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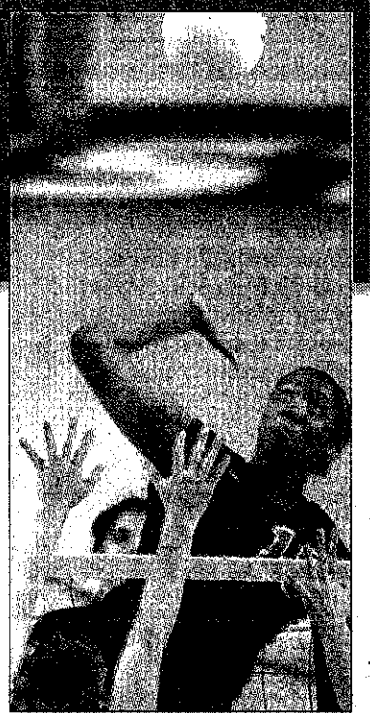
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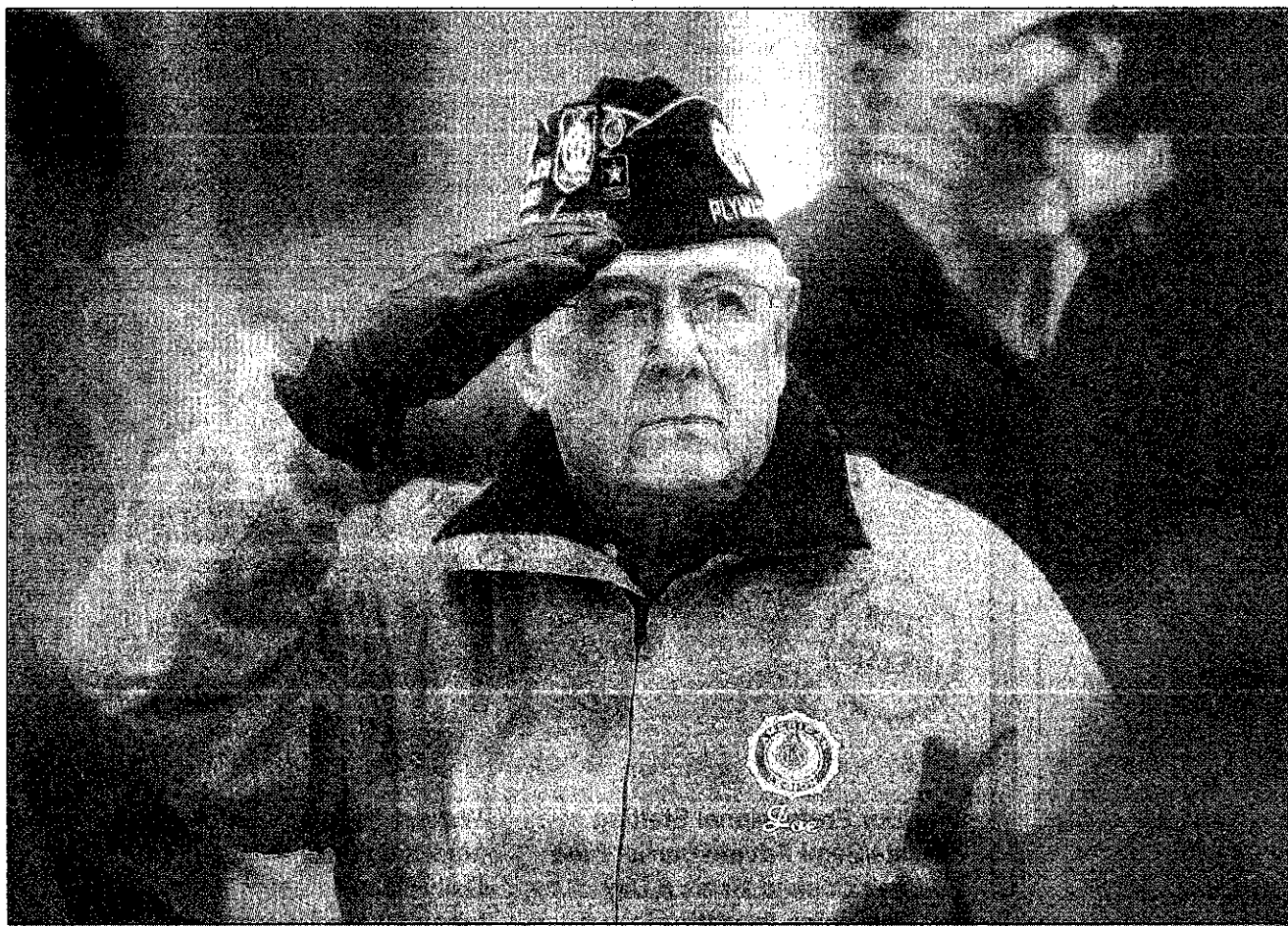
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Korean War vet Joe Burman salutes at the conclusion of the Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony. He's a member of Post 112 American Legion.

Vets, students remember Pearl Harbor, honor the lives lost

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Friday was remembered as a "date that will live in infamy."

Dozens of people, including veterans and students from Central Middle School, remembered those who died at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, in a short, but meaningful, ceremony at the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park Friday afternoon.

It was a surprise attack on U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor by Japanese warplanes that forced the United States into World War II.

"The first bombs fell about 7 a.m., and the United States had 18 ships sunk or severely damaged, about 188 planes destroyed and about 3,700 casualties," said Frank Pawelak of American Legion Post 391. "It pushed the United States public opinion from complacency and isolation to an acceptance that war was unavoidable, our freedom was threatened."

The keynote speaker was 80-year-old Jerry Hoelscher of Canton Township, an Army veteran and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695 in Plymouth, whose 19-year-old

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3 is enough

Court board decides to keep third judge

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's 35th District Court will continue to employ three judges.

There had been speculation the 35th District Court Authority — consisting of representatives from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township — was considering asking the state legislature to discontinue the third judge position at 35th District Court to save as much as \$215,000 annually after Chief Judge John MacDonald, 72, retires Jan. 1, 2009, after 24 years on the bench.

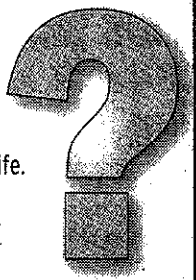
However, representatives of the five communities decided it was best, at this time, to continue the three-judge court in anticipation of increasing caseloads.

"I support the three-judge concept," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "We don't know where the court is going to go in the number of cases. We may pay more for that concept, but I think we're also about service and adjudicating cases that come before the court in a reasonable time frame."

Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell expounded on Yack's assumptions.

"As the economy gets worse and worse, those caseloads are probably going to increase over time," Pursell said. "It gives us the freedom to adjudicate those

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The 35th District Court Authority decided to keep its third judge even after the 2009 retirement of Chief Judge John MacDonald (above).

cases in a timely fashion."

Oddly enough, since even before the new judgeship was established in 2001, caseloads have actually gone down. Court officials say last year the court

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Playing the market

Family lives out son's dream with local grocery

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After Eddie Daibess worked his last day as an employee of Ford Motor Co., he didn't go home and honeymoon with his bride of 27 years — he began plotting his entry into the grocery business.

Daibess, 53, of Dearborn recently opened Mango's Fruit Market with his 25-year-old son, Hass, at 7209 Canton Center Road.

"I was at Ford for 33 years so it was time to get out and help fulfill my son's dream," he said, adding that he didn't have to think too long about accepting a buyout from the automaker in June. "This was my son's dream."

The 2,400-square-foot store anchors the Westbrook Plaza and offers a wide selection of

deli products, fruits and international foods.

"We are extremely excited

by the response we've gotten," said Hass, who began mapping out his entrepreneurial wishes as a University of Michigan student. "I would take a fruit market any day over an oil change center or gas station. I love this."

Although Eddie and Hass put up the money to finance the venture, the whole Daibess family puts in time at the market, including Eddie's wife, Grace, and his other children, Farrah, Michael and Joseph.

"We almost opened in Sterling Heights but my daughter lives

here and persuaded us to come here and the people of Canton have been so wonderful to us,"

Eddie said.

"Not 80 percent but 99.9 percent of the people who come in here thank us for coming into the community."

Township resident Chris Zebari, the deli salesman for Mango's, stumbled upon the father and son team four months ago and has since become their most loyal customer.

"I'm in here all the time and my wife is in here all the time," Zebari joked. "Their first \$20 bill came from me." Zebari, who raves that Eddie

makes a mean batch of hummus, applauded Eddie and Hass for their business philosophies.

"People are getting tired of the big box stores and they want a personal touch. You come in here and you get a smiling face," he said, while walking over to the deli case and pointing out a brand of ham. "You see this ham, this is high quality. They sell it in the big stores for \$6.99 a pound, these two (cut into their profit margins) and sell it for \$3.99 a pound."

In between ringing up orders and chatting with the children of his customers, Eddie said he and his son are proud of their competitive pricing.

"We are trying to make a living not get filthy rich," he said. "I know what it's like to raise a family and how much money it



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Eddie Daibess, at right, retired from Ford and now spends his time helping his son, Hass Daibess, at left, open Mango's Fruit Market.

takes. We are not here to hurt families and we are not greedy."

When asked whether he has any regrets about leaving his longtime position at Ford's Wayne Stamping and Assembly Plant, Eddie grins and says "I don't even think about (Ford) anymore. It's good to be free and on your own."

Hass said that's good news to him.

"When I first asked him (about opening Mango's) I didn't know what he would say," he said. "So I just asked him: What are you doing after retirement?"

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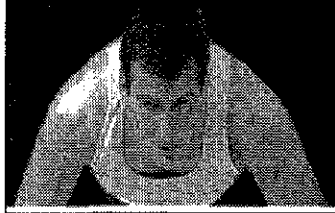
A holiday film guide

CORRECTION

A story in the Thursday, Dec. 6, *Observer* should have said Plymouth High School was the only one of the district's high schools that met all Adequate Yearly Progress standards.

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5188.

Summit on the Park holiday hours

Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, will be adjusting its hours for the holidays. The Summit hour changes are as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 24: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 25: Closed
- Monday, Dec. 31: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 1: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To learn more about Summit on the Park's holiday hours or available memberships, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Free Kindermusik sessions

Evola Music of Canton invites you to preview its winter semester Kindermusik programs with free holiday story times at local businesses. Kindermusik educators Karen Schanerberger and Michelle Shrewsbury present interactive programs featuring music, movement, stories, songs, instrument play and the latest research on musically enhancing your child's development.

Free holiday story times and locations are:

- Caffe Italia (41985 Ford Road, Canton -- (734) 844-2255): Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1:15 p.m.
- Caribou Coffee (44601 Five Mile Road, Plymouth -- (734) 459-4473): Thursday, Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m.
- Plymouth Coffee Bean

(884 Penniman, Plymouth -- (734) 454-0178): Tuesday, Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m.

■ Maggie Moo's Treatery (47325 Five Mile Road, Plymouth -- (734) 207-1858: Thursday, Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.kindermusikatevola.com or call (734) 455-4677, or visit www.kindermusikatevola.com.

Christmas in the Village

Celebrate the season at this year's Christmas in the Village on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 3-9 p.m. in the Cherry Hill Village. Come and tour nine homes decorated for the holidays by homeowners, interior designers, and florists in this year's annual home tour.

Then venture outside and enjoy carriage rides through the park, carolers, holiday treats, and unique seasonal entertainment featuring the P-CEP Madrigals and Chamber Choir, members of the Canton Concert Band, and the Grace Notes Flute Ensemble.

Other event highlights include ice skating in the

park, warming stations with hot cocoa and spiced cider available for purchase, a ginger bread house activity in the Cherry Hill School, and visits with Father Christmas in the Cady-Boyer Barn at the Bartlett-Travis House, which will also be decorated and open to the public free of charge.

Home Tour tickets are \$17 on the day of the event at the Village Theater Box Office. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the Summit on the Park, or the Village Theater Box Office, or by visiting www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or by calling (734) 394-5460. Participants touring the homes must be 12 years of age and older.

For those not wishing to attend the home tour, there is no admission fee for the winter attractions, but some activities may require a nominal fee. Dress for the weather. Shuttles will be available for your parking convenience, due to anticipated high volumes of traffic for the Village Theater mainstage performances. For

more information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Women wanted

The goal of the Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW) is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women.

The group is seeking members who are looking for leadership development, informative programs, business contacts networking opportunities, mentor relationships, friendships, community awareness, professional growth, political advocacy, and a voice in women's issues.

The group will host a holiday celebration 6-8:30 p.m., Dec. 10 at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road. The speaker will be Judy Ellis of First Step. The group will be presenting First Step with donations. For information please contact Irene Psilis via e-mail at Irene.Psilis@ncmc.com or by phone at (734) 981-7810. You must RSVP.

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Sculpture honors memory, work of book lover

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Mary Schwartz didn't hesitate to describe the sculpture dedicated to her late husband, John, just outside the Canton Public Library's doors.

"It's beautiful," she said as the sculpture was dedicated Friday before an overflow crowd of library supporters and friends. She added the library on Canton Center Road was "a second home" to John, who died earlier this year. The Schwartzes were married 56 years.

John Schwartz III was a founding board member of the Canton Public Library, and served on the library board 1980-89. He was instrumental in getting the millage passed for the library in 1979, and later worked as library building supervisor 1990-99 after retiring from the family greenhouse business.

The sculpture by artist Andrew Carson of Seattle was donated by the Friends of the Canton Public Library in a joint project with the library. It's of bronze and hand-blown glass, designed to move and reflect light.

"It's a recreation center for the mind," Mary Schwartz said of their beloved library, adding she and John always wanted young people to have access to a good library.

"He was one of the founding fathers of the library," said Jean Tabor, library director. "He loved it."

Schwartz was active when the current building opened in 1988. The library had been on the third floor of the town-



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Jim Gillig and Mary Schwartz, John Schwartz's widow, dedicate the sculpture.

'Hopefully it will be there to remind us of John's motion in the community. He never stopped.'

JIM GILLIG, library board member

ship's administration building before that.

"He was one of the original board members, and everybody loved John," Tabor said. "Just a true friend of the library."

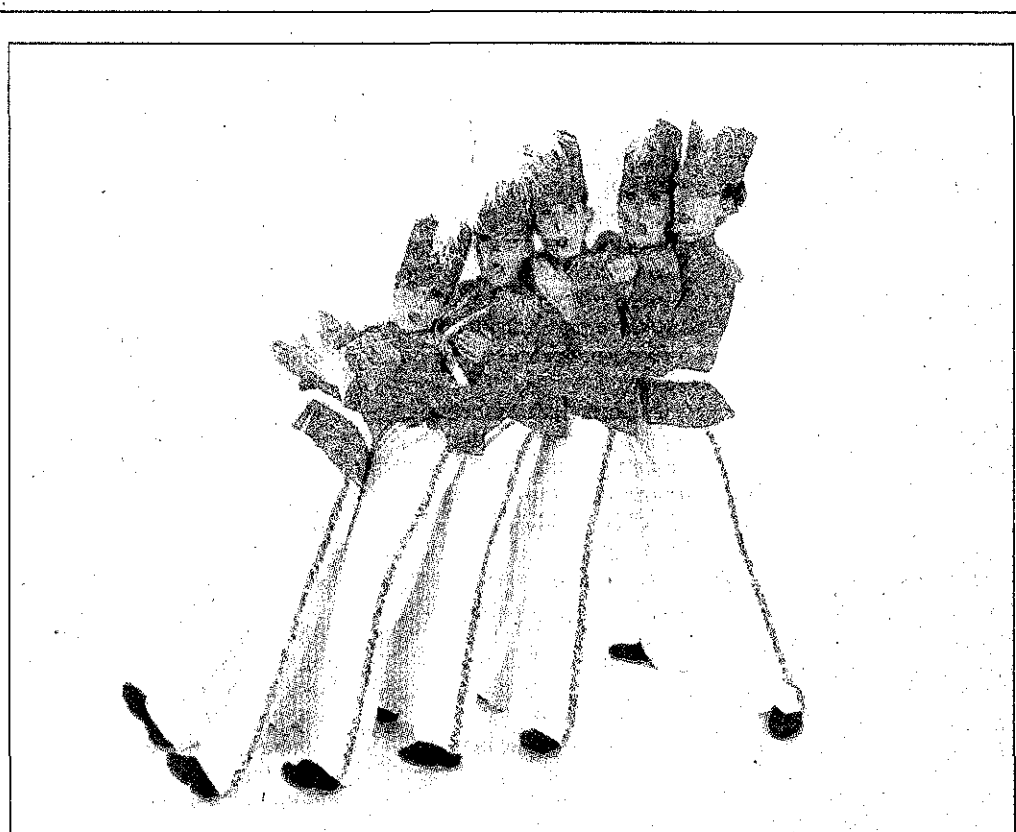
Library board member Jim Gillig noted the good-sized crowd, and got things going on time as a tribute to Schwartz's punctuality. "I'm sure over John's life he's planted 100,000 seeds, maybe more," Gillig said. Those trees grew strong, but few more so than the library.

The sculpture's a reminder of what a citizen can accomplish, Gillig added. "There was a man who really, really cared. He got a lot done."

Gillig added that four of the five surviving original board members attended Friday's ceremony.

"Hopefully it will be there to remind us of John's motion in the community," Gillig said of the sculpture as the crowd moved outside for the big moment. "He never stopped."

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BRIAN HOBBS

Central City Christmas Spectacular

Canton's Central City Dance Center will perform its annual 'Christmas Spectacular' six times at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill next weekend. Dates and times are as follows: Dec. 13, at 6 p.m.; Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.; Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Central City owners Tim Smola and Tamara Nastev-Smola describe the show as a Broadway-style Christmas show that features some of the area's most talented dancers, singers, and gymnasts. The show will feature more than 125 performers ranging in age from 6 years old to adults, and many classic holiday songs. One of the most well-received acts of the show takes place in Santa's Toy Shop, where nearly 50 toy soldiers (including those pictured) come to life. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by contacting Central City Dance Center, 8004 Sheldon Center Road in Canton, or by calling (734) 459-0400. Tickets are reserved seating and will not be sold the day of the show. For more ticket information visit www.centralcitydance.com.

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Board of Trustees

The Canton Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

At 6:30, there will be a reception for fire prevention poster contest winners. The regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The agenda will include:

- Recognition of Canton Community television's award winning staff.
- Presentation of police lieutenant's badge; police sergeant's badge; fire battalion chief's badge; and fire captain's badge.
- Bazzi property rezoning.
- Site plan for Canton Corners West Outlet.
- Site plan for Canton Crossings shopping center.
- Special land use and site plan for Canton Friendship Church
- Site plan for Cross Roads

Village Outlot A.

