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Reading is hot in cold economy

As families slash budgets, more turning to the library's free services

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If public libraries operated as a traditional business, they would serve as a bright spot in the nation's dim economy.

But a spike in visits to branches across the country, including the Canton Public Library, haven't resulted in a wind-fall of revenue, but instead have provided inspiration to run a smooth operation.

Laurie Golden, CPL spokesperson, said with many card holders taking advantage of the library's free resources, circulation is up 10 percent from last year.

"We are working to maintain and upgrade what we currently do," she said, adding that it's no shock that as families slash their entertainment budgets, they turn to libraries for activities.

"We are seeing more people in our magazine section than ever before because some have had to cancel their subscriptions," she said, noting that as more families keep a close watch on their finances, non-essentials, such as cable television, Internet service and trips to the theater get cut.

Library Director Eva Davis says she has welcomed the boost in attendance at the branch.

"People are reintroducing themselves to the library," she said. "Even our regular users are starting to notice new things that we offer."

Alan Watson of Taylor works in Canton and said he began frequenting CPL about eight months ago.

"A co-worker told me about (the township library) and I decided to come over here and I really appreciate the Internet access and free books and movies," he said, noting that his library usage has gone from a rarity to about three times a week.

In addition to moving about 5,000 items on a daily basis, Davis said the library has become a haven for those filing for unemployment, complet-



Canton Public Library director Eva Davis talks about increased library use.



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It's midday at the Canton Library and patrons are using nearly every computer. Library usage has been way up in recent months.

ing job applications or updating their resumes. And in response to the high traffic volumes, the library is expected to get 24 additional computer stations next year.

"This has been documented pretty well," Davis said of the trend of library

usage rising as the economy slows down. "It was not unexpected so we have tried to keep an eye on best seller lists and focus on popular interests to meet the demand."

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Beginning of a new era

New Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy is sworn into office Friday afternoon by 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou. LaJoy, who was elected last month, was not sworn in with the rest of the new board in November because he chose to complete his term as a state representative. He was in Lansing until past 2 a.m. on Thursday, and was ready to start his new job. "I'm glad now that I can move on. I'm very excited," LaJoy said. LaJoy takes over for Tom Yack, who served as supervisor for 20 years. He said the first couple months will be busy, as he has plans to meet with staff and various community groups, so everyone gets comfortable with him. "The first thing you do is you listen a lot to see how things work. I want to work with people, and listen to their ideas, and then go from there," he said.

Deadline looming for Christmas in Action program

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pat VanDusen has gotten used to the phone call from a concerned son or daughter questioning her identity and asking why their mother or father seems to believe they are getting a free roof.

Or perhaps, free windows or a brand-new driveway at no cost.

"I totally understand because I would probably do the same thing," said VanDusen, Canton's volunteer events coordinator.

VanDusen is the area's contact person for the Christmas in Action of Wayne County Inc. program, which is designed to offer free home repairs to elderly or disabled homeowners in

CHRISTMAS IN ACTION OF WAYNE COUNTY

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When: Deadline to apply is Dec. 31
How: Applications are available at the Township Administration Building and inside the senior center at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway
More Info: Contact VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or pvandusen@canton-mi.org

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The deadline to apply for the free repairs is Dec. 31. VanDusen said this is Canton's fifth year par-

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Canton student earns internship to state department

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Alexander Marinica had planned to spend his summer preparing for the Medical College Admission Test, but instead he will serve the U.S. Department of State as one of four interns from Wayne State University.

"I had to rearrange my plans but it is more than worth it," said the 20-year-old pre-med junior who graduated from Canton High School in 2006. "Opportunities like this do not come along often."



Marinica

embassy.

Since learning of the internship in September from Jerry Herron, dean of WSU's Irvin D. Reid Honors College, Marinica said the process has been a "complete fast forward." Out of all of the applicants,

Marinica, who is a student in WSU's honors college, will either spend 10 weeks in the nation's capital or at an international

Marinica was one of 10 students interviewed for the four openings.

"Alex, in particular, is a young man who knows himself and wants to give back to the world," said Herron, who participated in the interviews and said the internship could be "truly transformative."

WSU is Michigan's only post-secondary institution selected to participate in the venture, which is called the Internship Fellows Program, and was launched by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Marinica now plans to take

the MCAT exam before starting the internship and said his parents, Livin and Daniela Marinica of Canton, have been a source of encouragement.

"They are very proud that I have the ability to pursue these things," he said. "They have given me their complete support."

The three other students chosen for the internship include Mary Craft of Sterling Heights, Rasha Natour of Dearborn and Srdan Sadikovic of Huntington Woods.

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Digging out

Cherry Hill Village resident Joe Kish fired up his snowblower to clean sidewalks of more than a half foot of snow during Friday morning's snow storm. The first big storm of the winter caused havoc on local roadways, and forced the Canton Police Department to declare a snow emergency, which means all motorized vehicles should have been removed from all streets.

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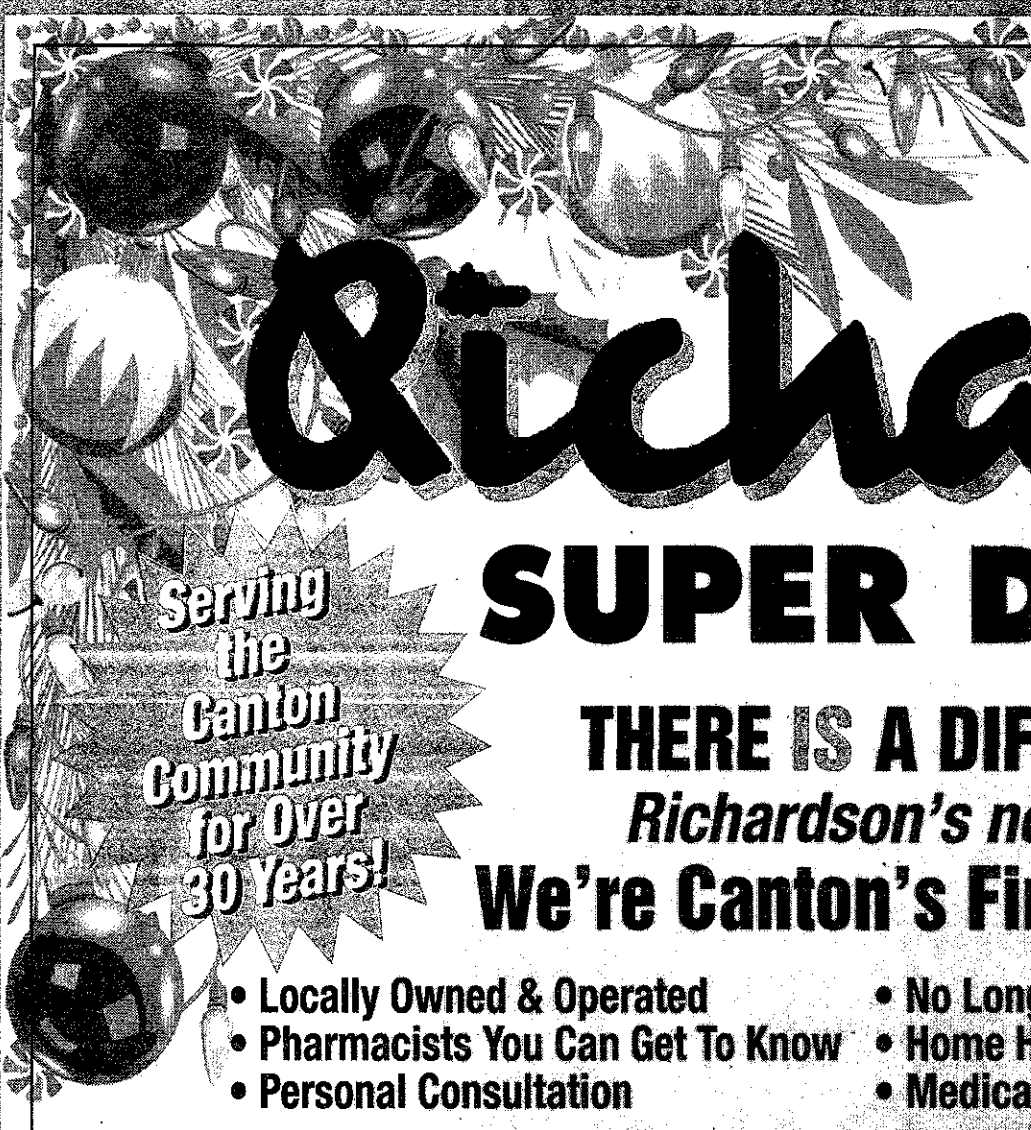
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Shop with a true hero

Kids go on shopping spree with help of local cops

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More than two dozen local children got their chance to go on a shopping spree under the watchful eyes of several of Canton's police officers during the annual Shop with a Cop program.

The shopping sprees took place at the Canton Meijer and Wal-Mart stores, both of which donated \$100 gift certificates to the children.

The children, who were between the ages of 5 and 11, were selected through the Canton Leisure Services outreach program, based on economic need. Most of the children reside in the township's mobile home communities.

Officer Joe Mullally, who participated in the program, shopped with brother and sister Brianna Lee and Brandon Lee, as well as Ana McDiarmid and Sean Neal on Wednesday at Meijer. He said his main job was adding up the prices of each item and cutting the kids off once they reached their limit.

He said the kids were very appreciative.

"They were saying, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you,'" Mullally said. "Some were saying this was the best Christmas ever."

Mullally the kids mostly selected video games, Legos,



Canton Police Officer Joe Mullally greets Ana McDiarmid and Sean Neal during the Shop with a Cop event at Meijer on Wednesday.

and dolls.

"The neat thing was several of the kids actually picked out items for their siblings or other family members, and not just for themselves," he said.

Canton Meijer Manager Taryn Barnes said the program is a way for the retailer to help Canton families have something to remember this Christmas season.

"It's a good thing for the community, especially in this tough economic time. There are so many families that need assistance," she said.



Brianna Lee tells Officer Joe Mullally that she's had enough of the video game department, and is ready to go look at dolls.

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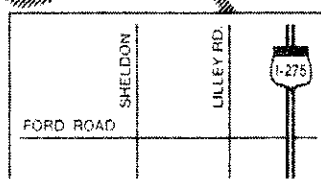
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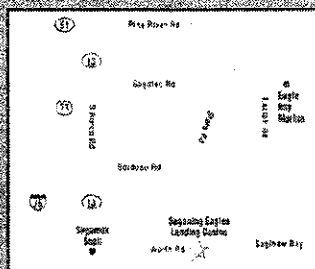
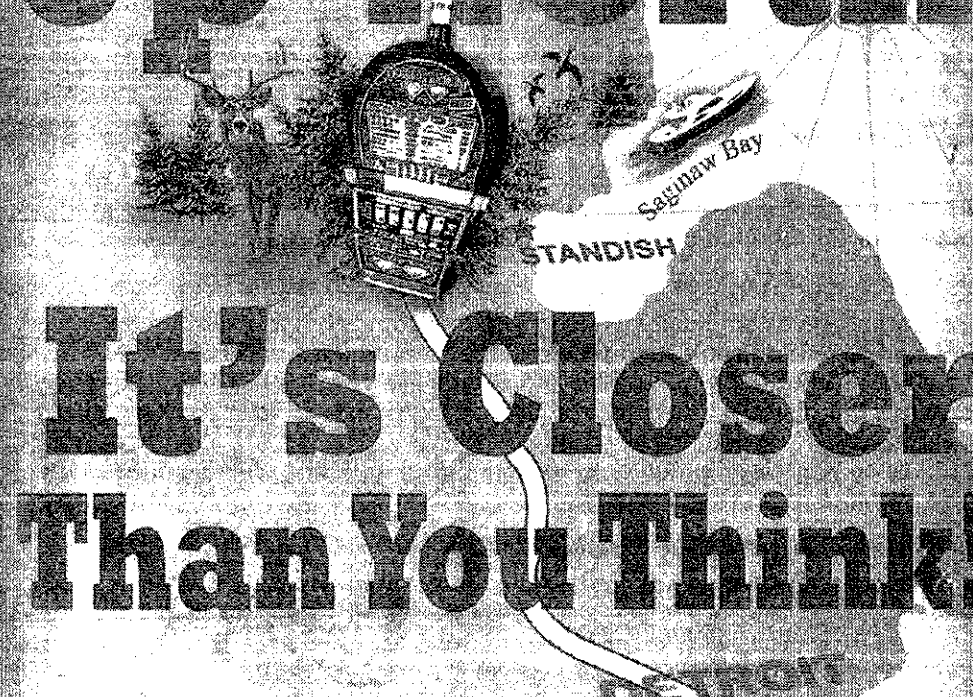
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Music man

Library staffer leads a musical life

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Leo Papa was a child, his Italian parents wanted him to learn to play an instrument, so they got him an accordion.

Papa long ago left the accordion behind (although he still has it), but the love of music that came with it still reaches all the way down to his soul. It's what convinced him to start a production company, "Cybersong," while he lived in Texas (he still maintains the Web site at www.cybersong.com) and it's what sustains him now.

"My mother had a great love of music," said Papa, also known in the music world as Levon Bus. "There was such an era of creativity in the late 1960s and early 1970s in music and pop culture. I got caught up in the folk music scene. Art is something that really sustains people. It enriches us."

It's been sustaining him now for years. Papa, who grew up in Allen Park and got a degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, spent a few years teaching in Wisconsin. From there he migrated to Texas, where he attended library school.

While he lived in Michigan, he said, he "learned a lot" about folk music, blues and even country music. Texas, he said, was an "eye-opening experience."

"Texas has its own brand of sort of folk and blues, with some Cajun music mixed in," said Papa, now the department head for technology programs at the Canton Public Library. "I met a lot of fine musicians living in Texas."

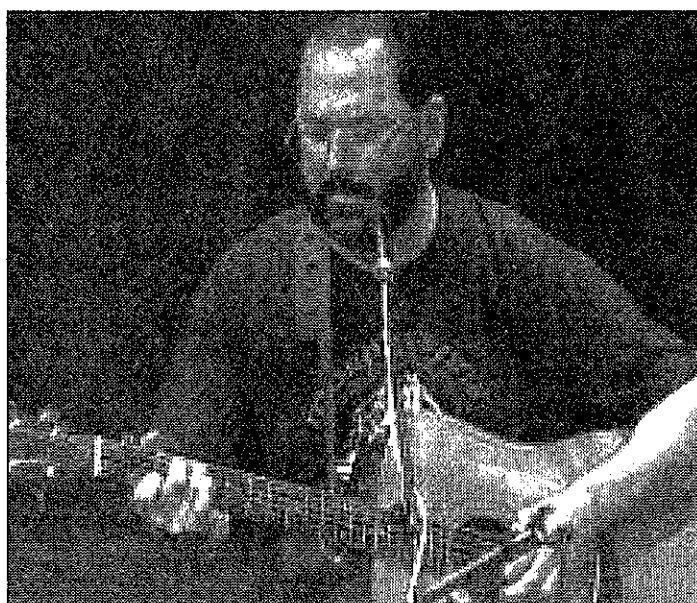
It's also where Papa started "Cybersong," a home-based recording business focused on using the Internet to blend technology and music, a Web site that helped him emphasize the digital recording of acoustic music.

Papa recorded a few artists he says have done pretty well, including Russell Clepper, whose first CD was chosen as one of the top 12 of the year by a Texas music Web site.

