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# Police arrest five suspected in dozens of break-ins

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Five members of two separate groups believed to be responsible for at least 25 home invasions in the tri-county area have been arrested.

The Western Wayne County Criminal Response Team, which includes members of the Canton Police Department, assisted in the apprehensions.

one of which was based in Detroit and the other based in Van Buren Township, are believed to have targeted numerous Canton homes.

"These are two different crews with two distinct patterns," said Canton Sgt. Deb Newsome, adding that two members of the Detroit group a 31-year-old man and 16year-old boy, were arrested Monday inside a Farmington Hills home.

surveillance, had entered a home near 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads by prying open its back door.

Newsome said a female member of the Detroit group, which is believed to have targeted up to five Canton homes, could also face charges for her suspected involvement in prior home invasions. She is not in custody.

In addition to Farmington Hills and Canton, the group is Van Buren police.

believed to have burglarized homes in West Bloomfield and Chesterfield Township.

"This goes back to the summer," Newsome said.

The Criminal Response Team also aided the Van Buren Police Department in the arrest of three alleged members of the Van Buren group, which is believed to have hit several homes in southwest Canton.

The three are being held by

Follow-up investigations of both groups led to the recovery and identification of sto-

len property. Newsome, who said authorities are still investigating the

incidents, encouraged homeowners to "look out for each other and report all suspicious activity immediately."

"Residents are our eyes and ears because we can't be on every street, every minute," she said. "You are not bothering us or wasting our time,

this is our job."

Newsome also said homeowners should read the "How secure is your home?" guide on www.cantonpublicsafety. org. To access the guide, click on the "Safety Tips" option listed under "Quick Links."

Police officials have not released the names of the suspects because they have not been arraigned.

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# **School officials** expect more snow days

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Plymouth-Canton school officials say people shouldn't be surprised if the district uses more of its five emergency days this winter than in the past.

That possibility became more likely because Wayne County, like the Michigan Department of Transportation, is cutting

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What do you think about the state and county deciding to cut back on paying overtime for snow ploy and salt truck drivers this winter? E-mail your thoughts to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com, or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

overtime for snow plow and salt truck drivers this winter to save money.

"They aren't going to be cleaning and salting anything but the very main roads," said Superintendent Craig Fiegel. "That's probably going to impact our ability to move buses and

put people out on the roads on inclement weather days. I hate to call (cancel) school ... but I think it's going to be an issue for us." Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs said

the roads around Plymouth-Canton schools won't be plowed or salted as much because of the budget constraints. "You won't see the same wet conditions the

county has typically provided us in the past," said Jacobs. "There isn't a shortage of salt ... everybody has been held to last year's allocation. They are cutting back substantially on the amount of salt they put down, so you'll notice a big difference. "The only place you'll see wet are the free-

ways," he said.

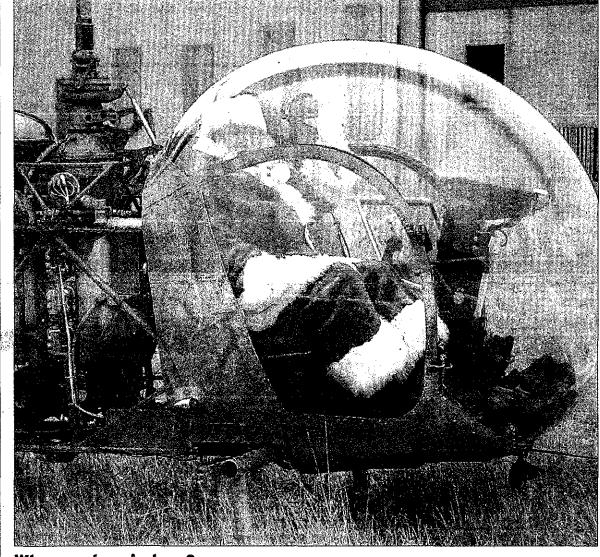
"Their commitment — on roads like Ann Arbor Road — is to open them to the status of a two-track during normal working hours. When you get into some of the tertiary roads, it will be the same conditions but it will be more difficult for them to meet the time lines." Jacobs said the district has met with bus

drivers to notify them of the changes. Where we will feel it the most is on back-

to-back snowstorms," Jacobs said.

"(Wayne County) is not going to use overtime. Traffic around some of our schools will be affected."

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## Who needs reindeer?

Santa arrived at the Canton Rotary Club's annual 'Pizza with Santa' event via a helicopter Saturday at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road. More than 100 children and their parents spent time with the jolly old elf. The event also featured lunch and crafts for the kids. The Canton Rotary Club had special thanks for Gatto family and the Roman Forum Restaurant for hosting the event, and Dave James and the Dave James Helicopter Service for flying Santa in for the event.

## New owners laugh off home's drug-related past

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Nichole Pangburn toured the Canton property she would eventually call home in early 2006, she and her husband, Dan, noted an oddity of the two-story residence.

"I said 'Look, maybe someone had a dark room' because the basement windows were covered with drywall," she said.

The couple learned Sunday, through a report in the Canton Observer, that their Roundtable Drive home is believed to be among 20 properties throughout metro Detroit previously used for a major marijuana operation.

According to a federal indict-

ment, 22 people were involved in the multi-year, multimillion dollar drug ring, which once included three other Canton

properties. Group members, who were

allegedly led by Belleville man Brian Osburn, have since vacated the homes in Canton and are accused of staging mortgage fraud schemes to purchase the properties. "My neighbors called and said

You are not going to believe this," Pangburn said, emphasizing that her family had nothing to do with Osburn's alleged operation and never met its previous occupant, Trevor Osburn. "Sometimes, mail still shows up for him."

Lori Birman, who lives near the Pangburns, said the couple has put "a ton of work" into their property and have been good neighbors.

"We are pleased to have new families move to our neighborhood and they have really taken care of their home," she said.

With several of their neighbors voicing a distinction between the new owners and the former occupants, Pangburn said she appreciates the support.

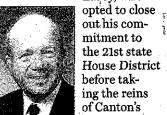
We chose this neighborhood because we believed it would be a lovely, friendly, and affordable place to raise our kids," she said. "We are (grateful) to have such wonderful neighbors."

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# 'Excited' LaJoy ready to take over reins of township

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Phil LaJoy will be sworn in as township supervisor Friday. "I have truly enjoyed being a state representative," said LaJoy, who



mitment to the 21st state House District before taking the reins of Canton's highest office. "It has been

an honor and I have worked hard at it, but Canton is my home and this is a great opportunity. I am excited about it."

With the House's lame duck session coming to a close this evening, LaJoy, who is in his third term, is expecting a full

day of activity. "It's going to be a long day," he said, adding that the state's Transportation Funding Task Force, of which he is a member, is in the process of finalizing funding for county road proj-

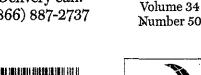
As supervisor, LaJoy said he., is hoping for an easy transition with department heads and the Township Board of Trustees.

"We have got some challenges ahead but as a manager, I have always believed in getting good people and working with them and listening to them," he said. "It's not about what I want and it never will be - it's. about the residents of this community."

LaJoy will be sworn in at 1:30 p.m. by Judge Mike Gerou in the board room of the township administration building.

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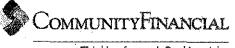


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#### Clarification

The annual Women's Resource Center Spaghetti Dinner at Schoolcraft College will be Tuesday, March 10. The wine glow will be at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m.

## Special Christmas service

The Zion Hill Church will host a Christmas celebration service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (Biltmore Studio), 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. The church will be giving back to the community by presenting gift cards for Wal-Mart & Big Lot stores. The first 10 guests present at this Sunday's service will receive a

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gift card valued at \$25 (limited one card per family). They also plan to give gifts to every

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#### Home Expo applications

Vendor applications to participate in Canton's 2009 Home Improvement Expo are due Dec. 19. Space is filling up fast so vendors are encouraged to return their applications as soon as possible.

The 2009 Home Expo will be held March 7-8 at Canton's Summit on the Park. The Expo is an opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders to promote their products by hosting a display booth.

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Applications are available on Canton's Web site at www. canton-mi.org/homeexpo.aspx or by calling Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at (734) 394-5200. All vendor applications must be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 by Friday, Dec. 19.

#### Toy exhibit

The Canton Historical Museum will have a new exhibition called "Go Play! Toys from Different Times and Places" that will run through Feb. 27. The theme of the show is the diversity of objects children have used in playing across time and place. The goal is to engage children, parents, and teachers in viewing and thinking about toys and playing-for adults, the visit can be a "walk down memory lane", encouraging adults to reminisce with other adults, and tell

Call the museum at (734) 397-0088 for museum hours and directions.

#### Christmas in Action

stories to children.

Elderly or disabled homeowners in Canton may apply this month to receive free home repairs from Christmas in Action of Wayne County, Inc. Volunteers for this non-profit agency work to preserve and revitalize houses in an effort to assure that low-income elderly and disabled homeowners live in warmth, safety and independence. This effort not only provides safe and functional homes for our seniors and disabled, but improves our community as a whole.

Eligible applicants must live

in Canton and own a single family home or condominium. They must also be over the age 55 or disabled, need repairs to the home, and be unable to afford or perform the repairs themselves.

The event date for repairs to be made is April 25. For more information, please contact Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail pvandusen@canton-mi.org for an application. Applications are also available at the Senior Center at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, as well as the Township Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Application deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 31.

#### Toys for Tots event

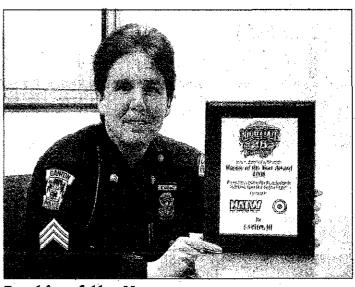
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For more information please contact DC Document Destruction at (734) 394-1774 or on the Web at www.dcdestruct.com.

#### Canton Newcomers meeting

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## **Rookie of the Year**

Canton was recently awarded with the National Association of Town Watch's "Rookie of the Year" award for its outstanding first-year participation in the 25th Annual National Night Out. The Canton Police Department held its first annual National Night Out (NNO) on Aug. 5 for members of neighborhoods and associations belonging to the department's Community Watch program. More than 600 residents attended the event, which included a family picnicstyle dinner, free raffle prizes, inflatable bouncers and a rock climbing wall for kids. There were several displays including police cars and fire trucks, a canine show, their Fire Safety House and child identification kits. "This is actually a community award we share with Canton Leisure Services, the Community Watch NNO Committee, and the members of the Community Watch program," said Community Relations Sqt. Debra Newsome (pictured with the award). For more information about the program or next year's NNO event, contact Newsome at (734) 394-5424.

next monthly meeting will take place at 7:15 p.m., Jan. 7 at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center). The evening will include socializing, neighbor introductions, sign ups for more than 20 interest group activities (Playgroups, Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social and more), and a raffle to benefit a local non-profit in need.

Join the group for dinner and an engaging evening, which will include a special local speaker. And remember, you don't need to be new to Canton to join the Newcomers.

For more information, or to receive a complementary copy of the group's newsletter, please visit www.cantonnewcomers. org or call Melanie at (734)

207-3341.

#### Christmas Spectacular

Central City Dance Center will stage its 5th annual Christmas Spectacular later this month at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. There will be five shows: 6 p.m., Dec. 18; 6 p.m., Dec. 19; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Dec. 20; and 4 p.m., Dec. 21. The cast will include 125 singers, dancers, and gymnasts from Canton and the surrounding area.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Central City Dance Center, 8004 Sheldon Center Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-0400 or visit www.centralcitydance.com.

Tickets are reserved seating and will not be sold the day of the show.



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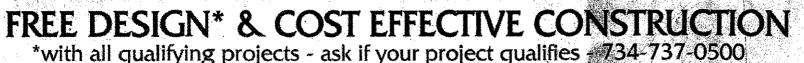


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# OLGC students help girl, visit local seniors

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When seventh- and eighthgrade students at Our Lady of Good Counsel were presented with the chance to help raise money for a 4-year-old Taylor girl with a rare disease, they didn't hesitate.

Students designed Christmas cards they sold at area stores, raising more than \$1,000 for Lindsay Ratcliffe, who has progeria, a genetic defect that accelerates aging, which has affected only 46 children worldwide.

"Everybody was really excited about helping," said Veronica Zak, 12, a seventh-grader at OLGC. "It feels good even though we didn't know her, but now we know a lot about her."

After designing the cards, students formed an assembly-line to make packs of 10 original cards and envelopes, which were are being sold at Gabriala's and The Haven in downtown Plymouth, as well as Ann Tailoring - owned by the mother of 12-year-old Cindy Ding of Canton.

"She sold them all," said



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Independence Village in Plymouth resident Jean Cuthbert decorates a small Christmas tree with eighth graders Dave Wilson of Canton (center) and Steve McAuliffe as part of the adopt the grandparent program.

Ding, proudly, of her mother's allotment.

Terry Zimmerman of Canton is the seventh-grade teacher who read about Lindsay this past summer.

She enlisted the help of her students and those of eighth-grade teacher Nancy Carapellotti, whose husband owns a printing company and helped defray the cost.

"We need to teach children

to look outside themselves, appreciate what they have but also do for others," said Zimmerman. "They jumped on board."

Michael Whalen, 12, of Canton, said the project was worthwhile.

"Because all the money goes to her and she can do whatever she wants with it," Michael said. "I don't think she gets to

of Christmas cookie with Olga Soubly, resident at Independence Village in Plymouth. go a lot of places, so I hope she this week to Independence

disease.' OLGC students also traveled noon with seniors helping

goes somewhere fun ... or uses

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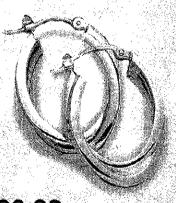
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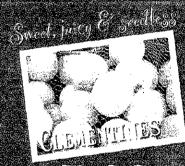
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variety of different areas with different risks. For investors who want a

out any principal fluctuation, there are two investments to consider, CDs or fixed annuities. Each has its pros and cons. The key is to select the one that best suits your situation.

