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## Commissioner out after 'intolerable' statements

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Catherine Johnson is no longer a part of the Canton Planning Commission.

Johnson, a longtime commissioner, has stepped down in the wake of comments she made at a Dec. 3 meeting regarding the proposed Hindu Temple rebuild.

While calling some of the Temple's previous actions into question, the former commission secretary said she had heard reports that women at another temple had participated in public urination.

Johnson, who had been on the commission since 1980, is a resident of Glengarry Village, one of three subdivisions surrounding the Temple's 5.6-acre property.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think Catherine Johnson should have been forced to resign from the Planning Commission for her comments about a recent meeting? E-mail us your opinion at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com).

"I asked for her resignation," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "In my opinion, the comments were inappropriate, insensitive and intolerable."

Yack was not present for the commission's public hearing but he watched the meeting's video footage twice. He said Johnson has a big heart and called her a "great contributor" to the commission but said her recent comments crossed the line.

Saying she was "very hurt and surprised" by Yack's request, Johnson said she never intended to offend anyone.

"Heavens, no," she said. "I did not mean any offense. I'm not that familiar with the (Hindu) religion and the question of the urination was brought up to me by other people. I did not want to resign but it was an honor and privilege to serve as long as I have."

Glengarry Village homeowner Syl Noetzel said he is saddened by Johnson's departure from the commission.

"This is America and a person should have the right to speak out," he wrote in a letter to the editor to the *Canton Observer*.

Yack said he expects some residents to disagree with his decision.

"Free speech comes with responsibility," he said, adding that Johnson was representing Canton during her commentary. "Free speech also has consequences."

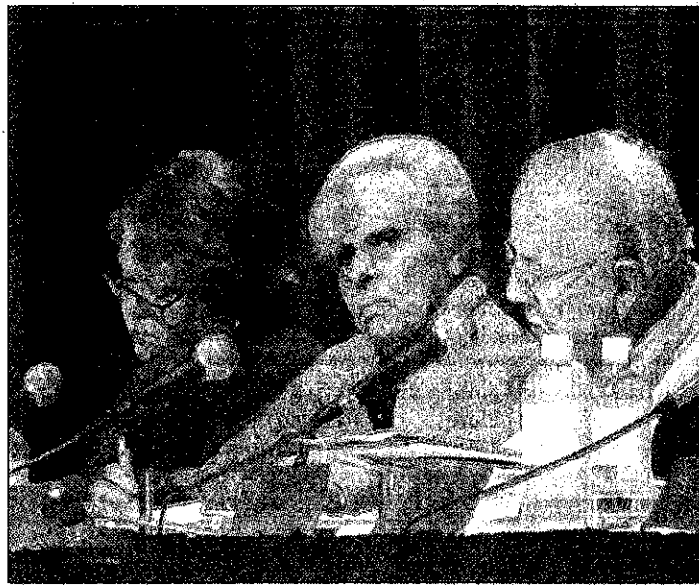
Yack said this was not the first time he had approached Johnson about her remarks.

"We've talked previously about approach and comments on other issues," he said.

Johnson also sat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Her resignation was effective immediately.

In its proposal, which has been tabled by the commission, the Temple is looking to demolish its current facility at 44955 Cherry Hill and construct a larger worship center that sits farther from the roadway.

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Catherine Johnson (center), shown here at an earlier Planning Commission meeting, was forced to resign after comments she made at a recent meeting.



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Pastors Dan McGhee and Al Blake pray with a mother and daughter who came to Saturday's event.

## Harvest of love

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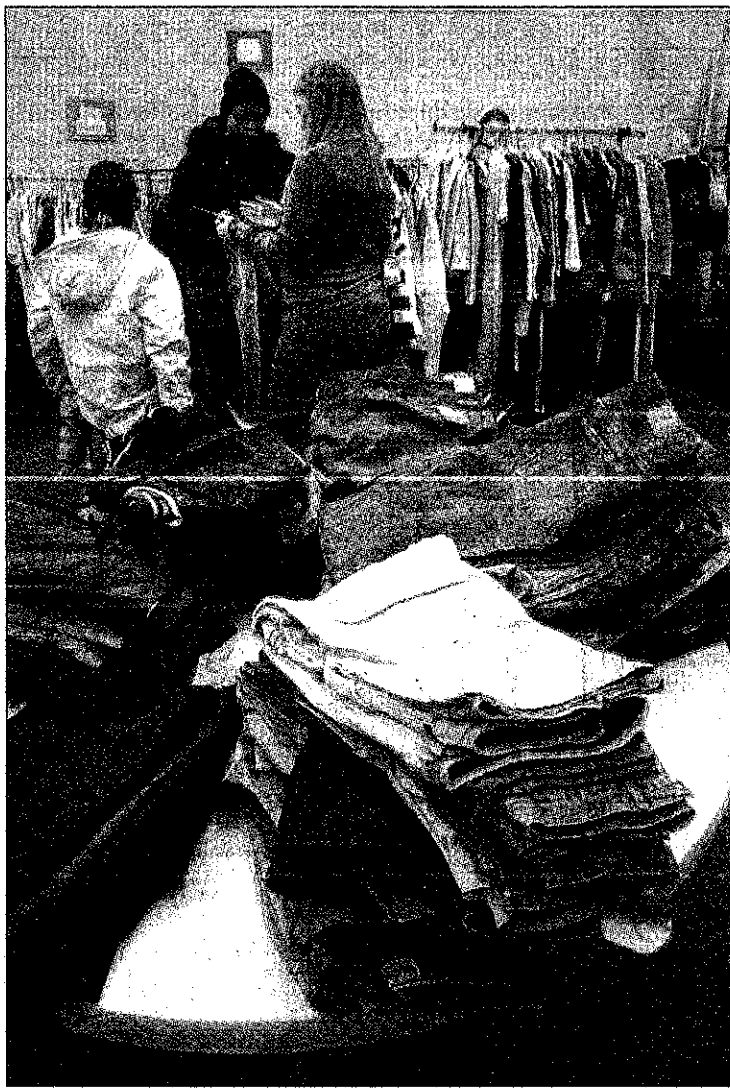
congregation comes to aid of needy families

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

You can call it a harvest of love. That's the way the members of the Harvest Bible Chapel see it.

For the last two months, members of the congregation have been collecting new and gently used clothes, as well as

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The church gathered clothing and food for the needy.

## Hopes fade in search for missing man

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Rescuers in Mauna Kea, Hawaii, continue to search for a 67-year-old Salem Township man who had been hiking a Mauna Kea trail and may have been caught in a blizzard Dec. 5 that dropped nearly a foot of snow and recorded winds in excess of 70 miles per hour.

However, hope is fading for his daughters in Canton Township and

Kalamazoo because today could be the last day of the nine-agency air and ground search for Brian Murphy.

"(Authorities) told us they only will search for five days unless we can give them some reason to search longer," said Bridget Wallman, 43, of Canton Township, one of Murphy's two daughters. "They told us they covered three

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Officials have suspended the search for Brian Murphy, here with daughter Kelly (Murphy) Seelbinder, a 1985 graduate of Canton High School. Murphy has been missing in Hawaii for more than a week.

## School board restores busing for K-5 students

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has restored busing for about 645 K-5 students who were forced to walk to school this year after the district increased the elementary walking distance from a mile to 1 1/2 miles.

Since announcing the increase in walking distance last spring to save \$206,000 in busing costs, which originally affected 2,400 students, trustees have almost come full circle in restoring busing.

The restoration of the busing cut comes after parents voiced concerns about youngsters walking during the winter months and more frequent traffic jams at the schools, as well as a realization by the Board of Education that the original budget savings will really turn out to be only \$22,500 when busing is restored Jan. 28.

"When we had estimates of over \$100,000 in savings, it was worth thinking about because we had a lot of other cuts we were considering that would affect the classroom," said school board President Judy Mardigan. "As we achieved half the savings and caused a lot of pain for the lower elementary ... a mile and a half is too far, and I would never have my child walk that far."

The board voted 5-2 to restore busing, with Trustees Dianne Gonzalez and Nancy Eggenberger the two dissenting votes.

"It's a cut I'm not happy with and causes a lot of hardship for parents, but we don't have the money," Eggenberger said. "I know on the next cuts list we're going to have more and more things that directly affect the academic experience of the children in our schools, and this does not affect that."

Bruce Christenson of Canton Township, who has a second- and fourth-grader walking to Dodson Elementary, is pleased the board reinstated busing.

"It's a good thing for the kids in the district, and I hope they keep that in mind as they go into the next budget year," Christenson said. "It's a long walk, and on bad weather days the parents have to get together to make sure the rides are there both ways."

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### Coming Thursday in filter

Heartfelt 'Juno' hits theaters





# Community rallies around injured shop owner

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

"Phenomenal." That's the word Jill Gaudet is using to describe the response from the Wayne community to a call for help the a gift shop owner who was stabbed numerous times during a robbery Dec. 11.

"Kim (Loveless) called to express how overwhelmed she is with the outpouring of support from the community," said Gaudet, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce executive director in an interview Friday.

"She wants to express her heartfelt thanks."

The chamber is serving as a collection point for the names of business and community members willing to volunteer their time at the shop once it reopens, quite possibly next week. It's been closed since last Tuesday evening when Loveless was attacked by a man as she was closing the shop on Wayne Road just south of Glenwood.

Loveless was forced back into the shop by the man who stabbed her and took her purse before fleeing the store. She was treated at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne before being transferred to University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

According to Gaudet, the life-long Wayne resident "is doing very well," but will remain hos-

pitalized a few more weeks. "This very definitely hurts being closed at this time of the year," said Gaudet.

Gaudet said the names will be given to Loveless and her husband, Brad, who will determine who will work at the shop. Those people will be contacted, but Gaudet isn't sure who will handle that.

A fund-raiser also is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 19, to show support for the couple and collect donations for the Kim Loveless Fund. The event, which includes food, starts at noon and runs through the evening at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe.

The money will go toward a reward being put together by the business community. People with information can call the Wayne police at (734) 721-1414 or through Crimestoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Gaudet added that donations to the Kim Loveless Fund can be dropped off at the chamber office at 34844 W. Michigan Ave.

"The community is outraged by this," Gaudet said. "We're trying to get the word out that this isn't tolerated here. We're also coming together to show support for the Lovelesses."

For more information or to volunteer, call the chamber at (734) 721-0100.

## New Year's at the Summit

A holiday tradition continues with the 4th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration at the Summit on the Park on Monday, Dec. 31 from 3-7 p.m. Families will enjoy swimming for several hours, playing in the gym, participating in craft projects, games, and more. The evening will end with a dance as a D.J. provides entertainment all leading up to a countdown and balloon drop.

This year's theme is "Escape to the Tropics." Families are encouraged to wear their favorite flowered shirts and summer wear. Registration fees are \$20 for a family of four or \$6 per individual. Canton residents only please.

Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information on memberships or this family event, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

## Sounds of the Season

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp, will present their annual holiday concert, "Sounds of the Season," on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale from all PCEP Choir students or from the Choir Office (Room 1603 at Salem). Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door while they last. This concert is very popular and typically sells out before the night of the performance.

The PCEP Choirs consist of six choral ensembles comprised of more than 250 students in grades 9-12 from Plymouth, Salem, and Canton high schools, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp.

## Newcomers offer safety tips

The Canton Newcomers, whose motto is "where neighbors become friends," invites the public to their next general meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 7:15 p.m. This social, civic, and charitable organization will host Barb Cane from PKSA Karate. Cane will share valuable information on self defense.

In addition to the monthly meeting, several activities

throughout the month are offered: book club, bunko, creative kids, moms and tots, ladies day out, game night, euchre, chick flick, scrapbooking and many more. The meeting offers the opportunity to sign up for any activity that interests you.

Bring a friend and you will both be entered into a drawing to win a prize. The meeting will be at the Hanford Clubhouse in the Sunflower subdivision at 45800 Hanford Road between Canton Center and Beck.

For more information about the group or to receive a complimentary January newsletter, visit cantonnewcomers.org or call Donna at (734) 398-6487 before the meeting. You don't have to be "new" to be a Canton Newcomer.

## Classical Bells holiday concert

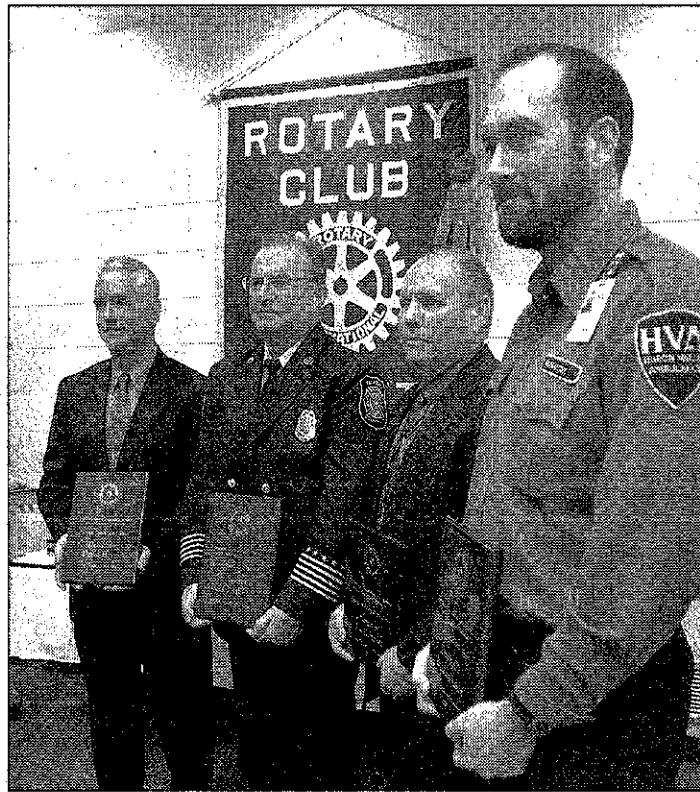
Classical Bells will be performing their popular Christmas concert at the Village Theater on Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. Classical Bells has performed handbell music since 1983. The auditioned ensemble consists of accomplished handbell musicians from the metropolitan Detroit area, led by director Darlene Ebersole. Their repertoire draws from a wide mix of music genres—classical, inspirational, seasonal, popular, even ragtime and swing. Their primary instrument consists of 68 bronze plus six aluminum English handbells, a range of more than six octaves.

Due to the popularity of their show they will be performing in the Main House this year to allow for even more people to enjoy this special holiday event. The concert is sponsored by The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and tickets are \$10.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person, or the Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

## Summit on the Park holiday hours

Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit



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## Officers of the year

Sgt. Joe Kahanec, of Canton, (third from left) was honored as the Plymouth Police Officer of the Year by the Rotary Club of Plymouth last week for his efforts in subduing a man diagnosed as a bi-polar schizophrenic. "He was harming himself with various acts of self-mutilation, which resulted in numerous wounds that began to bleed feverishly," Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll recalled the incident. "After several moments of extreme resistance, Sgt. Kahanec and other officers were able to subdue and restrain the subject. All ended well." Kahanec, 54, has been with the department for 32 years. David Hayes (from left), Randy Maycock (accepting for Daniel Atkins), and Todd Zolkosky also received Rotary Awards for their service.

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.

## Lacrosse meeting

A Plymouth boys lacrosse parent/player meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Dec. 19 at Plymouth High School, room 401 (next to the cafeteria).

## Leisure Services winter registration

Canton residents can begin registering for winter 2008 Leisure Services programs and

classes starting Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. Residents can register online or in person with a Fast Pass, which is available for pickup beginning Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park front desk, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Complete course descriptions for classes ranging from aquatics, arts and entertainment, health and wellness, and enrichment are listed in the Discover catalog, which residents received earlier this month.

Participants are encouraged to register early as space is limited for all classes and programs. Those who are not Canton residents may register in person only for classes five days prior to class start date, if space is available.

For more information, visit http://leisure.canton-mi.org and download the winter 2008 discover brochure or call (734) 394-5460.

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MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration will close on MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007, and no further voter registrations will be accepted for said election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registration are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
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Qualified electors who are currently registered with the City Clerk will not have to re-register. If you have a physical problem and cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements. The telephone number is 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225.

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
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# Shining the light

## Candlelight vigil remembers children lost too soon

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people braved dropping temperatures and a sleeting drizzle Sunday to attend the annual Compassionate Friends Candlelight Vigil in Plymouth's Kellogg Park, all with the same goal in mind.

Paying tribute to the children they've lost too soon.

The event, sponsored by The Compassionate Friends-Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter, included the dedication of a tree decorated with ornaments with the children's names, the candlelight vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs.

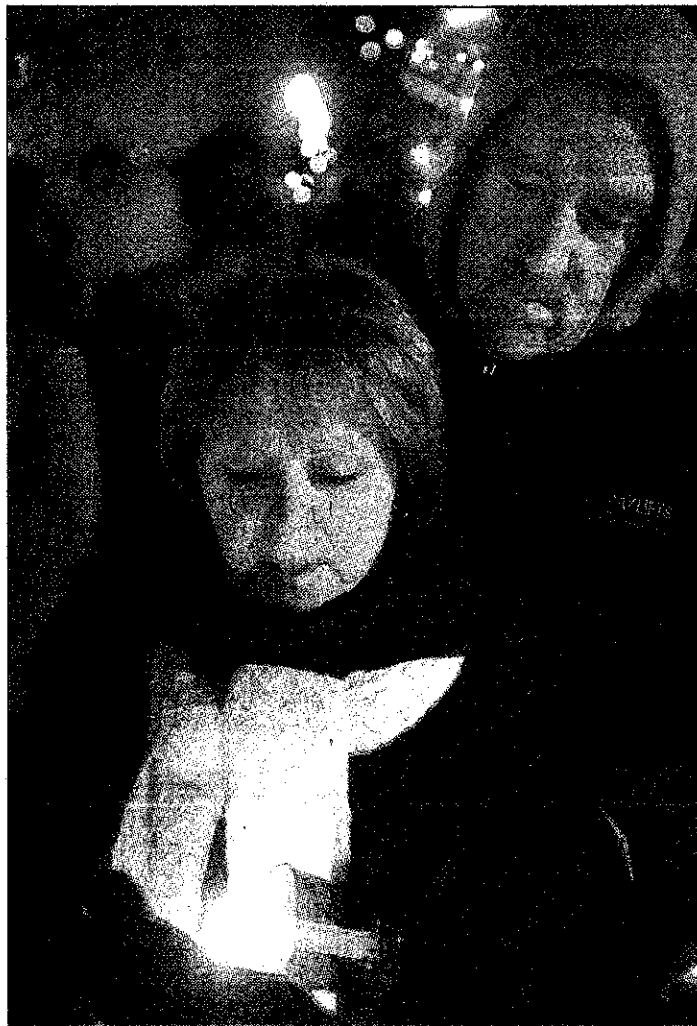
This year, nearly 400 names were read.

"If that's not the most we've ever read, it's close," said Gail Lafferty, a Compassionate Friends member who co-chairs the vigil. "They just seem to keep coming."