- Site plan for Del Taco Restaurant.
- Consider re-approval of the site plan for L. George's Coney Island.
- Site plan for Busch's supermarket and retail building.
- Consider authorizing the township clerk to sign the inter-agency agreement with Wayne County for the detention basin enhancements grant.
- Consider waiving receipt of proposals and awarding design services to Northwest Consultants, Inc. for the Lilley/Hanford intersection improvements.
- Consider zoning ordinance amendments.
- Budget amendment for police overtime.
- Increase purchase order for fuel.
- Adopt 2007 budget for capital projects construction fund for sanitary relief sewer projects.
- Other budget amend-

ments.

Van Buren School Board

The Van Buren Schools Board of Education will hold a closed session at 6 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Administration Building - Board Room for the purpose of considering disciplinary action in regard to a student from Belleville High School. Following the closed session, an open session will be held to take public action on the closed hearing.

Following that hearing, the board will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Belleville High School - Food Service Center. Agenda items include:

- Increase of executive secretary's hours recommendation
- Three year school improvement plans recommendation
- Superintendent quarterly review

Canton has lots of reasons for you to shop locally

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Why shop anywhere but Canton?

"We think we have everything here that you would need," says Dianne Cojei, Canton Chamber of Commerce president.

The downtown development district — Ford Road just east of I-275 and just west of Canton Center Road — has more than 400 businesses alone.

"We have a lot of other things not on Ford Road," Cojei says. "You don't have to try to find a parking spot at a crowded mall."

And the money residents spend in their hometown comes back to them, she says.

"If you have a healthy business community, it does do great for the property values," Cojei adds.

A lot of empty storefronts reflects poorly on property values, Cojei adds saying the DDA and chamber work to build the business community.

Darlene Denning, a Plymouth resident shopping recently in Canton, says she shops close to home.

"It's for the convenience and with gas prices the way they are," Denning adds. "As soon as I get out of the house I start saving and at the malls no one cares. Here everyone knows your name. I love the friendliness."

Browsing in Tuesday Morning on Lilley, Denning says, she saves between \$100 and \$200 minimally every time she visits the shop.

Canton Downtown Development Authority, the Canton chamber and Canton Leisure Services are promoting "Shop Canton for the Holidays" campaign now through Dec. 31. Go to shop-canton.org to find the 50 businesses participating in the discount program that range from dining, entertainment, hair and nail services, jewelry, flowers and gifts. Each store



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shoppers have many options right here in Canton.

determines their own discount offer.

Helen Javahirian, owner of Paul's Fine Jewelry & Gifts on Ford Road, says business has been steady and she attributes the results to the patronage of area residents and return customers.

"Considering the economy it's not bad," Javahirian says. "It does help when local people shop in Canton. It keeps the business in the community."

The business has been in Canton 18 years — first at Joy and Lilley for 10 years and on Ford Road for eight years.

"It was nice that we had a lot of customers who followed us from the old location to the new and we thank them for trusting us and using us as their jeweler," Javahirian adds.

Resale shops might be the perfect business to actually thrive in a sour economy, because more people are trying to stretch their dollars. Once Upon a Child on Sheldon has been in business for more than 13 years.

"In the last few years it has gotten busier," says manager Megan Niles.

Selling gently used children's products, Once Upon a Child offers less than half off of large equipment items and clothing

is priced 20 to 30 percent of department store costs.

"People are buying more at Christmas time for gifts than they used to," Niles says.

Others are dressing their children in nice clothing without paying the higher prices for new outfits.

Kathleen Salla, Downtown Development Authority coordinator, says she hasn't heard anything negative about sales from Canton business owners.

"Our businesses are doing well," she adds. "We do a lot to promote shopping locally in Canton, because we have a wide range of services offered right here in the community."

She points to a great mix of national chains, like IKEA, Kohl's, Target, Borders and numerous restaurants, as well as locally owned businesses and specialty retail, like Canton Computers and Accessories.

"I know sales have been decent, but in general, from the news media, it probably won't be their best year," Cojei says. "We have a lot of businesses here that are doing fine. Just shop Canton."



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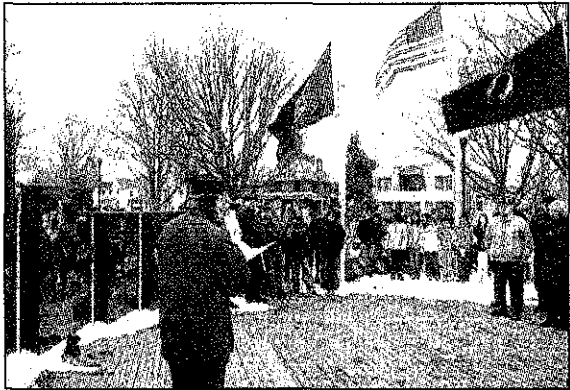
brother, Lester, was on the USS Arizona, which was sunk during the attack.

"America was truly at war," said Hoelscher. "I think our nation was mad as hell. A new slogan was born, and it caught on swiftly ... Remember Pearl Harbor."

Hoelscher said news of the USS Arizona was difficult to get, and his family waited fearfully for news of his brother.

"News broadcasts made no mention of the USS Arizona, and we were encouraged to believe it was maybe good news," Hoelscher said. "In late December came the first official notice he was missing in action. Two weeks later came the final official notice that stated Lester had lost his life in action and his body had not been recovered."

Lester Hoelscher and more than 1,100 of his shipmates lay entombed in the sunken



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Veterans and students from Central Middle School gathered to remember Pearl Harbor.

Arizona, 38-feet below the surface, with a memorial constructed over it.

Jerry Hoelscher, who served in Germany during the Korean conflict, was five years younger than Lester, who enlisted in the Navy when he was 18 years old.

"He was so happy, and did very well, becoming a pharmacist mate first class when he was killed," Hoelscher said. "I was 14 at the time of the attack and remember the day very, very well."

Several classes from Central

Middle School attended the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park, which is located adjacent to the school.

"It was a real honor to be there," said Jared Luce, 13, of Canton. "They are legends, people who put their lives on the line for this country."

Prabhreet Singh, 14, of Canton reiterated it was an honor to attend the ceremony.

"They gave up their lives, so the least we could do is give them some of our time to honor what they did for us," said Singh.

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handled 3,000 fewer cases than it did in 2000. While the caseload has been down since 2000, the figure for last year actually showed an increase from the previous year.

The State Court Administrators Office calculated the number of cases handled by judges in 35th District Court required 2.26 judges. However, despite the declining caseload, the SCAO held off on recommending elimination of the position when MacDonald retires. The communities could petition for the reduction, but would have to convince the state legislature and have it approved by the governor.

District court judges earn \$139,272 annually, which is paid by the state. However, benefits and staff — paid for by the local communities — cost more than \$215,000 each year, according to a report to the Court Authority by Judge Ron Lowe.

Court officials are hoping

to save about \$20,000 when Magistrate Eric Colthurst, who earns about \$90,000 a year, retires in August and is rehired as a contract employee.

The \$4.5 million 2008 court budget is minus the controversial \$480 per month stipend, as well as longevity pay, for judges. The judges had been criticized by some members of the Court Authority for receiving \$600 monthly expense checks, which they voluntarily reduced to \$480.

"Historically, each judge received an expense account check per month, and there was no accounting for the expenses," said Lowe. "We (now) will submit our receipts and the court will reimburse us ... for expenses to professional organizations we belong to, travel expenses, cell phones."

After nearly 23 years, judges will no longer receive longevity pay, which ranged from a half-percent at three years of service to 8.5 percent at 24 years. Court controller Pam Avdoulos said MacDonald received 8 percent of his salary in longevity pay in 2007, which amounted to \$11,061. Lowe

received 6 percent, or \$8,296 in longevity pay. Judge Mike Gerou, who was elected to fill the third judgeship, received a half-percent for \$691.

The Court Authority also balked at the budget line item that would have given court administrator Debra Kubitskey a 6-percent pay increase.

"When you're asking for something out of the norm, it's incumbent on you to really thrash it out and put down a lot of justification for it," said Yack, who noted Kubitskey would be one of the highest-paid court administrators in the area with the pay hike.

"Not just to us, but the people out there who aren't getting pay increases," added Pursell. "Plymouth, Northville and Canton are upper-echelon communities, but there's nobody out there getting 6-percent raises."

The Authority instead gave Kubitskey, who will earn \$71,925 this year, the same 3.25 percent pay increase given to union employees, boosting her salary to \$74,262.

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Budget battle not likely to affect term limit law

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Democratic state Rep. Paul Condino characterized the 10-month partisan fight over the 2008 state budget the result of a "perfect storm" and an "ugly process."

Republican Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop agreed the process and outcome of the battle was "horrible," but was a necessary part of standing up for philosophical beliefs and holding true to core principles.

And while both expressed hope future budgets will be adopted without the degree of rancor experienced this year, their comments at the Observer & Eccentric's annual Journalist of the Year breakfast made it clear the two parties remain far apart on how the state should be run.

But both agreed the budget fiasco would not be enough to spur the legislature to scrap term limits, even though both agreed the lack of experience in Lansing contributed to the process.

"I don't believe terms limits was the primary cause of what happened, and I think it will take a citizen initiative to bring about any change to the law," said Bishop, a lifelong Rochester resident.

Added Condino, a Southfield resident who will be term-limited at the end of next year, "I agree with the senator."

Asked why voters should return any incumbent to office next year, Condino acknowledged it will be "real tough" to regain the public's confidence.

"You have to understand we started in January with the perfect storm of a \$1.8 billion deficit and the loss of the single business tax," he said. "We did a good job of coming together in creating the new business tax. But the question that should be asked of every incumbent is what did he or she do to be part of the solution."

Bishop said it was important for voters to understand why the budget crisis grew to the magnitude it did.

"I was disgusted by how our state government performed. But you have to understand it happened because people stood up for what they believed in," he said. "I felt like I was at the Alamo, but I wasn't willing to give in to the pressure of going with the easy solution."

Without a true reform of state government, Bishop added no amount of tax increases will solve the budget crisis.

"State spending is out of control and we have to take a look in the core areas of community health, corrections and state government operations," he said.

Bishop said the state should give serious consideration to turning over transportation, health care and food service operations at the state's prisons to the private sector.

Condino, reflecting just one area where the two political parties appear far apart on the issues, said the state instead should focus on moving documented mentally ill patients out of the prison system and into less expensive continuing care options. When he added he opposed privatization of the prisons on "moral and ethical grounds," Bishop responded, "I don't think it's a moral issue to save money."

Marty Budner tapped as top journalist for O&E in 2007

Marty Budner, sports editor of the *Birmingham Eccentric* newspaper, was named the 2007 Journalist of the Year by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The award was presented to Budner Friday morning at the annual O&E Journalist of the Year breakfast held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Budner is a veteran journalist and a well-known figure in the world of local sports. He has won numerous awards over 31 years with the O&E. Budner has won either a Suburban Newspaper Association or Michigan Press Association award for sports writing, sports section, sports columnist or sports feature every year at least since 2000.

Budner was nominated for the award by *Eccentric* editor Greg Kowalski. "Marty has an incredible understanding of the local sports scene and knows how to present it to the readers in a fashion that they relate to," Kowalski wrote in the nomination.

Budner was also cited for his "accurate, comprehensive and thorough coverage."

"It's a great honor," Budner said. He added that he is proud to be among the journalists who have won the award over the years. "I've always considered it a team effort," he said of producing the sport section.

The judges singled out a column that he wrote about Joe Clinton, Troy Athens basketball coach who died



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Sports Editor Marty Budner is the 2007 Observer & Eccentric Journalist of the Year.



Executive Editor Susan Rosiek presents Marty Budner with the Journalist of the Year award.

suddenly last summer. The judges noted how Budner brought a sense of history to the piece reflecting his long acquaintanceship with Clinton.

Judging of the nominees was done by a panel of journalists not associated with the O&E. The award was presented by Susan Rosiek, O&E executive editor.



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Unfortunately, you do have a tax liability. When you cash out your U.S. Savings Bonds, you will receive the original investment and the interest. The interest is subject to income tax.

When you inherit items such as U.S. Savings Bonds, traditional IRAs or variable annuities, there is an income tax consequence to the beneficiary. Since they grew tax-deferred, a beneficiary pays taxes on the deferred income. This goes against the general rule because when someone inherits property, they typically inherit it tax free. The one exception is when they inherit something that has deferred income. In addition, if someone inherits a "qualified" deferred income plan, such as an IRA or a 40(k) plan, then the person who is inheriting the property pays ordinary



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Rick Bloom

income taxes not only on the deferred income, but also on the principal itself.

For example, if you inherited someone's 401(k) and the plan was worth \$50,000, all of that would be subject to ordinary income tax. On the other hand, if you inherited \$50,000 of someone's stock portfolio and it was not in a qualified plan (IRA), then that same \$50,000 would be tax free.

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Under current tax law, when you inherit property not in a qualified plan, your cost basis is the fair market value of that asset on the date of death. For example, if you inherit 100 shares of ABC stock and on the date of death ABC stock is worth \$20 a share, your cost basis for that stock is \$2,000 (100 x 20). If you sell

the stock down the road for \$30 a share, your gain for tax purposes would be \$10 a share (\$30 - \$20). It doesn't matter whether the person you are inheriting the property from paid \$1 or \$100 per share, your cost basis is the fair market value as of the date of death.

It is important to review who you've named as your primary and secondary beneficiary. Doing some good tax planning in this area can save your beneficiaries on taxes.

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I do not believe there is one right answer. The real question is what is better for your situation? I lease my cars, but that doesn't mean you should lease.

There are several issues you need to consider. First is how long you plan to own your car. If you plan to own for more than four years, then I would recommend purchasing the car. If you plan to use your car for four years or less, then leasing

is an option.

Another issue is how many miles you drive on a yearly basis. The more miles you drive, the more beneficial it is to buy vs. lease. Typically, if you are driving more than 15,000 to 18,000 miles a year, then the benefits derived from leasing are reduced.

There are some other non-financial issues that enter into the equation. One is convenience. Leasing is a good way to go for people who want new cars every few years and do not want the hassle of having to sell a used car.

Before you go shop for a car, you should decide ahead of time whether you are going to buy or lease. This will help you focus on selecting the right car for your situation.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

DMP will have oversight of O&E/Mirror

Effective Jan. 1, the Detroit Media Partnership will assume administrative and financial oversight of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Mirror Newspapers. The properties were formerly part of HomeTown Communications Network which was purchased by the Gannett Co, Inc. in November 2004.

The Observer & Eccentric newspapers include 12 suburban editions published Thursdays and Sundays. Mirror Newspapers

is a weekly newspaper serving six communities and is published on Sundays. Printing and production will continue to be handled by the Port Huron Times Herald, also a Gannett property. The publications will remain editorially independent and will be a separate operating unit.

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There's no better way to say "Happy Holidays," while helping the animals of the Michigan Humane Society than with a holiday picture of Santa and your pet.

The MHS is hosting pet holiday pictures with Santa at the Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland, on two consecutive weekends in December. Santa, and his elves, will be posing for pictures with pets on the following dates, from noon to 2 p.m.: Sunday, Dec. 9; Saturday, Dec. 15; and Sunday, Dec. 16. Elves will be giving out doggie goodie bags and candy canes to all children attending. All companion animals are welcome.

For each photo taken, MHS asks for a \$5 contribution to help the organization continue to provide the vital programs and services for more than 100,000 animals the organization cares for and touches each year. Each photo will be printed immediately, and placed in a holiday photo card for pet-lovers to take home.

Photo participants should enter at the Pet Education Center door, located to the right of the adoption center entrance, with candy canes leading the way. The MHS reminds pet owners to avoid any activities which may be uncomfortable, stressful or pose any risk to your pet. When deciding to bring your companion animal into a public environment, please be sure that he/she is properly socialized and is able to interact with other animals.

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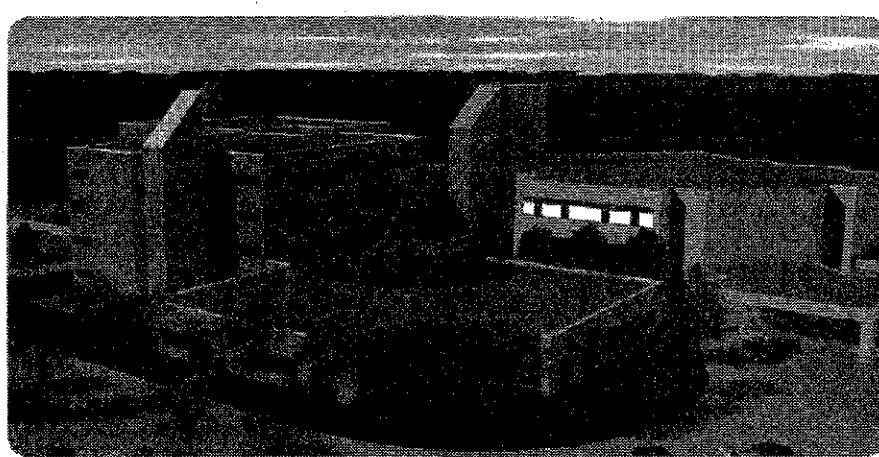
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Teens break into friend's home while family on vacation

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The teen's father, 42, reported to police on Nov. 25 that when he returned home he discovered that his camera, along with \$500 in coins, had been stolen. Two necklaces valued at \$1,000 were also reported missing.

The man told officers that his teenage son had given the home's garage door code to a couple of his friends.

The boy then called one of his friends, a 17-year-old boy, who told him that several people had been inside the residence from Nov. 21-Nov. 24.

Canton police then tracked down and arrested seven people who admitted to being in

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the home. Several of the trespassers said they entered the back door of the property so neighbors wouldn't spot them. Others confessed to spending the night and smoking marijuana inside the home.

One township teen, 17, told officers he ate cookies and other snacks. Another boy admitted to bringing a 16-year-old Canton girl to the house, one teen said he lounged around the property while his friends left to go play hockey and another boy reported that he didn't feel comfortable at the home and left moments after his arrival.

A few of the boys admitted to rummaging through dresser drawers and jewelry boxes but

said they didn't steal anything. Among those arrested for forced breaking and entering were five 17-year-old boys, an 18-year-old Canton man and a 24-year-old man.

Boys lead cops on chase

Two children were cited for curfew violation Nov. 24 after they led police on a chase.

The boys, an 11-year-old from Westland and a 14-year-old from Canton, were seen outside a closed gas station at Warren and Lilley just after midnight.

When an officer approached the two, they began running. One of the boys was discovered inside a friend's residence. He told the officer that he ran because he was "scared I was going to juvy." The other

boy was found on Saratoga. He told officers that he and his friend were getting some pop and ran because they were afraid.

They were both ticketed for violating the township's curfew ordinance and were released to their mothers.

