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## CANTON CONNECTION

### Santa & pizza

Some 150 children got a chance to let Santa know exactly what they want for Christmas and share a slice of pizza with the Jolly Ol' Elf when the Canton Rotary sponsored a "Pizza with Santa" luncheon Saturday at the Roman Forum.

The highlight of the event was a helicopter fly-in by Santa. The event included pizza, salad, and beverage for all attendees, a cookie decorating craft, and a chance for all children to present their wish lists to and have their picture taken with Santa.

Canton Rotary officials offered thanks to all who helped in the endeavor including Dave James and the Dave James Helicopter Service for flying Santa in for the event, Jeff and Kim Mitchell from Deepblue Photography for sharing their photographic skill and Greg Gatto and the Roman Forum for hosting the event.

### Lacrosse help

The Canton Chiefs lacrosse team holds a fund-raiser Saturday in conjunction with the Schwans home delivery service.

Schwans will have a truck parked in the Canton High School parking lot 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 19, with a full selection of Schwans products. Schwans will donate a percentage of sales back to the team; the higher the sales, the bigger the percentage.

To ensure availability, pre-orders are encouraged. Buyers should let Schwans know they're supporting the lacrosse program.

For more information, contact Jay at [SchwanmanJay@yahoo.com](mailto:SchwanmanJay@yahoo.com)

### Holiday magic

Las Vegas magician Aaron Radatz performs two holiday magic shows at The Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 27.

Radatz's award-winning show will be customized to fit the holiday spirit and caters to the entire family. Radatz has had recent appearances on Fox's Masters of Illusion and other live metro Detroit area performances such as Soaring Eagle Casino, Cedar Point Amusement Park, Andiamo Celebrity Showroom, or The Detroit Tigers.

Tickets to these family shows are available online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org). Visit [www.aaronradatz.com](http://www.aaronradatz.com) for the latest news and tour information on Aaron Radatz. For more information or to order tickets for either of these exciting shows, call (734) 394-5460.



PHOTOS BY JOHNATHAN FIDLER

Hundreds of people gathered in downtown Plymouth Sunday for the annual candlelight vigil of The Compassionate Friends of Wayne County-Livonia chapter.

## Keeping memories alive

### Candlelight vigil honors children gone too soon

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Sandy Lucas of Canton lost her daughter to a sudden heart ailment in August 2008, she lost not only her daughter, but her best friend.

Lucas, who owns Lucas Nursery in Canton, was in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sunday night with other mothers, fathers, friends and relatives who've lost their daughters, sons, best friends, all gathered to hear their child's name one more time.

Lucas and hundreds of others dodged the raindrops for the annual candlelight vigil sponsored by The Compassionate Friends, Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter, in conjunction with Children's Memorial Day.

"We tell (Nancy) we miss her, tell her we love her," said Sandy Lucas, who attended the ceremony with Nancy's brother, Bob. "It just makes you feel closer."

Lucas said she found out about the Compassionate Friends' ceremony from a customer. Missing Nancy, and watching the 3-year-old son, Conner, she left behind, gave Lucas a reason to attend.

"Conner was her whole life, and

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Gail Lafferty and Pat O'Donnell of the Compassionate Friends Livonia chapter read some 570 names during the group's annual candlelight vigil to honor children who died too soon.

## Flood crimps IKEA's style

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kelly Blair and her mother, Sherry, stood on the doorstep at the IKEA store in Canton, staring at the big yellow sign in disbelief.

The sign was announcing the unexpected closing of the store — which turned out to be caused by a ruptured fire suppression sprinkler that dumped thousands of gallons of water into the store's main showroom — and suggested shoppers could still access IKEA goods online.

The Blairs, who traveled from the Benton Harbor area specifically to complete their Christmas shopping, weren't interested in the retailer's Web site.

"We came just for IKEA," said Kelly Blair, who said the drive took more than two hours. "It was a big part of our Christmas shopping. This is crazy, I'm pretty upset."

