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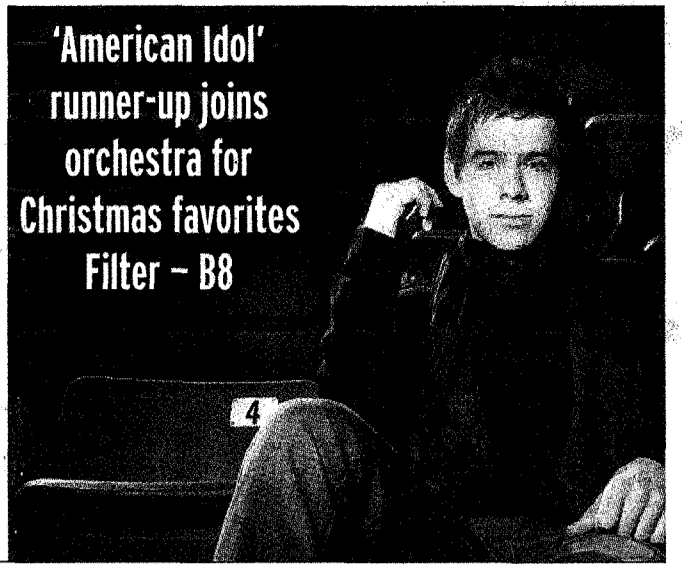
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Food help

Canton is now participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program," a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne County residents.

The first distribution is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Summit on the Park. Distribution will continue on the third Wednesday of each month. All recipients must become certified for eligibility, meeting two criteria: 130 percent of Federal Poverty Income for people under 60 years old, and 160 percent for people 60 and older.

Methods by which household may demonstrate eligibility include Food Stamp Card, W-2 form, Medicaid, income tax return and self-declaration. Households must be located in Canton. Methods by which household may demonstrate eligibility include driver's license, state ID, utility bill, Medicaid card and self-declaration.

Canton will host a certification of recipients 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 9-11 a.m. in the lower level of Canton's Administration Building. Recipients not currently on any governmental program will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards declaring number of household members.

For more information, call (734) 394-5185.

Toy drive

Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming to help brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children, and there's still time to donate a new, unwrapped toy through Dec. 13 at a Canton Leisure Services location.

The following facilities are collecting holiday gifts with individual fun themes. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be collecting "Arts and Crafts." The Canton Sports Center will be collecting "Sporting Equipment." The Summit on the Park will be collecting "Fun and Games." The Leisure Services offices will also be a collection site.

"So many families are feeling the impact of the economic situation in our community this holiday season," said Marion Rozum of the Canton Goodfellows. "The Canton community continues to show its generosity and supports 'No Child Without A Christmas.' Every gift and every dollar stays within Canton and goes to help the children of our community."

Cash donations and gift cards are also welcomed and can be dropped off at the Leisure Services Department. For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.

Canton hits all notes with holiday shows



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Standing in front of The Village Theater are (from left) Johnny Evans of the Howling Diablos, Chris Polite of The Infatuations, Tino Gross of the Diablos, Christian Draheim of The Infatuations and DJ Zack Daniels of Canton's Cherry Martini.

Diablos set for Village Theater 'house party'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton — the township that rocks.

Doubt it? Don't. Detroit's own Howling Diablos, a bluesy, soulful rock group that headlines its own shows and has opened for the likes of George Clinton's Parliament-Funkadelic, Alice Cooper, Incubus and ZZ Top, is set to follow one of the area's newest bands, The Infatuations, on stage during an 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve bash at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Theater doors, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, open at 7:30 p.m., and \$12 tickets for the all-ages show are available at the box office, at Canton's Summit on the Park or online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Band members seemed eager to play the 400-seat venue during interviews Tuesday afternoon inside the nearby Cherry Martini, where owner Wally Kalled and DJ Zack Daniels are planning a post-concert gathering. Daniels also will entertain the crowd before the show and during intermission.

After playing venues as large as The Palace of Auburn Hills, the Howling Diablos welcome the opportunity to play time-tested tunes and tracks from their latest album, *Divine Trash Highway*, at The Village Theater.

"It's more like a house party," vocalist Tino Gross said. "You're right up in everybody's face."

Sax/harp player Johnny Evans agreed. "It's more like a



Chris Polite and Christian Draheim of The Infatuations are eager to perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

club," he said.

Their 90-minute set will include guitarists Mo Hollis and Erik Gustafson, drummer Jerome Day, keyboardist Jimmie Bones from Kid Rock's Twisted Brown Trucker Band and an appearance by Sean Forbes of the Deaf Performing Arts Network, who has signed songs on MTV videos.

As of late, music from *Divine Trash Highway* — the Howling Diablos' fourth full-length album

— has gained television recognition on the E! Channel's *Keeping Up With the Kardashians* and MTV's *Road Rules Challenge*. "We're getting a lot of mileage off TV," Gross said.

Raised on Detroit rock, the Howling Diablos' style blends funk, blues and soul music with rock, and their sound has broadened to include elements of jazz and hip-hop. The band is eager

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Canton vocalist brings soul home

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The morning after Barack Obama was elected president, singer Dan "Dahsoulman" Carter of Canton felt so inspired he sat down and wrote a new song, *Where Were You When*, in one day.

"I felt just an awesome sense of pride," said Carter, lead vocalist for the Detroit area band MFTMO (Music From The Mind Of) ... Z-Man, a six-man group that brings its neo-blues set, flavored with rock and soul, to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill for an 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, show.

Where Were You When is one of the songs Z-Man will perform during a CD release event featuring its 13-song, self-titled record. The band takes the stage for an all-ages show after first showing a "rockumentary" revealing the evolution of Z-Man, a group that formed last year to deliver a style of music it calls "eclectic urban tonic."

"We're something of a jam band," Z-Man leader and videographer Donald Louis Anthony, a Detroit guitarist and vocalist, said Monday afternoon as he and Carter talked about the band during an interview in Carter's home.

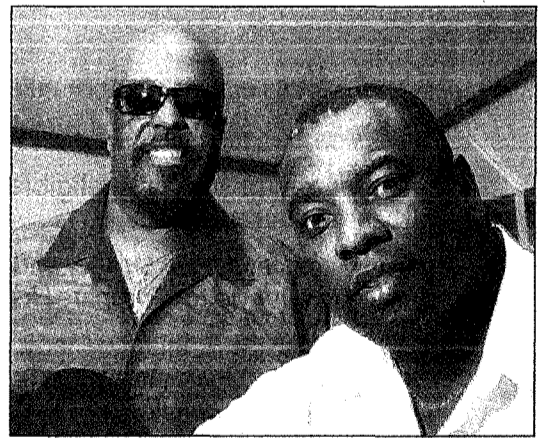
Concert tickets cost \$15 and are available at the Village Theater box office at 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton's Summit on the Park or online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Weaving blues, rock and soul into its music, Z-Man will perform its 13 songs — 10 written by Anthony, three by Carter — during a live show in which Anthony said the intensity "gets kicked up a notch."

MFTMO ... Z-Man gets its name from an unpublished story about a dimension-crossing, science-fiction character created by one of Anthony's friends, Ephraim Gate. Anthony and Carter will be joined on-stage by bassist JB3 (John Baker III), keyboardist J. Emmanuel, percussionist and cowbell extraordinaire Billie Wayne and drummer Ike Whitener. Drummer G. Davis Jr. played on the CD but isn't part of the concert.

Z-Man typically performs in venues from Detroit to Ann Arbor, including the last Canton Art Fair, and it garnered attention in March during a 288-hour music tribute to the

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Donald Louis Anthony, left, and Dan Carter are part of the Z-Man group that performs at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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Police still seek cause of Ford Road accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Canton authorities piece together what caused a Garden City driver to cross the median and hit two cars in rush-hour Ford Road traffic, one of four people has been released from a hospital, police confirmed.

The accident happened Friday evening on Ford Road near I-275, one of Canton's most accident-prone stretches of highway.

A 5-year-old Westland girl has been released from the University of Michigan Hospital, but her 30-year-old mother and 8-year-old sibling remain hospitalized, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Garden City woman who police say crossed the median also remains hospitalized after she was taken to Oakwood Hospital.

Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said Wednesday the police department's specialized accident investigation team is continuing to investigate what caused the multiple-injury accident that snarled traffic shortly after 6 p.m. on Canton's busiest thoroughfare.

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The Garden City woman was driving her car west on Ford Road when she crossed the median and struck two eastbound vehicles, Gajeski said.

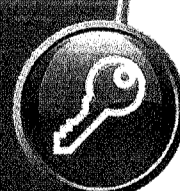
A 59-year-old woman driving the first car that was struck received only minor injuries, but a second vehicle driven by the Westland mother was hit head-on, Gajeski said.

The mother was airlifted to U-M Hospital, and her two children were taken there by ambulance. The 5-year-old girl has since been released, Gajeski said.

The Garden City driver, taken to Oakwood for serious injuries, also remains hospitalized.

Police hadn't released the identities of people involved in the accident.

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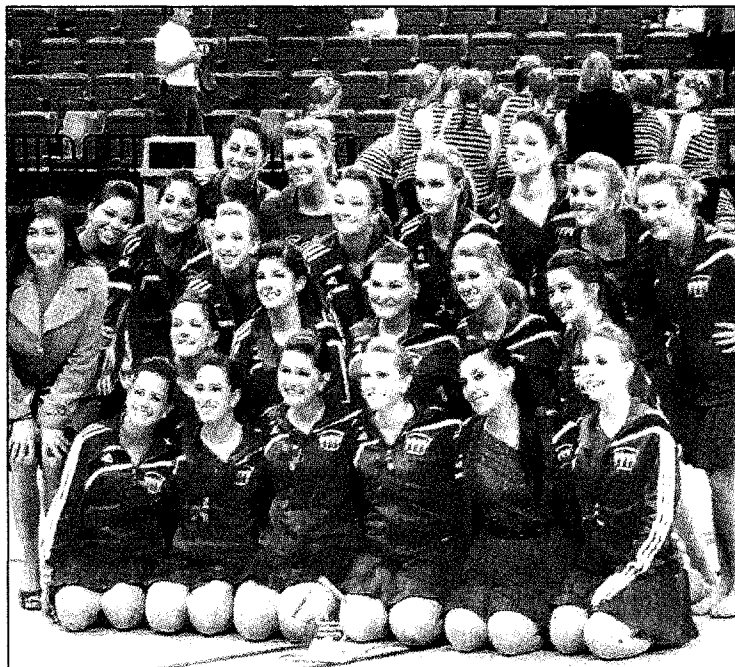
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The Varsity Salem Rockette Pom team took first place in the jazz category at the Mid-American Pom Pon Dance Championship Competition at Eastern Michigan University. The varsity team, coached by Heather Cornell, will compete in two categories Sunday in the UDA Competition. Members of the varsity include Amanda Hynes, Lexie Hotz, Kate Balsis, Shannon Cornell, Lauren Donaldson, Olivia Fuller, Michelle Hunsaker, Michelle Lent, Rachael Nosewicz, Nicole Vance, Katie Arnold, Mary-Liz Benintende, Alyssa Engle, Mary Colon, Stephanie Fogoros, Sarah Johnson, Taylor Liddane, Jenna Newman, Morgan Rice, Jessica VanOoyen and Marissa Ziegler.



