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Hearing delayed for former PCA teacher

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The case involving the former Plymouth Christian Academy teacher accused of having a sexual relationship with a former student has been adjourned until after the new year.

Stephanie Ann Stein, 31, was scheduled for a calendar conference on Tuesday in Third Circuit Court but the hearing was adjourned in order to give Judge David A. Groner more time to read materials submitted by defense attorney Todd Flood.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said she was hoping to proceed this week but that Flood submitted a 70-page transcript of another case that he wanted Groner to review.

"I've been ready for weeks," Weingarden said, adding that the submitted transcript isn't of a similar case but that Flood has offered it because of its sentencing guidelines.

Flood could not be reached for comment.

Stein's next hearing is scheduled for Jan. 30. The Canton woman allegedly began a relationship with a 15-year-old boy in February and ended it in September. The boy, who has testified that he still has feelings for the married mother of two, had Stein as his teacher two years ago at PCA.

The boy no longer attends the Academy and Stein resigned from her part-time teaching position in June.

Stein has been charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, each a 15-year felony; one count of using the Internet to communicate with a minor to commit a crime, a four-year felony; and one count of distributing obscene material of a sexual nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

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Nothing like a snow day

Canton's Jalen Bentley, 11, shows pretty good form even though he says he's just learning to snowboard. He was enjoying a snow day Monday following the weekend storm that closed nearly all schools in the metro area.



DETROIT NEWS POOL PHOTO

Plymouth Township teenager Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, with attorney James Thomas in 35th District Court, faces an April 7 trial date in the death of Daniel Sorensen.

Trial date set in beheading

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Two teenagers accused of killing a 26-year-old River Rouge man have a date with a jury.

Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township, and 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland are scheduled to stand trial April 7 in the Third Circuit courtroom of Judge Annette Berry on charges of first-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse.

The pair stood mute at their circuit court arraignment Friday, and Berry entered not-guilty pleas on their behalf. A final conference date has been set for Feb. 15, according to court officials.

The teens are charged in the death of Daniel Sorensen, whom police say the suspects lured to the Canton Township home of Orlewicz's

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Getting into the game

Heartland makes physical therapy more fun with Nintendo Wii

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Katherine Citko extended her right arm, stepped back and then watched nine pins fall.

"Ahh," she sighed after the 10th pin wobbled but remained upright.

"Pick up the spare," Alveretta Kalebaba exclaimed from her seat.

The two, who support as well as heckle each other, weren't in a smoky bowling alley with thumping music coming through the sound system — they were playing a video game on the Nintendo Wii system.

The popular interactive video game system has made its way to Heartland of Canton, 7025 N. Lilley.

The facility's parent company, Manor Care, picked the township location as one of a few buildings in its pilot program of the video game's usefulness regarding physical therapy. Heartland specializes in short-term rehabilitation.

Citko, who bowled against Kalebaba and another woman, Shirley Hayden, said she gets a kick out of the gaming system and can see why it's become such a hit.

"I've played it three or four times and I like it a lot," she said. "I would play it every day if they let me. It's better than laying in the bed doing nothing."

Michelle Snead, Heartland's director of therapy, said if the pilot program

goes well, Manor Care will buy a Wii system for each of its 300-plus facilities.

"I was a bit skeptical but from the first session I could see potential," Snead said, noting that hundreds of their patients have used the system so far and that the vast majority of them love it. "We believe that therapy is always more beneficial when you enjoy it."

Moments after she virtually rolled her last ball down the lane, Hayden said the Wii is exciting.

"I think it's good," she said with a grin, while Citko pointed out that she bowled the highest score, 147, of the day. "I'm surprised I could win anything."

A Nintendo spokesman said the growing use of the



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Heartland of Canton patient Alveretta Kalebaba of Waterford is excited after a strike while bowling on the new Nintendo Wii system. She was playing with Shirley Hayden of Westland (left) and Katherine Citko of Garden City.

Wii system for therapy is an added bonus for the company.

"That wasn't the intention but it's become a really cool trend," he said. "We think it's great."

Occupational therapist Jessica Lee said other sports include golf, boxing, tennis and baseball.

"This is one of the best video games out there," she said.

"It gets you going." According to Nintendo's Web site, Wii is revolutionizing the gaming industry. The system offers

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Coming Sunday in Health



Psychiatrist's new book focuses on grown-ups with ADHD

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its first luncheon of the new year at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Summit on the Park. The luncheon will begin with the installation of the 2008 Chamber Board. The new board of directors will be installed by Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th District Court.

The guest speaker will be an impersonator of "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek, who will also host the Canton Chamber of Commerce's very own game of Jeopardy.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040 to reserve your space. The luncheon is being sponsored by Bovitz CPA, P.C. and Fidelity Bank.

Band director honored

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Director of Bands, Marc Whitlock, has been selected as the Michigan representative for the annual feature of "50 Band Directors Who Make a Difference" in the December issue of *School Band and Orchestra* (SBO) magazine. The

magazine, which selects one band director from every state, is published for grade school through high school band and orchestra directors.

Whitlock is the director of bands at the Park, which is comprised of 300-plus band students from Canton, Plymouth, and Salem High Schools. Whitlock is also the band director for the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. He joined the staff at Plymouth-Canton in 2003.

Earlier this year, Whitlock was also named to the staff of the inaugural U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Whitlock will join the staff of 10 instructors to lead the 91-member marching musicians selected to perform in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl



Finishing No. 1

The Michigan Xtreme Power Stars team recently competed at the WSF National Cheerleading competition in Indianapolis and took 1st place National title in their division. Pictured are Erica Bolz, Shelby Snider, Isabelle Babon, Tatianna Clark, Kayleigh Karinen, Kennedy Lewis, Petyon Del Toro, Shelby Neisler, Torrey Tassic, Ashlyn Geoffrey, Lindsey Drewyor, Sam Kenfield, Tyler Simmons, Madeline Michels, Riley Gaidica, Mikenna Jones, Tiffany Royer, Sam Gregory, Raquel Allen, Ayden Peters, Madison Figurski, Abbie Schluter, Bailey Georgeson, Coach Kelly Ward and Coach Rachele Frusti. Not pictured are Ryan Jeannotte and Casey Nelligan.

Halftime show on Jan. 5, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. Three of Whitlock's students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were selected to march in the All-American Marching Band.

New Year's at the Summit

A holiday tradition continues with the fourth 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.

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee

Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice.

The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton.

The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss.

This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Canton author book signing

Canton author Jann W. Martin will be signing her Christmas book, *This Babe, So Small*, from 3-5:30 p.m. today at I.H.S. Christian Books, Gifts and More located inside the L.A. Plaza at 36103 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

I.H.S. owner Marie Palmer says the book is refreshing. "It provides a different perspective on baby Jesus and a reason to celebrate Christmas," she said. "There's not another book, to my knowledge, written along these lines."

The illustrated book is targeted at kids between the ages of 3 and 9. For more information call I.H.S. at (734) 422-9998.

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 com-



Coloring contest winners

The ShopCanton Holiday Fest coloring contest winners were, from left, Katelyn Fabricatore (Hoben Elementary) in the 10-12 age group; Arulvel Rajeswaran (Dodson Elementary) in the 4-6 age group; and Emily Thorp (Fiegel Elementary) in the 7-9 age group. The winners were joined by Canton Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei and Chuck Jones from Play-it-Again Sports, contest co-sponsors along with the Canton Observer. Hundreds of entries were judged by a panel of area business people and winners were selected based on creativity and originality. The winners earned \$25 gift certificates to Play-it-Again Sports and other gifts.

plimentary 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

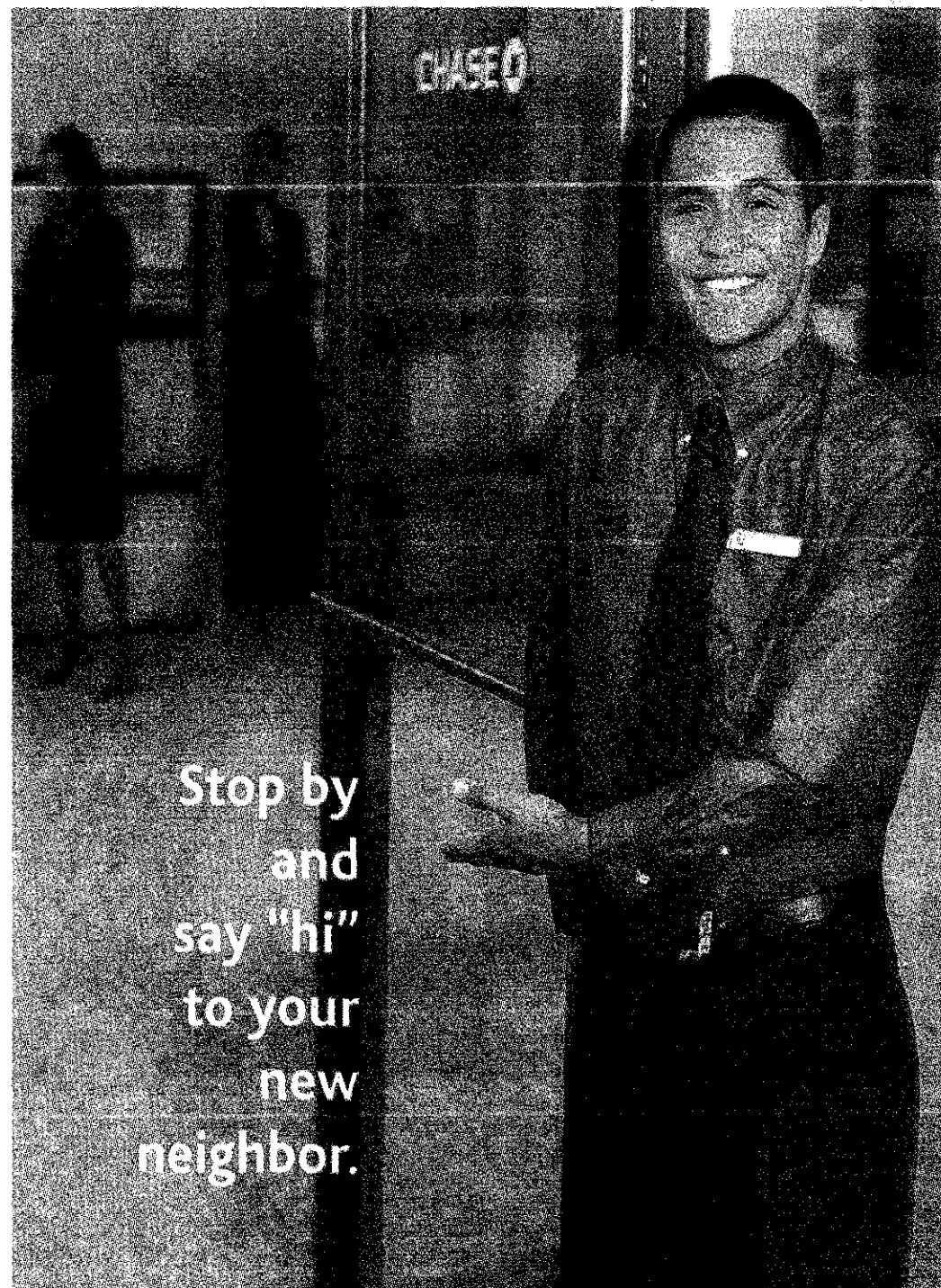
Classical Bells will be performing their popular Christmas concert at the Village Theater on Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. Classical Bells has performed handbell music since 1983. The auditioned ensemble consists of accomplished handbell musicians from the metropolitan Detroit area, led by director Darlene 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.

Home Expo applications

Applications to participate in Canton's 2008 Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are due Jan. 2. Space is filling up fast so vendors are encouraged to return their applications as soon as possible. Next year's Expo will be held March 1 and 2, and is an opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders to promote their products by hosting a display booth or participating in the Parade of Homes. Applications are available on the township Web site at www.canton-mi.org or by calling Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at (734) 394-5200. Completed applications can be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. The Expo is hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, Comcast, the Chamber of Commerce and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. For more information please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services at (734) 394-5200.



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Shooting suspect shoots himself

Scott guard found wounded on Belle Isle

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A man described by police as a "person of interest" in the killing of Scott Correctional Facility Lt. Joseph Candie in a shooting at a Plymouth Township gas station Wednesday morning was at press time undergoing surgery for self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

The man, whose identity hasn't been released but who Plymouth Township officials said was also an employee at Scott, apparently shot himself in the stomach in a rest room on Belle Isle, according to township officials. The man was found by Detroit Police and taken to the hospital around 4 p.m.

At press time, officials said the suspect was in critical

condition at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

The suspect reportedly worked on the same shift with Candie at Scott; according to police, Candie was the suspect's supervisor.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington stopped short of calling the man a suspect in Candie's death, although he admitted the man had been "a person of interest" as police began their investigation Wednesday.

"We are looking into the relationship and possible involvement of this individual," in Candie's death, Tiderington said Wednesday evening. "We haven't connected those dots yet."

Candie died from multiple gunshot wounds he suffered in the shooting, which followed a heated argument at the

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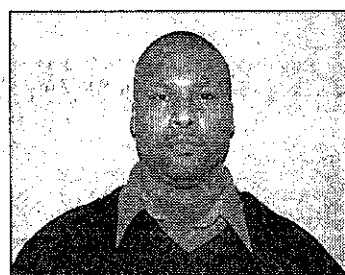
Plymouth Township police are asking anyone with information about the shooting at the Shell station at Five Mile and Beck to call (734) 354-3232.

Shell gas station at Five Mile and Beck shortly after 5 a.m. Wednesday.

Candie, 39, a 14-year veteran of the Department of Corrections, spent the last three years at Scott, where he was a shift commander on the midnight shift, according to Department of Corrections spokesman Russ Marlan. Candie had previously worked at the Western Wayne Correctional Facility down the street, which was closed a few years ago. He leaves behind an 8-year-old daughter.

"Lt. Candie was a member of our family," Marlan said. "We obviously want to see whom ever did this apprehended."

Candie was the victim of "multiple gunshot wounds," according to police. At a press conference earlier Wednesday, Tiderington said police aren't sure how many shots were fired, and weren't prepared to say how many times Candie had been hit. The chief wouldn't say what caliber gun was used in the shooting.



Lt. Joseph Candie

While Tiderington said police didn't believe robbery was a motive, the later events also didn't do much to clarify the motive, because police aren't sure what the argument was about.

Jodi DeAngelo, assistant deputy warden at Scott Correctional Facility, wouldn't comment on the incident, other than to say it is under investigation and to admit the prison has "enhanced our security."

"Unfortunately I'm unable to describe how we've enhanced it, but we have enhanced security," DeAngelo said.

Tiderington said police were reviewing security videotape not only from the gas station, but also from surrounding businesses. Likewise, they are reviewing the tape of the 9-1-1 call, which was made by the gas station attendant.

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Canton man arrested in road rage incident

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland traffic altercation led to a Canton man facing allegations of wielding a baseball bat against another motorist after the two men pulled off the road Dec. 8 near Warren and Wayne roads, a police sergeant said.

The situation was defused when an alert, off-duty Wayne County sheriff deputy, Brian Keating, saw what was unfolding and stopped to help, Westland police Sgt. Chris Benson said.

"He saw that there was going to be a problem, so he intervened by getting out of his car and drawing his firearm," Benson said. "He identified himself, and the defendant got on the ground. Then he took the baseball bat."

The incident started just before 6:30 p.m. Saturday during rush-hour, holiday-season traffic near Westland Shopping Center. The Canton man, identified as 48-year-old Beotry McGlocklin, told police that a driver in a Jeep Cherokee was tailing him too closely in his small car, a Toyota Echo.

The Jeep driver, however, told police that the Toyota driver kept speeding up and slowing down while driving in front of him. Ultimately, the Jeep hit the rear of McGlocklin's Toyota when McGlocklin braked to pull off the road at a Warren Road strip mall, Benson said.

The two men got out of their vehicles, and McGlocklin is accused of getting a baseball bat from the trunk of his car. He is accused of "taking a batter's stance" as Keating pulled off the road, drew his gun, identified himself as a sheriff deputy and warned the defendant, who got on the ground, Benson said.

McGlocklin was arraigned Dec. 10 in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokus on a charge of attempted felonious assault. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to two years in prison.

The defendant, who doesn't have a history of criminal activity, was released on a personal bond and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing today that will determine whether he should stand trial. A not-guilty plea was entered for him in court.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Firm to produce wheelchairs

Creative Technology Services (CTS), located on Haggerty Road in Canton, has acquired TEFTEC Corp.'s line of powered wheelchairs and will move production from San Antonio to Michigan, the company recently announced.

Financial terms of the purchase was not disclosed.

Creative Technology Services is a medical mobility equipment manufacturer. The company will assemble the power wheelchairs at its Michigan factory. The acquisition will add 10 new positions at Creative Technology.

The company will sell the chairs to the rehabilitation industry through a newly formed subsidiary called NEXT Mobility LLC.

"We are very pleased with this latest strategic acquisition, which enables us to provide more choice to our very varied customer base," says NEXT Mobility CEO Donald A. Leith.

TEFTEC was formed in San Antonio by the Finch family after they were hit by a drunk driver in 1978. The accident left President Tom Finch Sr.'s son, Jimmy, a quadriplegic. As a result, the family-owned company designed OmegaTrac, a front-wheel driven, transmission-steered, powered wheelchair to be more "rugged" than other chairs on the market. The company's BetaTrac wheelchair has a similar frame as the OmegaTrac, but is designed for individuals weighing more than 450 pounds.

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Austin, an agent with Coldwell Banker Preferred, has been a member of the association since 1984. She currently serves on the government affairs committee and also serves as a community liaison for Canton addressing topics such as the township's sign ordinance. In the past, she has also served on

a public policy task force with the Michigan Association of Realtors.

Austin has helped with RPAC fund-raising efforts through educating the membership on issues/candidates and how they affect your professional, and why individual Realtor contributions of time and dollars help the Realtor profession. She believes in supporting local and state candidates whether Republican or Democrats, who share the basic philosophy of supporting issues effecting Realtors, the real estate industry

and the preservation of private property rights.

New insurance position

Canton resident Fausto Jose Martin has been appointed vice president and chief claims officer for the Auto Club Insurance Association (ACIA). Prior to joining ACIA, Martin served as National Physical Damage Claims assistant vice president and national director of property claims for Safeco Insurance Company of America. He has had national responsibility for homeowners and commercial



Fausto

property claims nationwide. He began his insurance career as a claims representative and adjuster at GEICO in 1984. Martin, 46, has a bachelor's degree in politics from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. A native of Havana, Cuba, Martin now lives in Canton with his wife, Janet, two sons and two daughters.



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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Medicaid, but give it anyway.

work with Michigan's new estate recovery rules, consumers need to keep their guard up. There are people out there who are unqualified to give advice about

For as long as I can remember, Medicaid planning has been a hot issue. For many, the issue was how to get the government to pay for nursing home expenses. In the old days, it was relatively easy to qualify for Medicaid. Unfortunately or fortunately, depending on which way you look at it, that is no longer the case. The rules have tightened and it no longer is easy to qualify.

For example, in the past when the government looked at assets to determine eligibility for Medicaid, it would go back three years and look at an individual's economic data. Under today's rules, the look-back period is five years. Medicaid also is more complex today because of new estate recovery rules which allow the state to come after some assets after death of individuals who have received Medicaid.

In 1993, federal legislation mandated that states have an estate recovery rule, however, Michigan did not enact the law until this year. The law was signed Sept. 30.

