can be made to the Allen Park Presbyterian Church.

SUSAN M. BAKER

Canton and Plymouth resident 1979-2003. Age 60 of Eden Prairie, MN, following 11 month battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by parents, Dr. Thomas and Lucille Walker of Riceville, IA, and survived by husband Russ; sons Jake (Orla), Tom (Laura) Baker, and brother Tim (Linda) Walker. Susie grew up in Riceville, IA, graduated from University of Iowa and lived in Germany, Georgia, Ohio & Michigan, before moving to Minnesota in 2003. Susie was a devoted homemaker & member of the Plymouth Church of Christ. A memorial service will be held at the 1st Congregational Church in Riceville on Wednesday December 20th at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred: American Association of Cancer Research (www.aacr.org) or Lifeline of Hope International Orphan Aid and Adoption (www.lifelineofhope.org).

WALTER V. HAWKINS

Saline, MI, Age 78, passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at his home after a long period of illness. Walt was born June 12, 1928 in Detroit, MI. The son of William and Agnes Hawkins. On June 30, 1951 in Salem, MI he married Jenneane Innes and she survives. Walt began his career on the Ann Arbor Police Department on August 2, 1954. Throughout his successful employment, he fulfilled positions as Patrolman, Fill-in, Sergeant, Lieutenant and retired on June 30, 1984 as an Executive Major. Walt's favorite past-times include; coffee and conversation at Mark's Midtown Coney Island, watching softball and spoiling his dog. Survivors in addition to his wife Jenneane include: one son Brian of Ann Arbor, on daughter Tracey and her husband Marvin of Maybee, MI and one granddaughter Charlotte also of Maybee, MI. Other survivors include one sister-in-lav Peg Hawkins and several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at the ROBISON-BAHNMILLER Funeral Home in Saline at 5:00 P.M. In Lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to Sojern's Syndrome Foundation or the Arthritis Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home, where friends may begin calling on Saturday, December 16, 2006 between the hours of 2:00 P.M. until time of service at 5:00 P.M.

WILMA JEAN ALLMAYER

Age 78, of Farmington Hills passed away on November 11, 2006. Beloved wife of Bruce, and loving mother of Linda (Ed), Larry, Mary (Mike), Karl (Mary), and Dale. Also survived by thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Born in Redford Township to the late William Walbridge of Livonia. She was a graduate of Redford Union Class of 1946. From 1964 to 1974 she was the general leader for the 4-H youth group, the Los Caballeros based out of Farmington. Wilma had traveled through all 50 states including driving to Alaska. Her travels also took her to Mexico, Australia, New Zeeland, and The Galapagos Islands.

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Workforce program

Emily Stover DeRocco, U.S. assistant secretary of labor for employment and training, was in Livonia Dec. 5 to discuss southeast Michigan's selection as one of 26 communities nationwide to participate in the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce, Innovation and Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative. The WIRED designation connects regions with federal resources to support workforce development, with a focus on advanced technology jobs. DeRocco spoke at a meeting of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce held at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech conference and training center.

Schoolcraft board to tap trustee

Eight applicants are seeking appointment to a vacancy on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

The board will conduct applicant interviews at a special meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in the board room conference room (Administration Building) on campus, Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia. The meeting is open to the public.

The eight have applied to fill the unexpired term of Kevin McNamara, who was elected in November to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. McNamara, a Canton Township resident, had served as secretary of the

The candidates and their expected interview times are:

Schoolcraft board.

James Fausone of Canton Township, an attorney with Fausone, Taylor and Bohn in Northville (10:15 a.m.).

Joan Gephardt of Livonia, a retired elementary school principal and an adjunct professor at Madonna University (10:30 a.m.).

Joanne Lamar of
Plymouth Township, a nurse
manager with the Henry Ford
Health Care System and a former member of the board of
trustees of Plymouth-Canton
Community Schools (10:45
a.m.).

Sandra Larson of Livonia, an attorney in private practice in the Law Offices of Margaret Barton and Sandra M. Larson in Livonia (11 a.m.).

■ Charles McIlhargey of Plymouth Township, a member and former president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors (11:15 a.m.).

Roy Puckett of Livonia, a former member of the Livonia

Civil Service Commission and Livonia Employee Pension

Board (11:30 a.m.).

Ronald Randall of
Livonia, former registrar at
Schoolcraft College. Randall

retired in 2002 (11:45 a.m.).

Dr. Louis Reibling, former vice president of instruction at Schoolcraft College.
Reibling retired in 2004 and is a Northville resident (noon).

State guidelines require that the appointee stand for election to the seat in the next school election, which will occur in 2007.

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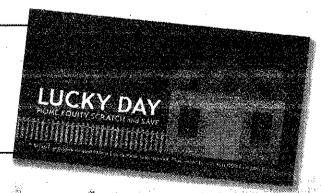
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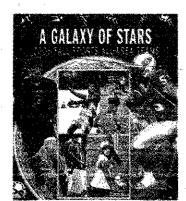
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League jockeying fails, but WLAA eyes Novi

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

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A proposed marriage agreement between the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference has been put on hold.

The two leagues, for now, remain separated.

Earlier this year, the eight-school KVC - soon to be 10 when two new high schools open during the next two years - courted WLAA members Northville, Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western about jumping leagues.

The WLAA, which currently consists of

12 schools, countered by asking the three. Farmington schools – North, Harrison and Farmington High – to rejoin the WLAA after leaving five years ago to become members of the 27-school Oakland Activities Association.

But back in the fall, the Farmington schools, after much debate, decided to remain in the OAA.

Just recently, the *Observer* learned the WLAA has formally invited Novi of the KVC and West Bloomfield of the OAA to become members.

Another recent proposal, initiated unanimously by athletic directors of the KVC, forwarded a plan to form a scheduling

partnership with the WLAA to help reduce spiraling transportation costs.

That proposal, however, was rejected in a meeting recently by KVC principals.
So where does a proposed merger or partnership stand between the two leagues?

One thing is for certain, the three Walled Lake schools and Northville are

staying put.
"Walled Lake and Northville worked together on this, but each made its own decision," said David Yarbrough, who oversees athletics at Central, Northern and

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Depth leads Red Hawks over Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT

It happened like clockwork Tuesday night in Canton's Phase III gymnasium: Five well-rested Troy Athens basketball players crowded in front of the scorer's table every three or four minutes, chomping at the bit to start their next shift against the Chiefs.

Neither of the two five-player platoons used by Red Hawks coach Bill Gerbe shined brighter than the other, but together they combined to subdue the Chiefs, 59-48, in Canton's 2006-07 home opener.

Athens improved to 2-1 while the Chiefs slipped to 0-2.

"I saw during the summer that we had a great group of kids who we could go 10 deep with," said Gerbe, explaining his five-in, five-out substitution pattern. "If one group isn't getting it done, the other group can come in to spark us. It puts pressure on all of them to perform. It's the first time I've had the luxury to do something like this.

"We're able to do this not necessarily because we're that good, but because we're that equal."

The teams appeared to match up well during the early going when Canton jumped to a 17-14 lead at the end of the opening quarter thanks to Josh Butler's buzzer-beating three-point bomb. However, the Red Hawks never trailed after seizing a 30-25 halftime advantage.

"They're a good team," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "The thing is, when they substituted, they didn't lose anything because both of those groups were pretty equal.

"We just didn't take care of the ball. We had way too many turnovers (23) just like we did in the first game (a 49-44

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Canton's Eric Thornton (left) takes the ball strong to the basket past Troy Athens' Robert Rodgers during Tuesday night's non-conference game in the Chiefs' gym. The Red Hawks knocked off their hosts, 59-48, to improve to 2-1.

Maples too much for Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The scoreboard didn't lie – but it didn't tell the whole truth following Plymouth's season-opening 57-48 loss at Adrian Tuesday night.

"We played 10 kids and they all showed something," said Wildcat coach Tom Van Wagoner, discussing the positives that came out of the nine-point setback to the Maples. "Everybody contributed, so the depth is there. We just

PREP HOOP had too many turnovers and

we missed too many turnovers." Adrian (1-2) jumped out to a 19-7 first-quarter lead thanks mainly to a trio of three-point baskets. The Wildcats chopped their deficit to 27-19 at the intermission but were swept under by a 16-7 Adrian run in the third quarter. Junior center Jake Hager led the Wildcats with 14 points. Junior point guard Brandon Roberts registered 10 while junior Navraj Sandhu chipped in with nine, including a pair of triples. Senior forward Austin Barnett flirted with a double-double, notching eight points and eight boards. Adrian's Brent Ohrman led all scorers with 17.

"They have a good, athletic team," said Van Wagoner, of the Maples.
"Probably the biggest key for them was that they hit six threes. It was pretty even on the boards. It hink we suffered from a few opening-night jitters." Neither team shot the lights out from the free-throw line: Plymouth hit 10-of-18 while the Maples connected on 7-of-11. Things won't get any easier for the Wildcats, who travel to Walled Lake Central Friday to battle the Vikings.

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Rock icers tie N'ville

Salem's hockey team battled back from a 2-0 deficit Friday to tie Northville, 3-3, in a Western Lakes Activities Association game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

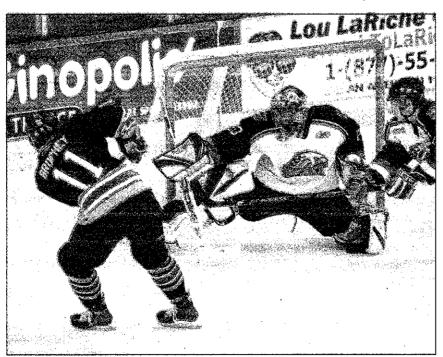
The Mustangs jumped out to their early lead thanks to goals from Wes Gates (11:19 of the first period) and Brandon Wales (2:02 of the second). Gates was assisted by Ross Roihl and Wales while Wales was assisted by Kyle Ziomek.

The Rocks cut their deficit in half when Steve Heisler found the back of the net with just 22 seconds left in the second period to make it 2-1. He was assisted by Aaron Markwell.

Heisler knotted the game at 2-all less than three minutes into the third period with an unassisted goal. Gates struck again two minutes later to make it 3-2, however, Salem's Tony Garbarino lit the lamp with just 3:18 to go to earn his team a point. Garbarino was assisted by David Russell and Joel Cheesman.

Rock goal-tender Ralph Aspenwall was brilliant, turning away 38 shots. Northville net-minder Andy Flynn made 19 saves.

Brophey keys the Whalers' resurgence



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Plymouth Whaler forward Evan Brophey unleashes a wrister in a game earlier this season against OHL West Division rival Saginaw. Brophey has been instrumental in the Whalers' recent hot streak.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

When he needs an extra dose of inspiration, Plymouth Whaler veteran center Evan Brophey will sometimes look up at the photo collection of ex-Whalers/current NHL players that consumes one of the walls in the team's locker room.

"Ask anyone on this team and they'll all tell you that they look up there once in a while because the players whose pictures are on that wall have achieved the goal that we've all set for ourselves – playing in the NHL," said the well-spoken Brophey, following a recent victory over Windsor.

If the 20-year-old native of Kitchener, Ontario, continues to produce at his current pace, it won't be long before he's on the wall instead of admiring it.