She wasn't the only one. Store manager Kelly Frieze couldn't say exactly how many shoppers tour IKEA each day, but put the number "in the thousands," all of whom were turned away Tuesday and weren't likely to get back in until the weekend.

That's because the sprinkler head ruptured around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, flooding the main showroom and forcing the popular retailer to close its doors. Frieze said store officials were notified by their alarm monitoring system.

Frieze estimated "thousands of gallons" of water spilled into the main showroom, causing significant damage to inventory and display items there. The store's warehouse, Frieze said, was undamaged.

Frieze wouldn't estimate how much monetary damage was done, pointing out he was awaiting the arrival of an insurance assessment team. He said the store would remain closed until that assessment — along with an inventory of display items and inventory items that needed replacing — could be done.

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Barbara Hill and Jeanette Poulous head back to their cars after finding IKEA closed. Hill, a resident of Royal Oak, works in Livonia and likes to walk at IKEA while on her lunch break. Poulous lives in Plymouth.

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## Canton considers new blight ordinance

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new blight-fighting ordinance stemming from a wave of home foreclosures could be in place by late January in Canton.

New measures forcing banks and other mortgage holders to register vacant properties, pay certain fees, get exterior inspections and certify interior conditions received a first reading Tuesday night by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

A required second reading is expected as early as the board's Jan. 12 meeting, and a vote that evening could lead to the new rules becoming effective on Jan. 21.

"I think this is a great start," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

The new ordinance amend-

ment comes as Tom Casari, township engineer, told the board Tuesday that an estimated 1,075 local homes are in some state of foreclosure. Officials have said the number represents about 3 percent of Canton's houses.

"We're not sure they're all vacant," Casari said. "There may have been some sales (since the numbers were compiled)."

Township officials in October began debating a vacant property registration and maintenance ordinance amid concerns that some banks and other mortgage holders have failed to address deteriorating conditions, fueling complaints about neighborhood blight and fears of eroding property values.

Officials said the new rules would force owners to register properties with the town-

ship within 30 days after they become vacant. Owners would face annual exterior-inspection fees, possibly around \$150, and they could face additional penalties if they fail to fix problems cited by the township.

Essentially, township officials want to ensure the vacant properties are safely secured and don't drive down property values due to blight.

Local officials are expected to review the ordinance in a year to determine how well it is working.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said local officials can rely largely on foreclosures cited by RealtyTrac, one of the leading sources of such information. Officials also may seek input from area Realtors and neighborhood associations.

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# W-W closes six schools, looks to save more

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The president of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' largest employee union has already put the district on notice that it should look elsewhere to trim \$7 million from its budget.

"Wayne-Westland teachers are in the bottom quarter in pay in Wayne County, administrators are in the top quarter," said Nancy Strachan, president of the 850-member Wayne-Westland Education Association. "I don't see why our employees should shoulder the burden of the state."

Her comments came after the school board voted Monday evening to close six elementary schools and go to a four-tiered grade configuration with the start of the 2010-11 school year.

The board voted 5-2, with trustees Carol Middel and John Goci dissenting, to approve the final recommendation of its 21st Century Schools Committee and to direct the superintendent to pursue other avenues of cost containment and savings. The district is looking to trim \$12 million from its budget. The school closings will save \$5 million, leaving \$7 million to

## FINAL RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation approved by the Wayne-Westland school board is that:

- Six elementaries – Patchin, Madison, Kettering, Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementaries in Westland and Vandenberg Elementary in Wayne – close at the end of the current school year.
- The district change to a K-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12 grade configuration. Adams and Marshall middle schools will become 5-6 schools, while Stevenson and Franklin middle schools will serve seventh- and eighth-graders. Stevenson would feed into John Glenn High School and Franklin into Wayne Memorial High School.
- All-day kindergarten will be offered at all K-4 buildings.
- The 5-6 buildings will have an elementary focus with instrumental music, world language classes and talented/gifted programs.
- Revised attendance boundaries for the 11 K-4 buildings, including moving students living in the area bounded by Merriman, Henry Ruff, Cherry Hill and Avondale from the Hicks attendance area to Elliott. Under the final plan, five elementaries – Walker-Winter, Hamilton, Elliott, Hicks and Schwetzer – will send students to both 5-6 schools.
- Sixth- and seventh-graders attending Stevenson Middle School who live in the Wayne Memorial attendance area will be given the option of remaining there through the eighth grade.
- The Board of Education must pursue additional cost savings.

come from other areas.

"I understand the school district faces major financial issues. I understand the financial liability of having underutilized school buildings," Middel said. "But I feel too much emphasis was placed on brick and mortar. Parents need to feel like they're stakeholders. With more parents on

the committee, the administrators could have served as a resource."

"This is one of the most important decisions we will have to make and it will have profound impact on the district," Goci said. "It shouldn't be rushed through. I don't think this plan has the support of the community."

"No one wants to close schools, no one on the schools committee wants to close schools," consultant Jeff Rahmberg said. "This is a big step forward to reinvent the Wayne-Westland School District and ensure its financial stability."

Parents, however, challenged the decision.

"This is the third night in a row that we've not gotten answers," said James Grondy of Westland. "You promised more programs, but when you have to cut another \$7 million, you're going to cut the budget and it's going to come out of those other schools. Nothing adds up."

"I hope if you voted yes that you have a long night thinking that you're in a position to change this," said Sally Madison of Westland. "Nobody has disputed that schools have to close, we get it. It's what schools and why that we want to know."

"I hate seeing schools closed. Schools are the heart of a community," board Vice President Cindy Schofield said. "The heart of a school is its staff, and we have a staff that will rise to the occasion and make this easy for our students."

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JOHNATHAN FIDLER

The idea of the candlelight vigil was to create a ring of light in honor of children who died too soon.

## VIGIL

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we tell her how much he misses her," Sandy Lucas said. "You realize there are so many other people hurting like you are. Their hearts are broken, too, and our hearts go out to them."

The ceremony included the dedication of trees decorated with ornaments featuring the children's names, a candle-light vigil, a reading of a record 570 children's names, poetry and songs.

The ceremony came in conjunction with the world-wide candle-lighting. The idea is that, as candles burn down in one time zone, they're lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

"The holidays are especially

difficult for parents who have lost children," said committee member Gail Lafferty of Livonia, who organizes the ceremony every year. "This candle-lighting ceremony honoring them helps their memories live on."

It's what brought Howard Gross and Esperanza Santos-Gross of Livonia to Kellogg Park Sunday, the chance to remember their son, Howard, struck down in September 2008 by a drunk driver.

"It's peaceful, it shows he's not forgotten," Esperanza said. "You hear your child's name. In your heart, you know everyone's holding a candle for your baby. What you see in other people's eyes, is the same thing that's in your eyes. It gives us comfort."

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## IKEA

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Frieze said the store would almost certainly be closed Wednesday, and said he was "hopeful" the retailer could reopen by the weekend. The flood comes at a bad time, just 10 days before Christmas.

"There's never a good time, but this is certainly inopportune," said Frieze, who noted he'd been dealing with unhappy customers all day. "People drive from all over to visit us. We service the local community, certainly, but we're also a regional destination. We understand it's frustrating."