But after more than 20 years in Texas, Papa returned to Michigan, where he hooked up with some Irish musicians, including one of his favorites, Terry Murphy, with whom Papa frequently plays (including gigs Tuesday and Friday at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham). In fact, Papa says, he's been playing with Murphy "a lot," and has helped produce two



Leo Papa, a department head for technology at the Canton Public Library, has built a career as a music producer and occasionally gets out to play on his own.



Well-known Irish music musician Terry Murphy is a frequent playing partner for Leo Papa.

CDs with him, but wants to make sure to draw the line of distinction between himself and Murphy.

"Terry is one of the premier true, traditional Irish folk musicians in the area," said Papa, who noted Murphy plays with two bands - The Goats and a trio called The Bowzies. "He is a student and historian of Celtic music, he's a great guitar player, great singer, great performer. Terry

is involved in multiple bands and is a professional musician. I just go out and play."

Papa is just being modest, according to his biggest fan, co-worker Kathie Gladden, who also works at the Canton Public Library.

"First off, he's a pretty good guitar player," Gladden said of Papa, who has worked at the library five years. "He really feels his music; he even writes some of his own songs. Also,

ON THE ROAD

- Who: Leo Papa
- What: Library worker by day, musician by night
- Music: Likes folk, blues, country; plays Irish music with his friend, Terry Murphy
- When: Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham Dec. 23 and Dec. 26; Paddy's Pub in Livonia Dec. 31; Baille Corcaigh in Corktown Jan. 3
- Info: For more on Papa, see his Web site at www.cybersong.com

he's my friend and I respect both his and Terry's ability to get up in front of a group of strangers and make music, especially since I can't even read music or talk in front of strangers.

"I always enjoy myself when I see them play, because they create an atmosphere where you can just kick back and trust that what they are going to lay down is going to be quality stuff."

Papa is currently working on what he lovingly calls his "lifelong project," a CD of his own that was supposed to be titled "Watershed," until country singer kd Lang came out with an album of that name. The CD is a mix of different types of American folk, blues and country, all original songs either Papa has written or were written by songwriter friends in Texas.

Papa, a retired Texas educator, is also hoping to translate what he knows about recording and music into a kids' program at the library dealing with music and technology.

"I'd love to be able to connect with kids who have an interest in music," Papa said. "I'd like to get a little more involved teaching kids again."

Still and all, while music is a big part of Papa's life, it isn't the only - or even the most important - part. It's a portion of his life he likes to keep in perspective.

"It is for me a secondary preoccupation," Papa said. "I get out (to play) as much as I can when I have time, and I've had the good fortune of playing with some really good musicians. (But) My job and my family come first. Over the course of 30 years, I've been able to do some great things. It has enriched my life, but it's not the sole focus."

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"When we let people know (they were selected) they are ecstatic, but many of them ask, 'Are you sure I don't have to pay for this?'" VanDusen laughed, adding that despite her assurances that the work will be done for free, the next phone call often comes from a leery son

or daughter. "I explain the program and they are very, very appreciative."

All of the repairs will be done April 25. VanDusen said volunteers have installed new garage doors, entry ways and vinyl siding in the past.

"We have easily worked on 15 homes in Canton," she said, adding that residents, especially those with skilled trades, are encouraged to volunteer for the program.

Applications for the free repairs are available at the Township Administration

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There are two separate issues that need to be addressed. First, is whether you pre-plan your funeral. Second is whether you pre-pay?

Most Americans don't plan



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

They do not have the energy or

their funerals, thus leaving it to loved ones to handle. Unfortunately, family and friends are in a very vulnerable position after a loved one's death. The result is many people spend too much money on funerals.

If you're thinking about pre-planning a funeral, some of the issues to consider are whether you will be buried or cremated and what type of casket you desire. A casket is where individuals can save a substantial amount of money. Most people purchase caskets directly through a funeral home where, in many cases, prices are artificially inflated. Caskets are high-profit items for funeral homes and it is not unheard of for them to mark up caskets 500 percent or more. Some funeral homes may tell you that you must purchase the casket through them, however, that is not the law.

mindset to shop around, nor do they want to give the funeral director the impression that they are cheap. In addition, when you're grieving over the

loss of a loved one it is hard to think dollars and cents. That is why it makes sense to pre-plan a funeral.

If you're thinking about

pre-planning a funeral, some of the issues to consider are whether you will be buried or cremated and what type of casket you desire. A casket is

where individuals can save a substantial amount of money. Most people purchase caskets directly through a funeral home where, in many cases, prices are artificially inflated. Caskets are high-profit items for funeral homes and it is not unheard of for them to mark up caskets 500 percent or more. Some funeral homes may tell you that you must purchase the casket through them, however, that is not the law. Over 20 years ago, the Federal Trade Commission issued a ruling that required funeral homes to accept caskets other than their own. The ruling also required funeral homes to itemize charges.

Pre-planning a funeral can save your loved ones aggravation and a substantial amount of money at a time when they can least afford it. I believe it makes sense to pre-plan a funeral. However, pre-planning is different than pre-paying.

When it comes to pre-paying a funeral, issues to consider are what happens if you no longer live in the area, the funeral homes goes out of business, or you just change your mind regarding the funeral. If you decide to pre-pay your funeral check with the funeral home in regard to these issues.

Death is a topic that no one likes to talk about. However, it is a fact of life and therefore we should not ignore problems that may arise when we are no longer here. That includes what to do with your funeral and have a good and current estate plan.

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

Women To Work boosts job search

The next Women To Work Program presented by JVS starts with an information meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at the Southfield office from 9-11 a.m. The program starts on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and continues for five weeks, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ending on Feb. 26. Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon.

"I've gotten such a good response," said Judy Richmond, employment specialist/Women To Work coordinator, of past *Observer & Eccentric* coverage. She often gets her best candidates from the *O&E*, including the Livonia and Plymouth areas. Charter One Bank supports the program.

"We assist women who are interested in entering or re-entering the job market," Richmond said of the program, also available to men. Some participants have been out of the paid workforce, often for family responsibilities which can include caring for older parents.

"It's for people who are able to begin a job immediately and can commit to that schedule of Tuesdays and Thursdays," Richmond also meets with participants individually during the program.

For additional information on Women To Work, contact Judy Richmond at JVS, (248) 233-4232.

- By Julie Brown

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Commission fails to override Ficano's veto on parks money

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission met Thursday for the last time this year, and failed to come up with enough votes to override Robert Ficano's veto of a parks funding ordinance that would have sent money back to local communities for local parks initiatives.

Last week the county executive vetoed the commission's ordinance to distribute 25 percent of what each community contributes to the

county's parks millage. While some of the ordinance's supporters vowed they would have the 10 votes to override Ficano's veto on Thursday, the ordinance was sent back to the commission's Ways & Means Committee for further deliberation.

Alan Helmkamp, an assistant to the county executive, said the commission made the right decision because the ordinance had legal problems and would have resulted in some major cuts to the parks department, which he said has

improved dramatically as a result of the millage.

"The concerns the county executive expressed about the legality and the policy problems obviously resonated with the commission," Helmkamp said. "By sending this back to committee was a way to avoid losing on the override vote."

The parks millage was initially passed by Wayne County voters in 1996, and involves a levy of .25 mills, generating approximately \$12.7 million per year. The millage was renewed in 2000 and again in

2005. It expires at the end of 2010.

Under provisions stated in the ordinance, each Wayne County municipality that contributes to the millage will receive 25 percent of the funds to improve parks and related facilities within the municipality. The other 75 percent will be allocated for improvement and operations at Hines Park, Elizabeth Park and other county owned parks facilities.

Commissioner Kevin McNamara (D-Canton), who is one of the sponsors of the

ordinance, said the vote was not taken Thursday because Commissioner Ronalee Bowman (D-Westland) failed to show up at the meeting. She had voted for it previously.

Despite the fact that there is a new commission coming in next month, McNamara said there is still the possibility that the ordinance could emerge from the committee and be voted on sometime in January.

"From what I understand, we have 45 days from the day the executive vetoed the measure (Dec. 12)," he said.

"I'm very disappointed. I think it's the right time for this ordinance. It's good policy, and the right thing to do. As I've said, the only problem with expanding our parks system has been trying to maintain it. We should give this money back to local communities, and let them maintain their parks," McNamara said.

Helmkamp said Ficano recognizes the plight of local communities in these times, and he is committed to working with them and explore ways to partner on recreation projects.

CANTON CRIME REPORT

Man causes disturbance over taxes

Police were dispatched to the township's Assessor's Office Wednesday after a Canton man began questioning whether employees were ready for a riot.

The man, 50, was angry about his taxes rising while his home value declined and told a township employee "there could be a riot" and "there are more people out here than back there."

Before making his way to the Treasurer's Office, the man was also reported as saying "more unmanageable things could happen, like you see in the movies."

An employee in the Treasurer's Office later told an officer that she was unsure whether the man was joking or serious when he asked if staff members were prepared for a riot and called her a fraud.

The man was identified and contacted at his residence on the 42000 block of Oakland. He agreed to come to the police station where he told officers that he wasn't serious when he made his prior statements.

The man then told the officers that he participates in his block's neighborhood watch program and was on the department's side.

Land Rover vandalized

A Canton man, 22, has reported to police that the rear passenger-side tire of his 1995 Land Rover was slashed either late Tuesday or during Wednesday's early morning hours.

The man, who felt the effects of the damaged tire while on his way to work Wednesday, lives in an apartment on the 8100 block of Nectar and said he had parked his vehicle in a space not designated to him because his spot was occupied. He was unsure whether that was related to the vandalism.

Car break-in

A thief got away with a wallet after shattering the passenger-side window of a Ford Escape parked at Life Time Fitness Sunday.

The owner of the vehicle, a 53-year-old man, had only been inside the Haggerty Road gym for about 20 minutes when he was alerted of the theft. He told Canton Police that as he was preparing to enter the building, he noticed a suspicious man in the parking lot and said he appeared to be watching him.

By Tiffany L. Parks

The Canton Police Department recently hired three new officers to fill vacancies created by recent retirements. Justin Amaimo, Jesse Dunlap and Jason Singleton are the department's newest officers.

Amaimo, 26, earned his Associate's Degree from Henry Ford Community College in 2004 and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy this year. Dunlap, 25, earned his Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2006 and completed the



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ated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy this year.

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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, T2 S., R8 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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA JANUARY 8, 2009

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steve Johnson, Vicki Wely
Alternate: Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Don Conger, 1547 Walnut Ridge Circle, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, east side of Lilley Road between Saltz and Ford Roads, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Article V, Section 78-128(a), required fence permit.

Zone R-5 Parcel 053 04 0113 000 (Building)

2. Mark Mosed, 13506 Helen Street, Detroit, MI 48212, for commercial property located at 3933 Lotz Road (Super 8 Motel), east side of Lotz Road between Michigan and Van Born Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.06 nonconforming signs.

Zone LI-2 Parcel 141 99 0027 715 (Building)

3. JFK Investment Company L. L. C., 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 210, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, for commercial property located at 42595 Ford Road (buybuy BABY), south side of Ford Road between Lilley and Morrison Roads, appealing Sign Ordinances Article 6A.00, Section 6A.09.17 blade under-canopy signs, Article 6A.00, Section 6A.17 wall sign area scale, and Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25, legibility and design requirements.

Zone C-2 Parcel 054 99 0001 701 (Building)

Election of Officers for 2009

Approval of the December 11, 2008 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

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In these difficult times, we're still your local news source

As this column is being written, President George W. Bush, the decider, is deciding what kind of Christmas gift he's going to give Detroit's automakers.



Hugh Gallagher

His press secretary keeps saying that help is definitely on the way as soon as the president works out the details, and he won't be rushed. Apparently the president only allows himself to be rushed by investment banking interests, who work out the details to their best advantage at a later date.

These are hard times. Some say we are at the beginning of a deep recession. Others call it the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The more optimistic, as always, see opportunities where others see disaster.

The domestic auto industry is certainly in deep trouble and trouble in that industry means hard times for almost everyone in southeast Michigan. But another troubled industry is newspapers.

This past week, the Detroit Media Partnership announced a major upheaval in how business will be done at the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News*. The *Free Press* will be home delivered on only three days a week, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, traditionally the days with the most advertising. *The Detroit News* will be home delivered only on Thursdays and Fridays. The *Free Press* will continue to publish print newspapers seven days a week and the *News* will publish print newspapers six days a week for distribution at newsstands and stores. But five of those newspapers will be slimmed down, redesigned papers

Our new accommodations are comfortable, but the move was a difficult economic necessity. We understand that it moves us from our suburban family of readers. But like the DMP newspapers, we are striving to meet the needs of our readers and our advertisers in these difficult times.

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Both newspapers will put more emphasis into their online product. The *Free Press* is offering a digital newspaper, complete with advertising, coupons and traditional layout for subscribers while continuing to offer news on their www.freep.com Web site.

Dave Hunke, Free Press publisher and Detroit Media Partnership chief executive officer, is one of those optimists who sees opportunity where others see disaster. Advertising is down, circulation is down, the cost of paper, ink and transportation is up. More and more readers, especially young readers, have drifted from the print product to the Internet. These are the realities. Hunke acknowledges that this is a gamble, of sorts, but so is doing nothing. Advertising revenue for the Web has been steadily rising, though it will be a while before it matches print revenues.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* are not exempt from these challenges. The *O&E* and the *Free Press* are owned by the Gannett Corp., the nation's largest newspaper company. Last week the editorial offices of the *Observer Newspapers* were relocated from our building in Livonia to the DMP building on Lafayette and Third in downtown Detroit. (Our customer service and circulation are at our offices at 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, advertising is at 44704 Helm St., Plymouth.)

Our new accommodations are com-

fortable, but the move was a difficult economic necessity. We understand that it moves us from our suburban family of readers. But like the DMP newspapers, we are striving to meet the needs of our readers and our advertisers in these difficult times.

Our reporters and photographers will be out and about in our communities, filing stories daily to our Web site www.hometownlife.com and developing stories for our print product on Thursdays and Sundays. They'll have an office in Detroit, but they'll also have an office on the go in Livonia, Redford Township, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

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Hugh Gallagher is the managing editor of the *Observer Newspapers*. He can be reached by phone at (313) 222-8730 or by e-mail at hgallagher@hometownlife.com.

COMMUNITY CORNER

The Observer recently visited the Canton Public Library and asked people:

What is your opinion on the auto bailout?



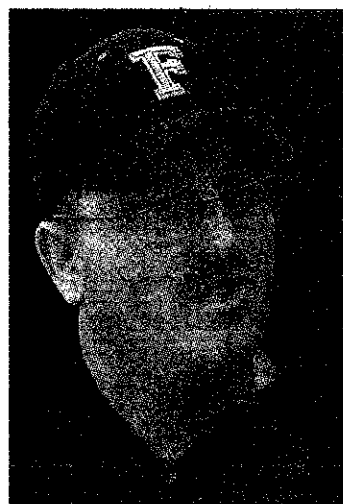
"I think the government should help them. I also think the media needs to refer to it as a loan instead of a bailout."

Joan Dimaria of Canton



"It's necessary. I'm not sure it's perfect or the best but it's necessary."

Carol Anderson of Canton



"They should approve it. If not, there would be thousands of people without jobs and not just in Michigan."