Brophey has been one of the Whalers' catalysts in a recent machine-like winning streak that has propelled the team into the thick of the Ontario Hockey League's West Division title race. After losing just once in their past 14 games, Plymouth (19-10-1-1) is just four points

PLEASE SEE **BROPHEY, B2**

Plymouth spikers open season

Plymouth's volleyball team advanced to the quarterfinals of the season-opening Madonna Invitational Saturday before falling to Lutheran Westland in three sets, 19-25, 25-18, 15-8.

The Wildcats notched victories over Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Several Plymouth players turned in outstanding performances, including Clare Baptist (51 digs), Rachel Heaton (40 digs), Chelsea Quinlan (29 digs), Brittany Hengesh (27 kills and 13 solo blocks), Katie Salo (30 set assists) and Courtney Buttermore.

For a detailed look at the Wildcats' 2006-07 squad, please see Sunday's Observer.

Hoop tryouts

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire girls AAU basketball team will stage tryouts for the upcoming season on Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Plymouth Christian Academy, which is at 43065 Joy Road in Canton (behind Calvary Baptist Church).

The tryout fee is \$20, which is due at the time of the tryout. Prospective players are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to register.

For more information, contact Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

Men's roundball players needed A men's basketball tea

A men's basketball team that will be competing in a Northville recreation league is looking for players. If interested, contact Clarence Hucul at (734) 354-9771.

Baseball sign-ups

Registration for the 2007 Canton Little League will be held Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran School, 1309 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth (a quarter-mile east of Sheldon).

The leagues offered will be: Minors (7-10 year-olds); Majors (11-12); and Juniors (13-14). The league is opento all Plymouth and Canton residents.

Proof of residency and a birth certificate are necessary at the time of registration.

For more information, visit www.cantonlittleleague.org; or send an email to info@cantonlittleleague.net.

MU adds recruit The Madonna University

softball team has announced an early commitment from high school senior Tara LaMilza (Harper Woods Regina) for the 2008 season.

LaMilza is coming off a junior year where she batted .321 with a lofty .683 on base percentage and .482 slugging percentage. She was selected as an All-State performer at second base with a .965 fielding average.

Barrie sinks red-hot Whalers

Rookie goaltender Michael Hutchinson stopped 42 of 43 shots and all three shots in a shootout to lead the Barrie Colts to a 2-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Hutchinson came into the game having played in just three games this season for Barrie as a backup to Andrew Perugini. But Hutchinson was the difference in the hockey

Plymouth gains a point in the shootout and is now 19-10-1-1, good for 40 points and second place in the OHL West Division, two points behind the first place Saginaw Spirit

behind front-runner Saginaw.

Heading into this evening's

game at Peterborough, the left-

Blackhawks draftee has tallied

12 goals and 40 assists, which

"Evan's been a huge part of

puts him ninth on the OHL

Whalers President, General

Vellucci. "During one three-

He's a big part of this team,

his leadership qualities.

both on the ice and off it with

"The younger kids on the

game stretch, he was the first

star in two of the three games.

Manager and head coach Mike

hand-shooting Chicago

points leaders' board.

our recent success," said

BROPHEY

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(20-9-0-2). The Whalers remain one of the hottest teams in the OHL over the last month with a record of 11-1-1-1 over its' last 14 games.

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Barrie (now 23-7-0-1, good for 47 points) remains tied with London (22-6-1-2) as the two top teams overall in the OHL.

It was Teddy Bear Night at the Compuware Sports Arena and when A.J. Jenks scored his fourth goal of the season to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 1:51 of the first period, the bruins rained down from the stands.

Tomas Marchinko tied the game for Barrie at 1-1 when he snapped a shot from the slot by Plymouth goaltender Michal

team really look up to Evan

things on the ice that it takes to

be good. He's playing this year

the way he's playing, he has a

great shot."

for a contract with Chicago and

An atlas - or at least a map of

Ontario - would come in handy

to chart Brophey's early days in

the OHL. After he was drafted

by Barrie in the second round

(37th pick overall) of the OHL

draft in 2002, Brophey played

two years for the Colts before

getting traded to Belleville in

2004. After less than one full

Plymouth in the fall of 2005.

many teenagers' heads spin-

learned valuable lessons with

All the moves would leave

ning, but not Brophey, who has

season there, he was shipped to

because he does the extra

Neuvirth at 12:17 of the second period.

After a scoreless third period and overtime, Barrie's Kris Sparre scored the only goal of the shootout and the first goal that Neuvirth has given up this season in a shootout. On the shot, Sparre came in to the hash marks, faked a back-hand shot and stuffed the puck on the forehand by Neuvirth.

Hutchinson stopped James Neal with the first Plymouth shot in the shootout and then Chris Terry mishandled his attempt. Neuvirth stopped Barrie's Hunter Tremblay and Vladimir Nikiforov and the game came down to Plymouth's Evan Brophey against Hutchinson. Brophey

each change of address.

"Obviously, the first time I

got traded it took some time to

get used to the new surround-

ings and my new team," he said.

"Any time you're in a new envi-

"But the second time I got

through it once, so I knew what

to expect. The hardest part is

moving away from the family

moving in with a new one. All

the families I've lived with have

been great, which has made the

Brophey said he doesn't talk

directly with representatives of

the Blackhawks, but he finds

out indirectly what they're

you've been living with and

trades easier to deal with."

ronment with new people,

traded, I had already been

ment period.

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 Plymouth's leading scorer with 12 goals and 40 assists for 52 points in 31 games — tried to stuff a backhand by Hutchinson, who got a piece of the shot to give Barrie the victory. Plymouth is on the road next week, playing in Peterborough tonight, Oshawa on Friday and in Brampton on Sunday.

Plymouth's next home game is Thursday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena against the Windsor Spitfires. Tickets for all Plymouth Whalers home games are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

looking for from him.

he'll give me feedback on

said. "I never know when

"My agent talks to them and

things I need to improve on," he

someone from the Blackhawks

is at one of my games, but in

my mind I expect them to be

me to play hard every shift."

there every game which pushes

Brophey, who idolized NHL

stars Pavel Bure, Joe Thornton

and Mike Modano as a young-

ster, didn't hesitate when asked

"Last year, I scored an over-

time winner in the game that

clinched the West Division title

for us," he said. "That's one I'll

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what OHL highlight tops his

personal list.

always remember."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 14 Canton at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Friday, Dec. 15 Canton at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 3:20 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Dec. 14

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at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 Det. ignition at Chicago Storm, i.35 p.m.

Savitskie honored

Wave subdues Ignition at Compuware

University of Michigan soccer player and Salem grad Kevin Savitskie was named to the Academic All-Big Ten team, an honor awarded to student-athletes who maintain a 3.0 grade-point average or better throughout their college career. Savitskie, a four-year letterwinner and co-captain of the Michigan squad, is majoring in Actuarial Mathematics and Mathematics of Finance. He graduated from Salem in



4-2. The Ignition responded quickly with a twopointer from Madonna University graduate Worteh Sampson at 4:30 to even the game at 4scoring for the winners.

of the third quarter.

2-all seven minutes later.

Oliviero tallied his second goal of the night for the Wave at 8:13, giving Milwaukee the 6-4 lead. Detroit defender Bill Sedgewick responded quickly for the Ignition with a three-pointer off a pass from Hewerton to put Detroit up 7-6 at

The Detroit Ignition (3-5) was defeated by the

Milwaukee Wave (4-4), 16-10, in front of 2,730

at Compuware Sports Arena Sunday afternoon.

winning goal for Milwaukee at the 12:10 mark

Jamar Beasley put the Ignition on the board

first with a two-point goal at 8:15 of the opening

Milwaukee's Giuliano Oliviero tied things up at

The Wave struck first in the second quarter

with a goal from Greg Howes at 2:40 to make it

frame, giving Detroit the 2-0 advantage.

Defender Chad Dombrowski tallied the game

The Wave bounced back quickly at 9:47 off a two-point goal from Howes, his second on the night, to put Milwaukee back in control, 8-7.

The offensive pressure for the Wave continued as midfielder Marcio Leite put a two-pointer past Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo and extended the Milwaukee advantage to 10-7.

Chad Dombrowski added another two-point goal to increase the Milwaukee lead to 12-7 at the 11:17 mark.

Carlos Farias buried a three-point, powerplay goal into the back of the net at 13:19 to put the Wave advantage at 12-10 going into half-

After a scoreless third quarter, Wave forward Todd Dusosky scored to make it 14-10 with a power-play goal at 5:03 of the fourth quarter. Wave midfielder Marcio Leite closed out the

Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic did not coach the game due to illness. His coaching duties were assumed by assistant coach Matt Johnson.

The game's leading scorers for the Ignition were defender Bill Sedgewick and forward Farias, who each tallied three points.

The Ignition host the Baltimore Blast on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena. The opening kick is set for 7:35 p.m.



Happy Thanksgiving

The Michigan Nationals U15 girls soccer team captured the 20th Annual Plantation Thanksgiving Classic Soccer Tournament last month by breezing through the brackets with a 5-0 record. The team, which is made up of 17 players from 12 different communities, outscored its foes 13-2. Pictured (front row from left) are Kayla Lewis. Caroline Robb, (second row from left) Tracy Rymph (Plymouth), Kara Weber, Lindsey Spencer, Heidi Haller, Alexandra Junn, Taylor Burgoon (Canton), Abbie Haelewyn, (third row from left), Kelsey Martin, Chelsea Olson, Haley Burtraw, Lindsey Newton (Canton), Megan Staub (Canton), Julie Dale, Lauren Booth (Canton), Elizabeth Doman and coach Dan Raben.

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Western high schools. "We decided that it would serve in our best interest to stay in the Western Lakes because we felt it was the best fit.

"I don't envision going to the KVC, but circumstances may change. We're as much in it for transportation costs more than anything else. We'd be trading going to Howell, Hartland and Pinckney for (Westland) John Glenn, Wayne (Memorial) and Plymouth.

"If I don't cut transportation dollars, I may have to cut some programs and explore other possibilities. I want to keep freshman programs, and not have to cut them."

Novi athletic director Curt Ellis was out of town and unavailable for comment, but the WLAA feels the school of 1,906 students might be better suited to make a switch and start a new relationship.

"I think we owe it to ourselves, when opportunities arise, that you have to take care of your league the best you can," said Churchill AD Mark Hage, who also serves as the WLAA president. "You have to look at, and consider, geographic alignments and cost-effective measures without compromising the league."

Yarbrough also believes Novi is a good fit, but for expansion, the WLAA needs to bring in two schools to make it an even number - 14 (instead of 13).

"We felt Novi was interested," Yarbrough said. "If you bring Novi in, you have an outstanding program and they would certainly be an asset. And if you sit around and look, West Bloomfield

would be a natural.

"But it's all driven by transportation (costs). You have to look at the amount of time you spend traveling on a bus. You're traveling three or four times per week and getting home at 10:30 (p.m.) and 11 on school nights. And with the graduation and curriculum requirements changing

(resulting in a longer school day), you could be spending even more time."

Yarbrough, however, believes the KVC had more to offer as far as programs than some of the schools in the Western Lakes.

"A lot of reasons we looked into it (the KVC) was because schools like Novi, Walled Lake and Northville all offer similar programs – equestrian, figure skating, girls ice hockey, bowling, lacrosse, inline hockey," he said.