It is important to understand what a CD and a fixed annuity are. In selecting the best investment, it is important to understand how the investment works. Although, CDs and annuities have a lot in common, they are quite different.

Certificates of Deposits or CDs are instruments issued by a bank. CDs pay a fixed rate of return for a set period of time. For example, a five-year, 41/2 percent CD will pay 41/2 percent interest each year for five years.

The interest that you earn on your CD, whether you have the money reinvested or paid to you, is taxable as ordinary income. During the life of the CD, you typically can withdraw the interest on a periodic basis, but if you need to remove principal, there is a penalty. CDs are insured up to \$250,000 and can be purchased in increments from three months on.

Annuities are a more complex. There are two main types of annuities, fixed and variable. There are many reasons to avoid variable annuities. That said, an investor who is looking for safety should consider the fixed annuity.

The fixed annuity comes in two different types, the traditional fixed and the equity index. The fixed annuity is similar to a CD because you get a guaranteed rate of return for a period of time. Some annuities will guarantee return for one year and some as much as five years or longer. Annuities are generally purchased for five, seven or 10 years. Annuities grow tax deferred. Taxes are only paid when money is withdrawn. Unlike CDs, if you withdraw money or close out the annuity before age 591/2, in addition to the tax consequences, there is a 10 percent penalty. Annuities are insured up to

An equity-indexed annuity also pays a guaranteed rate of return - typically lower than a traditional fixed annuity. The major difference is how your return is calculated. One issue that senior citizens should take into consideration is how their Social Security is taxed. Income from the CD is part of your Social Security tax calculation while income from an annuity that is growing tax deferred is

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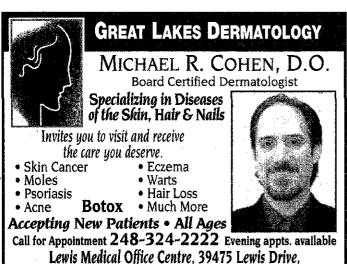
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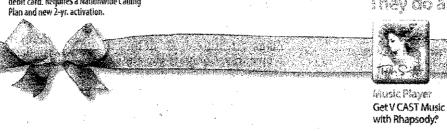
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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Change provides new opportunity

Moving to a new home can be exciting. A new place, a new view, new things to do. It also can be sad, saying goodbye to familiar surroundings, familiar faces.

Those of us who work for the Observer Newspapers have ridden a roller coaster of emotions these past few weeks as we've packed up our belongings and sorted through files filled with clippings and photographs dating back, in some cases, more than 30 years. It has been hard to determine what's important and what isn't. What if we left the wrong things behind. We hope we've made wise choices.

Our last day came Friday as we shut down our computers for the last time in the Livonia office. On

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Monday, we unpacked what we had deemed too important to leave behind and set about getting acclimated to our new offices in downtown Detroit.

After 37 years of serving as the headquarters for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the building is closed. But its closing has opened up new opportunities for the staff of the Canton Observer. Technology allows us to remain close to you, our readers.

Our base of operations has moved, but we are still in the Canton community, provid-

ing the same news coverage you've come to expect of the *Observer*. Our commitment to provide the best coverage of the township, the schools and residents remains firmly in place.

The change will be in how we do that. Thanks to technology, we are now mobile journalists. Armed with laptop computers, we will be working in and around Canton. We have not lost sight of our mission. We will continue to cover the suburbs the way the dailies cover the city.

Snail mail, phone calls and faxes call for a change in address and phone numbers, but we're still just an electronic click away by e-mail. How you reach us is your choice, but rest assured, we will respond. We can't and won't forget our roots.

A lot has changed with newspapers in the past 30 years. Computers have replaced typewriters, and the Web has become another platform for getting the news to you. You can find the *Canton Observer* at news stands or have home delivery, but you can also find us on the Internet at www.hometownlife.com.

Whatever is your choice, take time to find out what's happening in your community by reading your hometown newspaper, the *Canton Observer*.

# Hometowns offer unique shopping opportunities

Communication is important in any relationship, but when that dialogue box that says "system is not responding" appears on your computer screen, words can't express your feelings as that great deal you snagged online disappears.

There are better ways to shop for the holidays, and have fun while you do so.

Wandering through local downtowns, like in Farmington, Rochester, Birmingham and Plymouth, lends opportunities for unique gifts from specialty shops that just aren't carried online. Those shops also offer a chance to chat with the owner and learn why she thinks her products are special.

Hence, you carry a tale along with a gift to grandma's house

Area shopping malls, such as Somerset, Northland, the Oakland Mall and Laurel Park Place, also offer a wide selection of gifts that you can see, feel and measure to make sure they're just right for that special someone.

Besides the merchandise, there are other benefits to shopping locally. You might meet a friend for a coffee break and drop a coin or greenback in the Salvation Army's kettles.

There are decorations galore to ogle that, for many of us, just can't be duplicated at home. And occasionally, local choir groups perform holiday music — and a chance for you to catch your breath.

Speaking of breath, local merchants are holding theirs in hope of a decent shopping season. By shopping locally, you'll breathe life into the economy, as well as the vitality of your hometown.

So talk it up, and ask a neighbor to join you for a day on the town — your *home*town.



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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.



#### **Sick of Congress**

I am sick and tired of the pompous posturing by our politicians regarding a "bailout" for the automotive industry. For heaven's sake, they are asking for a loan, not a gift.

OK, the automotive companies are not perfect (and let's not even talk about the unions), but as businesses their job is to make profits for their shareholders. The way to do that is to build what people want to buy. If people want to buy gas guzzlers because gas is cheap, how is that the companies' fault? If gas prices become totally unpredictable, to the point where no one knows what type of cars people will want tomorrow, who is to blame for that?

It is the task of government to modify behavior by legislation and taxation. If gas was too cheap — which it has been for decades — our leaders should have acted to gradually increase the price to the point where people would demand more fuel-efficient cars, as they have in Europe.

And what about the billions upon billions that have been squandered in Iraq by our Criminal-in-Chief, aided and abetted by his lapdogs in Congress (with the lone exception of the one true hero in politics, Dennis Kucinich)? That is OUR money. Why does no one even talk about the incredible fraud perpetrated by Bush and his cronies that has impoverished

It is the ultimate irony for politicians to lecture us about how to run a business. Compare the state of this country now with where it was eight years ago. Is General Motors responsible for that, too?

Rachel McCormack Canton

### Band director shines

I am writing this letter to highlight the accomplishments of Martin Montoya, band director for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. As you may know, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band recently competed in Indianapolis at the Bands of America Grand National championship. The chance to compete on a national stage can be intimidating to many. But, our marching band once again achieved the distinction of being one of only 12 grand national finalist bands to perform in finals and finished 11th in the country.

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This is quite an accomplishment of which we are all very proud. But it wasn't exactly a smooth road along the way. Earlier this year, when PCMB's former director stepped down, Martin was handed the reins of the entire marching band program, together with two of the four curricular band ensembles, on an "interim" basis while the district searched for a permanent director. Martin's prior experience with the program had only been on a more limited basis and, although this program has encountered change

### LETTERS

before, the timing was a bit challenging as he had already committed to working during most of the summer with Carolina Crown, a Drum Corps International program.

No worries. Martin quickly assembled a team of clinicians who worked with the kids during the summer. He, himself, came back for the weeklong mini-camps in June and July and, upon his permanent return in August, he turned up the intensity level. In my five years of association with this program, I have never seen anyone work as hard as Martin in pouring so much into the program and the kids. On top of that, he executed his duties toward the curricular programs with just as much energy and commitment. As is always the case, the marching band show evolved throughout the season with changes and modifications to tweak it here and there. Through it all, he kept driving the kids and believing in them even when, at times, it was

difficult to do so. While many made the trip to Indianapolis with relative uncertainty, Martin never lost faith in the capabilities of the group and kept pushing them to exceed their performance potential. He had them ready and they performed their hearts out in preliminary and semifinal performances and later at finals. He accomplished in just a matter of a few months what most programs and directors have an entire year to do. But, more than that, Martin provided for our kids lessons that they can take with them wherever life leads them: Stick with your team even when it may be easier to quit; Stay focused on a goal that is worth achieving; and, never give up.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with this young band director this year and have seen him represent this program, this district and this community with utmost integrity and class. He is very talented, hard-working and committed. You would never know he is just the "interim guy." I am optimistic the district administration recognizes his capabilities and will choose to do the right thing by making him a permanent fixture here at Plymouth-Canton.

Scott Ragland
president, Plymouth-Canton Music

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### Board's decision is baffling

I don't understand the school board's opposition to just having even year elections in November. Why would they object to saving the school district money? In a time where we are all trying to find ways to save, why do they insist on this? I also don't understand the comment about it becoming political. Am I wrong in thinking that those that run don't run under any political party? How would politics influence the outcome?

Melanie Leeson Canton

#### Thanks for story

Thank you for the splendid article in the *Observer* ("Taking Flight," Sunday, Nov. 23), about the World War I fighter planes.

Staff writer Kurt Kuban did a great job of sorting out all the comments and presenting them in a concise and interesting manner. The photographer (Bill Bresler) captured great photos of the working group and airplanes. He certainly made me look good.

Several others have covered our construction progress, but your presentation is by far the best.

Thanks again.

Ray Wall Plymouth

### Rouge story informative

Kurt Kuban's article on the Rouge River ("Salmon, trout prove Rouge no longer on brink of death," Nov. 16) was very informative and refreshing to read. It was great to hear about the positive strides taking place in the Rouge River, which runs through so many communities in Oakland and Wayne counties.

The Friends of the Rouge, which you mentioned in your article, has a significant impact on educating the public on the health of the river. Through their educational programs and volunteer opportunities (over one thousand people) they provide an ongoing positive contribution to the ecological health of the Rouge River watershed.

There is so much work yet to be accomplished throughout the Rouge River. Yet, as you point out, the Rouge is coming back to life. Volunteering at the annual Friends of the Rouge's Rouge Rescue event is one way, we as citizens, can take care of our river. Check out www.therouge.org for more information.

Thanks for the article and dynamic photos.

Laraine Mogill Deutsch

member, Friends of the Rouge Farmington Hills

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"Obviously they did well for a number of years, but this is a sign of the times. Times being what they are, consumers are hanging on to what money they have."

- La-Z-Boy attorney Jerry Ellis, discussing why the furniture retailer is closing its seven metro Detroit stores, including the one in Canton on Ford Road

# Act now, Mr. President, to save auto industry

resident-elect Barack Obama has indicated that his first priority after being sworn in as our nation's 44th president will be to sign an economic stimulus package. While reports on the size of the stimulus package vary, estimates peg the cost to be somewhere between \$60 billion and \$100 billion dollars, with the goal of eventually creating 2.5 million jobs.

But there is a much faster way to help America's economy, at a fraction of the cost.

President George W. Bush can save 2.5 million jobs right now by releasing some of the money from the bailout of Wall Street as a bridge loan to the auto industry — a loan, not a bailout, as Wall Street has received.

In fact, 2.5 million jobs may be understating the importance of the auto industry. According to the Center

for Automotive Research, one out of every 10 jobs across the United States is auto-related — from the plastics, steel and glass industry, to the computer companies that build the chips inside every car, to your hometown car dealer down the street.

With the economy officially in a recession and retails sales this Christmas season plummeting, now is precisely the wrong time to allow GM, Ford or Chrysler to go under. Remember, the last time America was mired in a recession, following the terrorist attack of 9/11, Michigan's automakers were the first to respond with financial incentives, providing a jumpstart to America's economic revival.

Staving off a massive increase in unemployment isn't the only reason to provide a bridge loan. The Big Three spend \$12 billion annual-

ly on research and development, most all of it spent here in the United States to develop fuel efficient vehicles. No other industry matches the auto manufacturers in product development spending.

And it's working! In 2009, the Big Three will offer more than 137 models available with highway fuel economy ratings above 30 mpg. Next year, domestic automakers will offer 25 hybrid models, eight models of clean diesel and 38 models of flex fuel vehicles. The new Chevy Malibu gets 33 miles per gallon, and both the new Ford Fusion Hybrid and Mercury Milan Hybrid beat Toyota's Camry Hybrid in fuel efficiency.

It would be foolhardy, while U.S. forces are putting their lives on the line in Iraq and Afghanistan, to do anything that would harm our national security. Chrysler CEO Bob Nardelli has already testified before Congress that crippling the auto industry "would undermine our nation's ability to respond to military challenges."

Congress has previously agreed to bail out farmers through agricultural subsidies totaling more than \$95 billion over the last five years — they even pay farmers not to grow certain crops! The U.S. government has also bailed out the government of Mexico during the '90s, as well as the International Monetary Fund. And now Wall Street! Why can we bail out the world, but not provide a loan to the men and women who put the world on wheels?

Now is the time for the president to act. I urge President Bush to do the right thing, release the funds for a bridge loan to the auto industry and keep our industrial and manufacturing base strong.

Attorney General **Mike Cox** is a resident of Livonia.

# Candlelight vigil gives the grieving a place to reach out and touch someone

ebbie Estep came to the table at the front of the crowd at Sunday's Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil looking for a candle and a program, but mostly she was looking for Gail Lafferty, the woman who is the point person for the vigil, for a pretty simple reason.

She just wanted a hug.

Estep, a Dearborn Heights resident who lost her daughter to mul-



Kadrich

tiple sclerosis four years ago, was among the hundreds of people gathered in Kellogg Park on a damp, cold Sunday night in December as the Compassionate Friends honored children who died too young. Her daughter was just 28 when the MS claimed her,

and Kellogg Park is where
Estep has spent the second

Sunday of December ever since.