Terry Mesler of Canton

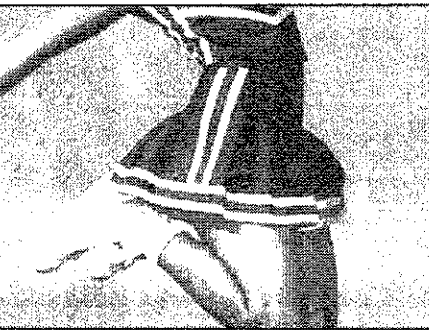


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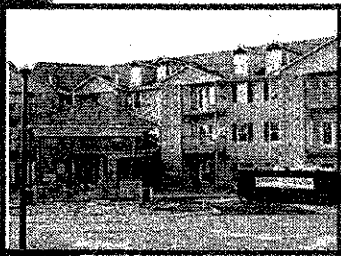
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Scrappy Spartans earn road win over Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a sport generally ruled by teams whose rosters are stocked with Rolls Royces, Hummers and Cadillacs, Livonia Stevenson's boys basketball team is doing just fine with its down-sized fleet of energy-efficient models.

The Spartans, who have seven players 5-foot-11 or smaller, relied on hustle, scrappiness and momentum-changing pressure defense in Thursday night's 57-50 road win over Plymouth.

The victory improved the Spartans' record to 2-1 while the Wildcats slipped to 1-2.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

"We're not big and we don't have any superstars on this team — nobody's going to score 25 points a game — but we have great team chemistry and we have a lot of very smart players," said second-year Stevenson coach Mike Allie. "We're a balanced team. We always have four or five guys on the court who I feel we can go to at any time. If we get balanced scoring every Tuesday and Friday night, we should be O.K."

The Spartans' scoring attack was shared mainly by senior guard Brian

Rowe (17 points) and Bobby Naubert (16). Junior forward Jordan El-Sabeh and junior guard Austin White both contributed seven points.

"Everybody on this team plays hard," said Naubert, a 5-10 back-court whiz. "In our first game, we came out slow and didn't hit our shots. Tonight, we worked hard on defense, and that got us a lot of points."

The Wildcats were led by senior guard Cliff Buttermore, who poured in 14 points, and sophomore center Justin Moss, who netted 13.

"We were lazy moving without the ball tonight," lamented Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Stevenson was able

to jump our passing lanes and get a lot of transition points. They caught us back on our heels."

The Wildcats were in charge most of the first half and upped their biggest advantage to 22-14 on Mike Nadratowski's triple with 3:10 left in the second quarter.

The pivotal point of the game unfolded mid-way through the third quarter when the Spartans' amped-up pressure resulted in a series of consecutive Plymouth turnovers that turned a 31-26 'Cat lead into a 38-33 Stevenson edge at the end of the third.

Please see **BASKETBALL, B4**



Salem's Ryan Quigley (white jersey) manages to get off a shot despite an air-tight defensive effort from Plymouth's Mitch Martin. The PCEP rivals skated to a 3-all draw.

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Salem forward Josh Jarvela's scoring efforts are subdued by Plymouth goalie Mike Justus and Evan Swieczkowski (right).

Game on!

Weather or not, PCEP rivals skate to 3-3 draw

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday night's Plymouth-Salem hockey showdown more than lived up to its only-game-in-town billing.

With the remainder of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park sports calendar wiped out by a snow day, the Rocks and Wildcats skated to a spirited 3-3 draw in front of a large, vocal crowd at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The contest marked the season's mid-way point for the Wildcats, who stand at 7-4-1

Please see **HOCKEY, B4**

Trojan grid star chooses Spartans

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

He is still a Trojan, but Jeremy Gainer can't wait to become a Spartan.

The multi-talented Livonia Clarenceville senior, a football and basketball stalwart, verbally committed Thursday to play college football not too far from home — at Michigan State University.

"I think it came down to the social aspect of being able to be close to home," said Gainer, good friends with many current MSU athletes (including basketball player and Redford Covenant alum Durrell Summers) and those on the way to East Lansing. "I know most of the players on that recruiting class."

Gainer, a hard-hitting linebacker

who earned the defensive MVP honor in the Metro Conference for a second consecutive year, also made parents Kimberly and Jerome Gainer very happy about his choice.

"They said they'd support me anywhere I'd go," Jeremy Gainer said. "But they were sure happy I'll be close so they can see some of my games."

His choice came down to between Michigan State and the University of Minnesota, with strong interest also coming from Colorado, Kansas State, Iowa State, Indiana University and Penn State.

Proximity to home was only part of his decision and so was knowing Michigan State really wanted him. "They came to me and I know they have a great organization."

MSU coach Mark Dantonio came

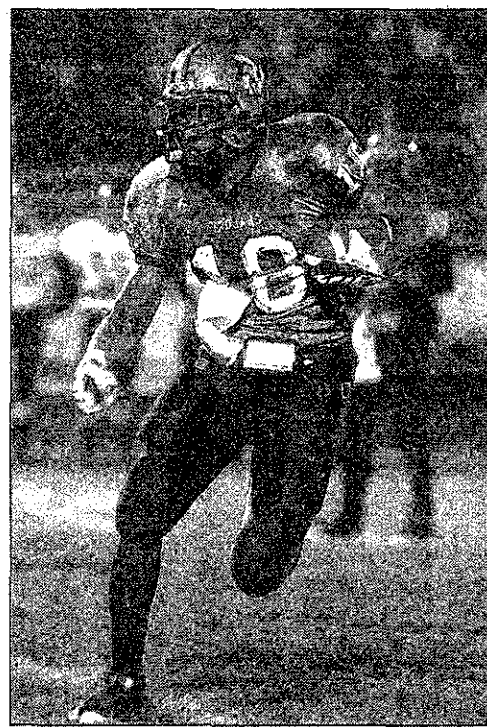
to the Gainer home to help make the athlete feel comfortable going forward, noted Clarenceville head coach Ryan Irish.

"I believe in Jeremy's heart that he made the right decision for him and his family," Irish said.

With his choice, Gainer, who registered 100 tackles in 2008 for the Metro champion Trojans, gave his high school coach something to be proud about, too.

"I am very excited to be able to see him play more, due to the closeness of Michigan State," Irish noted. "I'm looking forward to seeing him continue to develop into a better football player and a well-rounded young man."

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Clarenceville's Jeremy Gainer is shown running the ball during one of his team's playoff games this season. But it will be at linebacker where he will likely find his mark at Michigan State University. Gainer verbally committed to MSU on Thursday.

Rescheduled events

The Canton vs. Salem girls basketball game that was postponed by Friday's snowstorm has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Salem gymnasium.

Friday's Wildcat Relays boys swimming competition has been rescheduled for Monday at 1 p.m. at the Canton High School pool.

GCYBSA news

Registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association's 2009 season will open Jan. 9 and close March 10.

GCYBSA offers T-Ball through 18U baseball and 8U through 18U softball.

Registration information is available online at www.gcybsa.com.

For more information, contact cott@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5489.

Cheer clinic

The Canton competitive cheer team will be hosting a kids clinic in the Canton High School cafeteria on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Check-in will begin at 9 a.m. with the clinic running from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Kids from kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate.

For more information, call (734) 765-1998. The registration deadline is Jan. 7.

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Precision Baseball in Canton will be hosting softball and baseball camps for kids in grades 1st through 8th later this month.

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Improving 'Cat matmen drop pair at quad meet

The Plymouth wrestling team's steady improvement may not be showing up in the record books, but it's apparent to first-year coach Quinn Guernsey.

"We're improving every day," said Guernsey, who was upbeat despite his team's two losses at Wednesday's Allen Park quad meet. "Derek Davey and Said Youssef both looked very good in their wins, but even the guys who lost their matches wrestled well."

The Wildcats lost the opener, 52-21, to the host Jaguars before dropping a 47-27 deci-

sion to Livonia Franklin in the night-cap. The two setbacks dropped Plymouth's record to 1-6.

ALLEN PARK 52, PLYMOUTH 21
Wednesday at Allen Park
160 pounds: Derek Davey (P) pinned Mike Gaggin in 4:40; 171: Phil Adamien (AP) pinned Rob Barackman in 4:51; 189: Alex Winn (P) pinned Bobby Garza in 3:26; 215: Chris Bryant (AP) pinned Brian Chandler in 1:40; 285: Robert Miller (AP) pinned Jordan Birman in 5:12; 103: Said Youssef (P) decided Jake Polenciewicz, 7-4; 112: Bobby Webb (AP) pinned Kenzie Benka in 32 seconds; 119: Calib Riley (AP) pinned Nick Rizzo in 3:29; 125: James Cousin (AP) pinned Jimmy Ahearn in 2:51; 130: Christian Hersey (P) pinned Tyler Paravano in 59 seconds; 135: Joey Suski (AP) dec. Tate Braboy, 14-8; 140: Trent Wolfe (AP) won by decision over.

Ryan Schultz; 145: John Meece (AP) won by major decision over Brandon Crowther, 21-6; 152: Steve Niedowicz (A) pinned Timon Crawford in 3:42.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 47, PLYMOUTH 27
Wednesday at Allen Park
171 pounds: Don Stratz (LF) pinned Curtis Crozier in 1:22; 189: Alex Winn (P) pinned Nick Simmons in 4:38; 215: Cody Hay (LF) pinned Brian Chandler in 4:25; 285: Mike Modes (LF) pinned Jordan Birman in 1:05; 103: Said Youssef (P) decided Ryan Kline, 8-6; 112: Paul Hanni (LF) pinned Kenzie Benka in 29 seconds; 119: Nick Rizzo (P) Steve Tuyo in 1:05; 125: Eric Czeck (LF) won by major decision, 12-0, over Jimmy Ahearn; 130: Christian Hersey (P) won by void; 135: Josh Hatfield (LF) dec. Tate Braboy, 6-2; 140: Ryan Schultz (P) pinned Jordan McWire in 5:28; 145: Brandon Conger (LF) dec. Brandon Crowther, 12-3; 152: Brandon Billau (LF) pinned Timon Crawford in 1:24; 160: Alvin Ferreira (LF) pinned Derek Davey in 2:46.
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-6

Case for the defense

Stevenson makes enough stops to cage Wildcats

Livonia Stevenson girls basketball coach Paul Tripp believes his team has a good chance to win if they hold their opponents "in the 30s we have a good shot to win."

Mission accomplished Thursday night for the host Spartans, who edged Plymouth, 39-37, to improve to 2-3 overall.

Stevenson led 22-19 at the half and held the Wildcats to six in the third period.

"Our defensive rotation was great," Tripp said. "We had 13 steals and only four turnovers, which are good numbers."

Tasi Newton, who hit a couple of clutch free throws down the stretch, led the Spartans with 10 points. She also had three steals.

Kaylee McGrath added eight points and 11 rebounds, while Sarah Smith also scored eight and had a key steal late with the help of teammate Nina Bonanno.

Kelsi Robinson and Stacey Klonowski each scored 12 for the Wildcats, who fell to 1-3 overall.

Senior center Shaakira Haywood was limited to four points, but added a team-high 11 boards.

"She (Haywood) was a presence defensively and I thought Kaylee (McGrath) did a great job battling her inside," Tripp said.

Plymouth was only 13-of-26 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 8-of-15.

FRANKLIN 52, HARTLAND 37: Twin sisters Brittany and Brianna Taylor combined for 30 points and 20 rebounds Thursday as host Livonia Franklin (5-0) downed the Eagles (3-2).

Brittany, a senior forward, finished with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Brianna finished with 14 points and 11 boards.

Sophomore Chelsea Williams

chipped in with 10 points, while Brittany Milican and Amanda Borieo added six apiece.

"Hartland is a good team, big and strong," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "I thought Chelsea (Williams) did a good job driving the pockets and making them play defense. We made the proper pass and were shooting when we were supposed to."

Meredith Kussmaul led Hartland with 12 points.

Franklin was 8-of-10 from the foul line, while Hartland hit 10-of-15.

CHURCHILL 53, REDFORD UNION 16: Junior Darcy DeRoo scored 12 points Thursday as host Livonia Churchill (2-2) rolled to a non-league win over Redford Union (4-1).

The Chargers, who led 18-2 after one quarter and 27-8 at halftime, also got nine points apiece from Lindsey Graciak and Alysa Boldiszar.

ANNAPOLIS 47, CLARENCEVILLE 21: On Thursday, host Livonia Clarenceville (1-5) got fell behind 23-2 after one quarter and never really threatening the rest of the way in non-league setback to Dearborn Heights Annapolis (5-1).

"We've been battling the flu and just didn't show up tonight," lamented Clarenceville head coach Julie Patterson. "We were down 20 in the blink of an eye. We finally woke up a bit in the second half but it was too little, too late."

A bright spot for the Trojans was senior forward Marlene Azar, who tallied 10 points.

Junior guard Justina Williams paced the Cougars with 14 points.

Neither team had a strong night at the free-throw line. Clarenceville sank just 3-of-9 tries, while the Cougars made 5-of-13 attempts.

BRIGHTON 68, SALEM 52: The Bulldogs broke open a tight

game with a late 10-0 run to improve their record to 3-1. The Rocks slipped to 0-3.

"We played well for most of the game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We were only down six without about five minutes left, but they turned their defensive pressure up and ran off 10 straight points. Brighton has a very good team and they went into another gear late in the game."

"We still have a chance to be a very good team. The girls are playing very hard. We just need to pull together."

Junior guard Sara Stone paced Salem's balanced scoring attack with 14 points. Tracey Whalen added 12, Victoria Brotz contributed 10 and Brett deBear chipped in with eight.

PCA 55, AGAPE 27: On Tuesday at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, the Eagles soared to a 4-0 start with a convincing victory over the host Wolverines.

Senior Megan Greve ruled the paint, scoring 18 points. Also excelling for the winners were Allyson DeKruyter (eight points) and Kristin Malcolm (seven points, eight rebounds).

"Jessica Murphy and Brooke Williams played awesome defensively for us," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis.

The Eagles broke open a tight game by outscoring their rivals 16-4 in the second quarter to grab a 27-15 halftime lead. PCA put the game away with a 19-6 run over the third period.

"We started very slowly, but my kids picked it up in the second half," said Gerulis. "We pressed them full court in the second half and that was effective. Megan Greve played very good, especially in the third quarter when she scored eight of her 18 points."

Ayanna Martin paced the Wolverines with 19 points.

Both teams struggled from the free throw line. PCA was 6-of-14 while Agape was 5-of-12.

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Plymouth icers nip Spartans, 1-0

Evan Swieczkowski tallied the game's only goal on a 5-on-3 advantage to give Plymouth a 1-0 win Wednesday night over host Livonia Stevenson in a game played at Edgar Arena.

Swieczkowski's goal came on a shot from the point during the second period as the Wildcats, now 6-3 overall, evened their record to 2-2 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Mike Justus was spectacular in the Plymouth nets stopping all 35 Stevenson shots, including 17 in the final period.

The Spartans' Richie Dunphy made 16 saves.

"We played a pretty solid hockey game, but just couldn't capitalize on our chances," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "Give Plymouth credit."

Stevenson is now 4-3-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the KLAAs Central Division.

FARM. UNIFIED 10, FRANKLIN 2: Scott Newel finished with four goals and one assist Wednesday as Farmington Unified (6-4 skated to the decisive non-league win over host Livonia Franklin (0-5) at Edgar Arena.