Although Novi might be seriously entertaining joining the WLAA, West Bloomfield, it appears, is not.

'There's been talk of additional teams coming in or teams going out, or some kind of reconfiguration of sorts," West Bloomfield athletic director DeWayne Jones said. "But right now we're pretty solid as far as where we're going to be - we're going to be in the OAA. We have no intentions of changing at this point and I know we're going to be here at least the next two or three years we're certain, but after that, we don't know."

The idea of a partnership between the two leagues might be the most appealing for all parties involved.

"With the 22 schools you're looking at something unique and different," White Lake Lakeland AD Greg Michaels said. "It's a partnership, not a mega conference. There could be some division aligning, but it's more for scheduling purposes and accommodating each others' needs.

"The addition of South Lyon (East) and (Howell) Parker pose problems for us. You can't blame Novi. They have to put themselves in the best position.

"We're going to continue to work with the principals. We may we need to bring more facts – something they're interested in which would be in the best interest of both leagues as far as athletics. It's not done. I'm pretty adamant about it. It's still a work in progress."

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Expectations are high for Agape cagers

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The bar has been set high for the Canton Agape basketball team this season — and for good reason.

The Wolverines return several key players from last year's 14-6 squad, giving head coach Keith Anleitner more than enough reason for optimism.

"Our focus is to win the (Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's) Red Division," said Anleitner, who lost just one starter — Derek Leathers — to graduation. "In fact, I'll be disappointed if we don't win it. It's not that the other teams aren't good. It's just that we have more experience on our team this year

than we've had since I've been here."

Running the show for the Wolverines will be Anleitner's son, Jack, a 6-foot-1 senior who already has three varsity seasons under his belt. Despite handling the point-guard duties, Anleitner is averaging a team-best 14 points per contest after the first three games.

"Jack is a very unselfish point guard who can pass and penetrate," said the elder Anleitner. "And he's probably the best defensive player I've ever coached at Agape. In one game last year he had 12 steals."

Joining Jack Anleitner in the starting back-court will be Mark Mullett (5-10), who's currently pouring in 10 points a

game

"Mark is a scrappy, hardnosed player," said Anleitner. "And for a little guy, he knows how to get to the boards."

The Wolverines' starting front-court will consist of juniors Ty Majeski, Terrell Pierce and Joel Ruffin, all of whom stand 6-1. Like Jack Anleitner, Majeski is filling the nets to the tune of 14 points a game thus

"Ty will be one of our top scorers all year," said Anleitner. "He's a very smart player and one of our best shooters.

"Terrell has primarily been a point guard up to this point, but we've moved him inside because we're short on post players. He's adapted very well thanks to his outstanding

jumping ability.
"Joel is a good defensive

player and he can rebound."
Following the holiday break,
Agape will be energized by the
addition of senior Showal
Olojo, a transfer from

Westland John Glenn.
"Sho is only 6-1, but he can
dunk with just one step," said
Anleitner. "He'll be a nice addition to our team."

Among those players providing depth for the Wolverines will be key reserves Jared Miller (6-3 forward), Kevin Reith (5-9 guard), Temi Olojo (5-11 guard), Brandon Pierson (6-1 forward) and Daniel Walker (6-1 forward).

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HOOPS

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loss at Monroe). We didn't shoot well either. It seemed like we were getting a lot of layups, especially in the second half, but we couldn't finish. Maybe the kids were tired; I don't know.

"I thought we did a good job on defense and we got the ball into the low post on offense. But they double- and triple-teamed us a lot when we got the ball down low and we didn't kick the ball out quick enough."

Athens senior forward Peter Donato led all scorers with 15 points, nine via the triple route. Matthew Bauhof added 10 while Kevin Johnson and Kyle Dishaw both contributed eight to the Red Hawks' balanced attack. Dishaw also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds and a heap of praise from his coach.

"Kyle was a man out there tonight," said Gerbe. "When he went to the boards, the ball was his. Kyle did a lot of positive things for us tonight."

Butler and Waidmann led the Chiefs with 12 points each. Steve Paye chipped in with 10 on a night when the Chiefs shot just 43 percent from the floor (18-of-41) and 56 percent from the charity stripe (9-of-16).

The Chiefs' offense was hampered when the 6-foot-7 Waidmann — the

No. 1 option — was forced to sit out a big chunk of the second quarter and much of the third with foul troubles.

Athens took control of the game for good during a four-minute stretch of the second quarter when they outscored Canton 14-2. Fittingly, five different Red Hawks scored during the pivotal spurt, most notably Bauhof, who netted six.

Senior forward Eric Thornton drained a long three-pointer just before the third-quarter horn sounded, cutting Canton's deficit from double-digits to 44-37. However, the Chiefs were unable to get any closer than six during the final eight minutes.

"We played Canton last year, so we knew they were tough, disciplined kids who could play," said Gerbe. "We knew we'd have to fight fire with fire. Our kids were able to put out the energy when they had to. If they didn't, it only took one benching for them to get the message."

The Red Hawks shot 46.5 percent from the field (20-of-43), but just 55 percent from the line (15-of-27). Waidmann led the Chiefs with eight

rebounds; Paye yanked down six.

"Now we only get one day to prepare for South Lyon," said Paye, looking ahead to his team's next foe. "They were 0-2 going into tonight, but we know they're a good team because we played them in the summer league."



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Canton's Neil Sharma slices to the basket past Troy Athens' Peter Donato during Tuesday night's Red Hawks win.



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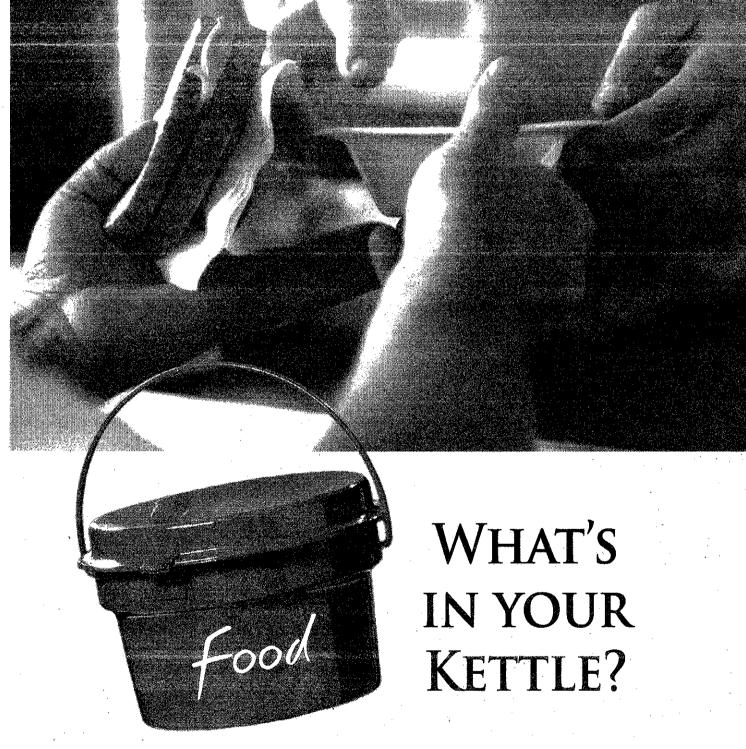
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"Stop the streak" didn't work too well last week. The Minnesota Vikings made it 10 straight wins over the Lions with the 30-20 victory at Ford Field. Detroit helped out with six turnovers and a plethora of bungled plays.

This week's "stop the streak" moment takes us to Green Bay, Wisc. The last time a Lions team won at Lambeau was 1991, ironically the same year as its last playoff success. It's been 15 years since Detroit won a game at that famed edifice. Brett Favre has never lost to the Lions in cheese land. It is also the last chance for the Lions to salvage one positive moment out of this disaster of a season.

'To put this thing together, you just got to keep putting it together," Lions coach Rod Marinelli said after his 11th loss of the season. It is painfully obvious that Marinelli is simply running out of things



Mark Wilson

The Packers are having their own horrible year. Their win in San Francisco improved their record to 5-8. Favre had arguably his best game of 2006. He passed for 293 yards and two touchdowns with zero interceptions. Horrible all of a sudden becomes relative. The Lions would kill to have five wins and Favre thinks winning only five so far is pathetic. It is one

more victory, however, than Green Bay had all last "I used to take these games for granted," Favre said to reporters afterward. "These wins are much

harder to come by now." When it comes to playing the Honolulu blue and

silver, Favre doesn't know what it's like to lose at

home. Since he became the starter in 1992, the Packers are a perfect 15-0 against the Lions. That includes the 1994 playoff win when Barry Sanders rushed for minus-1 yard.

Most of the losses haven't even been close. Eight of them were by margins of 10 points or more. Only the last two years have the Lions lost close. Back-to-back 16-13 failures have kept the streak alive. Last December, Dick Jauron was coaching when the Lions lost in overtime. That made it 15 straight over the Lions at home for Favre, who will start his 235th consecutive game at quarterback this Sunday.

Favre is headed to the Pro Football Hall of Fame; we all know that. Against the 49ers, he passed the 3,000-yard mark in a season for the 15th straight year. In Lions history, including Jon Kitna this season, only six times has a Lions QB gone over the

3,000-yard mark. Don't forget, that's in 76 years of mostly forgettable football. Favre is also just eight touchdown passes away from breaking Dan

Marino's all-time record of 420. "Days like this make me think I could play 10 more years," Favre added after the win in San

He has already beaten the Lions once in 2006. That came in Week 3 of the NFL campaign, back in September at Ford Field. It's not like No. 4 doesn't lose to the Lions. They have had his number nine times in Michigan. He is only 6-9 vs. Detroit when he comes here. That includes another playoff game back in 1994. It was the infamous "Sterling Sharpe" game, with Favre finding a wide-open Sharpe in the end zone for the victory.

No one really has a theory why the Lions have struggled in one venue like Lambeau. Obviously,









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s face the Packers at Lambeau Field

Packers have simply been the better team for st of those years. Other times, it's like the ghost Vince Lombardi looks down and wants retribun for certain Detroit victories in the '60s. natever it is, the Lions have been snake-bit when ey head into the "snake pit" that is Lambeau

Dec. 15, 1991. That's the last time the Lions tastvictory in Wisconsin. Wayne Fontes beat the ckers that day in Green Bay 21-17 to secure the FC Central title and the team's first playoff pearance since 1983. After that, nothing. The lowing three years, the Lions lost in Milwaukee. ice the Packers stopped playing select games at unty Stadium, they were content to beat up the ons at Lambeau.

"Ninety-one, right? That's the last time we won there?" an inquisitive Dre Bly asked last week.

"We got to do something about that after we take care of Minnesota."

Well, one out of two wouldn't be bad. The Vikings' streak continues into 2007. The Lions were just wretched in allowing the Vikes to go up 20-0 before some people even made it to their seats last Sunday. The six turnovers accounted for 23 Minnesota points and, like he has done so many times, Darren Sharper finished the game with an interception. Sharper, of course, once played for the Packers.

"What fun is there in losing every week?" a dejected Jeff Backus said.

Against the Patriots, it was Backus' old University of Michigan buddy Tom Brady. Against the Vikings, it was his old University of Michigan buddy Steve Hutchinson.