They were there for a common purpose, the folks who defied Mother Nature with their umbrellas and boots, with stiff resolutions.

their umbrellas and boots, with stiff resolve and, most importantly, with love. They've all been touched by the same tragedy, and they find a definite comfort in each other's embrace.

"She's another mother who has lost a child," Estep said of her reasons for searching out Lafferty. "We have a bond, even though we've never spoken. Only a mother would know. It's just very comforting to be among other parents, especially moms, who've lost their children."

It's a comfort they all not only feel, but relish. Many of these people — in fact, most of them — are repeat attenders, folks who've come to rely on the considerable power of shared love, of knowing there are people out there just like them, folks who've felt a pain so deep it's nearly impossible to grasp, much less voice.

But grasping it, and sharing it, is how they get through it. Cathy Clough, a Plymouth resident who heads the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville, has long believed — and indeed staked her center's reputation on the idea — people enveloped by grief are best helped out by those who've been there.

Lafferty knows it's true, sad as that may

"It's gratifying, but it's sad because a lot of them are newcomers," Lafferty said of the hundreds who braved the weather Sunday. "They've all lost children and that's sad. We're all in this group we don't want to be in, but we're glad we found each other."

Lafferty firmly believes her son and all the other children are grateful for the love, watching from heaven as she's sure they are. In fact, Lafferty attributes the traditionally bearable mid-December weather to her son, Max, whom she believes watches over the vigil, designed to create a worldwide ring of candlelight.

For the most part, the weather isn't bad, often much better than a Michigander comes to expect this time of year. Mother Nature kept doing her damndest to change all that Sunday, dumping occasional rain on the throng. But Max and the others must have been pretty successful in discouraging Mother Nature, because eventually she stopped trying, settling instead for a fairly fine mist.

The crowd wasn't to be deterred. As they gathered before the vigil started, there was a soft buzz of conversation as people greeted each other, doled out a large portion of hugs and kisses and caught up with each other's lives. The crowd noise then softened as the vigil began.

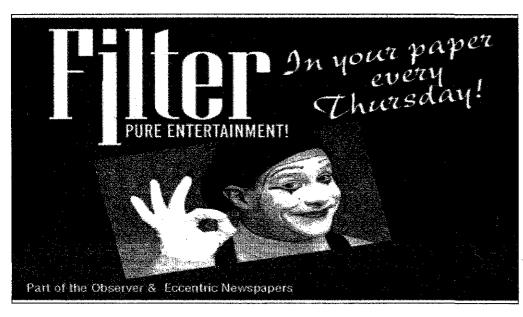
As the traditional reading of the names got under way and candles were being lit, a silence passed over the crowd like a blanket. It's as stirring a moment as there is in this town at any time of the year, hundreds of loved ones gathered as one, tears falling silently as the names are read.

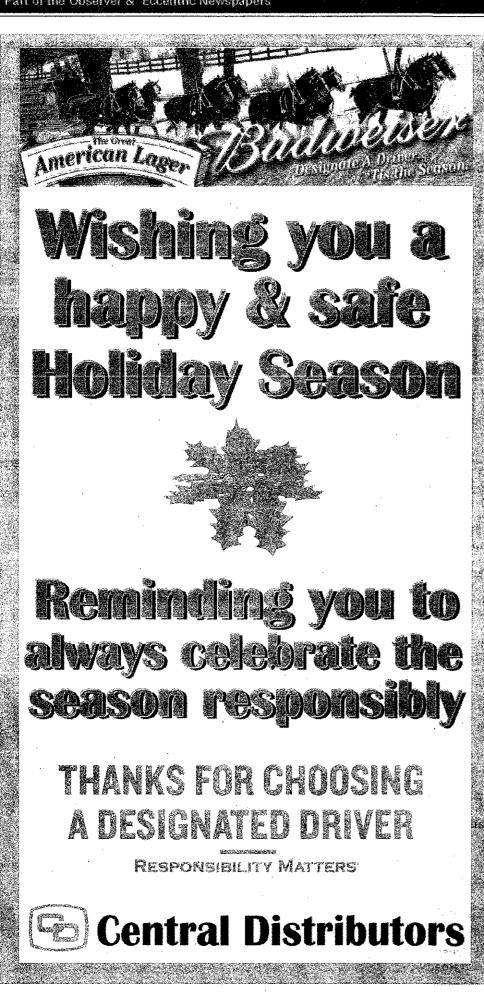
Those gathered seem to snuggle in even closer together, and it becomes obvious why they're there. It couldn't be clearer at that moment that these people, all of whom have suffered terrible losses, have found the one thing they so desperately need to help them go on.

Each other.

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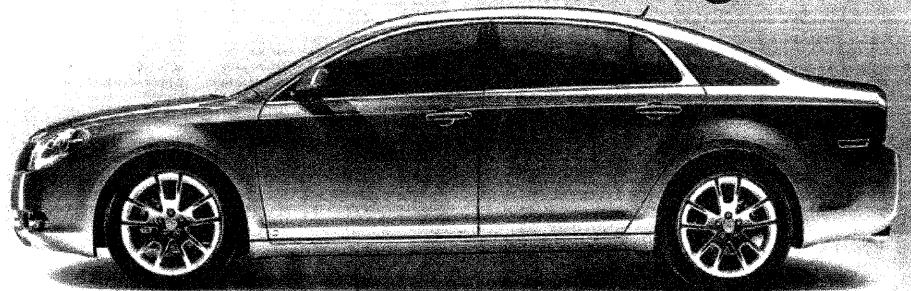






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# RU's 'D' stifles Rocks in season opener

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Redford Union's lock-down defense locked up Salem's shooters and threw away the keys during Tuesday night's non-conference encounter in the Rocks' gym.

The Panthers pestered the Rocks into a 9-for-33 (27 percent) shooting night on the way to a 46-24 victory.

RÚ improved to 2-1. The contest was the season opener for the Rocks.

'We pride ourselves on defense," said RU coach Brett Steele. "That's been the staple here since I've been here. We've won a lot of games over the past seven-plus years and most of them have been predicated

Offensively, the Panthers relied on a deliberate, pass-

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and-cut scheme that earned high-percentage shots most trips down the court.

"That's the way we play basketball," said Steele. "We space the floor and move the ball until we break down the

"The key tonight was we made our shots. The other

night against Berkley, we were 2-of-11 from threes. Tonight, we hit eight threes. If we continue to make eight threes, we're going to have a chance to be in most games."

Seven of the Panthers' eight threes were launched by the dynamic duo of Matt Macek, who finished with a team-high 16 points, and Anthony Wash, who netted 13.

Quinten Peterson chipped in

with 10 points for the winners. Senior guard Heath Parling led Salem with eight points. Jimmy Dexter and Blake Hayes both contributed six.

Sparked by Walsh, the Panthers raced to a 12-8 firstquarter lead. The speedy point guard poured in eight points in the first eight minutes.

"Anthony's always going to

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BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrew Plagens hones his advanced climbing skills on a specially built wall in his Canton basement. The 16-year-old Canton High School student recently placed 12th in his age division at the North American Climbing Championships.



## Canton teen gets a grip on competitive climbing

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Armed with the agility of Spider-Man, the flexibility of a top-flight gymnast and the fearlessness of a world-class mountain climber, Canton teenager Andrew Plagens is rising to great heights in the sport of competitive rock climbing.

And the 16-year-old Canton High School student is doing it at a rapid rate that even Peter Parker would admire.

Competing in an activity that demands incredible strength and balance, unrelenting mental concentration and a passion for scaling tall, jagged formations, Plagens

has already made a name for himself in U.S. climbing circles even though he picked up the sport less than two years

Late last month, Plagens placed 12th in his age division at the North American Continental Championships in Montreal, Quebec.

Plagens qualified for the North American event by faring well at the U.S. Nationals held in the fall in San Francisco, Calif.

"My dad's friend owns Planet Rock, a climbing facility in Ann Arbor," said Plagens, explaining how he was intro-

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**Plagens** ascends one of the routes at last month's North American Continental Championships in Montreal, Quebec.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marlan Glenn drains one of his three triples during Canton's season-opening victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

# **Chiefs dial** long distance in victory

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Far out, man!

The popular late-1960s phrase was also the unofficial motto for Canton's boys basketball team in Friday night's season-opening 54-42 victory over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

From far out is where the Chiefs tossed in most of the three-point daggers that deflated the Chargers during key stretches of the contest.

Senior guards Marlan Glenn and Sherif Hassanien were the primary sharp-shooters for the Chiefs. Glenn buried all three of his triples in the Chiefs' 21-point first quarter.

Hassanien's game-changing bombs both came during key periods of the second half -- the first with 0:01 showing on the scoreboard clock that padded his team's lead to

"We hit four threes in the first quarter that really carried us through after a shaky start," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "After the first quarter ended with the score 21-19, I looked over at (assistant coach) Jim (Reddy) and said, 'This is going to be fun.'

Canton's post-game scorebook reflected the type of balance Colligan preaches to his player. Sophomore point guard Deitrich

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#### Cezat shines

Former Canton High School basketball standout Katie Cezat registered a triple-double in Hillsdale College's 76-61 victory over Ferris State on Saturday at Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids.

The senior forward tallied 36 points, 20 rebounds and 13 blocked shots in the Chargers' triumph over the Bulldogs. The 13 blocked shots tied Cezat for the thirdhighest total in the history of NCAA DII women's basketball. It also set GLIAC and school records.

Cezat connected on 12-of-18 field goal attempts and 12-of-14 free throws in 38 minutes of action.

Ex-Chief Becci Houdek dished out three assists and scored one point in the game.

#### Rolfe selected

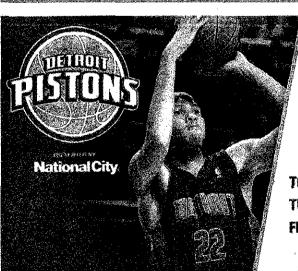
Former Plymouth High School soccer standout Colin Rolfe was selected to: attend a prestigious U.S. Under-20 Men's National Team training camp, which is being held this week in Sunrise, Fla. The camp will include a pair of friendly scrimmages against CONCACAF foes Haiti on Dec. 20 and Canada on Dec. 22.

· Rolfe recently completed a successful freshman season 🖟 at the University of Louisville, where he was named the Big East's "Rookie of the Year."

### SPARQ testing

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## Sexauer's shooting lifts CLIMBING **Chiefs over Highlanders**

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**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Canton's CarolAnn Sexauer didn't shoot the lights out in the Howell High School gym Monday night, but she certainly dimmed the Highlanders' chances of winning.

The sharp-shooting sophomore poured in a game-high 21 points to lead the Chiefs to a 61-46 road win, Canton's third in three games. Howell dropped to 2-2.

"When CarolAnn gets in a rhythm and sets her feet, she can really score," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose unbeaten contingent will travel to Salem on Friday night. "She shot the ball real well tonight."

The hosts were the most early in the contest, building a 17-9 lead early in the second quarter. However, the Chiefs answered with a 14-0 run to seize the game's momentum for good. Sexauer accounted for eight points during the gamechanging streak.

"We were playing a little too

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fast early on," said Samulski. "Once we settled down, we did a better job of catching the ball, reading the defense and making better decisions.

Canton led 41-33 after three quarters.

Robyn Mack, playing in her first varsity game, contributed 12 points and five assists for Canton. Kayla Bridges was also stellar, chipping in with 10 points and six rebounds. Sara Schmitt added eight points for the winners, who shot 66 percent (14-of-21) from the freethrow line.

**DETROIT COMMUNITY 74,** PLYMOUTH 29: On Tuesday at Community, Kelsi Robinson scored 12 points for the Wildcats and Alex Roberts added five.

Nya Jordan led Community with 25 points. Inquia Snell added 13.

Shaakira Haywood hauled down a team-high 11 rebounds for Plymouth.

duced to climbing. "He let us try it free a couple of times (in 2006) and I really liked it."

#### Fast ascent

After several trips to the 22,000-square-foot facility, Plagens tried out for and made the 15-member Planet Rock climbing team, which practices three days a week for two-and-ahalf hours.

"We usually warm up for the first half hour, stretching and things like that," said Plagens. "Then we'll climb for an hourand-a-half — doing drills and climbing the hardest routes we can find.

"The last half hour we do a lot of exercises, like working on gymnastics rings and more stretching.

"A couple of my friends think it's crazy, but most of them think it's cool. A couple have even come out and climbed with me."

Major indoor climbing competitions are held on 50-foot manmade mountains and stretch out over three days. Routes are formed for the climbers with grips that are strategically placed on the mountain.

"The first round of qualifying is usually pretty easy," said Plagens. "They just want to weed out the climbers that aren't very good.

'The routes get more difficult each round."

"When it gets to the finals," added Glenn Plagens, Andrew's dad, "it's nearly impossible to climb the entire route. They make it real tough. In fact, on a lot of the finals routes, the climbers aren't climbing vertical, they're climbing upside down along the



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Andrew Plagens selects climbing gear for training at his home earlier this week.

#### Tools of the trade

Plagens is equipped with several pieces of essential equipment during his climbs.

Among the necessities are special climbing shoes, rope, carabiners (rings of solid aluminum with a spring-loaded gate) and a

Altogether, the total package can cost anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000, depending on the qualify of equipment.

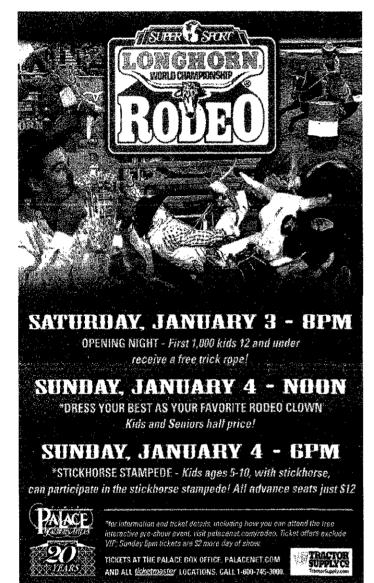
When he doesn't have time to squeeze in a trip to Planet Rock, Plagens can refine his skills by visiting the basement of his Canton home, where his dad constructed a make-shift climbing wall.