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Corriveau coffee

State Representative Marc Corriveau is hosting a coffee hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 981-0200.

Passion for Fashion

Indigo Salon and Day Spa and the Village Theater present the first "Jingle Bell Benefit, Passion for Fashion" 7:30-9 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater. Passion for Fashion is dedicated to raising funds for the

Canton Goodfellows Gifts for Kids program. With your help Indigo will be able to provide over 600 children in need with the Christmas of a lifetime. Half of all proceeds received from the 2009 Jingle Bell Benefit, Passion for Fashion will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for those in need.

Businesses interested in making a donation can contact Meghan Giersdorf, Indigo Salon and Day Spa, 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton by e-mail at marketing@indigoalonanddayspa.com or by calling (734) 961-3245.

Craft show

St. Thomas a'Becket Church, located at 555 S. Lilley in Canton, is accepting applications for its annual Christmas

Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. All interested crafters should e-mail stabcraftshow@yahoo.com or call (734) 981-1333.

Historical display

A new display for the Canton Historical Society honors local past and present troops. "Canton answers the call on the battle front and home front" featuring objects and photographs helps visitors examine the lives of Canton residents as they faced difficult and immense challenges. The exhibit honors the commitment and sacrifice made in the past and continuing through the present.

The exhibit will run through Dec. 12 during museum hours Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For addition information, or for anyone who would like to loan items for the display, contact the museum at (734) 397-0088.

Doctor documentary

Audiences across the country will get a rare inside look into the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Doctors Without Borders at the Goodrich Quality Theater-Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Rd, Canton, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14.

"Living in Emergency: Stories of Doctors Without Borders LIVE with Elizabeth Vargas" is an exclusive, one-night only event, which will be broadcast via satellite from New York University's Skirball Center for the Performing Arts to thousands of Americans seated in nearly 450 movie theaters across the country. Doctors Without Borders gave a documentary crew unlimited and uncensored access to its field operations in war-torn Congo and post-conflict Liberia. The critically acclaimed documentary, "Living in Emergency," interweaves the stories of four doctors who are forced to confront the limits of their idealism in the face of overwhelming medical needs.

Following the documentary, Elizabeth Vargas, anchor of ABC News 20/20, will moderate a LIVE town-hall discussion with frontline aid workers and award-winning journalists, including Sebastian Junger, best-selling author of *The Perfect Storm* and Vanity Fair contributing editor.

To purchase tickets, visit www.FathomEvents.com/doctorswithoutborders

Reunion time

Plymouth Canton and Salem Class of 1994 is hosting its 15-year reunion 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at the Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty in Novi.

Cost is \$50. Details can be found and tickets purchased at www.pcep1994.com

For more information, contact Julie Burkett (Orleman) via e-mail at julieburkett@hotmail.com or call (734) 674-3478.

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale is selling the 2010 Entertainment Book to support its vocal scholarship program. The book contains hundreds of 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts at airlines, restaurants, hotels, car rentals, movie rentals, theater and sports events, and much more. Retail cost is \$35; your cost is \$20. Save money and support the BeckRidge Chorale.

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Walker-Winter escapes W-W school closing list

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Seven elementary schools, including Hamilton, Jefferson-Barns, Kettering, Lincoln, Madison, Patchin and Vandenburg, would be closed as part of recommendations for reconfiguring Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton escaped the list of potential closings.

The series of recommendations from the 21st Century Schools Committee, which developed the plans, will be presented to the school board at a 6 p.m. meeting Monday, Nov. 30, at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium.

The committee met as a whole Tuesday evening to go over the recommendations, which include closing seven elementary schools and revamping the elementary and middle school grade configuration.

The committee has been meeting since late June to come up with a plan to address the district's declining enrollment as well as cut expenditures in the face of shrinking revenue. Its proposal will save the district an estimated \$6 million, but that may not be enough.

"This isn't just about how to survive the financial crisis, but how we can do better," said consultant Jeff Rahmberg, who has been working with the

committee on the proposal. "It's a great opportunity for the district to look at its program and how it can deliver it better."

The district is projecting its operating deficit for 2009-10 will be close to \$11 million due to a \$292 per-pupil cut in state school aid. But there is the possibility of more cuts by executive order after the first of the year.

"That \$11 million doesn't reflect any anticipated cuts in January," district Supt. Greg Baracy said.

The committee is recommending that the district close the previously named elementary schools; Marshall and Adams middle schools would become schools for fifth- and sixth-grade students; Stevenson and Franklin would remain as middle schools for seventh- and eighth-graders.

Under the proposal, fifth- and sixth-graders from Edison, P.D. Graham, Hicks, Wildwood and the northern portion of the Walker-Winter attendance area would go on to Marshall, Stevenson and John Glenn High School. Fifth- and sixth-grade students attending Elliott, Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer and Taft-Galloway, as well as the southern portion of the Walker-Winter attendance area, would go to Adams, Franklin and finally Wayne Memorial High School.

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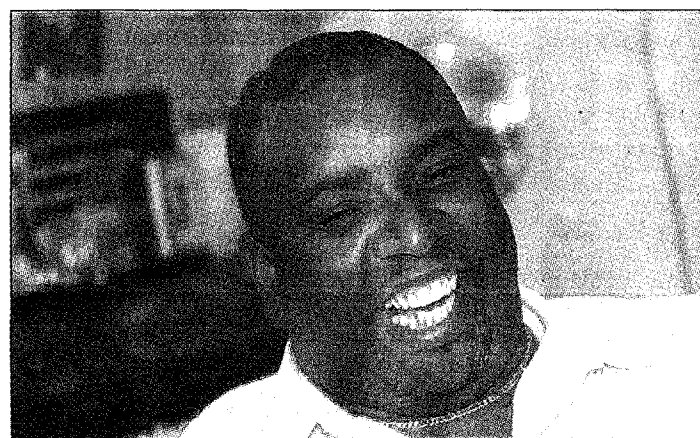
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American auto industry, performed at Ferndale's A.J.'s Music Cafe, that is going down in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Carter also drew attention a few years ago during a nationwide karaoke contest that took him from Canton to Lansing to Las Vegas, where he placed near the top among performers.

While some of Z-Man's songs strive to inspire, such as *R U Ready 4 a Miracle*, others contain a hint of humor. Anthony penned *Shelly's Song* after a woman named Shelly asked him to write a song about her, even though he reveals in the song he was actually more interested in her



Dan Carter of Canton is part of the Z-Man group, which plays the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Nov. 27.

sister, Sue.

During the live version of *Where Were You When*, Anthony said concert goers can expect to hear the band segue into the patriotic *My*

Country Tis of Thee and into a classic jazz rhythm sound before returning to the main song. He likens the band's live performances to jam bands like The Allman Brothers.

Z-Man started performing live earlier this year, and it aims to start making a name for itself by playing local festivals and concerts. For more on the band or to sample audio clips of songs, log onto www.z-mannmusic.com.

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The series of recommendations from the 21st Century Schools Committee, which developed the plans, will be presented to the school board at a 6 p.m. meeting Monday, Nov. 30, at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium.

The committee met as a whole Tuesday evening to go over the recommendations, which include closing seven elementary schools and revamping the elementary and middle school grade configuration.

The committee has been meeting since late June to come up with a plan to address the district's declining enrollment as well as cut expenditures in the face of shrinking revenue. Its proposal will save the district an estimated \$6 million, but that may not be enough.

"This isn't just about how to survive the financial crisis, but how we can do better," said consultant Jeff Rahmberg, who has been working with the

committee on the proposal. "It's a great opportunity for the district to look at its program and how it can deliver it better."

The district is projecting its operating deficit for 2009-10 will be close to \$11 million due to a \$292 per-pupil cut in state school aid. But there is the possibility of more cuts by executive order after the first of the year.

"That \$11 million doesn't reflect any anticipated cuts in January," district Supt. Greg Baracy said.

The committee is recommending that the district close the previously named elementary schools; Marshall and Adams middle schools would become schools for fifth- and sixth-grade students. Stevenson and Franklin would remain as middle schools for seventh- and eighth-graders.

Under the proposal, fifth- and sixth-graders from Edison, P.D. Graham, Hicks, Wildwood and the northern portion of the Walker-Winter attendance area would go on to Marshall, Stevenson and John Glenn High School. Fifth- and sixth-grade students attending Elliott, Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer and Taft-Galloway, as well as the southern portion of the Walker-Winter attendance area, would go to Adams, Franklin and finally Wayne Memorial High School.

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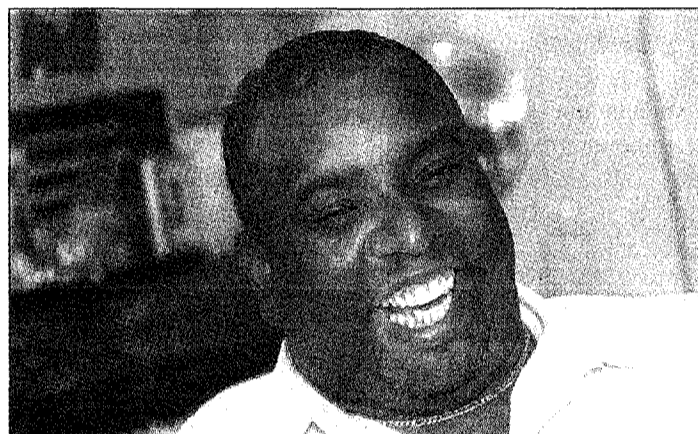
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American auto industry, performed at Ferndale's A.J.'s Music Cafe, that is going down in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Carter also drew attention a few years ago during a nationwide karaoke contest that took him from Canton to Lansing to Las Vegas, where he placed near the top among performers.

While some of Z-Man's songs strive to inspire, such as *R U Ready 4 a Miracle*, others contain a hint of humor. Anthony penned *Shelly's Song* after a woman named Shelly asked him to write a song about her, even though he reveals in the song he was actually more interested in her



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Dan Carter of Canton is part of the Z-Man group, which plays the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Nov. 27.

sister, Sue.

During the live version of *Where Were You When*, Anthony said concert goers can expect to hear the band segue into the patriotic *My*

Country Tis of Thee and into a classic jazz rhythm sound before returning to the main song. He likens the band's live performances to jam bands like The Allman Brothers.

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St. Joe's facility drawing raves as opening nears

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As St. Joseph Mercy Health System prepares Sunday to publicly unveil its new Canton facility expansion, the project is drawing accolades from township officials.

Hospital officials plan to show the Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery during an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday at 1600 S. Canton Center, just north of Palmer.

"The St. Joe's Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery is a beautiful new facility," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "We have enjoyed a long-standing relationship with St. Joe's and are excited about the wonderful new services they are bringing to the community."

St. Joseph has invested \$43 million in its Canton facility — much of it in medical technology inside the two-story, 53,000-square-foot facility. The addition marks a vast expansion of an 85,000-square-foot building that opened 11 years ago.

"It's a huge investment in the community to our health infrastructure," Community Planner Jeff Goulet said.

The facility includes a

first-floor cancer center that is expected to open in early to mid-December, ushering in services such as a state-of-the-art radiation therapy, RapidArc, that marks a first for southeast Michigan.