"I'm jealous of those guys," Backus added.

"They've been able to have success and enjoy their careers."

Bad news for Backus. This week he plays against yet another old Michigan buddy. Charles Woodson, who helped the Wolverines win a national championship in 1997 by winning the Heisman Trophy, starts at left corner for the Pack. He had a couple of passes defended and a 40-yard punt return in the win over the Niners. Backus needs to stop playing against former Michigan teammates.

The Lions are 2-11 and going nowhere fast. There is only one home game left, against the Bears on Christmas Eve. Roy Williams even joked last Sunday that he could hear a guy ordering a hot dog at one of the Ford Field concession stands because it was so quiet in that building. Lions fans simply have nothing to cheer about. Again.

We have no excuses. There are no explanations

for it," Marinelli said.

Yes, the coach is finding it hard to put what's gone on around here into words. He and his two coordinators, Mike Martz and Donnie Henderson, didn't foresee this when they signed on back in January. After Green Bay, it's Chicago and Dallas. That's all that's left on the schedule for 2006. In the six years that Matt Millen has run the show, the record is now 23-70 in that time.

The Lions have now lost five in a row. They have scored only one offensive touchdown in each of those five games. A rare win at Lambeau could at least be one right thing in another lost season.

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Chief grapplers pin state-ranked juggernauts Davison and Jenison

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Canton's wrestling team entered this past weekend's **Davison Invitational** Tournament unranked and. according to coach Casey Randolph, "under the radar." How quickly things can

change. The Chiefs undoubtedly fixed both of those oversights Saturday by knocking off Division 1 powerhouses

Davison (42-33) and Jenison (42-27), both of whom were ranked in the pre-season Top 10 polls. Canton (6-1) also upended D2-ranked Fowlerville (48-30) and Saline, 55-24, before suffering their only setback to Chicago Marist (Ill.), 42-25.

Leading the charge into the spotlight for the Chiefs were senior Corey Phillips (140 pounds) and freshman Brent Winekoff (130), both of whom went 5-0. Seniors Donnie Laramie (285), Kiel Price (160); junior Steve Cox (125) and freshman Donnie Watkins also turned in stellar efforts, finishing with one loss

"The win over Davison was huge," said Randolph. "They won six of the last seven state titles and they were ranked

'Our light-weight guys really carried us against Fowlerville. That was big because right before the string of pins we had a couple guys lose close matches after they were winning handily.'

coach Casey Randolph

No. 3 going into the weekend. We went into it off the radar, but that's not always such a bad thing."

Phillips, Price and Watkins all registered victories over state-ranked Davison grapplers. Phillips pinned Zach Labelle in 4:22; Price edged Nick Boan, 6-3; and Watkins pinned Brandon Shuart in 3:26. Also notching victories for the winners were Winekoff, Brian Brubaker (171), Adam Powers (189), Dan Wanshon (215) and Laramie, who dropped his foe in just 14 seconds.

The Chiefs needed a dramatic comeback to drop Fowlerville, which led early until a string of six consecutive Canton pins by Laramie, Watkins, Carl Lucke (112),

and Winekoff tilted the mat in the Chiefs' favor.

"Our light-weight guys really carried us against Fowlerville," Randolph said. "That was big because right before the string of pins we had a couple guys lose close matches after they were winning handily."

Randolph pointed to a loss in the win over Jenison as one of his team's highlights.

"Donnie Watkins lost, 9-7, to Nick Falbe, who's ranked third in the state," said Randolph. "Donnie had the kid right up until the end of the match.

"Steve Cox had a big win against Jenison. He won 12-11 and battled the entire match."

Randolph also noted the exceptional effort of 152pound Joe Sanders, who ousted his opponent with a firstround pin.

Sanders, Adam Fleishmann (119), Josh Hurst (140) and Phil Rollinger (130) also chalked up impressive wins against Saline.

The Chiefs will host a 12team invitational this weekend. Among the top-notch teams that will be converging in the Phase III gymnasium will be Westland John Glenn and New Boston Huron.

MAT RANKINGS

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(as of Dec. 11) TEAM: 1. Canton; 2. Livonia Franklin; 3. Belleville; 4. Westland John Glenn; 5. Livonia INDIVIDUAL

103 pounds: 1. Tommy Myshock, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Chad Dunn, Wayne Memorial; 3. Donnie Watkins, Canton; 4. Kevin Bennett, Salem; 5. Brad LaRose, Lutheran Westland. 112: 1. Carl Lucke, Canton; 2. Dustin Ashley, Garden City; 3. Jared Pieknik, Livonia Franklin; 4. Matt Kibner, Redford Union; 5. Anthony Favot, Plymouth.

119: 1. Jamie Preiss, Wayne; 2. Ben Kosmalski, Pivmouth: 3. Martin Rivera, Livonia Churchill: 4. James Benitez, Franklin; 5. Jeremy Filippelli,

125; 1. Dustin Zak, Belleville; 2. Jeremiah Austin, Westland John Glenn; 3. Jon Roos, Franklin; 4. Nick Steiger, Salem; 5. Steve Cox, Canton. 130: 1. Greg Roberts, Churchill; 2. Josh Billiau. Franklin; 3. Nick Shak, John Glenn; 4. Josh Palka, Lutheran Westland; 5. Alex Kemp, Salem. 135: 1. J.P. Gaffke, Churchill; 2. Brent Winekoff, Canton; 3. Jon Cauchi, Franklin; 4. Steve Cieslik Lutheran Westland; 5. Jack Muncie, Wayne. 140: 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Jim Wood, John Glenn; 3. Steve Coak, Belleville; 4. Jon Reale, Stevenson; 5. Gramos Pallaska, Churchill. 145: 1. Matt Edwards, Lutheran Westland; 2. Adam Kibner, RU; 3. Jerry Ignash, Stevenson; 4. Elvin Ferreira, Franklin; 5. Robert Lanzilotti, Livonia Clarenceville.

152: 1. Steve Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 2. James Zerebiny, John Glenn; 3. Jeremy Epley, Salem: 4. Joe Sanders. Canton; 5. Brian Wisniewski, Garden City.

160: 1. Ziad Kharbush, Stevenson; 2. Nate Turco, Franklin; 3. Kiel Price, Canton; 4. Brian Ziemba, Churchill; 5. Dan McCahill, John Glenn. 171: 1. Jeff Elswick, Wayne; 2. Dan Woodall, Franklin; 3. Andrew Hein, John Glenn; 4. Mike Nordby, Garden City; 5. Isaac Burris, RU. 189: 1. Mike Schatz, Lutheran Westland; 2. Vince Darofli, Plymouth; 3. Adam Powers, Canton; 4. Joey Kowtko, John Glenn; 5. Marc Kadrich,

215: 1. Shamir Garcia, John Glenn; 2. Robert Pennywitt, RU; 3. Rod Gray, Franklin; 4. Dan Wanshon, Canton; 5. Adam Love, Garden City. 285: 1. Donnie Laramie, Canton; 2. Kyle Brown. Franklin: 3. Robert Coffey, Wayne; 4. Hussein Ajami, Salem; 5. Frank Toarmina, John Glenn. Note: Weekly rankings are compiled by Jim Gourlay (Franklin), Aaron Davis (Garden City) and Kevin Sayed (Churchill).

Young Rock grapplers fifth at own tourney

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's young and inexperienced wrestling team finished right where head coach Greg Woochuk expected it to in Saturday's Salem Team Tournament: smack dab in the middle.

The Rocks placed fifth in the nine-team tourney by compiling 163.5 points, 112 fewer than champion New Boston Huron's 275.5. Belleville (241), Adrian (173.5) and Ypsilanti Lincoln (171.5) filled out the top five spots.

Salem was led by junior captain Jeremy Epley, who was crowned the 152-pound champion when he outdueled Belleville's Brandon Chappel, 4-1, in the title match.

The Rocks' only other finalists were 112-pound Kevin Bennett, who dropped a 16-6 decision to Belleville's Justin Fleeson; and 103-pound freshman Devin Stratton, who was pinned by Lincoln's Jarrod Lilyhorn in the gold-medal match.

"Overall, I thought we did fine," said Woochuk. "Considering we have a very young and inexperienced team, · ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108 I was happy with our perform-

ance. I thought we'd finish in the middle of the pack, and

that's where we ended up. "Jeremy, Devon and Kevin all wrestled well. Jeremy is going to be one of our leaders all season and I'm really looking forward to what Devin can give us in the future. Kevin should be right up there all year, too."

Epley cruised into the finals by pinning Adrian's Rafael Rodrieguez (2:56), Lincoln's Blake Williamson (20 seconds) and Sterling Heights' Jim Boyde (2:49).

The "Most Valuable Wrestler" awards went to New Boston Huron 119-pounder Jeremy Szekely for the lighter weights and New Boston Huron's heavyweight Kyle McCormick.

Other placers for Salem were: Ben DeWitt (seventh at 119); Nick Steiger (third at 125); Alex Kemp (seventh at 135); Johannes Olind (fourth at 140); Justin Kane (sixth at 145); Greg Taylor (fourth at 160); Sam Lepper (sixth at 171); Blake Abby (seventh at 189); Hassan Ajami (sixth at 215); and Chase Moore (eighth at heavyweight).

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-December 5, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Lower Rouge River Sewer & Trail Projects Presenters: Bob Belair, Municipal Services Department - Public Works, Lt. Robert Kerr, Public Safety Department - Special Services, Ann Conklin, Leisure Services The final steps in the Public Outreach Plan for the Lower Rouge River Sewer & Trail Projects were presented to the Township Board to solicit final comments. The presentation focused on the key components. concerns and interrelationships of the sanitary sewer project and the proposed multi-use pathway along the County Parkway and ITC corridor. Several concerns were raised by residents in the developments whose properties back onto the County Parkway. Before proceeding with Board consideration of approval of an Interagency Agreement (IAA) with the Wayne County RPO (Rouge Program Office) for the \$220,000 grant for the Trail-head and pathways. The IAA will come before the Board at the December 12, 2006 regular Board meeting. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after

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Desk, dresser, mattress

Lamp, boxes

Totes, boxes, bags



1029- Ben Hartline- Kitchen cabinets 1045- Matthew Stiffler- dresser, tv, boxes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2007 CDBG PROGRAM

4100- Alireza Mohammadimehr- Tires, custom rims, tool box

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2070- Deana Jordan- TV, love seat, Couch 3023- Robert Ford- Power tools, totes, boxes