"My ultimate goal," Plagens said, "is to qualify for the World Championships someday. Next year, they're in Taiwan, so that's where I want to be."

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Andrew Plagens is pictured nearing the top of the route at last month's North American Championships.





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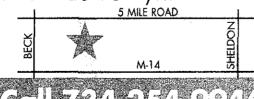
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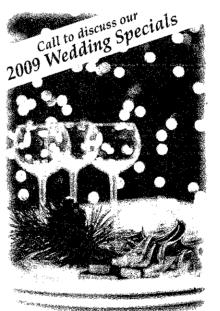
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# Worthy of a ranking Canton skaters upend mighty Stevenson

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Is Canton's hockey team on the verge of cracking the Division 1 state rankings?

You would think so after the Chiefs registered one of the school's most-impressive victories in history Friday - a 4-1 triumph over No. 9ranked Livonia Stevenson.

The win over the powerful Spartans improved Canton's best-ever start to 7-0-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. Stevenson slipped to 4-2-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the division.

We beat a very good hockey team," said Canton coach

we basically stood around and admired how fast they were. Once the boys realized they had to pick up the pace, we started to skate with them and create opportunities.

Abraham praised the play of senior goalie Zane Birchler, who stopped 35 Spartan shots.

"He made the difference," Abraham asserted. "He's been making the saves he has to make, plus he's been making saves a lot of other goalies wouldn't make. Offensively, we haven't been starting games strong, but Zane has given us time to get going."

Stevenson owned a 1-0 lead thanks to a John Vella goal until Canton senior forward Nick Tomilenko converted his 16th goal of the season 4:07

was assisted by Alex Berlin. Tomilenko cashed in the eventual game-winner with 1:35 left in the period when he lit the lamp thanks to helpers from Mark Barath and Dan Bielak.

Anthony Bonnett (from Tomilenko) and Ryan Lash (from Bryan Davison and A.J. Rosales) tallied insurance goals in the third period.

Tomilenko was named "Player of the Week" for the state of Michigan by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association.

Canton returns to action Saturday when it travels to Oak Park to square off against Detroit Country Day. The opening tip-off at the Oak Park Ice Arena is set for 2:50 p.m.

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BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

If Livonia Ladywood's Shelby Kucharski continues to put up Gretzky-like numbers, they be calling her "The Great One.

The senior center scored all six of her team's goals, including the game-winner with only eight seconds remaining off an assist from Julie Bushart, as the Blazers stunned Plymouth-Canton-Salem, 6-

5, in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game Saturday night at the Arctic Pond. With the victory, Ladywood

improved to 3-2 overall and 1-2 in the league. The loss drops the Penguins

to 1-5 and 1-5. Kucharski, a senior center playing her first year of high travel hockey, now has 21 of Ladywood's 26 goals this sea-

school hockey after a stint in

"She has it all – speed, puck-handling skills, a great shot and a good head for the game," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "We knew about her how good she was. I saw her play last year. We tried to get her four years ago and this year she finally came out. She's only played five or six years. She can definitely play college hockey."

The Blazers led 2-1 after one period on Kucharski's two goals – the first from Emann Freij and the second from Erin in shots.

Amanda Heisler scored for the Penguins from Katie Rokakis and Jennifer Fedon.

In the second period, Ellexus Montova tied it up for the Penguins from Heisler and Fedon, but Kucharski answered on a goal from Bushart to keep a one-goal

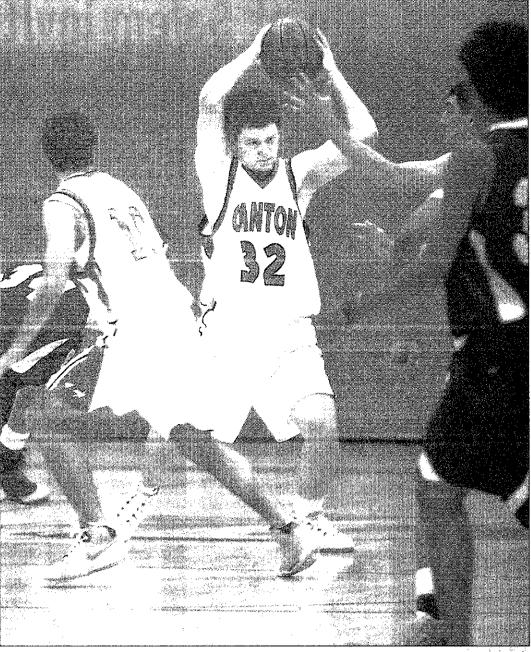
In the final period, Kucharski scored unassisted to make it 4-2, but the Penguins responded with two quick goals - Jennifer Fedon (from Kelsey Nikkila) and Nikkila (from Rhianna Fleischer) to make it 4-all.

Kucharski tallied her second unassisted goal of the game to put the Blazers ahead 5-4, but Nikkila answered to knot the count at 5-all.

Ladywood held a 24-23 edge

Jessica Pavela was in goal for the Blazers, while Emily Bullock was in goal for the Penguins.

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Canton's George Muresan hauls down a rebound during the Chiefs' 54-42 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Friday.

Lever led all scorers with 15 points while Glenn and Hassanien both twined 13.

"This was a great team effort tonight — from beginning to end," the second-year coach said. "For us to be successful this season, everybody is going to have to step up and fill their roles like they did tonight. We talk to them all the time about sacrificing individual glory for the sake of

"It's like Sherif coming off the bench like he did tonight and being an energy guy. It's like Deitrich making kick-out passes and Marlan making good decisions on the break."

The Chiefs' defense locked down in the second quarter and held Crestwood scoreless. Although their offense sputtered, the hosts still carried a 29-19 advantage into the half.

Daniel Stoney's driving banker upped Canton's advantage to 31-19 20 seconds into the second half, however, Crestwood narrowed its deficit to 38-34 with eight seconds left in the third on a Claude Glenn free throw.

Just when it appeared their lead was in peril,

Lever rushed the ball up court and lasered a pass to Hassanien, who spotted up on a wing just outside the three-point arc and hit nothing but twine to extend the score to 41-34.

Crestwood got no closer than six over the final eight minutes. Glenn led the Chargers with 10 points. Maren

Youseff added eight. Canton swished 4-of-9 free throws. Crestwood

was 9-of-15 from the stripe. The Chiefs will be idle until Dec. 29 when they participate in the John Glenn Holiday

Tournament. LUTH. WESTLAND 64, PCA 56: On Saturday, Josh Kruger notched 15 points and Ryan Rakovalis added 13 to propel

Lutheran High Westland (2-0) to the non-conference win over host Plymouth Christian Academy (1-1). The Warriors led 31-28 at halftime and padded their lead by outscoring the Eagles 18-14 in the third period.

"The kids played hard and created a lot of scoring opportunities by stepping in the passing lanes and scoring off turnovers," Lutheran Westland coach Brandon Bekius said. "I thought the second half we played a little more under control, but we have to improve our free throw shooting (19-of-43), especially in the fourth quarter if we're going to close out games in future."

Spencer Wiard led PCA with 23 points, while Brent Zinn added 12 for the Eagles, who were 12-of-20 from the

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# Plymouth icers triple up Western, 6-2

Consider the Plymouth hockev team's 6-2 victory over Walled Lake Western Friday night some last-minute study-

ing before a big test. The Wildcats outplayed Western in every facet of the game -- including outshooting the visitors 40-16 -- to improve

The victory comes in the shadow of a three-game week that includes games against state-ranked Northville, stateranked Livonia Stevenson and cross-campus rival Salem.

"Next week will be a huge measuring stick for us," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "Those games will test our mentality and show us where we're at early in the

On Friday, Plymouth skated to a 2-1 first-period advantage before eventually stretching its lead to 6-1 with a three-goal third. Western scored its final goal with one minute left in the game.

John Maurer played a significant role in the Wildcats' early success. After Western seized a 1-0 lead, Maurer netted the equalizer thanks to assists from John Deal and Evan Swieczkowski.

With just six ticks left in the first period, Maurer buried a short-handed break-away shot.

"That was a huge goal as far as giving us momentum," said Fassbender. "Taylor Currier set it up by blocking a shot and

then getting the puck to John. It was nice to see because we've been harping on blocking shots and not giving up any easy

Chris Merrill's power-play goal from Ryan Renault and Luke Merandi upped Plymouth's lead to 3-1 3:10 into the second period.

The 'Cats put the win on ice with three goals in the third off the sticks of Renault (from Pat Smiatacz and Kyle Callahan), Currier (from Deal and Merrill) and Callahan, who was assisted by Deal and Maurer.

Mike Justus earned the win between the pipes for Plymouth, knocking away 14 of the 16 shots he faced.

## Whalers cook Kitchener, 5-2

When Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci acquired center Matt Caria from Sault Ste. Marie last week for three future draft choices, he was hoping to find a veteran sniper who could play with Whalers captain Chris Terry.

"Anytime you can acquire a talent of Caria's caliber without giving up a player from your lineup, it's a plus," Vellucci said. "I'm really excited to see how Caria and Terry mesh together."

It took a couple of games, but Vellucci and Whaler fans saw the full effect of the deal on

Saturday night. Caria and Terry combined for six points as the Whalers pulled away from the Kitchener Rangers in the third period en route to a 5-2 victory on Teddy Bear Night in an Ontario Hockey League game played at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers are back at the .500 mark at 14-14-3-0. Kitchener is now 13-15-1-1.

Caria now ranks 10th in OHL scoring with 12 goals and 26 assists for 38 points in 33 games after scoring two goals and adding an assist as the game's first star.

Terry added a goal (15th of the year) and two assists as the game's second star. Terry also moved into ninth place on the Whalers' all-time career scoring list with 90 goals and 136 assists for 226 points in 223 career games.

Christian Steingraber opened the Whalers' scoring and started the rain of stuffed animals on the ice on Teddy Bear Night.

Patrick Lee (7th) also scored for Plymouth. Goaltender Matt Hackett continued his steady play over the last month as the game's third star for the Whalers in stopping 26-of-28 shots while raising his won-loss record to 11-6-1-0.

Julian Cimadamore (2nd) and Scott Timmins (22nd) scored for Kitchener.

Plymouth outshot Kitchener,

## Ott, Powers lead Rock icers over Grosse lle

Sam Ott netted a goal and an assist, and Adam Powers kicked away 20 shots to lead Salem to a 2-1 victory over Grosse Ile Tuesday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The hard-earned win improved the Rocks' record to

Ott's goal came within the game's first minute. Salem doubled its lead later in the first period on Josh Jarvela's goal from Ott and Mike Hochkins.

a good team effort."

be our catalyst," said Steele. "He got us off to a

good start tonight, making some shots. He cre-

tion and pitch. Anthony played well, but it was

RU expanded its lead to 21-9 with 2:49 left

in the first half on Peterson's steal and layup.

The Rocks rebounded by scoring the next

four points on a Hayes drive and a Parling

ated shots for Macek off the dribble penetra-

Grosse Ile's lone goal came in the third period. The visitors hit the cross-bar with a shot in the final minute of play.

"Adam Powers played well," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "He stopped a number of quality chances."

Jarvela and Mario Macari assisted on Ott's ice-breaking net-finder.

NOVI 3, SALEM 1: On Monday at Novi, Ott knotted the game at 1-all with a third-period power-play goal, however, the

Wildcats scored two lamplighters a short time later to secure the win.

"I thought we outplayed them 70 percent of the game, but they capitalized on the five or six minutes that we didn't play well," said Ossenmacher. 'Novi has a very good team. The fact that we were in the game until the end shows how much we're coming along."

Ott's goal was assisted by David Russell and Jarvela. Powers recorded 25 saves.

fast-break layup, but RU's Leonard Wernette-Leff made the halftime score 22-13 when he

Salem drew to within 25-18 with 6:10 left in

Led by six boards each from Cortney Frazier

RU hit 17-of-37 field goals. Both teams were

the third on a short jumper from Dexter, how-

ever, RU finished the game with a 21-6 run.

and Jake Peterson, Salem outrebounded the

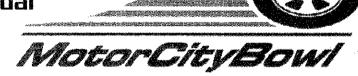
drained 1-of-2 free throws.

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## Rocks rule at Salem invitational

Salem won the Salem Round Robin Tournament Saturday, racking up 295 points to out-distance

Ypsilanti Lincoln by 17 points. Led by Sam Lepper's championship performance at 189 pounds, the Rocks rolled to an impressive victory.

Lincoln Park placed third with 198.5 points while Macomb Dakota (180) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (161) rounded out the top five

Lepper pinned Sterling Heights' Kyle Alessandrini in 1:05 in the 189-pound final.

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Nick Kim excelled at 103 for the champions, placing second to Crestwood's Joey Golan. Salem's Kyle Middleditch was the runner-up at 112 and Ben DeWitt was second at 125..

Ypsi Lincoln's Dillon Farrell earned MVP honors in the lower weights while Macomb Dakota's Mike Wronosky took top honors in the upper weights.

2008 SALEM ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT
Dec. 13 at Salem High School
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 295;
2. Ygsilanti Lincoln, 278; 3. Lincoln Park, 198.5; 4, Macomb Dakota, 180; 5. Dearborn 7. Sterling Heights, 120; 8. Farmington, 102; 9. Ann Arbor Huron, 92.