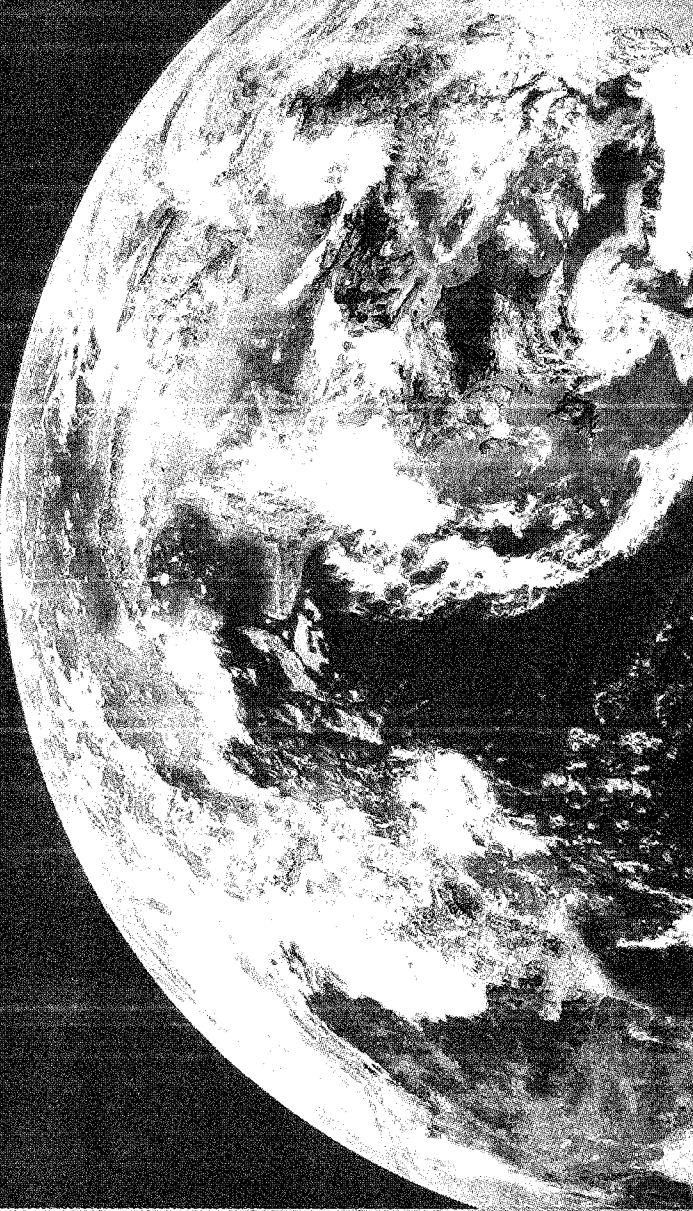
It certainly frustrated Bridget Nicklas, who made the 90-minute trip from Metamora looking for a bed for her daughter. She checked IKEA's Web site before embarking, and there was no mention of the closure; instead, according to Frieze, the retailer opted for a media alert as "the quickest way to get the word out."

"My husband took the day off, we planned the whole day," said Nicklas. "I understand it's beyond their control, but it's really frustrating."

Frieze said customers could find updates on the situation at the store's Web site, [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)

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Holiday take-out

Spend less time in the kitchen this holiday season and purchase delicious Holiday Carry-out hors d'oeuvres and dinners from Summit Gourmet by Continental.

These festive feasts will be available next week at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Choose from the following hors d'oeuvres: Antipasti Platters; Shrimp Cocktail Platters; and Garden Vegetable Crudités.

Dinner menu options, include: Spiral Bone in Ham with Orange Glaze; Salmon En Croute; and Tenderloin of Beef. All dinners include tossed garden salad and assorted dinner rolls. Dinners will come complete with heating instructions and a choice of two of the following sides: Sweet Potatoes, Whipped Potatoes, Herb Roasted Redskins, or Homemade Macaroni and Cheese. In addition, choose one side of vegetables from a choice of: Green Bean Almandine or Seasonal Vegetable Blend. For dessert, choose either a homemade Cherry or Peach Cobbler.

For dinner and hors d'oeuvres prices, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). Orders for these delicious dinners must be placed by Dec. 19. All gourmet dinners will be available for pick up Tuesday, Dec. 22, and Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 3-6 p.m. in the Banquet Sales Office of the Summit on the Park.