Dave and Kim Blackwood of Westland were there Sunday to remember Amy Louise Blackwood, Dave's sister, who died in an apartment fire seven years ago. Seven years later, the pain is still evident.

"She was my best friend," Dave said of Amy. "We have to come (to the vigil)."

Claudia Schmitt isn't among those who have lost children, but she felt compelled to be at the vigil anyway, to support a friend who had lost a brother. The weather apparently kept the



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Greg and Donna Blackwood of Commerce light candles to honor Amy Louise Blackwood at the Compassionate Friends Candlelight Vigil in Kellogg Park Sunday.

friend away, but Schmitt was touched by the ceremony just the same.

"I wanted to be here for her," she said of her friend. "I'm going to take a candle to her."

Compassionate Friend Pat O'Donnell, who lost his son, reminded the audience what they already knew.

"We loved our children yes-

terday, we loved them today and we'll love them tomorrow," O'Donnell said.

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# Grad, 76, realizes nursing degree dream

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

It's never too late to pursue a dream. Just ask Lillian Anderson.

The 76-year-old Coldwater resident joined 47 other Madonna University nursing graduates Thursday at a pinning ceremony at Laurel Manor. Anderson delivered the keynote/inspirational speech and was honored with the writing award and the O'Neill Award for Humanistic Nursing for her compassion and caring.

"She was an inspiration to her fellow students," said Karen Sanborn, Madonna's

marketing director. "There wasn't a dry eye in the room after she told her story."

It hasn't come easily. "Ever since I was a kid I wanted to be a nurse, but life got in the way," she said Friday. "When I turned 70, I needed a new direction and some friends sat me down and asked what had I always wanted to do and I said I wanted to be a nurse."

Anderson worked 48 years as a secretary, 20 years at Ford Motor Co., retiring in 1995. She already had a degree from Madonna.

"I had graduated from Madonna with a bachelor's degree in business manage-

ment. I decided to take business because it tied into my work at Ford Motor Co.," she said. "I thought I was too old to be a nurse, but I guess I'm not."

She actually began her business degree studies in the 1960s but had to put them on hold when her son, Kevin Giedre, was diagnosed with bone cancer. She cared for him until his death at 18 in 1973. She finally earned that first bachelor's degree in 1989.

She registered for Madonna's hospice program in 1991 but never attended classes because her second husband became ill and she cared for him until he died in 2000.

She began the nursing program in 2002 but her daugh-

ter, Judy Zammit, had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She died earlier this year at age 54.

"She was a 10-year survivor," Anderson said. "She was a fantastic example for so many of us."

Next week, Anderson will be making the long drive from Coldwater to Troy to take Kaplan classes to prepare for the state board exam.

"It's like taking the bar exam, you want to get it right the first time," she said.

Anderson admits she might be too old to become hospital floor nurse but she is interested in working in hospice care.

"For my emergence, I worked at Angela Hospice, a wonderful place," she said.



Lillian Anderson (left) with Madonna University Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Teresa Thompson.

At Madonna an "emergence" is a real workplace experience allowing students to emerge into the real world.

"I worked with a preceptor, Paula Bending, who is the epitome of what a nurse should be," Anderson said.

She is looking into doing some home hospice care when

she passes her boards.

"What an inspiration, she is," said Teresa Thompson, dean of the College of Nursing and Health. "It's been a pleasure to watch her grow, and care, and give to so many. She's become part of who we are at Madonna."

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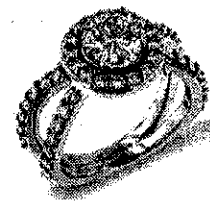
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# Belleville men held in 7-11 robbery Residents trying to repeal raises for elected officials

Two Belleville men, Michael Paul Sosa, 21, and John Lewis Calloway III, 23, were arraigned Wednesday and charged in Tuesday's early morning armed robbery of the 7-11/Citgo gas station on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

Both men are being charged with armed robbery, a felony punishable by life or any number of years in prison, being a



Calloway



Sosa

felon in possession of a firearm, a five-year felony, and fel-

ony firearm, a two-year felony.

In addition, Sosa has been charged with malicious destruction of police property, a four-year felony, resisting and obstructing a police officer, a two-year felony, and habitual offender II, which will enhance his sentence 1.5 times the sentence amount.

Calloway is also being charged with driving on a suspended or revoked license,

a misdemeanor, and habitual III, which will enhance his sentence two times the sentence amount.

Sosa and Calloway, who were arrested shortly after the theft, were both issued \$100,000 cash bonds and are scheduled for a preliminary exam Dec. 21 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

- By Tiffany L. Parks

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said she doesn't want to see the township spend \$50,000 on an election to do away with \$11,000 in salary hikes, so she has another solution: "The township board needs to make a motion to repeal the raises."

Graham-Hudak, along with her husband, Hadley, have been collecting the signatures of township residents in an effort to force a public vote on the township board's 3-percent raises, which were factored into Canton's 2008 budget and approved at the board's Nov. 27 meeting.

"It's not that the board doesn't deserve the raises-but they need to look at the people they represent," Graham-Hudak said. "I see so many neighbors and friends losing their homes and their jobs. I'm scared of losing my own job."

In order to get a referendum, the Hudaks have to collect 5,600 signatures from township residents that are registered to vote. The petition has to be filed within 30 days of the board's vote. The couple has gotten a small group to help them with their task and are looking for more help.

"As soon as we found out about the raises we knew we had to do something," Graham-Hudak said. "I thought this was very insensitive."

The increases, which will go into effect Jan. 1, will bump Township Supervisor Tom Yack's salary from \$123,372 to \$127,073. Township Clerk Terry Bennett and Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter will get a boost from \$100,708 to \$103,730.

The four township trustee salaries will move from \$12,172 to \$12,537.

Township Trustee Todd Caccamo voted against all of the raises, except for Bennett's increase. Although Township Trustee Todd LaJoy approved the raises for Yack, Bennett

and Kirchgatter, he voted against the trustee increase.

The raises amount to \$11,205.

Bennett said putting the issue on a ballot would cost the township about \$50,000.

"The board made the motion to approve the raises and they can unmake it," Graham-Hudak said, adding that the cost of an election would be the fault of the board for not reversing the raises.

"We don't think the township board is doing a bad job but our economy is terrible," Hadley Hudak said.

Yack said the township couple has the right to try to place the issue before voters.

"Citizens have the right to do what they are doing," he said, but urged residents to look beyond the seven raises for the board.

Each of the township's more than 330 employees is scheduled for a 3-percent raise, Yack said. To then deny an increase to Canton's public officials would be "pure politics," he said.

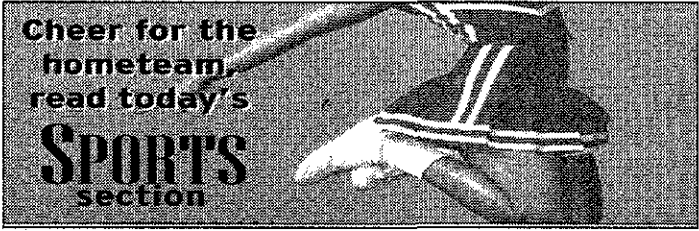
"There are some people who look to us to be symbols of empathy but this is our livelihood, too," Yack said. "I think we run an efficient operation (but) there are some people who believe we should hurt with them."

While both Graham-Hudak and Hudak expressed doubt at being able to come up with enough signatures in the next few weeks, they said they'll continue spreading the word throughout the community.

"Even if we don't get enough maybe they will be able to see that this many people are upset," Graham-Hudak said. "I wish there was a way for us to tie the raises into the health of the economy."

Those interested in contacting the Hudaks can reach them at cantonpetition@yahoo.com.

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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:

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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  
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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Z 08 -01 260 W. Ann Arbor Rd | Non-Use Variance Requested<br>Front Yard Parking<br>Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Road<br>Corridor<br>Applicant: Greko Print & Imaging, Inc.          |
| 2. Z 08 -02 763 Burroughs       | Non-Use Variance Requested<br>Front Yard Setback (Dewey Street)<br>Zoned: R1, Single-Family Residential<br>Applicant: Jim Offer & Amy Vollick |
| 3. Z 08 -03 1600 N. Territorial | Non-Use Variance Requested<br>Height Variance<br>Zoned: RM-1, Multiple Family Residential<br>Applicant: Sunrise Development, Inc.             |

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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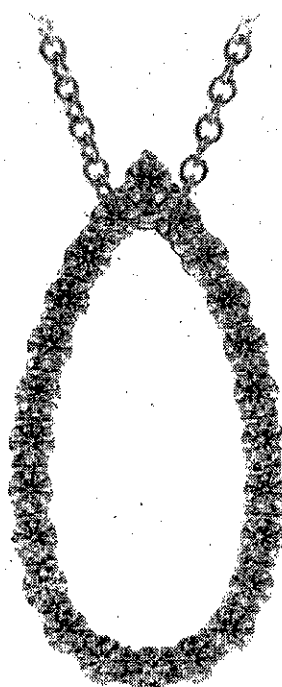


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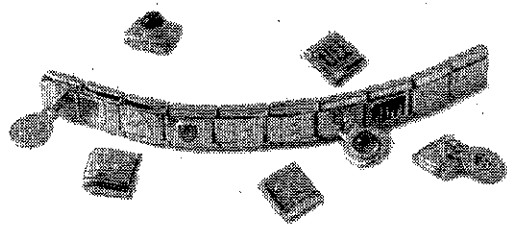
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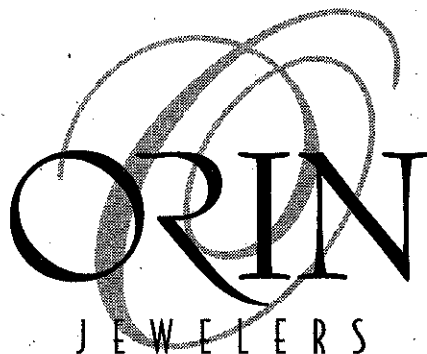
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had been stolen. The officer followed the footprints along several streets and discovered that they stopped on the 600 block of Buckingham near

several cars parked along the street. He then noticed that the same footprints had come from a nearby residence and spoke with a woman upon knocking on

the door. The woman said her boyfriend, 18, had been at her home but that she watched him drive away. The officer then went to

the boyfriend's township residence and was given permission to search his bedroom in an effort to eliminate him as the suspect in any crime.



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## HARVEST

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food, for some of Canton's neediest families. Last Saturday, many of those families showed up at the church's ministry center on Maben Road off of Canton Center, just north of Ford, to collect the clothes.

It was a joyous day, according to Harvest pastor Dan McGhee.

"It was awesome," he said. "We were able to give food and clothes to more than 50 families. Hundreds of people showed up."

Members of the church, which is independent and nondenominational, meet on Sunday mornings at Discovery Middle School. There are more than 200 members, according to McGhee.

He said this was a big project for the group, and something they are proud of. He particularly mentioned the efforts of



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Church members Denise Wolak and Danielle Friedrich bag clothing.

church members Paul and Gina Wells, who own three Plato's Closet stores (including one in Canton), which specialize in selling gently used clothes that are trendy and hip. They collected many of the clothes that were passed out, but McGhee said the whole congregation

really stepped up. "We wanted to do something tangible. We didn't want to just say we love our community, we wanted to show it," said McGhee.

For more information about Harvest Bible Chapel, visit its Web site at [www.harvestcanton.org](http://www.harvestcanton.org).

## MISSING

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square miles by foot with search dogs and on ATVs, and 10 times that by air with two helicopters.

"Part of the problem is some of the huge bushes are 15 feet high and 15 feet in diameter, so they actually have to get inside, which is slowing them down," she said. "They told me the fog was so thick the day he went missing that you could barely see your feet."

Rescue teams told family members it appears Murphy may have changed his plans and decided to take a shorter walk, possibly getting caught in a less severe storm at the lower altitudes.

Early indications were Murphy planned to hike to the summit of Mauna Kea, which is 13,796 feet. However, he may have been discouraged to do so when he checked into the Mauna Kea Visitor Information Station before his hike. Kelly Seelbinder of

Kalamazoo said her father was wearing khaki shorts, a T-shirt, and tennis shoes without socks in temperatures that reached about 80 degrees.

"He had planned to go all the way to the top, but they told him it was going to get stormy and that he shouldn't go," said Seelbinder, 40, a 1985 graduate

of Canton High School. "But we found out (Sunday) he told the people at the visitor's station he only planned to go on a short walk on the trails, only about two-three hours, and had warmer clothes in the car. In the car they found a map open to the trails close by."

The blizzard hit about two hours after Murphy was last seen at the visitor's station. His unlocked rental car was found in the parking lot.

"It was probably still cold and snowy where he was headed, but it wouldn't have been as much snow," Seelbinder said. "The search and rescue people told me that you can hardly see anything on the trails when a storm hits. We're hoping that if he fell, he took cover in the bushes."

Seelbinder said Murphy and a female companion recently traveled to Hawaii, and had gone their separate ways for the day. She said it wasn't unusual for her father to go hiking.

"He loves the outdoors," Seelbinder said. "In the summertime he was always out early in the morning until late at night. He loves to work in the garden, yard work, sports. He's an active person and lives life to the fullest."

"We used to go up in the mountains to ski, and he never got cold," she said. "He's very

smart, and super positive ... a total optimist. If anyone could survive this, it would be him."

Murphy, a retired safety engineer who was contracted to work on the new MGM Grand Casino in Detroit, now manages rental properties. He's the oldest of six children who grew up in Milwaukee. He later moved to Livonia, where the girls mainly grew up and went to school, before moving to the 14-acre parcel in Salem Township and attended Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The daughters are hopeful because their father is in relatively good physical shape, having been invited to the 1968 Olympic trials to compete in the decathlon, was track and cross country coach at the old Garden City East High School in the 1970s, and was a ski instructor and avid downhill skier.

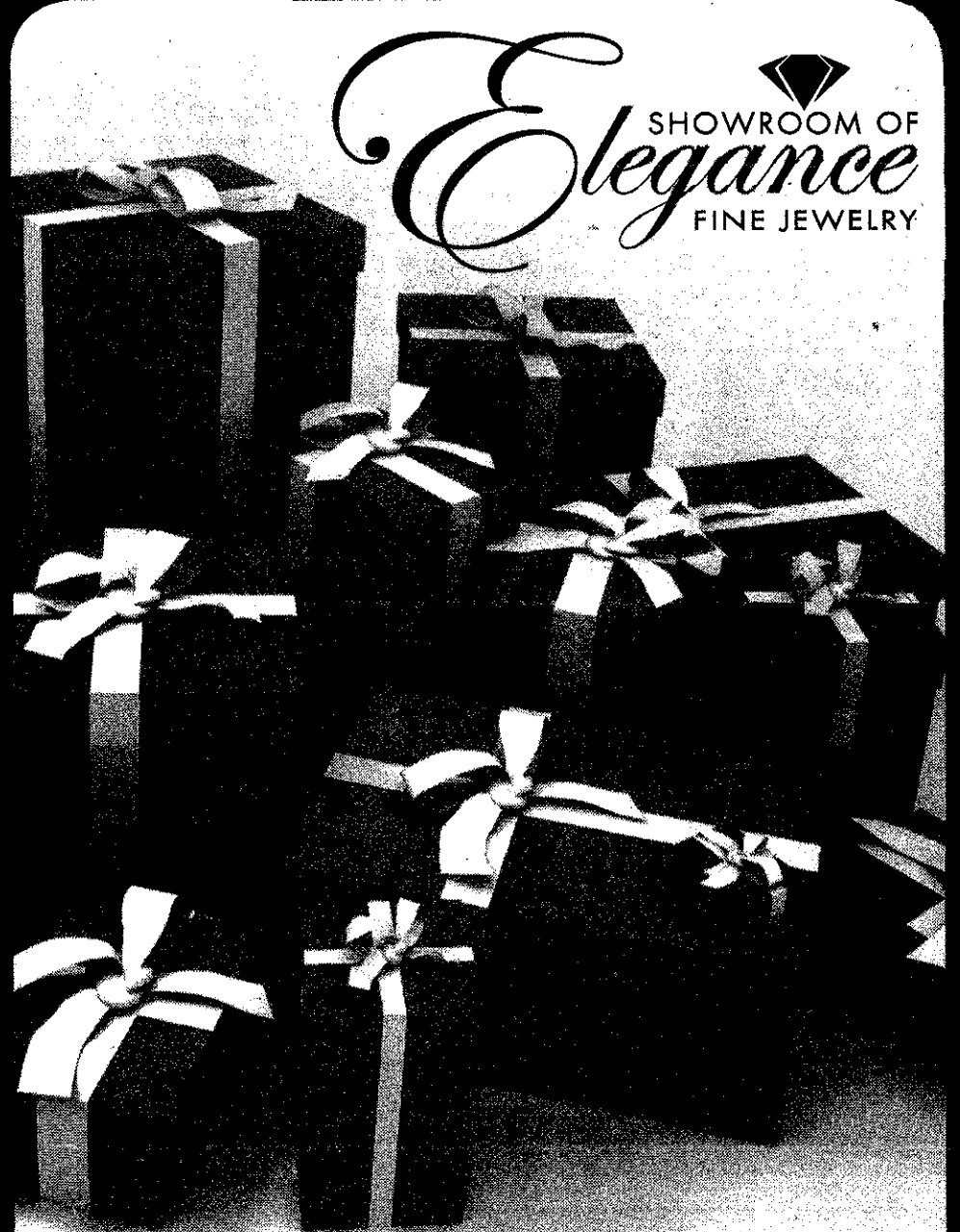
"He was not a person who would panic, and wouldn't be upset by the cold," said Wallman.

Wallman said the hardest part is being so far away from where the search efforts are continuing.

"I know it's expansive, that's the frustrating thing," she said. "It's like trying to find a needle in a haystack."