5002- Mary E Lawal-bags, clothing, chairs

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Between December 7, 2006 and January 7, 2007, the Canton CDBG Advisory Council will accept project proposals for the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program. All projects must benefit low and moderate income Canton residents and must comply with HUD regulations. The FY 2007 CDBG allocation is estimated to be \$336,000.00. Project proposals may be submitted through the Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699. The Advisory Council will consider all project proposals at a duly noticed public hearing to be held in March, 2007. Requests for information and the project proposal form should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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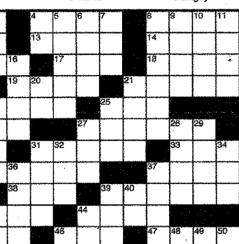
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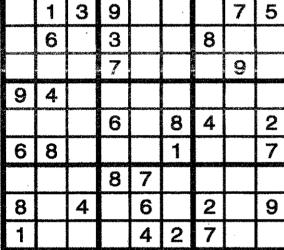
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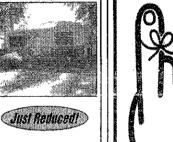
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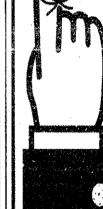
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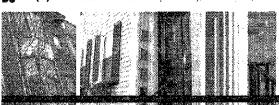
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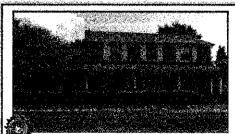
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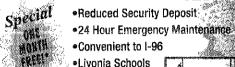
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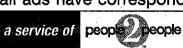
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THE CASE FOR BEING FRAZZLED



losing things like your keys, glasses or wallet? Are Mildred L. you slogging through an

endless

stream of projects? Do you awaken early, ready to leap out of your bed but don t last through

the day? You sound frazzled. Frazzled to me is about our nervous system being in overdrive, says psychiatrist Eve Wood, clinical associate professor of Medicine at Tucson s University of Arizona. Lots of things can tip us into that . . . (including) specific dynamics in the workplace related to:

- interpersonal relationships;
- difficulties in communication; unrealistic expectations others have toward us or we have toward ourselves;

and the tendency to catastrophize. Wood has counseled a number of people unsuited to their work. Some of them kept pushing and pushing until it became clear that they were failing, perhaps through no fault of their own. One she mentions in her book, 10 Steps To Take Charge of Your Emotional Life (Hay House, forthcoming, January, 2007), was doing miserably in dental school and feeling despondent. Little did she know that she had a spatial learning disability. Post-diagnosis, she s a

Bill Crawford, licensed psychologist and organizational consultant at Crawford

Performance Solutions in Houston, approaches the state of feeling frazzled differently. He maintains that many people attribute their problem to something out there, such as traffic or job demands. He advises people to view the situation from the perspective of a series of chemical changes . . . triggered by a very specific part of our brain, the lower 20 percent. In other

words, the cause may well be internal.

The first question to ask yourself is whether the frazzled feeling is constant or not. If it is, you and your work may not be computing, with possible conflicts ranging from your skill set to your values. A different job or different company may be in order.

Wood and Crawford agree that taking time to step back, perhaps for only 30 seconds, will help. Crawford s remedy is to send data to the upper part of the brain to achieve greater perspective. Shift from the lower part of the brain to the upper part of the mind, he says, by asking top-of-themind questions, such as, If I were responding on purpose, deliberately, what would be the quality and characteristics I d like to be able to draw on? Calm, professionalism, integrity might be good answers. This should activate the upper 80

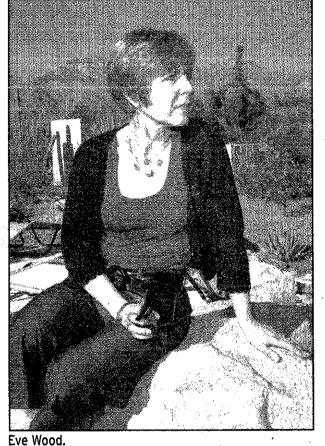
Holding that image, he maintains, creates a corresponding chemical change. You re changing it by what you hold in your mind. Imagine going into this situation that way. Practice these qualities and characteristics. Do this for 30 seconds.

Wood recommends a more analytical

approach, asking yourself what has shifted from the baseline that makes you more stressed. Is there more on your plate? If so, what is it? Have you been omitting exercise -- a very powerful therapeutic intervention -- skimping on sleep, going overboard with caffeine or being crunched with deadlines? If so, ask what can be shifted or negotiated at a slightly different standard, she advises.

It s importance to prioritize, she continues: Our challenges are not isolated. The more out of balance we are, the greater the likelihood that we re falling down on the job all over the place. If we don't stop and regroup, it's going to implode. Certain basics need to be taken care of to keep you out of a completely reactive mode. Self-care is important, she adds, and this is part of it. If I can t honor the fundamental things I need to honor, I have to rethink it. Take a step back every day, perhaps multiple times, to find your individual right answer. How do you begin to make shifts? She states that you must be good to yourself and to colleagues.

Crawford comments that if you enter a situation that made you feel frazzled in the past, take an image in mind about how you want to be. This will increase the potential to pull that off exponentially. It s not just a matter of thinking happy thoughts. You have to work on it. You have



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By Wendy Clem **Avanti News Features**



Who needs a house when you have Chevrolet's 2007 Silverado truck?

Picture a nicely furnished working vehicle - a power pickup truck, if you will, that can easily move you and your cargo from location to location, safely ensconced in leather and muscle. Factor in a few add-ons and you will

think you are in heaven. What's sharper than a sleek Silver Birch Metallic exterior with a luxurious custom, leather-appointed Light and Dark Titanium interior? Add a laundry list of extras geared to comfort, luxury and safety and you will think Santa had you at the top of his list.

Let's start with the portable DVD player and its multiple uses, deeply attractive to any family on the go. It fits easily into the Crew Cab models, nestled into the optional sunroof and docking station, and secures to the headliner. It comes with two wireless headphones and a remote control.

If you've miraculously taught the kids to share while channel surfing at home, vehicular remote possession won't be an issue, and the resulting peace for the driver is another slice of heaven. DVDs can be viewed from the rear seat, and the player removes for use outside of the vehicle. Is that a choir of angels you hear?

Increased presence through appearance and functional features of the Silverado add to its allure. From the extras to the standard items, owners will like what they find. Even the floor mats are a help. Tailored to fit the interior, they provide a pattern of deep ribs to efficiently accumulate rain, mud, snow and other refuse.

The intermittent Rainsense automatic wiper system is joined by a heated windshield washer system. The sound set-up is superb -- the quality of Bose with a subwoofer in the center console and a total of eight

speakers. It envelops you in tunes and news with perfect balance for the entire drive. Remotes are the theme of the Silverado: Enter and lock with a carefree sweep of the keyless remote and rev up the engine with the remote vehicle starter on those

icy mornings before you even step out of your front

There are 12 settings on the front power seats, supple custom leather bucket seats for driver and passenger. Long drive ahead? Adjustable four-way power lumbar



2007 Chevrolet Silverado. Vehicle class: Pickup truck. Power: 5.3-liter V8. Mileage: 16 city / 22 highway Where built: Fort Wayne, Ind.; Pontiac, Mich.; Oshawa, Ontario. Base price: \$37,185.

control joins with heated seat cushions and backs and will likely ease any resulting aches and pains.

Of course, the OnStar global tracking for one year comes with purchase, and includes amid its perks hands-free calling and remote horn and lights.

The Vortec 5.3-liter V8 automatic also brings Active Fuel Management to the party, with 315 horsepower and 338 foot pounds of torque. Look for 16 miles per gallon for city driving and 22 for highway.

A critical safety feature often overlooked in vehicles comes standard on the Silverado. The tire pressure system oversees the level of inflation for each of the four road tires, passing that information on through the Driver Information Center, to indicate the readout of

The Silverado is built to include a safety cage that is enhanced with body and side structure to offer durable strength in the event of side or front crashes.

As continued protection, the underbody reinforcement system, which includes a diagonal support beneath the front foot-wells, reduces deformation and delivery of energy into the passenger compartment.

While you are wielding the heavy-duty Silverado along life's highways and byways, rest assured that you pose no threat to other, "mini" traffic. Its car compatibility bracket helps to control energy through its horseshoe-shaped bracket that adheres to the bottom of the front frame rail in the event of a head-on collision with smaller autos and crossover vehicles. The bracket grabs the front bumper of another vehicle at impact, helping to reduce the hazard of the truck riding up onto the smaller hood.

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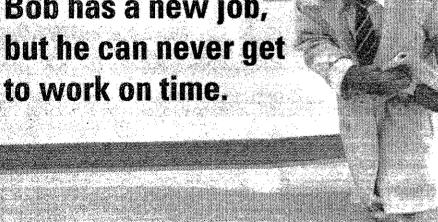
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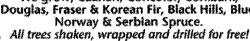
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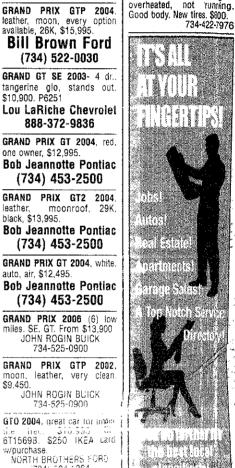
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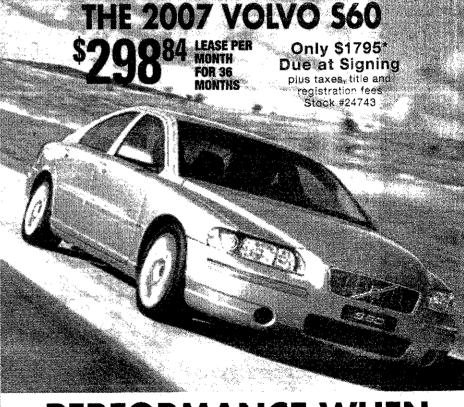
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How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

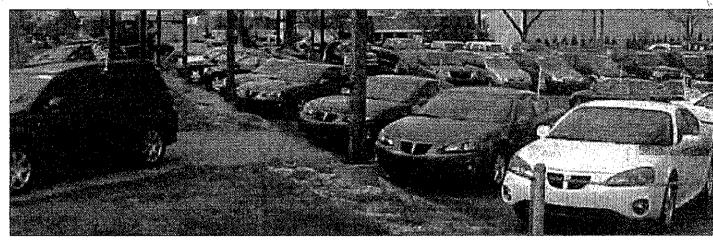
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive maintenance than better vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more

2006 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impaias and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the preowned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record

So, once again, John Rogin hasgone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

The 2001-2006 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

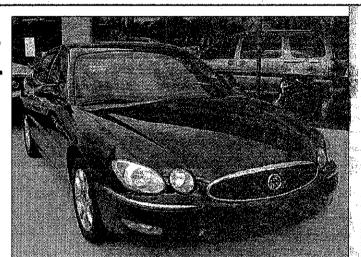
The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, sixposition tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the preowned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last.

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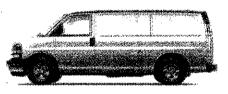
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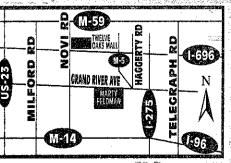
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HOMETOWN

Nancy Brown of Redford Township relies on her favorite cookbook.

Redford baker relies on cookbook for classic pies

Nancy J. Brown counts *Joy of Cooking* as her very first cookbook. She received it as an engagement gift one Christmas morning from her neighbor.

Last June, the Browns celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Nancy said she still relies on the book.

"It's always one of the sources I go to when I have a problem," said Brown, a Redford resident. "My husband put a new back on it. It's pretty worn. I got a new version of the Betty Crocker cookbook but it's too clean (to use)."