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Goody baskets

Canton Rotary Club members - including (from left) Greg Gatto, Joan Noricks, John Kowalski, Martha Snow, Roland Leist, Sue Kowalski, Ken Beardsley, Bill Tesen, Lisa Kennedy, Bill Brown, Gerry Folk, Larry Oldford, and Ansel Dooley - recently assembled 59 baskets of holiday goodies to donate to disadvantaged senior citizens of Canton. This has been an ongoing project for over eight years, and the baskets are delivered to Canton Township for distribution to the township's senior citizens. Other holiday projects of the Canton Rotary Club include sponsorship of a Pizza with Santa luncheon, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and donations of Christmas gifts to a needy family through the local Goodfellows organization. The Canton Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Haggerty Road in Canton.

more information, call (734) 394-5487 or visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

Happy meals

Since 1979, McDonald's Happy Meals have changed the way families enjoy lunch and dinner out together. To celebrate the 30th birthday of the Happy Meal, the Southeast Michigan McDonald's Operators Association brings its traveling exhibit to the Canton Public Library through Jan. 4.

The exhibit contains many of the different specialty toys and artifacts that have been included in the Happy Meal since its introduction.

"The response to this exhibit has been tremendous," said Willie Blue, marketing supervisor for McDonald's Michigan Region. "People from all over metro Detroit have enjoyed reliving their Happy Meal memories with their children."

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center. In addition, Ronald McDonald, McDonald's Chief Happiness Officer, will make a special appearance 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, for a special children's show.

New Year activities

Folks looking for cool places to go and neat things to do to

celebrate the arrival of 2010 can check out all of the fun and family-friendly offerings that Canton Leisure Services has arranged:

- Burn Some Calories - Enjoy some FREE Health & Wellness opportunities at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Drop in to participate in the following wellness programs. No registration is needed for: 8 a.m., Outdoor Fun Run (Meet in the Summit Maple Room to start this 40-minute jaunt through beautiful Heritage Park); 9:15 a.m., Cardio Blast Class; 10:15 a.m., 30-minute weight workout.
- Catch a Flick - The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, will host a movie matinee at 10:30 a.m. featuring Disney/Pixar's "UP" for just \$1. Advance tickets available at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. If tickets remain, they will be available at the Village Theater Box Office on Dec. 31 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- Hit the Road - Form a

- team of family/friends and join us for a Photo Road Rally. All ages welcome. Only \$10 per team. Registration is currently underway. Rally Rules/Registration Information is available at [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org). For more details, call the Summit at (734) 394-5460.
- Take a Dip - Family Open Swim at the Summit will run from 2:30-5 p.m. for only \$3 per person. The Aquatic Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, will remain open for this special swim after the Summit closes to the public at 2 p.m.
- "Putting on the Glitz," an evening of comedy and celebration brought to you by Kickers All-Star Grill and The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Count down to midnight after an hilarious evening of comedy as three talented comedians, including headliner Kevin Meaney, will keep you in stitches. Doors will open at 6 p.m. For dinner and show information, call (734) 261-0555.
- Just for Kids - High Velocity Sports will offer a lock-in for kids ages 8-13. The

party will feature a midnight balloon-drop, noise-makers, dancing, sports, movies, board and card games, food and music. For more information, please call (734) 487-7678.

Toys for Tots

The Goddard School began collecting new, unwrapped Toys for Tots on Monday, Nov. 23. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program distributes the donated toys as holiday gifts to needy children in the community.

The goal of the Toys for Tots program is to not only deliver a new toy during the holidays, but also a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters throughout the United States. The Goddard School uses cause-related opportunities like Toys for Tots to teach their little students the importance of helping others.

A Toys for Tots collection box will be located in the lobby of the school through Dec. 16 for donations. The Goddard School is located at 6697 N Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 454-4737.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Police investigate suspicious Web site ad

1 Canton Police this week could find no evidence to confirm a rumor of a baby being sold on the popular Web site Craigslist.com.