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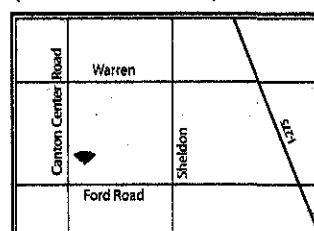
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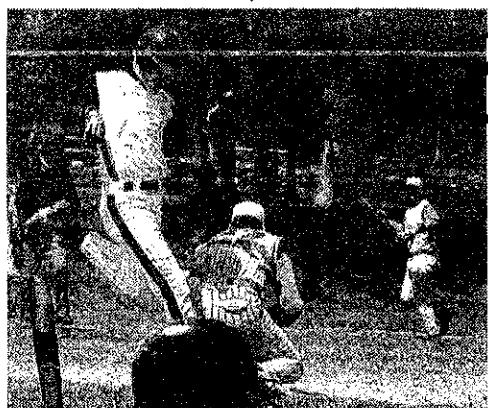
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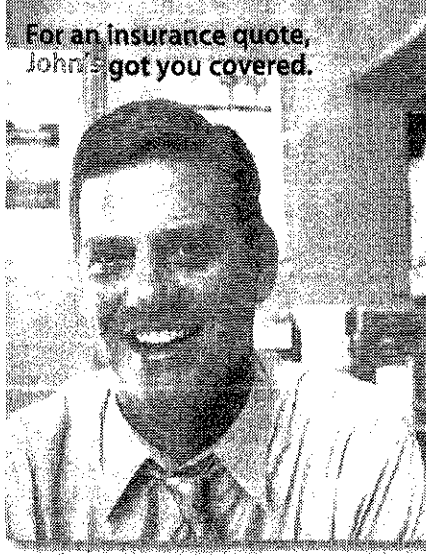
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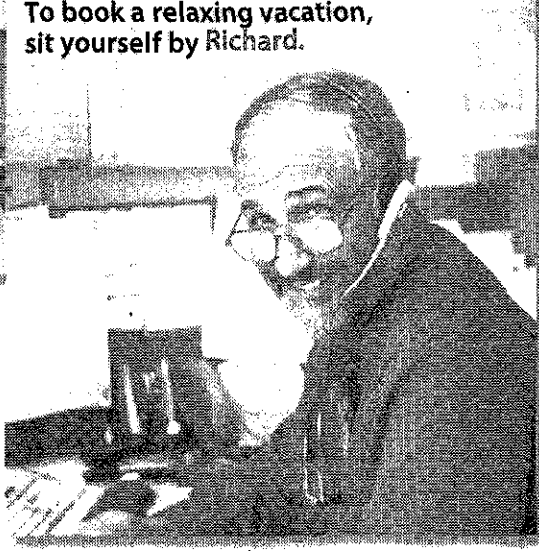
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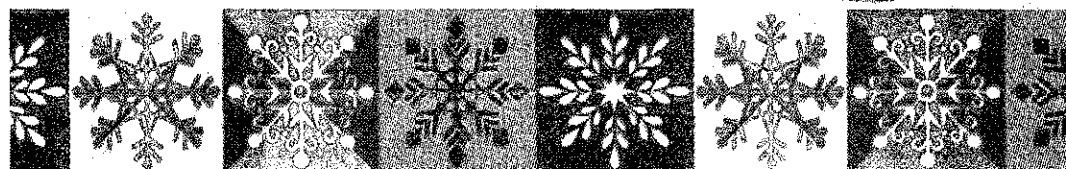
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# OPINION

## OUR VIEWS

### Board missed chance to bolster elections

It's good the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education decided to move its elections and saved themselves \$50,000 a year in election costs.

What's too bad is they had a chance to save twice that and passed on the opportunity.

The board voted this week to move their elections to a odd-year-May cycle, starting in November 2009. That will drop the cost of elections to \$25,000 per election, using Schoolcraft College as a partner.

Here's the rub: The district could have saved all election costs by moving to an even-year-November schedule, when other elections (state and national) are held, a move that would have saved the district \$100,000 most years.

The arguments against moving the elections to November don't seem strong to us. The idea that voters will be ballot-weary in years where there are many races and other issues seems to place little trust in voters being interested in doing what they come to the voting booth to do.

Likewise, the idea a November election opens the race to more influence by political parties seems naive. If political parties are going to get involved in a school board race, they can do it in May just as easily as they can in November.

In one respect, moving to odd-year-May elections makes it even easier for a particular faction to gain control of the school board. Under the current system, only two seats are up for grabs most years (every fourth year there's only one). Under the new system, four seats will be open in one election, three in the next, making it easier for a political party to run a "slate" of candidates in an attempt to control the board in one fell swoop.

Another effect of this move is the way it affects voter participation. Historically, far more voters turn out for November elections than they do for off-month elections. You could argue voters are just as welcome at the polls in May as they are in November, and therefore it isn't the cycle that causes voter apathy, it's the voters themselves.

But that's a weak argument. History shows more people turn out when more is at stake. The district shouldn't discount that fact in making this decision.

Board President Judy Mardigian is right when she says the district will have to revisit the issue. State officials are rethinking the options for elections. When they do, they'll have to figure out how to save the most money and get the most people involved.

We'd like to think they'll choose the option that gives them the best of both worlds.

### Neighbors concerned about temple

On Dec. 3, we attended the Canton Planning Commission meeting to hear about the plan and special land use request of the Hindu Temple located south of Cherry Hill and east of Canton Center. The audience attending were homeowners and taxpayers who should be commended for being interested in maintaining the appearance and values of their properties. Instead, neither the majority of the Planning Commission or the lawyer for the temple, Bryan Amann, seemed interested in hearing about their concerns.

This is the United States of America where people should have a right to express their beliefs and the government entity, in this case the Canton Planning Commission, has a responsibility to listen to requests and objections with an open mind. Unfortunately many of the people attending the meeting left feeling frustrated and believing the whole plan had been previously all worked out with Canton Township and decided upon just the way it was planned by the Hindu Temple.

It is true those homeowners who wished to speak were given time to voice their opinions and objections. Everyone was courteous and polite. It was only when Mr. Amann was given time to respond and made light of everyone's concerns that the attendees interrupted and corrected him on several false statements he made such as: the neighbors had been notified of the rebuild plans previous to the meeting; the property values and appearance of the neighborhood would be improved; and the building would be used only one day per week; the traffic is not a problem and

the berms around the temple property and irrigated and maintained.

Some credit is due the Planning Commission, though, for not approving the proposed plan and requesting Mr. Amann work with the neighborhood.

We are deeply saddened, however, that Planning Commissioner Cathy Johnson, who spoke in favor of the homeowners' concerns, was called three days after the meeting by Supervisor Tom Yack and told to resign her position. This we believe is simply not right. She should have the right to speak out and if this is not so, perhaps the Canton Planning Commission serves no meaningful purpose.

Finally, we remain hopeful the Hindu Temple congregation will want to be good neighbors and agree to resolve all the differences.

Syl and Mary Noetzel  
Canton

### Shocked by comments

I am beyond shocked at the outrageous assertion by Planning Commissioner Catherine Johnson in order to inflame feelings and thereby prevent a solution to the expansion of the Hindu Temple. Did Ms. Johnson see the act that she brought up at the public meeting?

Why doesn't Ms. Johnson enlighten all of us when and where this act was supposed to have occurred. She brought it up as an anti-Hindu canard. If this is not bigotry then what is bigotry? I am a resident of Canton and I request Ms. Johnson resign from the Planning Commission.

Rajeev Ramanan  
Canton

Editor's note: Catherine Johnson has resigned from the Planning

## LETTERS

Commission.

### Board cut out public

The PCCS school board voted Tuesday to reduce the opportunity for citizens to participate in the board electoral process.

Everything was legal and met the letter of the law Tuesday night, but how many citizens had any idea that there was going to be a vote this week on changing school board elections to odd years in May? Citizens' opportunities to effect change in this district have been cut in half. The annual 10 percent turnout will now move to biannual 10 percent turnout. How does this increase public participation in the schools?

The board orchestrated it well to get only one public comment regarding odd-year May elections. No press release was issued regarding the public hearing. No notice was posted on the Web site about the hearing and asking for input.

If it wasn't for one letter to the editor, there would have been no comments anywhere that the board was favoring odd-year elections in May. The local papers did not publish this aspect of the story. Commentary so far has been regarding the current annual May elections vs. a November election.

I'm sure the meeting notice was posted properly according to the Open Meetings Act. I have too much respect for Dr. Ryan to ever suggest otherwise. The usual practice of posting the agenda on the district Web site on Monday did not happen. It was posted after 6 p.m. Tuesday for the 7 p.m. meeting. This was ironic considering the agenda included an update on the Web site.

The board had the option to have the public hearing

this week and come back before the end of the month for a vote; but instead rushed through adding an action item to the agenda and voting, making sure that public commentary would not slow them down.

Kudos to Tom Wysocki for being the lone dissenting vote against conducting the vote and changing to odd years in May.

Larry Martin  
Plymouth Township

### Setting record straight

There has been some confusion about the recently repealed service tax, and I want to set the record straight: I voted NO on the plan to expand the service tax every time it was put up for a vote on the House floor. Most importantly, I voted YES three times to repeal the service tax, which was indeed repealed on Dec. 1.

I believed from the beginning that instituting a new tax on services would be devastating for our businesses and the wrong direction for our state, which is why I repeatedly voted against it and voted to repeal it at the first opportunity. I feel it is necessary to set the record straight on this important issue. I want our residents and businesses to know that I am fighting to get Michigan back on track and make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

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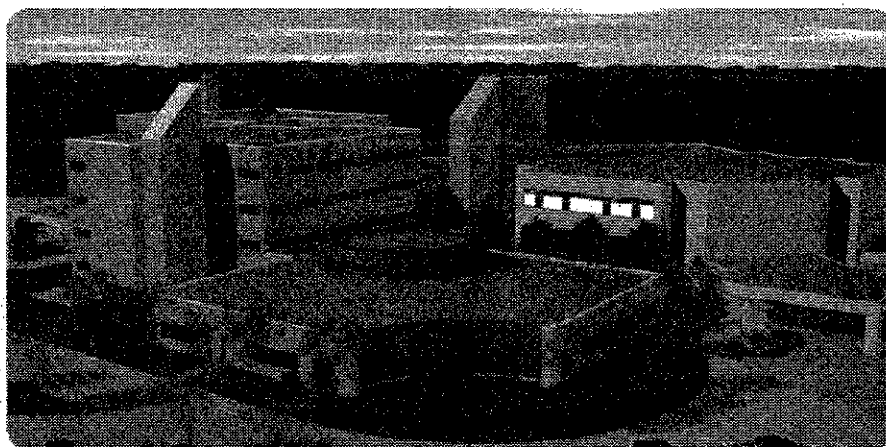
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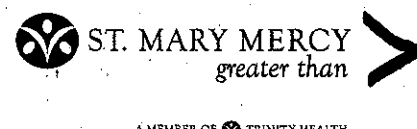
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All too often, financial salespeople who work on commission do not want to disclose how they are compensated. Mutual funds and other investment companies make it easy for them to hide what the consumer is paying. It appears the person who you are dealing with is a commission-based salesperson. When you invest in one of the mutual funds that he/she is selling, the money comes off the top and goes directly to the salesperson.

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My problem with commissions and 12b-1 fees is they are typically very difficult for the individual consumer to know what they are paying. The mutual fund companies and the financial salespeople do their best to hide these fees from you.

Anyone who has listened to my radio show or read my columns over the years knows I am not a fan of commissions. I believe commissions create a conflict of interest. After all, why do you think companies that work on commissions such as mutual fund companies and variable annuities offer their salespersons sales incentives such as free trips to sell their products? Obviously, they want the salesperson to concentrate on the sale not on proper planning for the individual.

As far as I am concerned, when someone deals with someone in the financial world, they shouldn't be dealing with a salesperson. They shouldn't be dealing with someone whose loyalty is to the investment company instead of to the client.

Over the years, I have seen many commissioned people in the financial world. Unfortunately, all too often



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

who are up front about commissions and have no problem informing the client how they are compensated. The best commissioned salespeople I know of never worry about commissions. They worry only about taking care of their clients.

whether it is because of pressure from employers or a lack of understanding, they are only concerned about selling products.

On the other hand, there are commissioned salespeople

Unfortunately, there are too few good commissioned financial advisers.

My firm employees and I recommend fee-only advisers who charge for their services and make no compensation from any product they recommend. When advisers are not burdened by conflicts of interest that commissions create, they can operate for the benefit of the most important person — the client.

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

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## Robinson's clutch shot sinks Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth junior guard Kelsi Robinson found herself between a Rock and a hard place in the closing seconds of Friday night's cross-campus showdown at Salem.

With her team trailing 56-55, the clock ticking dangerously close to 0:00 and the Rocks' Sara Stone playing textbook in-your-face defense against her, Robinson nailed an incredible 13-foot, up-and-under, falling-down jumper with seven seconds left to put the Wildcats up 57-56.

After Salem's desperation, length-of-the-court shot fell way short as the buzzer sounded, the Wildcats celebrated one of the school's most memorable wins with a joyful group hug just in front of their bench.

The final result of the highly entertaining game left Plymouth with a 3-3 mark while the Rocks slipped to 4-1.

Glory and accolades were the last things on Robinson's mind as she watched the ball squeeze through the bottom of the net on her game-winning effort.

No, she had far more important things to think about.

"My first reaction was, 'I have to get up, get down the court and play some defense,'" a smiling Robinson said a few moments after her thrilling game-winner. "There was still some time left and I didn't want them to score on their last possession."

Robinson improvised slightly when she secured the pass that led to her late-game heroics.

"At first I was going to try to drive to the basket and try to get a layup, but (Stone) came too close to me so I had to go under her for a shot."

"It's so exciting to beat Salem. Our locker room was pretty loud just now. We beat them once last year, but this is a lot

more exciting because their record was way better than ours and everybody at school was expecting them to win."

Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly said the ball was in the right player's hands with the clock winding down.

"Kelsi has a great understanding of the moment," said Reilly. "She's aggressive and she's one of those players who likes to take the big shot. She knew we needed a basket and she was going to do whatever it took to get one."

"I still don't know how she made it. She was falling down, the Salem player played great defense. It was unbelievable."

While Robinson sealed the victory, it was junior Shaakira Haywood who put the Wildcats in a position to win. The 6-foot-2 post player netted a career-best 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Salem junior forward Chelsea Davis

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Plymouth's Kelsi Robinson, pictured above with the ball during a game earlier this season, was the hero in the Wildcats' last-second win over Salem Friday night.

## Sidelines

## MU softball camp

Madonna University softball coach Al White is hosting a hitting camp 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 22.

He also wants prospective participants to sign up for Madonna's softball fundamentals camp, of which there will be two sessions. The first is 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays beginning Jan. 5 through Jan. 26; the second is set for 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays beginning Jan. 13 through Feb. 3.

The fundamentals camp sessions will focus on all aspects of fast-pitch softball, White said.

For more information, call White (734) 432-5783.

## Observer grid team coming Dec. 27

The 2007 All-Observer football team will be unveiled in the Thursday, Dec. 27 edition of the Observer. Keep an eye out for it.

## Baseball camp

Precision Baseball in Canton will be holding a "Holiday Baseball Camp" Dec. 26-28 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

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## HVS offerings

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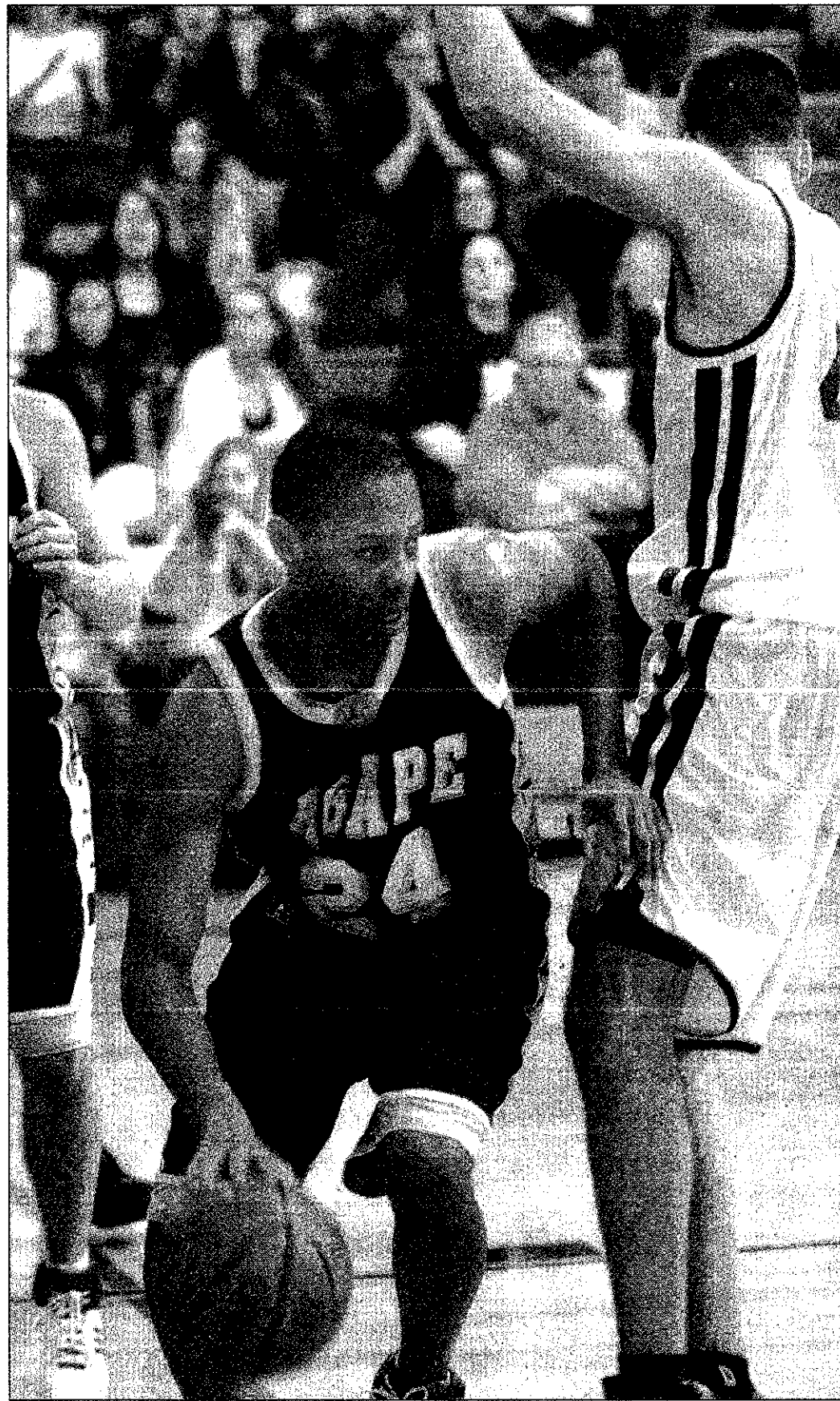
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Among the new programs offered at HVS is a soccer clinic called "Lil' Kickers," which is part of a nationwide contingent with classes for children 18 months through 9 years of age.