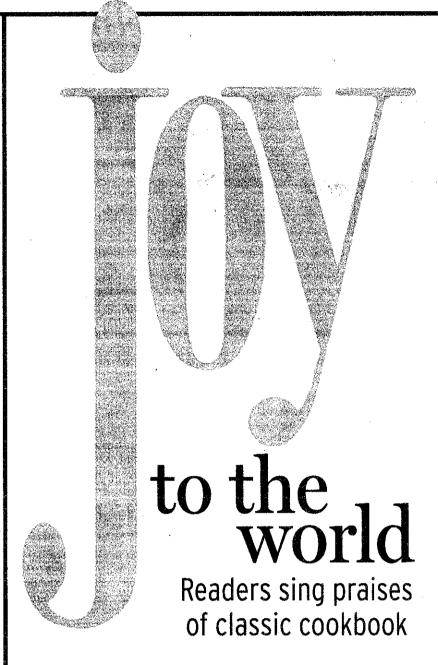
Her Joy of Cooking cookbook has a copyright date of 1946. "Over the years the pages have become discolored, stained and dogeared," she said.

Though Brown learned to bake beginning at age 10, her favorite pie crust recipe came from the classic cookbook.

"After I was married, when I baked my first pie – without Mother's help - I had a terrible time making the crust," Brown wrote in a letter to the Observer & Eccentric. "In discussing this with Mother, she suggested that I use the recipe from the Jou of Cooking, page 495, for Pie Crust Made with Flour Paste. I have used that recipe - and that recipe only - for my double crust pies ever since."

Brown, a mother of seven, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of nine, said many of the recipes in the book have become "old stand-bys," but the pie crust instructions "saved my life."

By Stephanie A. Casola



Joy of Cooking has been a kitchen staple for decades.

In 1931, Irma Rombauer published The Joy of Cooking: A Compilation of Reliable Recipes with a Casual Culinary Chat, featuring her personal collection of recipes and cooking techniques. She was looking for a way to support her family after her husband's death.

Her daughter, Marion, illustrated the early editions.

Since then, generations have turned to the pages of Joy of Cooking for the answers to such questions as "What's for dinner?" and "How do I make that?"

They include Observer & Eccentric readers who replied to our invitation to share their Joy of Cooking memories and experiences. We present some of

Cook relies on book from kitchen to farm

Sally Pinchock of Plymouth called the Joy of Cooking cookbook "a staple" in her life.

"What I like best about is the textbook side of it," she said. "It explains a ingredients and how to prepare different foods. I still use it for that."

Pinchock received a copy of the kitchen classic in 1968 as a wedding gift. "It opened my eyes to a world of possibilities," she wrote in a letter to the Observer & Eccentric. "I had lived in town and came from a family that had a menu of about 10 main dishes - period."

One year after the Pinchocks were married, they moved to a farm, where Sally tended a garden and raised chickens. "I needed to figure out what to do," she wrote. "Joy of Cooking to the rescue. I learned every step of handling the produce from the point of harvest to preserving and even serving. There was also an explanation of how to pluck and singe poultry."

From the suggested menus to tips on setting a proper table, she's relied on the book. Every Christmas she makes Bourbon Balls, an original Joy of Cooking recipe.

During a kitchen remodeling project years ago, Pinchock temporarily misplaced her original 1964 edition of the book. Her children bought her an updated 1997 copy and she often compares the versions and discovers interesting contrasts. For example, the older book references Opossum, an unheard of source of food today and rather repulsive

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resident Sally Pinchock compares her 1967 edition of the Joy of Cooking cookbook with a 1997 updated version.

Plymouth

The new cookbook is folksy and simple

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

The Joy of Cooking is a true original. And yet, the book is so simple in its approach, style and clarity.

The new Joy of Cooking: 75th Anniversary Edition, including information by original authors Irma Rombauer and her daughter, Marion Rombauer Becker, and now Ethan Becker (Marion's son), still lays the foundation for great cooking and great foods. It took protests and questions from readers after the 1997 edition was released for publishers Simon & Schuster to return to Joy's roots of a traditional, folksy context in the 2006 edi-

In 1997 readers wanted to know: Where's the section on preserves? What about bagels? And what about the original voices of Irma and Marion?

Back are the chapters on Canning, Salting, Smoking and Drying; Freezing: Jellies and Preserves, and Frozen Desserts and Sweet Sauces, along with Brunch, Lunch and Supper Dishes.

Joy also is an encyclopedia of sorts. Wondering about an ingredient and its origin? What does a particular seasoning or spice do for a dish? If you're into game and venison, it's explained. It's all here.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 1931 original by Irma Rombauer and Marion Rombauer Becker, Joy remains a family tradition in households

Just look at some of our e-mails.

The new book gets back to its earlier mission - adding ease and comfort to cooking, yet treating artisanship with more respect than the 1997 edition.

BACK TO BASICS

I was first introduced to Joy with the 1981 edition. The most worn page contains three different pasta fillings. The cheese and meat fillings are great inside ravioli (I never cared for the chicken one). And trust me, there isn't anything like the freshness of homemade ravioli with a homemade marinara sauce.

For the new book, I'd thought I'd return to the basics - I tried two of the chicken recipes.

A simple sauteed chicken breast, sprinkled with salt and pepper and coated with flour. Simple enough, yet the next detail reminds the reader to melt 11/2 tablespoons of butter until it is "fragrant and nut brown," then add the same emount of olive oil. Saute chicken for energy four minutes, use tongs to flip tean cook until firm for three to five minutes more.

Easy. If you can't follow those instructions, then get out of the kitchen. Now.

Joy expands beyond that chicken saute. Chicken picatta can be made by warming the cooked breasts in a 200° F oven, then sauteing 2-3 tablespoons of

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Learn the basics of video editing with free software



Savvy Rick Broida

ow that digital camcorders are selling for as low as \$200, it's a safe bet they'll appear under a lot of trees, menorahs and nondenominational holiday edifices this year.

Although the devices themselves aren't complicated to use, the tricky part for most new filmmakers is learning to edit video.

After all, no one wants to watch several hours of

wedding, birthday party or soccer game footage. The goal is to separate the wheat from the chaff, to create a great little movie that captures the scene or event without boring the audience to tears.

for film school to learn video editing. You just need to read this column.

In addition to the camcorder itself, you'll need the following: a relatively powerful PC (if yours has a Celeron processor, don't bother), several dozen gigabytes' worth of hard drive space (each one-hour MiniDV tape will occupy 13GB), and the proper interface to connect the camcorder.

The latter tends to trip people up. Most camcorders (even those with USB connectors) require a FireWire interface - something not every computer has. If your machine lacks one, you can install an adapter. Head to the local computer shop for help.

The final ingredient: video editing software. Mac users can take advantage of the bundled iMovie program, by all accounts a

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

'Holiday' party line can be awkward



Dick Purtan

be jolly and all that stuff. 'Tis also the season of office "holiday" parties – easily the most uncomfortable party setting of them all.

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No matter how hard you try, office "holiday" parties

are awkward affairs. We are supposed to 'let our hair down" and celebrate the season

with our co-workers. It is a time for company bonding and team building. A time to put aside all our petty office political cliques and make like the Christmas spirit has filled our cup

Yeah, right.

The first issue is spouses. Anyone who claims they are the exact same person at work that they are at home is, well, full of eggnog.

We all play different characters in our life and nothing is more theatrical than the workplace. Jockeying for position, looking

for angles and working and playing well with others is a full-time job. It's a wonder any of us gets anything done. When we bring our significant

others to the "holiday" office party, the entire dynamic of the room

They are uncomfortable meeting "Jim in accounting" because all they've heard about "Jim" is what a moron he is. It is very difficult smil-

when your subconscious is screaming "MORON" over and over.

What makes the situation even more challenging is that the conversation has to be geared to the lowest common denominator.

In the normal work setting you're talking about the latest project, gossip and foibles of the boss. When the spouses arrive you can't talk about the office because they'll end up standing there like a deer in the headlights.

The subjects have to be generic and noncontroversial. No politics. No religion. And absolutely no gossip (unless you want to mention the latest antics by Britney or Danny DeVito).

What usually ends up happening

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PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2 of human kindness to the brim. ing and shaking someone's hand Fortunately, you don't need to sign up

PURTAN

is everyone introduces everyone else, followed by a nervous moment of silence.

As drinks are raised to lips someone gets the ball rolling with something witty like, "Boy, it sure was cold today."

That is usually followed by knowing nods, more nervous silence and a few more gulps. (Are we having fun yet?)

This is only one small part of the office "holiday" party experience.

I won't bother delving into the various "greeting the boss" scenarios, or the "Do I really want to dance in front of my co-workers even though the four glasses of white wine tell me it's OK?" dynamic.

Now, this is meant to be a

However, for purposes of our

discussion, I'm going to focus on

Windows Movie Maker 2, a pro-

gram that comes with Windows

You probably already have it

apostrophes), and hit Enter. If it

doesn't run for some reason, you

here: http://tinyurl.com/3fpo4.

As you'll see, Movie Maker

divides its core steps into three

sections: Capture Video, Edit

That's video editing in a nut-

The capture part is easy. Put

mode, turn it on, and plug it into

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humorous column. The events and descriptions listed above are purely fictional and used for illustrative purposes only. Any relation to real or actual office "holiday" parties is purely unintentional.

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I say this because I love our WOMC office "holiday" party. I really, really do. What I described above was culled from stories I have heard about other office "holiday" parties.

But, in case your party isn't quite as entertaining as ours, I leave you with an ice-breaking Christmas joke to cover those awkward introductory moments. Happy Holidays:

Santa was very cross on Christmas Eve. Nothing was going right. Mrs. Claus had burned all the Christmas cookies. The elves were demanding overtime. And, the reindeer had been hitting the punch all afternoon and were dead drunk. Santa was furious.

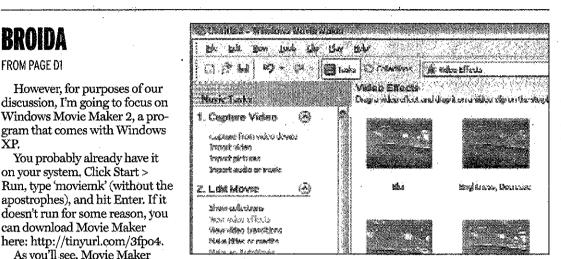
"I can't believe this. I have millions of presents to deliver, the reindeer are too drunk to fly and - to make matters worse - I sent the angel out for our Christmas tree hours ago."

Just then the door swung open and the angel walked in, dragging the Christmas tree. "Hey, Santa!" the angel cried.

Where do you want me to stick this tree?'

And, thus, another Christmas tradition was born.

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People are in the "holiday" party spirit from 5-10 every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC. Be sure to pick up our 2007 Purtan's People calendar at Kroger, It is merely \$12 and all proceeds go to Children's Hospital of Michigan.



With Windows XP's free Movie Maker program, you can assemble polishedlooking movies just by dragging clips and transitions to a storyboard.

a minute), click "Capture from video device" in Movie Maker and follow the prompts.

When you're done, you'll have a batch of video clips (which Movie Maker calls a Collection) represented as thumbnails in the

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center of the screen.

(Note that you can also import video clips, photos, and audio files from your hard drive to mix in with your camcorder video.)

By default, Movie Maker will automatically detect individual scenes and create individual clips from them, but you can also split any scene into two using the preview window on the right.

To get started editing, drag a clip down to the storyboard at the bottom of the screen. Then drag another one to the open square alongside the first one. Presto: You've just assembled two pieces of your movie.