Caleb Wright finished with four assists, while Peter Kusik, James Long, Dane Laird, Andrew DeBrincat, Jimmy Chesney and Ryan Murray also scored for Farmington.

HOCKEY

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overall and 2-2-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Rocks will take a 4-4-3 mark into the holiday break.

Although Salem never led — Plymouth built leads of 2-0 and 3-2 — the Rocks came within two stellar Mike Justus last-minute saves from converting a game-winning power-play goal.

"We had some good shifts tonight, but for the most part we played a little selfish and we didn't play good team defense," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender, whose team was capping a three-games-in-four-nights string. "We were sort of running all over the place and we took some bad penalties. Two of their goals were the result of our lazy play."

"We gave up more shots tonight (24) than we gave up against Livonia Stevenson or Northville. I don't know if that was because we were tired or if it was from the pressure of playing in a big rivalry game."

Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said the tie was a reflection of his team's entire season.

"The comebacks were great tonight, but the fact that we fell behind early was a result of our inconsistent play," said Ossenmacher. "And that inconsistency is why we're 4-4-3 right now. Some nights we play just well enough to win, other nights we don't quite play well enough to



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Salem's Sam Ott (right) and Plymouth's Zach Gambrell battle for control of the puck during Friday's 3-3 tie.

win. Tonight kind of wraps up what our season has been like."

Plymouth's Ryan Renault ignited the scoring when he banged home a shot in front of the crease off assists from Chris Merrill and Alex Holcomb.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 2-0 3:19 into the second period when Taylor Currier wristed a rebound shot past Salem goalie Adam Powers, who made a spectacular stop seconds earlier on a John Maurer rocket.

The Rocks lit up the scoreboard for the first time just under four minutes later when David Russell lifted a rebound shot past Justus 7:34 before the second intermission.

Two minutes later, Salem knotted the game at 2-all when Steve Haburne scored the first of his two tallies after securing a slick pass in front from Ryan Quigley.

"This was Steve's first full game at forward after playing defense all season," said Ossenmacher. "He gives us a big body who goes to the net. He did what we wanted him to do tonight."

Plymouth regained a 3-2 lead with 12:04 to play when John Deal slid a shot into a narrow slot between Powers' skate and the right post. He was assisted by Maurer and Mitch Martin.

The Rocks drew even two minutes later when Haburne re-directed an Eddie Mazorowicz shot past Justus.

Salem outshot Plymouth 24-18.

Even though all other PCEP sporting events were postponed when school was cancelled Friday morning, the hockey game was played because ice time is difficult to schedule later in the season, Ossenmacher explained.

Prior to Friday night's varsity contest, the inaugural Plymouth-Canton-Salem alumni game was played and won 6-5 by a team made up of former Salem players. The "old" Rocks defeated a contingent of ex-Chiefs and ex-Wildcats when Aaron Cheesman — currently a Rock assistant coach — scored with 40 seconds to play.

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PCA pressure cooks Agape

Canton Agape fell right into Plymouth Christian Academy's trap Tuesday night during a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference basketball game played at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

The Eagles' half-court trap proved to be the momentum-changer in their 58-42 victory.

"We started slow and Agape dictated the pace in the first half," said PCA coach Mike

Doyle. "In the second half we switched up our defense to a half-court trap and that forced a lot of turnovers and we got some easy baskets."

Senior forward Brent Zinn led the winners with 24 points. Sophomore John Slater added eight points and senior post player Reid Barber led all rebounders with 11.

PCA led 7-6 after one quarter and 16-14 at the half before dominating the third

stanza, 18-7. Zinn was the catalyst of the third-quarter uprising as he poured in nine points.

"He's the one who spurred us on," said Doyle. "Brent got a lot of fast-break points created by our defense and he hit one three."

Don Mullett paced the Wolverines with 19 points.

PCA hit half its free throws (14-for-28) while Agape was 20-for-31 from the line.

BASKETBALL

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"I subbed in Austin White, Ricky Chrsasz and Jordan El-Sabeh and we went to the diamond press," Allie said. "That seemed to swing the momentum to our side for the rest of the game. From there, we just kept pressuring their guards and our kids started contesting every shot."

Sparked by an and-one

three-pointer from Mark Grisa and a pair of buckets from Rowe, the Spartans reeled off a 10-2 spurt to start the fourth and put the win on ice.

The 6-6 Moss led all rebounders with 11 — eight coming on the offensive end. Fellow sophomore Brennan Beyer ripped down six boards.

"Plymouth plays very hard," said Allie. "They start three sophomores, so their program

is going to be excellent in the future. They should have a good season this year. It will just probably take a few games for their young kids to get used to the varsity level."

Stevenson hit 17-of-43 field goals (39.5 percent) and 19-of-27 free throws (70.3). Plymouth was 20-for-67 from the field (29.8 percent) and 5-of-10 from the charity stripe.

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Tuesday, Dec. 23
Clarenceville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 26
(Franklin Tournament)
Rochester vs. Fordson, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Howell, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 27
Franklin Tournament, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
(Romulus Christmas Tournament)
Clarenceville vs. Det. Westview, 2:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 29
(John Glenn Basketball Classic)
Farmington vs. Crestwood, 11 a.m.
Ferndale vs. Canton, 1 p.m.
Waterford Mott vs. Detroit Central, 3 p.m.
N. Farmington vs. Thurston, 5 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Det.-Univ. Prep, 7 p.m.
(Woodhaven Tournament)
Salem vs. Flat Rock, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 30
(John Glenn Basketball Classic)
Wayne vs. N. Farmington, 1 p.m.
Wat. Kettering vs. Thurston, 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Ferndale, 5 p.m.
Clarenceville vs. Detroit Central, 7 p.m.
(Woodhaven Tournament)
Salem vs. Ann Arbor, 10 a.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 29
(Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Tournament)
Ladywood vs. Inkster, 3 p.m.
Loy Norrix vs. McBain, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Loy Norrix Tournament, 3 & 6 p.m.
Salem at Detroit Community, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3
Canton at F.H. Mercy, 4 p.m.
PREP BOYS SWIMMING
Monday, Dec. 22
Wildcat Relays at Canton pool, 1 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Jan. 3
Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Farmington United at Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 5:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Brother Rice Tournament, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 27
Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Trenton Invitational Team Dual, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3
Romulus Royal Tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Wyandotte Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
PREP GYMNASICS
Saturday, Jan. 3
Salem Invitational at Plymouth gym, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 29
(Hope College Russ DeVette Tourney)
Madonna vs. Judson College (Ill.), 6 p.m.
Hope College vs. Davenport, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Hope College Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3
St. Clair Co. CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Marygrove College at U-D Jesuit H.S., 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sunday, Dec. 21
Schoolcraft at Scottsdale (Ariz.), 2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 22
Schoolcraft at Glendale (Ariz.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28
(Las Vegas Invitational)
Madonna vs. Vanguard (Calif.), TBA.
Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 29-30
Madonna at Las Vegas Inv. TBA.
Saturday, Jan. 3
St. Clair Co. CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASICS

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Uneven bars: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.6; 2. Sam Kohl (Farm.), 9.15; 3. A. Bresso (Farm.), 9.0; 4. (tie) Kyoko Yamamoto (Farm.) and Amy Bell (Farm. B), 8.5 each.
Balance beam: 1. Cocke (Farm.), 9.4; 2. Kohl (Farm.), 9.0; 3. A. Bresso (Farm.), 8.75; 4. Courtney Simpson (Red), 8.7; 5. Alicia DiMauro (Red), 8.55.
Floor exercise: 1. Cocke (Farm.), 9.5; 2. A. Bresso (Farm.), 9.4; 3. Kohl (Farm.), 9.3; 4. Schneewind (Farm.), 8.95; 5. DiMauro (Red), 8.9.
All-around: 1. Kohl (Farm.), 36.4; 2. A. Bresso (Farm.), 36.15; 3. Schneewind (Farm.), 34.65; 4. Yamamoto (Farm.), 34.25; 5. Amanda Lumley (Farm.), 33.70.
Dual meet records: Farmington Unified, 1-0 overall; Livonia Red, 0-1 overall.

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Hope for the future

Screening for ovarian cancer on the way

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Janis Warren still might be alive to light the menorah with her 3-year-old grandson Ryan this Hanukkah if screening had detected the ovarian cancer earlier. Unlike mammography for breast cancer a woman can only hope to recognize symptoms such as abdominal bloating, fatigue and pain in time.

Janis fought ovarian cancer 18 months before dying in April 2007 at age 60. Her husband, Larry Warren, sons Michael and Jeff, and daughter Stephanie Harold came together at the family's Farmington Hills home the day after Thanksgiving to talk about the need for screening. In September they raised \$55,000 from a walk in Drake Sports Park in West Bloomfield to fund Michael Tainsky's research at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. The director of the molecular biology and genetics program is developing a blood test to diagnose ovarian cancer at the earliest possible stage.

"People are totally unaware of what ovarian cancer is and

the limited span of life these women have," said Larry Warren who watched his wife die from the disease. "People aren't aware of how brutal the end is. She starved to death. She couldn't keep anything down. Tumors were growing on her intestines. Eight days before she died she aged to 85 quickly."

Before ovarian cancer Janis led a busy lifestyle and even sang in the Temple Beth El choir in Bloomfield Hills. Health was one of her priorities. She continued exercising four to five days a week even after her surgery.

"She was having abdominal discomfort. Her tummy was sticking out," said Larry. "Before the cancer she looked 35 but was 59 when diagnosed. I didn't suspect anything because she had her ovaries removed right after she had breast cancer 11 years earlier."

On a visit home Michael noticed his mother had put on weight. Then she told him she was having pain. An OB/GYN at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Michael Warren became concerned.

"Most women are diagnosed in stage 3 or 4," said Michael.

"The cure rate is 95 percent in stage 1, 10 to 15 percent in stage 3 depending on the type of cancer. If you're feeling discomfort or pain in the stomach it's pretty late. Ovarian cancer almost inevitably reoccurs. They weren't able to remove all of the cancer."

Stephanie Harold isn't taking any chances that she might develop cancer like her mother. While Harold is careful not to miss mammograms or breast MRIs there's nothing she can do to screen for ovarian cancer. That's why the family started the walk. In addition to raising money for research they want to educate the public about the deadly disease.

"This is an illness that needs support as far as funding research," said Stephanie. "People think a PAP smear screens for ovarian cancer. It does not."

Tainsky was well aware of the lack of screening when he began a new line of research in 2001. The Southfield resident began his career at the National Cancer Institute 30 years ago. In 1998 Tainsky came to Karmanos to study high risk individuals and



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The Warren brothers Jeff, left background, and Michael with their sister Stephanie Harold, her husband Dan and 3-year-old son Ryan gather with their father Larry next to a family portrait taken with their mother Janis who passed away in 2007 from ovarian cancer. The family celebrated Thanksgiving together in Farmington Hills.

noticed an incidence of breast and ovarian cancers in the families.

"Our human immune systems make antibodies against new tumor proteins. Those proteins (or antigens) are somehow a little different," said Tainsky, the Barbara & Fred Erb professor of Cancer Genetics at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

"We've developed a microchip to look at thousands of these proteins at once. As of 2006 we had a relatively good test but still falling short of acceptable. We should have a panel for outside testing in a year or two. This is absolutely new kind of work and we can't predict the problems. You're not clear what the speed bumps are until you hit them but we

have every reason to believe it will work. We're hoping in the long run that these antigens can be used for vaccines personalized for each woman like a booster shot for tetanus."

The second Janis Warren Walk for Ovarian Cancer is Sept. 13, 2009. For more information, visit janiswalk.org.

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Award-winning writer

Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric health and community life writer, receives the Excellence in Community Awareness Award from Helping Our Pain & Exhaustion (HOPE), on Sunday, Dec. 14, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. HOPE, which is dedicated to Fibromyalgia education and awareness, also screened a new documentary on diagnosis, treatment and management strategies at the awards dinner. Chomin, here with Sharon Ostalecki following the dinner, has written extensively about Fibromyalgia, a chronic condition characterized by muscle, ligament and tendon pain, as well as fatigue.

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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) 559-7722.

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.

UPCOMING

Understanding diabetes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts Diabetes Support Group presentations 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan Road, Livonia. Please use the Main Entrance on Five Mile Road. Registered dietician Katie Dooley presents Understanding Carbohydrates for Better Blood Sugar Control on Jan. 14. On Feb. 11, registered dietician Judy Swancutt presents Diabetes and Vitamins, Minerals and Herbs: What's Right for You. All are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, pre-registration not required. For information, call (734) 655-8961.

Blood donors needed for post holiday drive

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, the American Red Cross once again holds its critical Post Holiday Blood Drive for businesses and residents in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park area at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites located off of the southbound M-5 Service Drive behind the Bill Cook Automotive

Dealerships. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (517) 545-7712 to schedule an appointment.

Approximately 800 units of blood are needed on a daily basis to fulfill the requirements of local hospitals.

Platelets have a shelf life of only 5 days and are necessary for patients undergoing cancer

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Expand your horizons in the new year

The new year is a good time to expand your horizons. Elizabeth LaManna has joined musically since resolving to join the BeckRidge Chorale in 2006. The elementary school teacher was among the board of directors who met Tuesday night at the Plymouth District Library to discuss their spring concert.



Linda Chomin

The BeckRidge Chorale is looking to add new voices for a program of love songs April 25-26, at Northville High School.

This is the 35th anniversary of the nonprofit formerly known as the Plymouth Community Chorus. The name was changed two years ago to reflect the membership which hails from Canton to Fenton, Rochester, Allen Park, Walled Lake, and Plymouth.

"I hadn't sung since high school when a friend told me they had been to the Christmas concert," said LaManna of Northville. "I've been here ever since."

The chorale rehearses from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays beginning Jan. 13, at First United Methodist Church on North Territorial, between Beck and Ridge, in Plymouth. For more information, visit www.beckridgechorale.org or call (734) 416-9885.

The year kicks off with a Jan. 6 meeting of the Vision Team which director Michael Gross formed as a way to plan for the future. The Canton resident took over as leader 30 years ago after reading an article in the *Observer Newspaper*.

"I asked them to help me think differently and get the chorale to the next level," said Gross, who wants to form a separate non-audition group of singers. They novices would rehearse and perform for two years before joining the BeckRidge Chorale.

"It's a learning process," said Gross. "I want everybody to sing."

The board of directors and Gross already encourage high school and college students by offering \$1,000 scholarships if they rehearse and perform with BeckRidge for an entire season. Right now they're only able to support three or four young singers but have dreams of inspiring as many as 16. When Gross wanted to go to college to study music his mother said no, so Gross paid his own way. Although he ended up in a business career, he has used the musical training to direct the chorale and several church choirs.

Jeanne Martin first sang under Gross at First United Methodist in Plymouth. She enjoyed his style so much she followed him to the chorus after he left the church choir.

PROFESSIONAL, CARING

The BeckRidge Chorale regularly reaches out to help the community whether it's by participating as a group in fund-raising walks for cancer or performing at senior centers.

"I feel privileged to be on board," said Martin of Canton. "We care about our community. We bring hope. We do a lot of sacred music with the group with a core Christian heart."

Sherrie Northway emphasizes that BeckRidge is not a social group.

"People come to our concerts expecting to hear a community group and leave thinking they've seen professionals," said Northway, a Redford resident who joined in 1982. She drove through a snowstorm from her workplace in Troy last week just to talk about the chorale. Not to be outdone, Sandi Edwards drove from Commerce Township.