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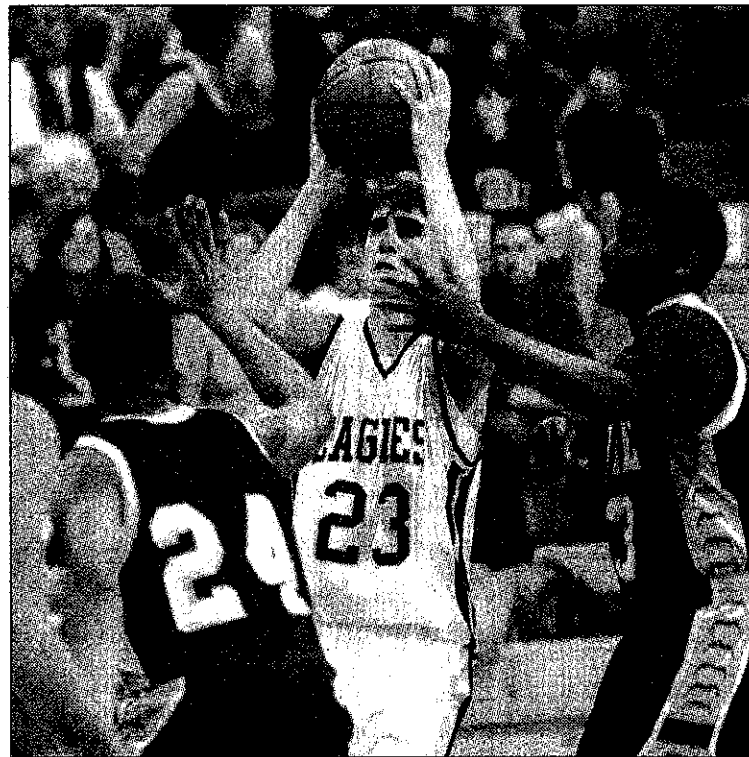
The program will be run by certified instructors Christie Rife and Amy Callahan. For more information, call (734) HV-SPORT.

## CROSSTOWN SHOWDOWN: Agape vs. PCA



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Canton Agape senior forward Joel Ruffin drives to the basket past Plymouth Christian Academy's Reid Barber during Friday night's game at PCA. Ruffin tallied nine points and 19 rebounds in the Wolverines' 63-42 victory.



Plymouth Christian Academy's Spencer Wiard pulls up for a jumper over Agape's Joel Ruffin during Friday night's MIAC cross-over game at PCA.

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## Experienced Wolverines clip Eagles

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Every night is "Senior Night" for Canton Agape Christian's boys basketball team.

Amazingly, all nine players on the Wolverines' varsity roster are seniors — and all nine played like it Friday night in their resounding 63-42 road victory against Plymouth Christian Academy.

Led by an incredibly balanced attack, the experience-abundant Wolverines evened their record at 2-2 in front of a near-sellout crowd that displayed a rousing level of enthusiasm from the opening tip to the final buzzer.

Agape's quarter scores mirrored its consistent play on Friday night: 15, 17, 16, 15.

Ty Majeski paced the winners with 15 points, one more than teammate Kevin Reith. Joel Ruffin (nine points, 19 rebounds), Mark Mullett (eight points) and Jared Miller (seven points, 10 boards) also made major contributions to the Wolverines' second straight triumph.

The brothers Zinn — senior Trevor and junior Brent — both tallied 12 points for the Eagles, who also got an eight-point, five-rebound night from senior Reid Barber.

"I thought we were very good defensively tonight," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Most of the shots PCA took were contested."

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## PCA lady cagers soar over Agape

BY ED WRIGHT  
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## GIRLS HOOPS

In the third year of head coach Carol Gerulis's tenure, the Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team is starting to play on the same page.

The way the Eagles have performed in their first six games, the 2007-08 season may be a best-seller.

PCA improved to 5-1 on Friday with a 56-30 victory over visiting Canton Agape Christian. The setback dropped the Wolverines to 2-1.

"We rebounded the ball well and did a good job of getting the

ball up the court quickly," said Gerulis. "We still missed too many layups early in the game, but overall I thought we played well."

"This is my third year here, so the kids are starting to figure it out what we're trying to do. Everybody's on the same page and reading from the same book."

Senior guard Meghan Polera sparked the winners' fast-breaking offensive attack with 14 points.

Junior Autumn McKenzie

added 11 points and Megan Greve chipped in with 10.

Two of the Wolverines' six players — sophomore Brooke Purcell and eighth-grader Ayanna Martin — shared the scoring lead with 13 points each.

PCA led 10-7 after one quarter before extending its advantage to 25-12 at the intermission. Agape cut its deficit slightly to 34-22 after three quarters before the Eagles exploded for 22 fourth-quarter points.

The Eagles drained 10-of-17 free throws while Agape hit 6-of-10 shots from the stripe.

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Plymouth Christian Academy's Brooke Williams drives to the basket past Agape's Folake Olojo during Friday night's 56-30 PCA victory.



## HOOPS

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—Robinson's cousin — matched Haywood's production by compiling 20 points and 13 rebounds before fouling out with 12.7 seconds left. Davis was a force in the second half despite playing with three or four fouls throughout the final 16 minutes.

"I thought Chelsea played very well tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She is really coming along. Mitch (senior guard Alaya Mitchell) had a good game, too."

"Overall, it was a hard-fought game. We had moments when we really played well, but then we had some breakdowns, too. They made one more play than we did — that's the bottom line."

The Rocks carried a 26-24 advantage into the half thanks to Rachel Norman's three-pointer from just beyond the top of the key with 0:01 showing on the clock.

The contest was deadlocked at 38-all after three quarters.

Plymouth appeared to gain some breathing room with 1:40 to play when a nice inside move

by Haywood gave the 'Cats a 53-50 advantage.

However, Mitchell calmly stroked a triple from the top of the key with 1:25 left to knot the game at 53-all.

Following a missed Plymouth shot, Salem grabbed a 55-53 lead with 42 seconds left when a cutting Victoria Brotz snared a slick pass from Davis and converted a layup.

Robinson swished two free throws 10 seconds later to make it 55-all.

Salem's final lead — 56-55 — came with 21 seconds to go when Davis made 1-of-2 free throws.

Reilly called a timeout with 18 ticks left to set up the final play.

"I was supposed to cut toward the free-throw line, but I went the opposite way toward the baseline," Robinson explained. "Everything just fell together after that."

Mitchell finished with 19 points for the Rocks, who also received six points and 10 boards from Stone.

Plymouth shot well from the field, connecting on 25-of-48 attempts (52 percent). The Wildcats converted 6-of-10 free

throws.

Salem drained 25-of-64 field goals (39 percent), but struggled from the charity stripe, making just 4-of-13.

The Rocks return to action Tuesday when they travel across the parking lot to face Canton. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

Plymouth is set to host Walled Lake Central on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**W.L. NORTHERN 24, CANTON 23:** On Friday at Northern, the Knights' Whitney-Tower Woods made two free throws with four seconds left to hand the Chiefs a heart-breaking setback.

The loss dropped Canton to 1-4 while Northern improved to 4-0.

"The kids played hard and competed," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We just couldn't make any shots, especially in the fourth quarter. You're not going to win many games when you score three points in the fourth."

The Knights secured their final possession with 50 seconds left, but couldn't penetrate the Chiefs' defense.

"We played great defense in the last minute," said Samulski. "They had to call two time outs — the first with 24 seconds left and the other with seven seconds left. Those two points were Tower-Woods' only two of the night. She's usually their leading scorer, so Leslie Weisz did a great job of defending her."

Northern led 7-6 after one quarter before the Chiefs rebounded to grab a 14-11 half-time lead.

Canton led 20-15 with eight minutes left before the Knights outscored it 9-3 down the stretch.

Senior forward Baylee Hollowell paced the Chiefs with 11 points and 17 rebounds. Freshman Kayla Bridges also played well, netting seven points.

Katie Hockstad led the winners with 11 points.

Canton canned 7-of-11 free throws while Northern hit all six of theirs.

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## Strong start lifts 'Cats to first win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Following two good practices, Plymouth's boys basketball team proved to be too good for Milford Friday night.

The Wildcats entered the win column for the first time this season when they stampeded the Mavericks, 67-54, to improve to 1-3. Milford slipped to 2-1.

"The bottom line is we had two of our best practices of the season on Wednesday and Thursday after getting whooped on Tuesday night," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "The boys worked hard and really bore down."

A pair of seniors led the winners: Brandon Roberts, who netted 22 points and six rebounds; and Garrett Rebain, who had a career-high 20 points to go along with his six boards. In his first career start, Rebain hit one triple and nailed 5-of-6 free throws.

"Garrett's not real tall or real quick, but he works hard every second he's out there," said Van Wagoner. "I keep telling the kids that there's all kinds of playing time out there for the players who are willing to work hard. Garrett's proof of that."

Senior guards Navraj Sandhu (12 points and six rebounds) and Dan Jeong (eight points) also had a solid night for Plymouth.

Jordan Kidd was the most-productive Maverick as he registered 12 points.

The Wildcats surged to a 14-5 first-quarter lead and 38-15 half-time advantage. Milford whittled its deficit to 50-30 with eight minutes to play before cutting the final margin to 13 with a barrage of on-target three-point missiles during garbage time.

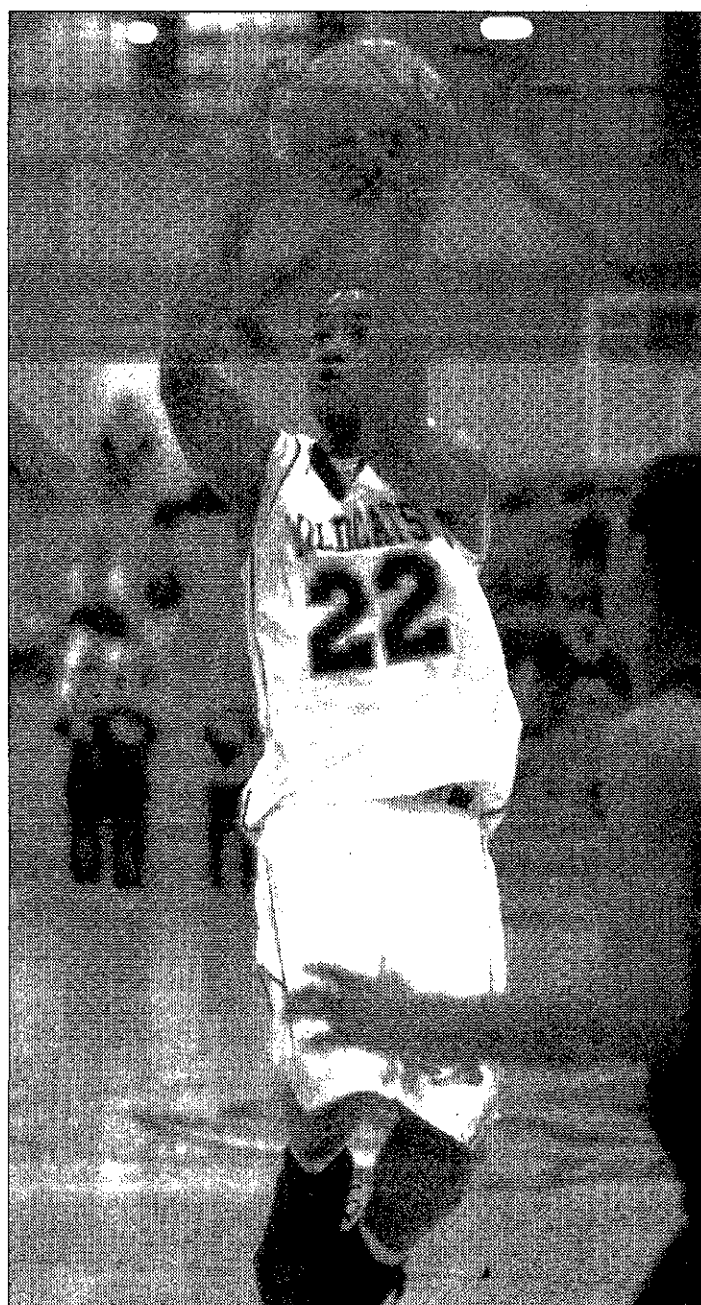
"They hit some bombs at the end to make it close," said Van Wagoner.

The Wildcats nailed 16-of-23 free throws while Milford connected on just 6-of-19 from the stripe.

**SOUTH LYON 52, CANTON 41:** On Friday at Canton, the Lions overcame a 16-13 deficit after one quarter to post an impressive non-conference road win.

South Lyon improved to 4-0 with the triumph while the Chiefs slipped to 2-2. The Lions led 23-21 at the half and 35-29 with eight minutes to play.

Neil Sharma paced Canton



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Plymouth senior guard Brandon Roberts scored 22 points in the Wildcats' 67-54 victory over Milford Friday night.

### BOYS PREP HOOP

with 11 points and seven rebounds. Chris Bailey added nine points and eight boards.

Zach Short led the Lions with 13 points. Eric Wedesky chipped in with 12.

"We got off to a great start with 16 first-quarter points," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "We had a seven-point lead at one point. But we couldn't really get a good run out offensively after the first quarter."

"South Lyon is a very good basketball team. They play extremely

hard and they're well-coached. They took away what we do best — drive the ball."

South Lyon extended its lead to 10 early in the fourth quarter with back-to-back triples. Undaunted, the Chiefs responded with a pair of threes of their own from Kyle Biega and Sharma to get to within four. However, that was as close as they would get.

Canton shined at the free throw line, canning 7-of-8. South Lyon connected on 8-of-13 from the stripe.

The Chiefs travel to Salem to take on the Rocks Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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# Ignition bites Sharks, 22-6

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The victory improved the Ignition to 6-2 while the snake-bit Sharks slipped to 0-10.

The Ignition's assault started early as Worth Sampson and Hewerton Moreira both scored two-point goals within the first minute of play. Midfielders Ryan Mack and Vahid Assadpour added two-point scores of their own to put the Ignition up 8-2 at the end of the period.

Defenders Droe Callahan and Josh Rife scored four more points for Detroit in the second period to put the Ignition up 12-4 at halftime.

Moreira scored his 100th and 101st career points at 4:28 of the third quarter with a two-point score off an assist from defender Jonathan Greenfield. Two minutes later, Sampson scored the 25th goal of his Major Indoor Soccer League career to bring the score to 16-6.

Ignition midfielder Doug Rice closed out the quarter with a two-point goal off an assist from reigning MISL Most Valuable Player Jamar Beasley.

Moreira and Sampson would both finish the night with a hat trick, as each scored a two-point goal in the game's final stanza.

## SHOWDOWN

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"Offensively, the key to our success was getting the ball inside to our big people. We worked the ball inside-out, which springboarded our offense into other types of plays."

Anleitner was especially impressed by the play of Ruffin, who missed a double-double by just one point and a 20-rebound night by just one carom. The senior forward probably would have had both had he not missed a large chunk of the second half after losing a contact lens.

"Joel's only about 6-1, but

he plays much bigger than that," said Anleitner. "He has long arms and he can get up. I thought he had an exceptional game tonight."

Anleitner said the key to beating the Eagles is slowing down Trevor and Brent Zinn, who entered Friday's game with scoring averages of 20 and 18 points, respectively.

"You have to stop the Zinns if you want to beat Plymouth Christian," said Anleitner. "They're both very good ball players who can take it to the hole. We did a good job of stopping their penetration tonight."

Agape led 15-12 after one quarter and 32-21 at the half.

The Zinn-led Eagles put together a mini-rally early in the third quarter when they cut their deficit to 35-27 thanks to a Brent Zinn free throw and jumper along with a deep triple from Trevor Zinn.

However, the Wolverines countered with an 8-1 spurt to pad their lead to 43-28. Terrell Pierce ignited the game-deciding run with a top-of-the-key three and

Majeski capped it with fast-break layup.

"There's only about 35 to 40 boys at the high school and nine of them are on the basketball team," said Anleitner. "What are the odds that they're all seniors? I've never had a team of all seniors in all the years I've coached."

"They're fun to coach not just because they're good, hard-working basketball players, but because they're all

good kids."

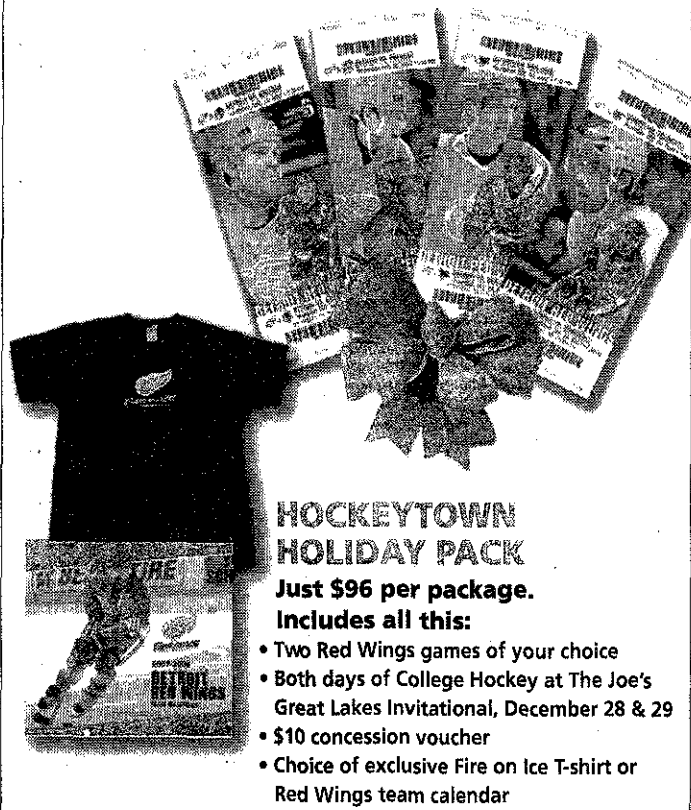
Agape hit 22-of-55 field goals (40 percent) and 15-of-27 free throws (55 percent).

The Eagles connected on just 12-of-52 field goals (23 percent) while swishing 17-of-29 freebies (58 percent).

The Wolverines committed 22 turnovers while the Eagles registered 20 miscues.

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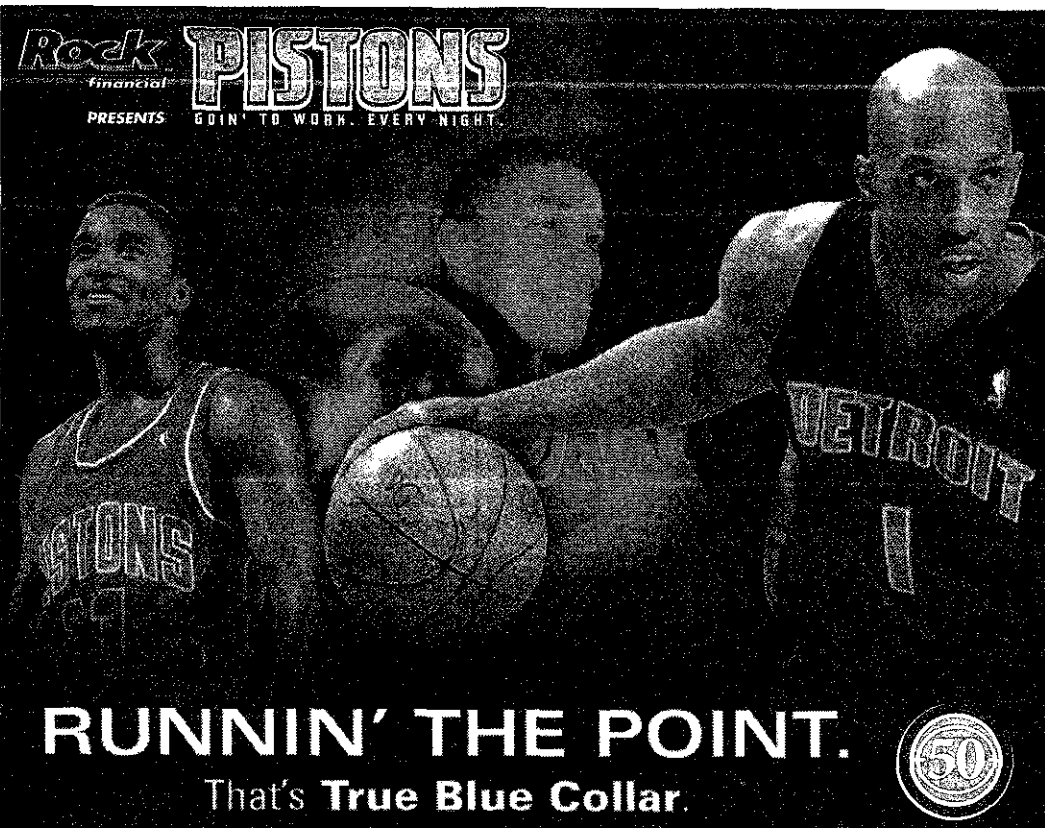
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# HEALTH

## Holiday hassles

### Experts offer tips on sailing through the season stress-free

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

It's no wonder Dr. Jackie Odom is seeing more patients under stress. All of the shopping, parties and family gatherings leave little time to sleep, eat properly and exercise. According to the Beaumont Hospital psychologist, healthy living is essential to balance the demands of the holidays.