Despite what you may have read about the new law, it is not punitive. In fact, it is actually pretty liberal. There are ways to properly plan to either eliminate or reduce the effect of the new estate recovery rules. The key is proper planning and for that you will need to deal with a professional, not a salesperson. For example, I have seen ads selling so-called "Medicaid annuities" claiming that they avoid the new rules. Be careful about buying these so-called Medicaid qualifying annuities, because they don't necessarily accomplish your goal. You may find the "cure" is worse than the disease.

Proper Medicaid planning requires someone who knows what they are doing and who stays current on the law. Medicaid laws are constantly changing and the rules a year ago certainly are not the rules today. Does everyone need an attorney to deal with Medicaid? No. Many times people can do it themselves without difficulty. In fact, there is a free hotline for seniors who need some advice: (800) 347-LAWS. A variety of state and federal agencies also can be of assistance. On the other hand, if you do decide to retain an attorney, I recommend one who specializes in elder law. There is a section of the State Bar of Michigan, the Elder Law section, which has attorneys that specialize in issues such as Medicaid planning.

Seniors who are contemplating applying for Medicaid should be very leery about buying any products and dealing with people who are not qualified to give advice. Proper Medicaid planning can protect your loved ones. On the other hand, a misstep can have serious financial consequences to you and your loved ones.

If you're in a situation where Medicaid may be an option, take your time and don't rush into a course of action. Get the facts, deal with people who have your interests at heart and then make a decision.

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Finnish-American Singers concert rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 23

Due to the heavy snowfall last Sunday, the Finnish-American Singers concert had to be rescheduled for Dec. 23.

Singers president Ilene Yanke says not to worry, the Bake Sale will go on as scheduled as part of the event. Finnish Christmas tarts and ginger cookies and a variety of open-faced sandwiches will be served after the concert as well along with coffee, tea and pop. The festivities take place 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Newburgh and Gill, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (248) 478-6939.

The Finnish-American Singers perform a concert featuring Finnish carols as well as classical music.

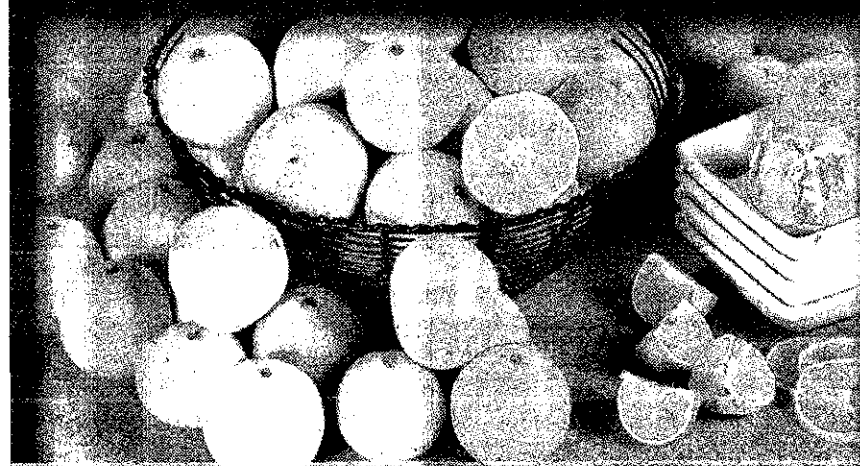


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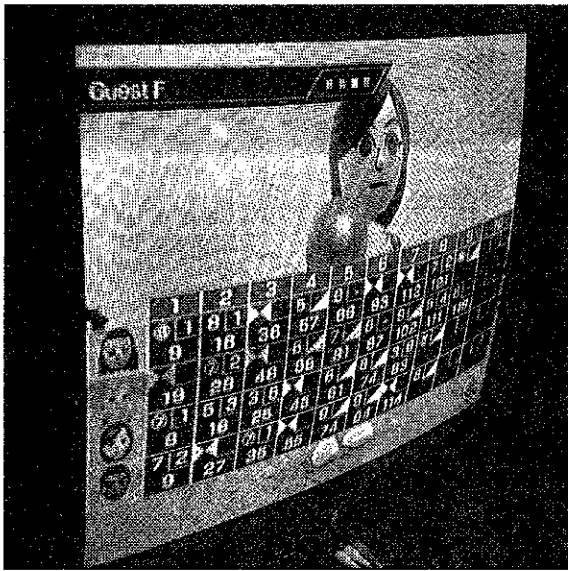
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Katherine Citko of Garden City extends her arm out as she throws the bowling ball playing Nintendo Wii. Looking on is occupational therapist Jessica Lee and Shirley Hayden of Westland (left) at Heartland of Canton.



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Here's what readers are saying about commissioner on the Web

Catherine Johnson's recent resignation from the Canton Planning Commission because of comments she made about Hindu women urinating in public has attracted a lot of interest from Observer readers. Not only have we received many letters to the editor on the subject, many people have also posted comments on our Web site. Here are just a few:

■ Posted by amaun on Dec 15:

Catherine Johnson chose to air an "incident" she heard about Hindu women. The location - a Hindu temple expansion meeting. If this "incident" was true why hasn't she come forward and told us all about where and when this "incident" occurred. She resigned instead. This incident never happened and so she has to face the consequences of shouting "fire" in a crowded theater. Free speech is limited.

Let me put it another way. A Catholic church wants to expand. At the meeting a Baptist planning commissioner says he has heard about Catholic priests ...

Need I say more?

■ Posted by pegdae on Dec. 15:

The remark, "Free Speech also has consequences" by Supervisor Yack sends a chilling message. If free speech has consequences, it isn't free speech at all.

This is another example of the whittling away of our rights to speak freely. It is a shame that someone who has served this community for 27 years would be forced into resignation because

she brought up a point that was on the "do not talk about" list. Supervisor Yack, with his brand new raise, should be ashamed of himself. He should apologize to Ms. Johnson.

■ Posted by jfcincinnatti on Dec. 16:

Probably not politically correct to say, however it is very likely true. Having been to their country, the act described is very commonplace. Although the government has been trying to educate their people about the health issues, the push is more a reaction to comments made by visitors from western world countries.

When someone is conditioned to doing this for most of their life, they will probably continue doing so in whatever country they move to.

■ Posted by LS1958 on Dec. 16:

This isn't about "politically correct," but whether the statement is true. This commissioner did not go to the people involved to check whether the statements she heard were true. Instead, she recklessly repeated rumors at a public meeting. Diverse cultures require some level of sensitivity and a higher level of responsibility on behalf of public officials, and this commissioner should have resigned - hopefully, with a lesson learned.

To read more reader comments - or post one of your own - on this or other topics, please visit our Web site at www.hometownlife.com and click on "Canton."

TRIAL

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grandfather, then killed, last month.

Sorensen died Nov. 7 of multiple stab wounds. His head was cut off and thrown in the Rouge River in Hines Park, where it was found a few days later. Police say the teens burned Sorensen's hands and feet in a failed attempt to obliterate identi-

fying marks such as fingerprints, then dumped his body in a vacant lot in Northville Township.

Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior, and Letkemann, who dropped out of Churchill High School only to get his diploma through the adult education program, were arrested two days later.

They were bound over for trial after a day-long preliminary hearing Nov. 30 in 35th

District Court in Plymouth. Judge Michael Gerou threw out one count of felony murder, saying prosecutors failed to prove the felony - the theft of a gun owned by Sorensen - occurred prior to the murder.

Neither prosecutors nor defense lawyers are commenting on the case, citing a gag order issued by Gerou.

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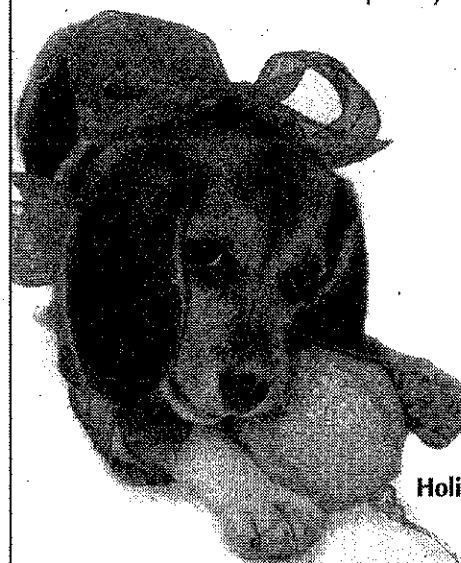
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OUR VIEWS

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Your single blood donation can help up to three people. Do you have O-positive or O-negative blood? O-positive is in demand because it can be given to 84 percent of the population. O-negative has the universal red blood cells which can be given to any patient regardless of blood type.

If you have the rare AB blood type — only 4 percent of people have it — your donations also are needed. AB plasma is the universal plasma. Like O-negative, it can be given to all blood types.

It takes an hour of your time to give blood and the donor centers have hours six days a week to accommodate all schedules. Don't know where a center is? You'll find the Livonia donor center in the University Park Building at 36650 Five Mile across from St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

There are also plenty of blood drives being held through the end of the month, including in Canton. Consider making a donation:

■ 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton.

■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Optimeyes 35184 Central City Parkway west of Wayne Road, Westland.

■ 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, north of Ford, Garden City.

■ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Busch's Market, 15185 Sheldon, Plymouth Township.

■ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

If you're at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you're eligible to donate. And don't worry about being too old. No one is. The Red Cross doesn't have an upper age limit when it comes to blood donations.

Donating can be as easy as calling (800) GIVE LIFE or visiting the Web site at www.givelife.org.

Blue Cross bills need more scrutiny

Attorney General Mike Cox and the United Auto Workers are not often allies. But Cox, the UAW, the Consumers Union, Health Alliance Plan, AARP and several commercial insurance companies have joined to oppose legislation tailored to benefit Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

A package of four bills to amend Blue Cross operations was hastily pushed through the Michigan House of Representatives in October with only one two-hour hearing before coming to a House vote, where it received bipartisan support. It is now before the Senate, where state Sen. Tom George, R-Kalamazoo, promises a more deliberative process.

Obviously, the degree of opposition alone warrants a more responsible legislative process. In addition, Blue Cross insures 4.2 million Michigan residents, representing 70 percent of those with health insurance, excluding Medicare and Medicaid. What happens to Blue Cross will have an impact on all of us.

The legislation would give Blue Cross more flexibility and reduce its liability on individual insurance policies — the objective being to provide better rates and coverage for those with individual policies and those currently uninsured. Blue Cross estimates that individual insurance will grow from 7 percent to 15-25 percent of the market over the next five years as employers drop coverage. According to press reports, Blue Cross claims it has lost \$52 million on these policies over the last 10 years.

Blue Cross was organized in 1939 under state statute as a tax-exempt "charitable and benevolent institution." Blue Cross is required to provide health insurance to Michigan citizens who cannot get it elsewhere and ensure that coverage is accessible and affordable for everyone in Michigan. Blue Cross currently maintains \$2.8 billion in reserves.

In a meeting with *Observer & Eccentric* editors, Cox outlined some of his major concerns with the legislation:

■ Elimination of "community rating." The legislation would allow Blue Cross to institute a 10-tier system using age, health history, county of residence, etc., to determine rates. This would allow Blue Cross to set different rates based on these factors for its individual accounts. This would include "redlining," setting rates based on where a customer lives.

■ Rate changes would no longer need prior approval from the state insurance commissioner and would no longer face a challenge from the attorney general's office.

■ The legislation would allow Blue Cross to expand its for-profit operations.

Cox is also concerned about rising Blue Cross rates despite its record reserves. A suit by a Livonia couple is challenging a recent 24-percent average rate increase.

These are legitimate concerns and need to be argued in a public forum. We also need to hear from the governor, who has yet to weigh in on this legislation.

Perhaps in a more deliberative process, the Legislature can address the full crisis of health care costs in this state and the rising number of uninsured residents.



LETTERS

Disappointed by comments

Catherine Johnson has always had the best for Canton at heart, in this case the comments made, however, were less than acceptable even if not meant as a slight to the Hindu community. It is a disappointment to lose such an experienced person, however. Personally I would have preferred to have seen a public apology — resignation is far too often used unnecessarily — a president can make a bigger mistake and still run the country.

The Hindu community is a vital part of our life in Canton and it is unfortunate that not everybody fully understands the culture and real gifts that this community brings. So whilst I do offer support for Catherine, I am disappointed at the comments.

Mark Haller
Canton

Comments were 'cherry picked'

I am writing to clarify the "record" about comments attributed to me by reporter Tiffany L. Parks ("Not in our back yard," Dec. 6), and to provide the proper context and understanding about exactly what I said.

As has been pointed out a letter from someone in the audience of the Dec. 3 Planning Commission meeting, there was "a scattering of inappropriate and, in at least one instance, tasteless remarks." I heard such comments more from the rumbly of the crowd than I did from the podium. But I heard them as did the representatives from the Hindu Temple. The comments started early on and continued.

When I was asked by Parks about the comments made by those present, I responded: "Many of the comments are no different than what I hear on any project, including other churches. Concerns about building size, storm water, noise and the like are common and to be expected. Some of the other comments I have heard are inappropriate." Tiffany then asked me "what I thought was behind them?" I responded: "Bigotry." As you can see, I did not call people bigots. Secondly, my actual comment was about the same comments described by others as inappropriate and tasteless, and I specifically excluded the "usual" comments.

Unfortunately, the limited space of newspaper articles sometimes results in the absence of context and specific conversation. Comments can be "cherry picked" creating an inaccurate impression. I happily acknowledge that I opined that behind the inappropriate remarks lay some element of bigotry. I will do the same where I believe the circumstances warrant. That's my right and obligation as an American and a Christian. Only those making such comments will know if I was right or wrong about their personal motive. If I was wrong, that's good news and I apologize accordingly. If I was right, then we have work to do together.

As a resident of Canton, I am proud of our diversity and inclusiveness. I encourage all residents to check out the Canton Cultural Commission and its various programs and efforts to celebrate and explore our diversity. We are only stronger as a community for it. When I attend the Martin Luther King Holiday events for schoolchildren at the Cherry Hill Village or other community events, I am always

impressed at how well our children get it. Their friendships and class activities don't suffer the same artificial boundaries generations before are trying to conquer. Canton enjoys cultural attributes many other surrounding communities lack. This is one reason many companies call Canton home, including IKEA and Yazaki.

As for the allegations made in other letters to the editor I look forward to dealing with those in an appropriate manner, including working with the respective associations in the coming weeks before the Hindu Temple project returns to the Planning Commission. I also hope this whole experience results in stronger cultural ties within Canton, reflecting the respect and reverence our Founding Fathers envisioned when they decided to cast their fate upon the open seas seeking a land where all would be free to fully express their religious beliefs without any threat of intimidation. Canton deserves no less.

Bryan L. Amann
Canton

Yack should be applauded

I read article about Catherine Johnson's intolerable statement published in *Canton Observer* dated Dec. 16.

I applaud and agree with Mr. Yack's decision. When you are on the planning commissioner's bench you represent the Canton Township Planning Commission. One should not make this kind of comment from the bench without facts and data.

Nitin Desai
Canton

Removing Johnson was wrong

I feel the decision to remove the Planning Commissioner Catherine Johnson was wrong. This community has three Hindu temples and I understand the residents do not want a massive structure of any kind in their back yard. It amazes me how some people can out of nowhere just stomp in here and start making demands from the residents that have been here for generations. It seems to me the longer you live in America the less you have a say in America.

Remove Tom Yack from his position, He is the sheep folding under pressure from a minority opinion. I do not live near the site and I wouldn't want it there either.

Jerry Judkins
Canton

Letter clarification

In the letter to the editor ("Attorney was wrong," Dec. 13), I did not intend to imply or suggest that attorney Bryan Amann has personally broken promises or failed commitments he made to the Pheasant Glen Association.

Roger Sands
Canton

Yack made right decision

Supervisor Tom Yack was right is asking Catherine Johnson to resign from the Planning Commission. She made allegations, in a public meeting, against all Hindu women based on hearsay. She should know that hearsay is not allowed as evidence in the United States except

under well-defined exceptions. I am surprised at the letters that support Planning Commissioner Johnson's words as protected under free speech. To me, the letters in support, as well as Catherine Johnson's words, are an anachronistic reminder of the Salem witch trials.

Rajeev Ramanan
Canton

Smoking policy concern

I'm concerned about smoking policies in restaurants in Michigan. I do not believe that smoking should be permitted in restaurants at all. There are a few restaurants in our area that do not allow smoking anywhere in the facility, but most have smoking and nonsmoking sections.

I think if you are in the nonsmoking section you still can smell and be affected by the smoke. Some restaurants barely even divide the two areas. Often the smoking section is placed around the bar and in some restaurants the bar is in the middle of the building, which just causes the smoke to blow around the entire restaurant.

Some people are severely allergic to smoke, and cannot go into restaurants that allow smoking. I believe that is completely unfair. People should not have to avoid a certain restaurant because it could cause them health problems.

Second-hand smoke increases adult death rates by 15 percent. No one should have to put their health at risk in order to go out to eat at their favorite restaurants. Second-hand smoke kills approximately 62,000 nonsmokers each year in the United States. By not allowing smoking in restaurants, America could lower the death rates of our citizens by the thousands.

Michigan is one of only seven states that do not have any restrictions on smoking in restaurants in place. Over half of the states in the U.S. have complete bans on smoking in restaurants; many more states have one or more cities that have passed city-wide bans on smoking in restaurants and other public places. On Dec. 6 this year the Michigan House of Representatives passed a ban on smoking in the workplace including bars and restaurants, now this must be voted on in the Senate. I hope our senators will vote in favor of this legislation.

Casey Chamberlain
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'Free speech comes with responsibility. Free speech also has consequences.'

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, discussing comments made by former Planning Commissioner Catherine Johnson about the proposed Hindu Temple, which led Yack to ask for her resignation

Moving beyond grief and returning to hope

Grief and I locked horns in June 1995. My wife of 12 years, Ann, was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. The doctors said she would live 18 months. Her battle would last another 41 months.



John O'Shaughnessy

Our sons were 7 and 9. They needed their mother. I needed my wife. But in the end, all of that was stripped away.

After this life-altering experience ended in 1998, I learned that you can learn to live with grief and with proper attention and determination, accept it.

Many people believe they can outrun grief. If they just keep moving, maybe the pace will knock it out. Eventually, maybe it will just whimper away and leave them alone.

I learned the hard way about the circle of grief and the choices it offers. You can travel in this circle, trying to find your way back to some place that no longer exists, dismissing your feelings along the way but marching forward nonetheless thinking you are making progress. Or, you can pass through the circle, feeling the pain, letting it burn inside of you. One day, when the fire goes out, you find yourself in a new place, a better place because you allowed yourself to grieve.

In my book, *The Greatest Gift - A Return to Hope*, I try to teach the lessons I learned about grief.

Grief doesn't always start with the death of a loved one. It's an emotional effect caused by a thought. My grieving began when I heard those words "it's cancer."

I learned as I went, marking my steps with the hope that one day I would find my way back to that place we had. But after she died, that place died too, and it was time for me to find a new location.

If you are grieving, the following steps may help you find you're to living a productive life again.

Feel the pain. Grief is not something you can avoid, you have to feel it, let it sink in and actually live with you for a while.

Tears are a gift. They are a reminder how we are all vulnerable. I learned that crying felt good. The slow release of tears meant I was feeling the pain and not running from it. Tears are part of the natural progression of grief.

One day you might feel sad, another day angry, another day overwhelmed. Whatever the day and whatever the feeling, let it happen. Remember, the deeper the love, the deeper the grief. Feeling pain means you are one step closer to being well again.