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103 pounds: 1st-place match: Joey
Golan (C) decisioned Nick Kim (Salem), 4-3;
3rd: Kevin Jose Guerrero (F) dec. Jacob
Jones (LP), 8-1; 5th: Jimmy Miller (MD) dec.
Sam Polocoser (SC), 14-11.

112: 1st: Matt Farrell (L) pinned lan
Phillins (S) in 1-31: 3rd: Devin Stratton (S)

11/2: 1st: Matt Farrell (L) pinned Ian Phillips (S) in 1:31; 3rd: Devin Stratton (S) dec. Mo Rahal (C), 10-2; 5th: Greg Day (MD) pinned Rich Jeirzierski (LP) in 46 seconds. 119: 1st: Anthony Barbour (LP) dec. Kyle Middleditch, 4-2 (OT); 3rd: Jarred Lilyhorn (L) dec. Dominic Lamusico (C), 14-5; 5th: Ed Nuttall (L) dec. Dan Hall (SC), 7-3. 125: 1st: Dillon Farrell (L) dec. Ben DeWitt (S), 9-2; 3rd: Isaar Hawkins (SC) DeWitt (S), 9-2; **3rd:** Isaac Hawkins (SC) pinned Joey Polocoser (C) in 3:52; **5th:** 

Andrew Samoray (AAH) dec. Dominic DeRita (MD), 12-4. 130: 1st: Jason VanWasshenova (LP) dec. Derrick Maudell (C), 13-9; 3rd: John Bills (S) pinned Adam London (AAH) in 3:51; 5th: Seth LaBombarbe (L) pinned Jeremy 135: 1st: Aaron Barker (SC) dec. James Middleditch, 8-5; 3rd: Munt Al-Hussien (C) pinned C.J. Ward (LP) in 2:22; 5th: Nick Kuzera (MD) pinned Garin Coleman (SH)

140: 1st: Dan Salkowski (MD) dec. Johannes Olind (S), 8-7; 3rd: Nathan Mullins (L) dec. Drew Pollard (LP), 4-3; 5th: Sorel Polocoser (C) dec. Rob Williams (F),

145: 1st: Brandon Farrell (L) dec. Robert Schultz (S), 11-6; 3rd; Sean Cruz (AAH) dec. Nick Tomski (F), 9-1; 5th: Rob Kanalos (LP) pinned Kirk Tomski (F) in 2:23. 152: Ist Eddie Rakotz (L) dec. Jermaine Williams (SH), 5-2; 3rd: Andrew Valentine (AAH) dec. Eric Bloomquist (MD), 4-2; 5th: Chris Sweet (S) pinned Josh Gaskill (F) in

160: 1st: Mike Wronosky (MD) pinned Calvin Sullins (SC) in 1:41; **3rd:** Colin Gross (S) pinned Nathan Sanchez (SH) in 2:14; 5th: Jared Marks (L) pinned Romero Remy

171: 1st: James Walton (LP) pinned Andrew Baker (AAH) in 43 seconds; 3rd: Ryan Benoit (MD) pinned Brian Francover (SC) in 4:1; 5th: Neil Lazarecki (SH) pinned Chad Colwell in 3:50.
189: 1st: Sam Lepper (S) pinned Kyle Alessandrini (SH) in 1:05; 3rd: Cory Sanders (L) dec. Justin Roe (F), 4-2; 5th: Nick Ziskie (MD) won by injury default over

Nick Ziskie (MD) won by injury default over Josh Schroeder (SC).

Josh Schroeder (SC).

215: 1st: William Hartley (L) dec. Buster Wiison (LP), 5-4; 3rd: Austin Root (S) dec. Jason Wilks (MD), 5-4; 5th: Chad Gauss (SC) pinned Joe Tailo (SH) in 4:59.

285: 1st: Terrence Radcliff (L) dec. Justin Tallo (SH), 8-6; 3rd: Blake Abbey (S) dec. Dylan Wells (F), 11-3; 5th: Hassau El Sayed (C) pinned Shawn Green (SH) in 39 seconds.

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130 pounds: John Bills (\$) won by yoid; 135: James Middleditch (\$) pinned Alex Aninos in 3:32; 140: Johannes Olind (S) pinned Clayton Hughes in 3:32; 145: Robbie Schultz (S) pinned Alex Vaninecke in 1:27; **152:** Chris Sweet (S) dec. Sean Savage, 11-3; **160:** Jimmy Gross (S) pinned Mike Stewart in 3:30; **171:** Patrick Roeser (WLN) pinned Matt Kelly in 3:22; 189:

Maren Smallman (WLN) pinned Austin Root in 4:52; **215**: Zach Leichanen (WLN) pinned Blake Abbey in 3:22; **285**: Sam Lepper (S) pinned Billy Card in 1:26; **103**: Nick Kim (S) pinned Jake Helko in 57 seconds; **112**: Jan Phillips (S) pinned Josh Budey in 2:52; **119**: Karl Allen (S) dec. Erik Erstad, 10-4; **125**: Hunter West (WLN) dec. Kyle Middleditch, 12-4

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135 pounds: James Middleditch (S) won by void; 140: Andrew Brebuyck (SM); won by technical fall, 14-0, over Johannes Olind; 145: Robbie Schultz (S) pinned: Austin Crutchfield in 1:49; 152: Chris: Sweet (S) pinned Guadalupe Ortiz in 3:42; 160: limmy Gross (S) ninned Russell Bayria (S) pinned Guadalupe Ortiz in 3:42; 460; Jimmy Gross (S) pinned Russell Bayre in 3:51; 171; Matt Kelty (S) pinned James Vyscitt in 31 seconds; 189; Austin Root (S) dec. David Anderson, 4-1; 215; Sam Lepper (S) pinned James Huddleston in 2:32; 285; Blake Abbey (S) pinned Geöffrey McCann in 58 seconds; 103; Nick Kim (S) pinned Denolino Cooper in 28 seconds; 112 pounds; lan Phillips (S) dec. Ernie Stone, 1:10; 119; Karl Allen (S) woo by technical 11-10; 119: Karl Allen (S) won by technical fall over Bernard Chaires, 17-2; 125: Bén DeWitt (S) dec. Connor Smith, 17-6; 130: John Bills (S) pinned Mark Stari in 1:10.

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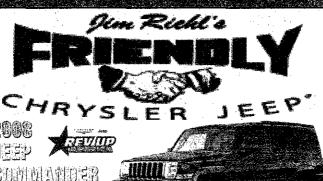
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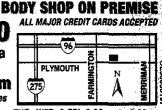
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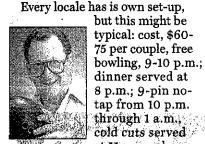
# Roll in the New Year

## Consider giving local bowling venues a look

hat are you doing New Years If you are a bowler, the

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Once upon a time a fellow bowler received a nice wrist support gadget for a Christmas gift, only it was for

the wrong hand, not the right hand. All I want for Christmas is to make the 10-pin spare consistently.

Many of the local high schools are in the preparation mode for the up-coming bowling season. Bowling is the fastest growing high school sport, surpassing ice hockey a year or two ago.

It's a great opportunity for some of the kids to experience the excitement of sports team competition who may not be able to make it in football or basketball. Tryouts have been completed and the season is

A good example is the North Farmington High team, which practices at Drakeshire Lanes on Grand River.

Drakeshire does not charge the schools for the practice time or

competition, they get about \$1,000 worth of bowling, and this is big, as many parents could find it difficult right now to come up with the money.

Drakeshire general manager Laura Burns has been very supportive of the team for many years. If you have ever watched high school varsity bowling competition, you would see first hand how much excitement this sport can generate at the high school level.

■ Ernie Segura, Jr. of Taylor and Eric Krpichak of Livonia recently teamed up to win the 18th annual Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The Segura-Krpichak duo defeated the team of Tony Lindemann (Sterling Heights) and Rick Eiermann (Garden City) 413-379.

While the competition was spirited and the camaraderie was outstanding, the main purpose of the event was to raise funds for both the Karamnos Cancer Foundation and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.

Sixty bowlers participated, each bringing pledges and/or selling raffle tickets in support. Over \$7,000 was raised bringing the 18-year total to over \$240,000. The event is run by the Metro

Detroit USBC Association which serves over 70,000 adult and youth bowlers in this area.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by e-mail: tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.

## MU earns first win as Sims nets 27

Cedric Sims was the catalyst Saturday with a game-high 27 points as the Madonna University men's basketball team earned its first victory of the year and snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 71-61 triumph Saturday over host Alma College.

MU (1-9) made 57 percent of its shots from the floor in the first half to build a 35-27 lead in the MIAA-WHAC Challenge. The Crusaders finished 28-of-58 from the floor (48.3 percent).

Sims, a 6-foot senior guard from Wayne Memorial, hit 9-of-14 shots from the floor, including a pair of three-pointers, and was a perfect 7-of-7 from the foul line.

Junior center Leroy Allen added 16 points and nine rebounds, while Bryant Slaughter (Westland) chipped in with nine points.

Jordan Redditt led Alma (0-7) with 25 points. Cory Schneider added 13.

**OLIVET COLLEGE 70, MADONNA 66:** 

The Crusaders, despite shooting 50.9 percent from the field. dropped their ninth straight Friday night to Olivet College (3-4) in the MIAA-WHAC Challenge

in a game played at Alma College's

Cappaert Gym. Cedric Sims paced MU with 20

points and eight rebounds, while Leroy Allen and Bryan Slaughter contributed 10 each as MU fell to

MU came out strong in the first half, connecting on 16-of-27 firsthalf shots to build a 36-31 lead.

Slaughter's three-pointer with 1:41 remaining in the game gave MU a 65-64 lead, while teammate Kevin McLoughlin tied the game at 66 when he made the second of two free throws.

But Joel Kerns (11 points) score with 12 seconds remaining to give the Comets (3-4) a lead it would not relinquish.

Michael McClary scored 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for Olivet. Brother Brandon McClary added 19 points and four

MACOMB CC 69, SCHOOLCRAFT 61: On Dec. 3, visiting Macomb Community College (9-0, 1-MCCAA Eastern Conference victory over School tory over Schoolcraft College (4-5,

#### PREP BOWLING

BOYS BOWLING RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 25 WATERFORD MOTT 5 Dec. 15 at 300 Bowl

**Wayne Individual scorers:** Ryan Gabriel, 227-276-503; Elliot Arnold, 188-256-444; Josh Vojtkofsky, 219-212-431; T.J. Lave, 195-192-387; Mike Wilson-Kellen Collison, 146-

**Baker games:** Wayne, 223-180-403 (10 points); Mott, 155-180-335 (2 points). Wayne's overall record: 3-0.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 27** WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 3

Dec. 13 at Whitmore Lanes
Wayne Individual scorers: Elliot Arnold, 259-203-462;
Josh Vojtkofsky, 198-188-386; Kellen Collison, 181-198379; Ryan Gabriel, 174-201-375; T.J. Lave, 144-149-293, (17

Lakeland scorers: Andrew Hatfield, 211-183-394; Jake Pelc, 157-195-352; Jeremy Davis, 165-160-325; Stephen Palombo, 141-168-309; Cody Demeter, 161-194-305 (3

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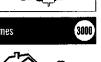
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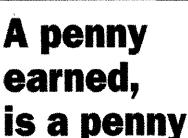
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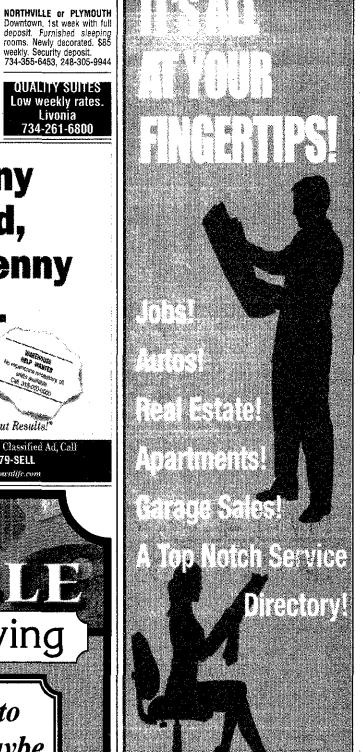
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#### UPCOMING

#### Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth, Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

#### All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages.

Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

#### **Advent Sunday**

The Gift of Love 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

#### Choir cantata

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church presents Hope Has Hands choir cantata 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at 8828 Wormer, Redford, Everyone is welcome. For information, call (313) 537-7480.

#### Christmas Eve services

5 p.m. (Children's Service), 7 p.m. (Family Worship and Candlelight), and 11 p.m. (Lessons, Carols, Communion and Candlelight), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, Call (734) 422-0149.

#### Christmas services

9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, two blocks south of Plymouth Road. Call (313) 937-3170. Christmas Eve Candlelight services 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, Family Musical: Angels We Have Heard, a multi-generational choir presents a delightful story with an important message with lights, drama and lively music, closing service with individual candles (nursery provided for preschool children), and 10 p.m. with adult and hand bell choirs, communion and candle lighting. 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, Blessing of the children and their toys.

#### 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, worship: Christmas pageant, at First Baptist

Advent worship

Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Rd., north of 8 Mile, Southfield, Call (248) 569-2972. Christmas Eve service Brass Quintet performance at 6:45 p.m., Candlelight Communion Worship

Service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec.

#### 24, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313)

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**Christmas Eve service** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at

Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Sunday school Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 464-6722

Christmas Eve services 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Garden City. All are welcome. Call (734) 427-3660.

#### **Christmas Eve worship**

8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster road in Livonia. The services will include candlelight and communion. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

#### Christmas worship

5:30 p.m. family worship, children's pageant; 7:30 p.m. candlelight communion service (Contemporary Worship Ensemble); 10:30 p.m. Christmas music prelude, and 11 p.m. candlelight community service with Chancel Choir and Trinity Bells Wednesday, Dec. 24, and 10 a.m. Christmas worship Thursday, Dec. 25, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. All are invited.