Man wanted for punching wall

A Canton woman called police last week after her friend, a 24-year-old Canton man, punched a hole in her wall.

The woman, 20, lives in an apartment on the 7500 block of Windsor Woods and said the man was arguing with his girlfriend at her residence, became angry and punched

a wall. She reported that this was the fifth time he had done this in her home and that she was fed up.

When officers arrived at the complex, the man was not there but soon called the woman's cell phone. An officer spoke to the man advising him that the woman did not want him calling or visiting her anymore. The man then told officers that he had not been at the apartment and didn't punch the wall.

The man's girlfriend and another man, 26, reported that he had left the residence shortly before the officer's arrival.

When officers went to the man's residence, his father said that he was not home but that he would tell him to call the police.

The woman wants to press charges.

Thief smashes window, gets iPod

A Canton woman, 33, reported Nov. 28 that a thief stole her iPod from her vehicle.

The woman, whose car was parked at her residence on the 43000 block of Antietam, told officers that the rear passenger window of her Saab 93 had been shattered and her iPod, valued at \$350, and about 10 CDs had been stolen.

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By Tiffany L. Parks

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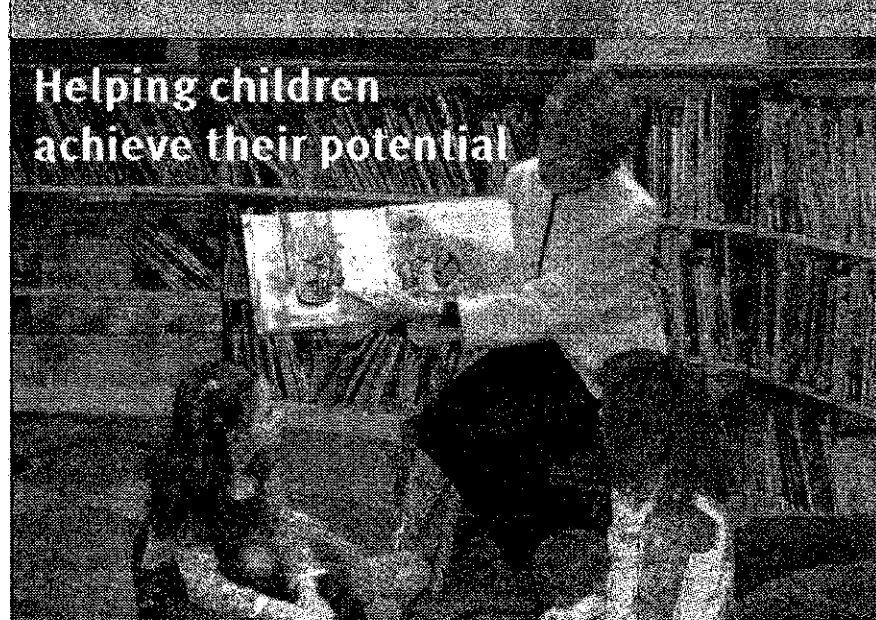
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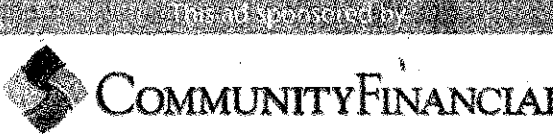
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Jewelry and Purse party

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"This is our way to help those children in the Plymouth/Canton school district that are in need and wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas or food while out of school on the holiday break. Our need is great this year with 568 children to provide for. We need so much help. Please join us in this mission," said owner Linda Robin.

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Fausone honored

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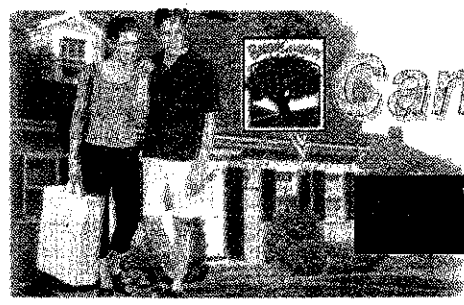
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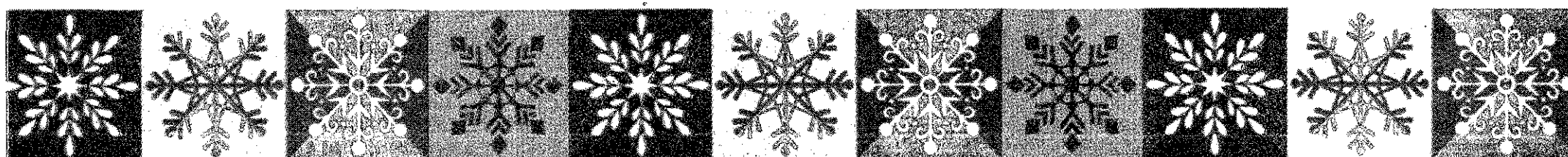
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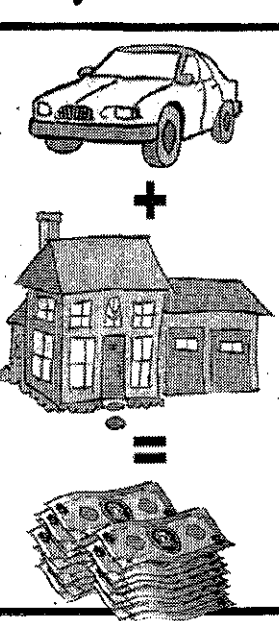
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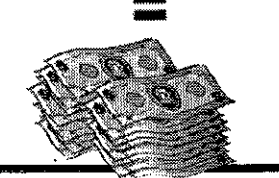
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Presented by
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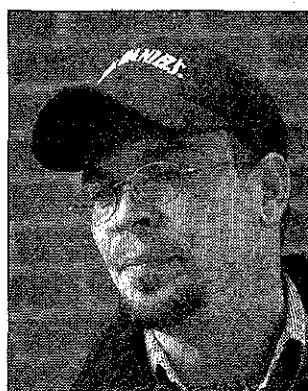
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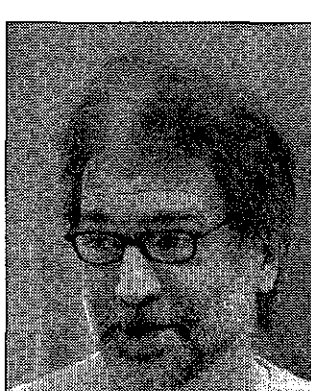
'I'd like to exercise more and eat more organic foods.'
- Beth Sexton, 40, of Plymouth



'Take a year off of school.'
- Kristy Lewkut, 35, of Canton



'I want to stay a little healthier.'
- Jim Fielhauer, 29, of Canton



'I would like to see my boys and finish my M.B.A. degree.'
- Matt McDermott, 50, of Canton

Diverse opinions needed

Regarding the recent passage of pay raises for Canton township officials. I find myself in complete agreement with trustees Caccamo and LaJoy — although I wish Mr. LaJoy had voted down the entire pay package. I did not attend the board meeting when the vote was taken, however, based on your article describing citizen remarks, I feel Mr. Duke and Mr. McCausland deserve praise for speaking their minds and for their concerns for Canton's taxpayers. Citizen involvement is a cornerstone of American democracy. I only wish more people would get involved to express diverse opinions on subject matter related to our governance.

Ralph Shufeldt
Canton

Accountability?

I saw the article about the Canton Township Board of Trustees approving another raise for themselves and your request for feedback. Here is my feedback:
I gave Mr. Yack feedback two years ago when he voted for a 7-percent increase for himself and rest assured he does not want it. Mr. Yack has taken on the role of a dictator and as evidenced by his comments to those citizens that voiced their concerns about approving this most recent pay raise, dismissed them from the process. He rails against any feedback by telling you he is within his sovereign right to take whatever he wants. He deserves it and he is going to take it.
His arrogance is only exceeded by his entitlement attitude. He's not running a business that makes money; he is supposed to be managing a municipality that spends the taxpayers' money with fiducia-

ry responsibility. He exercises no fiscal responsibility and has created a system that rewards everyone in the township with an annual increase, no matter how well or how badly they perform their job. It is a system of non-accountability, just the way Mr. Yack wants it and likes it.
Until we get close to his need to get re-elected, you can be certain he will remain aloof.

Gerry Wright
Canton

UAW off base

I am pro-union. I am upset with the United Auto Workers Region 1A. My wife went shopping in Kohl's tonight and parked her Toyota Scion. Kohl's, like JC Penney, Wal-Mart, Sears and Kmart, sells textile goods from India, Pakistan, communist China, Guatemala, Honduras and even Vietnam.

Someone from United Auto Workers Region 1A put a bumper sticker on her car that reads: "Support the Troops: Buy American" with a stamp from "UAW Region 1A" stamped on it.

Consider that.
Where was that guy when hundreds of thousands of American textile jobs were run out of the U.S.? Where was that guy when I was fighting to get the unions in on construction jobs all through Canton and Westland?

Our military is in Iraq shoring up the perverted regime in Saudi Arabia and ensuring that oil flows into this country so somebody working with one of the most ravenous unions in the world could wander through a parking lot defacing personal property.

The Scion we have routinely gets about 40 miles per gallon. American auto companies and unions are complaining about trying to reach an average of 35

miles per gallon.

I would buy American — if the things I needed were made in America.

In the meantime, we've got a serious problem with a union like the United Auto Workers picking on the wife of a small guy like me who is just trying to earn a living and get by. It's a filthy thing to see the United Auto Workers jump on the back of our brave and war weary men and women in Iraq.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Enough, already

I read where political activist Cindy Sheehan gave a speech at Cranbrook a few weeks ago.

Some of her comments were published in area newspapers. I know this woman has suffered a terrible tragedy by the loss of her son, but enough is enough. I am sick and tired of her spewing her hate toward the president, our policies and any of our institutions that are convenient.

In my mind, her loss does not give her license to make ridiculous allegations and endorse every crazy conspiracy theory that makes this country look bad. As if going to Venezuela and playing footsies with their president wasn't bad enough, now she is relentlessly, and irresponsibly, condemning our armed forces, and the very principles her son died for.

I know she must be hurting, and I sympathize with her pain, but using her new-found fame to ridicule and vilify this country, is an insult to the memory of her heroic son.

Steve Cash
Northville

Nazi play book

This administration has been following the Hitler play book to the letter — spying on its citizens, torture, the Patriot

Act instrumental in dissolving citizens' freedoms, training and funding "terrorists," instilling fear with ever increasing scenarios of RED, ORANGE, YELLOW Alerts ... oh, my!

In Europe, they laugh at Americans. This game isn't played on the Europeans. Police can break into my house and do a search without my permission. The police can haul me off to jail and I can be detained for three years without contacting an attorney. I can be accused in a court of law without ever facing my accuser. This is 1933 Nazi Germany.

Go visit the Holocaust museum in Washington D.C. to see the ultimate outcome of all these abuses. The same individuals who belong to the Trilateral Commission, Federal Reserve, World Bank, Rockefeller Foundation, America for a New Century, Skull and Bones, just to name a few, are those responsible for much of the following:

Intentionally stupefying the educational system, drugs flowing unrestricted into this country, NAFTA, CAFTA, European Union, American Union, Asian Union, African Union, intentionally eroding our borders, the NAFTA Super Highway and genocide, genocide by way of unprovoked wars against people of color who just happen to be in a resource-rich country.

The following individuals have been very busy suppressing the freedoms of Americans: David Rockefeller, George Bush Sr., Dick Cheney, Henry Kissinger, etc., and they have no conscience. People are nothing more than steaks on the table to them. Actually, they are afraid of us, thus the erosion of freedoms and spying on us. This has got to stop. Do the right thing.

Marianne Mulloy
Plymouth

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December 10—Jazz Band and Synthesizer Ensemble
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

DiPonio Room inside the VisTaTech Center
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18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

The Jazz Band performs holiday favorites by Chick Corea, Dave Brubeck, and Stevie Wonder. The Synthesizer Ensemble's selections range from the traditional to the modern, including *Lacrymosa* from Mozart's *Requiem Mass*, a dramatic rendition of the 1980s hit *Africa* by the pop group Toto, and a special arrangement featuring vocalist Josh Marois, whose voice is electronically transformed to sound like a full choir.

December 16—Choral Union
Sunday, 3 p.m.

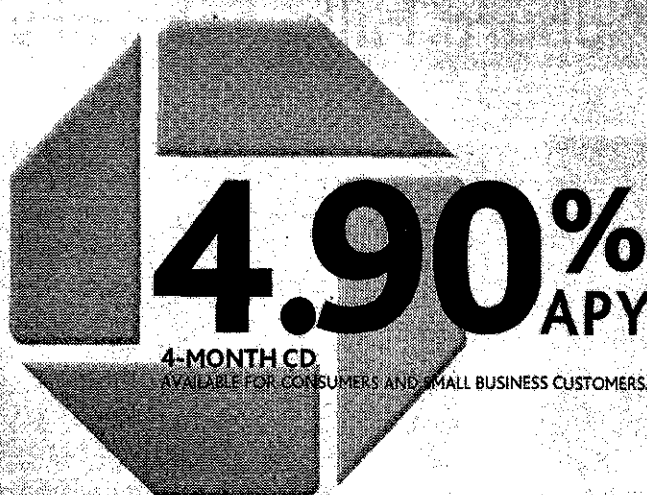
Recital Hall inside the Forum Building
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A choral concert entitled *A Winter's Tale* featuring choral music and poetry readings that capture the spirit of the holiday season. A suggested, but not required, admission donation of one canned or boxed non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, would be appreciated.

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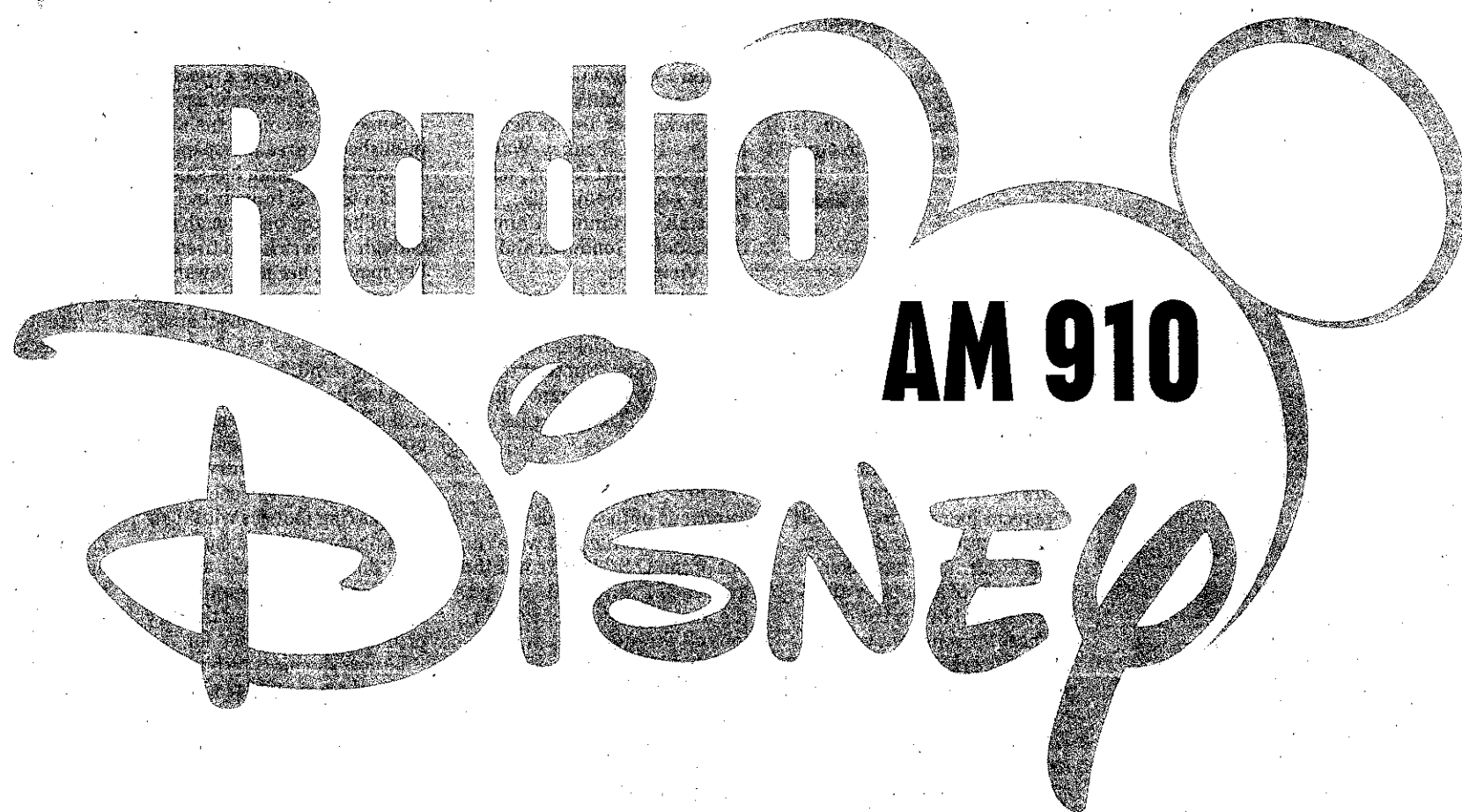
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Salem ices Plymouth with 6 unanswered goals

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Instead of packing it in Friday night against Plymouth, Salem's hockey team decided to pile it on.

Trailing 3-1 early in the second period, the Rocks reeled off six unanswered goals then hung on to post an 8-5 victory over the cross-campus rival Wildcats in a game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Salem improved to 2-3 while Plymouth slipped to 3-2.

"It was a big win for us, especially after getting mercied last Friday (in an 8-0 loss to Livonia Franklin)," said

Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "A lot of teams probably would have packed it in after falling behind 3-1 like we did, but the boys kept working hard and it paid off with a win."

The No. 1 star of the game for the winners was junior Sam Ott, who lit the lamp four times and added an assist.

"Sam played really well tonight," noted Ossenmacher. "He had quite a few chances on the power play and he capitalized on most of the them."

Kyle Zink complemented Ott's effort with four points of his own — one goal and three assists. Nick Gennety, Kurt Driscoll and Joel Cheesman also net-

ted goals for the Rocks, who outshot Plymouth, 33-26.

Eric Fiorentino compiled 21 saves for the Rocks. Ryan Schultz took the loss in net for Plymouth as he stopped 25 shots.

Jake Jossey led Plymouth's offensive attack with two goals and an assist.

Jerry Pitts, Ricky Cigile and Justin Gilliam also scored goals for the Wildcats.

Trailing 7-3, Plymouth mounted a late comeback with back-to-back goals to cut its deficit to 7-5.

Salem derailed the rally, however, with a late empty-netter.