Seek help. Find the right people who can help you. If you're a spiritual person, ask God for His help through prayers. Don't be afraid to lean on people who support you. They were sent to you for a reason. Kindly distance yourself from the people who are not as capable or as willing to help you. They may one day return to you, but

for now, they are not the people you need in your life.

You may also need professional help. Don't consider this a sign of weakness but rather a realization that you can't do it alone.

Grief support centers like New Hope in Northville, (248) 348-0115, offer a great way to express your feelings and meet people who have had similar experiences.

When you reach out for help, you will find out that you are not alone. Deal with the pain. The old adage "time heals all wounds" doesn't apply to grief. Only time plus hard work and help can properly heal the wound. Take action after you've cried a million tears and told people about your pain. Chip away at your grief each day. Attend grief workshops and make new friends. Begin writing a journal, take long walks, and take care of yourself and your loved ones. Give yourself permission to grieve. Don't rush your grief and don't let anyone rush it for you. Over time and with hard work you'll push forward and back into life.

Make choices. Choose to live again. It's the greatest gift you can give yourself.

After Ann died I spent almost four years grieving. I wanted to live again. I wanted to have fun and resume my life minus my wife and best friend. I couldn't change what happened but I had come to accept it. I chose to move on but never let her go. A part of Ann will always be with me. I'll always be thankful for the time I had with her, not for the time that was swept away. It took me years to come to this restful place and it came with pain and suffering, but I found it nonetheless.

Move on. When you're ready take down the shrines in your house. Emotionally relocate your loved one to a place in your heart.

Studies have shown that about one-third of all people who grieve are successful at taking their life to a new and meaningful level. These triumphant survivors transform themselves. They accept what happened and allow the experience to build their character. They replace their anger and pity with meaningful purpose-driven feelings. They commit to giving back and marching forward, to serving others who experience grief. They conduct fund-raisers to bring awareness and money to a cause. They write books about their experience so others will benefit. They wrap their arms around old friends and just listen.

Adversity, big or small, affects all of us sooner or later. Some let it consume them. Others work at grief, marching through it, making good choices along the way.

When you arrive at this place, you will know it not by a smile on your face, but by a sense of happiness in your heart and the joy in knowing you are a survivor.

John O'Shaughnessy lives in Plymouth. His two sons are now grown, off to college and doing well. His book, "The Greatest Gift," can be found on Amazon.com, at Barnes & Noble and the Plymouth Book Cellar.

What sacrifices are we being asked to make?

Christmas is coming. Where is the present we should give to our country?

Where is the shared sacrifice for the common good in America today?

We send young men and women off to war.



Tom Watkins

What does it cost us? No, I do not mean the young men and women who are coming home in body bags, without a limb, a closed head injury or post traumatic stress. They are paying a huge price, as are their families.

What is the cost you and I, average citizens, are being asked to pay? Where is the shared sacrifice? I am not referring to the costs of freedom here at home or "prestige around the world," as important as those items are to all of us as Americans. Where are the shared values, shared duties and responsibilities that all Americans are asked to commit?

Yeah, I know, it is costing us plenty in taxes and deficit spending that will be a burden on our children, our great-grandchildren. What is the daily sacrifice that we as Americans are making to support this war on terror? Have we been asked to buy "war bonds"? Conserve energy? Pay increased taxes to actually pay for our war rather than borrowing it from the Chinese and Japanese? Do without a Big Mac or a latte in order to support the troops?

Have we been asked to volunteer to serve in the military or otherwise commit to adding value to ending terrorism? To delay our son's or daughter's college education for a year or two so they can serve our country in some fashion? Have our lives even been a little disrupted? Have we forgotten the feeling we had on 9/11 when we wanted a call to action?

I believe as Americans we want to be called to do more to contribute to our collective future. We want to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Clearly, veterans groups, family members and some patriotic citizens are helping in large and small ways. But why haven't our national leaders engaged us for the common good of all? Where is the rallying cry to come together as Americans as we did in World War II to be part of something bigger than ourselves? Why haven't we been asked to plant a shade tree even if we will never enjoy its shade?

WHAT SACRIFICE?

What really made me think of this was being at Meijer recently and reading a bumper sticker on a car that read, "Proud to know an American Soldier."

What are we doing to support the soldiers? Will we know him or her and support them when they come home with lifelong physical and emotional scars? Will we have a job for them? Will we raise hell with the president and Congress to make sure they have the support, medical and mental health attention to readjust to civilian life? Does "bumper sticker" action inspire you?

It seems as long as we can put a flag decal or yellow magnetic ribbon on our car or wave an American flag on the Fourth of July, we are OK. Just don't inconvenience anyone. Someone's son or daughter is in harm's way — but let's not miss college football on Saturday, pro ball on Sunday and the sale down at the local Wal-Mart.

A CALL TO ACTION

What if this president or the next were to address the nation and say:

■ I am instituting a national service program for all young people after high school graduation to serve their country in the military or some other form of country/community service for one year. We cannot expect young people to put their lives on the line while some are waiting in the latte or concert line.

■ I am calling for an increase in your taxes to pay for our war/freedom efforts.

■ I am requiring civilians to car pool to work at least one day per week to conserve oil. It is polluting our air and feeding terror.

■ We will set a "man on the moon" goal to reduce our oil consumption drastically over the next decade; our lives just may depend on our success.

Perhaps if more of us had "more skin in the game," our energies would be focused on what all of us could be doing to preserve our freedom and make the world a safer place. A call to action would certainly get our attention and perhaps inspire a nation.

It is never too late to act. And what a Christmas present it would be to those serving our country.

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Ex-Wing set to help Whalers fly

Former goalie Stefan joins brother behind bench

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Nobody knows better than Greg Stefan how life can change at a whirlwind pace when you make a living in the frenetic environment of world-class hockey.

One minute last week Stefan was enjoying life as a successful assistant coach for the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes.

A few phone calls, a couple of days and one major midlife decision later, he was the head coach of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers.

"It all kind of came out of the blue," recalled Stefan, who was chosen by Whalers president and general manager Mike Vellucci to succeed Vellucci as the team's new strategist. "I was in

Carolina and everything was going good. But I've known Mike for a long time and I always told him that if something came up (coaching-wise) to let me know.

"Well, he called me and said, 'Hey, I'm stepping down. What do you think about taking over?' I told him I couldn't make that decision, that it was up to (Carolina general manager) Jimmy Rutherford and (Hurricanes and Whalers owner) Mr. (Peter) Karmanos. That's how it started."

DECISION TIME

Before Stefan knew it, the job-change scenario was unfolding faster than a Sidney Crosby slap shot.

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Brothers Greg (left) and Joe Stefan form the new coaching tandem behind the Plymouth Whalers' bench. Greg Stefan, a longtime Detroit Red Wings goalie throughout the '80s and early '90s, was named head coach last week. He replaces Mike Vellucci, who was promoted to governor of the franchise.

Sidelines

Underwood traded

Canton native Joe Underwood was traded last week by the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm to the Saginaw Spirit for a 15th round pick in the 2009 OHL priority draft as well as a conditional sixth-round pick in the 2009 draft.

"This is the 1990-born right-handed defenseman that the Spirit were looking for," said Spirit general manager Don Edwards. "He is a steady, stay-at-home defenseman that will greatly complement our defensive corps."

Underwood played with the Detroit Compuware program during the 2005-06 season and during the 2006 OHL Cup he tallied two points in three games.

The Storm selected Underwood in the seventh round of the 2006 draft. He notched a goal and three assists and 18 penalty minutes his rookie season. Underwood has played 19 games with the Storm this season, posting two assists and six penalty minutes.

Underwood will be returning home on Dec. 27 when the Spirit take on the Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. The opening face-off is set for 2 p.m.

MHSA survey

A monthlong survey conducted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association about high school sports yielded a variety of results, but none more important than the facts that both students and adults feel the primary roles of education athletics are to let kids have fun and teach them about becoming tomorrow's leaders.

"Have Your Say: The High School Sports Opinion Poll" was an online survey in which 8,036 questionnaires were submitted from Oct. 8 to Nov. 5. The purpose was to determine attitudes toward educational athletics to assist the MHSA in its future planning.

Students and adults agreed on the primary roles of school sports, but had their order flip-flopped. Students, consistent with other surveys by other parties, listed having fun as the primary role of these extracurricular activities. Adults responding were of the opinion that school sports should teach young people about leadership skills.

It was also felt that the level of sportsmanship was better in high school sports than collegiate sports, high school aged AAU and club sports, nonschool youth sports and professional sports, in that order.

SALEM-CANTON HOOP TIMES 2

SPLIT DECISION

Salem girls finish strong, win 38-24

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls basketball team made a strong first impression on Salem Tuesday night.

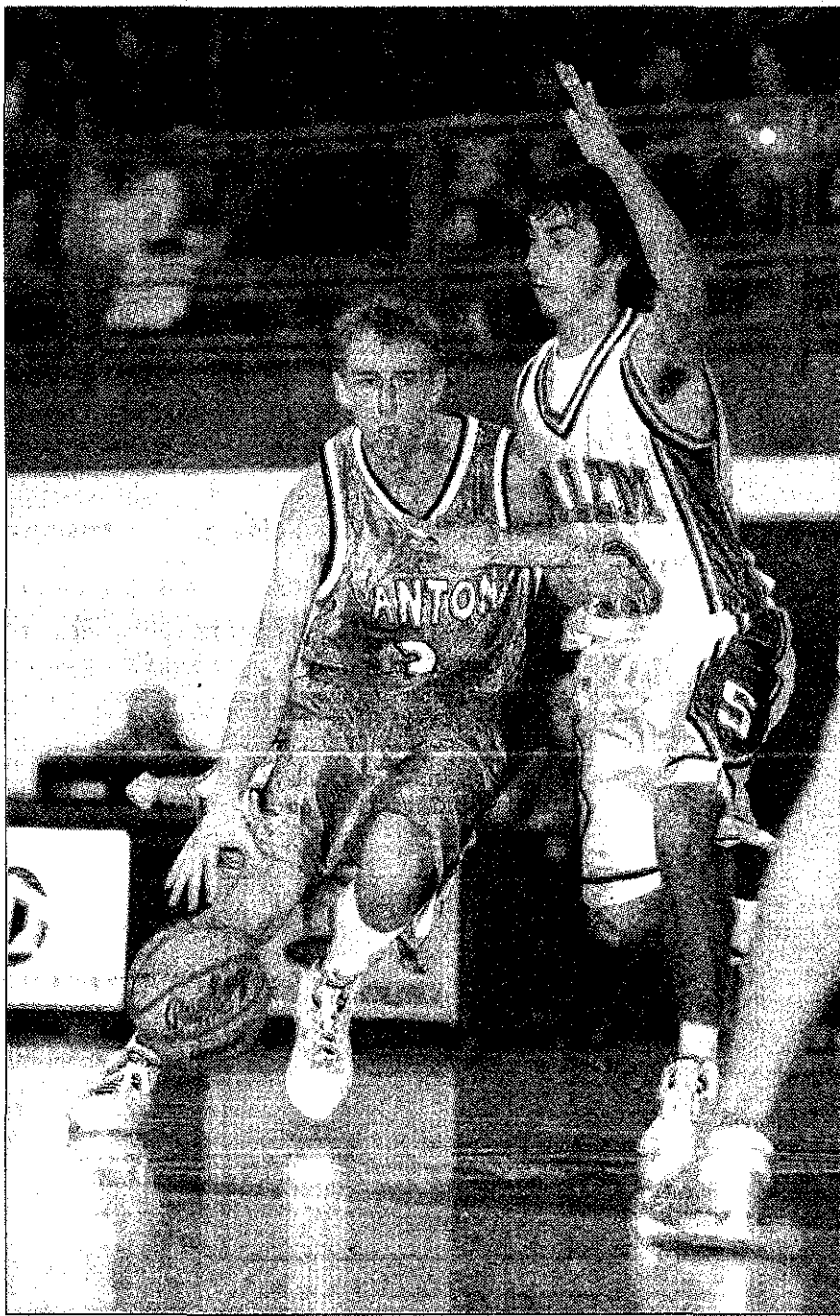
But in the end, the Rocks left a lasting impression on the Chiefs over the final three quarters in Salem's 38-24 victory in the Phase III gymnasium.

Canton rolled to an early 9-4 lead in the opening eight minutes before the Rocks took charge beginning in the second stanza and rolled to a 26-14 advantage with one quarter to play.

The victory improved Salem's record to 5-1 while Canton slipped to 1-5. Both teams open Western Lakes Activities Association divisional play Thursday when the Rocks host Westland John Glenn while the Chiefs host Northville.

"Early in the game we didn't show a lot of patience; we shot too quickly," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We were getting good shots, but we didn't make many and Canton was able to come down and score at the other end. We got it together the final three quarters and played very well."

The Rocks were led by their triumvirate of standouts: junior Chelsea Davis, who netted 13; and senior Alaya Mitchell and sophomore Sara Stone, who both twined 10.

Please see **GIRLS, B2**

ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton's Ryan Seely looks for a seam in the Salem defense as Rock senior guard Tyler Jeleniewski applies pressure during Tuesday's cross-campus clash. The Chiefs won, 71-64.

Chief boys climb over Rocks, 71-64

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys basketball team shifted into attack mode Tuesday night against Salem.

The Chiefs attacked the basket.

They attacked the backboards.

And they attacked the Rocks' ball-handlers — particularly All-WLAA forward Grant Stone, who was hounded by double- and triple-teams the entire night.

In the end, Canton's aggressive style of play paid off with a 71-64 victory.

"Canton came out with guns a blazin' like they always do and they took us out of our offense," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team slipped to 1-2 heading into tonight's WLAA Lakes Division opener at Westland John Glenn. "Then when they smelled blood, their pressure became even greater."

"We just didn't play very well. We were a little too selfish with the ball and we stood around and watched too much."

The impressive road victory improved Canton's record to 3-2 heading into Thursday night's WLAA Western Division opener at Northville.

"The thing I was most impressed with was how hard we played tonight," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "We got a lot of deflections on defense and we came up

Please see **BOYS, B2**

MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Canton alums D. J. Bridges of Madonna (left) and Andre Bridges of Albion get together for a lighthearted moment following Saturday's game, the only time the siblings will face each other in the collegiate setting.

Bridges brothers shine at the next level

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

With about 14 minutes to play in the first half of Saturday's game between Madonna University and Albion College, the chant started to fill Madonna's activities center.

In unison from MU's home cheering section it came — "D. J.'s bet-ter, ... D. J.'s bet-ter."

The look-a-like Bridges brothers of Canton, playing in a collegiate game for the first and only time, could not avoid hearing those words.

But just a couple minutes later it was Albion sophomore Andre Bridges who buried a triple while his older brother, Crusaders senior forward D. J. Bridges, watched from the sideline.

"Yeah, I heard it," said D. J. Bridges with a smile following MU's 86-80 win, which gave the Crusaders the Michigan Educational Credit Union Tournament championship. "I mean, he actually played better than me today."

"But we got the 'dub' so I'll take that anyway."

According to Andre, a shooting

guard who graduated from Canton High School two years after D. J., the fans' ribbing didn't bother him.

"I tried not to think about it that much," he noted. "It's in the back of your head, but I've got to keep my focus on my team the best I can."

TAKE THAT

Before halftime, Andre silenced the home crowd by draining all three of his attempts from behind the arc. Andre wound up with 11 points, in only 16 minutes on the floor.

D. J. could smile wider afterward, since his eight points and seven rebounds contributed to the Madonna victory.

Crusaders head coach Chuck Henry said it was a "fun" experience to have the siblings battling it out, with the stands including their parents Denis Sr. and Linda and younger sister Kayla (a standout freshman for Canton's varsity girls basketball team).

"I know the Bridges family," Henry said. "Andre's been in our gym working out with our kids. I just thought it was neat. I was hoping we'd end up playing them for the championship."

"... plus D. J.'s a senior, so if it

was going to happen this was the last chance and the only chance. Fortunately for D. J., he'll have bragging rights for the rest of his life."

Despite the Britons falling short of taking the tournament, the experience indeed was a once-in-a-lifetime thing for Andre — as well as for D. J. and the rest of their family (watching from their seats, but definitely not chanting).

"Oh yeah, for sure," said Andre about the family reunion of sorts. "We never got to do it on a scale like this before, it was real fun looking over and seeing him there. ... It was weird."

SOAK IT IN

Both said they got together for a while on Friday, the first day of the tournament, and talked about the possibility of going up against each other in the title game.

When they knew it was definitely going to happen, their parents also made sure to chime in with some advice on being able to enjoy such a rarity.

Please see **BRIDGES, B3**

Middle of the pack

PCEP boys swim teams place 4-5-6 at WLAA Relays

The Plymouth, Salem and Canton boys swimming and diving teams all placed in the top half of the standings at the always-competitive Western Lakes Activities Association Relays held Saturday at Salem.

Livonia Stevenson captured the crown with 283 points, 31 more than runner-up Northville. Walled Lake Northern was third with 199.

The Wildcats paced the local contingents as they stroked their way to 185 points and a fourth-place showing. The Rocks were fifth with 157, just ahead of sixth-place Canton (154). Rounding out the field were Walled Lake Central (122), Walled Lake Western (102), Livonia Franklin (92), Livonia Churchill (74), Westland John Glenn (50) and Wayne Memorial (44).

Plymouth's best events proved to be the 200-yard breaststroke relay as the foursome of Kyle Dull, Ben Ambrose, Tony McLaughlin and Dan Stoscup placed third with a time of 2:11.04; the 200 backstroke relay, in which Mike Conger, Adam Wing, Jack Distel and Ethan Weiner touched third in 1:54.59; and the third-place 400 medley relay team of Chris Wilson, Ambrose, Distel and Conger, who turned in a 4:17.57.

The Rocks earned fourth-place points from their 500 freestyle unit of Daniel Kuang, Nick Hoffmeyer, Max Mills and Adam Seroka (5:04.15) and the 400 medley relay quartet of Nathan Spala, Joe

DeFassanyi, Matt Collingwood and Sida Chen, who touched in 4:18.18.

The Chiefs were bolstered by the fourth-place performance of their 200 butterfly relay team of Chris Marinica, Mike Booker, Brandon Tolinski and Richard Zhang (1:52.98).

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FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 283 points; 2. Northville 252; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 199; 4. Plymouth, 185; 5. Salem, 157; 6. Canton, 154; 7. Walled Lake Central, 122; 8. Walled Lake Western, 102; 9. Livonia Franklin, 92; 10. Livonia Churchill, 74; 11. Westland John Glenn, 50; 12. Wayne Memorial, 44.

400-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joe Wingett, Michael Cruce, Aaron Marecki), 3:45.91; 2. Northville (Jon Bardsley, Brody Bickie, Joe Kargula, Clay Malloure), 3:49.70; 3. W.L. Northern (Scott Stasteth, Brandon Larkins, Nicholas Anthony, Shane Shelton), 4:06.97; 5. Salem (Adam Seroka, Nathan Spala, Sida Chen, Matt Collingwood), 4:07.59; 6. Canton (Robert Goodwin, Kevin Karlinski, Chris Marinica, Chris McGinnis), 4:14.22; 7. W.L. Central (Matt Jannette, Ben Baumgarten, Ryan Miceil, Sean Riley), 4:17.15; 8. Plymouth (Ethan Weiner, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder, Alex Ruedger), 4:19.30.