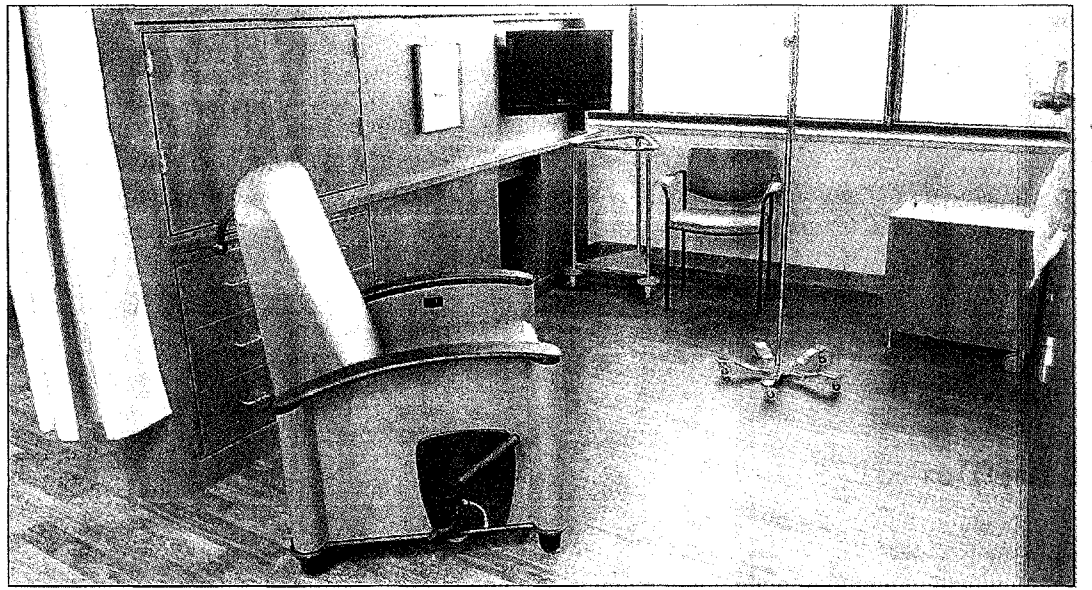
A second-floor outpatient surgery center for minimally invasive procedures is expected to open in late spring.

"Without having a full-service hospital, the expansion of medical services is important

to provide service in our backyard," Goulet said, adding that such services will become even more critical as the township demographics change and residents age.

Goulet also said the new center will make it convenient for St. Joseph patients who now have to go to Ann Arbor for outpatient surgery procedures.

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As we head into this holiday season, shoppers will start to plan their holiday gift lists, hit the stores and start shopping. Getting the most for your holiday shopping dollars this year will not only be about sticking to a budget, but managing valuable time to spend on shopping for the holidays.

Bing.com commissioned University of Washington Economist Ali Tarhouni to analyze data on consumer shopping behavior and found the time spent holiday shopping could be more valuable than you might think.

- Research reveals that an average American can expect a \$114 savings, or roughly 10 percent savings per transaction in time and material cost this holiday season by reducing the running around typically associated with holiday shopping.

- Shoppers could make an average of 5.4 trips to the mall for holiday shopping this coming season, which is equivalent to an average of \$98 for lost working productivity and approximately \$16 for gas, according to Tarhouni's research.

- A typical consumer visits an average of five stores, shops for an average of two hours and spends an average of \$150 per mall trip during the holiday season, according to a survey by Baker Retail Initiative and Verde Group Research. Conducting research by comparison shopping online before heading into stores or making purchases online can help reduce the amount of time and money spent.

Mary Hunt, personal finance expert and author of "Debt Proof Living," believes it's important to be smart in the way you approach your holiday shopping so you can avoid these hidden costs and be more productive this holiday season.

"This season it is all about value, and time is often a more precious resource than money," says Hunt. "If we consider how valuable each hour of our holiday shopping experience is, consider how much more valuable spending time with loved ones is, or volunteering at a local food bank. Shopping is about efficiency this time of year, and it's about using the tools available to make better purchasing decisions faster."

Hunt offers a few tips to help you make faster and more informed shopping decisions this holiday season:

- Use tools available online: when creating your holiday shopping plan, start online. You can organize your list, set your budget and comparison shop fast and efficiently.

Sites like Bing.com offer comprehensive user and expert reviews, and you can choose to shop entirely online, or hit the mall more empowered to find what you want in less time.

- Shop alone. Take the kids to the mall to see the holiday sights and sounds and enjoy hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls, but shop alone when you are not distracted or pressured. Shopping solo gives you the luxury to compare, contemplate and change your mind.

- Keep organized with an exclusive online shopping e-mail account and keep all receipts. Create an e-mail address that you use exclusively for online shopping. Now it will be a snap to keep all your invoices and receipts together in one place where they can be easily retrieved. Returns are always easiest when you have the receipt. Ask for "gift receipts" that do not show the dollar amounts to give to your recipient just in case the sweater doesn't fit or the color is all wrong. A stack of envelopes, each with the name of a person on your list, is the best way to stay organized.

- Shop early to take advantage of deals and free shipping. If you wait until the last moment you may spend all your savings on overnight shipping. Shop early when you have the luxury of the cheaper and slower — delivery options.

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GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

What is the hottest holiday gift-giving trend this season? It's all about getting the most bang for your buck.

"Shopping for the holidays this year is all about finding value and stretching your dollar to get the most out of your purchases," says Steve Kemble, 'America's Saggiest Lifestyle Guru' and General Growth Properties (GGP) gift-giving expert. "Knowing the secrets to finding the best deals and creating a successful shopping strategy will get you the most value as you shop for family and friends this holiday season."

To help make your holiday shopping experience a success, Kemble offers his top tips for a foolproof holiday shopping plan:

Tip 1: Subscribe to your local mall's e-mail list

Be the first to find out about the hottest deals by joining the e-mail list of your local mall. By adding yourself to these lists, you may be alerted of upcoming sales, or even receive special coupons or invitations to shopping events or promotions. Visit www.MerryGiving.com to find your local GGP mall Web site and register to receive exclusive news, retail offers and much more.

Tip 2: Buy early and late

Be a savvy shopper and buy gifts throughout the year when you find a good sale. By planning ahead and crossing some items off your list before the holidays, you can avoid feeling pressured into last-minute purchases and find a few gifts during late-season sales when some stores offer deeper discounts.

Tip 3: Buy last year's model

Skip the lines and the steep prices by buying last year's models on electronics that have likely seen up to 30 percent price cuts. Today's cutting-edge technological advancements in Mp3 players and digital cameras don't come cheap, so carefully consider the added value they offer. Do your research and find out if those extra pixels or special features are essential for the person you are shopping for. If you pay close attention, you

may find that last year's model does 95 percent of the things that this year's model does, but at 70 percent of the price.

Tip 4: Comparison shop

Being organized is crucial to developing a successful holiday shopping strategy. Start a list of items you need to purchase and watch for ads in the newspaper, on television, and in your mall subscription alerts starting in early November. Then make your purchases whenever you find the best deals or most compelling promotions. For example, participating GGP malls all over the country are offering special retail offers on Thanksgiving weekend, including \$10 GGP Gift Cards with qualifying purchases, and free holiday "Mistle-Tote" giveaways full of retailer goodies, while supplies last. Check out www.MerryGiving.com for more event information.

Tip 5: Find value in the season's hottest gifts

Finally, once you have planned the perfect the holiday shopping strategy, keep your eyes open for these hot holiday gifts that can offer great value. Eco-chic is in now more than ever, and many gifts put a hip spin on being environmentally friendly by using renewable materials that are both functional and eco-responsible. For the techie on your list, smart phones are the do-it-all tool that keeps families connected with each other and the rest of the world. The latest smart phone technology is more affordable than ever - even free with a new contract or group plan - and available across a variety of carriers. Finally, for your fashionista friend, remember that high fashion doesn't necessarily have to come with a high price tag. Give big, bold accessories that make a stylish statement without breaking the bank.

To find more ways to get the most value out of the holidays log on to www.MerryGiving.com where you can explore details of exclusive shopping events, retailer sales, and a special partnership with Martha Stewart Living magazine, all taking place at participating GGP malls across the country.

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Great season, tough ending for hometown marchers

BY DIANE HANSON
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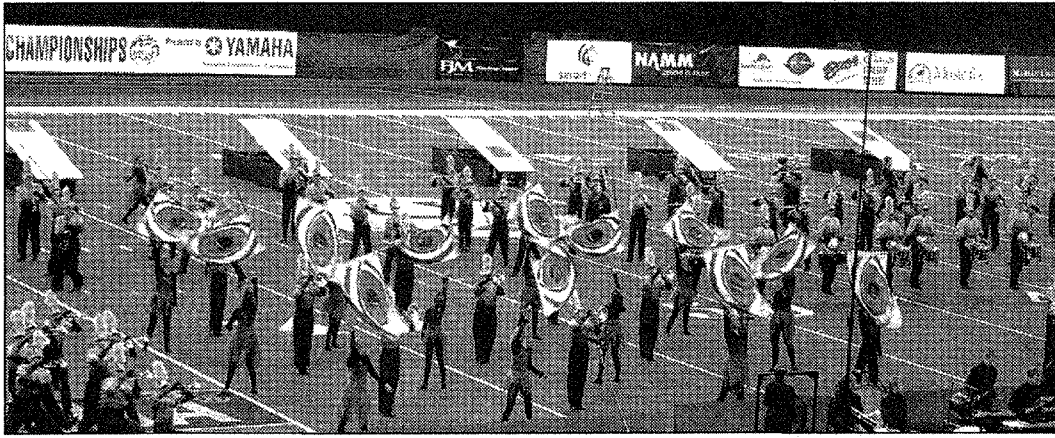
After a stellar in-state season of first-place trophies, culminating in the highest score of all 40 high school marching bands at the Michigan Competing Marching Band State Finals, and a second-place Bands of America Regional finish, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band took 13th at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium Saturday, very narrowly missing placement in the top 12 finalist bands.

"This was a little shock to us," admitted David Armbruster, director of bands at the Park. "They have definitely come a long way this year. They got 10 times better this week alone, but this is the most competitive nationals we've had in easily 20 years. The good thing is that everything is a learning experience. I told them I was very proud of them."

After a spectacular preliminary performance of their show, "Beneath the Surface," on Friday netted them a score of 91.35 and placed them sixth among the top 30 high school marching bands in the nation, narrowed from a field of 91, an early draw for their semi-finals performance Saturday had the 170-member hometown team rising at 5 a.m. and performing at 9:30 a.m. with just the basic warm-ups, but no run-through.

Band members and staff realized the second performance wasn't at the same level as the first.

"In the prelims, we really knocked it out, but Saturday



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band delivered a crowd-pleasing performance of their innovative and eerily entertaining competition program, 'Beneath the Surface,' based on the writings of Edgar Allan Poe, at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in the Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium.



Trumpet player William Garcia warms up before the P-CMB semifinals performance at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in the Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium Saturday.

was a little different," said senior drum major Caroline Williams. "There were a couple of mistakes. Those things happen and you can't change things."

Even so, the average of the two scores from prelims and semi-finals (86.45) would have given the P-CMB a ninth-place overall. But placements for finals are based on semi-final scores alone, landing them in

the 13th slot.

P-CMB has never placed lower than 15th at the Grand Nationals, winning the championship title in 1990, 1991, and 1999. This year three other Michigan bands also made semi-finals, but no Michigan bands advanced to finals.