STEVENS 5, CANTON 0: Pat McHugh made

20 saves and John Vella had a pair of goals and one assist to lead unbeaten Livonia Stevenson to a 5-0 win Friday night over host Canton at the Arctic Edge.

Mike Voran and Ryan Baratonio each chipped in with a goal and assist for the Spartans, who improved to 6-0 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory.

R.J. Kierdorf completed the scoring for the Spartans, who jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead and held a five-goal advantage after two periods.

Canton (4-3) used two goalies as Zane Birchler played the first period before giving way to Kevan Swanberg.

Sidelines

High school rec basketball league

The Plymouth-Canton School District's Community Education Basketball League (CEBL) will be forming a high school boys recreational basketball league.

A player evaluation and draft will take place in mid-December with games set to begin in January at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

The entry fee for each player is \$100, which includes a jersey, practices, a minimum of 10 games (all played on Saturdays) and an NCAA-style tournament.

To register, send an e-mail to cebl@pccs.k12.mi.us, pick up a registration form at High Velocity Sports or visit the Community Education office, which is located at Tanger Center, 40260 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

Prep wrestling previews coming

The three P-CEP wrestling teams will be featured in a special preview story that will be published in Thursday's edition of the Observer.

Plymouth 'Y' hoop

The Plymouth YMCA's winter basketball leagues are now forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 14.

The winter session will run from Jan. 14-March 14 with one practice and one game per week.

The league fee is \$77 for program members or \$109 for community members. All participants will also need to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org or contact the Y office at (734) 453-2904.

Stone's the main man in Rocks' win

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

There wasn't much Garden City could have done to stop Salem's Grant Stone Friday night.

The 6-5 senior forward scored five points in the opening 36 seconds of the Rocks' non-conference varsity boys basketball game at Garden City and he barely slowed down from there. Stone poured in 36 points, 20 in the first half, to power Salem (1-1) to an impressive 69-50 triumph.

"It was a tough matchup for us, but he's a pretty athletic kid," said Cougars' head coach Greg Williamson, whose team lost its third non-league game of the opening week.

"He did some nice stuff. They got the ball to him in some good scoring positions and he knows how to finish shots."

Salem head coach Bob Brodie said Stone and the rest of his team came out focused and ready to play — unlike Tuesday's season-opening loss at Redford Union.

"Our game against Redford Union, we didn't play too focused or composed," Brodie said. "Tonight we were composed."

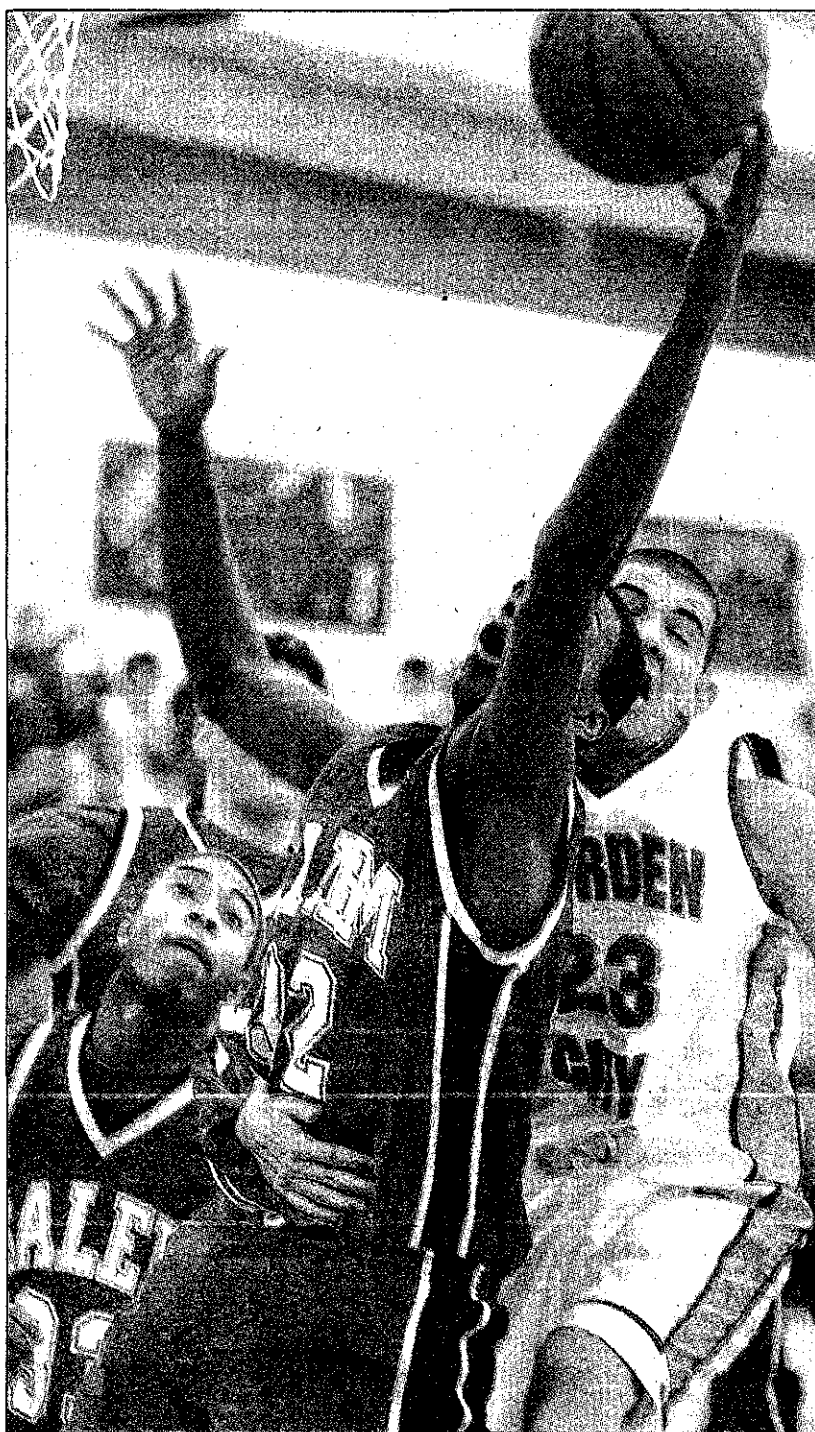
Another positive for the Rocks was adjusting their offensive game plan from the RU contest. "We started to share the ball a lot better." But Stone's dominant play from start to finish really was the story of the night, followed by the Cougars inability to hit field-goal attempts (30 percent; including just 2 of 16 from three-point range).

"He's a very versatile player, he can get it from the outside or the inside in transition," Brodie continued. "Teams are going to key on him, we know that and we talked about it."

"The thing is you just have to rise to the occasion. He did a nice job tonight, he made some tough shots."

Some of his better ones included a sharp-angle jumper from the side of the key and a no-look, over-his-head layup that turned out to be the final bucket he made in the game.

Stone also pulled down 11 rebounds (tied with teammate Ross Davis, who scored nine points) and contributed three assists plus a steal. Although Stone stole the show, there was a subplot for much of the evening. Both teams traded scoring runs during the first half, which ended with Salem leading 28-21. Stone's "throws" keyed a 9-2 Salem run to open the game, but the Cougars did not quit. They went on an 8-0 surge to begin the second, with junior guard Ron Pummill scoring all seven of his points during that span, giving Garden City a brief 17-14 lead. The Rocks answered with a 10-0 string, including eight by Stone, and they never trailed again.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ross Davis hauls in a rebound in front of Garden City's Joe Felice during Friday night's non-conference basketball game. The senior forward finished with nine points and 11 boards.

Senior duo leads Chiefs past Trojans

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Barnum & Bailey may have the "Greatest Show on Earth," but Canton's Sharma & Bailey put on a pretty darned good one Friday night against Monroe.

PREP HOOP

Seniors Chris Bailey (21) and Neil Sharma (20) combined for 41

points to lead the Chiefs to a rousing 62-41 victory over the visiting Trojans in a contest that was relatively close until the waning moments of the third quarter when Canton reeled off an 8-0 run.

The triumph evened Canton's record at 1-1 while Monroe slipped to 0-2.

Bailey made up for lost time with his stellar 21-point, seven-rebound effort after spending most of his junior season as a seldom-used reserve on the Chiefs' 17-7 District-winning squad.

"Chris Bailey was amazing tonight," said Canton coach Dan Colligan, praising one of the players who helped him notch his first varsity coaching victory. "He had a great practice yesterday and followed it up with a great game tonight. I'm really proud of the way he played."

"We've been encouraging Chris to be more aggressive because when he's aggressive he doesn't have time to worry about making mistakes. He's a high-character kid who played

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Pitch, hit & learn

Ex-Major Leaguers join Velocity Baseball Academy staff

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There were no professionally staffed, mound-equipped indoor baseball facilities around when former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Ken Howell was growing up in the 1970s.

"If it wasn't snowing and you couldn't find a snowball fight, you couldn't get your arm loose during the off-season," quipped Howell, a native of Detroit.

How times have changed — for the better, as far as baseball-loving kids are concerned.

With the recent opening of the Velocity Sports Performance Baseball Academy — the place where Howell and former Detroit Tiger Bruce Fields will serve as lead instructors — there are now at least four baseball-related indoor facilities within a 40-minute drive of

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ASK THE PROS

Velocity Sports Performance Baseball Academy instructors Bruce Fields and Ken Howell have generously agreed to field baseball instruction-related questions from Observerland readers. If you have a question you'd like to ask them, e-mail the question, along with your name and the city you live in, to Sports Editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com. The questions will be forwarded to Fields (hitting) or Howell (pitching). The questions and answers will then be published in a future Observer sports section.



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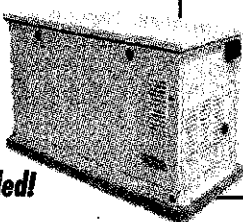
Former Major League baseball players Ken Howell and Bruce Fields are two of the instructors at the recently opened Velocity Sports Performance Baseball Academy, located on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Howell, a native of Detroit, is currently the bullpen coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Fields, a Lansing native, is the hitting coach for the Cleveland Indians.

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Plymouth and Canton.

"With the emergence of these indoor baseball facilities, players can take a month off after their season ends then fire it right back up again," said Howell, who was recently promoted to serve as the Dodgers' Major League bullpen coach. "This place is ideal because we do mostly one-on-one instruction, so it's not loud and the kids can be more receptive to what we're trying to teach them."

"Plus, we have extra-wide and extra-high batting cages so the kids can get a better idea of how they're hitting the ball. We have raised mounds and flat-ground mounds, too, so all the age groups are covered."

Fields, who is currently in his second year as the Cleveland Indians hitting coordinator, has been instructing young hitters off and on since the mid-90s.

After persevering through nine years in the minor leagues, he played parts of three seasons at the Major

League level with the Tigers and Seattle Mariners. From 2003-05, he served as a member of the Tigers' coaching staff during the Alan Trammell era.

So what attracted him to Velocity?

"I started bringing my son here because I had heard so much about the outstanding sports-performance training programs they had at Velocity," said Fields, who lives in Detroit. "After I talked to Mo (Farha) and his staff one day, they found out what I did and they said they wanted to talk to me about something."

"Mo told me they had this space here and they wanted to use it specifically for baseball training. They asked me if I'd be interested. The more we talked, the more sense it made."

Fields emphasized that youngsters who attend hitting and pitching sessions at Velocity will learn much more than just the finer points of swinging and throwing.

"There's much more than just learning about mechanics of hitting and pitching here," said Fields. "Kenny and I pass on to the kids the knowledge we've accumulated over the

years that can help give them a competitive edge.

"It's not like we just say, 'OK, you have to hit like this, stand like this, deliver the ball like this.' We help them out with other things that they could come up against while they're trying to perform — anything from dealing with jealousies from teammates to the proper mindset they should have when they step on the field. Our lessons are all-inclusive — we teach them whatever it takes to help them become better ball players."

The academy will still be operational once Fields and Howell head south to Spring Training in February as three other instructors — Ann Arbor Pioneer coach Jordan Banfield; and former Madonna University players Todd Kalmbach and Jeremy Stevens — are on staff.

"In the spring and summer, they're going to bring the pitching machines in here so that teams that are traveling can come in here and take some swings before their games," said Howell. "With the (Canton Sports Center) fields back there, it creates a nice loop and makes for a perfect player-development environment."

One 30-minute session with Fields or Howell costs \$50. Five-session packages are \$240. Sessions with Banfield, Kalmbach and Stevens are \$35 (five for \$155).

Every youngster who signs up for at least one session will receive one free sports-performance lesson at Velocity, Fields said. To schedule sessions, call (734) 485-2561 or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton. The academy is located inside the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

No rest (or losses) for the weary

Salem earns 2 wins in 2 nights over tough opponents

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With back-to-back games Thursday and Friday nights, there was no time to practice during the latter stages of this past week for Salem's girls basketball team.

But with the way the Rocks are playing, who needs practice?

Salem improved its record to 3-0 Friday night with an impressive 56-44 triumph over visiting Brighton. The Bulldogs slipped to 2-3.

The winners were bolstered by strong efforts from a trio of players: senior guard Alaya Mitchell, who racked up 19 points, five steals and five assists; junior forward Victoria Brotz, who contributed 15 points; and junior forward Chelsea Davis, who notched a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Jennifer Bisaro led the Bulldogs with 10 points.

"We got off to a nice lead (Salem led 18-10 after one quarter), but then they ran us down in the second quarter and got it down to three at one point," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was give and take in the third quarter, but in the fourth 'Mitch' made a couple baskets and she was 5-for-5 from the free throw line."

Thomann said he couldn't be much happier with how the Rocks have come out of the blocks this season.

"We opened with a pretty good Ann Arbor Huron team, then played back-to-backs against Mercy and Brighton,

GIRLS PREP HOOP

both of which have good programs, so absolutely I'm pleased to be 3-0," he said. "I was especially happy with the way we played tonight with no rest and no practice."

Salem led 31-22 at the half and 40-30 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks rocked at the free throw line, draining 13-of-17 (76 percent) while the Bulldogs connected on 9-of-16 shots from the charity stripe.

PLYMOUTH 61, B'HAM SEAROLN 20: On Friday at Plymouth, the Wildcats improved their record to 1-3 with a convincing triumph over the Maples (1-2).

Juniors Shaakira Haywood and Kelsi Robinson paced the winners' attack with 17 and 15 points, respectively. Robinson had an incredible shooting night from the perimeter as she buried five three-point shots.

Plymouth surged to a 26-6 first-quarter lead and never looked back, building margins of 37-9 at the half and 52-14 after three quarters.

The winners nailed 12-of-18 free throws (66 percent) while the Maples connected on just 4-of-9 freebies.

SALEM 36, F.H. MERCY 34: On Thursday in the Salem gymnasium, the Rocks overcame a 32-25 deficit over the final 4:37 to improve their record to 2-0.

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell provided the late-game heroics when she converted a driving baseline layup with 2.6 seconds left, but it was a couple of "and-one" efforts from her team-

mates that set the tone for the comeback.

With Salem trailing 32-25, Sarah Stone swished a three-point shot while getting fouled. She made the free throw to cut Salem's deficit to 32-29.

Thirty-seven seconds later Mitchell banked in a driving layup to cut it to 32-31.

After a Mercy hoop extended the visitors' lead to 34-31, Chelsea Davis knotted the score at 34-34 with an old-fashioned three-point play with 32.9 seconds left.

Mitchell's winning layup was set up when Stone stole a Marlin pass near mid-court and dished the ball to her streaking teammate.

A long desperation pass by Mercy was intercepted by Davis.

Mitchell led Salem with 13 points and six steals. Davis contributed 11 while Stone added nine.

Salem led 11-10 after one quarter and 19-17 at the half before Mercy stormed back to seize a 28-24 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Tracy Whalen paced the Marlins with 11 points and eight rebounds. Jordan Mueller chipped in with 10 points.

"We weren't happy with the energy level during our last game, which is something we talked about at practice on Wednesday," said Mercy coach Gary Morris, whose team dropped to 3-1. "Tonight, playing against a very good team, I felt the girls were competitive and didn't back off at all."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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 NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE JANUARY 15, 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that **DECEMBER 17, 2007**, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above stated election to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerks Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration postmarked by **December 17, 2007** will also be accepted.

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its **REGULAR** December meeting Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 17, 2007 Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: **EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 P.M.**

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Elite Media Unit I 325
c/o Tracy Murray 10 x 30
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Tijuana Williams Unit H300
20 x 20
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CHANGE REGULAR ELECTION DATE

Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Election Law, as amended, the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law. The school district currently holds its regular election annually in May.

School districts that currently elect their board positions on dates other than the odd-year November election date can reestablish their regular election date on any of the following dates:

- Odd Year May election date
- Odd Year November election date
- Even Year November election
- Annually on the November election date

The School Board is examining the establishment of the School District's regular election date on one of the above four options.

Establishment of one of the four above options will result in the term of office of current school board members being extended to fit the new election cycle.

The hearing will be held in the EJ McClendon Educational Center at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan at 7:00 o'clock in the p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2007.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will continue to be held at the May general election annually, continuing with May 2008.

The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution setting the regular election date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Site-work at Starkweather, Canton, and Salem High Schools.** Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.**

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at the site office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The site trailer is located behind the school.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.** This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

- 102: Asphalt Paving / Exterior Concrete
- 107: Steel Rails
- 143: Electrical
- 148: Landscaping

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. **Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 19, 2007 where they will be opened and read publicly.** These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Steven Sneiderman, Secretary

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 PM, EDT on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at 201 South Main Street, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Air/Grease/Oil Reels

Specifications, bid documents, and proposal forms may be obtained from office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours.

The City Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole, or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Address bids to:

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE
PLYMOUTH CITY CLERK
201 SOUTH MAIN STREET
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.** This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

- 101:Earthwork / Site Utilities
- 102:Asphalt Paving / Exterior Concrete
- 143:Electrical
- 148:Landscaping

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'Miss Volleyball' Abron spearheads multi-talented group

FIRST TEAM
OH/MH - KYNDRA ABRON SR., LIVONIA CHURCHILL:
Abron's "Miss Volleyball" title says it all about how outstanding the powerful front-row player was in 2007.

Chargers coach Mark Grenier rightfully described Abron as the state's most-dominant player and Churchill volleyball's "most accomplished athlete."

The statistics and accolades speak for themselves. Abron tallied 800 kills to finish her career with 2,020 (eighth in state history) and amassed 37 kills in her final match of the year (third all-time in the state).

The Michigan State-bound Abron earned first-team All-State honors for the second consecutive year, was selected to the MIVCA Region 18 team and made the Western Lakes All-Conference team for the third year. During her Churchill career, the Chargers went 109-15, with Abron's play a major factor.