400 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Evan Cole, Taylor Tannous, Ryan Gerber, Matt Zavisla), 3:21.61; 2. Stevenson (Kyle Hermann, Christopher Behler, Jared Diebel, Charles Turlo), 3:28.57; 3. Northville (Kyle Adams, John Bickie, Anthony Adamowicz, A. Aquino), 3:34.63; 4. Wayne (Jacob Barnes, Jordan Holland, Steven Ogg, Kevin Erdmann), 3:43.43; 5. Plymouth (Jason Oldani, Joe Eudy, Peter Nolan, Chris Wilson), 3:45.46; 6. Canton (Jordan Gorzalski, Eddie Koelzer, Patrick Jenner, Brandon Tolinski), 3:50.75; 7. Salem (Casey Olson, Chad Newton, Max Mills, Nick Hoffmeyer), 3:53.57; 8. Franklin (Tyler Lee, Joseph Michniewicz, Scott James, Sean Wilson), 3:54.57.

200 breaststroke relay: 1. Stevenson (John Loria, David Bladec, Eric Schumann, Joe Wingett), 2:00.45; 2. Northville (Greg Sheppard, Erik Peterson, Jeremy Schaumann, Alex Wagner), 2:05.48; 3. Plymouth (Kyle Dull, Ben Ambrose, Tony McLaughlin, Dan Stoscup), 2:11.04; 4. W.L. Central (Artur Stepanov, John Molnar, Cac

Drees, Ben Baumgarten), 2:18.07; 5. W.L. Western (Ben Ferrari, Josh Gronlund, Zach Rashid, Jason Sherbel), 2:23.85; 6. John Glenn (Justin Groves, Sergio Pavan, Pat Kemp, John Burgess), 2:26.81; 7. Canton (Ryan Boes, Joe Beard, Chris Krebs, Eric Tian), 2:28.32; 8. W.L. Northern (Travis Albright, Brendan Starrs, Brian Daniels, Carsten Walker), 2:28.36.

200 backstroke relay: 1. Stevenson (Luke, Brendan Schoff, James Vayis, Brian Bielicki), 1:46.84; 2. Northville (Nate Lunn, John Lubisco, Ben Schonek, Malloure), 1:50.46; 3. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Adam Wing, Jack Distel, Weiner), 1:54.59; 4. W.L. Northern (Regan Parmentier, Alex Musto, Jake Bernard, Alex Gaucher), 1:58.36; 5. W.L. Western (Andrew Garcia, Wyles Davis, Josh Wood, Rizarz Stafa), 1:59.64; 6. Salem (Ryan Hartwig, Paul Cherewick, Shane Reich, Alex Suriano), 2:16.32; 7. W.L. Central (Alex Nesti, Austin Tederington, Mac Drees, Artur Stepanov), 2:19.76; 8. Canton (Evan Champine, Madison Derian-Toth, Nick Jenner, Akhilesh Menawat), 2:28.35.

200 butterfly relay: 1. Stevenson (Scott Geverlink, Adam Dabkowski, Kellen Schoff, Michael Cruce), 1:43.46; 2. Northville (Joe Kargula, Connor Kobinski, Jake Lane, John Bickie), 1:48.70; 3. Franklin (Scott Ansteth, Nicholas Anthony, Shane Shelton, Brandon Larkins), 1:51.43; 4. Canton (Marinica, Mike Booker, Brandon Tolinski, Richard Zhang), 1:52.98; 5. W.L. Northern (Steve Smith, Joe Taylor, Morgan Hummel, Brian Carter), 1:57.20; 6. Salem (Joe DeFassanyi, Olson, Tom Patterson, Cameron Dunn), 1:57.50; 7. Plymouth (Justin Scaparo, Nick Cobane, Ethan Christenson, Jack Gruszczynski), 2:02.66; 8. W.L. Central (George Smolkin, Cory Casagrande, Tyler James, Miceil), 2:14.96.

1-meter diving: 1. Northville, 292.35; 2. Stevenson, 277.85; 3. Churchill, 240.65; 4. W.L. Northern, 224.95; 5. W.L. Central, 219.70; 6. Plymouth, 211.80; 7. Salem, 181.45.

400 medley relay: 1. Northville (Blicki, Sheppard, Schonek, Lunn), 3:57.76; 2. Stevenson (Schoff, Bielicki, Marecki, Geverlink), 4:12.74; 3. Plymouth (Wilson, Ambrose, Distel, Conger), 4:17.57; 4. Salem (Nathan Spala, DeFassanyi, Collingwood, Chen), 4:18.18; 5. Canton (Robert Goodwin, Boes, Chris McGinnis, Karlinski), 4:26.28; 6. Churchill (Matthew Castelli, Greg Van Gorp, Joey Liberali, Steven Jones), 4:42.24; 7. W.L. Northern (Gerber, Matthew Vaillancourt, Steve Smith, Joe Taylor), 4:43.07; 8. Franklin (Sean Wilson, Dawson Barnes, Thomas Morrison, Eric Madaj), 5:33.85.

500 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Jerome Pesta, Christopher Behler, Turlo, Kyle Hermann), 4:29.54; 2. Northville (Nathan Menovick, Kyle Adams, Anthony Adamowicz, Jon Bardsley), 4:32.26; 3. Canton (Jenner, Koelzer, Jordan Gorzalski, Zhang), 4:51.95; 4. Salem (Daniel Kuang, Hoffmeyer, Max Mills, Seroka), 4:51.99; 5. Plymouth (Cobane, Gruszczynski, Wing, Oldani), 5:04.15; 6. W.L. Central (Tyler Esmacher, Garrett Leidich, Tederington, Cory Casagrande), 5:12.87; 7. Franklin (Brett Woods, Tyler Lee, Michniewicz, James), 5:12.92; 8. W.L. Northern (Tyrus, Carsten Walker, Mark Coldren, Gerber), 5:50.25.

200 medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Schoff, Loria, Adam Dabkowski, Scott), 1:48.70; 2. Northville (John Lubisco, Peterson, Konnor Kobinski, Dan Darga), 1:52.16; 3. W.L. Northern (Alex Musto, Morgan Hummel, Evan Cole, Barnard), 1:55.44; 4. W.L. Western (Josh Wood, Jason Sherbel, Stafa, Garcia), 1:56.50; 5. Plymouth (Alex Ruedger, Nate Atkinson, Scaparo, McLaughlin), 2:04.06; 6. Salem (Alex Suriano, Kory Dondzila, Dunn, Aaron Micek), 2:06.50; 7. Canton (Krebs, Tian, Booker, Steven Watts), 2:13.53; 8. W.L. Central (Nesti, Molnar, James, Tederington), 2:14.83.

200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Gerber, Cole, Tannous, Zavisla), 1:31.17; 2. Stevenson (Pesta, Diebel, Vayis, Scott), 1:37.12; 3. Northville (Jake Lane, A.J. Aquino, Alex Miller, Nathan Menovick), 1:38.08; 4. Wayne (Jacob Barnes, Jordan Holland, Steven Ogg, Kevin Erdmann), 1:40.30; 5. Plymouth (Joe Eudy, Dull, Snyder, Nolan), 1:40.83; 6. W.L. Central (Dan Montgomery, George Smolkin, Matt Jannette, Riley), 1:45.27; 7. Canton (Andrew Hanagan, Dennis Rose, Rick Peters, Matt Flegiewicz), 1:50.44; 8. Salem (Chad Newton, Steven Clagg, Greg Rupp, Troy Kerchen), 1:57.24.

BOYS

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with some big steals. Ryan Seely had a couple steals late in the first quarter when we were down 9-2 that kind of energized us. Without those, it could have got bad for us quick.

"It was a good win for us because Salem is such a good team, they're so well-coached and Grant Stone is one of the top players in the league."

Stone received nearly as much attention from the Chiefs as the Twelve Oaks Mall Santa Claus gets on Dec. 23. There was a seemingly endless line of red-uniformed players waiting to greet the Rocks' offensive dynamo.

"We wanted to face-guard him, get a hand in his face and not let him shoot the three," said Canton senior captain Brody Coplai, explaining the Chiefs' defensive game plan against Stone. "And we wanted to close down on him when he drove the middle."

The mission was accomplished as Stone was held to a season-low nine points.

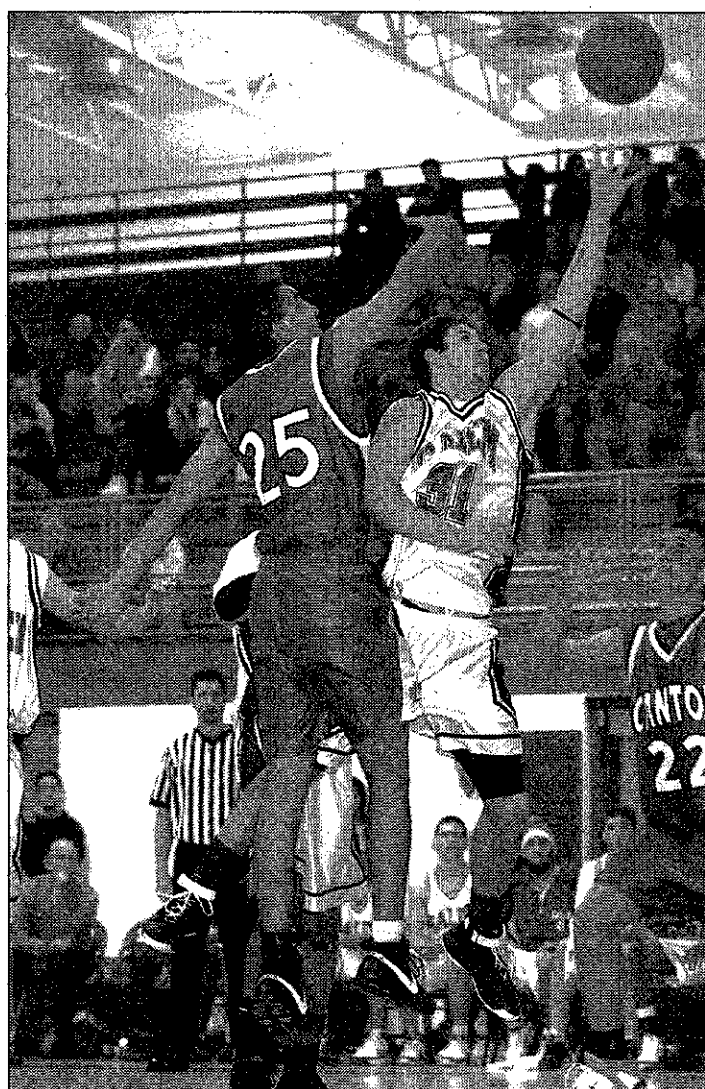
Senior Ross Davis more than picked up the slack as he netted 28 points and 14 rebounds — six of the boards coming on the offensive end of the court.

The Chiefs were bolstered by career-high scoring nights from a trio of seniors: Chris Bailey (26), Seely (15) and Coplai, who registered 10.

"They're more athletic than us, which you saw on a lot of the rebounds," said Canton senior forward Neil Sharma, who poured in 13. "Ross was flying over us on a lot of those. But we didn't let it bother us."

"We like to get out and run, which we were able to do tonight. When we lost against South Lyon Friday night it was because they got us to play more of a half-court game, which isn't our style."

The Rocks, who had been idle since a Dec. 7 triumph at



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Jesse Pointer drives to the hoop against Canton's Neil Sharma during Tuesday night's game.

Garden City, surged to a 9-2 lead. However, the Seely-led Chiefs countered with an 11-2 run to end the quarter.

The turning point in the contest came toward the latter stages of the second quarter. After a long Davis triple knotted the game at 23-all, the Chiefs went on a 13-2 run that extended into the early moments of the third quarter. Bailey accounted for all but one of the points as he scored just about every way imaginable netting two treys, an offensive rebound, a pair of free throws and a fast-break layup.

An offensive putback by Dan Stoney padded the Chiefs'

advantage to 59-46 with 4:30 to play, but the Rocks dug deep and assembled a valiant comeback, thanks mostly to Davis, who tallied 10 points over the final 3:46.

A Davis finger-roll brought Salem to within 68-64 with 50.3 seconds left, however, the Chiefs closed the deal with a Coplai free throw and a Bailey layup with 22 ticks remaining.

"The only bright spot was we never quit," said Brodie. "Even when we were down 12, the boys kept scrapping and playing hard and it got us back in the game."

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GIRLS

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Senior post player Baylee Hollowell paced the Chiefs with 13 points and six rebounds. Kaylie Martin was the next most productive Chief, contributing five points.

"We came out great in the first quarter, but after that Salem just made more plays than we did," said Canton

coach Brian Samulski. "They got a lot of second shots off offensive rebounds and they got to the rim and scored."

"We only scored two points in the second quarter and three in the third, so obviously I didn't do a good job of preparing the girls to attack Salem's zone."

"Salem has a nice team, with Davis, Stone and Mitch, all of whom play well together. They're very patient and they know how to move the basketball."

Both teams shot well from the free throw line: Salem was 7-of-9 (77 percent) while the

Chiefs were 6-of-8 (75 percent).

Thomann said his team's defensive gameplan revolved around containing Hollowell, who was averaging close to 20 points per contest heading into the game.

"We tried to make sure we had two players guarding her all the time," said Thomann.

The game was played before a smaller-than-normal crowd due in part to the fact that the two schools' boys teams were facing off against each other in Salem's gym about 100 yards to the northwest.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

AMENDMENT TO COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-07-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-07-03 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, PART 1, ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS; UTILITY LINE FAILURES, ILLEGAL FIRES, FALSE ALARMS, BOMB THREATS, THREATS OF HARM TO ONESELF OR OTHERS, STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, EXTRICATIONS, STANDBY SUPPRESSION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SIMILAR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE.

9.010. **Definitions.** This section provides for definitions of the following terms: Release of Dangerous or Hazardous Substance or Material, Utility Line Failure, Illegal Fire, False Alarm, Bomb Threat, Threat of Harm to Oneself or Others, Structure Demolition, Emergency Response, Extrication, Standby Suppression, and Medical Assistance.

9.015. **Reimbursement: Municipal Civil Infraction: Penalty.** This section provides that failure to pay the Expenses of an Emergency Response of an Emergency Response within thirty (30) days of written demand shall be a Municipal Civil Infraction.

9.020. **Duty to Remove and Clean Up.** This section provides that it shall be the duty of any person or any entity which causes or controls leakage, spillage or any other dissemination of dangerous or hazardous substance or materials to immediately remove and clean up the area and fully restore it.

9.030. **Failure to Remove and Clean Up.** This section provides that any such person or entity which fails to comply with Section 9.020 shall be liable to and pay the Charter Township of Plymouth for its costs and expenses, including the costs incurred by the Township or any party which it engages, for the complete abatement, clean up, and restoration of the affected areas.

9.040. **Enforcement.** This section provides that the Charter Township of Plymouth shall have the right to bring an action in the appropriate court to collect such costs.

SECTION 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that all rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that if any portion of Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-07-05 considered for first reading at the December 11, 2007, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 12/28/07 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due. Personal property described below in the matter of: 1006 – Ray Miller – Air Conditioner, 5 Boxes, Misc Items 2030 – Mary Owens – Couch, Washer, Dryer 3069 – Archie McGill – Bedframe, Endtable, Dresser 4001 – Robert Kozak – Vacuum, 10 tool boxes, Misc Items 4044 – Christopher Barnett – Couch, 12 Totes, Misc Items 9154 – Daphani Dent – 10 Boxes; Couch, Love Seat Publish: December 13 and 20, 2007 0808575146-2x2

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 2026 – Carin Malley – Washer, Dryer, Dresser 3030 – Herman Glass – TV, VCR, 10 Bags 3042 – Dianne Croskey – Couch, 10 Boxes, 5 Bags 3047 – Cann Malley – Entertainment Center, 2 Kids Bikes, Microwave 4212 – Brooke Forquer – Table, 4 Boxes, Misc Items 4267 – Alina Lafleche – China Cabinet, 4 Chairs, 2 Totes 4294 – Diane Jacobs – 5 Boxes, 10 Totes, Misc Items 5029 – Cleopatra Peck – 4 Bikes, Lawn Mower, Refrigerator 5202 – Donald Reardon – 5 Totes, TV, Trunk 5240 – Debra Charnoske – Keyboard, Tool Chest, Air Compressor 6011 – Mark Allen Mayo – Microwave, Keyboard, 10 Totes 9054 – Karen Luna – Headboard, Sofa, Mattress Publish: December 13 and 20, 2007 0808676144 - 2x3

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION DECEMBER 28, 2007 AT 10:00 AM. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185. THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS, STARTING BID IS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1986	GMC	Jimmy	S/W	1G5CT18E8G0512939
1987	Ford	Mustang	2-Dr	1FABP40A7HF177745
1995	Ford	Taurus	S/W	1FALP57U0SG146025
1997	Chevy	Lumina	4-Dr	2G1WL52MXV1184138
1991	Chevy	Corsica	4-Dr	1G1LT53T0ME142180
1987	Chevy	Caprice	4-Dr	1G1BN51H4HX13311
1987	Ford	Escort	S/W	3FALP15P3VR143140
1999	Chevy	Cavalier	4-Dr	1G1JC5246X7227230
1992	Ford		4-Dr	1FALP53U1NG201804
1995	Pontiac		2-Dr	1G2JB124XS7546291
2001	Mercury	Sable	4-Dr	1MEHM55S91G648474
1988	Dodge		Van	2B7FK13K2JR767394
1995	Pontiac		4-Dr	1G2NE55M6SC702264
1993	Ford		Van	1FDEE14N4PHB55662
1978	Suzuki	Motorcycle	RM250	RM25035425

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2008 for the following:

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY AND BENCHMARK FOR CITIZEN SURVEY DATA

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734/394/5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PREP HOOP

Late 3's won't fall for Wildcat boys

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If Hollywood ever decides to make Tuesday night's boys basketball game between Plymouth and Walled Lake Central into a feature-length movie, they could call it, "The Case of the Elusive Three."

Trailing by three points with less than a minute to play, the Wildcats misfired on a trio of potential game-tying treys before falling to the host Vikings, 50-46, in a Western

Lakes Activities Association contest.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 1-4 while Central improved to 2-3.

"We couldn't get a three to drop when we really needed one," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner.

Plymouth's Brandon Roberts led all scorers with 18 points to go along with his five rebounds. Senior guard Navraj Sandhu also had a productive night, netting 17 points.

"Brandon and Navraj both

stepped up with big games," said Van Wagoner. "We're looking for a third player to step up and help them with the scoring. If that happens, we can be very good."

Central was led by senior guard Cory Rzeznick, who tallied 16 points, 12 of which came via the three-ball.

Plymouth led 7-6 after one quarter before falling into a 25-23 halftime hole. Central extended its lead to 38-31 with eight minutes to play.

To say the opening stage

of the game was played at a deliberate pace would be a vast understatement.

"There was probably one shot attempted in the first four minutes by both teams," Van Wagoner revealed.

The Vikings won the game at the free throw line, where they canned 11-of-18 attempts.

The visiting Wildcats visited the line just four times, sinking three.

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Plymouth girls fall to Walled Lake Central, 41-30

Plymouth's girls basketball team came up empty in its bid to jump over the .500 mark as the Wildcats dropped a 41-30 decision to visiting Walled Lake Central Tuesday night.

The Wildcats dropped to 3-4 on the season.

Plymouth led 11-8 after one quarter and 19-16 at the half before the Vikings stormed back to outscore their hosts 25-11 over the final 16 minutes.

Freshman Katie Moss (10 points) was the lone Wildcat to score in double figures. Central's Brooke Gustafson led all

scorers with 13.