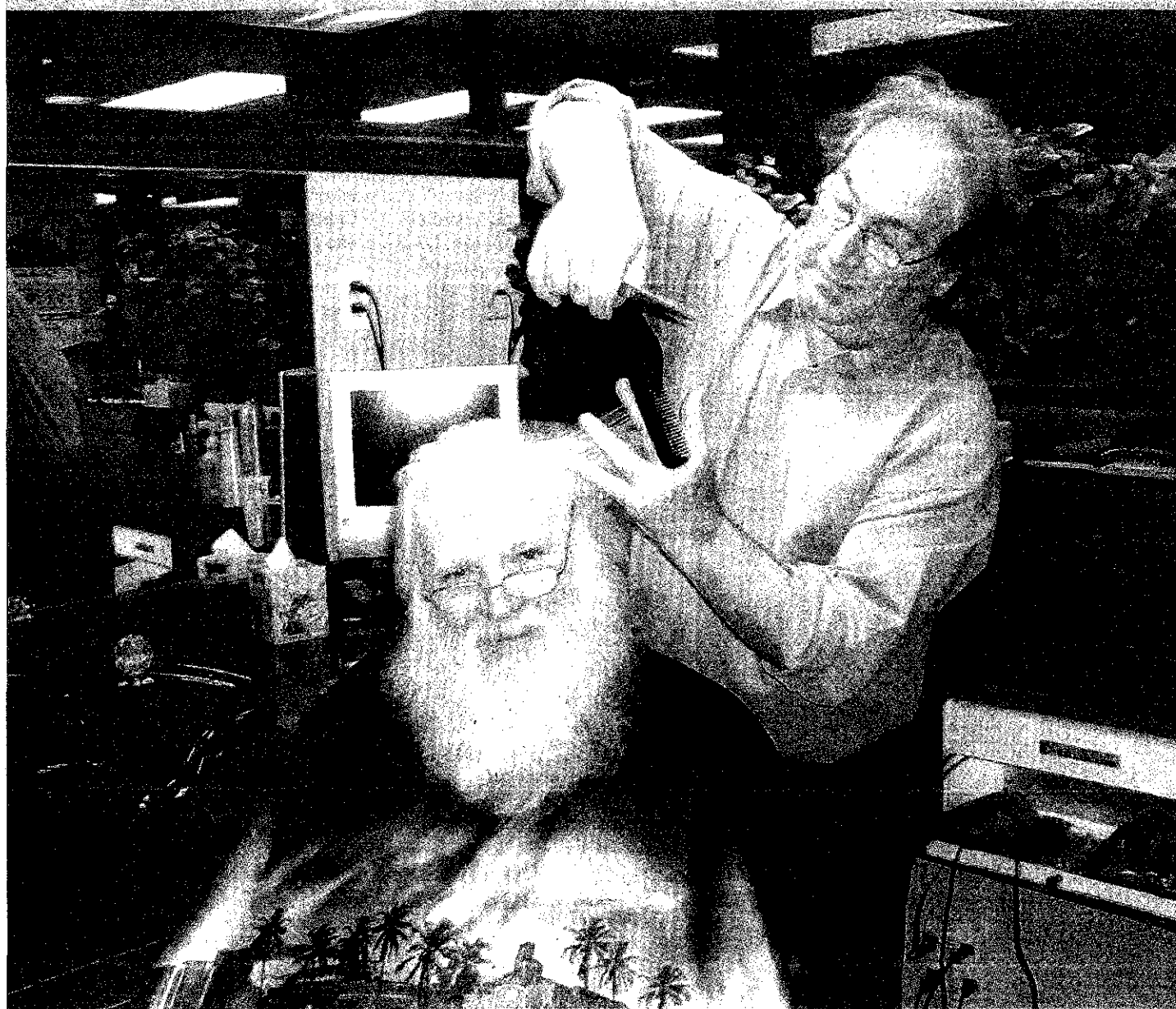
"I had been an audience member for years and knew that there was good musicality I wanted to be part

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Make a resolution to expand your horizons by joining the BeckRidge Chorale in song.

Santa's heard



Joe Smotherman (right) grooms Santa in his hair styling shop in Farmington. Michael Deller (left) personifies the Big Guy in the red suit.

Barber keeps Santa looking good for his big day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Clients smile as they pass the Big Guy in the red suit inside Joe's Headquarters in Farmington. Yes, Virginia, Santa needs a haircut just like everyone else. On this day though, he stopped by just to say hello.

Michael Deller, the Big Guy's Agent, usually makes an appointment with barber Joe Smotherman every six weeks then disappears much like Superman's Clark Kent. In his place appears Santa and a green velvet bag filled with tricks of the trade. The jovial elf is especially busy right before Christmas telling stories to children at libraries. Deller told his first tall tale as director of the Livonia public libraries from which he retired in 1999. He is a 1959 graduate of Birmingham High School.

"I call them scissor stories," said Deller

as he began telling the story of an old woman who lived alone except for two mice.

Deller mesmerizes the audience as he cuts out two pieces of cheese and mice from a paper plate. The Livonia resident has his own story to tell about accidentally becoming Santa's Agent. Back in 2002, he and wife Paulinda were moving when Deller forgot to shave for a couple of days. His sons bet that the beard wouldn't grow out completely white. Deller, who turned gray and then white by age 50, had no doubt as to who would win.

BECOMING SANTA

Not long after he was visiting Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's office when a staff member was so impressed with the new look she asked him to play Santa in the city's Holiday Parade after another Santa quit. Deller said yes, but had nothing to wear so it was on to Bronner's for the red

suit, Scott Colburn's for boots, and his eye doctor for reading glasses to look like Santa. Deller was having so much fun he decided to attend Charles Howard's Santa School in Midland. He's been warming the hearts of children and adults ever since.

And no, it's a myth that Santa puts on weight magically before traveling around the world to deliver toys to all the good boys and girls — just ask Deller who sports a hefty physique all year long.

"I went for a refresher course in 2008 to see if there was anything new," Deller said. "Different Santas approach what they do as Santas in a different way. I learn something new from presentation to what to do when visiting a nursing home or hospital."

BUSY SANTA

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Santa (Michael Deller) enjoyed donating his time to have photographs taken with children at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland. The big jovial elf has a limited amount of time right now as he prepares for the busiest night of the year.

Nonprofits looking for end-of-the-year donations

BY SHARON DARGAY
O & E STAFF WRITER

Is it mission-focused?
Is it responsible with its money?
Does it have high administrative overhead?

Does it do good work?
Those are a few of the questions that individuals may be asking themselves as they sort through end-of-the-year appeals for charitable causes from local nonprofit organizations.

It's the kind of thought process Beth Morrison goes through when



she and her family consider where they will spend charitable dollars.

"HAVEN is my No. 1 organization for support," said Morrison, who heads the Oakland County domestic violence shelter. "But there are a few other nonprofits that my family and I support. At some point in the year we sit down and ask 'Are we going to support everything we did last year?' I think a lot of people go through a thoughtful process and more so

now than ever, because dollars are so limited. They want to make sure their gift makes an impact. If, for example, I have the capacity to give \$1,000, do I give it all in one place or spread it out over 10 places or more?"

"Some people literally wait until the last week of the year to make a decision on what they want to donate. Part of it is just habit. The day after Christmas they sit down and decide. Every year with all of our donors, we do an end of the year appeal," Morrison said.

Other organizations do, too.

HELPING THE HOMEBOUND

Linda Devore of Senior Alliance — Area Agency on Aging 1-C, the organization that aids senior citizens and individuals with disabilities in Western Wayne County, is still taking donations for its holiday meals program, hoping to garner a few more dollars before Christmas.

"We're selling Christmas cards for \$5. The card will go to a senior with their meal," she said, adding that the donation funds the cost of one hot holiday meal. "Meals on Wheels is

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SANTA

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Although Deller knows of Santas who have lost their jobs this year in malls, he booked the bulk of the Big Guy's appearances by Aug. 15. Santa especially enjoyed donating his time to have photographs taken with children at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland where Michael Saine offered the treat for free to parents.

Smotherman's clients like to share their list with Santa as well when he's in the hair styling shop.

"Customers come in saying I've been a good boy or girl,"

Smotherman said. "We all joke around. They say you aren't bringing me coal, are you?"

Smotherman's been an especially good boy this year by giving free haircuts to longtime clients who have lost their jobs. He began cutting hair in 1967 and uses a special shampoo to prevent Santa's hair from oxidizing and turning yellow.

"He makes me look really good. December is one of my busier months," said Santa with a wink.

Before long the Big Guy was finishing the story that ended happily ever after and it was time to leave and prepare for his trip.

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Dinner to benefit local health organizations

The CDS Foundation holds its 16th Annual Wild Game Benefit Dinner 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The event benefits the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit; St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center and Angela Hospice Home Care in Livonia, and Botsford Hospital Foundation in Farmington.

The evening begins with hors

d'oeuvres followed by a family style dinner with wine at 7:30 p.m.

The 50/50 raffle and silent auction run from 6-10 p.m., a standard open bar from 6-11:30 p.m. then a cash bar from 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

There will also be a live auction, crap shoot and Texas Hold 'em.

Tickets are \$70 per person. This is a stag event.

For more information, call (734) 462-0770.

BECKRIDGE

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of," said Edwards, who most enjoyed singing with the group in 2002 at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

"It's the professionalism of the group that I admire and our spiritual side," added Kathy Norred. The Livonia woman joined in 2002 after husband Bruce became a member.

Norred was a chef for the chorale's Musical Feast program along with Schoolcraft College culinary arts students this fall. The annual concert

and dinner is a popular event.

"I joined nine years ago 'cause it's fun," said Jack Charlefour of Dearborn. "I love to sing and it's one of my ways of worshiping."

Charlefour is a member of the chorale's 16-member Village Voices, an elite group that performed the music of French composers at the last Musical Feast.

It's obvious the BeckRidge Chorale offers real opportunity for growth.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (313) 222-2241.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989

Planning a July 25, 2009 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. For details, contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about

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Garden City High School

Class of 1960

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Class of 1989

20th reunion Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor (6 p.m. to midnight. Ticket \$65 before March 1, 2009, \$75 from March 2 to June 1, 2009. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchsl989reunion@hotmail.com.

Grosse Pointe North

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Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbccglol.net.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

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

Milford High School

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

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"The need is great. It grows every year. If we get an increase in funds, we can add holidays, like Fourth of July."

The organization's counterpart, Area Agency on Aging-1B, serves approximately 8,300 meals a year through its holiday program to the homebound in six counties, including Oakland. Its volunteers will deliver hot meals for Hanukkah and Christmas this week, as well as on New Year's Day, Easter, Passover, and Thanksgiving.

"We don't have a special (fund-raiser) event. We send an appeal, direct mail," said Kathleen Yanik,

communications director. "A lot of times the need is not necessarily tied to income. A lot of times, the seniors we serve don't have the mobility to get around to the grocery store."

"Something that we give these people most often who are homebound is companionship. Often there's no one else there to wish them a happy holiday beyond the volunteer."

MONEY TO EXPAND

Like Devore, Alice Dent hopes to receive enough donations to expand her organization's efforts in 2009.

Dent is executive director for Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County, the faith-based organization based in Plymouth that builds and rehabs houses for the needy. Although volunteers work without pay on Habitat construction sites, the cost of building supplies

increased this year as gas prices soared. And when the economy nose dived in the fall, Dent had to reduce new builds to two houses.

"We need at least \$80,000 for new builds and a company or individual who can co-sponsor a rehab house at \$5,000. They can be a full sponsor for \$20,000," Dent said. "We are in desperate need of licensed general contractors that can donate hands-on time to our organization. We also need real estate appraisers ... site supervisors and crew leaders with construction experience that would like to help lead volunteers."

The organization also needs help with grant-writing and clerical support. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the Habitat office at (734) 459-7744. Donate by sending a check to 638 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170. Or visit www.habitatwwc.org.

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Donate to the group's Oakland County counterpart by visiting www.habitatoakland.org.

Here's donation information for other groups:

■ **The HAVEN:** Morrison says crisis calls have increased in the past month and that the agency's shelter generally is full, with children accounting for half of its residents. The organization needs volunteers, financial contributions and items for the shelter. Make online donations and download a wish list of items at www.haven-oakland.org. Or call (248) 334-1284, Ext. 659.

■ **The Senior Alliance:** Buy a holiday meal for a senior for \$5 or make a donation. Stop by in person or send a check to 3850 Second St., Suite 201, Wayne, MI 48184. Call (734) 727-2063 to volunteer.

■ **Area Agency on Aging-1B:** Donate by calling the center at (800) 852-7795 or online at www.aaai1b.org.

■ **CARE House of Oakland County,** home of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council: "Our greatest need is monetary donations to be able to continue with the programs we have in place," said executive director Pat Rosen. The organization in Pontiac serves approximately 4,000 families and children annually. All of its services and programs are provided at no cost to its clients. Mail contributions to CARE House of Oakland County, 44765 Woodward, Pontiac, MI 48341 or make an online donation at www.carehouse.org. The group also maintains a wish list online that includes arts and crafts supplies, disposable diapers, baby food and toys, among other items.



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Dec 21 9:30 AM A Service of Music
Dec 24 6 PM Family Service
Dec 24 10 PM Candlelight Service
Dec 25 10 AM Christmas Morning Svc
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10:45 AM Education Hour
Dec 31 5 PM New Year's Eve Service And Game Night.



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Wednesday, December 24

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Festive Eucharist
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with choir and orchestra

The Rev. Edward L. Mullins preaching
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Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.
The Rev. W. Terry Miller preaching
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Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00pm



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(Parking lot is NW corner
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www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

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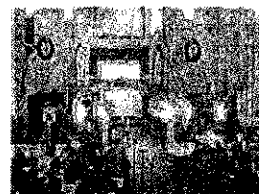
Woodward Avenue and I-75 (exit 50)
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Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00pm -
Children's Pageant
Service

8:30pm - Carol
Prelude Service

9:00pm - Candlelight Festive Communion



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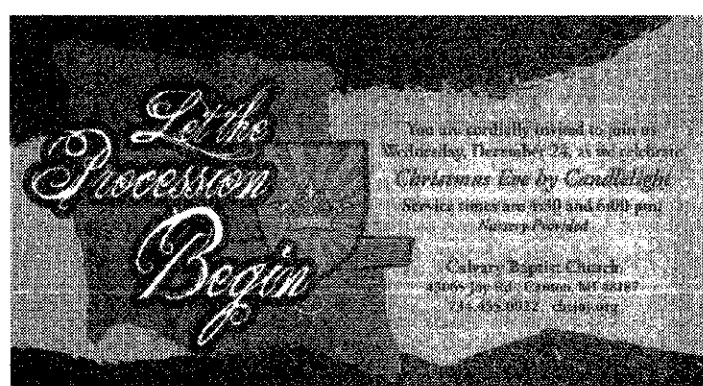


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**Christmas Eve Service:**

Wednesday, December 24, 2008 – 6:00 pm

Sundays:Sunday School (Classes for all ages) – 9:45 am
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7:00 pm...Family Worship & Candlelight
11:00 pm...Lessons & Carols, Communion & Candlelight**St. Anastasia Catholic Church**
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(248) 689-8380**Christmas Eve Mass Times:**

4 pm, 7pm & 12am (midnight)

Christmas Day Mass Times:

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Wednesday, December 24 (communion)

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas

6:00 p.m. Family Worship (pre-service)

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Festival with music at 10:00

Sunday, December 28 (one service)

10:00 a.m. Festive Service—Praise

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Wednesday, December 24, 2008

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Sunday, December 21, 2008

10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Prince of Peace"

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Wednesday, December 24, 2008

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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December 21st - Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Worship: Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

"Candlelight Service"

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Children's Masses

10:00p at St. Genevieve Church

December 25...Christmas Day Masses

9:00a at St. Maurice Church; 11:00a at St. Genevieve

December 31...New Year's Eve Masses

4:00p at St. Genevieve Church; 6:00p at St. Maurice Church

December 31-January 1...Holy Hour at St. Maurice

11:30p Exposition...12:30a Reposition & Benediction

January 1...New Year's Day Masses

9:00a at St. Maurice Church; 11:00a at St. Genevieve Church

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Christmas Day Services

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Sing Communion Service 11 a.m.