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#### Hall rental

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

#### **UPCOMING**

#### Worship service

The Wayne-Westland Ministerial Association is sponsoring a worship service to remember the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. There will be a combined choir from several churches led by Steve Holbrook, The preacher for the evening will be the Rev. Mike Wilson of the New Beginnings Church in Wayne. The public is invited. If you have any questions, call Neil Cowling at the Kirk

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#### **ONGOING**

#### **Parkinson Support**

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January. July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information. call (248) 433-1011.

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797, Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-

#### Mid-week Service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverne, Redford, Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

#### ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women" the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inabitity to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www. endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

### Choral rehearsals

Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184. New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or

#### visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register. call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

#### Time change

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. returned to its fall-spring worship schedule. Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit

#### www.livonfaith.org. Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www. gcfellowship,org or call (734) 525-6019.

#### Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### **Eucharistic adoration**

St. Michael the Archangel Church In Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

#### 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 will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www. hischurch.us.

#### **Reformed Protestant services**

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean. humby@att.net, or visit www.mem-

#### bers.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html. Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www. renaissanceunity.org.

#### Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

### Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org, Cost is \$5.

## Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

### Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes.

The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-

3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

#### Tai Chi class Orchard United Methodist Church,

30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

### 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.

#### 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

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve. meet and 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 information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.

#### 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. 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, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome. 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 Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800. 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. Şunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road 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.

### 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 Leverne, 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.

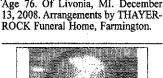
## **MOPS** groups

Mother's of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. 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

Please see CALENDAR, B7

#### EVELYN M. ALTAFFER Age 76. Of Livonia, MI. December



FREDERICK KIPP CODY, JR. Age 60, died December 11, 2008 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac after a brief illness. Fred was born October 5, 1948, in Detroit. He was a longtime resident of Birmingham with strong childhood ties to the Grosse Pointe area. Fred graduated in 1966 from Austin High School in Detroit and attended Michigan State University, where he received a degree in business and marketing in 1970. Fred traveled the world in his role as director of marketing for Chrysler International and was instrumental in launching the "Jeep" brand in China, Egypt and throughout all of Europe. After leaving Chrysler, Fred joined Jucy, Inc. as a partner. Jucy, headquartered in Palm Springs California, is a pioneer in "Green" advertising for major corporations. Fred was a member of Holy Name Church in Birmingham and was an avid art collector who loved gardening. As a loyal friend of Bill W., he reached out to numerous people. Fred is survived by his siblings, Mary Lou and Daniel A.
Miller of Olympia, Washington,
Fredericka Cody of Atlanta, Georgia
and Angela and Thomas Gonzales of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard F. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Sokolik, five great-nephews, two great-nieces and cherished cousins, friends and business associates too numerous to list. Mr. Cody is preceded in death by his parents, Frederick K. Cody, Sr., Nancy Ryan Cody and Rosemary Brennan Cody. He loved you all. Memorial Mass at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon St.,

be made to the charity of donor's choice. Condolences at www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

Birmingham, Saturday 12:30pm.

Friends may gathering at church

beginning at 12noon. Interment in St.

Paul on the Lake Catholic Church,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Memorials may



HELEN CHEKLICH

Age 82, of Bloomfield Hills, Passed

away on December 12, 2008. A. J.

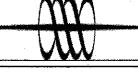
Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500.

JOHN N. EASTERBROOK Age 98, died on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at Autumn Woods Health Care Facility in Warren, Michigan. He was born May 14, 1910 in York, Pennsylvania to Norman and Martha Easterbrook. Loving father of Jane, Jack (Eileen), Richard, Don (Margarita), Joan and Robert. Devoted grandfather of Katie, Allison, Cristina and Vincent. John was predeceased by his wife, Connie with whom he shared 56 years of marriage. A memorial service will be held in January 2009. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to: Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (c/o Courtney Kennedy), 2101 Commonwealth Blvd., Suite D, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Arrangements were entrusted to D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home in Warren, Michigan. Please share memories at



#### DAVID R. GOODE Age 57, died December 11, 2008, at

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. David was born September 27, 1951, in Pontiac. He was a graduate of Seaholm High School and a life . long resident of Birmingham. David was owner/broker of Goode Real Estate in Birmingham – a family business since 1964. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, particularly during the summer at his cottage in Central Lake, Michigan. David is survived by his wife, Kathy and son, Jeff. He is also survived by his brothers, Gilbert and Ronald Goode and sisters, Judith Moran and Mary Smith. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Name Church in Birmingham. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.



PATRICIA A. JANTOVSKY Age 82, December 16, 2008. Beloved wife of Larry. Dear mother of Judy Spehar, Kevin (Barbara), Lawrence M. (Shree) and the late Paul Michael. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of ten. Visitation Friday 3-9pm, Funeral Service Saturday 10am at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill).



## BRENDA DIAN REOTT JOSEPH

Born May 13th, 1959, has gone to heaven to join her dad and baby sister December 3rd, 2008. Brenda is the loving wife of Dwight Joseph and precious daughter of Patricia Westwood. Brenda's life is being celebrated by three brothers, five sisters and their families; also by four stepbrothers, three step-sisters, and their families and a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends throughout the USA. Brenda is dearly loved and sadly missed by her family, friends and little dog, Poncho. A memorial service is being planned for late spring of 2009 at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile Road at Beech Daly, Redford, MI.

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## CALENDAR

the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Sept. 26. For 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. They use "The Hope of a Homecoming," by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

#### Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family).

To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen

#### Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

#### Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

#### Thrift Shop

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian

#### Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

#### Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

#### J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch. fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

#### Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660

or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.

#### com. Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-

#### 3440. Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland.

#### For information, call (734) 728-3440. Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

#### **Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A Christian women's group.

#### Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton, For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

#### Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

#### Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from burts, babits and bangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400.

For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch. org/celebrate.

#### Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

#### Worship service

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

#### Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improvereading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

#### Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www. DueSeason.org.

#### Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford, Call (313) 534-9000.

#### TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly. meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

#### Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093 for information.

#### **Eucharistic adoration**

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m: until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

#### Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

#### Shabbat services

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

#### **Bet Chaverim**

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

#### **Detroit World Outreach**

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, hightech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages. at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

#### Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (fourmiles south of Michigan Avenue). Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

#### Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

#### English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830

#### Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

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#### **Cherry Hill** United Methodist 734-495-0035 Rev. Merlin Pratt Worship 10:30

Prayer Hour Thursday 7:30

vw.cherryhillumc.org

St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church Adventist Church 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, MI 48135 (1 block west of Venay) Phone: 734-524-0880 en Merriman & Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a. Fri. 8:30 a.

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Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire

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www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

Meetings on Saturdays for: Early Morning Bible & Health Class-8 a.r Worship Service-English-9:30 a.m. Bible Studies English & Spanish (All Ages) 11:00 a.m.

**Timothy Lutheran Church** A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. een Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road Livonia • 427-2290 Jill Heather, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available)

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The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor



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#### Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Milton Schemm 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights

(just East of Inkster Road) (313) 278-5755 Worship Service & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. http://ourchurch.com/member/i/immanueldbnhts The Friendly Church on the Trail

#### Risen Christ Lutheran David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (734) 453-5252

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30

#### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -December 9, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. 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: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams, Yack Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments: M r Brian Rooney, 48103 West Oxford Ln., stated he and his wife attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony last week which was wonderful. Mr. Rooney stated he would like to request and will donate funds for a Nativity Scene to be considered. Payment of Bills Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. PRESENTATION: Item 1. SENATE TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF TOM YACK'S RETIREMENT. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution in recognition of Tom Yack's retirement. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. TURKEY TROT CHECK PRESENTATION TO THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN. Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to accept the check presentation to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. PRESENTATION OF DEPUTY CHIEF AND SERGEANT'S BADGES. Motion by Bennett, supported by unanimously.

McLaughlin the presentation of Deputy Chief and Sergeant's badges. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. PRESENTATION OF FIRE BATTALION CHIEF AND CAPTAIN BADGES. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin the presentation of the Fire Battalion Chief and Captain Badges. Motion carried CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS THROUGH THE END OF 2008. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the payment of the Township's bills on December 26, 2008, as normally scheduled, subject to prior review by the Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. A REQUEST FROM MAX & ERMA'S RESTAURANT, INC. (A DELAWARE CORPORATION) TO TRANSFER ALL STOCK IN 2008 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS, LOCATED AT 2240 N. CANTON CENTER, CANTON, MI 48187, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, FROM PUBLIC CORPORATION TO NEW STOCKHOLDER, G&R ACQUISITION, INC. (THRU MERGER). (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request from Max & Erma's Restaurants, Inc. (A Delaware Corporation) to transfer all stock in 2008 Class C Licensed Business located at 2240 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, from public corporation to new stockholder, G & R Acquisition, Inc. (Thru Merger). Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to appoint Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and Clerk Terry Bennett to the Election Commission with term expiring November 20, 2012. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER 3RD AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR UPTOWN AND SITE PLAN FOR ALL SEASONS SENIOR APARTMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the third amendment to Uptown PDD and Site Plan for All Seasons Apartments. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR SUMMIT COMMERCE CENTER PHASE II. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Summit Commerce Center Phase II. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. CONSIDER MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN FOR RAVENSFIELD CONDOMINIUMS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the amendment to PDD and Site Plan for Ravensfield Condominiums. carried unanimously. Item 4. AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR THE WORKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARD HABITAT GRANT\*. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Stormwater Drains - Maintenance and Repair Infrastructure, 101-445-930-0050) to FAS Contemporary Builders. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BILLING POLICIES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a new MSD Policy #MS:56 entitled iLate Payment Penalty Waiverî and, further approve the amendments to existing #MS:55 entitled iOne-Time Credit on Sewer Chargesi based on the current unique economic circumstances facing our customers. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Williams, supported by Anthony to table existing # MSD Policy #MS:54 entitled iService Terminationî. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE ON 17.50 MILES (37.80 LANE MILES) OF COUNTY ROADS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 17.50 miles (37.80 lane miles) of local roads and authorize the payment of \$62,033.93 from Account No. 101-447.03.801\_0050 (Wayne County Road Maintenance). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, McLaughlin, Taj, Yack Nays: Williams Motion carried Item 7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH SRJ MORTON TAYLOR LLC FOR GRANTING OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT ACROSS PARCEL ID 091-99-0001-712. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the township Clerk to sign the agreement with SRJ Morton Taylor LLC for the granting of a sanitary sewer easement across parcel ID 091-99-0001-712. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. CONSIDER APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER TO CARRIER & GAMBLE, INC. FOR ALL ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AT WARREN @ SHELDON AND WARREN @ MORTON TAYLOR. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve a purchase order for all traffic and pedestrian signal equipment from Account #403-506-00\_970\_0090 for the intersections of Warren @ Sheldon and Warren @ Morton Taylor in the amount of \$137,587 plus a 5% contingency of \$6,879 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$144,466 from Carrier & Cable, Incorporated.. Motion carried unanimously, Item. 9. BUDGET AMENDMENT - AMBULANCE FEES. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to approve the following budget amendment in Fire FY 2008 Increase Revenues Fire Rescue and Ambulance Fees 206-000.637, \$24,000 Increase Expenditures Professional & Contracted Service 206-336-50.801\_0050, \$24,000. This budget amendment will increase Fire FY from \$9,850,245 to \$9,874,245. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. GROUND LESSOR'S SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT ON ARTIC EDGE ICE ARENA. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Ground Lessor's Subordination Agreement on the Arctic Edge Arena Project, and further authorize the Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITY SURVEY AND BENCHMARK ANALYSIS. (CLD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Community Needs Assessment Survey and Benchmark of Citizen Survey Data from Leisure Vision, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, Kansas, 66061 in the amount of \$15,000 to be taken from Account No. 101-750.801\_0050. Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. 2008 BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment to the 2008 budget. Motion carried unanimously. Item 13. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 2009 AUTOMARK SERVICE WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the 2009 Maintenance Agreement for 29 AutoMarks with Election Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S), 11208 John Galt Blvd. Omaha, NE in the amount of \$8,990.00 from account 101-191.930\_0030, Maintenance and Repair of Equipment. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated the next Board Study Session will be January 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in, the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. — Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett,

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

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# Chiefs primed for another stellar season

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Canton girls gymnastics team's status as one of the steadiest program in the state won't change this winter based on the Chiefs' experience-coated roster.

"I lost one really good gymnast, but I'm returning five of our top six gymnasts," said veteran Canton coach John Cunningham. "I have four new freshmen with club experience, so that's nice.

"This is one of those teams that may not have a great gymnast, but we have a lot of really good gymnasts. I estimate we should be a 140-point team to start. We'll beat some good teams, but some very good teams will probably beat us."

The Chiefs' top returning performer is sophomore Robyn Piwowar, who earned All-State status as a freshman.

"She was top five in the state in Division 1 in the vault and she was eighth in the allaround," said Cunningham. "She was just one of two freshPREP GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

men in the top 10 last year." The team's trio of captains will be seniors Sam O'Flynn and Olivia Stephens, and junior Mallory Hudak.

"All three of them have excellent leadership qualities," said Cunningham. "And Sam has taken over the role of ordering the clothes and making sure the leotards are set.

Hudak was the Chiefs' lone

D2 state qualifier last season. "She's improved so much on floor already, so I'm looking forward to seeing what she can do this season," said Cunningham.

achieving freshmen last year. "She suffered an ankle injury early last year that nagged her most of the season," said

one of the Chiefs' trio of high-

wasn't 100 percent, she was a Regional qualifier." The team's third returning

super freshman is Kali Pierce. "She's improved a lot after working hard all summer," said

Cunningham.
The Chiefs' top juniors are

Kylie Hakala and Katelyn Rutherford.