Plymouth managed to drain just one three (from Troi Davis) while connecting on 3-of-6 free throws.

The Vikings, on the other hand, buried four triples and were nearly perfect from the charity stripe, swishing 9-of-10.

BRIDGES

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"We told them to leave it on the floor, to have a good time," Denis Sr. said. "But at the end of the day, you're still brothers and you're still best friends. So that's what we wanted, and that's what we got."

"We're just blessed to be able to watch them have fun and enjoy."

In fact, during the hammer-and-tong non-conference men's basketball game, there were few opportunities for on-the-court bantering.

"We made a few comments, but nothing too bad," said D. J. "I told him I was going to talk a lot, but I didn't talk too much."

"I was proud of him, he played pretty well even though they didn't win."

D. J. added that he'll always look back on the game, but not just for going up against Andre.

"Oh yeah, I'll definitely look back on this," D. J. continued. "One of my dad's dreams was always for us to play on the same team. But he got to see us play against each other, so that was pretty good."

"My mom actually said she wasn't going to come to the game, but she decided to show at the last second. That was pretty cool, too."

Canton gymnasts vault to 2-0 start

Canton's girls gymnastics team improved its record to 2-0 Tuesday night with a resounding 133.35-68.15 triumph over Hartland.

The Chiefs swept at least the top five places in all four events.

The winners were paced by freshman Robyn Piwowar, who compiled an all-around point total of 34.95. The talented ninth-grader placed first in the floor exercise competition (8.8) and on the balance beam (8.75), while turning in runner-up efforts on the vault (8.55) and the uneven bars (8.85).

See Sunday's Observer for previews of three PCEP gymnastics teams.

Senior Jessie Murray also excelled, placing second in the all-around (33.15) thanks in large part to a gold-medal performance on the vault (8.65).

Canton's Cathy Huang ruled the bars, winning with an 8.95. Other all-around scores for the Chiefs were compiled by Huang, who finished third with a 32.85; and Mallory Hudak, who was fourth with a 31.30. Hudak's best showing came on the floor when she tied for second with Murray

with a stellar 8.75 score.

On Saturday, the Chiefs opened the 2007-08 campaign with a 132.9-121.65 victory over Vassar.

"I was very happy with the way the team performed," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "To get an easy win this early in the season with a very young team is nice."

Piwowar was outstanding in her first high school meet, chalking up three nine-plus scores on the way to an all-around total of 35.45. Canton's Mallory Hudak earned a first in the vault with an 8.65.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Dec. 20
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
PCA at Light & Life Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21
Canton Agape at Inter-City Baptist, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 27
Salem at Allen Park Tourney, 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at Immaculate Conception Christmas Tournament, TBA
Friday, Dec. 28
Salem at Allen Park Tourney, TBA
Saturday, Dec. 29
Canton Agape at Immaculate Conception Christmas Tournament, TBA
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Dec. 20
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
PCA at Lenawee Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21

Canton Agape at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28
Detroit Community at Salem, 7 p.m.
Okemos at Canton, 7 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
Thursday, Dec. 20
Canton at Northville at Novi Arena, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21
W.L. Western at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 22
Canton at Gabriel Richard at Yost Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth at West Bloomfield at Orchard Lake Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29
Plymouth at Ottawa at Bell Knapp Ice Arena, 5 p.m.
WRESTLING
Saturday, Dec. 22
Canton at EMU Varsity Tourney, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29
Salem Individual Tournament, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Dec. 20
Canton at Saline, TBA
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Dec. 27
Whalers vs. Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:11 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 21
Rochester College at Madonna, 7 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Saturday, Dec. 22
Detroit Ignition at Chicago Storm, 8 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

"Mike made a few phone calls and then the ball really got rolling," said Stefan, a Detroit Red Wings goalie from 1981 to 1990. "Within a few days the decision was up to me whether to come back or stay there. The more I thought about it, the more I realized what a great opportunity it would be for me."

"Is it something I'll do forever? I have no idea. Am I going to enjoy it? I hope so. Am I going to be good at it? I hope so. Am I glad I made this decision? Definitely, because this is something I've always wanted to do."

EASY CHOICE

Once Vellucci decided to relinquish his coaching duties, the decision about who he wanted to replace him was as clear as a freshly Zambonied sheet of ice.

"Once I made the decision to step down, I knew Greg was the guy I was looking for," said Vellucci, who was promoted to governor of the franchise. "He's very familiar with a lot of our players already, his brother (Joe) is our assistant coach and he was a member of this organization for several years. Plus, he and I think a lot alike, so I knew it would make for a smoother transition."

NOT-SO-EASY CHOICE

The decision to hang up his whistle did not come easily for Vellucci, who guided the Whalers to an OHL championship this past spring.

"Some people think I stepped down because I'm sick — well, I'm not sick," said Vellucci, who was the only executive in the OHL to carry the president, GM and head coach titles. "It's something I've been considering for a while now. With all the jobs I had, it became too much. There were so many time constraints."

"Until now, I've always told myself, I can do it, I can do it." But it got to be too much. I think this is the best decision for me, my family and the Whalers."

Vellucci said he considered resigning as coach prior to this season.

"But then people would have said, 'He's quitting because they're not going to be very good this year,'" Vellucci said. "Well, we're having a good year (the Whalers are 19-9-2-2), so I felt the time was right to make the change."

"The things I'm going to miss the most are the day-to-day interactions with the players at practice, helping teach them to become better players and better people. I'll miss it, but at the same time I'm confident that Greg will do a great job."

FAMILIAR FACE

Stefan is no stranger around Compuware Arena. Before joining the Hurricanes coaching staff full time two years ago, he served as an assistant coach and director of player development for the Whalers. He also served a five-year stint as a coach with the franchise from 1993-98.

"I was a player personnel guy here along with Mike before I left for Carolina, so I know half this team quite well," he said. "One of my priorities now is to get to know the players I don't know real well yet — their strengths and weaknesses. I've already learned a lot in the three games I've coached here, but I still have a lot to learn."

Stefan will be assisted by his younger brother, Joe, who joined the Whalers' this past off-season as Vellucci's top assistant.

"I'll be leaning on Joe a lot to help me learn about the team since he's coached them for half the season already," said Stefan. "It will be fun coaching with him."

"I can't say enough about Mike and the job he's done here. He's a great coach and a great general manager. And if he ever wants to get back into coaching, I think he'd do an excellent job at the next level."

Greg Stefan and his wife, Diana, reside in Farmington Hills. They are the proud parents of two sons: Joseph, 19, and William, 9.

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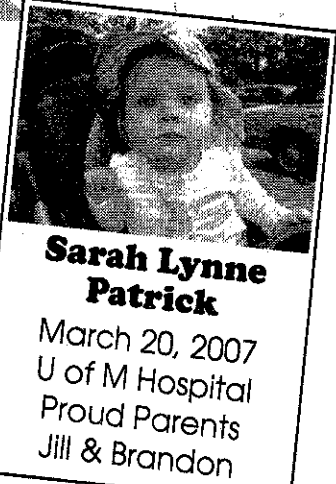
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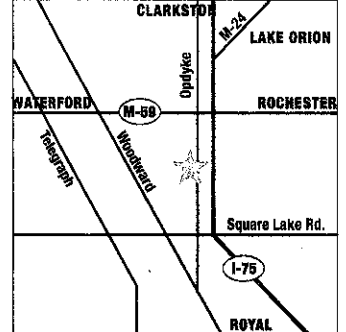


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Fastest-growing sport hits area high schools

There is competition at several levels for the youth bowlers as the Michigan High School Athletic Association's boys and girls bowling season got underway on Dec. 1.

Bowling is now the fastest growing high school sport in the USA.

If you get the chance to go over to the lanes during the competition, you would be amazed at the enthusiasm and true school spirit on display.

The late Dan Ottman organized the Michigan Junior Masters Association (MJMA) over 20 years ago to provide top-level youth scratch bowling competition on a monthly basis at different sites around the state.

It's a training ground for the best youth bowlers to gain knowledge through expert training and have the opportunity to earn substantial scholarship money as well.

Alro Steel Corp. of Jackson has been the main sponsor for several years of this event, which attracts many outstanding boys and girls from all over Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, as well as Canada.

Many of the standout bowlers in local adult leagues have developed their skills in this venue.

The newest champion is Livonia's Michael Kiel, who captured the 18th annual Alro Steel Classic last month at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

Kiel had the high game of the tournament with a 279 as he defeated Brian McMahon of Saginaw, 214-196 in the championship match, earning \$400 in scholarship money.

Kiel became one of the two Gold qualifiers, meaning he will represent The MJMA



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

this July in Detroit during the National U.S. Bowling Congress Youth tournament.

On the girls side, Megan Warner of Grandville defeated Sarah Lokker of New Baltimore, 199-187, to win the title and \$250 in scholarship money.

All bowling fans are invited to come out and watch the MJMA bowlers because it's quite a show.

For more information on Alro/MJMA, e-mail Jerry Tarabek at jtar2830@yahoo.com; or call (616) 780-2095.

■ The eyes of the nation will be focused on 2008 in Detroit when it stages the national championships for both the USBC youth and the USBC women.

The two events combined could bring an estimated 80,000 bowlers and visitors to the Detroit area.

■ In the Metro Detroit USBC Queens tournament held recently at Beech Lanes in Redford with Novella (White) Daniels of Harper Woods crowned the 2007 champion after beating Stacey Sykes of Southfield.

Sykes was top qualifier with a 933 on games of 255-258-247-233. Daniels qualified 11th, but had enough left in the tank to prevail as the overall champion.

■ The last few weeks were a busy time for tournament play in our area as the 77th Annual Old Timers Tournament got underway Nov. 24 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen

Park.

There were over 600 paid entries, an amazing feat for a one-day event.

Thanks to the organizational skills of John Chmelko Sr., along with John Jr., the event was a huge success.

The following age-group winners earned a commemorative wristwatch including:

Under-50: Tom Roberts, 44, of Melvindale (729 series); 50-59: Doug Roberts, 59, of Melvindale (740); 60-64: Douglas Balint, 60, of Flat Rock (740); 65-69: Anthony McCauley, 67, of Detroit (710); 70-74: Tony Loiacano, 73, of Warren (707); 75-79: defending champion, Scotty Laughland, 77, of Windsor, Ontario (694); 80-and-over: Milton Patten, 80, of River Rouge (725).

The overall champion for 2007 was 54-year-old Gary Hanba of Hartland, who finished with a series of 741 on games of 257-205-279.

Meanwhile, Westland's Garrett Nagle took third in the under-50 group with a 714.

Ted Kress of Redford videotaped the highlights and it might be run on some local access TV stations soon.

American Bowling Congress Hall-of-Famers on hand to bowl included Tony Lindemann and Jimmy Schroeder. Three bowlers came from San Diego, Calif., with one each from Idaho, Buffalo, N.Y. and Minneapolis, Minn., along with five from Canada.

Over 200 competitors stayed afterwards for a nice buffet dinner.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be contacted by email at: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

Ignition falls to expansion team

The Detroit Ignition (6-3) was defeated 14-10 Saturday night by the expansion La Raza de Monterrey (4-7) in front of a n announced sell-out crowd at Compuware Arena.

The setback dropped the Ignition to 6-3 while the first-year Mexico-based team improved to 4-7.

La Raza jumped out to an early 6-0 lead in the first half.

Ricardinho scored Detroit's first points of the night at 2:31 in the third

quarter with a two-point rocket off an assist from Kyt Selaidopoulos.

At 4:49, Monterrey forward Dino Delevski responded with another two points for the visitors. Ignition midfielder Ryan Mack cut La Raza's lead in half at 9:40 in the third period with a two-point goal to bring the score to 8-4.

Selaidopoulos, Jamar Beasley and Ricardinho all scored goals for Detroit in the fourth quarter, but the

come-back wasn't enough to overtake La Raza.

The Ignition is a member club of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Information regarding Ignition season, group, and individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at (888) 436-GOAL (4625), by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com, by calling TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666, or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-December 11, 2007

6:30 P.M. - RECEPTION FOR FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher, Mike Ager, Dave Harris, Rick Gau, Allyson Wainstock, Matt Streicher, Alicia Mazure **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of November 20, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of November 27, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **RECOGNITION:** 1. RECOGNITION OF CANTON COMMUNITY TELEVISION'S AWARD WINNER STAFF. (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution in recognition of the Canton Community Television staff. Motion carried unanimously. **PRESENTATION:** 1. POLICE LIEUTENANT'S BADGE: Lieutenant Jerry Hardesty 2. POLICE SERGEANT'S BADGE: Sergeant Patrick Sullivan 3. FIRE BATTALION CHIEF'S BADGE: Battalion Chief Timothy Dunn 4. FIRE CAPTAIN'S BADGE: Captain John Bartle, Captain Ronald Battani, and Captain Stephen Gaggi. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. AUTHORIZE TO PAY BILLS THROUGH THE END OF 2007. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the payment of the Township's bills on December 28, 2007, as normally scheduled, subject to prior review by the Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION FOR CULTURE, ARTS & HERITAGE. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the re-appointments of Jim Blough, Sandy Gillig, Lincoln Lao and Linda Obree to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage for three (3) year terms. (Terms expiring 12/31/10). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CHERRY HILL VILLAGE FOUNTAIN PARK. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the parcels in Cherry Hill Village as identified in the original Cherry Hill Village PDD and to record the deed as required. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to re-appoint Mr. Ron Pennington to the Building Board of Appeals. (Term expiring 12/31/2009). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. BUDGET AMENDMENT - SPECIAL INVESTIGATION FUND 266, 267, AND 289. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment for the Special Investigative Funds 266, 267 and 289 to correct line item budget: Fund 267 - Special Investigative Fund Increase Revenues: Forfeitures - Auto Theft 267-000-656-0000 \$26,925, Increase Appropriations Transfer to State Projects Fund 267-333-965-2890 \$26,925. This budget amendment increases the 2007 Special Investigative Fund budget from \$105,975 to \$132,900. Fund 289 - State Projects Fund Increase Revenues: State Grant - Public Safety 289-000-643-0000 \$37,885, Contribution from Forfeiture Fund 289-000-676-2670 26,925, Fund Balance Appropriation 289-000-699-0000 16,231, Total \$81,041, Increase Appropriations Wage reimbursement - Sworn 289-333-714-0000 \$51,434, Overtime reimbursement - Sworn 289-333-718-0000 3,821, Fringe benefit reimbursement - Sworn 289-333-725-0000 25,786 Total \$81,041. This budget amendment increases the 2007 State Projects Fund budget from \$339,575 to \$420,616. Fund 266 - WVN Forfeiture Fund Increase Revenues: Fund balance appropriation 266-000-699-0000 \$245,050 Increase Appropriations Forfeiture Expenses 266-333-800-0000 \$245,050. This budget amendment increases the 2006 WVN Forfeiture Fund budget from \$362,038 to \$607,088. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER BUZZI REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Mohammad Bazzi. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CANTON CORNERS WEST OUTLET. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution site plan for Canton Corners West Outlet. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CANTON CROSSINGS SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Canton Crossings Shopping Center. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR CANTON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Canton Friendship Church. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CROSSROAD VILLAGE OUTLET A. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt resolution for site plan for Crossroads Village Outlet A. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR DEL TACO RESTAURANT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for site plan approval for Del Taco Drive-Through Restaurant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER RE-APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR L. GEORGE'S CONEY ISLAND. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for re-approval of the Site plan for L. George's Coney Island. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR BUSCH'S SUPERMARKET AND RETAIL BUILDING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for site plan for Busch's Supermarket and Retail Center. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept that in accordance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Water Bureau (MDEQWB), the Canton Community proclaims this program as a continuing effort to maintain clean, safe potable water, and by reference to the State of Michigan Public Act 399, 1976 Rule #325.11401 through Rule #325.11407 of the Administrative Code does hereby adopt the Cross Connection Control Plan as prepared by HydroDesigns, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE DETENTION BASIN ENHANCEMENTS GRANT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Inter-Agency Agreement with Wayne County for the Canton Detention Basin Enhancements Grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. CONSIDER WAIVING RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS AND AWARDING DESIGN SERVICES TO NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE LILLEY/HANFORD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive receipt of proposals and to award design services to Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$7,545.54 (account number 403-506-803-0000) for the design of the Hanford/Lilley Intersection right turn lanes. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. CONSIDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for zoning ordinance text amendments (007-TXT-005). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. BUDGET AMENDMENT - POLICE OVERTIME. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for Police overtime: Decrease Appropriations: Police Sworn Salaries 207 301 704 0000 (\$180,000) Increase Appropriations: Overtime-Sworn Officers 207 301 708 0000 \$180,000 This budget amendment neither increases nor decreases the Police FY2007 budget. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER FOR FUEL. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$5,500 from account # 101-270-930-0000 Maintenance & Repair Grounds and \$3,000 from account #101-270-861-0000 Maintenance and Repair-Vehicles into account # 101-270-860-0000 Parks Transportation - Gas & Oil. 1 move to approve the increase of P.O. #64732 for Oakland Fuel, 3943 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48239, by \$8,500 into account #101-270-860-0000 Parks Transportation - Gas & Oil for a total of \$82,000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 15. ADOPT 2007 BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR SANITARY RELIEF SEWER PROJECTS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by * to adopt the following 2007 budget for the Capital Projects Construction Fund to account for the sale of bonds and sanitary sewer relief projects: Revenues: Interest income #402-000-664-0000 \$ 860,000 Proceeds from bond sales 402-000-695-0000 \$44,300,000 Total \$45,160,000 Appropriations: Contracted Services-Engineering #402-302-803-0000 \$1,903,497 Bond issuance costs 402-302-900-0000 \$187,377 Construction 402-302-969-0000 \$3,574,683 Contribution to fund balance 402-302-999-0000 \$39,494,443 Total \$45,160,000 Motion carried unanimously. **Item 16. BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendments to adjust the budgets for line items that require additional funding for the balance of the year: 1.) General Fund: Revenues: Reimbursement from Fire Fund #101-000-676-2080 \$5,504 Appropriations: Salaries-Finance & Budget Dept #101-223-705-0000 (4,487) Fringe benefits-Finance & Budget #101-223-720-0000 (1,017) Total \$ (5,504) Fire Fund: Appropriations Salaries-Civilian # 2 0 6 - 336-706-0000 \$4,487 Fringe Benefits #206-336-720-0000 \$1,017 Reimbursement to General Fund #206-336-959-1010 (5,504) To adjust line item budgets for the transfer of accounts payable position from the General Fund, Finance & Budget to the Fire Fund effective November, 2007. This budget amendment decreases the Finance & Budget Department budget from \$1,038,606 to \$1,033,102, General Fund budget from \$27,463,383 to \$27,457,879 and does not change to Fire Fund budget total. 2.) General Fund: Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ (80,000.00) Appropriations: Contribution to Post Empl Benefits #101-959-965-7360 \$80,000.00 To increase the budget line item for transfers to post employment benefits fund for the difference between MERS pension contributions and 15%. This budget amendment increases the Transfers Out Division budget from \$2,967,477 to \$3,047,477, and the General Fund budget from \$27,457,879 to \$27,537,879. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the next study session will be held on January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, First Floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. -Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. 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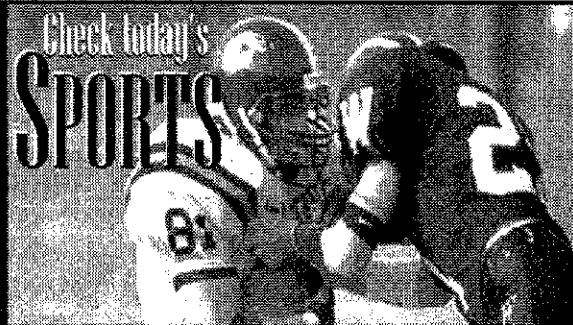
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WWOCAR taps leaders, supports charity

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors held its second annual Holiday Magic Reception II to honor its incoming president, Gordon McCann, and to raise funds for the HOMES Coalition.