"You have to look at the sources of stress, the increased commitments and responsibilities. The other big source of stress is financial. As much as you might want to give, there might be restrictions. People can't afford to give as they used to given the economy in Michigan. They're getting themselves into debt by buying more than they can afford," said Odom, a licensed marriage and family psychologist. "If there's family conflict they're having to confront that. Dealing with loss at a time when you're supposed to be happy creates stress. If you already have depression when you're supposed to be happy that creates a stress."

As director of psychology for Beaumont Weight Center, Odom helps patients reduce their intake of food and alcohol. That's especially difficult when holiday parties offer calorie-laden beverages and trays of goodies.

"Stress eating is the worst thing you can do," said Odom of Bloomfield Hills. "They need to identify the sources

of stress, the issue of loneliness for people who don't have families. The second step is to develop strategies to try to minimize stress. It's important to develop a support system, if not your family, make a family of choice. Surround yourself with friends who are caring, a church group, volunteer to serve at a soup kitchen, deliver gifts to a children's unit of a hospital, just wrap packages at a store to get yourself out."

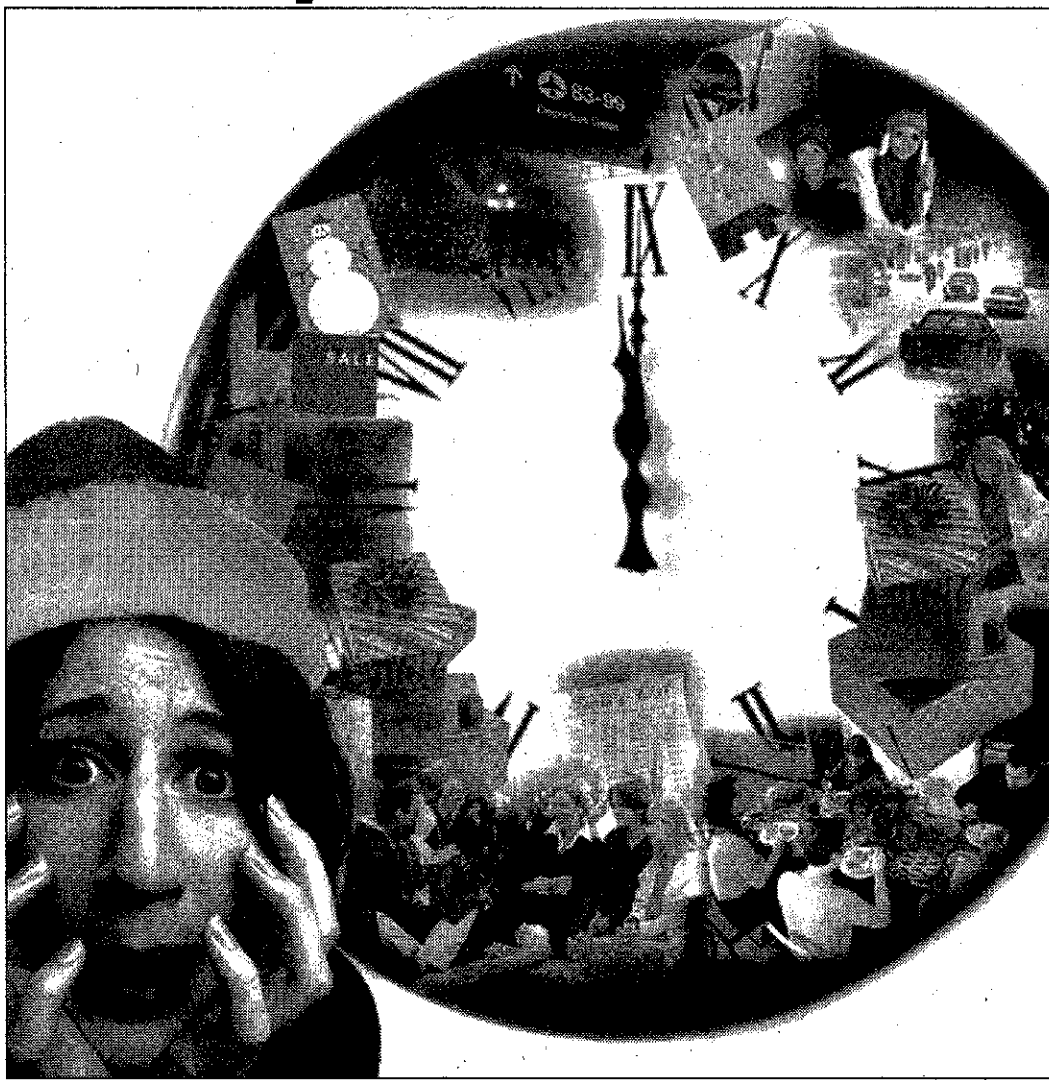
#### STRESS FACTOR

According to Odom, stress is related to 80 to 90 percent of illnesses.

"Stress decreases immune system functioning making us susceptible to colds, etc. There's a whole list of symptoms like headaches, pain syndromes, digestive problems that may be exasperated with stress," said Odom. "It also increases cholesterol, hypertension. Studies have shown that fat building up in the abdomen can be related to stress. The body is designed to deal with chronic stress as if there's a food shortage so a lot of this make sense."

Odom says it helps to raise spirits by focusing on what you have to be grateful for and writing it down.

"I suggest to patients during the holidays to look at the year that's just passed, look at the goals you've accomplished and what goals you still need to work on for 2008, all the different areas of your life. Look at trying to balance yourself as



best as you can," said Odom, who is challenged by gift buying for her 9-year-old daughter's teachers and preparing to visit relatives in Florida with her daughter and husband.

"I exercise, walk a lot on an indoor track every day and eat healthfully," said Odom. "I enjoy spending time with my daughter. We have two puppies who I love walking and I enjoy helping the Michigan Humane Society to support

cancer research and trying to raise funds."

Sandra Finkel meditates early in her day and then again later in the evening. Throughout the year, she shares stress relieving techniques in prevention and rehabilitation classes for the cardiovascular medicine division at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"There are a lot of links between stress and heart

disease. The stress alone can increase risk factors," said Finkel, a stress management specialist and manager of stress management services at the University of Michigan Hospital. "The first thing is to recognize how much we increase our stress through our thoughts. We need to have more of an awareness that we're creating more stress by worrying, holding onto the past."

#### WAYS TO COPE

Finkel suggests practicing techniques such as relaxation, deep breathing, meditation, journaling and imagery, and to eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, lean protein sources like legumes, and drink plenty of water. Finkel exercises during her lunch hour in the fitness center at work.

"Plan activities according to your values. That may mean saying no to going to the party you hate if you want more family time, more time to yourself," said Finkel, who celebrated Hanukkah with her husband's family in Chicago. Finkel works full time and is the mother of two children, ages 10 and 14. "And let whatever actually happens be fine. You make your plans but you have to let go and recognize what the reality is. Find aspects in every situation to savor and enjoy. Young children have this wonderment that we can adopt. There are a lot of strategies I teach people that don't actually take a whole lot of their time like breathing for five minutes with your eyes closed."

Finkel teaches a six-week stress management class beginning 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16. The cost is \$118.

Martha Kimball teaches beginning meditation 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 23 for four weeks (\$82). For information about either class, call (734) 998-5679.

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#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

##### December

##### Flu shot clinics

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##### Flu shot clinics

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Livonia Urgent Care, 37595 Seven Mile, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Suite 140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost is \$25, but covered for those with Medicare.

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##### UPCOMING

##### CHADD meeting

Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, Jan. 7, at Way Elementary on W. Long Lake Rd. east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for the meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Fran Parker PhD, Mary Jo Schuster and Kevin Roberts moderating a panel of college students who have been successful in college managing their AD/HD. This session is open for parents to bring teens or pre-teens. There will be a simultaneous Adult informal support group in a different room. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation per non-member families. If school is closed due to inclement weather, the phone line at (248) 988-6716 will indicate if meeting is cancelled. The Web site is [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

##### Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS

Support Group features speaker Dr. Michael Hsu 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford road. Hsu, a clinical lecturer and research fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan, is part of Healing Through Affective Self-Awareness in Fibromyalgia, a randomized control trial with Providence Internist Dr. Howard Schubiner. Donations are accepted. The group meets monthly on the second Thursdays. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

##### Joint replacement seminars

To educate community about joint replacement options Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

##### CARE House of Oakland County

Circle of Friends holds its annual fund-raising luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 29, begins at noon, preceded by a jewelry show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by designer Sharon Meyer, at The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. A portion of proceeds will be donated to CARE House. Speaker is Naomi Griffith, a consultant on child welfare issues, a storyteller and author of Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking at Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child. She uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences in business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention and family violence systems. Circle of Friends patron level tickets are \$150, luncheon tickets \$75. Call (248) 332-7173.

##### ONGOING

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Meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For details, call (248) 858-7766.

##### H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

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vide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit [www.stjohn.org/Hospice](http://www.stjohn.org/Hospice).

##### AA support group

Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon (for family and friends) groups meet 10 a.m. every Sunday, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 706-1020. No pre-registration required.

##### Volunteer training

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##### Cancer support group

The Charach Cancer Treatment Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital hosts a support group for anyone dealing with cancer 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-5163.

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Free support group meets monthly and is open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. For summer meeting dates or information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

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Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at [www.detroitsciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org). Exhibit has been extended to Jan. 6, at Detroit Science Center. As part of the extension, five new full human body specimens will be on display. For information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit [www.detroitsciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org).

##### Volunteers needed

Sandcastles grief support program for children and teens needs volunteers for Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other sites. Sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, the programs meetings are held biweekly. Sandcastles also offers a weekend bereavement camp in August which is in need of volunteers. Call (313) 874-6881.

## Blood pressure hard to control in winter, new research shows

Neil from Plymouth e-mails asking if the cooler weather could be affecting his blood pressure.

Neil, new studies have shown that blood pressure can be harder to control in the winter. Researchers studied more than 440,000 Americans with hypertension in 15 cities. They found fewer people saw their blood pressure levels return to normal when treated in the winter months compared to the summer. In fact, about 60 percent of the patients saw a change in blood pressure control in the winter. Experts believe the cause could be weight gain, different eating habits and less



Peter's Principles

##### Peter Nielsen

exercise during the winter months. Peggy from Romulus e-mails asking what can she do to relieve the pain from osteoarthritis. Peggy, you can not cure osteoarthritis, but there are some things you can do to slow its progression, reduce pain and improve your function. The first thing you need to do is exercise. I know you are saying: Peter you are crazy! I

can't even move. But exercise will help ease pain and stiffness and maintain mobility. Exercise will also strengthen your muscles and improve flexibility, balance and overall health. I would recommend an exercise routine which includes cardiovascular exercise, some light weight training and stretching.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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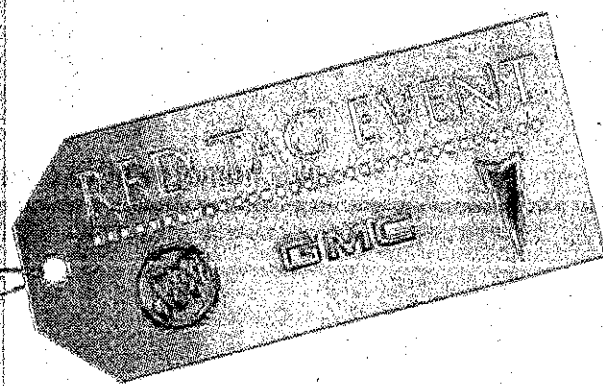
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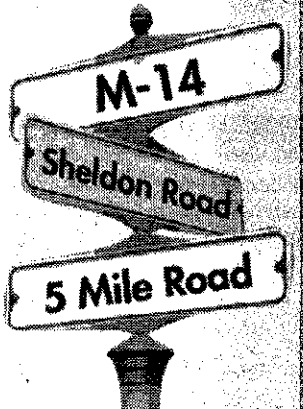


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## Friend's stealing costs everyone

My friend did something, like stealing. What should I say to him? Should I still be his friend?

Good Friend  
Garden City

It sounds like you don't like what your friend did. Good for you! It's important not to do things that break the law. Breaking the law has consequences

— some of them are immediate (like getting caught by the police), but some of them are far removed from us. Take shoplifting, for example ... when someone steals clothes from a store, that person causes the price of the pair of jeans you want to buy to increase.

Why? Because businesses are in the business of making money. If a department store loses inventory due to shoplifting, then they have to increase the price on the other items in their inventory in order to make up the money they lost (because they can't sell the item that was stolen). Plus, they have to hire more security to help reduce their loss in inventory. But, more security costs more money. Where will the company get this extra money to pay for added security? From the extra money you and I pay for the items the store increased prices on! So tell your friend that by stealing or shoplifting, he's costing you more money! Then you can tell him that you won't be friends with someone who continues to break the law!

I know it's hard to fall in and out of love. What do you do when the person you loved doesn't love you anymore and they tell you they've moved on?

Lost in Love  
Garden City

I'm sorry to hear that this relationship didn't work out. It's very painful, isn't it? Unfortunately, I can't say anything that will make the pain disappear overnight. It will take time ... but, I can tell you that it's important to focus on yourself during this tough time. Your self-esteem can take a big hit when you're rejected by someone you care deeply about. Remind yourself every day that you're a good person. Look in the mirror and tell yourself that the perfect match for you is just around the corner. Try not to focus on how perfect you thought the relationship was. Besides, it couldn't have been all that perfect if it didn't work out! If you spend too much time thinking about it, you might miss the perfect match. In short, it he's moved on, you need to move on too!

My parents always say I run my mouth too much. How can I control my mouth and still get

Please see **FULTON, C3**

## 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](mailto:hgallagher@hometownlife.com) or *The Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, Attn: Hugh Gallagher. The deadline for receipt is Monday, Dec. 17.

## Magical evening

Performance troupe fills evening with wonder

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Stand-up comedy, sleight of hand and razor blade swallowing magically blend into one act when members of The Wonder Merchants speak about their performance troupe. Each of the men bring their special form of entertainment to The Village Theater in Canton as part of a New Year's Eve celebration that includes a late night buffet and champagne toast at midnight.

Although they've never appeared together before, the troupe of four friends have been rehearsing a program that takes their different talents and turns them into a night of wonder to match their name. Andrew Dakota has been a full-time magician for 25 years. Ron Aldrich was awarded the Order of Merlin by the Brotherhood of Magicians for a career spanning more than four decades.

Craig Alan uses walk around magic to entertain the crowds at Albert's on the Alley every Friday night in Garden City. His first memory of wanting to do tricks goes back to a Cub Scout meeting at age 9 or 10 when a magician performed. Alan combines his improvisation training at Second City with psychology and theater classes at Schoolcraft College to develop his brand of performance.

In addition to corporate functions, awards banquets, employee appreciation days, holiday and house parties, graduations and weddings, Alan entertains at Malarkey's

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Pooch (left back), Craig Alan, Ron Aldrich, and Andrew Dakota perform as The Wonder Merchants on New Year's Eve in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MAGIC

**What:** The Wonder Merchants performance troupe rings in the New Year

**When:** 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 (doors open at 8:30 p.m., Afterglow until 12:30 a.m.)

**Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill at Ridge, Canton

**Tickets:** \$45 includes performance, late night buffet and champagne toast at midnight. Call (734) 394-5300 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).



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Craig Alan does card tricks for the crowd every Friday night at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City.

## Retreat makes great gift for Christian women



Women of all ages enjoy the peaceful and spiritually uplifting atmosphere at St. Mary's Retreat House.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Olszewski has the perfect solution to gift giving dilemmas for women this Christmas — a weekend at St. Mary's Retreat House in Oxford. The peaceful setting is actually the Motherhouse grounds of the Dominican Sisters, but the two-night and two-day stays are open to all faiths not just Catholics.

"It's well worth the time and money. It's a good way to start off the new year, what an excellent Christmas gift if you don't know what to give somebody, your wife or friend," said Olszewski of Plymouth Township.

Olszewski is coordinating the Jan. 11-13 retreat with the Rev. John Martin Shimkus on Learning Forgiveness, Learning Christ. Throughout the weekend, women will have the opportunity to attend conferences with the priest between times for reflection and prayer. For more

Please see **RETREAT, C3**

### ST. MARY'S RETREAT HOUSE

**What:** Weekend retreats

**Where:** St. Mary's Retreat House, 775 W. Drahn Road, Oxford

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# Need a Santa? Troy man will 'ho, ho, ho' at no cost for nonprofits

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

When Pat Grady performs a hearty "ho, ho, ho," the 52-year-old Troy man sounds just like a North Pole native.

And when he dons his new red coat, with jingle bell-studded boots and a fluffy white beard, he looks the part, too.

"Betsy Reich, one of our members is heavily involved in Childhelp and she sent out an e-mail looking for a Santa for an event they have coming up," said Grady, a member of the Birmingham Rotary Club.

He answered his fellow Rotarian's call for help and bought a Santa suit online, figuring he'd extend his services to other nonprofit groups for free and to private events for a donation to Childhelp, a national organization with offices in Southfield that works to prevent and treat child abuse.

"I put some ads online at craigslist and on a couple of radio station Web sites. I had one animal rescue call me. Hopefully people will spread the word," Grady said.

Although he's had no formal training in portraying Santa Claus, he's been doing his homework, downloading tips from the Internet.

"One tip was to get a quality suit," he said, pointing out that he had done just that. "Probably



Psst .... that's really Pat Grady of Troy in the Santa Claus suit, but don't tell the kids.

one of the biggest 'don'ts' is don't promise anything, especially pets."