In spite of the disappointment of not making it into the finalist bands this year, the Plymouth-Canton Band made

it a point to cheer on those who did.

"Band is a great thing," said senior flutist Alex Rodriguez. "And we all have so much in common - we all pour our hearts and souls into these shows. And even though our band can't personally be out there competing in finals, it's wonderful to support people like us who work as hard as we do. Even though I would love to be out there, I have nothing but well wishes for these bands. I'm very, very proud of them."

Many of the P-CMB parents, who provide a tremendous amount of support through the booster organization - building props, sewing and washing uniforms, and fund-raising among other things - were in those Colts' bleachers cheering as well.

"We were disappointed for them," said Sharon Hardin of the hometown marchers. Her daughter Cassie is a senior in the guard this year. "But, at the same time, we're glad for the other bands. It was a really strong field this year."



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Rifles fly high as the Plymouth-Canton guard section practices maneuvers while the saxophone section, including from right, Erin Zaluzec, Justine Williams, and Grace Wine warm up before their semifinals performance Saturday at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis.

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Bond performance provides good bang for the buck

Work has begun on the last big project to be paid for with funds from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' 2004 bond.

And while crews are renovating the front of Salem High School, using what is now the courtyard to ultimately create needed classroom space, a thought occurs to us.

The district got a pretty good bang for its \$109 million buck.

The Salem courtyard renovation project was the 25th bid package put out under the bond. With each package came 3-5 projects, which puts the total number of projects around 100, give or take a few.

Work was done on 26 of the district's buildings, and every building except one built before 2000 had renovation work of some sort done on it. The lone exception is Central Middle School, which district officials agree has outlived its usefulness as a school. The district has reconvened its Strategic Planning Committee, and the Central Middle School issue will be near the top of its priority list.

The performance under the auspices of the 2004 bond represents a confluence of efforts from administrators - primarily assistant superintendent Ken Jacobs - and construction managers at both TMP and McCarthy & Smith. According to district officials, every project came in on time and under budget, an amazing accomplishment considering the economy, the nature of the work, Michigan weather and human nature.

Don't think it's impressive? Ask Ann Arbor school officials, who had a host of problems getting its new Skyline High School up and running some two years later than originally projected.

That's not to say everything went smoothly. There were problems at West Middle School with issues relating to concrete. There were issues at the administration building with the quality of materials being used. There were weather issues, particularly a rainy August that left, for instance, a problem not-so-lovingly dubbed "Lake Gallimore" in front of Gallimore Elementary, where a new bus entrance/exit was being installed.

Despite those issues, district officials also hang their hat on the bond creating something woefully missing these days, especially in Michigan: Jobs. According to McCarthy & Smith officials, the 2004 bond created some 760,000 manhours of labor, employing some 50 people a day.

Plymouth-Canton board members and administrators have had plenty of financial issues with which to deal lately. They've made some \$20 million worth of cuts the last eight years or so, and it still won't be good enough because the state can't get its financial act together.

The district has its critics, who think the estimated \$8 million the district saved by being on time and under budget so much should have gone back into the budget, rather than into more projects.

But officials knew there was work needed around the district they might not ever have the money to accomplish. Having seen bond proposals rejected in 2006 and 2007, they understand voters aren't necessarily in an approving mood.

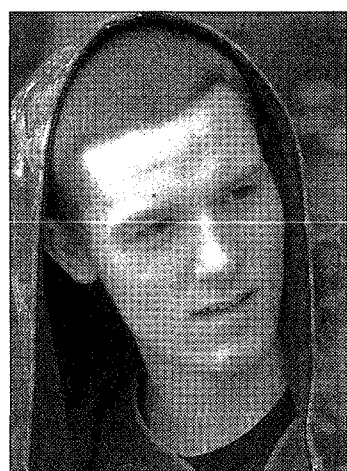
They also look at the economy, understand the financial situation and don't wish to burden their residents with another bond.

But they also understood their buildings had infrastructure needs, and by taking care of those needs with savings realized in the 2004 bond, administrators have put the vast majority of their buildings in good shape for the next 15-20 years.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Why do you think turnout is low for local elections, such as the school board?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



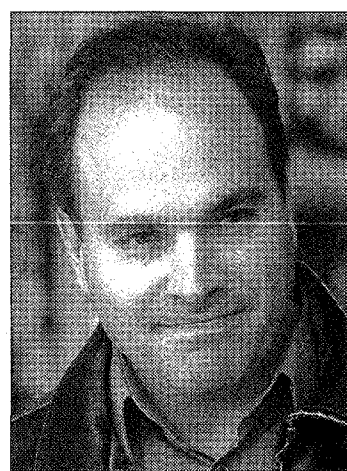
"I think because the government doesn't care about us like they should, so why should we vote. If they don't care, why should we?"

Jeffrey Barton
Monroe



"Because people aren't as involved anymore. With local government, they feel distant. They feel it's unimportant."

Marko Harbar
Canton



"We should have the election on a Sunday when more people don't have to work."

Peter Theodorakakos
Canton



"I think people just aren't educated about the issues, and they don't feel like their vote makes a difference."

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A fine example of some political hack wasting \$32,000, plus the cost of her salary.

The young man's quote, "It does sound a lot easier sometimes," he said, noting that it should help emergency personnel find locations as well.

Besides being uninformed, his comment is downright scary. Does it mean if I don't have a colored flag in front of my home, I'll die in the flames?

After spending many hundreds of thousands of dollars to put up new lighting in the area, alas, they hang junk on them.

Narrowing a search for a business down to a quarter-mile stretch on both sides of Ford Road isn't too helpful.

Len Roberts
Canton

Useless walls

After reading the article in the Nov. 12 paper about a trimmed budget for Canton and where the painful trimming was taken, I'm wondering where money allocated for the four walls on the I-275 and Ford Road intersection came from.

Does Canton really need more walls? Isn't every intersection on Ford Road and other places in the township enough? I'm all for my tax money being used for police protection or fire protection, but beautification such as brick walls and streetlights by the hundreds should be left up to the taxpayers of this great township and not the elected officials.

Let's start to be a place that shows we are smart in the way we use our tax dollars to run our community and think it out before building more useless walls.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

Legion thanks

Wednesday, Nov. 11, was a beautiful fall day that reminded us of the blessing of living in this area, in this free country. At 11 a.m., the Veterans Memorial Park in Plymouth was the perfect background for the remembering and commemorating all veterans, past and present, who made, and continue to make, the sacrifices that enable the rest of us to enjoy this great life. We cannot thank them enough!

Earlier in the day, our group was honored to cook and serve breakfast to more than 60 people. Many veterans and their friends and families enjoyed the opportunity to eat, talk and do lots of reminiscing. This was our way of saying thank you to them.

We especially want to thank Bob Evans of Canton (on Ford Road) for again donating the pancake mix, sausages and other needed items for the breakfast. Their generous participation is very helpful to our organization.

We also want to thank our friends and families who got up very early that day to come and help do the cooking and then stayed to clean up!

We hope that you join us next year - same time, same place. We meet at the IOOF Hall on Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail the third Monday of the month. It's a great group with a great cause.

If you want more information, please call (734) 459-1778.

Euнице Taylor
American Legion Auxiliary

Put families first

I am a pediatrician and a mother, living and working in Thaddeus McCotter's district. While I fully expected that Rep. McCotter would not vote for the health reform bill, I did not expect that he would vote "yes" on the other health care proposal considered that day.

This health care plan, known as "the Boehner substitute," was clearly not written in the best interests of improving the quality of health care in this country. Rather, this proposal was cleverly drafted to best serve the needs of the insurance industry.

According to the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office which looked into this bill, eight out of 10 Americans would only see a 3-percent drop in insurance premiums under the best-case scenario and thousands of uninsured and underinsured families would receive no help whatsoever.

Fortunately, a health care reform bill passed without the assistance of Rep. McCotter's vote, but this is only the first act in a three-act play. Next the health care reform bill will move to the Senate for debate before finally heading to the conference committee to work out the differences between the successful House reform bill and what ultimately clears the U.S. Senate. As a doctor, I won't pretend to know exactly how to fix every problem with our current system, but I do know we just can't ignore these problems any longer. We all need a health care reform bill to hit President Obama's desk.

As a doctor, I talk to families every day who have suffered from the effect that this economy has had on their ability to keep health insurance. I recently spoke with a young family who is struggling to continue making Cobra payments since the husband was laid off from his job. His wife continues to work full time, but her job doesn't offer health insurance and she has a "pre-existing condition." Even though their monthly Cobra payments are higher than their mortgage payment, this young family simply cannot afford to miss an insurance payment. Under the reform plan that passed the House, the days of families choosing between health care and a roof over their heads will come to an end.

Another patient, a laid-off auto worker, is struggling to care for his son, who was recently diagnosed with autism. I lose sleep when I think that both mom and dad now work as many hours as they can get at part-time jobs that, of course, do not provide health insurance. While they feel lucky to have work, they simply can't afford the therapy their beautiful 2-year-old boy really needs given their underemployment situation.

I, as a mother, doctor and citizen, am very concerned that during these trying times my representative seems to be working in direct opposition to the needs of the working families in my neighborhood. This behavior on his part is nothing short of irresponsible. As this process moves forward, I hope that my neighbors, patients and friends will join with me in urging Rep. McCotter to put families first and stop playing politics with our health care.

Kathryn Bondy Fessler, M.D., Ph.D.
staff physician, Integrated Health Associates
research fellow, University of Michigan

Hospice month

We seek your help in letting your readers know about National Hospice Month and, more importantly, about the services available to them from their local hospices.

Sponsored by both the National Hospice & Palliative Care and Michigan Hospice & Palliative Care Organizations, this special month pays tribute to hospice providers, who are dedicated to providing physical, spiritual and emotional support to terminally ill patients; it also serves as a means of increasing public awareness about the available choices in end-of-life care.

As you may know, Arbor Hospice is a 501(c) not-for-profit organization committed to improving end of life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life for people dying in southeast Michigan, and taking care of their loved ones as well. As a nonprofit, they also provide free grief support services to the community at large.

Health care professionals who specialize in hospice and palliative care work closely with staff and volunteers to address all the symptoms of illness, with the aim of promoting comfort and dignity.

Please help us spread the word about National Hospice Month and raise public awareness of the great support services provided by Arbor Hospice, which serves patients in Wayne, Oakland, Monroe, Washtenaw, Lenawee and Livingston counties and has offices in Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Woodhaven.

If you have any questions about National Hospice Month, hospice services or would like to make a donation to Arbor Hospice, please call (888) 992-2273 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

Gloria Danna Brooks
president and CEO, Arbor Hospice

Hope for the hurting

It was a time of shock, shame and secret for me when I lost my teenaged nephew to suicide in the 1980s. Back then, I shared the nature of my loss with few friends and fewer co-workers.

Working now with the professionals I've come to know in the last year and a half as a staff member at Angela Hospice, it's good to know such wonderful resources are available for those who need them.

Each day I hear family members share stories of how the social workers, volunteers and bereavement staff have helped them through the most challenging weeks and months of their lives. Last year at our Children's Holiday Workshop, I was impressed with the straightforward and direct way the pediatric bereavement specialist spoke to children about loss. Like many of our events, including the Walk of Remembrance and Tree of Life, the workshop proved to be cathartic and perhaps a stepping stone to one's healing process. Angela Hospice was the second hospice in the country to offer a prenatal program, and I can't imagine any other way to survive such a loss.