The HOMES Coalition is an all-volunteer committee formed to raise public awareness of the desperate need for accessible housing for persons with disabilities. The coalition works to support tax exempt housing providers whose companies are devoted to the development of housing built to meet the special needs of persons with physical or mental disabilities.

Michigan state Rep. Phil LaJoy from Canton was on hand to swear in WWOCAR's 2008 President Gordon McCann. McCann was elected to serve as the association's president in 2007 and re-elected to the same position for 2008. McCann is affiliated with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate of Plymouth.

Other 2008 officers of WWOCAR are Gary Reggish serving as president-elect,

Tony Schippa as treasurer, and Paul Tozzi and Dianne Osgood who also serve on the Executive Committee.

Realtor Donald Catlett was honored posthumously to WWOCAR's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2007 to honor the association's members that had given substantial contributions back to the communities and to the association. Mary Ann Catlett, Don's wife, and members of the Catlett family were on hand to accept the award that was presented by Realtor Chris Courtney.

The reception took place at Northville Hills Estates and was hosted by Toll Brothers Homes. This is the second consecutive year that Toll Brothers has assisted WWOCAR Charities to raise funds for various community charities and not-for-profit organizations.

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors represents more than 3,700 Realtors and affiliates who conduct business in the metropolitan Detroit area.



Celebrating at the Holiday Magic Reception II are (left to right) Jamie Chobot, Jessica Hill, Jennifer Hubenschmidt and Lynn Phillips, all from Toll Brothers MI-Div., with Gordon McCann, 2007-08 president, Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Speak up to be heard; consult lawyer

Q. I am constantly being told that I can't vote at the meetings of the board. I am also a member of the board. Do you have any comment?

A. Although it is probably not the best practice, a board president, i.e., the president of the association and arguably the chairman of the board, can do anything at a board meeting

that any other director can do including making and seconding motions. Note that a section of Robert's Rules of Order that deals with "small boards" or "small committees" confirms this.

The prohibition against the president making motions, etc., is part of the rules for large meetings and conventions where the president merely presides over the meeting. There is also frequent confusion between who the officers and directors are because they are frequently one and the same. The board members have the power and the officers merely operate through the directives of the board and typically can be removed by the Board in accordance of the bylaws. It is best to consult with your attorney if you have any questions concerning these matters.

Q. I have encountered a fraudulent situation wherein a swindler employee of mine induced a person to defraud a mortgage lender client of mine by acting as a buyer and falsely overstating the purchase price of the home. The swindler told the seller that he would use the excess loan proceeds to repair the property and then rent it to tenants. Instead the swindler pocketed the loan proceeds, leaving the buyer personally liable on the mortgage loans. The documentation used to deceive the lender included a false appraisal, which was prepared by my apprentice employee. Unfortunately I paid little attention to checking the accuracy of the apprentice's appraisal. I am now being sued by the buyer for damages. Do you think I have any liability?

A. Based upon a recent case out of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, the court dismissed the case on similar facts holding that the appraiser owed no duty of care to buyer/borrower. The reasoning was that the lender contracts with the appraiser, and the appraiser's duty runs to the client, i.e., the lender. Although the appraiser may be liable to a third party for fraud, there was, at least in that case, no evidence that the supervising appraiser realized that the apprentice had produced a false appraisal.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

Real estate women's group brightens holidays

Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit's holiday party offered networking, holiday cheer and collection of donated holiday gift bags for children and young adults of Alternatives For Girls, a Detroit nonprofit organization.

The gala was held Wednesday, Dec. 5, at The Inn at 97 Winder, 97 Winder

St., Detroit. Members and guests enjoyed each other's company and the chance to spread holiday cheer through gifts for Alternatives For Girls.

Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit (<http://www.crewdetroit.org>), founded in 1986, is dedicated to advancing the success of women in

commercial real estate by promoting networking and professional opportunities among its more than 140 members.

CREW Detroit is one of the largest local chapters of CREW Network, a professional organization of 7,000 commercial real estate women and men in the U.S. and Canada. Local

activities include monthly programs, a golf outing in June, the annual Impact Awards honoring southeastern Michigan commercial real estate projects that improve their communities, and community outreach work benefiting Alternatives For Girls in Detroit and First Step in Plymouth.

Commercial Real Estate Women name leaders

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women recently elected its 2008 board of directors and officers, including:

president/national delegate: Gail von Staden of Gensler in Detroit for a one-year term;

president-elect/national delegate and sponsorship liaison: Leanne Bowen of Jones Lang LaSalle in Detroit for a one-year term;

secretary and communications liaison: Rachele Downs of CB Richard Ellis in Southfield for a one-year

term;

treasurer: Kim McMahon of Grubb & Ellis Company in Southfield for a one-year term;

director and Impact Awards liaison: Donna Hanson of Plante & Moran LLP in Auburn Hills for a two-year term;

director and Programs liaison: Toni Gasperoni of Landscape Forms in Shelby Township for a one-year term;

director and Membership & Member Services liaison: Sandra Sorini-Elser of

Bodman LLP in Ann Arbor for a one-year term;

director and Community Outreach liaison: Debbie Godfrey of Ramco-Gershenson Inc. in Farmington Hills for a two-year term;

director and Golf Outing liaison: Veronica Shepherd of Jones Lang LaSalle in Detroit for a two-year term; and past president/nominating chair: Carol Ann Arvan of FX Architecture, Inc. LLC in Royal Oak for a one-year term.

The board will oversee CREW Detroit's ongoing professional development, networking and community involvement activities, along with the chapter's April 2008 CREW Careers event, which will introduce girls and young women in southeast Michigan to career opportunities in real estate.

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These are residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 20-24, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
2467 Amber Dr	\$193,000
2286 Arcadia Dr	\$139,000
49957 Black Horse Ln	\$386,000
7021 Camelot Dr	\$227,000
43805 Candlewood Dr	\$185,000
2016 Cobra Ct	\$188,000
7643 Embassy Dr	\$240,000
44885 Forest Trail Dr	\$203,000
41410 Hanford Rd	\$175,000
841 Hillcrest Blvd	\$320,000
2688 Hogan Way	\$241,000
42513 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$98,000
45729 N Stonewood Rd	\$180,000
3635 Parklawn Dr	\$214,000
48624 Rockefeller Dr	\$330,000
51028 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$362,000
51070 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$245,000
382 Springfield Dr	\$305,000
1793 Wentworth Dr	\$225,000
43517 Westminster Way	\$185,000
Farmington	
36545 Saxony Rd	\$230,000

Farmington Hills	
22127 Abington Dr	\$357,000
28856 Aranel St	\$194,000
22950 Canfield Ave	\$140,000
22226 Cape Cod Way	\$80,000
25425 Carillon Dr	\$318,000
21811 Hancock St	\$225,000
21302 Juniper Ct	\$163,000
28932 Kendallwood Dr	\$293,000
30015 Kimberley Ct	\$95,000
30816 Misty Pines Dr	\$145,000
24967 Toddy Ln	\$260,000
29383 Weatherlane Ave	\$301,000
Garden City	
31429 Barton St	\$85,000
6151 Helen St	\$93,000
28449 John Hawk St	\$126,000
29141 John Hawk St	\$156,000
Livonia	
33847 Eight Mile Rd	\$105,000
9925 Arden St	\$140,000
19257 Auburndale St	\$173,000
15056 Blue Skies St	\$154,000
18272 Brentwood St	\$155,000
18491 Brentwood St	\$181,000
18925 Brentwood St	\$135,000
15496 Edington St	\$210,000
18543 Filmore St	\$60,000
19020 Floral St	\$94,000
31615 Fonville St	\$170,000
31270 Grandon St	\$162,000
29905 Greenland St	\$160,000

9830 Harrison St	\$125,000
14939 Hix St	\$187,000
32911 Indiana St	\$166,000
9749 Knolston St	\$159,000
18880 Lathens St	\$129,000
18594 Levan Rd	\$255,000
27625 Long St	\$116,000
33647 Michele St	\$165,000
9339 Montana St	\$144,000
37912 N Laurel Park Dr	\$199,000
27741 Oakley St	\$206,000
16852 Renwick St	\$189,000
18834 Southampton St	\$280,000
28995 Sunnydale St	\$120,000
9952 Sunset St	\$116,000
15383 Susanna Cir	\$270,000
15017 Susanna St	\$163,000
35190 Vargo St	\$410,000
29965 Westfield St	\$162,000
31100 Westfield St	\$151,000
36039 Whitcomb St	\$221,000
Milford	
409 W Commerce St	\$275,000
Northville	
47450 Bellagio Dr	\$250,000
Northville	
16222 Brook Trout Ln	\$224,000
424 Covington Ct	\$260,000
16100 Crystal Downs E	\$475,000
17343 Oak Hill Ct	\$515,000
45530 Pebble Beach Ct	\$550,000
46655 Pinehurst Cir	\$638,000

46264 Pinehurst Dr	\$480,000
705 Randolph St	\$130,000
48758 Stoneridge Dr	\$220,000
41950 Sutters Ln	\$330,000
16835 Yellowstone Dr	\$129,000
Novi	
27501 Albert St	\$305,000
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44758 Larkspur	\$315,000
40717 Lenox Park Dr	\$248,000
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41576 Thorau Rdg	\$365,000
47572 Wellesley Ct	\$450,000
Plymouth	
11300 Aspen Dr	\$160,000
952 Carol Ave	\$305,000
11367 Hillcrest Dr	\$400,000
12264 Howland Park Dr	\$458,000
11832 N Canton Center Rd	\$285,000
40685 Newport Dr	\$127,000
432 Pacific St	\$170,000
51112 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$620,000
1351 Ross St	\$265,000
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Redford	
26364 Barbara	\$130,000
17190 Garfield	\$84,000
12801 Sioux	\$135,000

26797 Southwestern Hwy	\$105,000
25937 Student	\$119,000
8989 Virgil	\$128,000
26004 W Chicago	\$115,000
South Lyon	
1092 Chestnut Ln	\$230,000
1134 Chestnut Ln	\$220,000
26673 Daria Cir W	\$100,000
24750 Milford Rd	\$360,000
23756 Prescott Ln E	\$468,000
23498 Prescott Ln W	\$418,000
Westland	
33645 Beechwood St	\$77,000
32430 Bertram Dr	\$128,000
34108 Caspian Ct	\$80,000
33738 Chief Ln	\$125,000
7040 Deerhurst Dr	\$149,000
6037 Herbert St	\$79,000
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7538 Manor Cir	\$75,000
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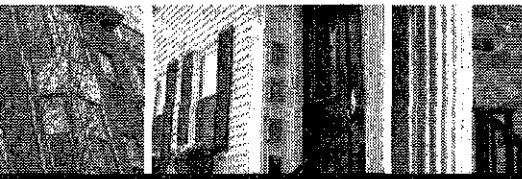
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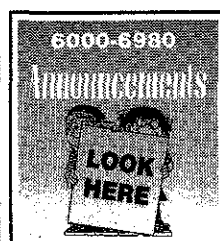
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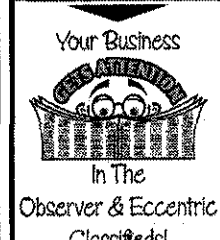
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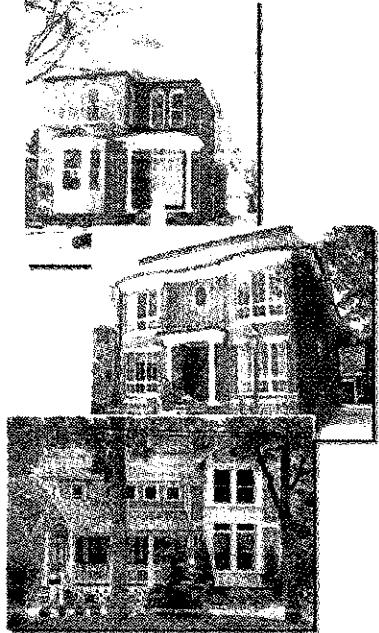
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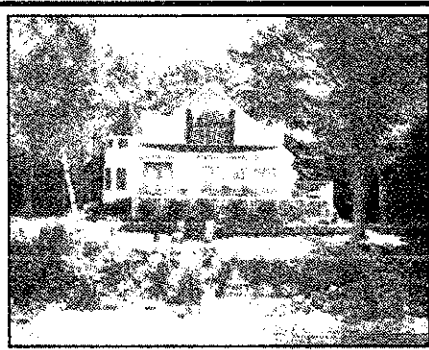
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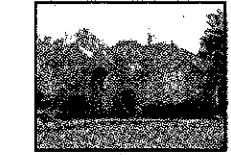
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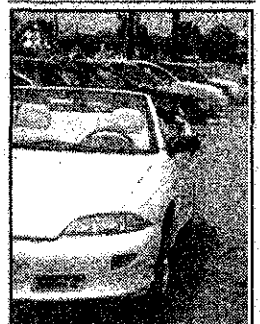
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CAReport



By Dale Buss

Now that the winter solstice is upon us, it's the right time already to start thinking spring. And nothing conjures quite the anticipation of that season like thoughts of hopping into a two-seat convertible.

Here are four of the best roadsters for your purchase consideration between now and when the daffodils bloom. They can be had for as little as \$34,000 or be enhanced to set you back as much as \$65,000. But when you settle in to move out in one of these machines, you won't really care what you paid for it.

Audi TT Roadster already was one of the best cars ever driven, and then Audi went and improved it for 2008. It gets the gold medal for its combination of head-snapping performance, deft handling, superb design, interior roominess and a nifty roof that automatically opens and closes with your finger on one button.

Styled in an aggressive Bauhausian oval, the TT Roadster long has excited design aficionados, from its low-hanging front grille to the curvaceously clipped rear end. TT's interior is a visual statement as well: a symphony of cylindrical shapes enhanced by touches such as a flat-bottomed steering wheel. Audi has created segment-topping spaciousness inside by expanding the cabin just a bit for 2008. Its seating position already was optimally high for a car so low to the ground.

Best of all is this roadster's whip-quick acceleration and ample juice for any occasion - even from a base engine that displaces only two liters, has just four cylinders and discharges just 200 horsepower. Turbocharging does the trick. Braking and cornering are superb as well. And at prices beginning around \$37,000, TT actually provides good value as well.

BMW Z4 fantastically demonstrates why the company deserves its reputation for pushing continual improvement in its cars, even as good as they already are. The Z4 succeeded the already-fantastic Z3 about four years ago and, at prices starting in the mid-\$30,000s, is a very cheap thrill, relatively speaking.

The car looks - well, menacing, with a long and sloped front end, and sides and rear that boast an appealing medley of jewel-sharp rills and lines. (For that reason, it's more impressive in a color like silver instead of, say, black.) Inside, a number of high bolsters make you snug in your low-slung seat while you admire the French-stitched faux carbon-fiber leather on the dash and center console.



The Lexus SC 430 is one of the most luxurious roadsters in production.

Form and substance define the Nissan 350Z roadster.



However, the Z4 could use a bit more space inside.

Z4 comes only with a six-cylinder engine that rockets the vehicle from 0 to 60 in less than five seconds and keeps up the impressive power display no matter how far you want to run. All the while, you'll feel sealed to the roadway. The M version of the roadster can handle more than 1G both cornering and braking.

Lexus SC 430 doesn't compete with these other roadsters in terms of off-the-line acceleration or taut cornering. But if the two of you want to ride in luxury and style - there's a \$65,000 price tag - start with the SC 430.

SC 430 certainly cuts a head-turning figure. From its protracted front end to its curvy tail, from the side flares that protrude toward the rear of the chassis to the understated hint of a spoiler, the car is strikingly designed, even more impressive from the rear than from the front. Eighteen-inch alloy wheels with center ornaments, and dual chrome exhaust pipes, provide the finishing touches.

But despite its 88-horsepower V-8 engine and sporty suspension, SC 430 is a touring vehicle, starting with the hardtop roof which, remarkably, retracts entirely in less than 30 seconds. The car emphasizes a plush interior and appointments, including 10-way power-heated seats and automatic climate control. Front seating is deep, providing

exceptional protection from the elements, and a vestigial rear seat - while affording room enough only for small children - allows some cargo as well.

Nissan 350Z is the latest in a venerable line of "Z" models. And as such, it continues Nissan's tradition of offering considerable performance at a really obtainable price - mostly in the \$30,000s. The soft-top roadster as well as a two-seat coupe version come with a 3.5-liter V6 engine driving the rear wheels, a powertrain that is true to its Z predecessors: The 350Z revs easily, quickly develops plenty of power and is even reasonably fuel efficient, cover from 15mpg in the city to 25mpg on the highway depending on the version.

But you're definitely climbing into a 350Z for the driving experience, not the pampering. The ride is stiff and the grip is serious, with considerable road and tire noise. And while the seats are snug and the instrumentation well presented, interior appointments are a bit Spartan.

It's a good thing that 350Z's exterior styling is so distinctive. There's the defining long hood, short deck and sweeping rear lines that flow down to form the large hatchback opening. In a great way, the road-hugging 350X looks like a well-muscled suction cup scooting along the highway.

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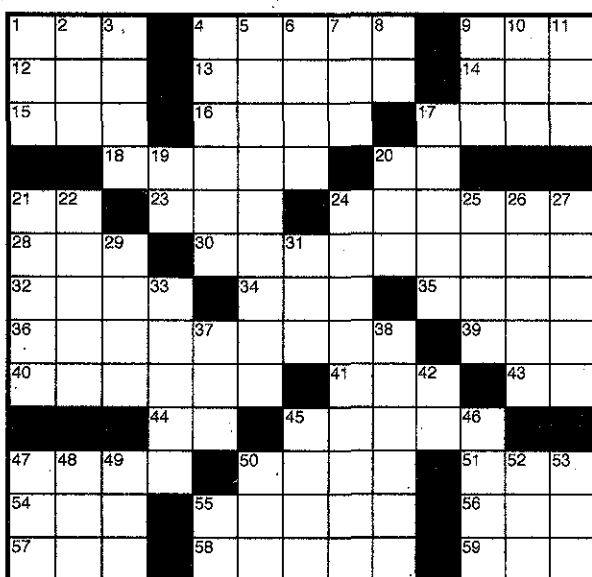
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Kelli Lewton, owner and chef at 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Royal Oak, has created her own list of "The 12 Days of Christmas," a set of guidelines on how to plan your holiday gathering or New Year's party. These tips apply at any time of year whether the event is a bridal shower, summer cookout or dinner party.

DAY 12

■ MASTER CHECKLIST

Every great event has great beginnings. A master plan and checklist are keys to success. Your list may include rentals, inventory of china, linen, serving pieces, and a timeline for when tasks should be completed to ensure there's no last minute running.

DAY 11

■ MENU PLANNING

The most crucial part of a holiday feast is, of course, the food. Family favorites are always in demand, but this is the time to gather recipes you've wanted to try, and if necessary, experiment. When menu planning, have a good mix of items to fit everyone's varied tastes, including a few selections which are on the lighter side. Try to make some dishes in advance. Many items, including baked goods and chutneys, can be made well in advance. Don't forget to order special meat or bakery items so you're not disappointed on your last-minute shopping trip to your favorite market.