He'll tell youngsters that animals "don't travel well in the sleigh," and will suggest they talk to their parents about their request.

"There are probably a lot of things I haven't thought of yet," he said, adding that he might "fly by the seat of my pants" during his first Santa performance.

Those pants will be a few sizes smaller than what Grady wore the last time he portrayed Santa several years ago at the elementary school his children attended. Now 21 and 19, the Michigan State University students have seen a photo of their dad in his new Santa suit, but haven't watched him perform the character.

Grady said his wife, Nancy, supports his Christmas time endeavor and plans to accompany him to his Childhelp gig.

"Oh, she's all for it. I tried to talk her into being Mrs. Claus, she didn't want to invest another \$500 to get a quality suit. By the time you get most of the stuff, it's about \$500," said Grady, who's proud to say he needed padding to create Santa's ample waist.

"I needed the whole nine yards. I just got the suit after Thanksgiving. I thought this year might be slow and by next year it will start to snowball. This is all about the kids."

Arrange for Grady to play Santa Claus by calling him at (248) 229-7612 or by e-mailing him at gradypat@juno.com.

## MAGIC

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in Southgate. He began mesmerizing the crowds at the Westland location of Malarkey's about six years ago. After the holidays he plans to resume the talent shows at Albert's on the Alley to give other entertainers the opportunity to perform. Between acts, he and John Thiede, a member of their improv troupe 94 East, perform.

At Albert's on the Alley Alan goes around to customers' tables, entertaining and making the time pass until food orders arrive.

"Magic has always been kind of a hobby that tapered off in my early teens and came back in my late high school years," said Alan, a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. "My job is to keep people entertained, bring something different to the atmosphere with card tricks to coin effects to mind reading. I use psychology, misdirection and magic, take advantage of basic human behavior, the usual way people would think. I ask a person to think of a favorite number up to 10, but not 7. Kids usually say 5 or 8, adults 3 or 4. You have to learn to think on your feet, take a situation and roll with it and get people to interact with you."

While much of the show is interactive with the troupe members calling people up on stage, Pooch works alone. The stand-up entertainer has spent years practicing to swallow fire and razor

blades.

"It's a unique variety show from razor blade eating to poetry, mentalism such as mind reading, telepathy, and the audience will be allowed to participate," said Pooch, a local funeral director who prefers not to reveal his name. "Other than razor blade or fire eating, it's mostly geared to comedy and enjoying the start of the new year. Every element of the show is meant to amaze or amuse."

Pooch is more of a humorist than a magician. He bought his first trick at a magic shop in Las Vegas.

"I found out it wasn't about the trick," said Pooch of Farmington Hills. "It's about entertaining people, that's why many magicians later turn to acting or stand-up comedy. Ultimately the audience doesn't remember the trick. They remember the performer. I do a lot of gags in my show instead of magic tricks. We all enjoy having a laugh, seeing a smile on someone's face."

"We're incorporating four different acts into one show. There's no blue material. I think it's going to be a fun night. We're merchants of wonder, men of wonder for hire."

For details about the talent shows at Albert's on the Alley, call Craig Alan at (734) 546-5207. For information about The Wonder Merchants, visit [www.wondermerchants.com](http://www.wondermerchants.com).

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## Items needed for soldiers and their pets

The Canton Petco is sponsoring a drive to collect items for the K-9 Off Base Housing Program for Military Pets, and the men and women who serve in the American military. The fund-raiser continues to Monday, Dec. 31, at Petco on the south side of Ford Rd., west of Lily.

Donna Law of Mutts & Mutts Rescue of Redford is asking for donations of travel size deodorant, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, shampoo, tooth paste and brushes, tampons and sanitary napkins, Roloids, cough drops, hard candy (no chocolate) shaving cream, razors, package vitamins, powder drink mixes, playing cards, pens and notebooks, AT & T calling cards, white men's socks, and monetary donations to help ship packages.

The K-9 Off Base Housing Program currently has 5-dogs that are being cared for by Mutts & Mutts. Because many military families have no one to care for their pets while overseas, Law started the program which is in need of Pro Plan Lamb and Rice/Chix and Rice Dry Dog Food, wet canned food (Pedigree chopped beef), blankets and sheets, rugs, bleach, paper towels, 13-gallon garbage bags, brewer's yeast and garlic tablets, squeaky toys, and adult dog vitamins.

In August Law returned two dogs to a sergeant returning after an 18-month deployment in Iraq. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, call (313) 232-0382. To adopt a dog or cat, go to [www.muttsand-mutts.petfinder.org](http://www.muttsand-mutts.petfinder.org) or visit the Canton Petco noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22.

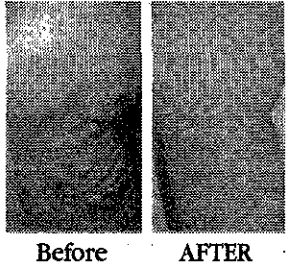
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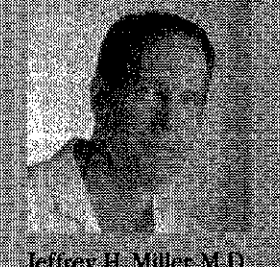
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## RETREAT

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information, call Cynthia Wishart at (734) 591-6435. The cost is \$150. Deadline for registration is Dec. 28.

Olszewski has gone to about eight retreats in the last 15 years. She was raised in a Catholic family in Alpena and went to the Pelican Academy in Detroit before receiving a degree in chemistry and theology from Madonna University in Livonia. She taught at Our Lady of Refuge, St. Hillary's in Redford, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and was director of religious education at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth where she's been a member since 1977.

"If they go in with an open mind and heart they can expect to be re-energized in their faith life," said Olszewski. "The surroundings are very peaceful in the midst of all the busyness. It's a time to rest and relax and re-energize. It's more of a spiritual gift, if you're looking for an uplift. It's a Christian retreat."

The women arrive at 7 p.m. Friday and gather for snacks, evening prayer and a conference with Shimkus who leads the retreat. Saturday morning begins with prayer, breakfast and conference followed by free time, lunch, more conferences and time for private prayer and reconciliation,



Sister Audrey and Sister Sue at St. Mary's Retreat House in Oxford.

and private counseling with Shimkus. After dinner, there is time for evening prayer and another conference. Sunday morning begins with Mass and then breakfast, conference and lunch. The day concludes at 1:30 p.m.

"It's very relaxed with comfortable clothes and walking shoes," said Olszewski whose husband, Dan, attends retreats at St. Paul of the Cross in Redford.

Paula Madigan went to her

first retreat in 1972 and by 1979 was volunteering to serve on a committee to choose the speakers. The Livonia woman is one of the coordinators for the Jan. 25-27 retreat, The Tapestry of Our Lives, with Sister Sue Tracy who spoke at the Nov. 2-4 retreat on Unwrapping God's Gifts. The deadline for registration is Jan. 11. For more information, call Madigan at (734) 422-2689.

Madigan was born into a Catholic family in the Detroit area.

"A couple of my daughters usually go and my sister usually goes," said Madigan, 91, who coordinates the weekend with her sister Theresa Stuve of Livonia.

"It's a time to reflect and pray, a spiritual weekend basically. There are friendships. Some of the women have been coming for years. It's very friendly, not the silent retreats. You meet new friends and look forward to seeing the ones you saw last year."

Madigan helped select Sister Tracy to speak after hearing her at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Sister Tracy is a Dominican sister of Grand Rapids.

"She was very informal and wide open for questions and comments and has a tremendous sense of humor," said Madigan.

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## FULTON

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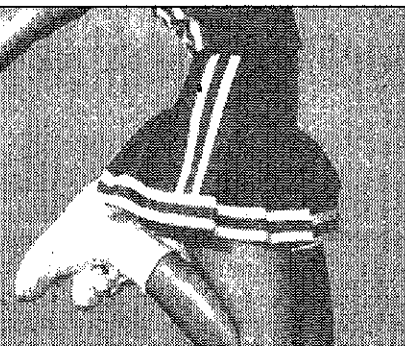
It sounds like you agree your mouth is a problem. But it also sounds like you feel you have good reasons for "running" your mouth ... like maybe you're trying to explain yourself or your behavior?

One word of advice: Timing. Timing is everything. I wouldn't try to justify the behavior your parents are angry about while they're yelling at you. Wait until everyone calms down and then ask them if you can explain why you did what you did. But, don't try to get out of whatever consequence they've given you.

If you did something wrong, then own up to it. If you had a good reason for doing something wrong, find a good time to explain your decision-making process. It might give your parents an opportunity to give you some guidance.

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She has a master of arts degree in clinical psychology. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.

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Usually, taking fluid out of the knee and injecting a steroid into it suffices to resolve the knee problem. But not always. The fluid may return bringing up the question: "Am I doing too much?" Your doctor is not likely to agree with you. Rather, he will take the view not that you should do less, but that he should do more. If your knee problem was only one of an unexpected twist with irritation, then the first draining should suffice. If you have return of the fluid, he needs to investigate further to answer why the swelling has re-occurred.

The medical community is aware of the importance of activity in preserving your mental and physical stamina. Return of knee swelling requires investigation, not the recommendation for you to just do less.

In most instances recurrence of swelling indicates that you have osteoarthritis of the knee. If x-rays of the knee do not confirm this diagnosis, then an MRI is in order. This imaging delineates internal damage such as ligament tears or injuries to the knee menisci. In turn, treatment can provide sufficient relief to allow you to maintain the activity needed for good mental and physical well being. Therapy may include joint injection for osteoarthritis and knee arthroscopy for ligament and meniscal tears.

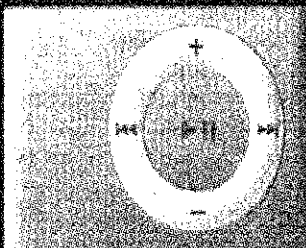
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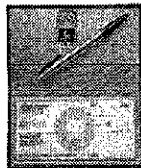
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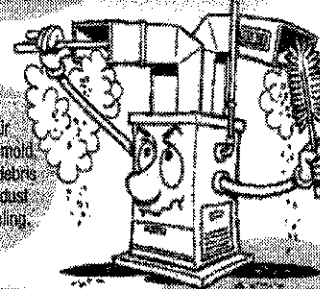
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## Applicants wanted for spinal cord therapy grants

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The Mary and Charles A. Parkhill Foundation for Spinal Cord Rehabilitation has extended the date to apply for scholarship grants to Monday, Dec. 31.

The Foundation's goal is to raise funds that will be granted to individuals with spinal cord injuries, in the form of scholarships, to obtain therapy services at The Recovery Project in Livonia.

Grantees will be those individuals without the healthcare benefits or private resources required for ongoing therapy and exercise.

The application and addi-

tional information are available at the The Recovery Project Web site at [www.therecoveryproject.net](http://www.therecoveryproject.net).

The Recovery Project was co-founded in 2003 by Charlie Parkhill who suffered a spinal cord injury while vacationing with his wife in Mexico in 1998. The incomplete spinal cord injury left him motionless from the neck down. Physical therapist Polly Swingle together with Parkhill developed a high intensity rehabilitation for spinal cord injuries. Parkhill took his first three unassisted steps in 2005 and since has increased his range to 104 steps on his own at a time. He still goes through therapy 2-days a week, and works out 6-

days a week.

In July 2006, Parkhill and Swingle moved The Recovery Project from the Livonia YMCA into a building devoted solely to therapy. About 40-patients a day receive treatment there.

"The scholarship is for people with spinal cord injuries who want therapy but have no resources to pay for it," said Charlie Parkhill. "You have to show you have the willingness and ability to word hard."

There is no age restriction to apply for the scholarship. The application can be completed online and requires two reference letters.

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## Unleashing talent

### Volunteers create sturdy leather harnesses for pups at Leader Dogs for the Blind

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

Brent Fecteau and Bob Griffis craft about 400 dog harnesses from scratch every year. They turn cow-sized swatches of leather into leashes — about 600 a year. And they create thousands of key fobs from leather scraps.

The two retired men spend about four hours twice weekly in the tack shop at Leader Dogs for the Blind, in Rochester, making key equipment for guide dogs and their human visually impaired companions.

And they do it all for free.

"I wanted to do something useful," said Griffis, a Rochester Hills resident, who holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering. When he retired as an engineer at Ford 10 years ago, he sought out volunteer work at the school, starting first in its mail room and moving to the tack work room six years ago.

"When you retire, you've got to do something to fill in the 40 hours that you worked before," he said, adding that his wife, Doris, volunteers in other departments at the facility.

Fecteau, of Shelby Township, holds an "unused" master's degree in art and retired from teaching math seven years ago. He started volunteering at Leader Dogs for the Blind in the mail room and started working with Griffis about five years ago.

"I Googled volunteer work to see what would come. I saw Leader Dog. I know a lot of people who have dogs and I like them all. I figured, you can't go wrong," Fecteau said.

Together, the pair create all of the collars, leashes, and harnesses that Leader Dogs for the Blind teaches students to use as they follow their canine guides. Randy Horn, a trainer who's also in charge of the tack room, pitches in with sewing when he's not working with dogs or dog-student teams.

#### USING EQUIPMENT

"The lead is used to connect the person to the dog and the leash is used to facilitate relief time and also to administer corrective measures they have to use or to keep the dog close at



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Bob Griffis and Brent Fecteau work together on a harness at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Both volunteer for the Rochester-based organization.

hand," Horn described the handmade equipment. "The harness is something we teach students to use to follow the dog. It's a tool they use that also tells the general public or anyone in their proximity that they use a dog from Leader Dogs. That's probably the single biggest problem that graduates have — people want to play with their dog."

Blind and visually impaired persons who qualify for a dog from the school spend 26 days training with their new four-legged friend. That's after the dog has trained for 16 weeks with an instructor. Training, room and board, the dog and its handmade leather leash, collar and harness are free to the student.

Manufacturing the equipment in-house keeps costs down and enables the school to better tailor pieces to different sized dogs.

"It's a good cause and we help them save a lot of money," Fecteau said. Griffis said the school initially bought leashes and harnesses from a source at the Hazel Park Race Track. The school eventually started producing the items, first with a staff member and then with volunteers.

"If they weren't doing it we'd have to spend a whole lot more time in here," Horn said. "With these guys here it makes my life a whole lot easier. And they know what to do, which really helps."

#### MADE WITH PRIDE

They also maintain high expectations for their own work.

"You want to make sure that whatever you're making, it's like you're making it for yourself. You don't want to put out anything that would hurt the dog," Fecteau said. "You don't want to leave rivets on if there's a possibility you'll cut your hand if you can't see them. You want to make it like it's yours."

"We want everything to be first class," Griffis added.

Griffis and Fecteau learned leather working on the job, in the tack room. The cut pieces, pound out notches for buckles, attach hardware and burn the Leader Dogs logo on each piece. The harness handle is the only part they don't create from scratch.

"It's actually pretty easy," Griffis described the process of cutting the leather with a razor-sharp tool called a draw gauge. "We haven't had anyone here nicknamed 'stubby' yet."

In his spare time at home, Griffis also occasionally makes braided leather leashes that he gives to staff members.

"This has my name on it and everything," said instructor Katie Stamm, showing off one of Griffis' special leashes.

"It's awesome. I love it."

To find out more about volunteering at Leader Dogs for the Blind, visit [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org) or call (248) 651-9011.

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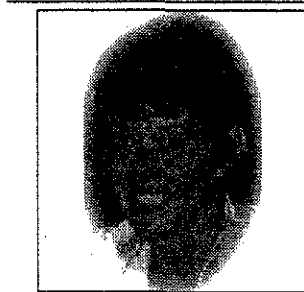


#### FREDERICK CHARLES, (FRITZ) GRAUNSTADT

Of Westland, December 10, 2007. Age 76. Beloved husband of 55 years to Delores. Devoted father of Ron (Cheryl), Michael (Julie) and Linda (Richard) Blaszczyk. Loving Papa to Andrea, Tracy and Erica Graunstadt, Emily (Joe) Viger and Laura Graunstadt, Audrey, Joey and Lucas Blaszczyk. Dearest great-grandfather to Michael Joseph Viger. Survived by one sister, Mae Ristau, several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Friday at L.J. Griffin Chapel. Private interment at White Chapel Cemetery.

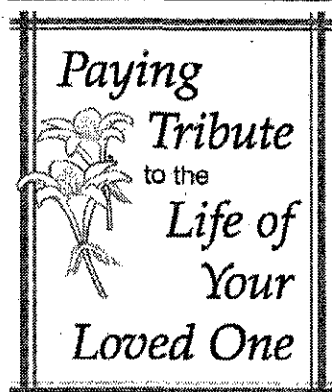
#### ALEXANDER GRINSTEIN, MD

Died Tuesday, December 11, after a brief illness, at the age of 89. Beloved and loving husband of Adele, his wife of 66 years, beloved and loving father of David and Richard, beloved and loving father-in-law of Christina Camacho and Nancy Taylor, beloved and loving grandfather of Eliana (married to Matthew Johnston), Mark, and Jonathan, Sarah and Rachel, beloved and loving brother of Louise Richman, beloved and loving brother-in-law of Irving and Elaine Brotslaw and Don Scribner. Dr. Grinstein was born in Russia, and came with his parents to Buffalo, New York at the age of 5. Both of his parents were physicians. He received his BA and MD from the University of Buffalo. He and Adele moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1942, where he received his psychoanalytic training. Dr. Grinstein was a practicing psychoanalyst for over 50 years. He was most proud of his clinical work, helping his patients to achieve fuller, happier lives. For many years he was Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Wayne State University in Detroit. He was past president of the Sigmund Freud Archives in New York City, and of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute. Dr. Grinstein was a prolific writer and researcher. He compiled the Index of Psychoanalytic Writings, which, before the Internet, was the only way to do research in the field. He was the author of numerous psychoanalytic books, including On Sigmund Freud's Dreams, Freud at the Crossroads, Conrad Ferdinand Meyer and Freud, and Freud's Rules of Dream Interpretation. He also wrote psychoanalytic studies of Beatrix Potter, Wilkie Collins, and Edwin Arlington Robinson, as well as numerous essays and papers. His wife, Adele, worked closely with him on all of his publications. His warmth, incredible generosity, and great spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Donations may be made in his memory to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy, Troy, MI, or to the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, 32841 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. Private services will be held for the immediate family.