The tip came from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department about the suspicious Craigslist ad, which offered "a baby for sale," and included a phone number to contact.

When Canton Police checked out the number, it turned out to belong to a Bayberry Park resident.

According to police reports, when officers went to the home, the woman living there told them she often sold items on eBay, but had not visited the Craigslist site.

The woman's 15-year-old son admitted he'd been to Craigslist, and had gotten some calls to his number regarding an iPod Touch, but there had been nothing about a baby for sale.

The owner allowed police to inspect the home computers and, according to the police report, officers confirmed the family's account and found no evidence of the suspicious ad.

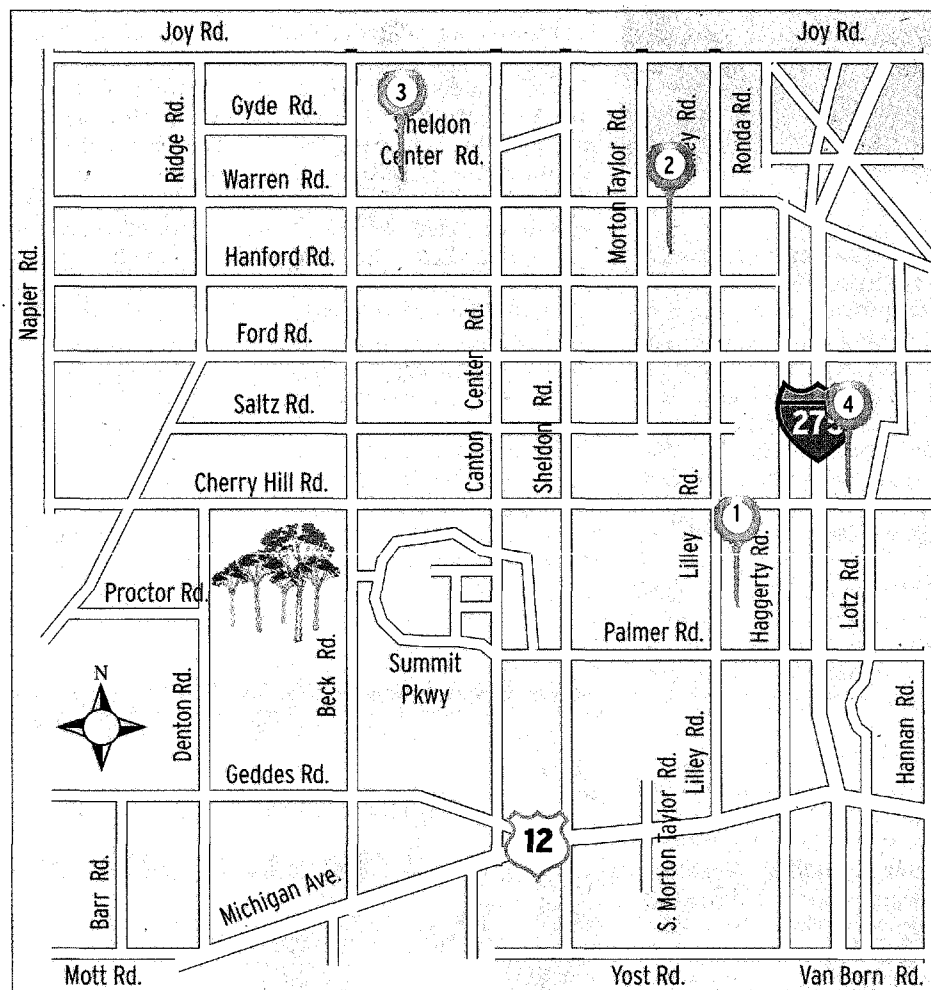
### Domestic assault

2 A Canton man was arrested Sunday on assault and battery charges that included domestic violence after an argument with his wife, which started outside their Brookshire home, escalated to violence inside, according to Canton Police reports.