S - CHRISTINA SEWARD, SR., GARDEN CITY: The senior added to her school career record in assists with 1,154 (surpassing the 4,000 total) and she was instrumental in the Cougars excellent regular season and district championship win over Westland John Glenn.

Cougars head coach John Pace described Seward as "the heart and soul of our offense" the past four seasons.

"She leaves an enormous pair of shoes to fill and leaves a legacy of what is now expected of a setter at Garden City."

Seward capped off her excellent prep career with selection to the All-Mega Red and All-Region 18 teams.

MH - BECCA REFENES, JR., LUTHERAN WESTLAND: Refenes collected 406 kills, 114 solo blocks, 274 digs and 52 aces, showing her versatility.

"Becca is an outstanding all-around player who can change the flow of any game," said head coach Kevin Wade. "She is a great leader and a great team player."

Not only did Refenes impress Wade, she made a positive impact with enough volleyball people to earn conference MVP, Region 18 and first-team All-State honors.

OH - JORDAN KIELTY, SOPH., CANTON: The 10th-grader enjoyed a phenomenal season, registering a team high 333 kills, a 22.3 kill percentage, 31 blocks, 224 digs and 59 service aces. She earned All-WLAA and All-Region accolades.

"Jordan is an outstanding all-around player — you'd never know she was a sophomore," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "She works hard every day and was a major contributor to our success this season. We look forward to the next two years with her growing as a player and being a leader on the court."

2007 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM

OH/MH - Kyndra Abron, Sr., Liv. Churchill
S - Christina Seward, Sr., Garden City
MH - Becca Refenes, Jr., Lutheran Westland
OH - Jordan Kielty, Soph., Canton
MB - Marie Martin, Sr., Canton
L - Lindsey Graciak, Jr., Liv. Churchill
MH - Brittany Holbrook, Jr., John Glenn
S - Jansan Falcusan, Jr., Salem
OH - Rachel Heaton, Sr., Plymouth
L - Shaleda Greeley, Sr., Redford Union
OH - Katey Ramthun, Jr., Lutheran Westland
OH - Kristen Nalez, Jr., Churchill
OS/L - Shannon Pietruszka, Jr., Garden City
MH - Catherine Phillips, Sr., Livonia Ladywood

SECOND TEAM

MH - Meg Joffe, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
S - Brian Beyer, Jr., Plymouth
OH - Loran Stenzel, Jr., Redford Union
OH - Stephanie Stevens, Soph., Garden City
OH - Kelly Macdonald, Jr., Salem
S - Kacy Moran, Jr., Canton
OH - Kirstin Kirk, Jr., John Glenn
OH - Jill Slabey, Sr., Salem
S - Allison Patra, Sr., Redford Union

THIRD TEAM

OS - Jordan Kerr, Sr., Liv. Churchill
S - Julie Rhodes, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
OH - Amanda Quartz, Jr., Garden City
S - Sara Ross, Sr., Ply. Christian
MH - Ashley Price, Sr., Liv. Franklin

S - Megan Schulz, Sr., Red. Thurston
OH - Lauren Ador, Sr., Huron Valley Lutheran
OH - Amanda Moody, Sr., Clarencville
OH - Kaylee McGrath, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
OH - Mandi McManus, Sr., Plymouth

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jen Barnes, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION

Garden City: Danielle Campbell, Katelyn O'Brady
Redford Union: Brittany Dupree, Sarah Sanders, Danielle Sweeney
Thurston: Bobbie DeBolt, Kelli Mapes
Ladywood: Ashley Hines, Rachel Fuller, Alendra Mirabaur
John Glenn: Aranda Phare, Stacey Truskowski
Churchill: Jackie Gibeck, Shannon Warner, Jessica Stroup
Franklin: Brianna Taylor, Brittany Taylor, Liz Holaway
Stevenson: Natalie Fenech
Clarencville: Katie Blacker, Amber Mills
Lutheran Westland: Julie Jongsma, Lauren Gleschen, Allison Yankee
Huron Valley Lutheran: Emily Helwig, Sarah Schaffner, Kayla Stockdale
Plymouth: Kate Spangler, Lindsay Jewett, Ashley Beczsko
Canton: Hannah Mills, Lauren McPartlin, Ellie Kenny
Salem: Alyssa Matchette, Kerry MacDonald, Nicole Margel
Plymouth Christian: Miriam Monroe

Conference and Region 18 selections.

"She is our 'go-to' girl and has carried the load for (John Glenn) on offense all season long," said Rockets head coach Julian Wargo. "I expect her to only get better as a senior."

S - JANSAN FALCUSAN, JR., SALEM: A three-year varsity player, Falcusan has earned the distinction as one of the best setters in the state. She rarely left the court for the Rocks and often hit the floor in search of scintillating digs. A two-time All-WLAA performer, she was voted the team's most valuable player.

"Jansan has just been a great athlete for our team the past three years," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "She's one of the best setters in the state of Michigan. She's very athletic and can play anywhere we need her on the floor. She did a great job of running the team this year."

OH - RACHEL HEATON, SR., PLYMOUTH: Heaton had a sensational senior year for the Wildcats as she was a fixture on the court. She was as effective in the back row finishing off kills as she was digging out would-be kills.

"Rachel was our best all-around player and the one we looked to when we needed a big play," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "She performed well wherever she played and was a major reason for a lot of the success we had this year."

L - SHAHEDA GREELEY, SR., REDFORD UNION: Aggressive and dependable at libero all season was Greeley, who keyed RU's co-title in the Mega White. She earned team MVP honors as well as selection to the All-Mega White squad and Region 18 team after tallying 821 defensive digs, along with 930 serve-receive passes and 80 serving aces.

"Shaheda is what you look for in a

libero," said RU head coach Rachel Clor. "She is quick to get to the ball and is great at reading a hitter. She was key to starting our offense (by) making great defensive and serve-receive passes."

OH - KATEY RAMTHUN, JR., LUTHERAN WESTLAND:

Consistently solid all season, Ramthun helped the cause with 169 kills, 42 solo blocks, 270 digs and 58 aces. Her efforts earned her all-conference first-team and Region 18 honors. "Katey is a great complement to Becca (Refenes) in the middle," Wade said. "Just when the other team exhales as Becca goes to the back row, Katey comes in and takes advantage of their lax approach."

OH - KRISTEN NALECZ, JR., CHURCHILL: Strong and athletic, Nalez emerged this season with 1,065 attacks, 426 kills and selection to the WLAA-Lakes and Region 18 teams.

"Kristen is very strong, she jumps extremely well and has developed a couple of great shots," said Chargers coach Grenier, who expects more of the same from her in 2008.

OS/L - SHANNON PIETRUSZKA, JR., GARDEN CITY: Almost spectacular in the back row against opponents heavy hitters, Pietruszka made just 61 errors in 963 serve-receive opportunities (93.6 percent) and averaged nearly seven digs per contest (with a total of 876). Pietruszka received selection to the All-Mega Red and Region 18 teams.

"Shannon is the most-aggressive defensive player I have ever coached," said Cougars coach Pace. "She covers more floor and is not afraid to sacrifice her body to make the dig."

MH - CATHERINE PHILLIPS, SR., LIVONIA LADYWOOD: The hard-hitting Phillips averaged three kills per game and was solid in all phases of her play, said Blazers head coach Erin Craggs.

"Catherine was our most-consistent attacker all year," Craggs said. "She was an all-around player (and) we relied on her to make big plays."

For her efforts, Phillips was named to the Region 18 squad.

COACH OF THE YEAR

JEN BARNES, CANTON: In only her second year as the head varsity coach, Barnes led the Chiefs to a spectacular season, which included a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division crown. Her leadership helped the team perform admirably in several talent-laden tournaments throughout the course of the season.

"We worked very hard last year with our workouts at Velocity Sports and with individual training at practice," said Barnes. "A lot of our success was due to the efforts of my assistant coaches — Rob Barnes (Jen's husband) and Mary Kryska — and the girls worked hard to learn our new offense and defense."



Kyndra Abron Churchill



Christina Seward Garden City



Becca Refenes Lutheran Westland



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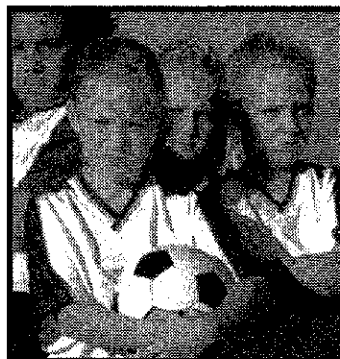


Jen Barnes Canton Coach

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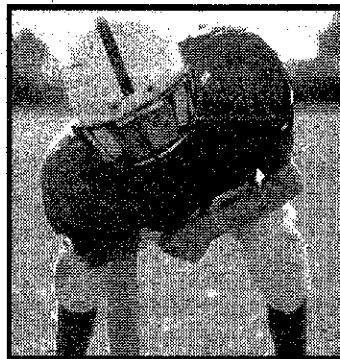
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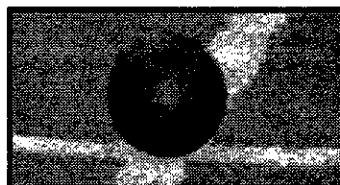


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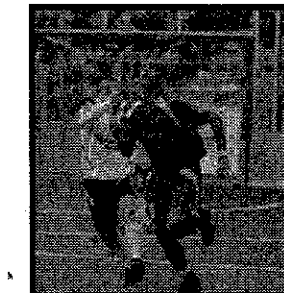
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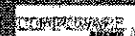


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Plymouth's perimeter skills could give teams headaches

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Students aren't allowed to bring cell phones into Plymouth High School, but members of the Wildcats boys basketball team will still be dialing long distance frequently during the next four months.

A roster stocked with talented perimeter shooters should make coach Tom Van Wagoner's quick and athletic squad a threat to stretch opposing defenses beyond the three-point arc this season.

"Our biggest strength right now is that we can shoot the three really well," said Van Wagoner, who is ready to embark on his fourth season as mentor of the Wildcats' varsity program. "It's amazing how well we've been shooting so far in scrimmages and in practice.

"This team seems to have good chemistry. The boys have been meshing together really well. I'm looking forward to the season."

Plymouth endured an up-and-down 2006-07 campaign during which they compiled a 7-13 record. Ten of the 20 games were decided

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by four or less points.

Eight players return from last year's roster, most notably three-year varsity point guard Brandon Roberts, a 6-foot-1 senior co-captain who averaged 14 points per contest last year and was voted onto the Western Lakes Activities Association's All-Western Division team. Roberts likes to have the ball in his hands during crunchtime, which was evident last year when he hit a pair of buzzer-beating, game-winning triples — one from the deep corner against Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats' other co-captain is 6-1 senior David Harvey, who offers baseline-to-baseline hustle, above-average defensive skills and valuable leadership abilities.

Six more seniors will provide Van Wagoner with skill and depth: 5-10 guard Dan Jeong, who averaged over 13 points during the final four games last year; 6-4 swingman Navraj Sandhu, who "brings double-digit firepower to the mix," according to Van Wagoner; 6-0 senior guard Chris Daniels; 6-4

forward Mike Hanchett, who is probably the team's most notable threat in the post; 6-1 guard Andy Price; and 6-1 forward Garrett Rebaun.

Among the squad's talented newcomers include senior Gage Cuppetilli, a 6-1 leaper; and juniors Brad Lineberry, a 6-1 guard who looked impressive during a late-season call up last winter; Michael Rose (6-2), Jordan Jones (5-10); Eric Wilhelm (6-2); and junior transfers Jordan Jones (5-10) and Zack Hamed (6-2). As usual, the Wildcats' pre-WLAA schedule will be challenging.

"We start the season with three teams — Southgate Anderson, Dexter and Redford Thurston — that won 18 games last season, so it will be a difficult early schedule," said Van Wagoner. "Conference play should also be interesting with more league-wide balance. John Glenn is the team to beat in the Lakes while Wayne Memorial — with speedy Mike Lee and 6-10 Jeremy Lovelady — the favorite in the West."

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Chiefs hope to offset graduation losses with daily improvement

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

BOYS PREP HOOP PREVIEW

Canton's boys basketball team has some big Nikes to fill this season — 10 pair to be exact.

That's how many seniors graduated from last year's highly accomplished squad that captured the school's second straight Class A District title and a first-place showing in the Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament.

The mass exodus of quality players — including three-year varsity standouts Steve Paye and Ryan Waidmann — will be offset to some degree by the return of 6-foot-4 senior swingman Neil Sharma, who was one of the top players in the Western Lakes Activities Association during the final month of the 2006-07 season, and a crop of returning players who may lack varsity playing experience but not the talent that could keep the Chiefs in contention for a third straight District championship.

"Our goal this year is to improve every practice and get better in every game," said first-year Canton coach Dan Colligan, who served as the Chiefs' junior varsity strategist for four years prior to being hired in May. "We have great team chemistry — this is a great group of kids. I feel privileged to be a part of this program and I'm looking forward to the season."

Sharma was one of the primary reasons the Chiefs managed to register an impres-

sive 17-7 record last year following a rough 0-4 start. He blended his post-player size with guard-like ball-handling skills to average 18 points and nine rebounds during the post season last year. He also shot a blistering 83 percent from the free-throw line.

"Neil's a three-year varsity player, so he's very smart and he's a great leader," said Colligan. "Neil's not only a very skilled player, but he's a fierce competitor. He's listed as a forward, but we'll move him around a lot depending on the situation."

Sharma will be joined in the starting line-up by a pair of seniors — 6-5 forward Will Tidwell and 6-0 shooting guard Brody Coplai, both of whom served as reserves on last year's title-winning unit.

"I'm expecting a very good year out of Will," said Colligan. "He's really stepped up and is a lot stronger, and he has a good jumper."

"Brody is a team leader who is a good shooter and a good defensive player."

A pair of athletic 5-11 seniors — Ryan Seely and Chris Bailey — are battling for the starting small-forward slot, according to Colligan.

"Both Ryan and Chris are very aggressive players who have a lot of offensive skills," the first-year coach said. "Ryan's very good around the basket and Chris is a good offensive rebounder who has a way of finding his way to the

basket."

The point-guard duties will be shared — at least early in the season — by a pair of juniors: 6-0 Kyle Biega and 5-10 Marlan Glenn, who transferred to Canton from Belleville.

"Kyle is a great passer while Marlan has more of an attacking style," Colligan noted.

The Chiefs' reserve unit will be led by juniors Dan Stoney, a 6-2 forward, and Sherif Hassanien, a 6-0 guard.

"Dan is a high-energy player who plays hard all the time," said Colligan. "Sherif can shoot and handle the ball."

Other key reserves include senior Donald Haron, a 6-0 guard who transferred from Wayne Memorial; 6-5 junior forward Joel Schwiebert, a proven rebounder; 5-11 junior guard Zach Deloy, one of the most improved players on the Chiefs' roster, in Colligan's estimation; and 6-2 junior forward George Muresan, a top-notch defender in the paint.

Colligan listed Westland John Glenn and Northville as teams he expects to be tough in the WLAA this season.

"John Glenn was very good last year and they have quite a few returning players," he said. "And in our division, you have to start with Northville. They won 20 games last year and they have a lot of talented guys back."

The Chiefs open their home slate Friday when they host Monroe. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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CANTON

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with a lot of passion tonight."

Bailey's most jaw-dropping play of the night came with 2:34 left in the third quarter when he converted a driving layup with Monroe's Aaron Bowman literally hanging on his back. He then canned the ensuing free throw to expand his team's lead to 42-34. Monroe never got closer the rest of the evening. Canton led 11-10 after one quarter, 32-26 at the half and 47-34 with eight minutes left.

"We're getting better every day, which is our main goal right now," said Colligan. "Some of the things we didn't do very well in our opener against Pioneer on Tuesday we did well tonight."

Monroe, which dropped its opener 60-36 on Tuesday to Saline, was led by Doug Schorer's 13 points and Mike Basanak's 10.

The Trojans hit just 16-of-55 field goals (29 percent), which

wasn't close to getting it done against the red-hot shooting Chiefs, who found the bottom of the net on 22-of-47 attempts (46 percent) from the floor.

Led by Bailey's 8-of-9 effort, the Chiefs sparked from the line as well, hitting 13-of-16 (81 percent). Monroe ripped the nets on 8-of-13 free throws. Ryan Seely added six points to Canton's cause while Kyle Biega chipped in with five.

DEXTER 59, PLYMOUTH 44: On Friday at Dexter, the Dreadnaughts jumped to a 35-18 halftime lead and were never threatened in the second half thanks to sharp-shooting guard T.J. Fenske, who registered 26 points. The Wildcats slipped to 0-2. The game was the season opener for Dexter.

"They shot so well — they were 20-for-41 from the floor — and we had a hard time locating on the perimeter," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They did a good job of finding space for Fenske and he kept sticking his jumpers."

"We were only 5-of-25 from

threes, which didn't help us."

Plymouth outscored the Dreadnaughts, 26-24, in the second half, but it was too little, too late. Senior guard Brandon Roberts paced the Cats with 12 points. Senior forward Navraj Sandhu and junior guard Brad Lineberry both registered seven.

The Wildcats sizzled from the three throw line, canning 11-of-13 attempts (84 percent) while Dexter sank 12-of-19 attempts.

PARKWAY CHRISTIAN 49, CANTON AGAPE 37: On Friday in Sterling Heights, the hosts outscored the Wolverines 19-6 in the decisive fourth quarter to pull out the victory. The setback dropped Agape to 0-2 following Tuesday's 66-47 loss to Redford Covenant. The Wolverines were hampered by cold shooting from the floor as they managed to connect on just 10-of-51 field goals (19 percent). They shined from the free throw line, however, sinking 16-of-20 (80 percent).

"Parkway is an excellent defensive team," noted Agape coach Keith Anleitner.

Talented Rocks strive for consistency

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BOYS PREP HOOP PREVIEW

Dazzling, athletic and explosive — all three adjectives fit the Salem boys basketball team's profile heading into the 2007-08 campaign.

Unfortunately, another word creeps into the conversation occasionally when Rocks coach Bob Brodie discusses this season's contingent — inconsistent.

"Sometimes we look like one of the best teams I've ever coached," Brodie said, "but they'll be other times when we don't look that good. We'll show flashes of brilliance, then we'll get careless with the ball. We're a little inconsistent right now, but this is a very athletic team with good size and we have some experience returning."

The Rocks lost six seniors from last year's 10-11 squad, including key role players J.P. Truesdell, Kevin Burleigh, Mike Marek and Brian Baumgart. However, their top two point producers — 6-4 All-Conference swing forward Grant Stone and 6-4 leaper/sharp shooter Ross Davis — are back along with starting point guard Anthony Mullins, an exciting 6-0 junior.

"Grant's a very versatile player — he can play inside and out," said Brodie. "He's good at getting to the basket and he can hit the outside shot."