Here in metro Detroit, I recognize I am fortunate not only to have a job, but to have such meaningful work in an atmosphere that contributes to the healing and well-being of its community's most basic need - hope - is truly a blessing.

Barb Iovan
Livonia

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

• In response to the story "Canton OKs \$40k for road service":

MikeAndro wrote:

"I applaud Trustee Pat Williams for voting against subsidizing Wayne County to the tune of \$40,000 to plow roads the county is responsible for maintaining. The fact that the county has received this misappropriation of Canton Township funds for 17 years shows how easily the county can shirk its legal duties. This is one of the very reasons I ran for Trustee last year. The days of Canton being "the nice guy" who will financially cover for the "sorry we have no money" county has to stop! I am more than just holding my nose over this bad decision by the board."

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Cell phones for Soldiers

Nationwide effort keeps troops connected

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
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When Patt Carlson heard about Cell Phones for Soldiers, she immediately wanted to get involved. The nationwide program collects used cell phones and turns them into pre-paid calling cards for troops overseas.

"I thought it was a cool idea," said Carlson. "I just thought it was a wonderful effort."

Carlson is director of operations for Pogoda Management Co., a Farmington Hills-based business that manages 34 storage units throughout Michigan and Ohio. Each location will collect cell phones through December, and Carlson said the donation boxes are already more than half full.

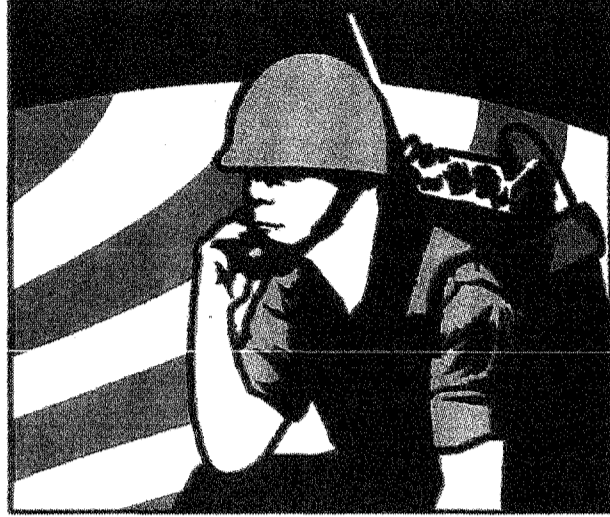
She said the self-storage facilities are a natural fit for the program, because customers are often moving or downsizing and sorting through all their stuff.

"It's amazing how many phones people throw away," she said. "I went through my drawer and found three."

Old cell phones may seem obsolete next to shiny new iPhones and Blackberries, but they are actually loaded with value. Each donated cell phone is sent for recycling to ReCellular, an international company based in Dexter.

According to ReCellular's Mike Newman, about half the phones are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the world. The rest are harvested for components like gold, silver and plati-

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num from circuit boards; copper wiring from phone chargers; nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs; and plastic from phone cases and accessories.

For each donated phone, ReCellular pays enough to provide a soldier with one hour of talk time.

YOUNG FOUNDERS

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Berquist of Norwell, Mass., after they read an article about a soldier who ran up a huge cell phone bill calling home from Iraq. The siblings started the non-profit using \$21 of their own money, and it has since raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 pre-paid calling cards to soldiers abroad.

Through increased fund-raising efforts, the Berquist family hopes to raise more than \$9 million in the next five years and expand into providing other services such as video phones.

More than 150,000 troops are currently serving overseas, and Carlson said it's especially important to help them stay connected with loved ones during the holidays.

"Our troops are representing all of us so we should support them," she said.

Visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com to find a drop-off site near you, or to print materials and create your own collection box. You can also download a cell phone data eraser, pre-paid shipping labels and donation receipts.

IKEA

CANTON - IKEA Social Initiative will donate \$1 to UNICEF and Save the Children for each soft toy sold during some weeks leading up to the holiday season. IKEA has donated \$16.7 million since launching the effort in 2003. Visit www.ikea.com for more information.

Holiday Food Drive

LIVONIA - Santa Claus is doling out some extra credit this holiday season to good boys and girls of all ages who bring the gift of non-perishable food to Laurel Park Place during November and December. Laurel Park Place is teaming up with Santa and his elves to collect food and financial donations for City of Livonia and Wayne County's neediest families. As part of Santa Feeds America, the largest nationwide canned food drive ever conducted by a shopping center developer, Laurel Park Place is joining more than 80 CBL properties across the country to collect non-perishable food for distribution to through local food banks. Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan will use all donations to provide for those in need during the holidays and into 2010. For more information, visit CBL's Web site, www.cblproperties.com or LaurelParkPlace.com.

Coat Collection Efforts

WESTLAND - The Lands' End Shop at Sears in Westland Center is among Lands' End locations participating in the Big Warm Up, a nationwide initiative to collect coats for those in need across the country. Through Nov. 30 donate a gently used coat to Lands' End Shops at Sears, and receive 20 percent off the purchase of a new Lands' End coat. All donated coats will be given to the National Coalition for the Homeless for distribution to homeless people near communities where they are collected. Land's End Shops are also

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located inside Sears at Twelve Oaks Mall and Livonia Mall. Visit www.bigwarmup.com or www.landsend.com.

WEST BLOOMFIELD - For 18 years, Tapper's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry has collected new and used coats and accoutrements to help individuals who cannot afford warm clothing through Michigan's harsh winter. This year, other tenants at Orchard Mall also will join the effort. Through Nov. 21, donate coats and cold-weather clothing at Maria's Bridal Couture, Yoga Shelter, Frameable Faces Photography, Eleganza Boutique, Guys N Gals, Gotta Dance, Massage Envy, The Beauty Lounge, Nancy's Linens and Toys! Toys! Toys!. Donations go to various organizations, including Orchards Children's Services, Baldwin Church Center, Grace Centers for Hope, Kids Kicking Cancer, Mercy Health Services and the Detroit Public Schools. Orchard Mall is located at Maple and Orchard Lake Roads.

Buckle Opens at Twelve Oaks

NOVI - in time for the holidays, Twelve Oaks is proud to announce the addition of the fashion-forward clothing retailer Buckle to its diverse lineup of nearly 200 stores and services. Offering a unique mix of high-quality, on-trend apparel, accessories and footwear, Buckle caters to style-conscious young men and women who seek to express their individuality through fashion. Reflecting Buckle's focus on helping

guests find their favorite jeans, the store carries a wide selection of fits, styles and finishes from leading denim brands, including their exclusive brand BKE. Buckle is also known for its personalized attention, including free hemming, free gift-wrapping, easy layaway and frequent shopper "Primo Cards." Visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.

New Art Gallery Opens

LIVONIA - The Art Gallery at Town Peddler, Livonia's newest art gallery and showplace, recently held its grand opening. Located within Town Peddler Craft and Antique Mall at 35323 Plymouth Road, The Art Gallery at Town Peddler features works from top local artists with a wide range of styles, media and prices. For more information, call owner Brenda Bumgardner or visit www.townpeddler.com.

Walk of Trees

PLYMOUTH - Reservations are now being taken for the 2009 Walk of Trees. Any resident, group or business is welcome to sponsor and decorate their own Christmas tree in Kellogg Park. Organizations, businesses, Scout troops and families will decorate their trees Nov. 20-22, which will remain on display through Dec. 30. Trees can be reserved for \$75 each. Each tree will be covered in 200 white lights and will be randomly assigned. The fee includes the cost of the tree, lights, signage, disposal fee and other City costs. Call (734) 453-1540 to reserve your tree.

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Westland resident Sally Looney points out her mother's name on the 2008 Tree of Life as friend Josephine Giurlanda, also of Westland, looks on.

Tree of Life provides unique holiday tradition

For many shoppers who frequent Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the Angela Hospice Tree of Life is a sight they instantly recognize.

The annual Tree of Life offers individuals the chance to remember and honor their loved ones during the holidays by placing angel ornaments on the trees when they make a donation to Angela Hospice.

For Maureen Mullins, it is not only the beautiful trees

and lighted display that are familiar, but the thousands of names that grace the little gold angels. Mullins works in medical records at Angela Hospice and has talked with countless family members of the many patients whose charts she has processed.

"Being in medical records, I see every name that comes through here," said Mullins, a hospice volunteer. Tree of Life has become a tradition for

her own family, just as it is a tradition for many in the community.

"It is interesting to see the names of patients I recognize from many, many years ago," she said. "Their families still pay tribute to them by putting an ornament on the tree. It is almost overwhelming to see."

Many Angela Hospice supporters visit the Tree of Life each year and attend the opening ceremony, open to every-

one in the community as well. This year's opening took place Saturday. The Tree of Life is located inside Laurel Park, near the Von Maur store.

"I think it's a happy way of remembering people," Mullins said. "People associate losing someone with angels, and it's a way of remembering the people they've lost in a public way, to show they meant something to someone."

Last year more than 4,000 angels decorated the seven trees at Laurel Park Place, each angel representing someone who is loved and thought of at this special time of year. Mullins noted how the Tree of Life has grown in the years she has been involved, and it has become more meaningful to her own family as well.

Mullins helps to set up the display with her husband and daughter, along with other Angela Hospice volunteers. She also takes the opportunity to hang angels in memory of her loved ones, including her father and godmother who were both served by Angela Hospice.

"When we started this event 22 years ago, we couldn't have imagined it growing into what it is today," said Sister Mary Giovanni, president, CEO and founder of Angela Hospice. "I am pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for people to do something special for their loved ones, even those that are no longer with us. I am moved and grateful that so many people take this time to support Angela Hospice programs as well."

The Tree of Life will be on display during mall hours through Dec. 24. For more information on the Tree of Life, contact Angela Hospice events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045 or visit www.AskForAngela.com.



Maureen Mullins holds the angel ornaments dedicated to her father and godmother for the Angela Hospice Tree of Life.

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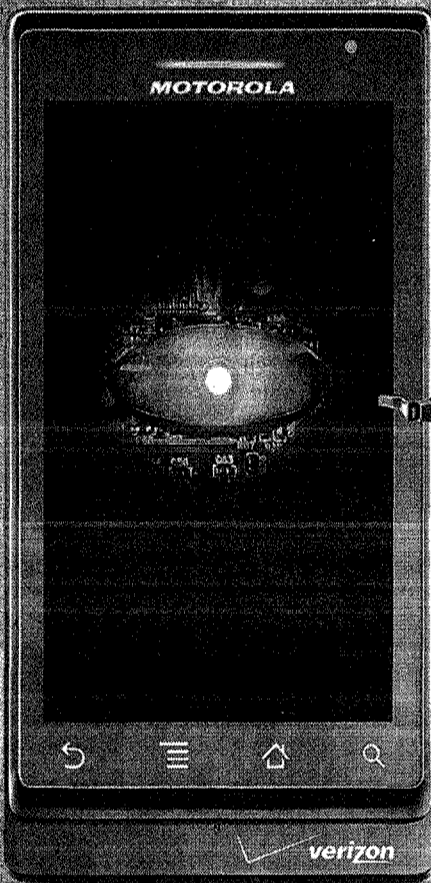
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Stress-free holiday cooking - Food, B10

Try to top that

The pigskin tumbled through the air, meeting a brisk wind, toward the uprights.