To add a transition between them, click "View video transitions" under the Edit Movie section, find a transition that looks cool, then drag it down to the small square between your two clips.

Here's where I let go of the bike and let you pedal on your own. Movie Maker couldn't be much easier to use, and you can learn most of its features just by experimenting.

Once you get comfortable with Movie Maker, I recommend 'graduating" to a program like Adobe Premiere Elements 3 or Pinnacle Studio 10. Great as Movie Maker is for learning the ropes, it doesn't let you output your finished movies to DVD.

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Make stylish layout with window

elly from Livonia writes: "I live in the southeastern portion of Livonia. There are hundreds of small, brick ranch homes that are very similar to each other. My husband and I

own one of them.

"With the large picture window in the living room, I find it not only diffi-



Design Solutions

Guastella

window treatment, but I would like to add some style to this room. Can you help me with this?"

want a fussy

I know exactly what style of house you are describing. Most of these houses were built in the 1950s. They are good, solid homes in lovely Livonia neighborhoods.

From furniture arrangement right through the finishing touches of window treatments, this layout can be functional and

First, pull up the carpet and expose those beautiful hardwood floors. Refinish them, if needed, and place a rug large enough to anchor your seating area.

FURNITURE LAYOUT

Next, think about your furniture layout. Consider a configuration that limits walking traffic right through the conversation or television viewing area.

That means leaving the one, very large solid wall that is opposite the picture window, vacant of furniture. This wall is a great place to highlight art or family photos. If this is a TV room, try to place the television perpendicular to the picture window. The sofa can go under the window and you will still have space for a couple of chairs.

Keep in mind that in smaller rooms, you need to scale your furniture accordingly. Two recliner chairs and a large, overstuffed sofa won't work with this layout.

The chairs should be very comfortable, but smaller in scale. Open-arm chairs allow you to see through the furniture a bit and help create a feeling of spacious-

The sofa, too, should be smaller in scale and proportion so it doesn't swallow up the entire room.

WINDOW TREATMENTS

If fussy window treatments aren't your style, you aren't stuck with vertical blinds or another plain Jane treatment. We can still come up with something functional and beautiful.

Consider using large slat wood blinds with contrasting canvas fabric. It is a great look and the

canvas can add a splash of color to your living room.

If wood blinds aren't your thing, open-weave roller shades have been making a mark on the design scene lately. This is a more contemporary look, and the shades offer a variety of light-filtering options, depending on the density of the weave.

Both the blinds and the roller shades offer the flexibility of light control and privacy.

An upholstered cornice looks great over the blinds or the roller shades and can be made in any fabric or style that you desire.

In the photo of a similar house shown here, stained wood blinds with 2-inch slats were selected with a textural fabric used on the upholstered cornices. These window treatments were duplicated in the dining room.

It can be difficult to look at your own home with objectivity. I encourage you to look at design magazines and visit your neighbors' homes that have similar floor plans.

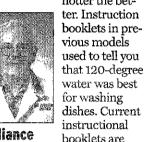
With a fresh look and some new ideas, you will be able to create that stylish home you are looking for.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

Cleaner dishes mean healthier family

he typical dishwasher is installed near the sink under the countertop and the back of the dishwasher is against an out-

Why is that important? For a dishwasher to operate properly, it needs hot water. The hotter the bet-



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important is hot water temperature that the commercial applications such as a restaurant must use water for their dishwasher that is 180 degrees or hotter.

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This change came about just a few years ago when the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services pointed out to the manufacturers that recent studies had proven that the number of food borne illness incidents increased in the United States. It is suspected that unsanitized dishes are a leading cause. As a result of the conversations between health experts and the makers of dishwashers, we have a new standard that was 50 years late in coming.

Unless you have a dishwasher with a "heat" water setting on the control panel, the water coming into yours is the same temperature that is coming out of your faucet. Measure the temperature of that water with a candy thermometer and raise the temperature on your hot water tank to get it where it should be. Those families that have small

serious caution. Thousands of children are hospitalized each

who don't make a habit of turning on the hot water faucet at the sink and letting the water run to its maximum hot water temperature, you can forget about trying to get the correct temperature water inside the dishwasher. If you don't do this before you turn on the dishwasher, the first load

This dishwasher tip is the most common one that dishwasher operators do not follow. Try making it a habit and watch how much cleaner your dishes come out. The next factor for proper cleaning of dishes is detergent. Many consumers are taken in by products, which are not always the best. I don't like liquid deter-

Many users aren't aware of the proper amount of powdered detergent to be used in the soan tener system in your home, use only 2 level teaspoons in the dispensers, if you are on city water

If you take a clean glass out of your cupboard and hold it up to a light bulb, can you see all the scratches and markings on the glass? Too much detergent caus-

The box of detergent is usually placed in the most humid area of the home, and that is under the kitchen sink. The humidity migrates to the detergent and makes it very hard. As a result the detergent does not dissolve

completely during the wash cycle and that's called poor wash abili-

infants in the house must use year because of scalding burns. For the many homeowners

of water will be cold water.

advertising that is designed to sell gent and I don't like the capsules that I think are a ripoff.

dispenser. If you have a water sofuse only 8 level teaspoons in the dispensers

For many of you who don't

know about the Tang Treatment, let me repeat it. The inside of your dishwasher may be coated with undissolved detergent, especially the motor impellers which you can't see. This really affects the water pressure that comes up through the spray arms. You need a jar of orange powdered Tang breakfast drink. Turn on the faucet and get the water hot. Turn on the dishwasher empty of dishes and let it run for five minutes. Shut it off and open the door and deposit the contents of the Tang jar directly into the water inside the bottom of the dishwasher. Close the door and let it continue through the rest of the

You will discover a noticeable difference in the clean dishes you put away. You may also notice that your fingers will squeak when you grab a plate and the inside of your dishwasher has a much cleaner smell.

The health of you and your family is critical. All these factors - especially the hot water one are responsible for giving you dishes to eat on that are not covered with bacteria. The head of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services wasn't kidding when she said, "More people suffer food poisoning from their own homes than they do from the restaurant industry." Stay tuned.

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2000 Chandon Rose \$20 (spent only one year on the yeast so it's not as depthful as those that have spent three or more; thus the price).

It sparkles: translating the language of bubbles

Champagne, the sparkling wine from the place known as Champagne in Franc e is produced using a long, complicated and labor-intensive method known as methode champenoise. Understanding this method and its language helps to enhance the appreciation of champagne.

"The 2006 harvest of 85,000 acres of vineyards was completed in four weeks by 100,000 pickers during September," said Philippe Wibrotte, director of public relations for the Comité Interprofessionel du Vin de Champagne. "The three grape varieties from which all champagne is made include chardonnay at 28 percent of the total, pinot noir at 38 percent and pinot meunier at 34 percent. This is the among most expensive fruit in the world at 5 euros/kilogram (\$5,900/ton) and grown under strict regulations of the CIVC."

RED GRAPES, WHITE WINE

If 72 percent of the grapes are red, how do the producers make a white wine?

Peel a red grape and notice the white flesh. Color is in the skin not the flesh. If red grapes are pressed cool and within a few hours of harvest, the juice obtained is white. If grapes are crushed and allowed to macerate with juice, it will be red.

Grapes are pressed in lots of 8,800 pounds, by varietal, from which only the first 544 gallons of juice (known as the cuvée) are used. Following fermentation, a blend of the three varietal still wines plus reserve wines from previous vintages is created by the chef de caves (cellar master) from as many as 70 different base wines.

Vintage wines may not use reserves since they must be 100 percent from a single vintage. This cuvée (second meaning) must be completely without flaws since any imperfection is magnified in the sparkling wine.

SECOND FERMENTATION

The cuvée is then placed in a



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bottle with a mixture of sugar and yeast to begin the second fermentation in the bottle. This process is called tirage. During this second fermentation, carbon dioxide gas that forms cannot escape and dis-

solves in the wine. This is the

source of bubbles that makes

champagne sparkle.

The CIVC requires that a nonvintage (NV) wine ages on the yeast lees for a minimum of 15 months and a vintage champagne for three years.

Most producers age their NV for three years and vintage for five to eight years. Complex aromas and flavors are imparted through extended

aging.

Following aging, spent yeast must be removed from the bottle. By gradually turning the bottle upside down, yeast slides into the neck of the bottle in a process known as remuage or riddling. This process is completed in eight weeks by hand or eight days by a machine known as a gyropallette.

Once the yeast is in the neck of the bottle, it's frozen creating an ice plug. When the bottle is opened, the frozen yeast escapes due to pressure in the bottle. This process is known as dégorgement or disgorging. Immediately following expulsion of the yeast plug, the dosage, a mix of wine and sugar, is added to adjust sweetness and refill the bottle before the final cork is inserted and a wire cage is added.

In increasing levels of sweetness, champagne is labeled brut, demi-sec and sec – dry, semi-sweet and sweet. A few producers do not add sugar in the dosage and name their wine ultra brut or brut nature.

THINKING PINK

Rosé champagne is increasing in popularity and is made by two different methods. Producers will always claim that their method is the best. The first method involves making a pink wine by macerating red grapes to achieve a pink color, adjusting the color by adding white wine and then undergoing the second fermentation in the bottle.

The second method involves adding still red wine to a still white wine to achieve a pink color and then letting it undergo the second fermentation in the bottle.

This column about champagne is the first in a series. Come back on Dec. 21 for Part II.