DAY 10

■ BUY BEVERAGES

Purchase all your beverages. Remember to buy beer and wine at room temperature and then just ice down an hour prior to guest arrival in coolers or party tubs. It is hard enough to store all the extra food items in the refrigerator without having to work around cases of pop, beer and wine.

DAY 9

■ MAKE CALLS

Your event is close enough now to the date that you can call family and friends to remind them about times and such. It's also a great time to assign tasks for family members to help with the preparation.

DAY 8

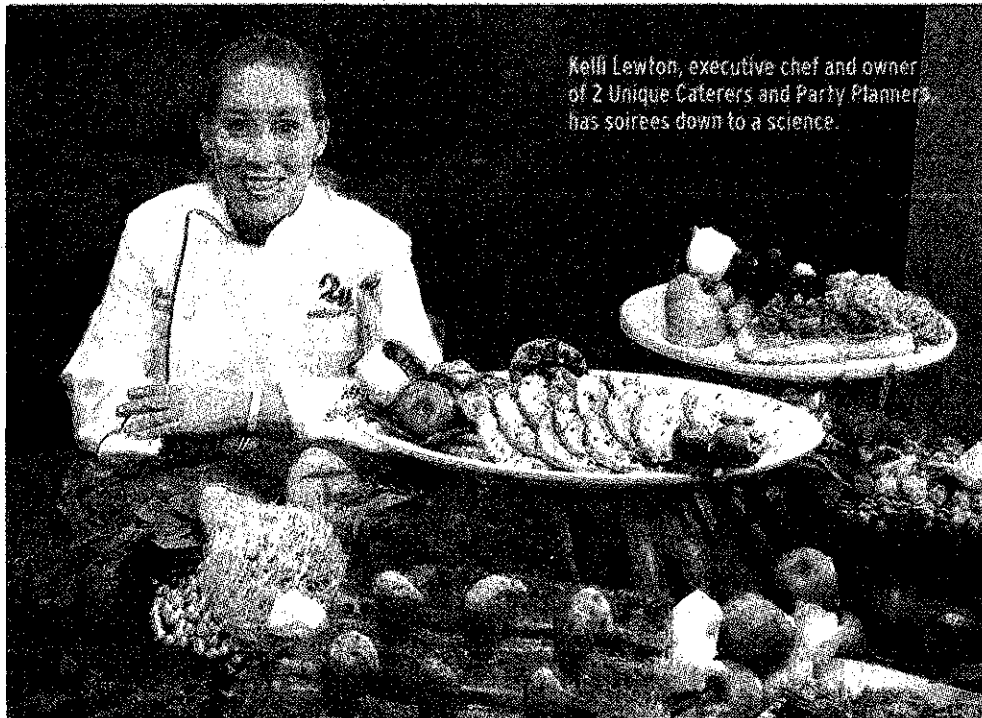
■ BAKE AND FREEZE

It's a great day for holiday baking. Cookies and breads freeze great. Bring out your special holiday tins. Sweet-filled tins make great gifts.

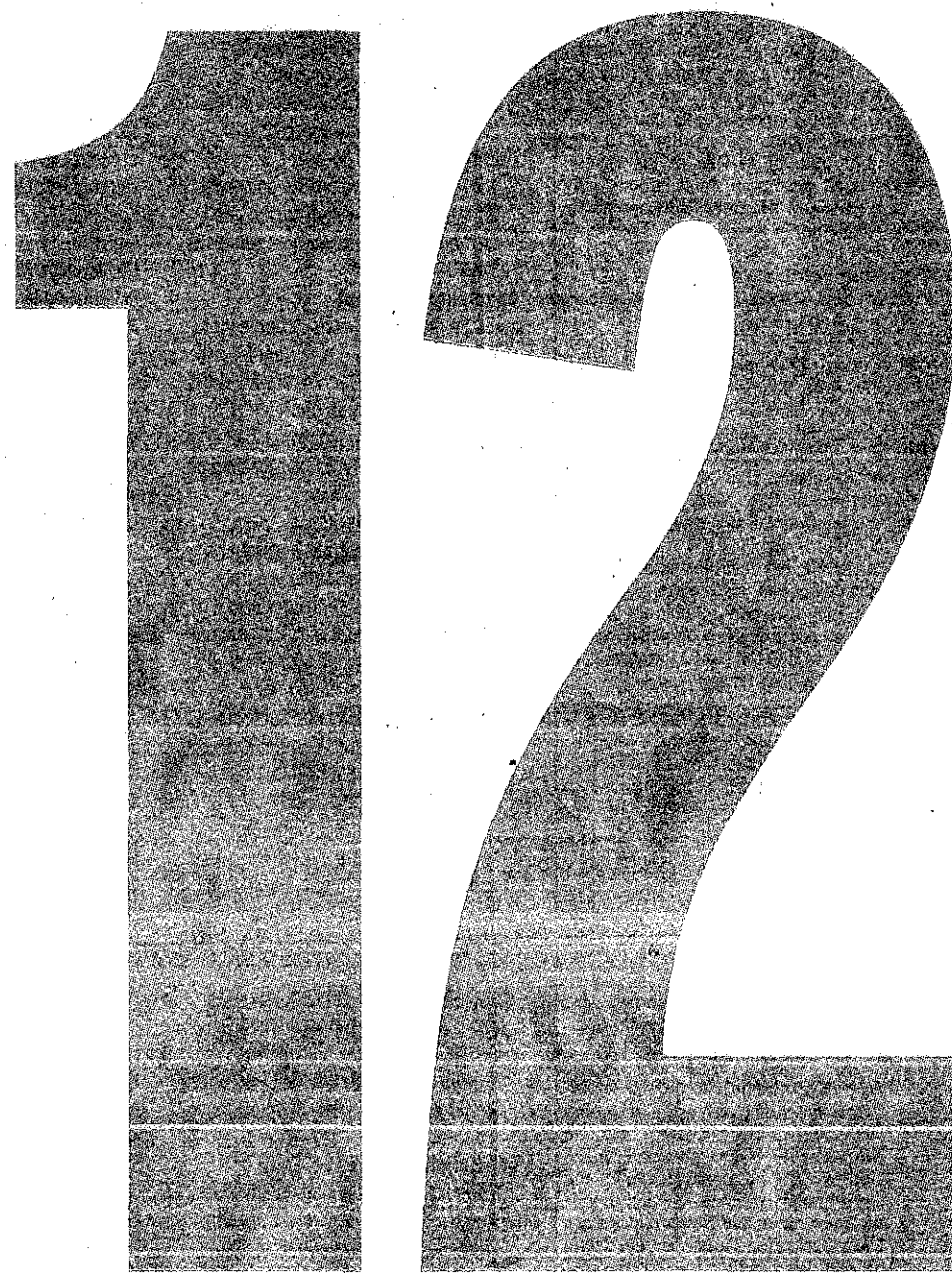
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■ PICK UP DRY GOODS

Beat the last-minute grocery store frenzy and pick up all your dry goods such as paper products, coffee, tea, and canned and frozen items. Make any last minute purchases you may need for your table.



Kelli Lewton, executive chef and owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Party Planners has soirees down to a science.



days of party planning

DAY 6

■ Plan your holiday tabletop. You can use phone books or boxes turned upside down placed on top of a base line tablecloth. Arrange risers on the table and cover with additional pieces of festive holiday linen, thus creating different levels as a stage for your platters, bowls, etc. Think about your centerpiece (how about some fresh pine branches placed between risers or holiday ribbon cascaded about?) Candles are always a nice touch. Colors and textures will lend to your festive holiday table. Think of your table as the stage and the food as the actors.

DAY 5

■ CLEAN

Gather china, serving pieces and linen. Double check for cleanliness and don't forget to polish the silver. This is also a good day for starting some cleaning, and to find your favorite music.

DAY 4

■ BUY FRESH PRODUCE

The last place you want to be stuck on Christmas Eve (or the night before the party) is the grocery store. Go today and buy your fresh produce and dairy products. Don't forget the eggnog and cinnamon.

DAY 3

■ PICK UP ORDERS

Pick up your fresh meats and any special orders for cakes that you may have placed. Start processing vegetables, pick your green beans, cut your carrots, parsnips, etc. If you peel apples or potatoes in advance, make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice.

DAY 2

■ LET'S GET COOKING

Go ahead and blanch your vegetables and place them in re-heating pans with a little salt, pepper and butter so that on the day of the party all you need to do is reheat in oven or microwave and serve. You could also put a little water in the bottom of the pan and steam on the stovetop for a few seconds. Boil, mash, stir and bake. Get all your side dishes ready to go. If you can make sauces ahead of time — go for it! Clean lettuce and greens and store with a wet towel covering them. Clean and season any raw meats so they will be oven ready. Set the table.

DAY 1

■ HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Because you were a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed to enjoy the spirit of Christmas or your special event. Your table is set; your side dishes are ready to go, your silver clean, plates out, beverages to be iced one hour before. The only thing left is to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with mealtime so that all runs smoothly. If you are a guest and a non-kitchen participant, show courtesy and gratitude and help clean dishes and put the food away, or volunteer your children to help out. It will be a nice holiday gesture.

Shipping treats? Tips to prevent crushed cookies

BY JENNIFER FORKER
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Planning to bake and ship a little love this holiday season?

If you want to make sure your cookies don't end up as crumbs by the time they get to your friends and family, the type of cookies you make can be as important as how you wrap and pack them.

So here's what you need to know:

THE COOKIES

Experts were reluctant to herald one variety of cookie over another, but all agree — sturdiness is key. This isn't the time for brittle, delicate or thin cut cookies with intricate woven sugar decorations.

Whether shipped by the U.S. Postal Service or a private carrier, your package will travel along sundry conveyor belts, be exposed to hot and cold, get handled by several people and possibly rattle for many miles in the back of a truck.

The UPS Store has compiled a list of baked goods its shippers say can take the tumbling and temperatures. They recommend molasses cookies, peanut butter cookies, shortbread, sugar cookies, brownies, biscotti, puffed rice treats and drop cookies, which tend to be thick and dense.

Also, think small. Small, thick cookies are less likely to break than large, thinner cookies.

And don't mix soft and hard cook-

ies, according to the Web site TroopCarePackage.com. The moisture in the soft cookies can make hard cookies, such as biscotti, go soft.

Frosted cookies ship fine, if you use royal icing, a decorating icing made from powdered sugar, egg whites and lemon juice.

For food safety reasons, try meringue powder (available at most craft and baking stores) instead of the raw egg whites called for in most recipes. This icing also can serve as an excellent glue for adhering decorations to cookies.

THE PACKING

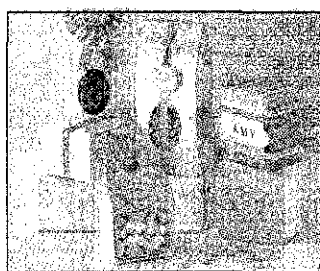
The key to shipping cookies is to wrap each one separately. This helps cushion the cookies, prevents them from sticking together and allows you to ship a variety of cookies without the flavors mixing.

For the wrapping, there are plenty of options. Try parchment paper to create sleeves or envelopes for each, which also could be attractively tied with ribbon.

If your cookies need to travel some distance, freshness may be a concern. In that case, consider cling wrap or press-and-seal-style wraps, which lock out the air and lengthen the life of baked goods.

Once wrapped, the cookies should be arranged (don't crowd) in a small box or canister. If there is extra space in the box, use crumpled waxed paper, which cushions and

Please see **SHIPPING, D4**

**CUTE AS A COOKIE**

If you plan to give gifts of homemade goodies this year, check out Martha Stewart's line of gift packaging.

The Martha Stewart Crafts line, which is sold at Michaels craft stores and online, has a box, bag or wrapper for seemingly any edible gift possibility, from goodie bags to cookie boxes.

The products are simple, attractive and assemble quickly. Most also include the sorts of flourishes that add wow-factor to any gift — coordinated labels, ribbons, stickers, cellophane windows, etc. And on Nov. 2, the line was expanded with various holiday-themed packaging, including red and white baker's twine, cookie boxes with multiple compartments and cookie envelopes (big enough for one or two treats).

The Martha Stewart Crafts packaging ranges from \$3.99 to \$29.99. Visit <http://marthastewartcrafts.com>.

— J.M. Hirsch, AP food writer

Sweet Holidays

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP FOOD EDITOR

Homemade cookies make for ideal holiday gifts, and they're just as much fun to make as to give. Warm up the oven, enlist help from the kids, and let these recipes inspire a delicious season.

GINGERBREAD FAMILY KIT

Give the gift of hassle-free fun with these gingerbread family kits. You do the least exciting part (baking the cookies), and let your recipients do the decorating. Package the cookies (one for each member of the family, and don't forget pets) with small candies and decorating gels.

Start to finish: 3 hours (1 hour active)

3 cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
½ cup unsalted butter, room temperature
½ cup sugar
1 large egg
¾ cup molasses
Candies and tubes of frosting to decorate

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Set aside.

In another large bowl, use an electric mixer to cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg and molasses and beat until well combined. Gradually add the flour mixture, beating until incorporated.

Divide dough into four pieces and wrap each in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

One at a time, on a lightly floured surface, roll out each piece of dough to ¼ inch thick. Using cookie cutters of people and pets, cut out gingerbread cookies. Combine scraps and cut additional cookies.

Use a spatula to transfer the cookies to the prepared baking sheet, placing them about an inch apart. Bake 8 to 12 minutes, or until just lightly brown at the edges.

Cool cookies on baking sheet for 1 minute, then remove to wire racks to cook completely. Repeat with remaining dough.

To assemble the kit, line a 9-inch square plastic container with tissue paper. Add enough undecor-

Please see **RECIPES, D5**

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

DECEMBER

Single Place Ministry
Dinner, caroling and Afterglow begin-

ning with dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital cafeteria in Livonia. Meet in a room off the cafeteria to practice at 6:45 p.m. To sign up, call (248) 349-0911. Old Fashioned Hootenanny concert with Bob Allwine Thursday, Dec. 27, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Single Place meets Thursdays at the church, 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time,

7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program. Cost is \$5 per person.
A Living Nativity
6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 476-8222. There will be actors, animals, refreshments, and activities for children. Come celebrate the reason for Christmas.
Special services
Family Christmas service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23, and God's Gift of Hope 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, at Friendship Church which meets at Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 710-9370 or visit www.CantonFriendship.org. Sundays in January focus is on how life would be different if you only had 30 days to live.
Advent services
6 p.m. Sunday evenings in December at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Christmas cantata
Riverside Park Church of God proudly presents His Precious Gift 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Rd., Livonia, Michigan. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. Come celebrate the season and experience this unique service of music and drama, free of charge.
Concerts
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, the Motor City Brass Band collaborates with The Ward Chancel Choir to bring you Sounds of the Season, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. the sounds of beloved Christmas carols from the Birmingham-First Chamber Choir fill the Sanctuary for Sing We Now Of Christmas. Doors open at 6:30. There is for charge for the concerts. Donations will be taken during performances. For information, call (248) 374-7400.
Candlelight services
4:30 p.m. Family Service Candlelight, and 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Candlelight Service Monday, Dec. 24, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.
Christmas services
5 p.m. Family Christmas service and Sunday School Christmas program with Voices of Praise, Trinity Brass and Trinity Strings; 7 p.m. Christmas Carol Communion and Contemporary Worship Ensemble; 10:30 p.m. Christmas Prelude of special music, and 11 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Communion with Chancel Choir and Trinity Bells Monday, Dec. 24, and 10 a.m. Christmas Carol Communion Service Tuesday, Dec. 25, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Christmas Eve worship
5 p.m. Children/Family service, 7 p.m. Lessons & Carols and Candlelight, and 11 p.m. Festival Worship and Candlelight Monday, Dec. 24, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.
Candlelight service
A special service of singing and worship 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, at Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call (734) 522-3570.
Organ meditation
6:45 p.m. by Gini Robison followed by Christmas Eve Communion Service at 7:30 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.
Christmas Eve service
The Anglican Church of Livonia will hold a Christmas Eve service 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.
Christmas Eve service
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.
Candlelight Christmas service
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.
Christmas eve service
7:30 p.m. Dec. 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Service includes traditional Christmas Carols. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Grief support
Living with the loss of a spouse, a six-week program dealing with grief, loneliness and related issue, conducted by Widowed Friends, a peer support group, begins 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Six Mile near Beech Daly, \$20 fee covers all materials. Call Joan at (248) 478-1084 by Dec. 30 to register.
New schedule
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.
Day of service
Beginning in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests

at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For more information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

UPCOMING

Thursday fellowship dinner

Resume Jan. 3, all are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners are catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a life-changing Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, beginning 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. Couples who pray together daily have a divorce rate of less than 1 divorce in every 1000 marriages. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

Reformed Protestant services

Weekly Sunday services begin Jan. 6. The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. worship services of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). A new preaching station has been established and the services will be held at Cherry Hills School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Rd., Canton. Rev. Sean Humby will preach each Sunday. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 17 to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulleris Dignitatem-On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session begins 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14, to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Women's retreat

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20, at St. John's Retreat Center of Plymouth. Cost is \$85, includes Saturday lunch, dinner, snacks and Sunday breakfast. Rooms are single occupancy. For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211, ext. 202.

ONGOING

Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Growups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

Upper Room Ministries

Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, in Room 111 in Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA),

30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music. Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word

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ANNA FRIEND

Formerly of Royal Oak and Birmingham, Michigan, passed away December 9, 2007, in Agawam, Massachusetts. She was born in Bad Aibling, Germany in 1925 and moved to the United States as a war bride, in 1949. She worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for Paramount Engineering and Science and Engineering Corporation, in Detroit. In 1970, she returned to Germany, where she worked at Hamberger Werke, in Bavaria, until her retirement. In her youth she was an accomplished figure skater. She also became an avid tennis player and skier and enjoyed bowling, playing cards and doing crossword puzzles. Her talents also included sewing, crocheting, knitting and needlepoint. She was predeceased by her parents, Ludwig and Perpetua Hoelzle, her brother Friedrich, her first husband, Ivan Paquet and her second husband, Joseph J. Friend. She leaves behind her loving daughter, Mary Lou Campbell (Marc), of West Springfield, Massachusetts and her granddaughter, Kristin Campbell, of New York City. Other surviving relatives are her sister-in-law, Hildegard Hoelzle and nephew, Gerhard, both of Germany. A memorial service will be held at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, in Troy, Michigan early next year. Donations in her memory may be made to the Parkinson's Research Foundation, or to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

BETTY MAE WESLEY

Westland, MI. Passed away Dec. 15, 2007, born Nov. 24, 1922. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI.