With time running out in the fourth quarter of Saturday's thrilling Division 1 regional football final between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, thousands held their breaths to see where the ball would land.

The undefeated Shamrocks and Tim Baechler's amazing Chiefs were knotted 24-24

— likely to the shock of the Catholic Central side of the stadium — when Canton senior Alex Dixon tried to nail a game-winning 47-yard field goal.

Almost traveling in slow motion as everybody waited to find out the outcome of Dixon's kick, the football soared — then dipped — finally falling in the end zone a few yards short of the ultimate target.

Moments later in overtime, Catholic Central scored and Canton didn't. Final, 31-24. Season over for the Chiefs, just when it looked as though it might be extended to the dismay of Blue Nation.

Dixon might have fared better had the Shamrocks' defense not found an answer just in the nick of time. His field-goal try easily could have been shorter and more makeable.

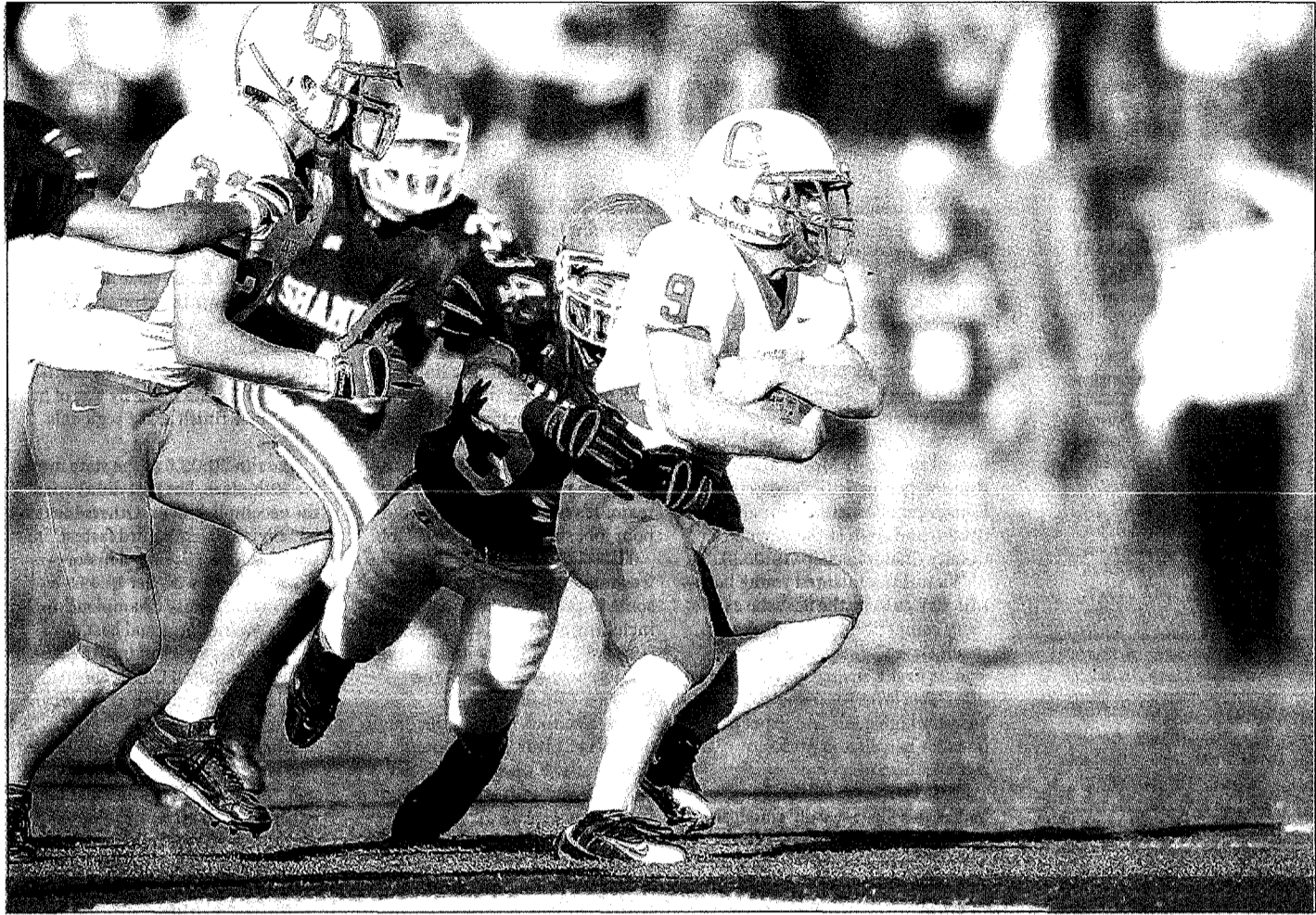
Canton survived a wide-to-the-left field goal try at the other end and then had more than four minutes to go for broke. Most pundits predicted an easy win for CC; it was far from that as the Chiefs bounced back with a vengeance all afternoon.

For example, twice after the Shamrocks scored, a Canton player broke less for TDs on the very first play of the subsequent series.

NOT ENOUGH

In absolute crunch time, the Chiefs moved crisply. It was first-and-10 at the CC 26

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Grabbing hold of Canton senior running back Adam Payter (No. 9) during the final possession of the fourth quarter Saturday is Catholic Central's Diaz Benjamin.

Chiefs nearly shock Shamrocks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With blue-clad fans sitting on one side of the field and red-clad fans on the other, the buzz in the air for Saturday's Division 1 regional football game between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central couldn't have been any better.

It's too bad only one team could win. For those spectators, the afternoon tilt turned out to be a real treat with the Shamrocks dodging a major Canton bullet late in regulation and going on to win 31-24 in overtime.

Catholic Central will next face Holt 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Everett in a DI semifinal.

"I'm so proud of our guys," said Chiefs' head coach Tim Baechler. "Both teams just played great, both teams deserved to win. There's no loser today."

Echoing those sentiments was Catholic Central's Tom Mach, who watched his team score three touchdowns only to have the Chiefs immediately answer with six-pointers each time.

"I wasn't surprised that they (the Chiefs) kept coming back because they've got great athletes and they did a great job of constantly rebounding," Mach said. "Every time we scored, they scored. It kind of ended up being a classic battle for 48 minutes."

The back-and-forth contest was tied 24-24 after Catholic Central's Justin D'Agostino missed a field goal, giving the



Breaking up a Catholic Central pass intended for junior tight end George Darany (No. 86) is Canton junior defensive back Ryan Powell.

Chiefs a first down from their own 20 with 4:12 remaining.

Canton (10-2) then silenced the Catholic Central fans by moving down to the Shamrocks' 26-yard line with 1:30 to go.

Senior running back Adam Payter, who gained 174 yards in 16 carries, moved the chains with runs of 13, 12 and six yards. Quarterback Kevin Delapaz also com-

pleted a 15-yard toss to Ryan Powell.

ANSWERING THE CALL

But that's where the Shamrocks' defense met the challenge, pushing the Chiefs back to the 30-yard line.

"They played good defense," said junior running back Davion Stackhouse (103

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SIDELINES

WSJFL Super Bowl

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers' freshmen squad gave it their all Sunday. But the team lost 26-12 to the Lake Area Hawks in the Western Suburban Junior Football League freshman Super Bowl.

Despite the loss at the Dearborn Redskins-hosted game, the Steelers finished 10-1 and captured the WSJFL Division A championship and — as did all of the Steelers teams this fall (varsity, junior varsity, freshmen) — proudly represented their organization with sportsmanship and dedication, noted a team spokesman.

In the Super Bowl, the Steelers were buoyed by the running of Aaron Brazelton and Dylan Stackhouse, the latter who scored the season's final touchdown.

Offensive lineman David Dart Jr. anchored the front line to help the tailbacks find ample running room.

Defensively, Jared Golles had a great game with several huge tackles and Luke Walkley did an awesome job on the line.

For more about youth football, please look inside today's *Observer*.

Coaches, please call

It's getting close to the winter season of high school sports, believe it or not.

Coaches or their assistants are asked to supply recaps of games, meets and matches (win or lose, home or away) to help spotlight the accomplishments of deserving student-athletes at Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Plymouth Christian Academy.

To do so, please e-mail *Observer* sports editor Tim Smith (tsmith@hometownlife.com) or leave him detailed messages at (313) 222-2637. Deadlines are Tuesday nights for the Thursday paper and Friday nights for the Sunday edition.

Scouts love Seguin

Plymouth Whalers scoring sensation Tyler Seguin is ranked at the top of Ontario Hockey League prospects in the latest ranking by NHL Central Scouting, according to NHL.com.

Seguin jumped to the head of the class thanks to outstanding numbers so far this season. The speedy, playmaking forward is second in the league with 19 goals and fourth with 36 points in just 18 games. He is expected to return this week after missing several games due to an injury.

"Tyler Seguin has had a great start to the season," Central Scouting's Chris Edwards told *NHL.com*. "He has been producing and playing consistently well. He makes things happen every time he is on the ice and he makes his teammates better."

Senior Olympics

The Michigan Senior Olympics are three months away, but it's not too early to start getting in shape.

Event organizers are looking for athletes 50 years and over to compete and enjoy the camaraderie and challenge that the MSO has to offer. It's a good time to chase away the winter blues and have some wintertime fun. The 2010 Michigan Senior Olympics are scheduled for Jan. 25-27 at various venues in Oakland County. The registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 14.

The games feature the snow sports of Alpine skiing, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Badminton, pickleball, weight lifting, bocce ball and dancesport are the other scheduled events.

Visit www.michiganseniorympics.org, or call (800) 400-8161 for more information.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ashley Micek of Salem is shown swimming at the recent KLAAs tournament. She is one of an impressive contingent qualifying for the Division 1 state meet from the three Plymouth-Canton high schools.

PCEP girls set for ultimate splash

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be quite a contingent from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park on hand in Holland, Mich., on Friday when the Division 1 girls swim state meet begins.

The preliminaries are slated for Friday at the Holland Community Aquatic Center with swimmers pushing to continue to Saturday's proceedings.

For example, KLAAs South Division co-champions Plymouth and Salem will send a combined 12 swimmers.

Seven will make the trip for Plymouth, representing the largest group in Wildcats history

— four of them competing in four events. "It's the first time we've ever been able to send all three relays to the meet," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "We're hoping to swim fast and have fun, breaking more school records in the process."

The trip to Holland culminates a solid season for the Wildcats.

"We've had success this year because the girls are willing to accept coaching even though many of them come from different clubs," said Schade.

His Wildcats finished with a second-place record of 4-1 in the South but caught Canton

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Hats off to Myles: Whalers win big

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A natural hat trick by forward Myles McCauley Saturday night couldn't have come at a better time for the Plymouth Whalers, who have been limping along without injured Tyler Seguin.

McCauley tallied the first three goals of the Whalers' contest against Kitchener, sparking a 5-1 victory before a sellout crowd at Compuware Arena. He also set up another goal.

"Last night we only got one goal and the other team played pretty good," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, referring to a 2-1 loss to Guelph Friday night. "But yeah, we were looking for more offense from other guys."

Seguin — among OHL scoring leaders with 36 points — missed his fourth game Saturday due to a hip pointer. Although he is expected back later this week, the team was glad to see McCauley step up with

the first hat trick of his career.