Christmas at the Kirk

December 21

4:00 PM Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24 - Christmas Eve

11:00 AM Young Families Service

Rev. Lana Russell

4:00 PM Family Service

Rev. Katy Doyle

6:00 PM Family Service

Rev. Katy Doyle

8:30 PM Holy Night Service

Dr. Norman Pritchard

11:00 PM Holy Night Service

Dr. Norman Pritchard

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(248) 626-2515 kirkinthehills.org**First United
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5:30 p.m. for Families with Elementary Children
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2:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Dr. John E. Harnish preaching

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John E. Harnish, Senior Pastor

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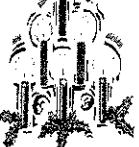
10:00 p.m.

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Dec. 21

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11:00 a.m.

Dec. 28

one service

10:00 a.m.

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Grace Lutheran Church25630 Grand River Ave.
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December 21 at 10:30am

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

December 21 at 6:30pm

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December 24 at 5:30pm

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December 24 at 10:00pm

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CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th

• 4:30 p.m. Mass & 10:00 p.m.

• 4:30 p.m. Children's Mass

(All Saints Gym)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th

• 10:30 a.m. Mass

SUNDAY, Jan. 1st • 10:30 a.m.

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Christmas Mass Schedule**Christmas Eve**

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6:00 PM Mass

12 Midnight Mass

(Carols begin at 11:30 PM)

Christmas Day

9:00 & 11:00 AM

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7:30 pm Contemporary Candlelight

with Holy Communion

10:30 pm Festival Music Prelude

11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight

with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am Holy Communion

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December 31

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11:00 pm - Candlelight Service

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Christmas Day Worship.....10:00 a.m.

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Christmas Day	No Confessions	
	Mass	10:00 am
New Years Day	Confessions	9:45-10:25 am
	Mass	10:30 am

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ANNIVERSARY



at Atlantis Restaurant, in Plymouth. They plan a trip to Hawaii in the New Year.

BIRTH



Mya Rane Bedoun
Jason and Megan Bedoun of Canton are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mya Rane Bedoun, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Her grandparents are Al and Ann Thomas of Canton and Ed and Debbie Bedoun of Canton. Her great-grandparents are Albert and Margaret Thomas of Harriman Tenn., Jennie Meier of Novi and Frank and Peggy Hicks of Canton.

ENGAGEMENT



Zuchet-Szachta
John and Linda Joslin of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Renee Zuchet to Daniel John Szachta, son of Don and Karen Szachta of Troy. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Churchill High School, the James Madison College at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Her fiancé is a graduate of Troy High School, Michigan State University and currently works for Johnson Controls. The couple plans an April 2009 wedding in Plymouth.

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Pet love: Treat your dog to homemade, holiday cooking

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nancy Ridella wouldn't think of letting her dog, Max's, birthday go by without baking a tasty turkey cake frosted in mashed potatoes for him and his canine party guests.

When her church, Unity of Rochester, needs cross-shaped biscuits for its annual pet blessing, her oven is already heated and ready to bake.

And if someone in her Troy neighborhood has a new puppy, she'll welcome the new pooch with a big batch of homemade canine treats.

"It's our animal world. I just love it," she said. "Our church is so full of people who love animals. Once a year I make the biscuits and bring in and after service, if people want biscuits, they can donate whatever amount of money they can for them."

She sends the proceeds — \$250 for her latest batch — to Hawkeye and Friends, a dog rescue in Memphis, located on the dividing line between Macomb and St. Clair counties.

"Max rules the house. He lays on the couch, paws over the edge, but that's OK. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Nancy is my kind of pet owner. She doesn't just cook from scratch for her husband, Bob, but occasionally cracks open the recipe file for Max, their Border Collie-Lab mix, underscoring just how much a part of the family he is. She includes a little something extra for Max at the holidays, for celebrations and makes sure the homemade biscuit jar is always full.

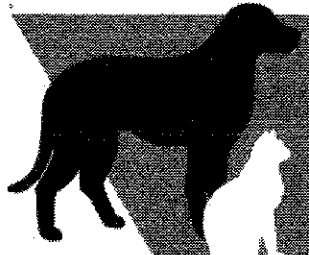
Max's diet isn't limited to dry kibble day in and day out.

Neither is my dog's.

I started cooking occasionally for Hunter, my 3½-year-old Akita-Shepherd mix several months after I brought him home from an Ohio shelter over Labor Day weekend 2006. I got a few pointers from my O&E colleague and longtime dog owner, Linda Chomin, who cooks for her Irish Wolfhound, Clancy, every day. I scoured the cookbook shelves, checked the Internet, and started experimenting with different foods, stepping up my efforts during the melamine-tainted pet food recall in early 2007. Since then I've scaled back some, limiting most of my canine cooking to the weekends when I have extra time and just occasionally after work.

But you can bet I won't let the upcoming holidays go by without serving him at least one special meal or homemade treat. While the family indulges in holiday fare, he'll get his own hot meal. For me, it strengthens the bond I've developed with my loyal four-pawed friend.

This year, I've got a few new recipes to try — and to share with you. Nancy gave me her biscuits and turkey cake recipes and Susan Goetz, owner of All Under One Woof dog day care in Oakland Township, passed along a chicken cake



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recipe that one of her clients often makes.

They follow, along with one of my favorite "every day" canine entrees and a couple of cookbook suggestions:

PEANUT BUTTER K9 COOKIE

by Nancy Ridella

2 cups wheat flour
1 cup wheat germ
1 cup peanut butter
1 egg
¼ cup cooking oil
½ cup water

Mix all ingredients together; roll out dough and cut with cookie cutters. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 15-20 minutes. Cool on racks.

DOG BIRTHDAY CAKE

by Nancy Ridella

4 pounds ground turkey
3 cups of cooked brown rice
1 cup diced carrot
1 cup diced celery
1 cup minced parsley
2 eggs beaten
3 teaspoons chopped garlic
2 tablespoons olive oil
½ cup whole wheat flour
Optional: mashed potatoes for frosting

Mix ingredients. Place in 9- by 13-inch pan or larger. Bake in 350-degree oven for an hour. Cool. If desired, frost with mashed potatoes. Nancy says the recipe can be cut in half to make it more manageable. She often makes the full amount explaining "I always have extra on hand in case someone's dog comes over."

CHICKEN BIRTHDAY CAKE

Submitted by Susan Goetz, who got it from one of her doggy day care clients. It was originally from dog-skitchen.com

1½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ cup margarine, softened
½ cup corn oil
1 jar strained chicken (baby food)
1 cup shredded carrots
3 eggs
2 strips of bacon, fried and crumbled
Yogurt for icing

Sift flour and baking powder together; set aside. In large bowl, cream margarine until smooth. Add corn oil, baby food and eggs and carrots; mix until smooth, gradually add flour and baking powder to the mixture and blend until smooth. Pour batter into well-greased and floured 8-inch round pan. Bake in a preheated 325 degree oven, 60-70 minutes. Cool on wire rack before removing from pan. Ice cake with yogurt or cottage cheese. Crumble bacon on top.

BARLEY, TURKEY AND PUMPKIN

This is one of Hunter's favorite Sun-

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- Yeast dough
- Salt
- Moldy or spoiled foods
- Avocado

The ASPCA also lists garlic as a food to avoid, even though many dog food recipes include garlic or garlic powder. According to the ASPCA Web site, "Garlic does have toxic potential to pets, and is generally more potent than onion, also a member of the Allium species, in causing changes in red blood cells in dogs and cats. This is true in raw, cooked or powdered forms." The site also says it generally takes a large single ingestion or continued exposure to alter a significant number of red blood cells, compromising their ability to carry oxygen. However, it also cautions that some dogs may be genetically more susceptible to problems from garlic. "An occasional low dose, such as those found in most commercial pet foods or treats, would not likely cause problems." But if you want to avoid risk, just leave the ingredient out.

day dinners. It's an altered version of a recipe that originally appeared in Rachael Ray's magazine

¾ quart of vegetable or chicken broth

1 cup pearl barley
½ pound ground turkey
1 cup pumpkin puree
Pinch nutmeg and cinnamon
¼ cup of shredded carrots

Warm ¾ quart of broth and add barley. Cook until it begins to bubble, about five minutes. Add turkey to broth, crumbling it in smaller chunks. Cook until the liquid is absorbed by the grains and then add the remaining ¼ of the quart of broth. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the barley is tender. That's about 20 minutes. At the 15-minute mark, add the shredded carrots. Remove from heat and immediately add the pumpkin, stirring it in and making sure it's just heated through.

For more ideas, check out three of my favorite books:

■ "The Healthy Dog Cookbook" by Joanna Anne with Mary Straus. Contains 50 "nutritious and delicious" recipes.

■ "The Dog Ate It" by Linda West Eckhardt and Barbara Bradley. Each recipe includes a canine version and dog recipe version for people.

■ "The Natural Pet Food Cookbook" by Wendy Nan Rees, includes recipes for both dogs and cats.



Alan and Joyce Hawkins, of Farmington Hills, both 70 and retired, embarked on one of many of their dream vacations — a cross country adventure on their BMW motorcycle and side car.

Retired couple is high on adventure in golden years

BY ANDI HAWKINS
CORRESPONDENT

Retirement, the Golden Years, is it a myth? Or is it just attainable for a select few?

For one Farmington Hills couple, retirement is all about realizing their dreams. It affords them the opportunity to travel here and abroad, tend to their garden and home, and reconnect with family and friends.

Recently, Alan and Joyce Hawkins, both 70 and retired, embarked on one of many of their dream vacations — a cross country adventure.

Their mode of transportation was not a car, or plane, or mobile home. Instead, they chose a custom BMW motorcycle with deluxe side car.

When asked why he chose to travel this way, Alan Hawkins told about his love for motorcycles, stemming back to his teenage years in England.

Why he chose to attach a side car was necessity over desire.

"My legs weren't long

enough to reach the ground, so the side car was added for balance," he said.

Riding in the side car is very comfortable and Joyce finds lots to do: writing notes in her journal, reading, sleeping, or providing her husband with directions via chatter boxes affixed to their helmets.

"It looks like the Bat pod," said their son, Tony Hawkins, also of Farmington Hills.

Choosing not to use their home as a piggy bank and take out second or third mortgages to fund vacations and gratuities, the couple decided long ago they were never going to live on credit.

"If we couldn't afford to pay cash, we wouldn't buy it" was their motto. Alan a builder, and Joyce, a homemaker, saved enough money to be able to enjoy a comfortable retirement.

Cruising to New Zealand and Australia, visiting their native England, and purchasing such luxury items as two BMW motorcycles — and a car to match — only served to enhance their golden years.

When they're not traveling,

the couple spends their days tending to their vegetable and flower gardens, doing their own home improvements (updating each room of their house), and visiting with family and friends.

Their last trip was a six-week excursion, traveling into Canada via Glacier National Park and extending all the way to California, visiting old friends and relatives along the way.

Back home, their sons minded their two acre lawn and tennis court-sized garden and greenhouse.

"At 70, I only hope I can do half the things my dad is able to do and with the same energy and enthusiasm," said Tony Hawkins.

As children, Tony and his three siblings were taught that if they wanted extras, they needed to find jobs and pay for luxuries themselves.

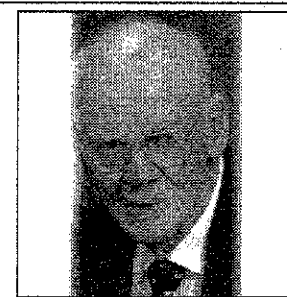
"We all learned a strong work ethic early on," said Tony.

Joyce and Alan count their blessings and feel fortunate that they have their health and each other as they enter this stage in their life.



BETTY BUTLER

Went home to be with the Lord on December 16, 2008. She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Viewing will be held December 22, 12-4pm, with funeral at 4pm at Uht Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to Wayne County Senior Services.

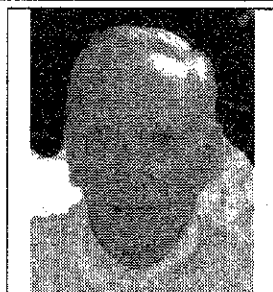


CARL D. MARSEE

December 18, 2008. Age 91 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Ila. Loving father of Barbara, David and the late Judy (Ed) Langer, Proud grandpa of Dawn Bradford, Darren (Jana) Koretko, Scott (Anita) Langer, Todd (Kara) and the late Kevin. Dear brother of Orin (Arlene). Also survived by nine great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews including Joan (the late Eugene) Morrison. Funeral Service Monday 12 noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). Visitation Sunday 2-9PM. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

LILLIAN M. LEENY

Age 86, of Farmington Hills, long-time Congressional Aid, passed away December 18. Loving mother of Camilla Landry, Pamela (James) Kolo and Dennis; beloved grandmother of Scott Vermeulen, Barbara, Denise, Matthew Landry, Christopher and Terry. Lillian is preceded in death by her son Frederick. Funeral Mass Monday, December 22nd, 11 AM (in state 10:30 AM) at the Servant Church of St. Alexander, 27835 Shiawassee (btwn. Middlebelt & Inkster Rds.), Farmington Hills. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM with a 7PM Rosary service at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (just N. of Grand River, btwn. 9-10 Mile Rd.), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes may be directed to the Children's Leukemia Foundation. heeneys-sundquist.com



WILLIAM G. FEHLIG

December 12, 2008. Age 88 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Virginia. Beloved father of David (Holly) and Patricia (David) Tome. Beloved grandpa of David (Maria), Jeff (Nancy), Brian (Sabrina) Tome, Catherine Tome, Jeff (Chitose) Hanert and Jill (George) Carroll. Dear Great-grandpa of Brittany, Makayla, Brenden, Jeremy, Justen, Jordan, Reed, Owen, Luke and Brandon. Mr. Fehlig was a custom home builder, developer and real estate broker. Bill was the last surviving charter member of the Plymouth Lions Club, having been a very active member for 61 years. He was also a lifelong member of the Plymouth Elks. Visitation and funeral services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Lions Foundation. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MABLE MARSH

Passed away on December 15 at the Grandvue Nursing Home in Northern Michigan located in East Jordan at the age of 100. Mable was born on July 28, 1908 in Baltimore, Maryland the daughter of John and Lula Roberts. She worked for many years in retail sales in the Birmingham area. Many of her customers were friends and she retired in her late eighties. Mable is survived by two daughters Lea Shea and Carol Samanen, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.