#### BERNICE "Bea" HARTFIELD

Age 76, of Bloomfield Hills for 54 years, passed away December 14, 2007 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 23, 1931 in Berkley. Born and raised in Berkley, Mrs. Hartfield graduated from Berkley H.S. in 1949. She was an active member in the family business, Hartfield Lanes, Berkley. She was also an active member of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Harry, whom she wed September 26, 1952 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham. Also surviving are her children, Harry Hartfield of Troy and Jeff (Linda) Hartfield of Clarkston; siblings, Ruth (Louis) Schoeneman of Livonia and Elwood Webb of Berkley; grandchildren, Jessica Hartfield, Jennifer Hartfield, and Jeffrey Hartfield, Jr.; and great grandchild, Dylan Hartfield. She was predeceased by her brother, Scott Webb. Visitation, Sunday 2-8pm at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley. Funeral Service, Monday 11AM at the funeral home. Final Resting Place, White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials, Beaumont Hospice and American Diabetes Association. Share your memories at: [www.sawyerfuller.com](http://www.sawyerfuller.com)



#### LEONORE ANN HUGHES TENAGLIA

Age 88 of Forest, VA and Clawson, MI, died December 13, 2007. Wife of the late Herman Phillip Tenaglia. Loving mother of Sharlene Marie Tenaglia. Sister of Dorothy H. Modjeska. Aunt of MarleeAnn Modjeska Barnes. Also survived by nieces, Janice Tenaglia Casebolt and Dorothy Tenaglia Roberts, and nephew, Thomas A. Tenaglia. Visitation will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, from 3-8 PM at Diguide Funeral Service Waterlick Chapel, in Lynchburg, VA. ([diguidefuneralservice@keystonegroup.com](mailto:diguidefuneralservice@keystonegroup.com)) Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday, December 28, from 3-8 PM, with Rosary at 7 PM. Funeral Mass Saturday, December 29 - 10 AM at Guardian Angels Church, 581 E. Fourteen Mile Road, Clawson. Visitation at church begins at 9:30 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial tributes Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

#### LAURA LEE RIDA (nee MCCARTHY)

Called home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Died December 11, 2007 at 46 years of age. Mother, father and brother, Rick, all predeceased her. Beloved sister of Lynda (Robert) Jones, Thomas (Cheryl) McCarthy, Douglas (Caryl) McCarthy, Gayle (Stephen) Jones and Christine (Samir) Abu-Sara. Loved by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, Sunday 1:00-9:00pm. Celebration of Life Service, Monday, 11:00am at the funeral home. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

#### GEORGE R. RAUB JR.

Age 90, of Lewiston, MI, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at his residence. He was born on April 29, 1917 to George Sr and Helen (Covney) Raub in Toledo, OH. George served his country in the Army during WWI. He earned masters degrees in engineering. He married the former Shirley Gooseberry on May 1, 1943 in Sault Ste Marie, MI. He owned and operated Raub Painting Co for many years retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Lewiston and Canton Lions Clubs, Detroit Masonic Lodge, Luzerne, MI and Bradner, OH American Legions, the Hugonants, and Sons of the American Revolution. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling. He had a passion for writing. George is survived by his wife, Shirley of Lewiston, MI; sons, George (Carol) of Rochester, MI, David (Bev) of Novi, MI, John of Westland, MI, William of Lewiston, MI, and Peter of Lapeer, MI; daughters, Nina Barrie of Green Bay, WI, and Sarah (Glenn) Waldman of Garden City, MI; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Daniel. As were his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to the Green Funeral Home. Condolence messages can be sent via our website [www.greenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.greenfuneralhomes.com)

#### DOUGLAS E. PIERPOINT

Age 39, Garden City, MI, December 12, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

#### JACQUELINE ANN PRICE

Of Kalamazoo, formerly of Brighton and Plymouth, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2007. She was born in Detroit, the daughter of Frank C. and Florence M. (Bush) Christie. Beloved widow of the late Jack A. Price (9/7/2004); dearest mother of John (Barbara) Price of Clark, CO, Deborah (Allan) Meyer of Brighton, MI, Patricia (Dan) Ramoie of Williamsburg, MI and Cindy (Dallas) Gaines of Portage, MI; loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral services Monday, December 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 W. St. Paul Street, Brighton. Burial in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Visitation Sunday 1-4 & 6-8 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517) 546-2800. Memorial contributions to Parkinson's Support Group of Kalamazoo or National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association, 300 Park Boulevard, Suite 350, Itasca, IL 60143 are welcomed. Please visit the family's online guestbook at: [www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com](http://www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com)

#### ROBERT A. SIGMON

December 11, 2007, age 52. Dear son of Frederick H. Sigmon Jr. and the late Jean. Brother of David (Michele) Sigmon and Janet Sigmon. Uncle of Daniel, Andrew and Holly Sigmon. Memorial Services Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 11am at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1421 East Twelve Mile Road, Madison Heights, 48071. Share memories at: [schradler-howell.com](http://schradler-howell.com)

#### MAYBELLE B. SHON

Age 92, December 10, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Meyer. Dear mother of Virginia Williams, Sara Lightfoot and the late Larry. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of eight. Private Services were held. Arrangements by: Santeiu & Son Funeral Home 734-427-3800

#### DONALD A. WARD

Age 86 of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Dec. 10, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

### CLASS REUNIONS

#### Dearborn Fordson

##### Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kayniniilu@aol.com](mailto:Kayniniilu@aol.com) or Kathy Shoebridge @ [Klvingston@nu-core.com](mailto:Klvingston@nu-core.com).

#### Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734)354-0223 or e-mail [denplace@bigfoot.com](mailto:denplace@bigfoot.com).

#### Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).  
**Class of 1989**  
Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at [gch-s1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gch-s1989reunion@hotmail.com) and check out web site at [www.myspace.com/gch-s20threunion](http://www.myspace.com/gch-s20threunion). The reunion date has not been set yet.

#### Grosse Pointe North

##### Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit [www.taylorreunions.com](http://www.taylorreunions.com) or e-mail: [info@taylorreunions.com](mailto:info@taylorreunions.com).

#### Livonia Franklin

##### Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kayniniilu@aol.com](mailto:Kayniniilu@aol.com).

#### Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact [phs40threunion@charter.net](mailto:phs40threunion@charter.net).

### ENGAGEMENTS

#### Guastella-Titus

Larry and Cali Guastella of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Marie Guastella to Brian Titus, son of Steven and Kim Titus of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She teaches at the Canton Charter Academy in Canton.

The future groom is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is an assistant improv comic with Project 2 Improv, a live sketch/improv



comedy troupe.

A June 28, 2008 wedding is planned for St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton followed by a reception at Roma's Banquet Center. The couple will honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise.

#### Daugherty-Shugerman

Brenda and Van Scheurich of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Erin Daugherty, to David Lee Shugerman, son of Kathy Shugerman of White Lake.

Melissa is attending the University of Michigan and will graduate in May 2008 with a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene.

Dave is in the Marine Corps and will be deployed to Iraq in



February 2008.

A Dec. 20, 2007, wedding is planned for Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### Reed-Harding

Jessica Ann Reed and Robert William Harding of Westland will be wed Dec. 29, 2007.

Jessica graduated from Garden City High School in 2003. She will receive a bachelor's degree in biological science from Wayne State University in December 2007.

Robert has an associate's degree in automotive technology from Henry Ford Community College. He is currently working as a certified Mazda senior master technician at Suburban Motors.



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St Paul United Methodist Church  
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248.338.8233 www.gbpm-umc/paul  
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4:30 PM Family Service  
8 PM Candlelight Service  
10 PM Candlelight Service

Every Sunday

9:00 AM Service  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM ServicePlymouth First United Methodist Church  
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Carols by Candlelight • Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve • Monday, Dec. 24

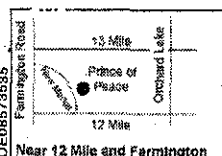
Children's Service 4:00 PM

Candlelight Services 7:00 &amp; 11:00 PM

Christmas Day • Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 10:00 AM

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
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**ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**~Christmas Eve Services~  
Monday, December 24, 2007

5:00 p.m. - Family Service

Featuring Children's Choir and Bell Choirs

10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion Service

Featuring Chancel Choir and Handbells

Rev. Richard Peters, Pastor • Rev. Kellie Whitlock, Assoc. Pastor

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3:00 p.m. Puppet's Service

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols  
December 30 ~ One service only ~ 10:00 a.m.**Orchard United Methodist Church**

30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI, 48334

248-626-3620

www.orchardumc.org

**Christmas Eve Services**

5:00 PM Family Worship

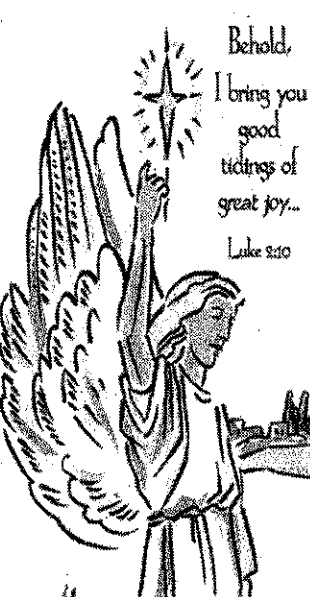
9:00 PM Candlelight Services

11:00 PM Traditional with Communion  
CE08878034**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**Christmas Eve Service  
Monday, December 24thPLEASE JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATION AND  
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Classic Worship: 6:00 p.m.

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11:00 p.m. Candlelight ServiceListen to an inspiring Hand Bell Choir  
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I bring you  
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tidings of  
great joy...  
Luke 2:10**ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**620 Romeo Street  
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stpaulsrochester.org  
248.651.9361Christmas Eve Services  
Monday, Dec. 24, 2007New time: 4 p.m.  
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10:00 AM - Holy Communion

followed by an Advent Soup Luncheon

**Christmas Eve - December 24**

4:00 PM

Children's Pageant Service

8:30 PM

Carol Prelude Service

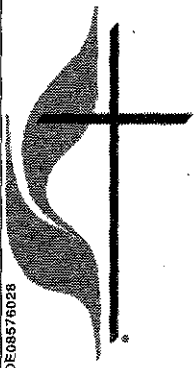


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CHRISTMAS CANTATA — Today at 10:30am  
LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE — December 21 at 7:00pm  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — December 24 at 5:00pm  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE — December 24 at 7:30pm  
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION — December 24 at 11:00pm

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
749 West Fourteen Mile Road • Clawson

Advent Wednesday Evening Worship  
December 19 at 7:00 PM  
Light Supper at 6:00 PM (bring salad or dessert to share)

Christmas Eve Worship  
Monday, December 24  
5:30 PM Children and Families  
Great for families with small children  
7:30 Christmas Candlelight & Holy Communion  
11:00 PM Christmas Candlelight & Holy Communion

**Christmas Services**  
Monday, December 24  
Services  
4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.  
Music Prelude 10:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 25  
10:30 a.m.  
St. John's  
Episcopal Church  
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Plymouth, Michigan  
www.stjohnsplymouth.org  
734.453.0190

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**DECEMBER 23, 20**  
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11:00 P.M. Traditional  
26425 Wellington  
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**Christmas Eve**

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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Redford Township, MI

**Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Family Worship**  
**Christmas Eve 11:00 PM Candlelight Worship**

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**Resurrection Catholic Church**  
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Canton, Michigan 48187  
734-451-0444  
Rev. Richard A. Peretto, Pastor

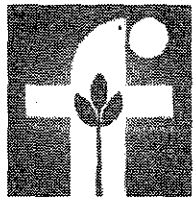
CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th - 4:30 p.m.  
Children's Mass (All Saints Gym)  
4:30 p.m. Mass (Church) & 10:00 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th - 10:30 a.m. Mass  
SUNDAY, Jan. 1st - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
Sunday,  
December 24th  
6 PM



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Monday, December 24  
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5:00 p.m. Children/Family Service  
7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols and Candlelight  
11:00p.m. Festival Worship & Candlelight

**Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King**

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248.626.2121

Join us for worship  
Sunday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. (Lessons & Carols)  
Christmas Eve, December 24  
6:00 p.m. Family Worship  
10:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

9300 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48150  
(734) 421-0749  
www.christthekinglivonia.com

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Interim Pastor

Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Worship with Communion  
7:30 & 11:00 pm

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**



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Carols, Communion, Christmas Message & Candles (Music begins at 9:30!)

**CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

10 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols  
(Downtown Birmingham between Woodward & Southfield, corner of W. Maple and Chester)

**Peace Lutheran Church Welcomes You**

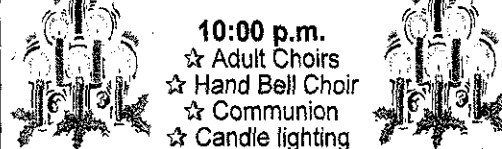
This Christmas Eve  
Monday, December 24th  
6:00 pm Family Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service with Children's  
Nativity Play  
8:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve  
Carol & Candlelight Service  
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Dec. 24

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**Monday, December 24**

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Festival Choral Communion  
No services on Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 30-The First Sunday after Christmas**

8:30 a.m.-The Holy Communion  
11:00 a.m.-The Festival Service of Lessons and Carols for  
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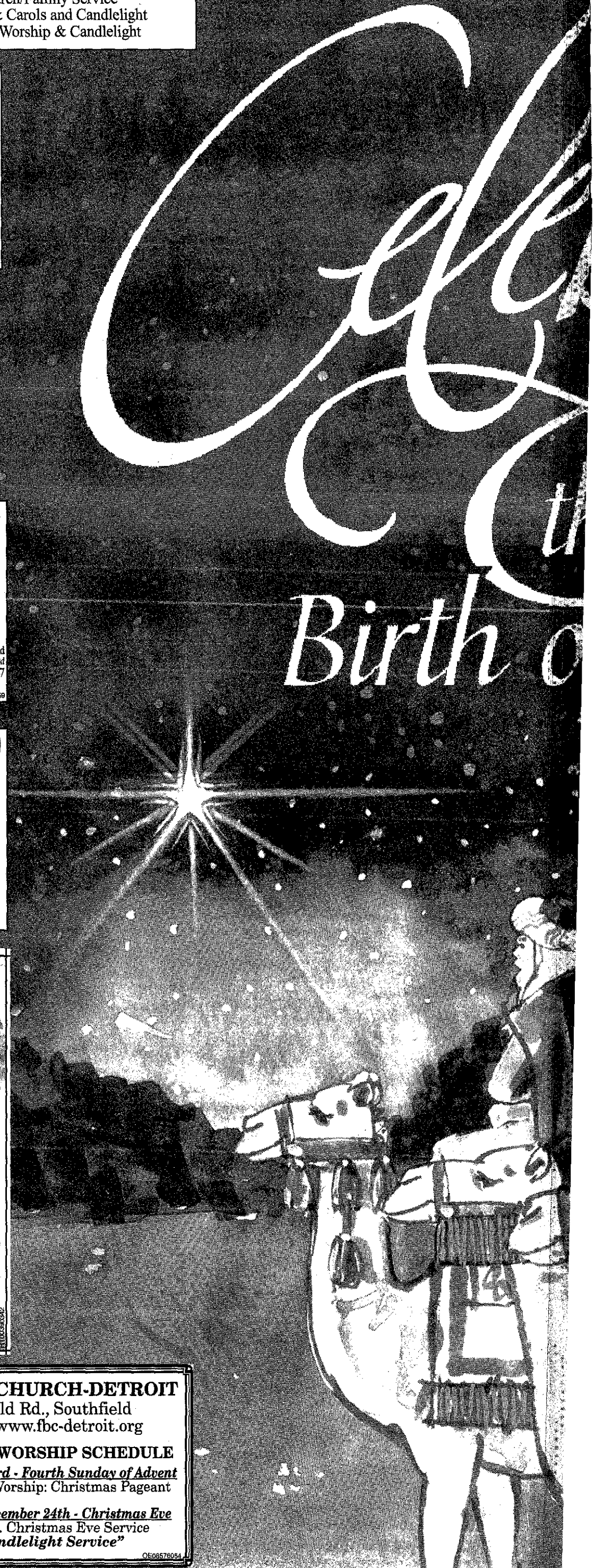
21200 Southfield Rd., Southfield  
248-569-2972 • www.fbc-detroit.org

**ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

December 23rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
11:00 a.m. Worship: Christmas Pageant

**Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve**

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
"Candlelight Service"





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Farmington, MI 48335  
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**Christmas Eve 8:00 pm**  
Candlelight with Holy Communion

Everyone Welcome

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**North Congregational Church**  
35620 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 248-848-1750

**Sunday, December 23, 2007**  
10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent:  
"Receive Him"

**Monday, December 24, 2007**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
7:30 p.m. "Finding Christmas Joy"

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen, Rev. Mary E. Biedron

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**December 24...Christmas Eve Masses**  
4:00p at St. Genevieve Church; 4:30p at St. Maurice Church  
Children's Masses  
10:00p at St. Genevieve Church

**December 25...Christmas Day Masses**  
9:00a at St. Maurice Church; 11:00a at St. Genevieve

**December 31...New Year's Eve Masses**  
4:00p at St. Genevieve Church; 6:00p at St. Maurice Church

**December 31-January 1...Holy Hour at St. Maurice**  
11:30p Exposition...12:30a Reposition & Benediction

**January 1...New Year's Day Masses**  
9:00a at St. Maurice Church; 11:00a at St. Genevieve Church

**Grace Chapel**  
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9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

**Christmas Eve Services:**  
5:00 pm & 11:00 pm

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734.455.0022 www.cbcjoy.org

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*Carols and Candlelight*  
Christmas Eve • 9:00pm - 10:00pm

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**Christmas & New Years Sundays**  
9:00 am - Noon  
(Come and leave as you decide)

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Worship Services**  
5:30 pm • 9:00 pm • 10:30 pm

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**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
17810 Farmington Road-Livonia, Michigan  
734-261-1360~website: stpaulslivonia.org

**Christmas Worship at St. Paul's**

Christmas Eve Worship.....7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
New Year's Eve.....7:00 p.m.

*Come and worship with us!*

Pastor James Hoff Pastor Eric Steinbrenner

**Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
39020 Five Mile Rd., Livonia  
734-464-0211  
www.holytrinitylivonia.org

**Christmas Eve Services**  
5:30 pm Family Worship &  
Children's Christmas Program  
7:00 pm Contemporary Candlelight  
11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight

**Christmas Day at 10:00 am**  
**New Year's Eve at 6:00 pm**

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**Christmas Eve • Join Us**  
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Pre-Service Meal 6 P.M. Call for Reservations Today!