"That's a lot of scoring, so when you lose him (Seguin) that's the majority of our offense," McCauley said. "I just felt really good, had a good night sleep last night and had a good pre-game. I felt great tonight."

GOOD IMPRESSION

Another plus for Plymouth (13-9-0-0) was the sturdy goaltending of Minnesota (NHL) property Matt Hackett. He made 34 saves, all with Wild goalie coach Bob Mason in attendance at Compuware.

"I know the Minnesota goalie coach was here and some of the other scouts," Vellucci said. "So he put on a good show for them."

Hackett said he saw Mason after Thursday's contest at Windsor, when the netminder stopped 45 of 48 shots in a 4-2 defeat (the fourth goal was an empty netter).

"He was actually at the

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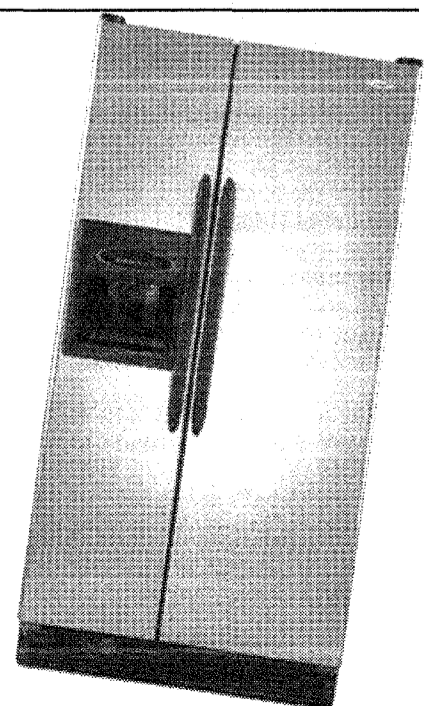
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Thanksgiving Day service

■ 10 a.m., Nov. 26 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This service will be a wonderful celebration of heritage of freedom. Dr. Jerry Smith, former Director of Music at Ward Church, will conduct the Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Teen Choir and guest musicians in "Battle Hymn of the Republic. Invite your family and friends to launch the holiday season in prayerful thanksgiving and song. Child care provided through age 4. For more information call Lillian Mobley at (248) 374-5928.

■ Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have a special service of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m., Nov. 26. The sermon theme will be: "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat." For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

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Advent service

Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will hold midweek Advent services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 and 16. Each service is 45 minutes long and is intended to help people prepare for Christ's coming. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

Breakfast

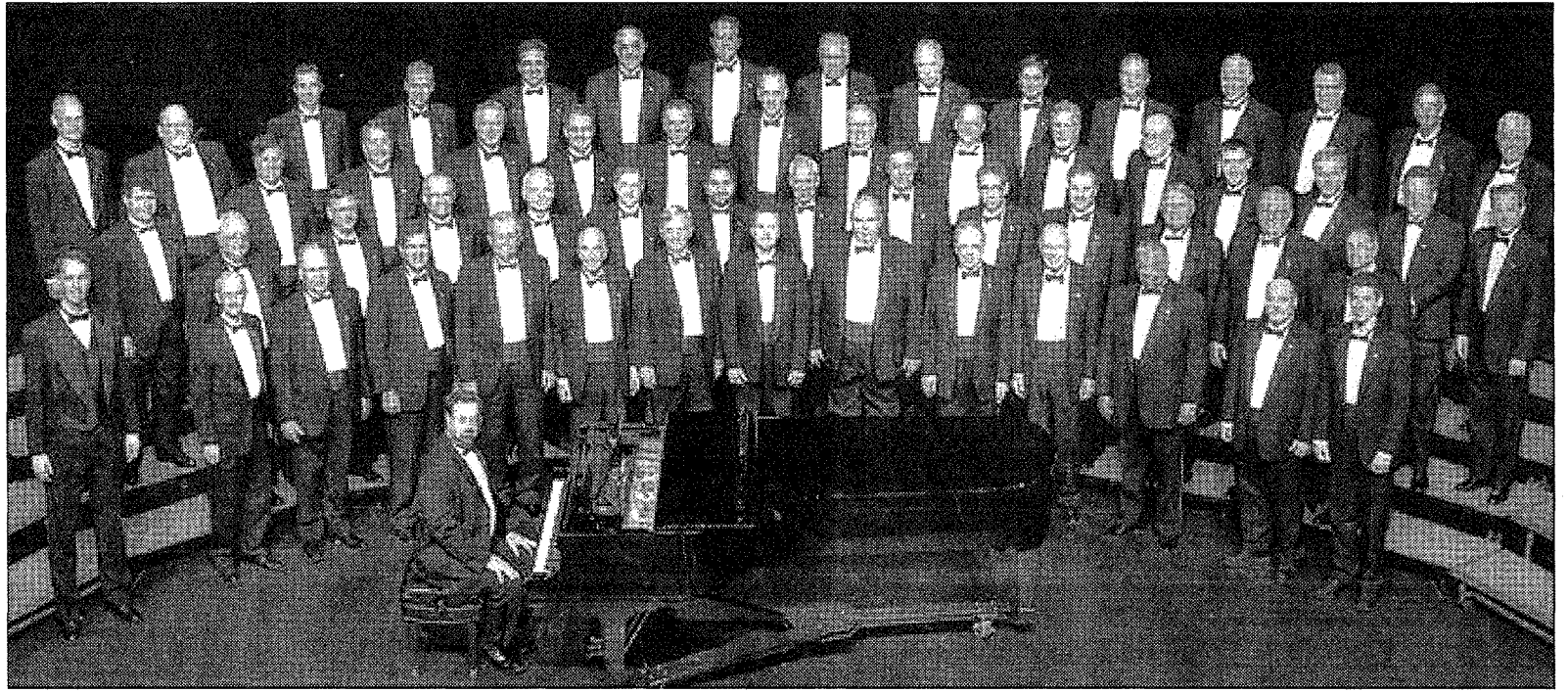
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, presents Breakfast with Angels, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5. The special event for families with children age 3-7, will include breakfast, crafts, singing and a special visit from the angels. Contact the church office at (734) 464-0211 for more information.

Concert

■ Christmas concert featuring the Classical Bells handbell ensemble and the Livonia Civic Chorus, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. A reception will follow. Tickets \$12 each in advance; \$14 each at the door; \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Go to SeatYourself.biz/stmatthewslivonia or call (734) 422-6038 to purchase tickets or for more information.

■ First Presbyterian Church of Farmington presents the acclaimed men's choral society Measure for Measure in a special joint concert with the Wayne State University Concert Chorale at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, at the church, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile. There is no admission fee for this event, which is open to the general public, but donations of \$10 per person or \$25 per family are suggested. (248) 474-6170, extension 208

Drop and shop
6-8 p.m., Dec. 8 and 15 at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Mothers and Grandmothers will take care of children while their parents are out doing last minute errands for Christmas. No charge for the service.



Measure for Measure will sing at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4.

For more information call (734) 421-5406.

Gift shop

Congregation B'nai Moshe Sisterhood of West Bloomfield presents a Holiday Gift Bazaar 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6. Discover gifts for all ages, including items such as handbags, clothing, toys, jewelry, works of art, Judaica and more. Congregation B'nai Moshe is located at 6800 Drake, between Maple and 14 Mile Roads in West Bloomfield. For more information about the Gift Bazaar, call Linda Mondrow at (248) 682-0471 or e-mail to lmondrow@aol.com

Special needs event

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and their caretakers to attend a Christmas "Sing & Ring" event 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. Participants will sing carols, ring bells, hear the Christmas story, and enjoy dessert and beverages. RSVP to Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to judy@emmanuel-livonia.org no later than Friday, Nov. 27. If local schools are closed because of heavy snow or inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.

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FILTER

'American Idol' runner-up joins orchestra for Christmas favorites

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dave Siefkes can't wait for the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's concert featuring special guest David Archuleta at Hill Auditorium. Not only is the *American Idol* runner-up singing music from his latest recording, but for the first time performs *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* to arrangements for orchestra.

Archuleta is currently on tour with his *Christmas from the Heart* CD released in mid-October. In addition to selections such as *Joy to the World* and *Silent Night* and *Ave Maria*, Archuleta sings his original *Melodies of Christmas*. The orchestra rounds out the program with selections from the *Nutcracker Suite* as well as *Sleigh Ride*.

"This is the first concert he's ever done with symphony orchestra," said Siefkes, orchestra marketing director and a former Livonia resident. "This is the premiere of these arrangements even for his biggest hit *Crush* (the first single from his debut album) and a couple we're keeping as a surprise. He has such a great voice. We'll have our 76 piece orchestra on the stage with him, all special for this concert."

Archuleta in 2007 received more than 97 million votes in the *American Idol* competition that became a close run against David Cook who eventually won. Since then Archuleta has thrilled crowds in tours across the U.S. and United Kingdom. His Nov. 27 appearance is a way for the orchestra to draw



American Idol David Archuleta will perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony.

young people to concerts. As part of their educational outreach Ann Arbor Symphony members regularly present programs that introduce students to classical music at schools in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville, Novi, West Bloomfield, Canton, and Plymouth.

YOUNG PERFORMER

Archuleta appeals to the very young as well as those

young-at-heart. He was only 10 years old when he won the Utah Talent Competition's division for children and then two years later became the Junior Vocal Champion on *Star Search 2*. When he auditioned for *American Idol* Archuleta was the youngest singer ever to compete at just 16 years old. His Honduran-born mother exposed Archuleta early to the Latin music. She and her sisters sang at events while his

father played recordings of a variety of music styles including the jazz he performed.

"We're trying to do something to extend our reach a little," said Siefkes. "The folks at Radio Disney helped us put this together. We're happy to have this collaboration and plan to do something together again in the future. The fun part of the concert is we'll have extra instruments like a harp and celesta, a percussion instrument that's

very beautiful. And it's at Hill Auditorium that has three levels and not a bad seat in the house."

David Archuleta joins the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in concert 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor. Tickets range from \$19 to \$72 plus extra service charges of \$4 to \$14 per seat. Call (734) 994-4801 or go online to www.a2so.com.



Isabel Bayrakdarian sings Dec. 4 at the Dearborn Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

Internationally known soprano to perform church benefit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Anyone who enjoys opera and classical music won't want to miss the Dec. 4 concert by Isabel Bayrakdarian at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. The soprano recently returned from Florence where she ended her European tour.

Bayrakdarian is an award-winning singer having won first prize in the 2000 Operalia competition founded by Placido Domingo, the legendary tenor. Since then she's taken home four Juno awards. She won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Award in 1997, Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2005, Virginia Parker Prize from the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Leonie Rysanek Award from the George London Foundation.

Bayrakdarian has several recordings to her credit including the Grammy Award winning soundtrack for the film *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*.

Born in Lebanon, Bayrakdarian is of Armenian heritage, so when approached by the board at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Dearborn she immediately said yes to helping them raise funds for the church. Bayrakdarian's first experience as a vocalist was at church. Now a citizen of Canada, Bayrakdarian says the church and her family remain the focus of her life.

"I encourage everyone who loves fine classical music to come to the concert," said Michael Hagopian, chairman of the church's board of trustees and a Northville resident.

"One of the parishioners is related to Isabel and asked me if the church would be interested. We immediately jumped at the opportunity."