"Ross averaged 10 points a game last year and he was our best rebounder (9.0 a contest), but we need a little more consistency out of him. He's really come ready to play so far this year. If he does that all season, he'll be a force for us."

Mullins, who was the Salem football team's top running back this fall, is a threat at both ends of the court.

"Anthony is a very strong, take-charge type of guard," said Brodie. "He started last year as a sophomore, so that experience will help him this season."

A pair of seniors will round out the Rocks' starting five: 6-5 forward Matt Dybas and 5-10 guard Tyler Jeleniewski.

"Matt is a very strong, solid, smart inside player who has a nice shooting touch," said Brodie. "Tyler is the steady quarterback of the team. He's a good floor leader who has a good shooting touch."

Among the first players off the bench will be 6-1 junior

guard Heath Parling and 6-8 post player Courtney Frazier, who may have the widest wing span in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Heath is a very competitive player who has a lot of moxie," said Brodie. "He's been the starting varsity quarterback for the past two seasons, so not much fazes him."

"Courtney is strong, quick and is a good leaper. Once he figures out this game, he could be a dominating player."

The Rocks' reserve unit will also be bolstered by 6-2 junior forwards Joe Posler and Jim Dexter, both of whom played instrumental roles in last year's JV squad's 15-5 season; senior Jesse Pointer, a 6-3 post player with good shooting range; 6-0 junior swing forward Alex Murray; and 6-2 junior forward Jugdeep Singh.

Brodie's squad will be looking to unseat last year's Lakes Division champ Westland John Glenn, which like Salem returns a strong nucleus of players.

"Every year this conference seems to get better and better from top to bottom," the veteran mentor said. "There aren't any teams you can take lightly."

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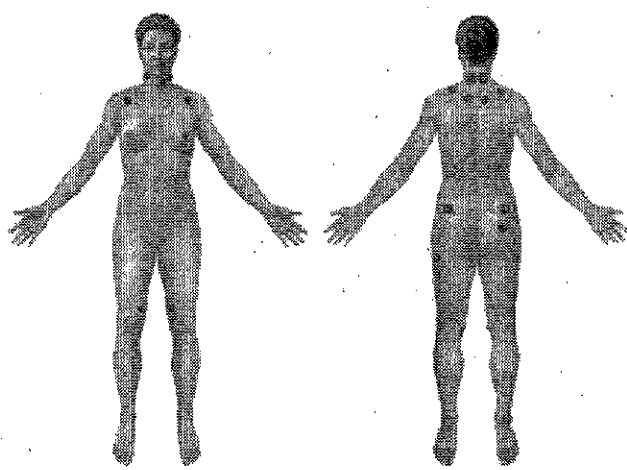
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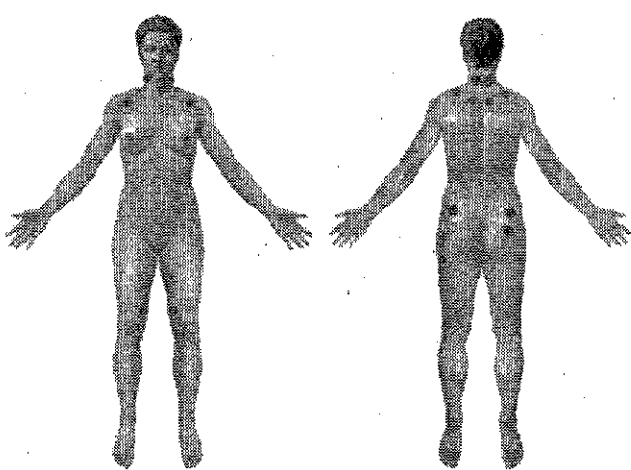
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JA'NOAH HOUSE

Still, Audrey Mattson is hopeful she'll be able to fill the wishes of children in the Brightmoor, Cass Corridor, Brewster Projects and Norwayne area of Westland. Although Mattson's husband Carl died earlier this year, their family is helping carry on the work of the couple's Ja'Noah House in Livonia. Call (734) 522-5077 if you can lend a hand or donate.

"We especially need clothes for boys and girls up to age 10, and especially gloves, even adult gloves to give to the homeless," said Mattson, who's also hoping to brighten the Christmas of girls and boys by including little extras like dolls, cars and trucks.

CAPUCHIN SOUP KITCHENS

Sister Nancyann Turner needs warm socks for the children in the Rosa Parks tutoring and art program at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner. Call (313) 822-8606, ext. 21, if you can contribute. Turner said while people are looking hard for jobs, they're hard to find these days.

"People never think of socks, hats and mittens or if people want to give grocery store and gas cards, anything that's an educational game and jigsaw puzzles less than 200 pieces," said Turner, a Dominican nun from Livonia. "Or sweat-shirts. It helps keep them warm when the heat's down. And kits that include tape and plastic for sealing windows for weatherizing."

Brother Vincent Reyes could use caps, gloves and coats for kids at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Meldrum. The items will be distributed Thursday-Friday, Dec. 20-21. The Capuchins hope to give coats to at least 2300 children. To help, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 203.

"It's unusually cold for this time of year," Reyes said. "When they come into the soup kitchen, they have time to be warmed, but when they leave they're on their own."

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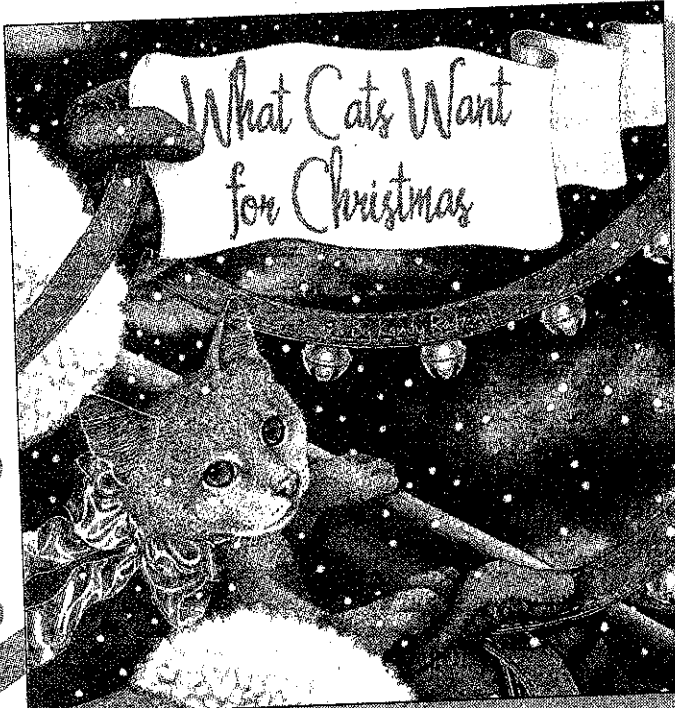
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Holiday magic

Picture books delight children of all ages

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What Cats Want for Christmas by Kandy Radzinski

It's a magical time of year when the latest children's books tell stories about magic beads and cats who share their Christmas lists. These Michigan authors, illustrators and publishers offer a treasure of tales for the holiday gift giving season.

'RACHEL AND THE MAGIC BEADS'

Beth Conway never dreamed of writing a children's book. She was only trying to help ease a young boy's pain over a recent move when she sat down with Johnny Buchanan to bring to life the story of his sister, *Rachel and the Magic Beads*. While the authors reveal Rachel is a very special girl, the reader has no idea she has Down syndrome until the last page. Conway said she was trying to show that Rachel was just like any other 12-year-old girl.

"It's a very sweet story. These are magic beads. When you're sad, you shake them," said Beth Conway of Livonia.

Conway could have used magic beads to find Virginia Bosak to illustrate the book. For 18 months, the story languished until one day Conway met the Livonia artist while she was hanging a show. The two decided to self-publish the book, which was printed in Canada by Friesens. They'll sign copies 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Avalon Faire, 195 W. Nine Mile, Suite B2 in Ferndale; 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Belle Center in Chicago, which supports the

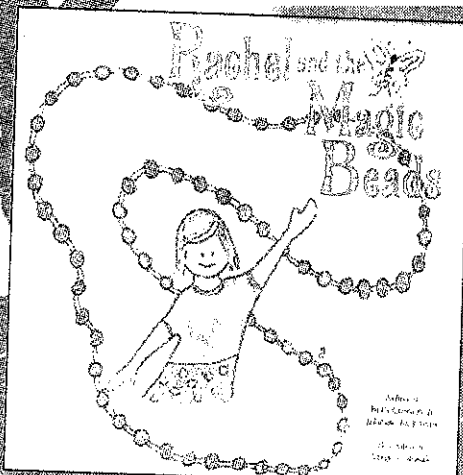
rights of all children to be fully integrated in the community. Rachel has been mainstreamed throughout her school years. For more information, visit www.rachelandthemagicbeads.com. The book costs \$7.99 and comes with green beads.

"I love the book," Bosak said. "Everybody who reads it is touched by it."

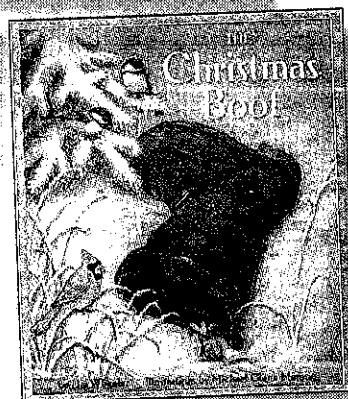
'WHAT CATS WANT FOR CHRISTMAS'

Even though Kandy Radzinski lives with two Scottie dogs, her latest book whimsically reveals *What Cats Want for Christmas* through a cast of feline characters, including one that wants a big silver dish

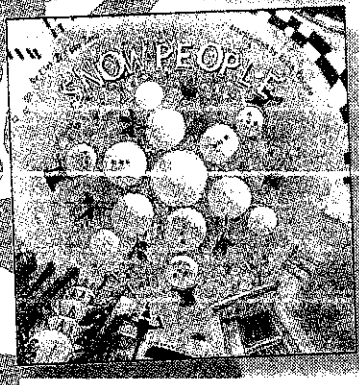
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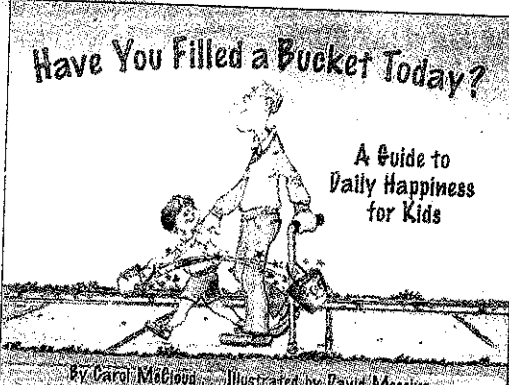
Rachel and the Magic Beads by Beth Conway and Johnny Buchanan with illustrations by Virginia Bosak



The Christmas Boot by Lisa Wheeler with illustrations by Michael Glenn Monroe



Snowpeople by Rick and Ryan Zeeb with illustrations by Trish Burgo



Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud with illustrations by David Messing

Special childhood memories sought

Do you still think about the toy train you received one year as a kid or a doll house your dad made? *The Observer Newspapers* wants to hear about the special gift you received as a child for Christmas.

On Dec. 23, the Hometownlife section will feature our readers' memories. Send your story to hgallagher@hometownlife.com or *The Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, Attn: Hugh Gallagher. The deadline for receipt is Monday, Dec. 17.

Finnish American Singers go home for the holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The smell of fresh baked cookies is sure to put the audience in the holiday mood for the Finnish American Singers Dec. 16 concert at the Finnish Cultural Center. The goodies go on sale before the concert and are followed by a smorgasbord of Finnish food so the community can experience a taste of Finnish culture. The audience can then settle back to hear Finnish carols.

Ilene Yanke orchestrated the afternoon. She is president of the choral group which hopes to raise funds so that they all can go on singing. Yanke has baked up Finnish prune tarts along with Dee Aebersold of Beverly Hills.

Aebersold has been a member since the

A FINNISH CHRISTMAS

What: Finnish American Singers perform a concert featuring Finnish carols as well as classical music

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Where: Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Newburgh and Gill, Farmington Hills

Tickets: \$10. For information, call (248) 478-6939.

group was known as the Loon Lake Singers back in the 1980s.

"I remember when members only sang in Finnish except for *The Star-Spangled Banner*," said Dee Aebersold, who is proud of being 100-percent Finnish.

Aebersold learned to bake Finnish

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Members of the Finnish American Singers, from left, Maire Vint, Ilene Yanke, Diana Haefelan, Dee Aebersold, and Birgit Kuck hold a sample of some of the Finnish baked goods that will be available at their upcoming concert.



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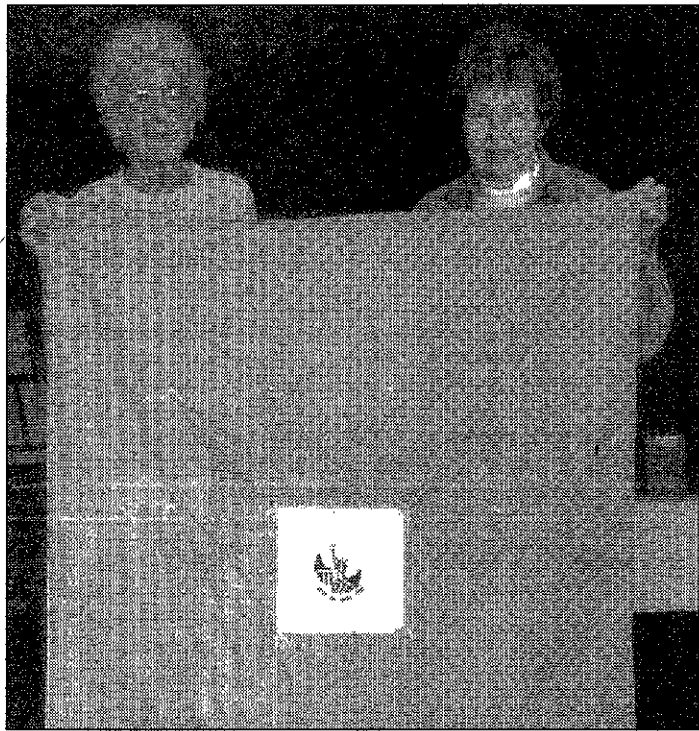
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Elizabeth Druckery and Arienne Baugh of Faith Lutheran Church display one of the blankets the church group sewed for the Soldiers Angels organization.

Piece Makers become Soldiers Angels by sewing blankets

Women of Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia sewed and constructed 15 blankets that were shipped to Soldiers Angels in California.

Soldiers Angels is an organization started by a military mom whose son told her that some soldiers/Marines do not get mail so she created Soldiers Angels and set up a Web site (soldierangels.org) with information on all the ways people can help.

When the blankets arrive at Soldiers Angels in California they are put in a first response back pack which consists of a change of clothes, underwear, sweatshirt, calling card, toilettries, and blanket of Hope that go out directly to the combat support hospitals on the ground

in Iraq and Afghanistan. The addition of the blankets make it personalized and are the highlight of the back packs.

The women of Faith Lutheran Church attached a note to each blanket stating their name, Piece Makers of Faith Lutheran Church, address and e-mail address so the soldier/Marine can relate to a person or group.

The Sunday before the blankets were shipped Pastor Robert Carr offered a prayer asking that the blankets bring love and comfort to those receiving them.

Materials for the project were provided by members of the congregation and through a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fraternal Organization.

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filled with little silver fish. Radzinski just finished painting a watercolor of a Scottie for next year's *What Dogs Want for Christmas* to give her canine housemates equal time since her book, *The Twelve Cats of Christmas*, was also about those independent creatures.

"I think I chose cats because they're pretty and they happened to be in my head at time," said Radzinski, who lives in Oklahoma.

Sleeping Bear Press (www.sleepingbearpress.com) in Chelsea published the book.

'WINTER'S GIFT'

Jane Monroe Donovan's book, *Winter's Gift*, was released three years ago, but continues to be a best seller in the Sleeping Bear Press catalog. It is the first book Donovan's written, although she's illustrated five others.

"I think it remains popular because it's not about materialism. *Winter's Gift* is a different message — it's relationships that are really important," said Donovan, of Pinckney. "My grandparents were the models. They had a good marriage."

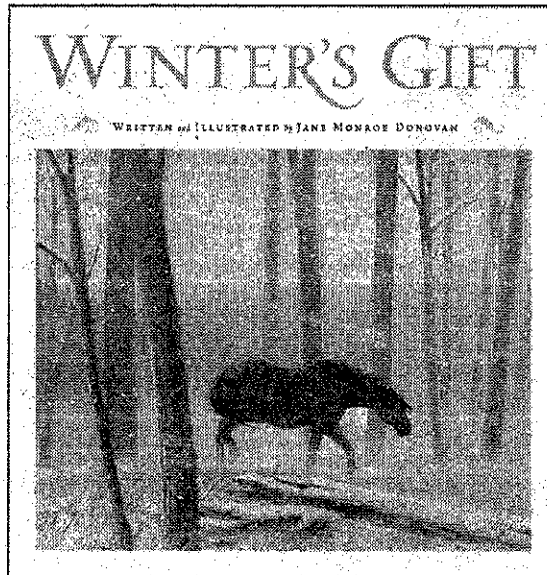
Donovan said her ideas "came in bits and pieces" for the book about resuming life after the death of a loved one.

"I was sitting at an ice rink with my son. You can really imagine being cold, what the horse felt," Donovan said. "It's as much for adults as children. I think maybe older people get one thing out of it if they've lost somebody in their life, it's the idea of having hope. When I read the story to young kids, they're more concerned with the horse being OK, although they do seem to get the connection with the star."

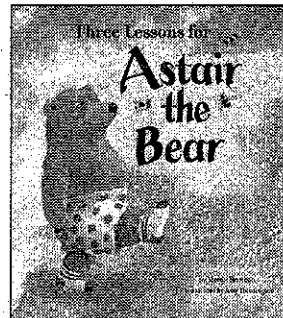
'THE CHRISTMAS BOOT'

The message for Lisa Wheeler's book, *The Christmas Boot*, came to her while working at a toy store. Illustrated by Michael Glenns Monroe, *The Christmas Boot* is the 24th book Wheeler's written. It was published by Mitten Press in Ann Arbor (www.mittenpress.com). The story is about a woman who finds a magic boot that answers all her wishes, until one day an old man appears to take it all back.

"You see so much materialism and it's so sad," said Wheeler, of Trenton. "Here was a woman who was given all this and she



Winter's Gift by Jane Monroe Donovan



Three Lessons for Astair the Bear by Martin Brennan with illustrations by Amy Huntington

didn't need it. She needed someone. All she wanted was someone to talk, someone who could love her back."

It's no surprise, since Wheeler is a "huge dog lover," that the woman in the story finds love in the eyes of a puppy.