Sam Buford and Brittany Granowicz are promising sophomores while a quintet of freshmen - Marina Milad, Lauren Martin, Alex Hamric, Alison Butala and Leigh Collins - are expected to contribute imme-

Cunningham is also counting on seniors Cathy Marion, Kate Carroll and Amanda Smith for

#### **SALEM**

Although three of the Rocks' Sophomore Cathy Huang was top four performers from last year's squad graduated, hopes are high for the Rocks thanks to the one that returns — senior Katie Koetting. The four-year performer is not only the team's Cunningham. "Even though she top all-around gymnast, she was also voted captain.

"Katie brings a lot of leadership to this team," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "She always works hard and sets a good example for everyone else. very hard," Driscoll concluded.

She's way ahead of where she normally is at this time of the year, so I'm expecting another

great year out of Katie." The Rocks' top new-comer is freshman Nicole Jacobs, whose future is bright, in Driscoll's

estimation. "Nicole is a good all-around gymnast," said Driscoll. "She has club experience and she has

a positive personality." Salem's second senior captain is Jennifer Rice, who Driscoll

labeled as "one of the hardest" workers in the gym. "She put in a lot of time this summer to get better, and it

shows." Junior Kasey Winczehowski is another top-notch all-

arounder. Another senior captain is Allison Reitzel, a four-year ath-

Driscoll also had high praise for seniors Katherine Negele, who excels on the uneven bars and in the floor exercise, and Chrissy Smudski, who shines on

the vault and the beam.

"The girls have been working

# Chief gymnasts vault over Vasser

Despite being short-handed, Canton's gymnastics team got off to a rousing start to its season by upending Vasser 132.45-113.60 Saturday at Vasser.

The Chiefs were competing without four girls who stayed home to participate in a choral concert.

"Because we were shorthanded, a lot of new girls

 some freshmen and sophomores - got involved," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "While I wasn't immensely pleased with our score, it was a good meet and we got a couple of nines out of Robyn (Piwowar)."

Piwowar, a sophomore, placed first in the all-around with a 35.35. She also won the

uneven bars (8.3), the balance beam (9.5) and the floor exercise (9.1) while finishing third on the vault with an 8.45.

Canton junior Mallory Hudak captured the vault with an 8.7. Hudak was second in the all-around with a solid

Other Chief standouts included Miranda Milad (second on the vault, 8.60, Lauren Martin (fourth on the floor and beam), Alex Hamric (second on the bars, 7.55) and Brittany Granowicz, who was fifth in the all-around.

Canton's "B" team also turned in a stellar effort in Vasser. Leigh Collins, Alison Butala, Kathy Marion and Sam O'Flynn led the way.

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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 8, 2009 for the following:

#### 2009 FALL FESTIVAL CARNIVAL ATTRACTIONS

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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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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### TRAIL/ PARK UTILITY VEHICLE

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at <u>www.canton-mi.org</u>, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid 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.

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#### WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have Petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

All of that portion of the alley, 20 feet wide, as dedicated to the use of the public, abutting lots 821 through 852 and the Northerly portion of Lot 822, North of the Easterly extension of the South line of Lot 746 along the East line of said alley, also that portion abutting Lots 732 through 746 along the West line of said alley, inclusive, in MCINTYRE GARDENS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, lying South of Crescent Ave. (60 feet wide) and West of Morton-Taylor Rd., being a part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 15, T.2 S., R.8 E., Canton Twp, Wayne Co., Michigan, recorded in Liber 61 of Plats on Page 74, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2009 at, 2:30 p.m., at Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the County shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES Real Estate, 3rd Floor Attention: Sandra M. Martin 415 Clifford Street Detroit, Michigan 48226 313.224.7772

## Ignition short-circuited by Wave

The Detroit Ignition dropped an 11-4 decision to the Milwaukee Wave Saturday night in the inaugural game of the Xtreme Soccer League.

Ignition forward Mike Apple scored the first goal in XSL history at 3:44 of the first quarter, a two-point score with an assist from defender Josh Rife. The Ignition held onto the lead until midfielder Marcelo Fontana put the Wave on the board with 12 seconds left in the half, tying the game at two-all.

Vahid Assadpour scored another two points for the Ignition under a minute into the third quarter, but Jacek Przednowek scored a hat trick to give the home team a 9-4 lead half-way through the fourth.

Nathan Sabich scored on Detroit's open net to bring the final score to 11-4.

The Ignition will open their home schedule on Saturday. Dec. 20 against the New Jersey Ironmen. Kick off is at 7:35 pm at Compuware Arena.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

**Thursday, Dec. 18**Canton Agape at Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 PCA at Franklin Road., 8 p.m. GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 18 Canton Agape at Mt. Carmel, 6 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m. PCA at Franklin Road, 6 p. **BOYS PREP HOCKEY** Friday, Dec. 19

Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 Canton at Detroit Country Day at Oak Park Arena, 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18
PCS at Grosse Pointe South, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING Saturday, Dec. 20

Canton at Woodhaven Invitational, 8 a.m. Plymouth at Ida Team Tournament TBA **BOYS SWIMMING** Friday, Dec. 19 Wildcat Swim Invitational at Salem pool, 6:30 p.m.

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at the East Middle School Construction Trailer located at 1042 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

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

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

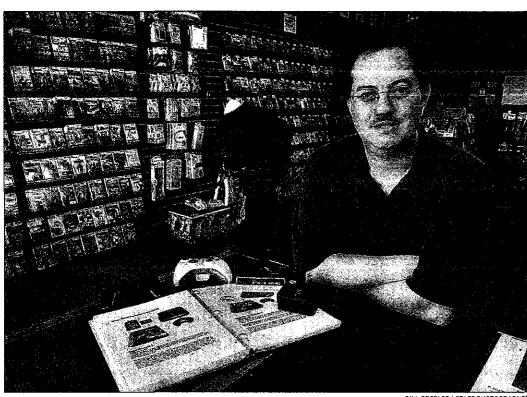
Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Thomas Wysocki, Secretary

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ted Dallaire of Destiny Games can hook you up with both current and classic games. The four game controllers pictured are from the PS3, XBox 360, Nintendo NES and Atari.

# Destiny games specializes in new and old school video games

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Dallaire: We buy, sell, trade, and play of new and used video games, DVDs, and systems. We also do repair to systems, disks, and computer repair. Products we carry are from the original Atari 2600 up to the latest systems and games. Game play is done on the Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, Playstation 3, Playstation 2, and Super Nintendo with hundreds of titles to choose from. We are also affiliated with Midnight Sun who publishes new games for retro systems.

#### Observer: What makes your business unique?

Dallaire: Customer service. Destiny Games offers the best customer service to the point of finding that hard to find game for our customers. The quality of our used items are very high. Most used games get re-surfaced in our state of the art disk re-surfacing machine. Repair services such as the Ring of Death on the Xbox 360, blu-ray drive failures on the PS3, as well as screen replacements for the Nintendo DS and Sony PSP are also done

I have also combined the retail side of video games with a LAN center to offer a complete video game experience. With that, we hold tournaments every Saturday on various titles from Call of Duty 4, Gears of War 2, Halo 3, to many others.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

and Andrew State (Andrew State)

## **DESTINY GAMES**

**Business**: Destiny Games Address: 42134 Ford Road, Canton

Owner: Ted Dallaire, resides in Ypsilanti

Business opened: Sept. 6, 2008 Number of employees: 1 Business specialty: Buy, sell, trade, and play of new and retro

video games Hours of operation: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays

Phone and Web site: (734) 404-5548, Destiny-Games.com

Dallaire: Working in the retail video game industry for some time and being a collector of video games and systems. I wanted to do something that I loved to do. Besides, as much as I love hockey, I will never play for the Red Wings. I saw that there was a gap in the video gaming market for service as well as for the retro games. As a gamer, I can really appreciate the past games as well as the present and wanted to give that other day, I had a customer service and product back to the modern and retro gamer.

There was also no other place around here that could repair systems which forced people to have to go out and buy another one if their unit failed. I wanted to save those systems and save customers money.

#### Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

Dallaire: Canton offered a strong community where the

need for a video game store was not being met. The community is continually growing and offers more types of businesses and an excellent access from the surrounding areas to get to for their shopping and other business needs. I also felt that Canton offered a great support for new businesses from the planning commission to building of more shopping centers.

#### Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Dallaire: What I have noticed is the strong support from the community in supporting local independent businesses.

I have customers that come in here and tell me how they don't like the big corporate entities that only care about the money and not the employees or customers. They only want to buy their games

and products from me. I also like how several of my customers, who work at a couple of my major competitors, like to come shop at my store. Just the come in that was one of my customers when I used to run a Electronics Boutique. He was also a customer of mine when I went to work for a bank too. He seems to be following me around as he showed up here as was completely surprised that I was here. He was so happy to find me that he said he is always going to be coming back to me as he always liked my service at every location I worked at.

### CHAMBER CHAT

ognition during the drawing of

Exhibitor applications will

first serve basis (limited space).

For more information, contact

be accepted on a first come/

the Chamber at (734) 453-

The Canton Chamber is

looking for five protégés for its

Protégé Program, which pro-

vides a one on one mentor

Protégé program

their door prize.

Night on the ice Commerce Consumer Expo will take place from 5-7:30 The Canton Chamber p.m., Feb. 12 at Summit on the Ambassadors will present Park. The Chamber is looking "A Night on the Ice" during for exhibitors. Each exhibithe Plymouth Whalers vs. tor is expected to provide a door prize valued at \$25. Door Sudbury hockey game at 7:05 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 24 at prizes will be drawn at your exhibit during the Expo. Each Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. exhibitor will gain special rec-

The event is good for families, groups, co-workers, etc. Tickets are \$11 per person, while kids 12 and under are free. There will also be a locker room tour for the kids following the game (no adults allowed in the locker room).

Call the Chamber office for details and to register at (734) 453-4040.

### Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of

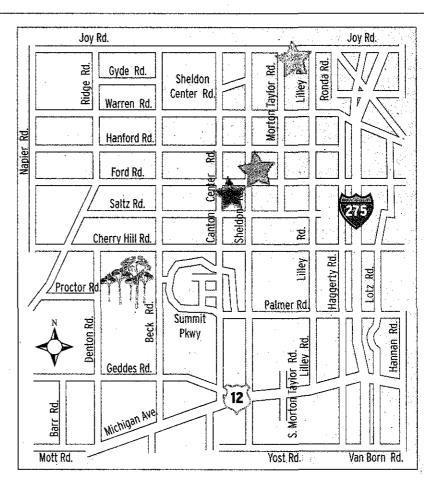
relationship, on Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road.

If selected you can expect to tap into a Mentor's business knowledge and experience, learn how to take full advantage of Chamber resources, and enhance your business and networking opportunities.

How can you get involved as a protégé? You must be a Canton Chamber member in good standing, and participate in and support Chamber

How Do you apply as a pro-

Go to www.cantonchamber. com, click on publication and forms (under the log), click on Protégé application. Fill it out and return to the Chamber office. Deadline for application submission is Jan. 5.



#### **BUSINESS MILESTONES**

The National Association of Professional Organizers Southeast Michigan chapter is partnering with IKEA from noon to 5 p.m. on Jan. 17 for an event to raise awareness of the benefits of being organized. The event, which will include informative sessions on organizing principals, will take place at IKEA, 41640 Ford Road in Canton. The event is free of charge. For more information visit www.napomichigan.com, or call Karen DeClark at (586)

#### A new location

Wedding & Celebration Creations recently moved to a new location at 6000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. The new location allows the additional services of a retail florist and unique gift shop. Classes (floral arranging/ home décor/crafts) will begin with the new year. Programs like "basket/container exchanges," "centerpiece of the month" and "craft of the month" will be ongoing. For more information, contact the store at (734) 455-7377.

#### Special event

The Canton Meijer store, 45001 Ford Road, will play p host to the Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan from 3-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19. In addition to offering free photos with Santa, the 64-foot long, 13-foot high Coca-Cola Caravan will feature 25,000 sparkling lights. In addition

to Santa, the Coca-Cola Polar Bear will also be on hand to interat with local residents. There will also be space for local youth to write and send letters to Santa at the Outpost.

#### Learn Spanish

Bilingual Fun is now accepting registration for winter 2009 language classes. They will be interactive parent/child Spanish classes for toddlers through middle school: Contact Director Jennifer Manriquez for more information at (877) 686-7399 or e-mail info@bilingualfun.com. Visit www.bilingualfun.com to learn about the benefits of language learning.

#### New holiday menu

Entree Vous, 43347 Joy Road (corner of Joy and Morton , Taylor roads), is now featuring special appetizers to be on the menu for holiday time. Customers will be able to prepare hors d'oeurves to share with guests at holiday parties. The store is offering six special appetizer packages, which serve 25 people, for \$83.50. The menu includes Apricot Almond Baked Brie, Cranberry Meatballs, Hot Artichoke Dip, Buffalo Chicken Dip, and Shrimp and Crab Bruschetta.

For more information, call the store at (734) 454-3690 or visit www.entreevous.com.

# Now Open for Business!



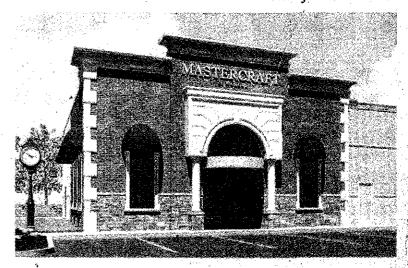
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Extended Holiday Hours!

# ATTENTION: DEVELOPERS AND INVESTORS! INVEST IN WAYNE COUNTY AND WAYNE COUNTY WILL INVEST IN YOU



NEIGHBÓRHOOD STABLEZATION

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# Realtors focus on yule season, look to 2009

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Local Realtors were glad to gather for some holiday revelry this month. Members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors held their "Holiday Magic III" reception/fund-raiser Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Toll Brothers Club House in Novi. Proceeds supported the Homes Coalition, started five-six years ago by a Realtor to benefit needy

people," said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president for Farmington-based WWOCAR. "We concentrate on children. It's really a fantastic thing. There's so many people doing nice

"They've found homes for needy

things."

people.