Robert Kachadourian is only too happy to be part of the committee planning the performance for the last six months.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity for people of the area to hear someone from the New York Met," said Kachadourian. "There are not too many people of her caliber coming around. It's kind of a coup in a way."

Soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian performs 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. For tickets, call (313) 943-2354 or online at www.dearborn-fordcenter.com.

Tickets are reserved and priced at \$25, \$40 and \$50.

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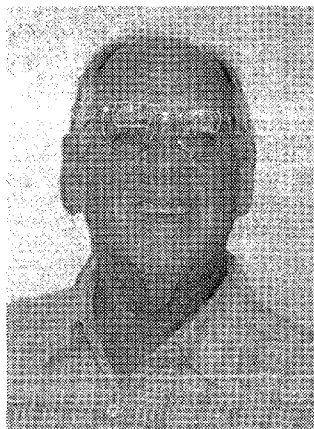
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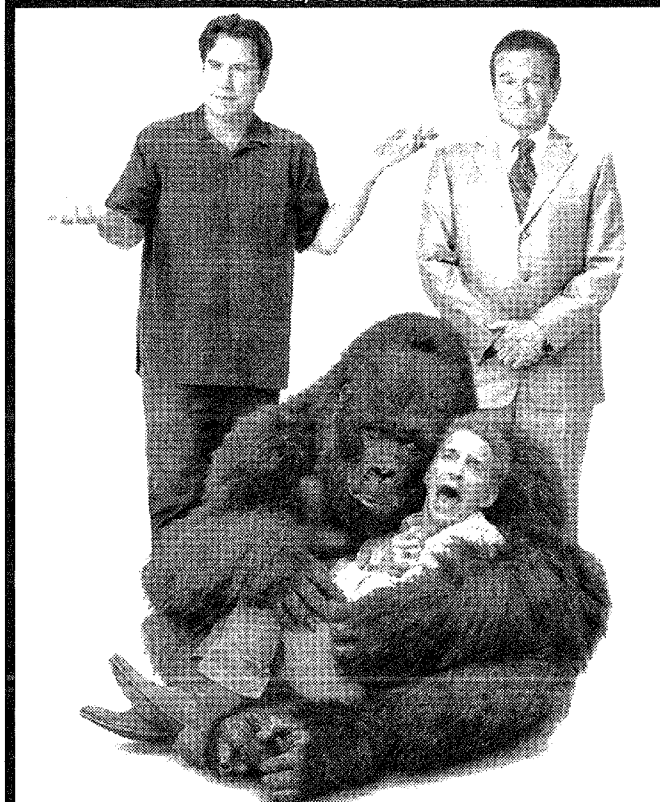
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Detroit Artist Market

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Costick Center

Time/Date: Nov. 19-Jan. 8, 2010; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Details: The work of multimedia artist Susan Warner
Location: 28600 W. Eleven Mile, in Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
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Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; Justin Schlegel, Nov. 19-21; Mike Green, Nov. 27-28; Matt Kirshen, Dec. 3-5; Dan Cummins, Dec. 10-12; Juston McKinney, Dec. 17-19; Kevin McPeck, Dec. 26; Jim David, Dec. 31

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
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Time/Date: Frank Vignola and The Hot Club of Detroit, Thursday, Nov. 19; Carrie Rodriguez, Friday, Nov. 20; Willy Porter & Luke Doucet, Saturday, Nov. 21; Bill Harley, Sunday, Nov. 22; Blind Pilot, Monday, Nov. 23; Haley Bonar with Matt Jones, Tuesday, Nov. 24; Matt Watroba, Friday, Nov. 27; Mr. B, Saturday, Nov. 28; Gemini, Sunday, Nov. 29; Cliff Eberhardt & Storyhill, Tuesday, Dec. 1; Lindsay Tomasic with Annie & Rod Capps, Wednesday, Dec. 2; Jackopierce, Thursday, Dec. 3; Orpheum Bell, Friday, Dec. 4; WPA, Saturday, Dec. 5; Lee Murdock with seasonal lore of the Great Lakes, Sunday, Dec. 6; Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, Tuesday, Dec. 8; Bill Kirchen Honky-Tonk Holiday, Thursday, Dec. 10
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Whether you've made a number of holiday dinners or not, this coming holiday season is filled with enough challenges for any family. Why not approach the main holiday meal from a more relaxed state of mind? You don't have to be a television food chef to make a dinner that will be memorable — it can be as simple as stuffing your thawed turkey with fresh citrus fruits, brushing on a glaze, and making a few no-stress side dishes to perfectly complement the meal.

You'll want to start with a fresh or frozen thawed turkey, appropriately rinsed and drained. Quarter a fresh orange or two and stuff into the carcass. Stir together about 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice, ¼ cup of vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon garlic salt, 1 teaspoon fresh

or dried herbs of your choice, and a dash of pepper, and brush over the bird. Cover and bake according to package directions.

The citrus flavor permeating your turkey will perfectly blend with Easy Sausage and Cranberry Stuffing, as well as a Fruity Holiday Salad that's ready in less than five minutes and sure to please. Add some baked yams, canned cranberry sauce and fresh bakery rolls or bread for a meal to remember. Your stuffing can bake while the completely roasted turkey rests and is carved.

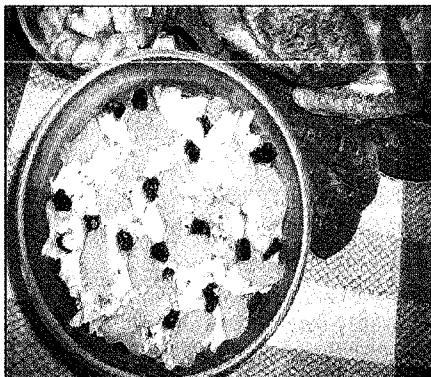
It doesn't take great culinary skills or a lot of effort to create a good holiday dinner. For more recipes and holiday tips, visit www.stuffingrecipes.com.

FRUITY HOLIDAY SALAD

Makes a large bowl, sure to feed a crowd!

- 1 medium head of fresh lettuce, chopped or 1 bag of pre-packaged salad
- 1 large, fresh carrot, shredded (optional if using bagged salad)
- 1 cup fresh, sliced celery
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup canned Mandarin Orange slices, drained
- ½ cup purchased or prepared light vinaigrette salad dressing
- 2 cups salad croutons

Toss the vegetables, fruit and vinaigrette together until well combined. Sprinkle with croutons and serve for the perfect blend of sweet and savory, crunchy salad.



Fruity Holiday Salad

EASY SAUSAGE AND CRANBERRY STUFFING

Makes 10-12 servings

- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup apple juice
- ½ cup chicken broth
- 1 pound uncooked breakfast or mild sausage
- 2 cups diced, fresh celery
- 1 cup diced, fresh onion
- 1 to 1½ cups chopped pecans (optional)
- ¾ cup chicken broth
- 110-ounce package herb seasoned cube stuffing

Place dried cranberries, apple juice and ½ cup chicken broth into small glass bowl; microwave uncovered on high for 2 minutes. Stir, and place to the side (allowing liquid to be absorbed by dried berries).

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large, nonstick pot, brown sliced or chopped sausage, breaking up and stirring frequently until browned. Reduce heat to low, add vegetables and sauté until somewhat tender (about 3-4 minutes). Add chopped pecans if desired, soaked cranberries (including liquid), and ¾ cup of chicken broth; stir and remove from heat.

Fold in entire contents of stuffing mix until well combined, and spoon mixture into a 9- by 11-inch baking



A sausage and cranberry stuffing makes a perfect side to citrus-glazed turkey.

dish that has been prepared with cooking oil spray. Cover baking dish with foil and bake for approximately 20 minutes. Remove foil, return to oven, and bake for an additional 10 minutes uncovered.

Remove from the oven, cool slightly while slicing turkey or other poultry to serve with the meal, and garnish before presentation with ½ cup pecan halves, if desired.

Courtesy of Family Features

Let guests decorate cupcakes to look like turkeys.



Let guests help decorate holiday cupcakes

TURKEY CUPCAKES

- 1 box Devil's Food cake mix – water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box
- 2 containers (1 pound each) milk chocolate frosting
- 1 tube (4.25 ounces) white decorating icing
- 1 tube (0.68 ounces) brown decorating gel
- Candy corn
- Chocolate candy sprinkles

1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pans). Make and cool cake as directed on box for 24 cupcakes.

2. Frost cupcakes with frosting. Place remaining frosting in corner of resealable freezer plastic bag. Snip off small corner of bag.

3. To decorate each cupcake, pipe 1-inch mound of frosting on one side of cupcake to look like head of turkey. Make eyes with white decorating icing and brown decorating gel; add candy corn for beak. To make feathers, pipe frosting on opposite side to hold candy corn; place candy corn upright on frosting to look like feathers. Sprinkle chocolate candy sprinkles near head and at base of feathers. If desired, add candy corn at base of cupcake for feet. Store loosely covered.

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Makes: 24 cupcakes

Courtesy of Family Features

Sometimes, it's the little turkeys — not the centerpiece feast — that can be tough to manage during Thanksgiving. By giving your younger guests something to do while the main course is being prepared, they will stay busy and feel like they have a role in the big day.

Switch up the typical pumpkin pie dessert and capture their attention by helping them exercise their imagination with these Turkey Cupcakes.

Using a Devil's Food cake mix as the base, it's easy to bake and prepare these cupcakes the day prior to the holiday. Then, on Thanksgiving, guests young and old can customize their turkey cupcakes with candy corn and frosting as feathers, feet and the beak.

After the cupcakes are decorated and ready to be enjoyed, encourage each child to make a hand turkey by tracing the outside of their hand onto a sheet of construction paper and writing one thing they are grateful for on every finger of the outline. Decorate with feathers, wiggly eyes and crayons. With these hand tracings serving as table decorations, ask each child to read aloud the list of things they are grateful for during dinner.



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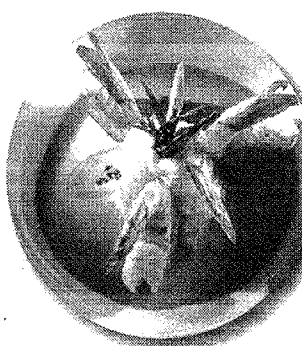
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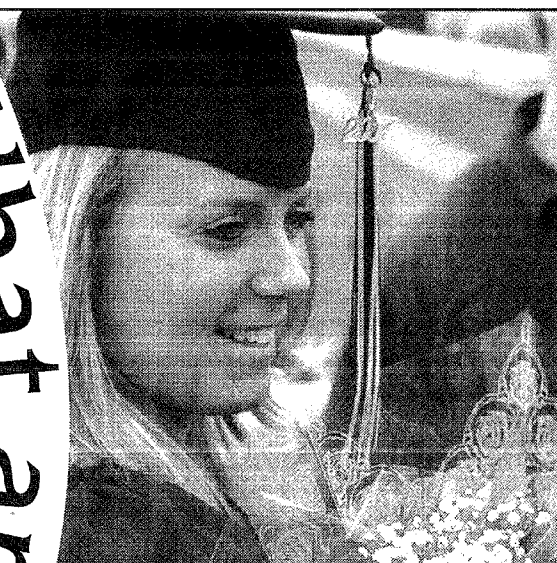
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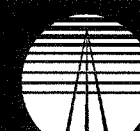


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