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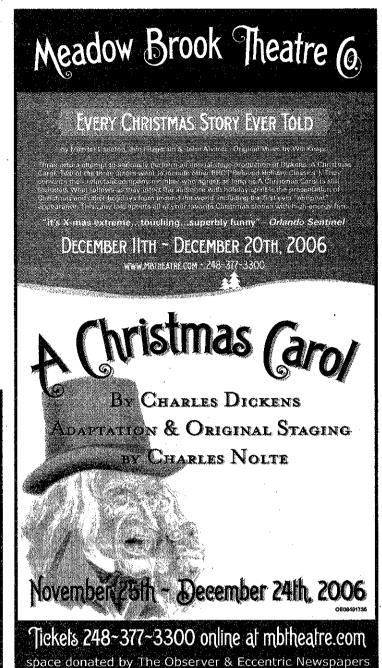
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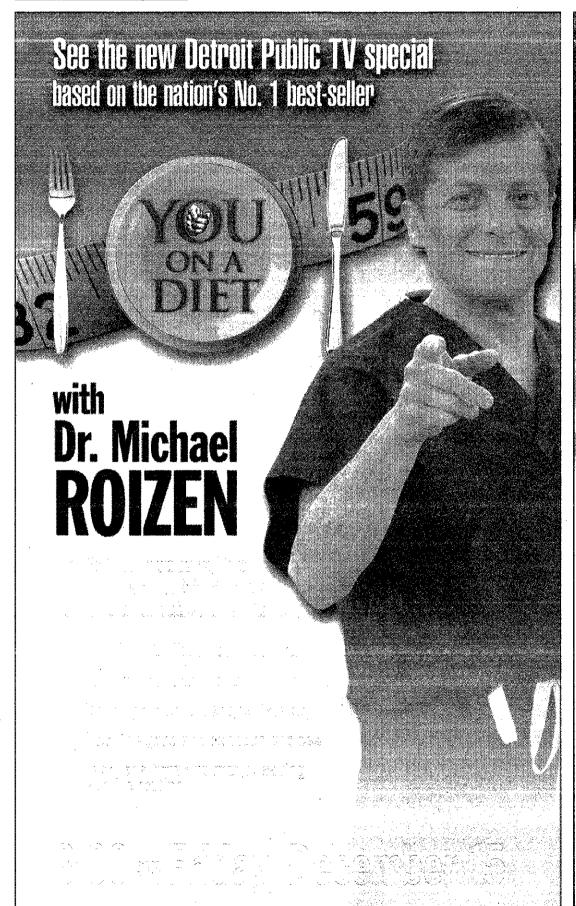
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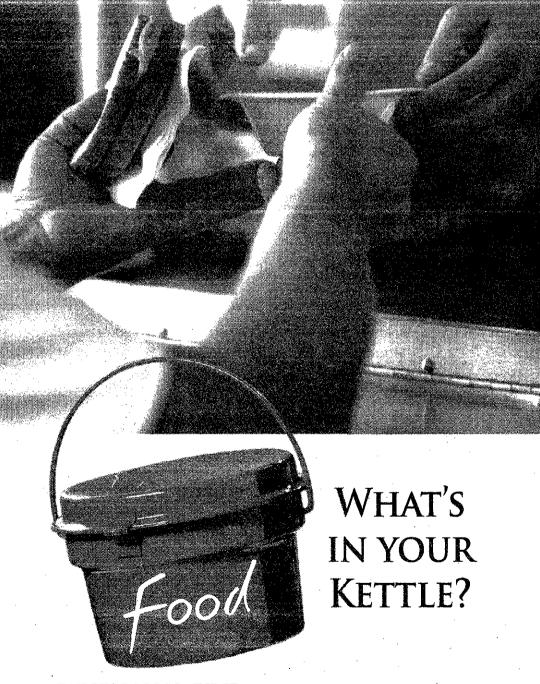
course is scheduled for Feb. 2, 2007, at the Ritz Carlton, Chicago. The cost is \$125 per person with lunch included and is limited to 150 people. More information is available at www.fivestarsommelier.com.

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Recipes from 'Joy of Cooking'

SAUTÉED BONELESS CHICKEN BREASTS

Have ready:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1-½ pounds)

Trim any fat around the edges. If you wish, remove the white tendon running through each tenderloin. Sprinkle on both sides with:

Salt and black pepper, to taste

Spread on a plate: 4 cup all-purpose flour

Coat the chicken on both sides with the flour; shake off the excess. Heat in a heavy 10- to 12inch skillet over medium heat until fragrant and nut-brown:

1-1/2 tablespoons butter

Add:

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pan with liquid.

mix.

1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil

Swirl the butter and oil together. Sauté for exactly 4 minutes. Using tongs, turn the chicken and cook until firm to the touch, 3 to 5 minutes more.

Makes 2 to 4 servings.

scallions (green onions) or shal-

lots (those small onions) for one

minute, turn heat to high on the

pan, and add 1 cup chicken stock

or broth. Bring mix to a boil and

Add 3-4 tablespoons lemon

juice (use freshly squeezed lemon,

not the reconstituted stuff) and 2

tablespoons drained capers. Boil

four minutes, then add 2-3 table-

Pour that sauce over the chick-

en, serve with rice and you've got

a fabulous, elegant flavored meal

You can use the same basic

saute with a mushroom sauce or

Parmigiana, or if you are adven-

turous, wander off to the section

and develop your own repertoire.

The roasted chicken, again,

seemed simple enough. I cleaned

removed the giblet packet (don't

laugh; people do forget this step)

placed it on a roasting rack in a

roasting pan. I clipped six sprigs

and placed them inside the cavity.

(The book recommended either

rosemary or thyme, but again, I

seldom follow straight recipes

unless they are technical and

I added some fresh lemon

thyme leaves to melted butter for

basting. Like the book suggested,

I seasoned the 6-pound bird with

kosher salt, pepper and then bast-

ed with the butter mix. The oven

had been pre-heated to 450°F,

then once the bird was ready, I

reduced the heat to 350°F, and

The book suggested a baste

every 20 minutes, which I did. It

eventually created a nice golden

longer, actually closer to 25 min-

utes a pound. With that amount

of time, the breasts were slightly

dry, but had I followed the new

cheesecloth on it in the shield-

turned roasting method, the

chicken breast may have been

juicier. Nonetheless, the season-

ings were good and the chicken

legs and thighs were done with

With that chicken, the lentils

side dish. Again, a simple dish fla-

and rice pilaf seemed like a good

vored with garlic, toasted cumin

seed and chicken broth. With a

iness of a pot roast and mashed

potatoes. Simple and flavorful.

book is whether or not it allows

you to grow as a cook. Judging

from our e-mails on the old books

and working with the new book,

home cook establish basic bench-

the Joy of Cooking helps the

marks and allows home chefs

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room to grow.

simple tossed salad, it was a great

Sunday meal without all the heav-

One of the keys to a solid cook-

good color.

and-baste method or follow the

book's suggestions to place

crust on the bird, but it took

placed the bird in the oven.

complex in nature.)

of rosemary and lemon thyme

on sauces (tomato, pesto, etc.)

ROASTING MADE EASY

a 6-pound bird thoroughly,

and rinsed the chicken, then

that is so incredibly simple.

of Cooking.'

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to most people. In that same

book there is no reference to

what is a standard piece of

equipment today in almost

out of this world.

and I still use it today."

mother in the kitchen.

every kitchen - microwaving.

Pinchock's preference for the

down to s of a cup for three to

spoons of butter and swirl into

stir to mix browned bits on the

Recipe from Joy of Cooking: 75th Anniversary Edition, Simon and Schuster, 2006, \$30.

CHICKEN PICCATA

Prepare and keep warm Sauteed Boneless Chicken Breasts, above recipe, in 200º F oven. Remove all but I tablespoon of fat in the skillet. Heat the remaining fat over medium heat and

2 to 3 tablespoons minced shallots or scallions

Cook, stirring, until wilted, about I minute. Increase the heat to high and add: 1 cup chicken stock or broth

Bring to a boil, scraping the bottom of the skillet with a wooden spoon to loosen the browned bits. Add:

3 to 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons drained small capers

Boil until sauce is reduced to 3 cup, 3 to 4 minutes. Add any accumulated chicken juices and reduce again to 1/2 cup. Remove from the heat and swirl in:

2 to 3 tablespoons butter, softened

Pour the sauce over the chicken and serve

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Nancy Brown finds her favorite pie crust recipe in a tattered copy of the Joy.

Favorite cake keeps

mom's memory alive

One look at Gerri McIntosh's copy of the Joy of Cooking

"The recipe, and the dirtiest page in this 1943 Edition is

mother would top it off with a butter cream frosting and it was

McIntosh, a Livonia resident, said she does go back to the

stock. "You have to have a basic knowledge of how things work

"My mother received her Joy of Cooking for a wedding gift in

1948," McIntosh wrote. "In 1976, after much use, I took it and

When she passed away in 1986, the book was given to me

McIntosh said baking the banana cake - whenever the mood

should strike - brings back fond memories of baking with her

had it rebound with a new cover for her birthday.

"I can eat it for breakfast," she said.

in the kitchen," she said. But she does count on it for certain

page 566," she wrote in a letter to the Observer & Eccentric.

The Banana Cake recipe. The best banana cake ever! My

book for reference when cooking staples, like a basic soup

cookbook gives a tell-tale sign to her favorite recipe.

CORN BREAD, MUFFINS OR STICKS

Have all ingredients at room temperature, about 70° F. Preheat the oven to 425° F. Grease the pan or pans with butter, oil or bacon drippings. Place in the oven until sizzling hot.

Whisk together in a large bowl: 1-1/4 cups yellow or white commeal, preferably

stone-ground ¼ cup all-purpose flour

2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder 1 to 4 tablespoons sugar (by taste)

3/4 teaspoon salt Add:

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Joy of Cooking book goes

beyond recipes and instruc-

tions. She said she appreciates

the focus on food and family

togetherness. She's made it a

habit to give the book as a wed-

ding shower gift whenever she

"It's definitely made me a

better cook," added Pinchock.

By Stephanie A. Casola

receives an invitation.

1 or 2 large eggs, beaten (2 eggs produce a richer

2 to 3 tablespoons melted butter, bacon drippings or vegetable oil

Combine with a few rapid strokes. Scrape the batter into the hot pan or pans. Bake sticks about 12 minutes, corn bread and muffins 15 to 18 minutes, until nicely browned. Serve immediately. Makes one 8-inch square bread, about 15 muffins or about 20 sticks.

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Readers share memories of Joy of Cooking

We asked our readers about their favorite Joy of Cooking memories. Here are some of the e-mails we received:

The Joy of Cooking has been my favorite cookbook since I got the 1975 edition as a new bride. My sons bought me the 1997 edition when it came out, but more often than not I go back to the 1975, because it is the edition which taught me to cook. I'm a public librarian and have access to hundreds and hundreds of cookbooks so I own very few, but if I could only own one book it would be my old 1975 edition of the Joy of Cooking.

'My favorite recipes are the Caesar Salad dressing (page 80) and Cheese Custard Pie (p. 227). My book flops open to those two pages.

Christine Lind Hage director of the Rochester Hills Public

"Ab, the memories as a young girl, my mother was the queen of overcoooked meals, but we relished her fabulous pies, all from the Joy of Cooking. Try the Banana Cream Pie on page 884, or the Coconut Cream Pie. Wading through the overdone pot roast was easy with desserts like that. However, our copy was haunted by a mystery. On more than one occasion when searching for a basic recipe, we'd get to the page and to our dismay, the page would be mysteriously blank. We weren't sure if it was a publishing error or a kitchen ghost acting up!

"I collect and read cookbooks like novels, but I go back to the Joy of Cooking everytime I want to make sure something makes sense. I will be giving my daughter, a new mother, a copy as she gets into the routine of home cooked family meals. Mom is no longer with us, but her memory lives on through the Joy of Cooking."

Laura Seriguchi Bloomfield Hills

"I have had my Joy of Cooking book since my wedding shower which makes the book 27 years old. We use it a lot for reference especially when we are not sure how to work with meat or seasonings. It has always been there among my cookbooks."

Pat Zitkus

"I received two books when I was married. The book is so big as to be intimidating but there is wonderful advice in there, specifically on "roasting chicken, capon, cornish hen or turkey." If you follow the advice you will have the most beautiful bird possible; without any basting. Brown and crisp on the outside and moist on the inside.

'To all the women in my family who insisted on foil, basting or butter under the skin, I have to say that my turkey is the best!" **Donna Beaumont**

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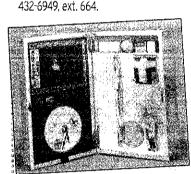
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Cookbook is culinary 'bible'

The Joy of Cooking remains the "culinary 'bible" of Diane Plymouth resident wrote.

she said.

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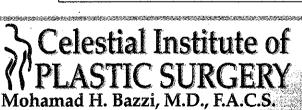
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Montagano more than 40 years after she bought the book, the And Montagano has given many a new bride her own copy,

When I married in 1958, I could make chop suey and boiled

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