'THREE LESSONS FOR ASTAIR THE BEAR'

Martin Brennan hopes readers have as much fun as he did rhyming all the lines in *Three Lessons for Astair the Bear* from Mitten Press (www.mittenpress.com). The book was illustrated by Amy Huntington.

"The book came from the words themselves," said Brennan, of Howell. "I had the beginning in my head — 'There was once was a bear named Astair who woke up and said I don't care.' I wanted it to have some humor and conflict. I hope they laugh a little bit, if they scratch their head and reflect on what happens with anger or if it can raise some questions at the very least that they find it entertaining."

'FIRST SNOW IN THE WOODS'

Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick thought they were working on a book about fall when suddenly they came across a photograph of a fawn they'd followed through the first snow in Kensington Metropark a couple of years ago. The husband and wife team have taken more than 400,000 images of wildlife, so narrowing a storyline down isn't always easy. Their third book in a series about animals in the woods is about that fawn. For more information, visit www.carlsams.com and click on books.

"We're trying to teach lessons about nature to kids," said Sams, of Milford, who's won many awards with Stoick for their books *Stranger in the Woods* and *Lost in the Woods*. "The great grey owl generally winters in Canada, but when winters are too harsh, he comes down.

The fawn has observed everybody preparing. He gets caught in the blizzard and thinks he's not prepared. The animals listen to that voice in their head. He learns to follow his heart."

'SNOWPEOPLE'

It was easy for Rick and Ryan Zeeb to write about *Snowpeople*, so when Saks Fifth Avenue contacted them the two brothers simply called on their childhoods in Michigan.

Although their careers later took them to southern California, they never forgot the winters.

Their story about snowpeople deals with diversity. The book, illustrated by Trish Burgio, is available at all Saks Fifth Avenue Stores and at www.saks.com. A portion of the proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Saks has put out children's books before. They wanted it to be about snowflakes and snowpeople. We are musicians and have written a lot of songs together. I hope there is a message to be yourself," said Rick Zeeb, a cartographer (map maker).

'HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY?'

Carol McCloud's book on bucket filling continues to win awards for inspiring children and adults to do nice things for others. The latest honor was the 2007 Writer's Digest International Self-Published Book Awards. For more information, visit www.bucketfillers101.com.

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The Finnish American Singers rehearse for their upcoming holiday concert.

FINNISH

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treats as a girl "when everything was made from scratch."

Like Aebersold, Charlotte Lytikainen's parents came from Finland. She has fond memories of the carols she heard at home.

"Singing Finnish songs is easy for me," said Lytikainen, who like Aebersold speaks Finnish. The 83-year-old Farmington Hills resident is baking Finnish cardamom cookies for the bake sale before the concert.

Director Henry Naasko is planning to bake Finnish cardamom cookies as well. He's especially excited about this year's concert.

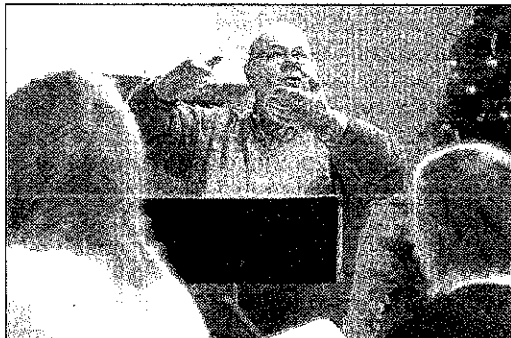
"The theme is bells and almost all the songs have bells," said Naasko, who's of Finnish descent. "And this year for the first time in many years we have new members."

Diana Haefelin joined the singers about 18 months ago. She baked her first coconut hill (cocos makronen) in Germany. Although named the Finnish American Singers, several of the members come from various countries. Although Haefelin and Birgit Kuck were born in Germany, they met after joining the Finnish American Singers. Today, both live in Farmington Hills.

"I start baking before the first Sunday in December," said Haefelin, who sang in two choirs in Germany. She sings her first solo, *Christmas Tree*, at the Dec. 16 concert. "On Christmas Eve we get presents and the next day visit our families."

Maire Vint was born in Finland but grew up in Australia. She made gingerbread cookies in Scandinavian style. Like Haefelin and Kuck she celebrates on Christmas Eve.

"We have a candlelight dinner with Christmas carols playing the background," said Vint of Canton, "then gather around the Christmas tree."



Henry Naasko leads the Finnish American Singers through a song as the group rehearses at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills.



A sampling of the Finnish baked goods that will be available at the Finnish American Singers upcoming concert.

Bill Gramzow experienced some of the Finnish traditions when he visited Finland with Yanke who stayed in the homes of her seven cousins there. The Ypsilanti pianist is inviting the community to taste the food and listen to the music as he accompanies the singers in concert.

"It's impossible to separate a Finn from their culture," said Gramzow, who grew up in Detroit and Redford. "The Finns live their culture. They want you to experience the food. They absolutely love their music."

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people to court," said Bizoe, associate director of First Step.

Bizoe says the shelter is almost always full, so it's crucial to keep it open to provide a safe haven. A couple of weeks ago, there were 30 children and their mothers staying at the undisclosed location.

Two upcoming benefits give the community an opportunity to have fun while helping others. On Wednesday, Dec. 12, IKEA in Canton opens its doors for a discounted shopping day (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.). The cost is \$10 at the door. All proceeds go to First Step. In return, shoppers receive a 10-percent discount.

Brian Duggan holds his 18th Charity Dance and casino night from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$45. The dance is usually sold out, so Bizoe encourages supporters to buy tickets early at www.firststepcharitydance.org.

"Our counselors are looking for white noise machines to help block so other people can't hear the counseling going on, and a list of books we give to clients from our lending library," Bizoe said.

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Volunteer a day of service

Beginning in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center.

"This is an opportunity to examine one's faith," Brother Jerry, executive director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, said. "Jesus gave us instructions on how to treat others. Due to busy schedules, individuals don't always have the opportunity to directly serve others or perhaps they don't know where to start. This is a good starting point. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow."

The Day of Service and Spirituality allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with the guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus

Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. Today, work is underway seeking sainthood for Father Solanus.

"This is an opportunity for a group to provide much needed help. It also provides an opportunity to put a face and a name to those they are helping. Everyone has their own story and something to share. This is an excellent opportunity to share and to listen to those who are often times ignored," said Brother Jerry.

The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch is included. For more information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org.

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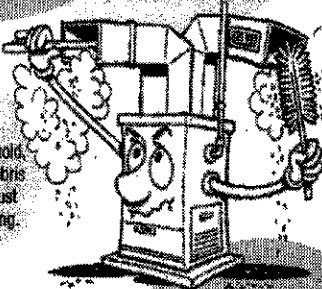
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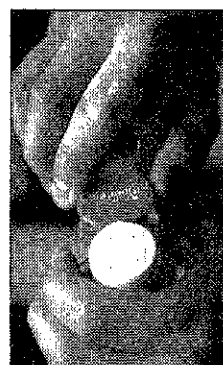
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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When Robert Mazur's grandmother began having problems opening medication for her arthritis, the Ann Arbor man began toying around with ideas and came up with an opener. Mazur decided to appeal to cat and dog lovers by designing the device in the shape of these pet animals. After developing eight prototypes and receiving a student business grant from the



Mike Brace opens a pill bottle using their tool.

University of Michigan, Mazur with the help of his brothers Michael and Jerry started a company, B.A. Maze, Inc. (Be Amazing!) based in Canton.

Today, the DogGone and Purrfect openers are available at all Meijer stores and cost under \$10. For information, visit www.purrfectopener.com or call (800) 708-6736.

Manufactured in Allendale near Grand Rapids, the product is

shipped to Mazur who does all of the packaging with the help of friends and family.

"After the Tylenol scare of 80s they put all this packaging on that made it difficult to open," said Mazur, the 36-year old inventor and president of the company. "Our focus is health care products for independent living, to keep them independent in the home."

In addition to introducing a Purrfect Gripper during the first quarter of 2008, Mazur is working on expanding the flat area on the opener so companies can use the space for advertising.

"We filed three patents this year," said Mazur who received his mechanical engineering degree from Lawrence Technological University then worked in the automotive business. "We're trying to give them more of a selection. Any money



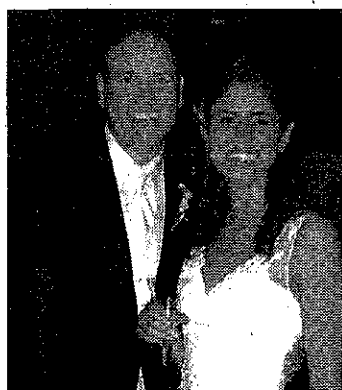
Mike Brace and Robert Mazur with the Purrfect and DogGone child-proof bottle openers.

we've made we've poured back into the company. We're not profitable yet because we're investing so much in research and development."

The company is taking a new direction with advertising as well by hiring Mike Brace as vice president of marketing and sales. Most recently Mazur and Brace have been out on the road approaching veterinarians and pet supply businesses with the hope of attracting animal lovers, but they still attend trade shows for groups such as occupational therapists.

"It's a new adventure," said Mike Brace, 37 of Plymouth. "It's for people with limited hand mobility."

WEDDING



Rzepka-Krass

Amy Marie Rzepka and Robert William Krass were married Oct. 26, 2007, at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia with Monsignor Michael LeFevre officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Colleen and Jerry Rzepka of Livonia. She is a 1999 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2003 graduate of Albion College.

The groom is the son of Chris and Bob Krass of South Lyon. He is a 1998 graduate of Brighton High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University.

The bride was attended by her sister, Erin Rzepka, who was the maid of honor, and her other sister, Kathy Rzepka, and her cousin, Kristin Vela.

The groom's brother, Jeff Krass, was the best man and his friends, Phinney Masoner and Ryan Stowers were the groomsmen.

A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center in Livonia. The couple will honeymoon in Kamalame Cay Island in January and make their home in Chicago.

ENGAGEMENTS



Abraham-Hill

Bill and Karen Abraham of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Karen Abraham, to Michael Scott Hill.

Amanda is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics/accounting from the College Holy Cross in 2002 and a masters in teaching from Wayne State University in 2007. She currently teaches at Divine Child High School.

Michael is the son of John and Elaine Hill of Clinton Township. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1996. He earned a bachelor science degree in mechanical engineering from the

University of Michigan in 2000. He is currently an engineer at General Motors.

An August 2008 wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth followed by a reception at the Mayflower Meeting House Grand Ballroom.

Lindgren-Kirby

Donald Lindgren of Farmington Hills and Laura Lindgren of Livonia join Michael and Karen Kirby of Gladwin in announcing the marriage of Amy Lindgren and Steve Kirby.

The nuptials will take place on Dec. 29 at The Silver Garden in Southfield.

Amy graduated from Farmington Harrison High School in 1999. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is now in her third year at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Steve graduated from Frankenmuth High School in 1999 and is a graduate of



Western Michigan University. Steve received his master's degree from Marquette University in Wisconsin and is currently a lieutenant jg in the U.S. Navy stationed in Gulfport, Ms.

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Sister Mary Susan Duffy, RSM
Sister of Mercy, Physician
(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Susan Duffy, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 43 years, died on December 7, 2007 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was 60. She was born to Patrick and Mary Mildred (Freund) Duffy on December 26, 1946 in Dubuque, Iowa. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1964 at the Provincial House at Mercy College of Detroit, where she received the name, Sister Jude Mary. She professed perpetual vows on August 6, 1971. Sister Susan (she returned to her baptismal name in 1969) earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit, Michigan, and taught junior and senior high science classes in schools sponsored or staffed by the Sisters of Mercy in Michigan. She received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Michigan in 1978. After completing her residency at Henry Ford Hospital and becoming board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Susan practiced in Michigan, and for many years in Ohio, serving in Toledo, Bedford Heights, Cleveland, and until her death, in Logan, a small community where the Appalachian Trail begins. In response to the question on her application form for entrance to the congregation: "What are your motives for becoming a religious?" Susan wrote: "To attain salvation by helping others as a Sister of Mercy." And that is exactly what she did. She became single-minded, actually single-hearted, about providing service especially to those women and children pushed to society's margins. For most of her professional life Susan worked difficult shifts and volunteered to cover holidays so that her colleagues would be able to spend that time with their families. Sister Susan is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mildred Duffy and her four sisters Jean, Kit, Colleen, and Maggie, and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will take place on Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 3 pm at McAuley Center, 28750 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, followed by a vigil and remembrance service at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on December 10, 2007 at 10 am, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy McAuley Center Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.



MARY M. FORAN

December 4, 2007, age 81. Survived by her daughter, Linda; grandchildren, Danielle, Chip, Jessica, Katie and Richard; a brother, Theodore A. (Elsie) Urban; nieces Connie, Carol, Cathy and Lynnette; nephews Teddy, Mike and Craig; sister-in-law, Nanette (Thomas) Held; and granddog, Peeky. Mary's family is celebrating her reunion with her beloved husband, Richard and son, Jeff (Jane). The family would like to thank dear caregivers Dianne, Karon, Amanda and Christi and acknowledge the support of Dave Armstrong, Chris and Kathy. Services were entrusted to McCabe Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to Farmington Hills Parks & Recreation.



EDWARD (Ted) GREGG

Of Deerfield Beach, FL passed away on December 1, 2007. He was admitted to the hospital on November 15th, after a fall and developed complications after successful surgery. Mr. Gregg was born in the United Kingdom and came to this country as a child. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was transferred to Ft. Devens, MA, where he met his loving wife of 61 years, Rita (Palermo) Gregg, from Lawrence, MA. He was a member of Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Post 345. He spent most of his working years in the auto industry at Nash-Kelvinator, American Motors and, until his retirement in September of 1979, as Supervisor of Special Studies, in the Marketing Representation Dept. of Chrysler Corporation. He had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed playing tennis, golf and bowling with his friends, traveling and attending all sports in Detroit. It was a thrill for him to have the pleasure of meeting the legendary Ted Williams and hockey great, Gordie Howe. He is survived by his brother, Herbert Gregg of Venice, FL; nephews, Larry Gregg and his wife, Miriam; Lynn Gregg and his wife, Lynn, their son, Christopher, daughter, Kelly of Canton, MI; niece Carol Kelly and husband, Mike, their daughters, Lindsay and Lauren, and son, Shane, of Southlake, TX and many nieces and nephews on his wife's side. Cremation at Kraer-Becker Funeral Home in Deerfield Beach, FL. Service will be private.

GLORIA ANN JENKINS

Age 81, of Almont passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2007. She was born in Missouri on September 8, 1926, the daughter of Cecil and Hazel Jenkins. She has a masters Degree in Counseling and was retired from Birmingham Public Schools. She was a teacher at Covington Middle School. She has traveled every continent in the world. Gloria was an amazing friend to many she considered family. She is survived by her brother-in-law William Hoffman, nieces Susan and Diane Weaver, Janet and Nancy Gilbert, and many good friends including Ed & Angie Isaacs, Rosalie Allie, Nel Melnik, and Delphine Patnales. She is preceded in death by her parents and sister Marie Hoffman. A memorial luncheon will be held 12pm on December 17, 2007 at Rivercrest Banquet Center in Rochester. Arrangements were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Almont, MI.

WILFRID F. NAEL

Age 88, 12-5-07. Wife, Josephine; son, Patrick (Sabrina). L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI 734-522-9400

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ANNIVERSARIES

Cassars celebrate 25th

Reno and Mary Cassar of Livonia celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 13.

In 1982, they were married at All Saints Church in southwest Detroit by the Rev. Richard Hartmann and honeymooned in Hawaii.

Reno works for GM Powertrain in Ypsilanti and Mary is employed by Gluski and Young in Dearborn Heights.

They have lived in Livonia for 21 years.

The Cassars have four children: Amanda, a student at



Western Michigan University; Paul, a student at Northwood University; Margaret, a senior at Stevenson High School; and Ila, a freshman at Stevenson.

A small celebratory dinner, including entertainment and karaoke was held at O'Mally's Bar and Grill in Livonia with their parents, Frank and Giovanna Cassar of



Woodhaven and Mike and Ila Mae Lancendorfer of Detroit, additional family members and close friends.

Bittingers celebrate 25th anniversary

Lee and Noel Bittinger of Canton are celebrating their 25th anniversary.

They were married Dec. 28, 1982.

The couple met at Ford Motor Co. when Lee hired Noel as a part-time engineering student. After a few months, Lee laid off the engineering students, including Noel. They dated for several years.

Lee says, "I hired her, then I fired her, then I felt sorry for her and took her in."

They received their real estate licenses in 1983 and have been in the real estate business ever since.

Lee and Noel love to travel and go on hiking trips. Last year they hiked to the Grand Canyon. Lee is an avid reader and history and archeology student. Noel loves adventure trips



and recently completed two marathons.

The couple have no children but two Maltese dogs, Niles and Daphne.

The couple will celebrate their 25th anniversary on a Nile cruise in Egypt with family and friends.

Celebration recalls Celtic traditions

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Mick Gavin fondly remembers decorating their home in Ireland with berry holly and wants to share the country's traditions so he's holding a Celtic Christmas Saturday, Dec. 15, at Monaghan K of C Hall in Livonia. Gavin feels a lot of folks have forgotten the original intent of the holiday to celebrate the birth of Christ.

"I feel it will bring in a lot of children into the Christian heritage. We hope to have a priest and revive some of the traditions," said Mick Gavin, a Redford fiddler who regularly produces Irish music and dance events.

"We'll have liturgical music, and nondenominational, a lot of Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants participating, Scottish songs and hymns. We have a Celtic cousin relationship with the Scots."

The evening's special musical guest is Wallace Hood of the Irish Rovers. Gavin and the 10-piece Crossroads Ceili Band play songs like The Bells of Belfast, Christmas in Killarney and Codaill a Linbh (Sleep O Child).

"We'll have a Gaelic singer singing Silent Night and also have sheets of paper with the songs for a sing-a-long with the band," said Gavin.



Kelsey Lutz of Ann Arbor and Siobhan McKinney, Madison Heights perform at the Celtic Christmas on Saturday in Livonia.

Along with Irish step and set dancing, instructors John and Kitty Heinzmann will teach the basics to anyone interested in taking a lesson. Proceeds from the \$10 sale of tickets at the door goes to the Heinzmann School of Dance and Comhaltas Irish School of Music which brings in teachers for master classes with students. Gavin said he "arranges these parties for the youngsters to perform."

"We'll have Irish Christmas cake from The Irish Baker in Livonia, and potato leek soup, beef stew, Mulligatawny soup, and Scottish brides and pies," said Gavin.

While the food and open bar

cost extra, Gavin will share his memories for free.