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Dickman-Schalter

Julie Schalter and Michael Dickman, both of Plymouth, were married Oct. 17, 2008 in Rochester.

The bride, daughter of Alan and Connie Schalter of Rochester Hills, earned a degree in marketing from Michigan State University in 2003.

She is an eCommerce Retail Specialist at Carhartt.

The groom, son of Catherine Sanders of Pinckney and Eric Dickman of Hamburg, received his bachelor's degree in 2003 and his master's degree in 2004 in account-

ing from Michigan State University. He is a CPA and internal auditor at Pulte Homes.

The Rev. Marc Gemelarro of St. Andrew Catholic Church, officiated the ceremony.

The bride's attendants were Jenny Lenz, Jocelyn Milshteyn, Jillian Bellows, Kara Jelley, and Alexa Jelley.

The groom's attendants were David Dickman, Jamey Schalter, and Zach Dickman.

A reception was held at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. They couple took a honeymoon trip to Amsterdam and Berlin.

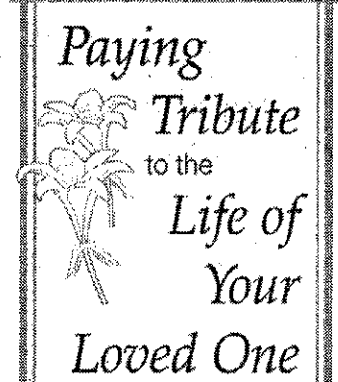


LaMontagne-Kain

Robert and Ellen Kain of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Mallory, to Craig D. LaMontagne of Westland. He is the son of John and Lynne LaMontagne of Livonia.

The couple wed Nov. 8, 2008, at Christ Church of Redford. Pastor Mark Einem presided. The bride was attended by Megan Kain, Michelle Kain, Megan LaMontagne, Jennifer Katrich and flower girl Mia LaMontagne. The groom was attended by Jeff Springer, Kevin Jarvis, Dan LaMontagne and Joe Katrich.

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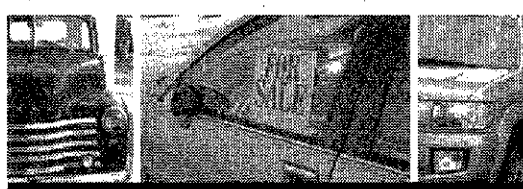
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2009 Saturn Outlook Boosts Power

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By Kevin Koloian
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The 2009 Saturn Outlook is more powerful than ever because it has gone back to its SUV roots for added strength. Eleven more horsepower, to be exact, thanks to the addition of direct-injection technology, which provides added power and increased fuel efficiency.

General Motors Corp. didn't mess with a good thing. It just made it more powerful. The Outlook, now in its third year, still has the same crossover attributes, providing the capability of an SUV with car-like style, efficiency and driving feel, all while seating up to eight.

Direct-injection technology in the Outlook's 3.6-liter V6 engine helps produce V8 engine power, yet uses regular unleaded gasoline. The Outlook XR puts out 288 horsepower and the Outlook XE is rated at 281 horsepower, which is best in class fuel economy.

The Outlook's V6 is mated to the Hydra-Matic 6T75 six-speed automatic transmission, an advanced transmission with clutch-to-clutch shift operation. Both the XE and XR are available in front-wheel- and all-wheel-drive configurations.

The front-wheel-drive XE gets 17 miles per gallon in the city and 24 mpg on the highway while the all-wheel-drive version gets 16 city and 23 highway.

Changes have also been made to the top of the line XR model to make it even more lux. A major upgrade is standard leather seating and, for the first time, leather seating will be available on the base XE.

Cabin comfort and convenience enhancements include OnStar with Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity and a choice of two available Bose audio systems: the Bose 5.1 Cabin Surround system with DVD, or a non-surround Bose audio system.

The Outlook provides 19.7 feet of storage space behind the third-row seat, which pays for itself if you need to haul a lot of luggage.

Access to the third row seat and laying it flat for storage is as easy as pulling a strap thanks to a feature called Smart Slide. This feature allows



The 2009 Saturn Outlook XE's horsepower is up from 270 to 281, giving families extra power for pulling things like boats jet skis. Fortunately the added strength doesn't come at the expense at fuel economy numbers as the Outlook still gets a combined city/highway 20 miles per gallon.

second-row seat cushions to flip up as the seat slides forward, creating a wider path of entry for access to the third row.

Rivalling the storage space of the Chevrolet Tahoe, the Outlook is ideal for road trips. With the second and third rows folded completely flat, the Outlook holds an impressive 117 cubic feet. The Tahoe, which is an inch longer, only holds 109.

If you need to haul more than the Outlook's capacity, you can order a hitch package that's capable of towing 4,500 pounds. This is ideal for the people who need to pull a boat in the summer and a snowmobile in the winter.

A backup camera is also new for 2009 and is available on both XE and XR models. And to accommodate the in-mirror view screen, the compass on the XR model moves from the rearview mirror to the driver information center.

New, 20-inch alloy wheels also are standard on the Touring Package. Other Outlook models feature standard 18-inch wheels.

The Preferred Package on XE models adds body-color bodyside moldings, body-color, heated outside rearview mirrors and turn-signal repeaters for 2009.

Two new Outlook exterior colors are available: Quicksilver replaces Silver Pearl and Silver Moss replaces Ocean Mist.

The Outlook's comprehensive safety system is designed to protect passengers before, during and after a crash. A strong structure is the foundation and with a wide stance and low center of gravity, rollovers are highly unlikely.

The Outlook's responsive four-wheel independent steering system also enhances safety by providing a stable ride and nimble handling.

In case the vehicle does somehow get out of control, the Outlook's proactive safety features keep a potential accident from turning into a major bang-up.

The Outlook is equipped with six standard air bags: two dual-stage frontal air bags for the driver and front passenger, two seat-mounted side-impact air bags in the first row and two head curtain side-impact air bags that cover all three seating rows.

Complementing the air bags is General Motors' rollover sensing system, which can employ the side-impact air bags if sensors determine a rollover is imminent.

Because rollovers are typically longer in duration than non-rollover crashes, the air bags stay inflated longer to provide occupants increased protection from being thrown around the cabin.

For added safety, all-wheel-drive models feature an Active On Demand system that manages the torque split between the front and rear axles, shifting power to different axles as needed.

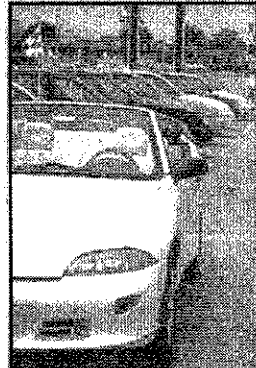
If you are looking for an alternative to a minivan for family outings and the occasional need to tow a boat, the 2009 Outlook should suffice.

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2009 Saturn Outlook
Vehicle class: Crossover SUV.
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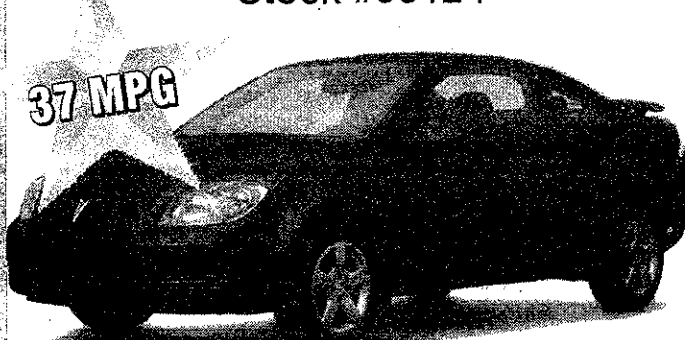
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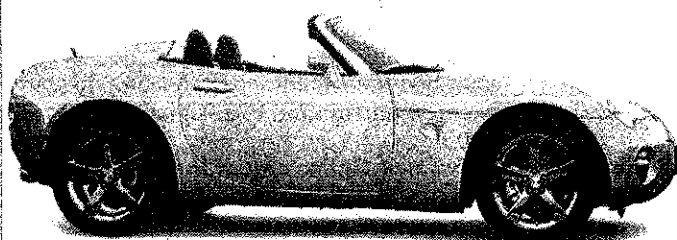
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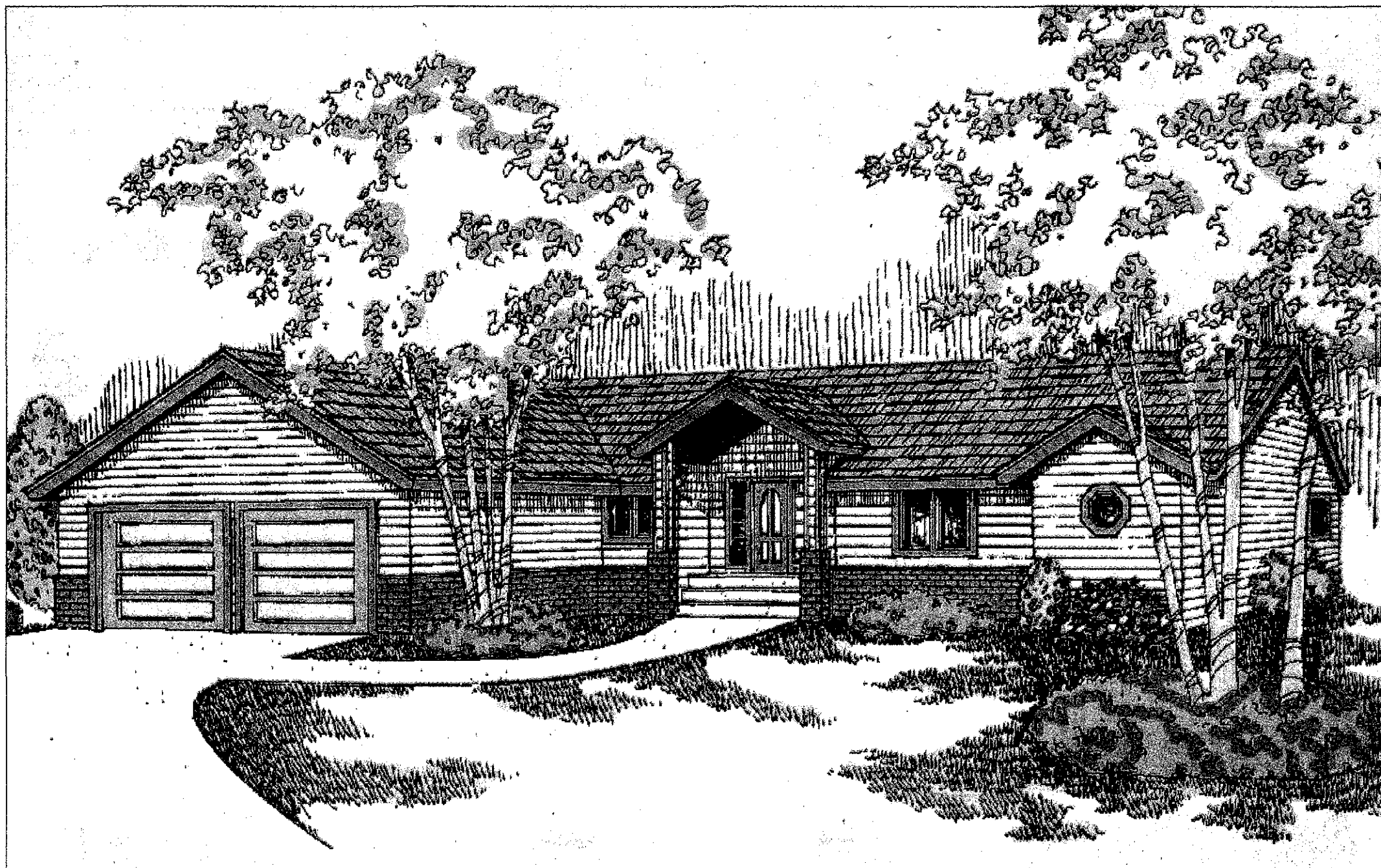
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Be prepared to enjoy life in spacious Scout home design

The Scout (405-28) follows a traditional style brick wainscoting and a columnar entry, with contemporary touches like the octagon window in the master bath and the doorway windows in the entry.

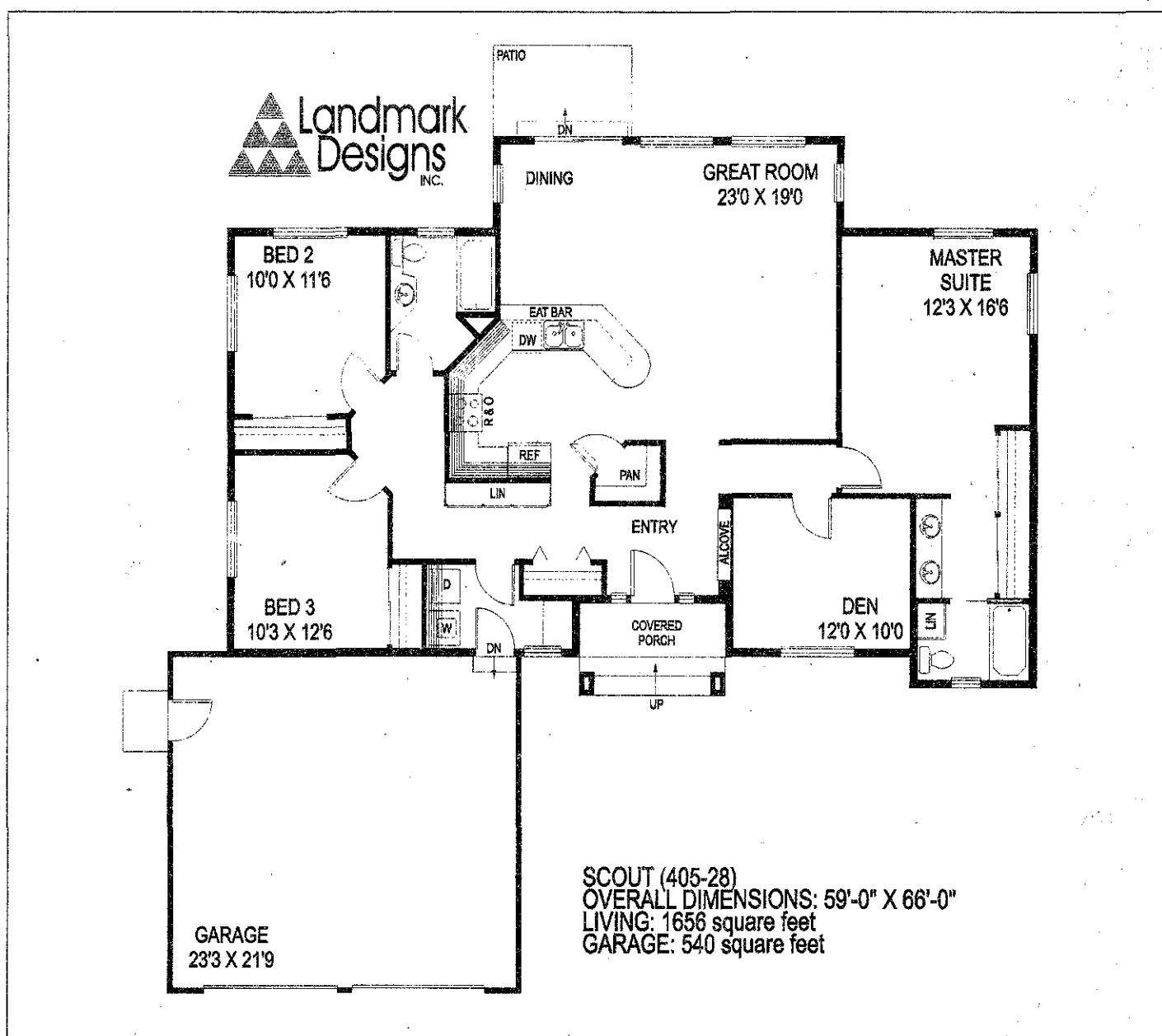
Inside, this well-appointed plan provides excellent traffic flow from the guest entry, as well as the garage entry, into the rest of the home. The entry also offers a unique alcove to display collectibles or a favorite painting. The master suite is located on the opposite side of the home from the secondary bedrooms. This design is becoming increasingly popular with parents wanting to give their children more freedom to play their music and have friends over without being disruptive. A full bath is located at the end of the hall, close to the bedrooms, while a large linen closet is just across the hall from the utility room. A window in the utility room, and the counter space below it, make the task of folding clothes more enjoyable.