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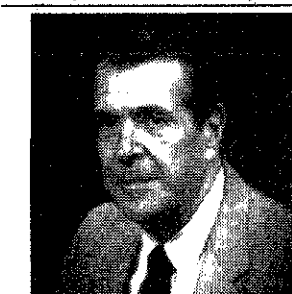
December 16, 2007, age 70. Beloved husband of Denise. Stepfather of Stacy Whitfield and Jon Whitfield (Lori). Loving grandpa to Katelyn, Kirstie, Jon and Katherine. Brother-in-law of Angela Fox, Barbara Granger (Jeff) and Jess Chalker (Patti). He will be missed by his loving family and friends. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Wednesday 1-8pm. Trisagion 7pm. Funeral services Thursday 10am at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 W. Watties Rd., Troy. Visitation begins at church 9:30am. Interment Franklin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family would appreciate memorial tributes to ALS of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Ste 200, Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LEON A. MARTIN

Age 82, December 17, 2007. Beloved husband of Dorothea for 60 years. Dear father of Sally Captain, Jim Martin Dearest grandfather of Sheila, Michelle, Brian, Jim and Melissa, and great-grandfather of Gabrielle, Mya and Brian Jr. Loving brother of Frank, Jr., George Clifford and Betty. Funeral Mass was held Thursday at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to Angela Hospice or the American Heart Association Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

SHARYN "Cole" HOPKINS

Sharyn, a former resident of Rochester, was born July 5th, 1941 and passed away on December 13th, 2007 at the age of 66. Sharyn is survived by her husband Arthur "Gene" Hopkins, her sister Karyn Cole Lockwood of Phoenix AZ and her sister Judi Cole Fox of Romeo MI. Sharyn is also survived by her three children Gene Hopkins of Oakland CA, Steve Coric of Walnut Creek CA and Shaune Auzenne of Burke VA. Sharyn's pride and joy were her eight grandchildren and her great-granddaughter. Sharyn attended local schools in Rochester and while growing up she enjoyed the company and pleasure of her many cousins. She moved to California as a young woman. Sharyn was predeceased in life by George Cole, Ila Cole, Donald Todd and Sharyl Hopkins. Sharyn was a vibrant woman who always chose her own path and her bright light will be missed by all who knew her.



LTC (Ret) CARL F. DUPKE Jr.
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Carl was a graduate and Professor at West Point Military academy. He served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, during which he served in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. During his service he earned many Medals including the Bronze Star. After retiring from the Military he joined Chrysler Defense and was on the design team of the M1 Abrams Battle Tank. He continued with General Dynamics Corp. in their production of the Tank until he retired. A memorial service will be held at The First United Methodist Church in Birmingham on Dec. 23rd at 3:30. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full Military Honors in the spring. He is survived by his wife Tina, his two daughters, Marlea Moriarty and Carol Lee and two grandchildren, Ryan and Jacqueline. In lieu of flowers, any remembrance can be sent to the Bob Woodruff Family Fund at 1608 Spring Hill Rd., Suite 110, Vienna, VA 22182. www.bobwoodrufffamilyfund.org



MADIE MARIE TAKACS

Age 86, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2007. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas on September 14, 1921. Moved to Michigan at the age of five. Resided in Dearborn for over 50 years before moving to Plymouth. Loving wife of 52 years to the late Joseph. Dearest mother of Patricia and Joseph. Kind and gentle grandmother of Scott, Lynette, Sean-Paul, Shannon, Robert and Jean-Marie. Sweet great-grama of Joey, Nathan, Andrew, Jamie, Megan, Zachary, Daniel, Justine, Trenton, Cassie, Colin and Vance. Beloved sister of Neoma Kulick. She will be reunited with her mother Queen Victoria Bennett and brothers William, Garner, and Simpson. We can no longer hold your hand but our hearts will always hold your loving memories. Funeral service was held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Monday, December 17, 2007. Private interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

MARY PAULINE "POLLY" COTHRAN

Age 82, December 14, 2007. Formerly of Garden City. She was a resident of Bortz Care Facility of Petosky. Born in Paducah, Kentucky to Pete and Amelia (Green) Duncan. Preceded in death by her husband, William and granddaughter Lori Cotheran. Survived by son, Donald (Jeanne) Cotheran, daughter Gloria (Charles) Anderson and stepdaughter Dorothy (Frank) Mytych. Dear grandmother of Charles Anderson, Tracy (Paul) Anderson-Cassidy, Kimberly (Joseph) Idalski, David (Julie) Mytych and Sharon (Tim) Ison. Great-grandmother of Blake Anderson, Ashley and Aaron Idalski, Kaleb Cotheran, Declan Cassidy, Brayden and Brenyel Ison. Funeral services were held at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, 734-425-9200. Donations to charity of donor's choice or local food pantry appreciated.

THOMAS ROBINSON

Age 91, of Royal Oak, died Friday, December 14, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak. Thomas served in WWII in the Pacific. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Thomas is the beloved husband of Mary Robinson. The dear father of Charles (Judy). The devoted grandfather of Michael. He is also survived by sisters Dora McDonald and Mildred (Walter) Czeck. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home (585) 751-0444. Share memories at: www.Temrowski.com

ROSE BLENOWE

June 28, 1921-Dec. 15, 2007

Age 86, of Rosebush and formerly of Livonia passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at Masonic Pathways in Alma. Funeral services for Rose will be held on Saturday, December 22nd at 11 a.m. from Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Mary Anne Evans-Justin officiating. Interment will follow in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday at 10 a.m. until time of service at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Pathways or the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel. Rose was born on June 28, 1921 in Bienfait, Canada, the daughter of Alex and Anna (Struk) Symtuck. She married Harold Clifford Blencowe. Rose worked as a home maker all of her life. Rose is survived by her daughter, Patricia (James) Graham of Rosebush; grandchildren, Jennifer (Barrie) Blood of Jenison and Matt (Sarah) Graham of Rosebush; five great-granddaughters and sisters, Mary Carruthers of Westland and Katie (Stuart) Gien of Bienfait, Canada. Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Blencowe and sister, Stella Tucker. You may view Rose's obituary online and send a private condolence to the family or sign the public guestbook at: www.clarkfuneralchapel.com



SHIRLEY ANN HOLLYWOOD

Age 95, of Southfield, died peacefully at her home Saturday morning, December 15th. Shirley is the beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Hollywood whom was active in the development of Southfield and founding member of the Southfield Rotary Club. Jack died December 16, 1987. Shirley was a realtor and was the first woman in the Detroit area to have over a million dollars in sales. She is survived by many good friends and neighbors including Louis and Maureen D'Agostino and their daughter Carly of Lathrup Village. Private viewing was held in the chapel of HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS in Southfield with immediate cremation taking place. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 22nd at the Southfield City Cemetery (north off Civic Center Drive between Lahser and Berg Roads). On-line condolences and service schedule at: www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com

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It is never too early to begin planning for home remodeling and renovation projects. Large to mid-sized

projects such as kitchen remodeling (kitchens are often thought of as mid-sized in the remodeling industry) should take as long as twelve to eighteen months to fully plan. In

this column we will look at a rough timeline for a planned renovation. Of course all projects are different. You should tailor this planner to suit your needs.

■ **Twelve to eighteen months** before starting the project begin to evaluate your needs and wants. Look through magazines, home improvement and home design stores. Use the internet. You can even visit new housing developments and walk through the models. You may want to develop a file of your ideas.

■ **Ten to twelve months** is when you should begin to work out the budget for the project. Keep in mind that cost over runs are far more common than being

under budget. Start looking for potential contractors. I find the best source is to ask friends, family and workmates for recommendations. Look for well established contractors but don't rule out new comers. Everyone has to start some place. Many new contractors can offer quality work at reasonable prices.

■ **At four to six months** refine your plan. Have drawings prepared by a designer or architect. When the drawings are complete, begin interviewing contractors. Be sure to check their references, licenses, insurance and other legal documents. If possible visit a job they have done that is similar in size to your project. This is also a good time to contact your local building department to see if there are any special variances needed for this project. Check with lending institutions about any necessary financing.

■ **From one month to three months** before your plan-to-start date get bids from the potential contractors. Once you have selected the contractor decide on start and finish dates. Review the contract and if necessary, consult an attorney before signing. I can't stress enough, if you are at all uncomfortable with any contractor, walk away from them. Hiring someone you are not comfort-

able with can make an already stressful situation, which a remodeling project is, unbearable. You probably will not be satisfied with their work in this case anyway. Select and order (or have the contractor order) any cabinets, appliances, doors and windows needed for the project. Obtain financing if necessary.

■ **At least one month** before be certain the contractor is on line and has begun the permit process. Arrange for storage of personal belongings and other items not necessary for everyday life, especially those items that may get in the way of construction or get damaged. Take a few moments to relax. For the next few weeks to months, there will be strangers in your house most days. These strangers will be making a mess in your house. Your life is about to change. There will be times during the project that you might say to yourself "what was I thinking" but in the end your new project will be a joy.

Have a great holiday season!

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

SHIPPING

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helps absorb excess moisture.

Small hat boxes, and a number of other options, can be found online at places such as The Container Store, where lidded white gift boxes start at \$2.49 and round, metal tins start at \$3.29.

THE RULES

The most important rule is to take your time, says Marc Haymon, a baking instructor at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Baking and shipping on the same day is bad; the cookies will stick or be too moist.

Haymon advises baking the cookies the evening before mailing them, which gives them about 12 hours to set up.

THE MAILING

Next-day or second-day service is best to mail cookies, according to the shipping companies.

UPS recommends shipping by air, not ground, because fewer people will handle the package and it'll get to its destination faster. It, too, can air ship a package of cookies in one to three days.

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rated cookies for each family member receiving the gift. Add candies and string licorice for decorating the cookies and a tube or two of frosting. Makes about 20 5-inch cookies.

(Adapted from the editors of FamilyFun magazine)

DOUBLE-CHOCOLATE RUM FRUITCAKE COOKIES

These cookies employ a kitchen sink-approach, with delicious results. Fruitcake mixes (a variety of chopped dried fruit intended for baking fruitcakes) are widely available. Or make your own mix of chopped dried fruit.

Start to finish: 1 hour

- 1 cup fruitcake mix
- ½ cup light rum
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, softened
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 11½-ounce bag (2 cups) chocolate chips

In a small bowl, combine the fruitcake mix and rum. Cover and let sit 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the butter, sour cream and both sugars until smooth. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until well mixed.

When the fruitcake mix is ready, drain it and discard any liquid not absorbed by the fruit. Add the fruit to the sour cream and sugar mixture and mix in.

A cup at a time, add the dry ingredients, using the electric mixer to lightly beat the dough between additions. As needed, scrape down the sides of the bowl. Once all the flour is incorporated, mix in the chocolate chips.

Baking in batches, place 2-tablespoon mounds of dough several inches apart on the prepared baking sheets. Bake for 12 minutes, or until puffy and set at the center. The cookies will still be tender.

Cool the cookies for 5 minutes on the baking sheets, then transfer to a rack to cool completely. Makes 30 cookies.

CHOCOLATE MARZIPAN SUGAR COOKIES

Start to finish: 45 minutes

- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 7-ounce package marzipan, cut into chunks
- 1 ½ sticks (¾ cup) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- Powdered sugar, for dusting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a food processor, combine both sugars and the marzipan. Process until they resemble a fine sand, about 1 minute. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl. Add the butter, vanilla, baking powder, baking soda, salt and egg.

Use an electric mixer to beat until smooth, scraping down the bowl once during mixing, about 2 minutes.

Add the flour and cocoa powder and mix until incorporated, scraping down the bowl once during mixing, about 1 minute. The dough

should be very stiff.

Baking in batches, drop 1-tablespoon balls of dough on the prepared baking sheet, leaving about 2 inches around all sides. Bake on the oven's lower rack until the cookies are flat and have a crackled surface, about 10 minutes.

The cookies will be very soft. Let them cool for 5 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer to a rack to cool completely. If desired, once the cookies are cool, dust them with powdered sugar. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

CHEWY OATMEAL DECORATING COOKIES

Start to finish: 1½ hours

- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter
- ¾ cup packed light or dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- ½ cup whole-wheat flour
- 2 cups all-purpose flour

In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat

the butter and sugar until smooth. Add the egg, vanilla, salt, baking powder, cinnamon and ginger. Beat until smooth.

Scrape the bottom and sides, then beat in the oats and both flours. The mixture may look dry at first, but will come together. Divide the dough into two pieces, wrap each in plastic and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Working with one piece of dough at a time, roll it

into a circle about 14 inches around. Use cookie cutters to cut out cookies, rerolling and cutting the scraps. Arrange the cookies on the prepared baking sheets. They can be close; they don't spread.

Bake the cookies, reversing the pans midway through (top to bottom, bottom to top), 12 to 15 minutes (less time for softer cookies, longer for crispier). Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool. Repeat with remaining dough.

Decorate as desired. Makes 6½ dozen cookies.

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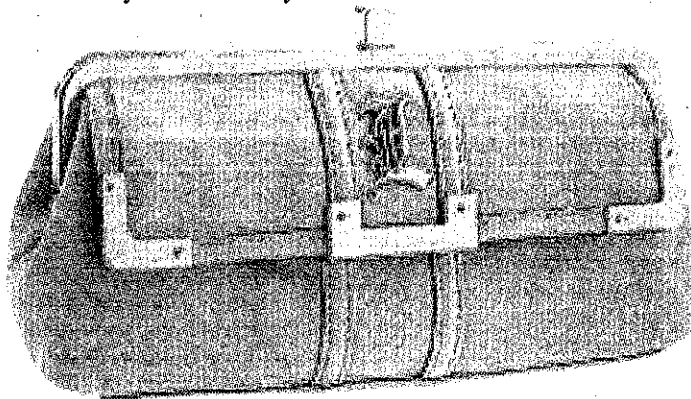
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MALLS AND MAIN STREETS

Last-minute gift ideas

Christmas is just five days away, and if you're like me, you still have some shopping (not to mention wrapping) to do. If you still need some ideas for last-minute shopping, here's a "Malls & Main Streets" rundown of holiday retail news:

MALLS

Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall is hosting a unique Flea Market through the end of December, where shoppers can browse an eclectic array of carefully selected goods, from antique to modern, vintage to vinyl, and global to provincial, ranging from \$20 to \$500. Find kitchenware and garden items from the South of France; artwork from Europe; furniture from Morocco; hand beaded tribal works from Africa; bone-inlaid furniture from the East Indies, and more. The one-of-a-kind merchandise departs from the usual Macy's fare, and is worth a look.

While you're at Twelve Oaks, stop by some of the mall's newest stores, including Donna Sacs, Go! Toys & Games, Dale & Thomas Popcorn and See's Candies. Martin + Osa's first Michigan location offers a sophisticated selection of clothing and accessories for men and women. And if you have a 15 to 25-year-old girl to buy for, check out Michigan's first aerie by American Eagle at Twelve Oaks. The aerie collection includes bras, undies, camis, hoodies, robes, boxers, sweats and leggings for the young AE girl. The new aerie f.i.t. line of workout and fitness wear is available now too.

If you're venturing to Eastland, Fairlane or Oakland malls for your shopping, be sure to hit Steve & Barry's, where everything in the entire store is on sale for \$8.98 and under throughout the holiday season. That includes Sarah Jessica Parker's BITTEN line, and the new EleVen line by Venus Williams, along with winter wear, sweaters, jeans and more for men, women and children.

MAIN STREETS

It's always important to support local businesses, so make a date to finish your shopping in one of the area's charming downtown shopping districts. Plymouth, Northville, Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and Rochester are among the burghs decked out in holiday finery, with festive window displays and lighted trees. Downtown Birmingham's Santa House is open for business, while carolers and free horse drawn carriage rides add to the fun. If that weren't enough incentive to visit, the city is continuing its first-ever "Magic of Birmingham" event. From 6-8 p.m. tonight, shoppers will be stopped at random on the street and showered with gifts.

Merchants have donated gifts with a combined value of over \$20,000, including leather wallets, soaps, restaurant gift certificates and more. Top prizes include a piece of jewelry from Astrein's Creative Jewelers valued over \$1,000; and a weekend at the Townsend Hotel.

While you're there, stop by The Claymore Shop for Psycho Bunny ties sure to be hit with hip businessmen. For the HGTV addict on your list, visit Hagopian's showroom on Old Woodward and check out their wide variety of plush pillows. The selection ranges from floor pillows to beautiful antique Kilim pillows, made from fragments of antique rugs, each with a story of their own. Prices start at \$39.

And make the extra effort to get to Birmingham's rail district, where EllieBeans offers the beautiful and colorful Penzo Pottery line. Made by artisans in South Africa, the pottery helps support free trade while sprucing up your table.

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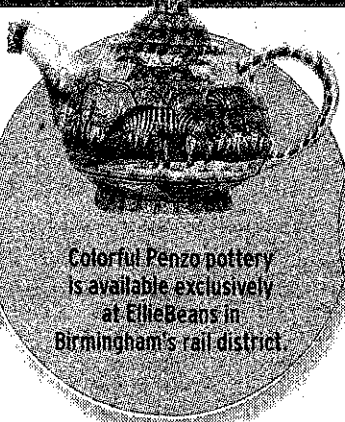
For the outdoorsy type, make a stop at the new TWC Sport and Surf shop, which recently moved from Keego Harbor into a new



Get the latest gear for the slopes at the new location of TWC Sport and Surf in Sylvan Lake.



This 1928 Le Mans die cast model is among finds at the Walter P. Chrysler museum.



Colorful Penzo pottery is available exclusively at EllieBeans in Birmingham's rail district.



Hagopian World of Rugs carries more than floor coverings, including a line of beautiful decorative pillows.

building owner Tim Shepard purchased and renovated in Sylvan Lake (the old Salvation Army building on Orchard Lake Road).

The original TWC was an acronym for "The Windsurf Shop," but the store has evolved to carry gear for paddle boarding (surf boards you stand on and paddle with a long paddle), snowboarding and skateboarding, along with many unique-to-Michigan clothing and accessory lines that have made their Michigan debut at TWC.

For the animal lover, consider a gift from the Detroit Zoo.

The zoo is offering a variety of gifts that support the Detroit Zoological Society and preserves wildlife, including Breakfast with the Butterflies (\$75 per person), animal "adoptions" (\$40 includes a plush animal, fact

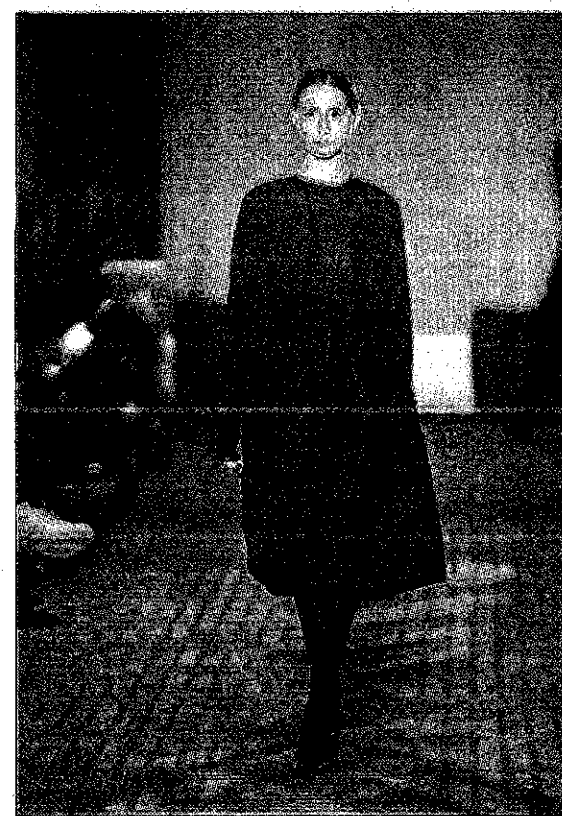
sheet, and personalized photo certificate), gift memberships to the zoo (\$40-\$85), or personalized brick pavers, benches, and brass butterfly medallions to commemorate loved ones.

For the car buff, shop the Walter P. Chrysler Museum Store in Auburn Hills.

The shop offers exclusive sculptures, prints, die-cast models, home accessories, jewelry, apparel, books and more, all celebrating car culture.

The museum's current "Cars, Trees & Traditions" exhibit makes it worth a special trip.

If you have fodder for the Observer & Eccentric's "Malls & Main Streets" column, send it to Wendy Von Buskirk at 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or wvonb@hometownlife.com.



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