"There were traditions like unlocking of the door and lighting of the candle (to welcome Mary and Joseph), and decorating the homes with berry holly," said Gavin who came to America in 1974.

"When I was 12 and 14 I would sell it for a shilling a bundle. People in the city would love kids going around door to door. I remember seeing a huge berry holly tree one year but when we went back with our horse and buggy to cut it down the tree was gone. Someone beat us to it."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

42nd Street

The Detroit School of Arts presents "42nd Street," the Warner Bros. musical, at the DSA Ford Theater, 123 Seiden near Woodward on the campus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Call (313) 494-6000 for ticket information.

Nutty Nutcracker

Center Stage Dance Co. presents their holiday production of "The Nutty Nutcracker." Loosely following the story of The Nutcracker, the show will present a wide variety of music including songs from Dreamgirls, some Sammy Davis Jr., a little Bing Crosby and the soundtrack from Pirates of the Caribbean. Dance styles will include ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop. The show starts at 6:45 on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Hillside Middle School Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information call (248) 380-1666.

Youth Philharmonic

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan, a regional orchestra, has openings for interested student musicians in our intermediate and advanced orchestras and also the sax choir. Rehearsals are on Saturday mornings at Churchill High School. For more information contact Kathy Bilger at (734) 464-8704 or e-mail auditions@LYPM.org

New Year's Eve party

Ring in the New Year with Jimmy Howard & Company at a New Year's

Party at the Livonia Elks, 3117 Plymouth Road in Livonia Monday, Dec. 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; party goes until 1 a.m. Dinner (oven-baked chicken and port tenderloin) served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Due to the Christmas holiday, tickets must be purchased by Dec. 19. For more information, call Linda at (734) 507-9173 or Mary Ann at (734) 654-0115, or e-mail parties.2go@yahoo.com

Genealogical society

■ The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, to hear speaker Marlene Lipon discuss "Christmas Traditions." The meeting takes place at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower, in Howell.

■ The society also meets 7 p.m. Jan. 3 to hear David Bridgens of the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing talk about "Treasures Located in Farmers Outhouses: The Last Place to Look for Genealogical Information." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River, in Howell. For more information, call (810) 227-7745.

Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free,

age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Caring for aging parents

With the fastest growing population segment being 85 years and older, the demands of caring for an aging loved one, baby boomers, spouses and even adult grandchildren are finding themselves spread thin for knowledge and resources in caregiving. In honor of National Home Health Care and Hospice month this November, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan would like to let people know about its free Consumer's Guide to Home Health Care. Containing information on home health care and Medicare fraud this booklet provides harried caregivers with a place to begin. To receive the booklet, call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8374.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's

TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and

their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their chil-

dren between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

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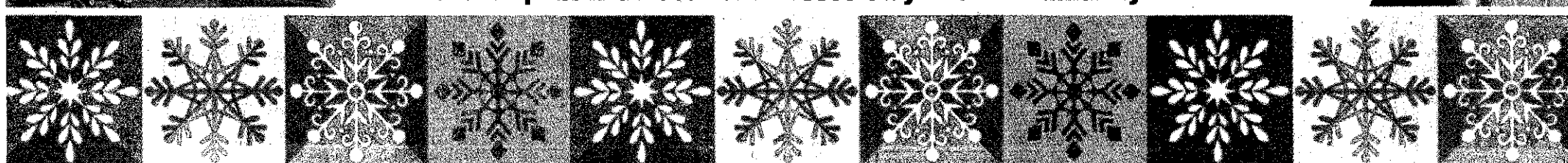
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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the vision requirement for driving" Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of the 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision as 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith "Buddy said.



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves independence and quality of life."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

1-877-677-2020

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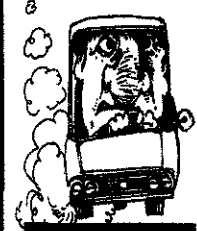
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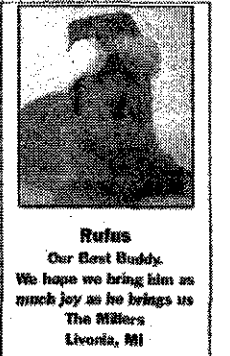
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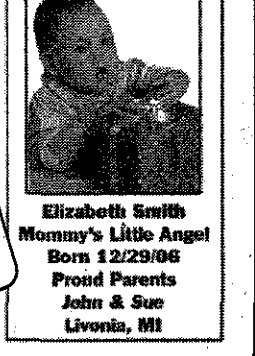
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Many middle-aged people talk about wanting to make more money, but they don't take the necessary steps. Two of the most popular approaches to solving the problem are diversifying and

changing your mindset.

At 50-plus, the first can take time, because it requires you to:

- find patterns in your work history and interests;
- research new avenues to capitalize on them; and
- stop everything (almost) to get relevant training and credentials.

The second, very different approach, becomes clear in Barbara Stanny's *Overcoming Underearning: Overcome Your Money Fears and Earn What You Deserve* (Collins, \$24.95). The book seeks to use psychological tactics to overcome money problems.

MARKET SHIFT

People who are middle-aged can remember what work was like without the Internet. Markets were broader, less well-defined or niche-oriented, and

competition wasn't as keen. Our world seemed more expansive. The Internet changed all of that. Its developing venue brought major challenges.

Over the last 25 years, John Sundlof of John Sundlof Photography Ltd., in Chicago, has been shooting photographs for Fortune 500 companies and top-ranked magazines. Specializing in photographing people, he places his work in annual reports, marketing brochures and wide-ranging print publications. As the Web grew in complexity and importance, he observed the diminishing requirements/importance of photography in that medium.

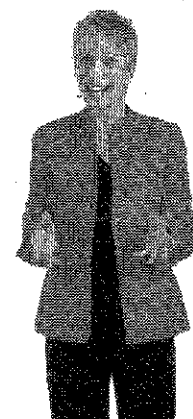
If that weren't enough, he also noted the consolidation of print media, which brought a changed business model in photo usage, where a photographer is paid for one use of his work, while the entity reproduces it as many times as it wishes. This new business model cuts into the profit for a freelancer, such as Sundlof. In addition, bylines are less prominent, if non-existent. In the past, if you didn't get a byline, he explains, you'd get double or triple your rate. But professional values are no longer in sync with the industry. Ad agencies understand this and expect to pay for it. Picture agencies understand it and charge (their customers) but don't pay their freelancers.

Sundlof knows that his industry has changed irretrievably, but you don't see him leaving it. Instead, he's capitalizing on one of his lifelong interests -- real estate -- by taking courses in real estate appraisal. I looked a long time at a bunch of different options, he says. He'll continue his photography business as an income stream as he pursues real estate investment.

INNER-DIRECTEDNESS

In contrast to diversifying, Stanny, of *Overcoming Underearning*, uses insight into psychology to help herself and others achieve financial independence. She differentiates between an underearner and a person with soul-satisfying work whose income is adequate: Underearning is a condition of DEPRIVATION in which your emotional and/or physical needs are not being met. Her book explores the financial symptoms of depression, where, she writes, underearning, like overspending, can be an unconscious attempt to numb the hurt. The source of that hurt, she maintains, may be abuse or childhood trauma. Shift(ing) my thinking led to new behaviors that led to new income in her new mission to help others achieve financial independence. Psychology is to money what an engine is to a car, she writes. Whenever you're stalled, that's the first place to look.

Oh? Although the book is filled with inspiring anecdotes of people who embraced her method and



Overcoming Underearning

Credit: Frank Ross

Barbara Stanny, author of *Overcoming Underearning*, "learned through personal experience that income rises if you change certain habits of thought and behavior. She teaches workshops to help people get unstuck. made their incomes grow substantially, there is no statistic about the total numbers of people who took her workshops or the numbers who became successful through her approach. Moreover, it's difficult to imagine how a person who absolutely loved his work could use her method and leave it behind. But if you're not committed to your current work, or if you're depressed, *Overcoming Underearning* might offer you a way out.

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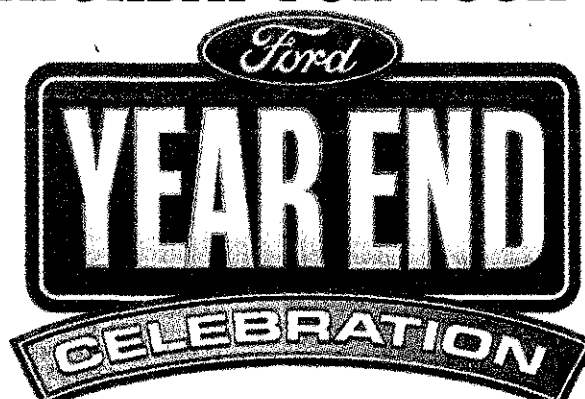
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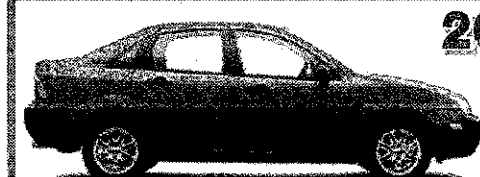
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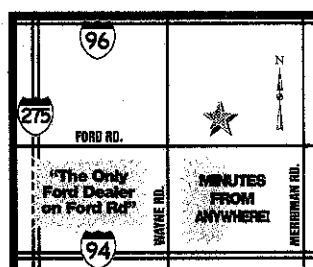
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Family affair: Andrea Lynne suits those with young kids

The Andrea Lynne (405-25) is perfectly designed for the family with young children that need to be close to their parents at night. The sleeping area for the entire family is located at the rear of this 1,526-square-foot home with the master suite in the middle.

The master suite has a large walk-in closet that can be closed off from the rest of the room by a pocket door. There is a counter containing "his" and "her" sinks. This area is separate from the tub and toilet area. Next to the master bath is the other bathroom for

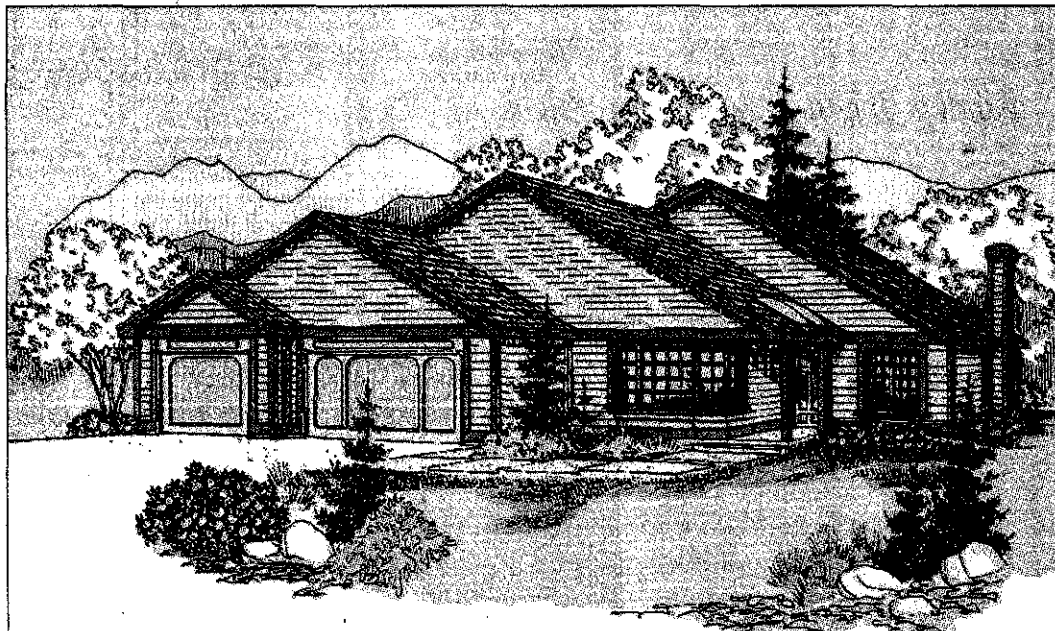
the rest of the home. It also has a tub, sink and toilet.

The two bedrooms, one on each side of the master suite, have wall closets. The utility room with the washer and dryer are located beside the bedrooms to make laundry easier. There is also a door off the utility room to the garage.

The living room and the dining room are completely open, leaving the area to the imagination of the owners. It could be a great room, a family room, or any combinations. This large room comes with vaulted ceilings. It has a fireplace designed into the wall with windows on either side. There are patio doors opening out onto a circular patio area.

Storage is vital with young children. In order to help with this problem, a large storage closet has been located in the hall on the wall next to the pantry. The door to the pantry is around the corner in the kitchen area. The kitchen has been set up built-in appliances and plenty of counter space.

On the front of the house,



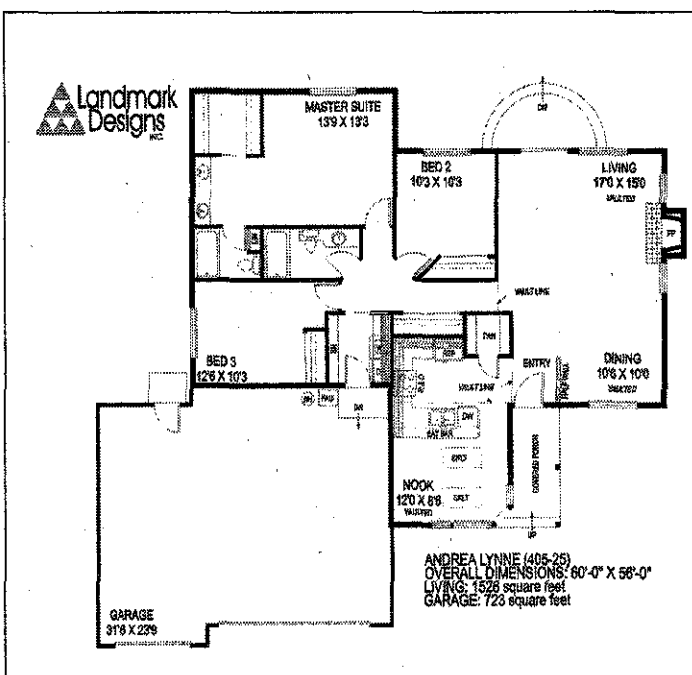
with numerous windows overlooking the front yard, is the breakfast nook. It has skylights for added lighting. It is an area that welcomes the morning person looking for that first hot cup of coffee.

The garage is a three-car unit, deep enough to have a workbench in the rear or down the side. Storage of

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For a study plan of the ANDREA LYNNE (405-25), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and

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The event will take place Sunday, Dec. 9, and will run 1-4 p.m. Participants are Weir Manual Realtors, Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Century 21 Town & Country, GMAC The Kee Group, GMAC Great Lakes, and Real Estate One/Max Broock.

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ACROSS

- 1 Pub pint
- 4 — turtle soup
- 8 Quick punches
- 12 Racket
- 13 Viking name
- 14 Circle size
- 15 Left Bank friend
- 16 Fickle
- 18 Web surfer's need
- 20 Trolley
- 21 Whiskey grain
- 23 Gin
- 24 Synthesizer inventor
- 27 Joey or Kiki
- 29 Kind of tape
- 33 — Luna (Allende book)
- 34 Floe or berg
- 35 Infant's sound
- 36 Boat's trail
- 38 Camp bed
- 39 Nautical greeting
- 40 So far

- 42 Instant grass
- 44 Big-ticket —
- 46 Routine
- 50 Darwin's theory
- 54 Foxy
- 55 Fill the hull
- 56 Heavy-metal band
- 57 Very long time
- 58 Pinewood feature
- 59 Quaker pronoun
- 60 Popular dog name

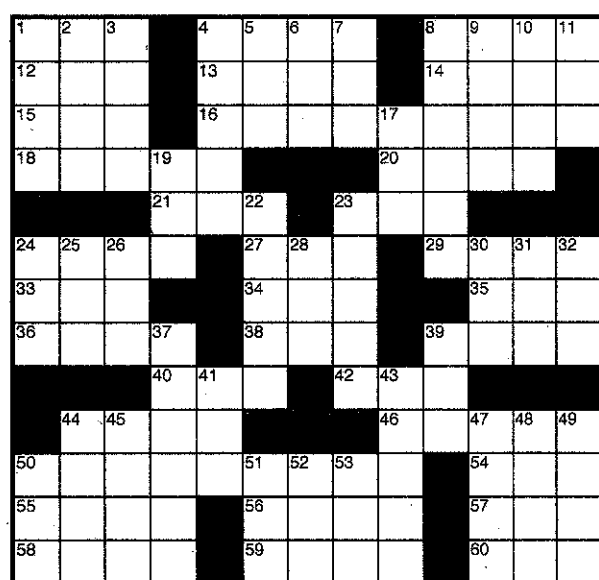
DOWN

- 1 "Bonanza" brother
- 2 Stretch auto
- 3 Oklahoma town
- 4 Tot's cry
- 5 Bullfight cheer
- 6 Lemon or clunker
- 7 Fast-food chain
- 8 Bumped
- 9 Verdi number

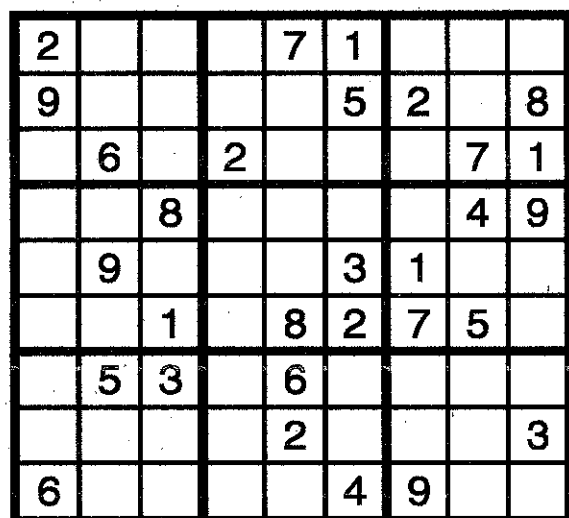
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BLEAK TAI
DELL NEZ GELS
EPEES AOL RHO
GO DER OUI AP
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Y L O U I K O L L C
S D L D G H C K T E
A S K E N N E D Y D

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9 1 6 7 8 2 7 9
8 9 8 7 2 9 6 7 1
1 2 7 6 9 1 8 9 8
9 9 2 2 8 6 1 8 7
2 8 1 8 9 7 9 6 2
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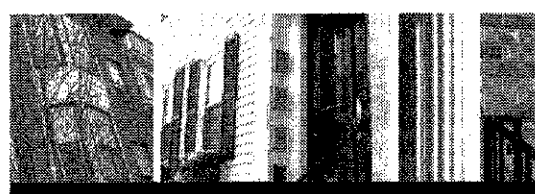
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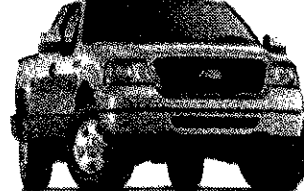
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