The kitchen is integrated very well into this open plan. Ample cabinet space and a large pantry are balanced by an open peninsula with the sink and dishwasher on one side and a raised eating bar on the other. More than enough room lies beyond the eating bar for a large family dining table. The great room is brightened along the rear wall of the home with large windows, and a patio door leads outside for enjoying nice weather. The space is large enough for many furniture arrangements, accommodating a family's constantly changing needs.

To the right of the entry is the den with a door entry near the master suite. The spacious room could serve as a formal entertaining room, a movie room, or an office. The master suite at the end of the hall is quite large, and features double sinks in the dressing area, separated from the rest of the bath by a pocket door.

The Scout is a plan well suited for many families because of its versatile, spacious design.

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Looking good: Realtors know curb appeal the way to go in sales

For the second year in a row, Realtors report that exterior remodeling projects return the most money as a percentage of cost, as detailed in the 2008 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report.

On a national level, wood deck additions and all types of siding replacements — upscale fiber cement, midrange vinyl, and upscale foam-backed vinyl — returned more than 80 percent of project costs upon resale. Of these, the most profitable project was upscale fiber cement siding, which recouped 86.7 percent of costs, followed by wood decks at 81.8 percent, midrange vinyl siding at 80.7 percent, and upscale foam-backed vinyl siding at 80.4 percent.

"Because today's buyers have much more to choose from in

the way of inventory, any home for sale must make a positive first impression," said National Association of Realtors President Charles McMillan, a broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Dallas-Fort Worth. "As a trusted source for real estate information, Realtors understand what attracts and motivates their buyer clients, which is why the results of this year's Cost vs. Value report underscore the importance of curb appeal in the buyer's eye."

The 2008 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 30 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 79 markets across the country, expanding from 60 markets last year.

Data are grouped into nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 11th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with REALTOR Magazine, as Realtors provided their insight into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets.

In addition to wood decks and siding, window replacements and kitchen remodels also returned a relatively high percentage of remodeling costs on a national basis. All types of window replacements — upscale and midrange wood and upscale and midscale vinyl — returned more than 76 percent of costs. A major midrange kitchen remodel returned 76.0 percent of project costs, while

a minor midrange kitchen remodel returned 79.5 percent of costs.

On a national level, bathroom remodels, while still a relatively good investment, do not return as high a percentage as in previous years. A midrange bathroom remodel was estimated to return 74.4 percent on resale, comparable to a midrange attic-to-bedroom conversion, at 73.6 percent of costs recouped, and a midrange basement remodel, at 72.7 percent of costs recouped.

As in last year's report, the least profitable remodeling projects in terms of resale value were home office remodels, sunroom additions, and back-up power generators, returning only 54.4 percent, 56.6 percent, and 57.1 percent, respectively, of project costs.

Although most regions fol-

lowed national trends, the regions that consistently were estimated to return a higher percentage of remodeling costs upon resale were the Pacific region of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington; the West South Central region of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; the East South Central region of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee; and the South Atlantic region of the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

The regions that generally returned the lowest percentage of costs were New England (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont), East North Central (Illinois,

Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin), West North Central (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota), and Middle Atlantic (New York and Pennsylvania).

McMillan explained that the resale value of any given remodeling project depends on a variety of factors. "A home's overall condition, availability and condition of surrounding properties, location, and regional economic climate are all factors that will influence the value of any remodeling project," he said. "That's why it's important to consult with professionals like Realtors in your area when you want to enhance the value of your home."

Results are summarized in the December 2008 issue of REALTOR Magazine.



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- 4 Pop singer
- 8 Take hastily
- 12 Fish roe
- 13 Centurian's moon
- 14 Evaluate
- 15 Headings
- 17 Ominous sign
- 18 Handle dough
- 19 Meat dish
- 21 Rare mineral
- 23 Camel kin
- 27 Brownish tint
- 30 TV award
- 33 Overeat, with "out"
- 34 Show distress
- 35 Ginnie or Fannie
- 36 Parched
- 37 Mag execs
- 38 Area
- 39 Gave the pink slip
- 40 Nostalgic look

42 Tool set

- 44 Wolf's call
- 47 Rent agreement
- 51 Soil component
- 54 Speed
- 56 Tiller
- 57 Project starter
- 58 Payable
- 59 Not in use
- 60 Look after
- 61 Explain further

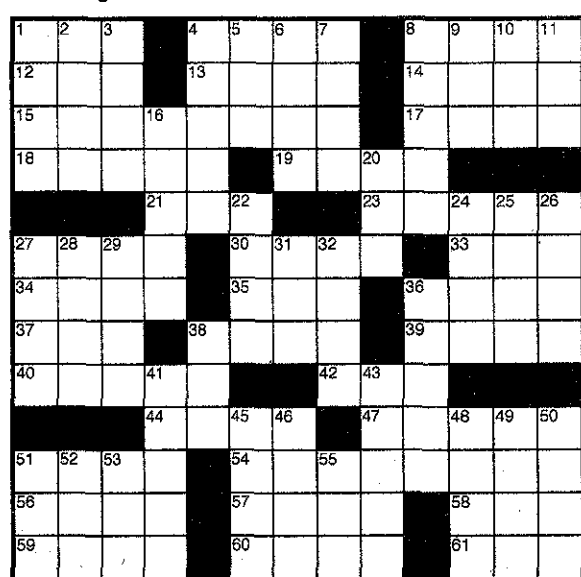
DOWN

- 1 Wharf
- 2 Dreaded czar
- 3 Hang open
- 4 Miss a syllable
- 5 Twosome
- 6 Quaint lodg-ings
- 7 Toward sunrise
- 8 Snarl
- 9 Collide with
- 10 Corroded, as acid
- 11 Movie rat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

I	D	E	A	L	S	W	E	E	P
V	I	R	G	A	L	S	O	P	E
I	L	O	I	L	F	A	B	R	A
E	L	F	D	O	F	S	S	I	S
S	O	I	L	B	E	E	M	A	S
N	E	A	P	W	R	E	A	T	H
C	R	E	D	I	T	E	D	A	M
L	A	I	R	T	O	E	S	H	A
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SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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

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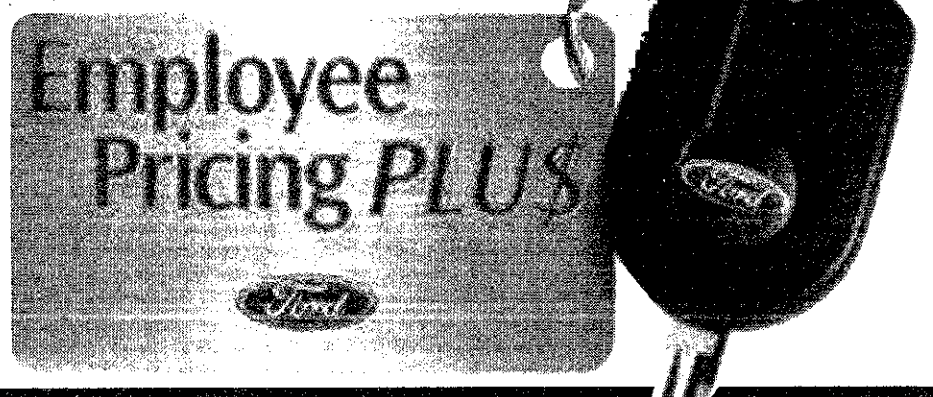
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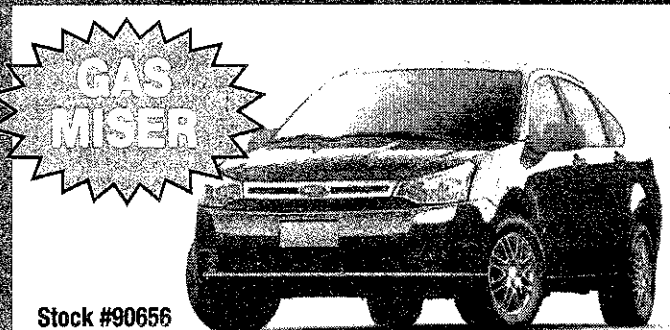
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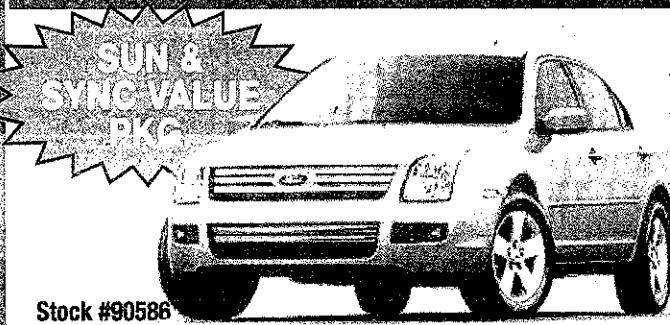
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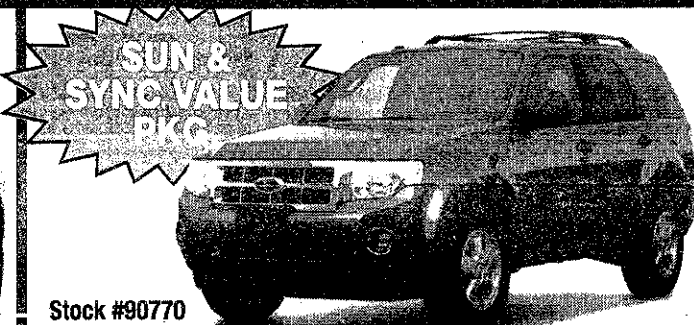
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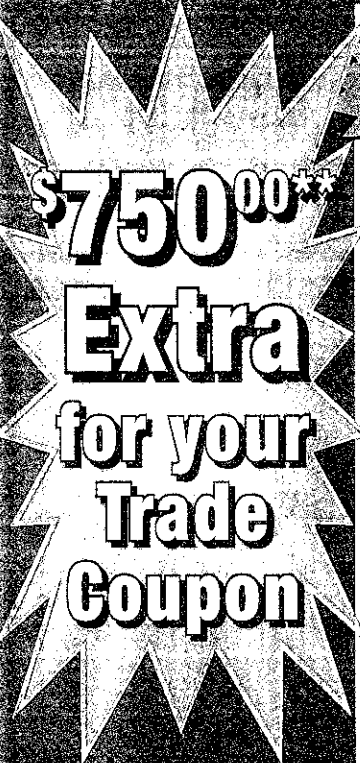


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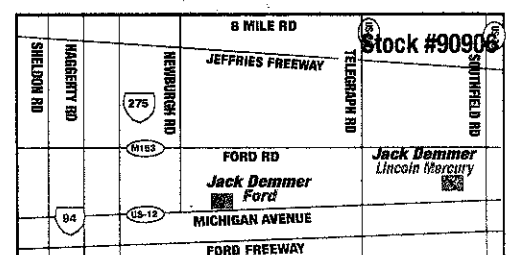
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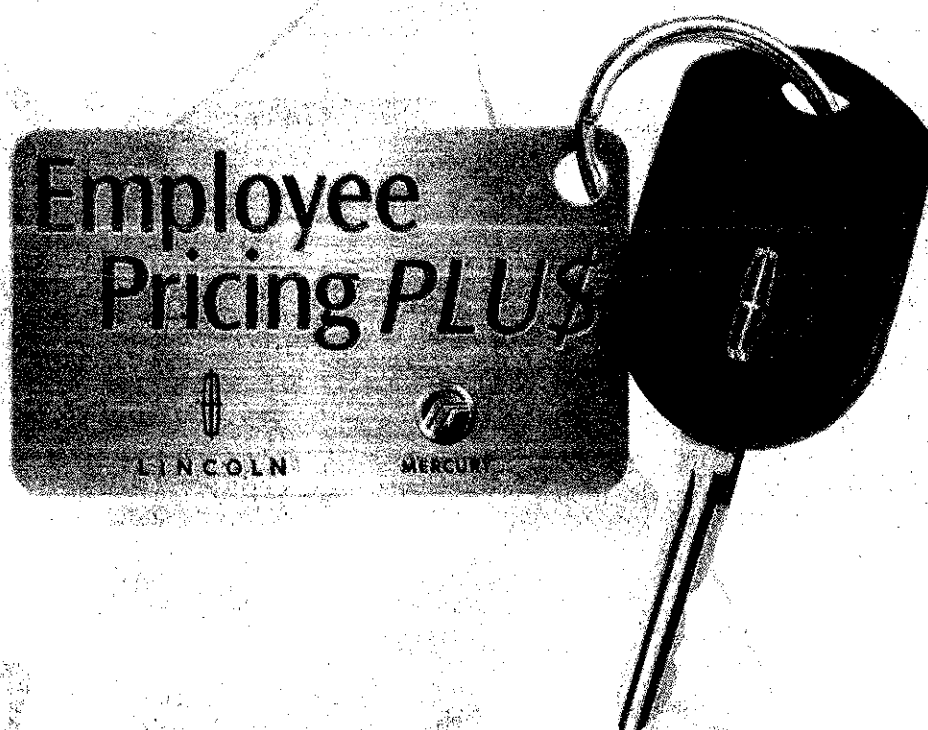
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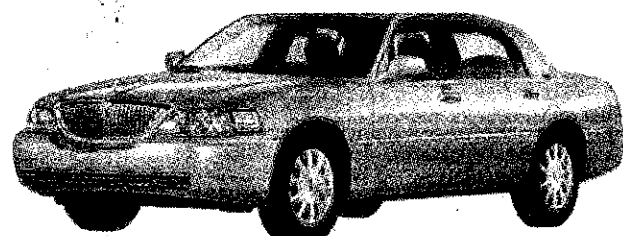
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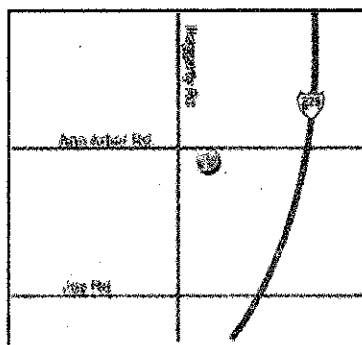
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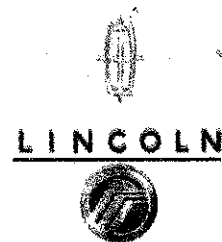
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