The Homes Coalition helps to provides housing for people in our communities who are struggling with disabilities. They have helped numerous families over the years and will continue to do so with the help and support of various organizations, according to WWOCAR.

Incoming WWOCAR President, Gary J. Reggish of Remerica United Realty, was officially sworn in to serve as the 2009-10 president. Reggish has already been hard at work forming plans for the years to come to help with both the real estate industry as well as Michigan's economy.

Organizers of the gala gave a hearty thank you to Toll Brothers Inc., a local builder and long time member of WWOCAR, for donating the use of the Island Lakes Boat House to host this gala event, as well as Volare Ristorante of Wixom for providing tasty food and beverages.

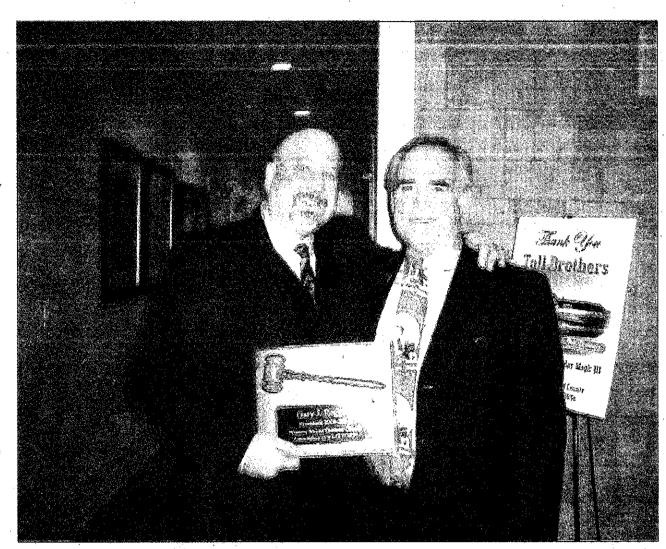
In the past year, WWOCAR has lost members and those who remain face tough times in their field. The association is focusing on basics, with so many efforts in Washington, D.C., to improve the housing situation.

"Everybody is in a flux," said Smith. "Everybody is working from day to day.'

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors didn't hold a holiday party this month. That association, serving Cakland and Macomb counties, drew some 350 pros to its annual business meeting Nov. 12.

The speaker, Karel Murray, was excellent, said Walt Baczkowski Jr., MCAR's CEO.

"It's all about getting the Realtors together and trying to keep on a positive," Baczkowski said. The focus is on helping customers.



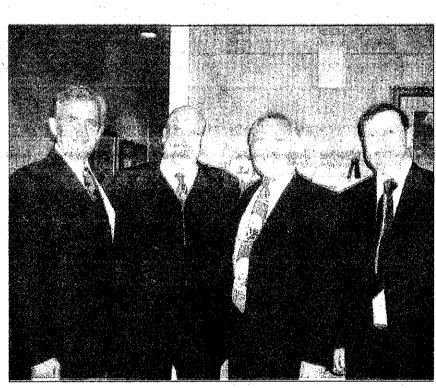
Gary Reggish (left), outgoing president, welcomes WWOCAR's incoming president, Gordon McCann.

"We needed some way to keep our members positive and moving forward," he said.

"Real estate does traditionally dip somewhat" this time of year. Baczkowski noted the mortgage market is good for those with decent credit.

"It's an opportunity to get out there," he said. "There are so many properties. You're going to be able to get a great deal. It's just a superb time to be out there in the market."

> Paul Scott, installing officer (from left); Gary J. Reggish, installed as 2009-10 president; Gordon McCann, outgoing president; and Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR, share a chat at the holiday gathering.



### **BRIEFS**

## Serving MCAR

Al Block, with RE/MAX First, was elected as director of Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors in November. MCAR supports Realtors across southeastern Michigan through real estate services, sales training, political representation, and more. He will begin his term in January 2009.

Block has been working in the real estate industry for more than 19 years and has extensive residential experience in foreclosure properties, lake/beach properties, condominiums and luxury homes.

He also has experience working with military and relocation clients, residential acreages and buyer brokerages. Block's is Quality Service Certified, an Accredited Buyer representative and a graduate of the Realtor Institute. He has also received several RE/MAX awards including: Hall of Fame, 2007 Executive

Club, and the 2005-06 100 percent Club. "Al has been an integral member of our team and is more than deserving of this position. We are so proud of him," said Sandra Gault, director of operations for RE/MAX First.

"Being awarded as the MCAR director is a great accomplishment. Al continues to raise the bar in real estate, making us and this community proud."

In addition to excelling in the real estate industry, Block actively supports Children's Miracle Network and Habitat for Humanity. He also enjoys hiking, camping, snow sports and softball in his spare time.

These are the Observer & Eccentricarea residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 25-29, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses,

and sales prices. Cantor 1055 Ashton Woods Dr Unit 1 \$326,000 \$290,000 \$250,000 40689 Bluesprings Ct 716 Buchanan St 42008 Cherry Hill Rd \$85,000 \$429,000 48047 E Oxford Ct 7615 Embassy Dr \$236,000 \$155,000 \$231,000 48107 Hanford Rd 837 Morning Dove Ct

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Q: I live in a large condo project and we have a property manager and office staff. As a co-owner am I entitled to know the salaries of each employee as opposed to a gross amount of salaries listed on the budget?

A: That is a difficult question because salary information may be deemed confidential and privileged under the nature of employer/employee relations. Therefore, it may be understandable that the board is



**Robert Meisner** 

reluctant to provide you with that information. Whether or not a judge would order it is another question. Generally speaking,

salary and employee information is deemed privileged.

Q: One of our board members. decided to personally speak to one of the co-owners about a code violation and bylaw violation and has been met with a civil rights complaint. How can we avoid this type of situation?

A: Each board should have a bylaw enforcement policy which they have implemented which makes it clear that individual not get involved in direct confrontations with co-owners. That is why you hire a professional management company and/or an attorney. There are a myriad of reasons why getting directly involved with a co-owner with a bylaw infraction could be deleterious to the best interests of the association including safety, civil rights violations and a disagreement as to what was discussed and no record to support it. The best advice is to sit down with your association attorney and work out a bylaw enforcement policy which keeps the board members out of direct confrontation.

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



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- 13 Ballpark event
- 14 Neighbor of KY 15 Well output
- 16 Groovy 17 Pharaoh's god
- 18 Pixie 20 Tips one's hat 22 Bro's sibling
- 23 Muddy up 25 Quilting social 26 Fix potatoes 27 Half-moon tide
- 29 December decor
- 31 Woof 33 Snowmobile part 34 Kind of card
- 37 Party-tray
- cheese 40 Fox's abode
- 41 Familiar digit 43 Pillow cover
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- Yes, to Rob Roy 49 Polynesian plant

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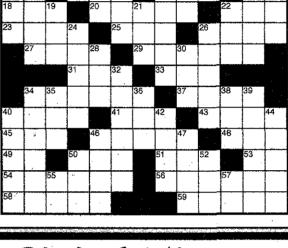
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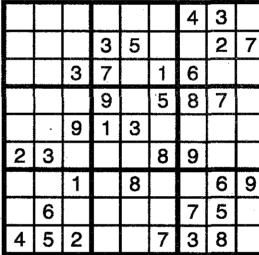
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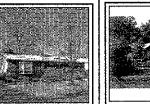
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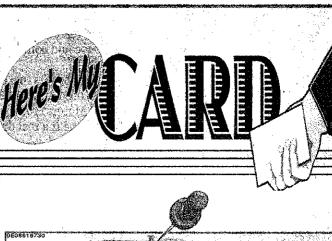
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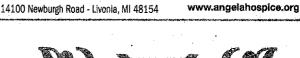
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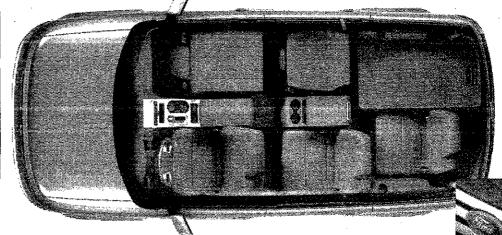
Give the product designers at Ford Motor Co. some credit: When they conceived the new Flex SUV a few years ago, there's no way they could have known the mess of an automotive market that was going to welcome their new vehicle in the summer of 2008. Nobody in the world had forecast a combination of \$4-a-gallon gasoline and the beginnings of a global depression. So they did well to do some really good things

with Flex. Its provocative flat-topped design is one. So are some useful interior innovations including a robust second-row refrigerator and a way of reducing the chances of pant-leg soilage when you get into and out of the vehicle. In many ways, Flex reflects a dramatic rethinking of the SUV category, and Ford deserves kudos for stepping out with it the way that it did.

But the best thing of all to befall Flex is probably a factor that remains beyond the control of anyone at Ford or in the auto industry: Gasoline prices have fallen just as dramatically as they went up during the second quarter. If \$4-a-gallon gasoline had persisted to these days, the large and iconoclastic Flex might have been forgotten before it had a chance to prove itself.

However, with gasoline prices now having plunged to five-year lows – and the prospect that a weak economy likely will keep them down for many months if not some years to come -- comes the possibility that Flex could continue to develop a following.

That's because, while its fuel economy tops out at 24 mpg like the competing Buick Enclave and other new General Motors crossovers, Flex's city mileage of 17 to 19 mpg is a real drawback. It's just not as much of a drawback when gasoline is only one-third the price that it was when Ford



introduced Flex in June.

Stick with the powerplant for a minute. The Flex "crossover wagon" is a large vehicle, a sevenpassenger minivan alternative that also can carry a load of cargo. So Ford had to make sure that its reliable, 3.5-liter, V6 engine and its new vehicle were a good match.

And Ford's engineers did that very capably: The engine generates 262 horsepower and 248 poundfeet of torque. Coupled with a six-speed automatic transmission, Flex's engine does a more than adequate job of powering the vehicle, providing plenty of burst in steady juice in a variety of situations.

Flex also comes in front- or all-wheel drive. The SEL version I drove is all-wheel-drive. And the vehicle did very well in coping with the early December snow-and-ice conditions of metro Detroit. I could always count on sure-footedness with the Flex while others around me were spinning

Another huge plus for Flex is interior room. Somehow, the designers managed to present an exterior profile that is very streamlined, probably because of how dead-flat the roof is. And yet when you open a door to the vehicle, up-and-down space isn't a problem at all. There's very ample headroom. In fact, even in the third row of seats, which are raised "stadium-style," headroom isn't a problem.

There's also the fact that Flex's rocker panels are integrated into the doors. "It's smart engineering that makes getting into and out of the vehicle a lot simpler," said Kate Pearce, Flex's marketing manager. "There's a lot less space that you have to

One thing is for sure: Ford's Flex will never be mistaken for another vehicle!

cross over to get into the car. It keeps your pants legs

Which brings us to the most distinctive aspect of Flex: its exterior design. It represents a new take on a venerable concept that looks incredibly fresh in today's curvaceous marketplace - and is turning plenty of heads all on its own.

Everyone understands without our having to say a word," said Jim Farley, Ford's executive vice president of marketing and communications. "It speaks for itself."

Most consumers either love it or hate it. But that's exactly the way Ford wants it, because at least the company can count on potential Flex buyers being passionate about the design...

We'd rather have 100,000 people passionately loving it than 10 million people being vaguely aware and bored," said Phil Cowdell, head of the Ford account at Team Detroit, an ad-agency coalition headquartered in Dearborn, Mich., Ford's hometown. "At least, we're trying to provoke that sort of reaction and polarization, which is not very Fordish.'



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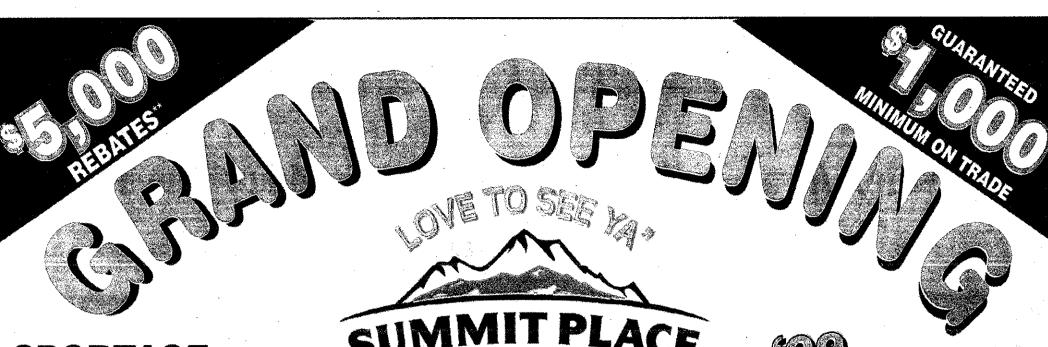
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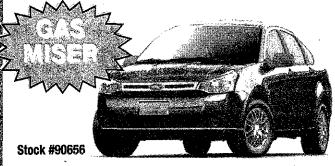
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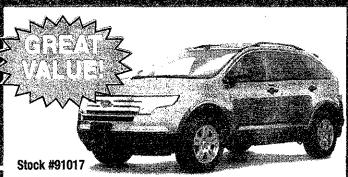
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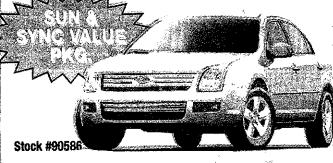


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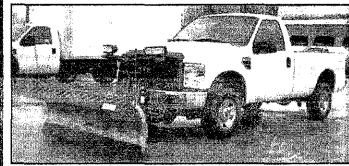


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