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### CHRISTMAS AND NEWYEARS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

*Christmas Day and New Years Day  
are Holy Days of Obligation*

Christmas Eve	Confessions	10:00-11:50 pm
	Midnight Mass	12:00 am
Christmas Day	No Confessions	
	Mass	10:00 am
New Years Eve	Rosary and Benediction	11:30 pm
New Years Day	Confessions	9:45-10:25 am
	Mass	10:30 am



*Begin the new year with Benediction  
and praying the Holy Rosary.  
See schedule above.*

**Celebrate Christmas!**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
Just north of I-96 (734) 522-6830

**Christmas Eve:**  
7:00pm Family Service  
11:00pm Candlelight Service

**Christmas Day:**  
10:00am Worship

http://www.christsaviorslutheran.org

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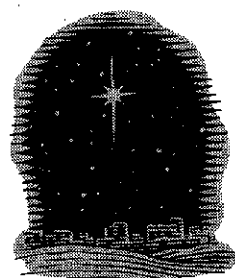
December 23 • 9:30 a.m.  
Christmas Worship with harp music

December 23 • 6:00 p.m.  
Christmas Vespers with Communion

www.northhillscrc.org

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**You're Invited!**  
Come experience the  
Joy  
of Christmas  
at  
St. Andrew Lutheran Church



**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service**  
December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

**Sunday Worship**  
10:00am  
Staffed nursery available each week  
St. Andrew is located at 6255 Telegraph  
East Side - North of Maple  
248-646-5207  
The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr, Pastor

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Lutheran Church**

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**Christmas Worship Services**

**Monday, December 24** (communion at all services)  
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas  
6:00 p.m. Family Worship (pre-service music at 5:45)  
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Festival Worship (pre-service  
music at 10:00)

**Sunday, December 30** 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Lessons and Carols

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12:30 p.m. - Rev. Lynn Hasley Preaching  
5:00 p.m. - Rev. Jeff Nelson Preaching

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:00 p.m. for Families  
with Young Children  
5:30 p.m. for Families  
with Elementary Children

2:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.  
Christmas Lessons and Carols  
Dr. John E. Harnish Preaching  
Holy Communion at 2:00, 7:00 and 11:00

#### Pastors

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Carl Gladstone Jeff Nelson Carl Price

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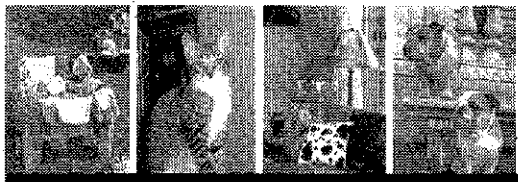
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W. of Orchard Lake Rd.  
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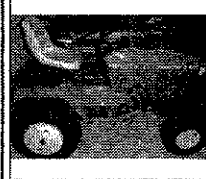
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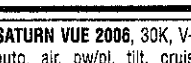
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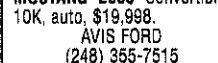
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# INVITE OTHERS TO EMPOWER YOU TO THE FINISH LINE



## WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
Culp

Some projects and some objectives seem virtually impossible to meet, particularly if they're isolating. As you near a finish line, you may overlook an important resource -- the potential power of others in helping you complete what you started.

M. J. Ryan, executive coach at Professional Thinking Partners Inc., outside of San Francisco, helps people change. She observes that some people "aren't really good at initiating things, keeping the ball rolling and finishing. If you're not a great finisher, things trail off. This is why we need other people."

### 'SATISFACTION STOP'

We do need other people, but how can they help us reach our objectives at work? Debi Yohn, counseling psychologist to expatriates in Shanghai, suggests that you draw a line between positive people and the negative ones. The latter, she says, "remain negative, refusing to make the changes

necessary to turn their negative experiences to positive." This is an important concept. What do you do next?

Karlín Sloan of the Karlín Sloan & Co. leadership development consultancy in Chicago says, "Simply asking for help isn't the best way to go. You might ask a person to remind you of the reward of your project, its benefit, at critical moments when your spirit sags. The reward could be something as simple as an improved retrieval system to cut down on research time, thanks to your computer conversion. She also indicates how restorative and motivational lurching out with others may be when you've reached a benchmark or walking around the block together. Recruit someone to celebrate with you at what Ryan calls "a satisfaction stop."

Ryan further points out that a conversation with another employer who's skilled at completing projects may be useful in providing "ideas about what you need to do to finish things off. This would vary, depending upon the type of work. It might be that you need more information. He may help you figure out the how."

Sloan directs you to "be specific about the help or resource you need, such as borrowing time from an administrative assistant. The more specific you

are, the easier it is to ask for help, and the simpler it is for a colleague to assist you." This tactic brings a strategic benefit, too. Being asked "makes people feel important and necessary, and it ultimately builds healthy, collaborative working environments," she says.

Harriet Vines, author of "Age Smart," suggests "taking stock. Make and prioritize a To-Do list and delegate tasks where possible" (Llumina Press, \$13.95). She mentions the importance of "promising to repay in-kind when they need you."

Robert Tuchman, president of sports marketing company TSE Sports & Entertainment in New York City, adds, "The key thing in getting others on board and motivated is to praise their work. Allow them to take the credit for the project. Even if you are the one doing the majority of the work, it will empower them to finish the project and give them confidence in future dealings."

Marathoner Lou Manza, chair of the Psychology Department at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., says that whether a marathon is literal or not, it can be very helpful to remind yourself, happily, that your co-workers and employer expect you to reach the finish line. In his case, the reminder goes something like this: "My dad and my kids are expecting me to do that. So is my wife, who gave



Lou Manza approaches the finish line at the Philadelphia Marathon in 2005. His perspective on getting to the end of a long, arduous task also encompasses insights from the field of psychology. When he's not running marathons, he chairs the Psychology Department at Annville, Pa.'s Lebanon Valley College.

birth three times and suffered." He considers it important to remind yourself of your responsibilities. Meanwhile, he advises, if you need a break, ask for 15 minutes of time out or a slightly-extended lunch break.

"I'll also focus on another runner," he discloses, "one who is about 100 yards ahead. If I concentrate on trying to catch that runner, it takes my mind off the pain. That runner might well be another person in the company who's striving to reach a goal, too."

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**BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY** Property Management Co. in Canton seeking an individual to work approx. 20 hrs/wk. Exp'd in QuickBooks Pro & administrative duties a must. \$9/hr. Please contact: 734-216-1371

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**LEGAL SECRETARY** Farmington Hills law firm will have an opening in January for an experienced litigation/appellate secretary. Minimum 5 years defense litigation experience required as well as knowledge in Word. Applicant must be able to multi-task. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please fax or e-mail your resume, with salary specifications, to Cindy at: 248-489-1726 or **info@JURLAC.com**

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### DESIGN ENGINEER

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## Help Wanted-Dental 5040

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## Help Wanted-Medical 5060

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## Help Wanted-Medical 5060

### RN-PRACTICE MANAGER

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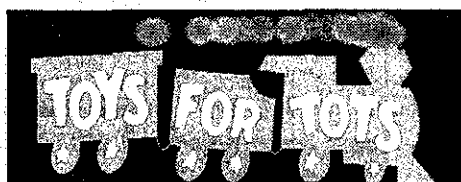


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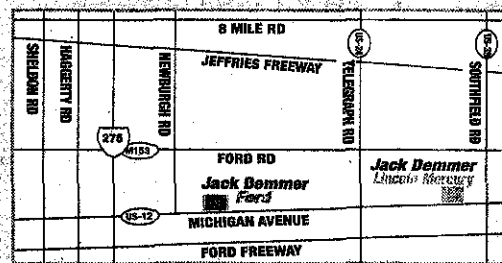
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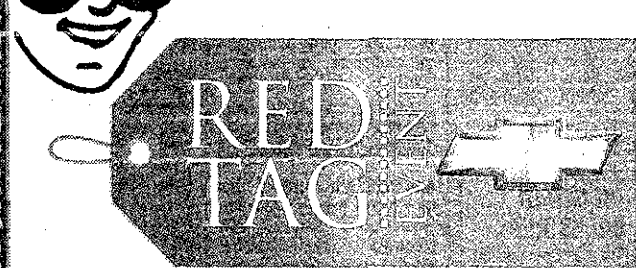
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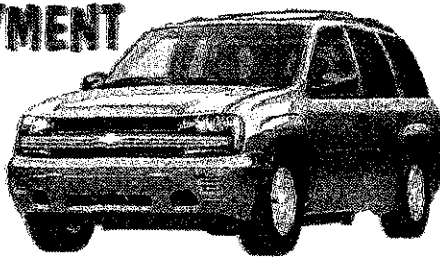


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	\$0	\$263	\$277	\$314	\$0	\$289	\$303	\$325
Non Employee 36 Month Lease	\$3000	\$211	\$225	\$245	\$3000	\$239	\$254	\$275
	\$2000	\$240	\$253	\$274	\$2000	\$268	\$282	\$304
	\$1000	\$268	\$281	\$301	\$1000	\$296	\$311	\$332
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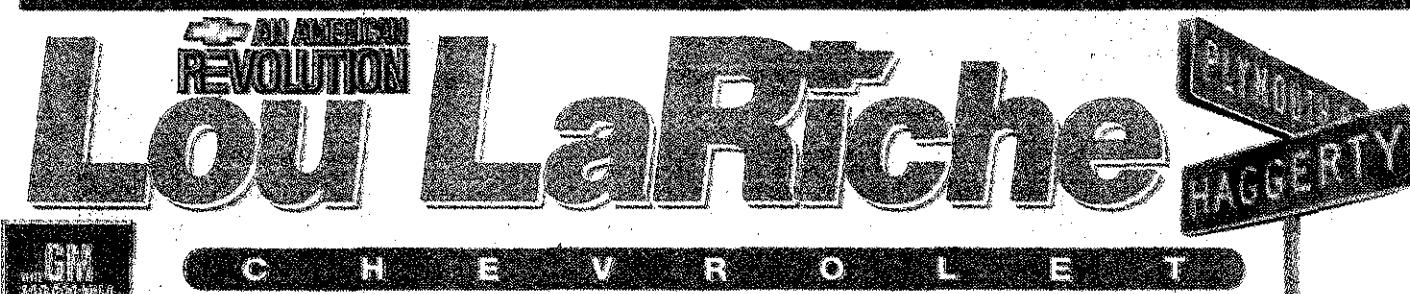
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# New Homes



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## You won't have to think twice about move into Muse 2

The innovative hexagonal design of the Muse 2 (401-64) creates a floor plan that will appeal to many. For those that like to entertain frequently or families with children, this plan is for you. Enter into the heart of this home and the

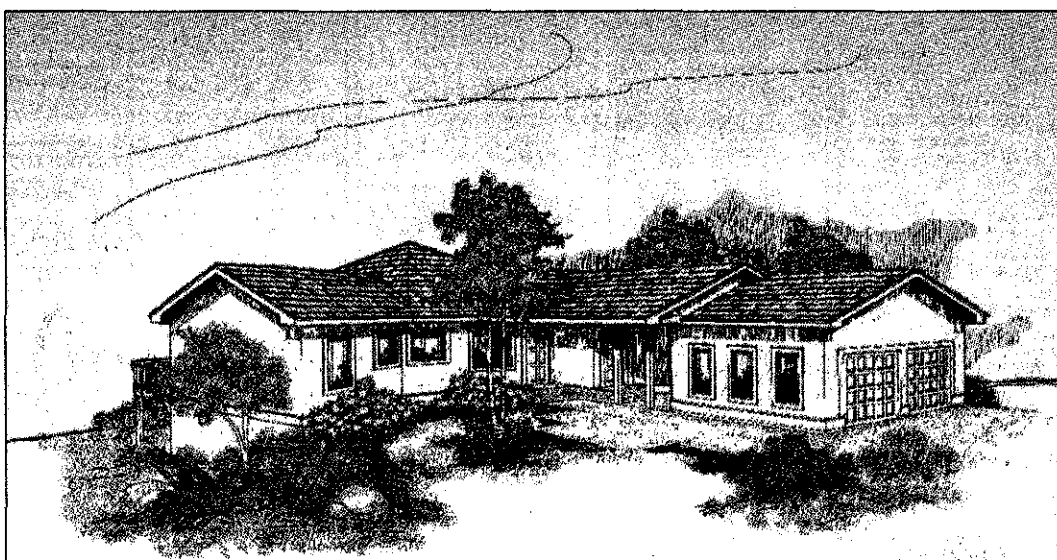
open space invites. The living room/dining room/kitchen complex dominates this unique configuration.

Easy traffic flow is stressed here. Centrally located in this great room is a fireplace with a flue that extends into the

finished basement. Sit in the vaulted living room and savor the warmth with family and friends while enjoying the adjacent entertainment center. This arrangement favors an informal lifestyle. The location of the kitchen allows the cook in the house to serve meals either at the eating bar, in the vaulted dining room or carry hot food to the basement recreation area. A built-in pantry is behind the fireplace.

One wing of the home isolates the master suite. This spacious room features a bathroom with shower and spa, huge walk-in closet, vanity, and private access to the side deck. The other wing has two bedrooms, each with ample closet space. A full bath and linen closet are tucked between the bedrooms and a large utility room with deep sink. A door here allows groceries to be brought in from the detached garage with minimum of difficulty.

One possible inconvenience for parents is the great separation between their bedroom



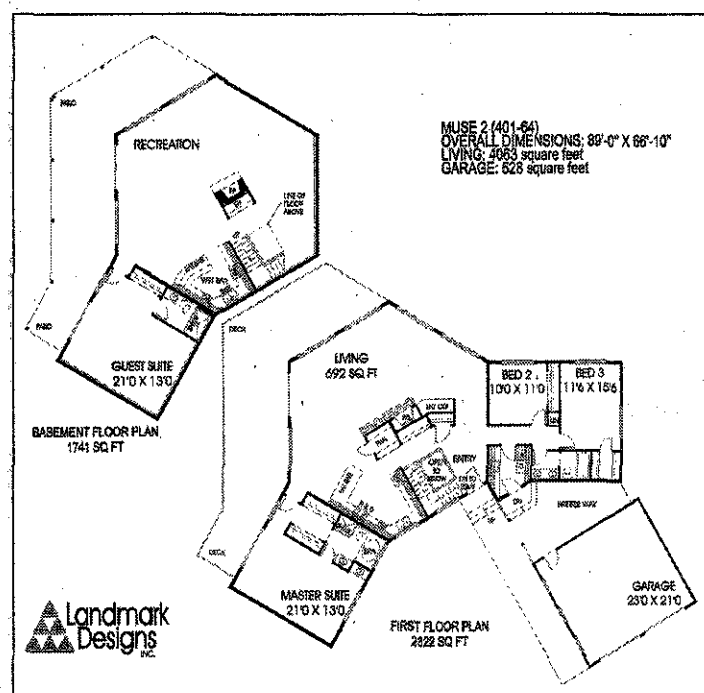
and the children's rooms. On the other hand, kids old enough to demand privacy can have one wing largely to themselves, while the parents enjoy maximum peace and quiet in the master suite.

For more fun, take the stairs down to the finished basement. Plenty of room here for a pool table, pingpong, or whatever the family enjoys. A wet

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training from 9-10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 879 Benjamin in Troy, in a Green Built certified home built by Wake-Pratt Construction Co. In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) kicks off the Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) programs for 2008 with a Roundtable Discussion, "You're At A Networking Event ... Now What?" on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 8:30-10:30

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Remodelers Council (RC) will present a Negotiating Skills seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in

Farmington Hills on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will present methods and strategies to negotiate with customers, employees, subcontractors, suppliers and government officials. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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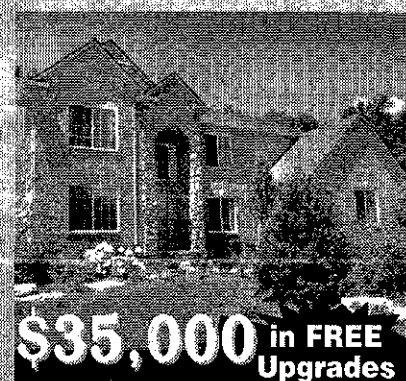
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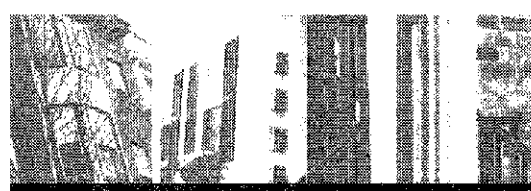
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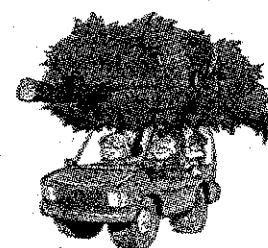
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### ACROSS

- 1 Cluster
- 6 Stranger's query
- 11 Household appliance
- 12 Facilitating
- 14 007's school
- 15 Grimm heavies
- 17 Roast beef — jus
- 18 Prez after Jimmy
- 19 Fabric meas.
- 20 Two-base hit: abbr.
- 21 Ms. Paquin
- 23 JAMA readers
- 24 Kind of pepper
- 25 El —, Texas
- 27 Free-for-all
- 28 Tenn. neighbor
- 30 Alt.
- 31 Campground initials
- 32 Blvd.
- 33 Courtyards
- 35 Many years

### 36 Clue

- 37 Consumer protection org.
- 38 Gibe at
- 42 Harvest Moon mo.
- 43 you kidding?
- 44 Compass pt.
- 45 Prom honoree
- 46 They turn litmus red
- 48 Has a cough
- 49 Dogs
- 51 Archery need
- 53 Swat
- 54 Cruise in style

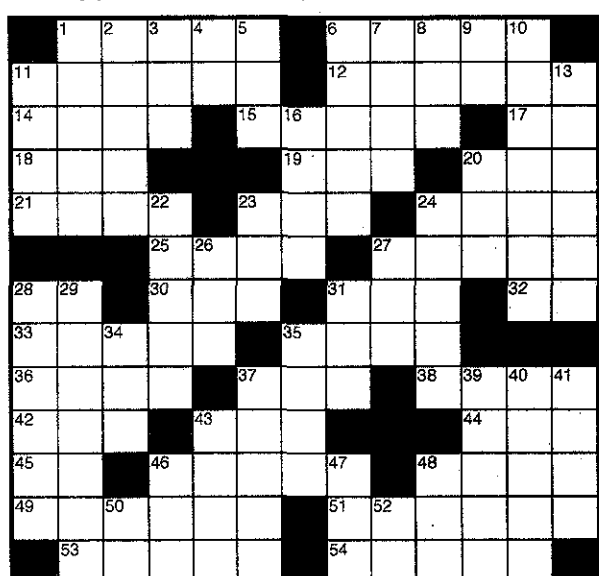
### DOWN

- 1 Conductor's wand
- 2 NCAA Huskies
- 3 Wimple sporter
- 4 Copper, to a chemist
- 5 Insurance gp.
- 6 Voting districts
- 7 Hotfoots it
- 8 MS polishers
- 9 New England st.
- 10 Gives power to
- 11 Dancer — Ellen
- 13 Throat

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

LAW	APSE	VINO
ILE	NEIN	EDIT
PAD	GATE	RAPT
SISTERS	KS	
ALL	LOATHE	
LANDS	BON	HAG
AXIS	BOP	HULA
MEN	DUD	SIDED
BLOWER	EHS	
IN	GEISHAS	
VIOL	PURR	ARC
ACRE	ERIK	FLO
NIBS	RUES	TOT

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## SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

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

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E	A	W	E	F	E	H	S
S	H	U	F	F	L	E	W
M	K	O	M	Q	U	E	E
L	I	O	C	P	T	H	D
I	E	U	R	Y	J	A	C
E	D	I	A	M	O	N	D
R	W						
I	6	9	4	8	3	7	2
5	3	1	9	2	7	4	6
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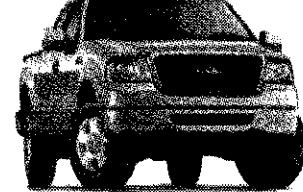
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