According to the report, the victim told police her husband grabbed her hair while outside their home. Once inside, she told police, her husband grabbed her breast and twisted (police later found some evidence, including bruising, according to the report).

The victim told police she retreated to a bathroom and called a friend for a ride. As she made that call, according to the report, the suspect kicked in the bathroom door (police found evidence of the damage) and ordered her out of the house. She left and walked to a friend's house.

According to the report, the suspect at first denied the argument, then admitted it started outside the home, but would talk no further about it.



According to the report, the suspect, who was on probation for operating while intoxicated and had misdemeanor warrants from Ypsilanti and Detroit for driving with a suspended license, was arrested for domestic violence.

### Neighbor dispute

3 Canton Police were called to a house on Spinning Wheel for a dispute between neighbors.

The complainant told police his neighbor's dog has been entering his yard and defecating.

According to the report, the man also said his neighbor had been blowing leaves from her yard into his.

### Propane theft

4 A Reisa resident told Canton Police her dog began barking at the patio door shortly after midnight Dec. 10.

The woman said when she looked outside, she saw an unidentified male walking toward Cherry Hill carrying two propane tanks. The male was seen wearing a yellow and red jacket.

A second resident also told police she'd had a propane tank taken.

Police eventually identified the suspect as a man police knew was staying in a tent in the woods near Cinnamon Point. When they approached the man, he denied taking any propane tanks.

He did, however, allow police inside his tent, where they found a propane tank matching the description of one of the tanks reportedly stolen. According to the police report, the suspect told officers someone had given him the tank.

The tank was returned to its owner; neither woman wished to prosecute.

## Fire officials offer some holiday tips

Officials in the Canton Fire Department's Fire Prevention Unit would like to remind everyone of the importance of fire safety during the holiday season.

"With all of the hectic schedules this time of year, people should stop and take a few minutes to review some basic fire safety tips and incorporate them into their home for the holidays," said Fire Marshal Frank Barrett. "In response to the economic situation, people are looking for ways to trim budgets, including not replacing older Christmas lights and associated equipment or putting off needed repairs."

"Unfortunately, simple things like a damaged extension cord, a worn out light set or a broken electrical outlet can turn holiday festivities into a tragedy," he added.

It is recommended everyone read and practice the following suggestions:

- Have working smoke detectors in your home, and check the batteries
- Have a fire extinguisher, locate it where it is easily accessible, and know how to use it
- Only use UL (Underwriters

Laboratory) listed lights to decorate. Lights used outdoors should be rated for outdoor use.

- Do not plug more than three light strands together
- Do not leave your lights on unattended
- Do not overload your electrical outlets with extension cords
- If you use extension cords, periodically touch them to make sure they are not warm to the touch
- If extension cords are warm, disconnect and throw in the trash
- Watch what you cook; never leave it unattended
- Avoid using candles, and never use a lit candle on or near a Christmas tree
- Use sturdy candle holders and never put a candle next to a flammable item
- While selecting a tree, choose a fresh, healthy tree. The needles should be hard to pull off the branch
- Keep real trees watered daily

For more information on holiday safety, contact the Fire Prevention Unit at (734) 394-5456 or visit [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org).

## Kids get chance to 'Shop with a Cop'

Once again this year, through the cooperative efforts of Canton Leisure Services, Canton Police Department and Meijer, 15 Canton children will have the chance to "Shop with a Cop" this holiday season.

The Meijer store, located at 45001 Ford Road in Canton, has donated \$1,400 toward the

kids' shopping trip Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Children chosen to participate in the program were selected from Leisure Services outreach programs held in Canton.

For more information on the outreach programs contact Leisure Services at (734) 394-5375.

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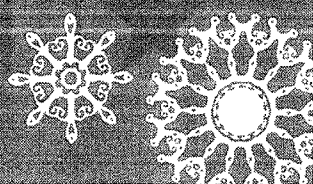
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# Marketing agency gives thanks by giving back

Strategy Network, a marketing agency based in Livonia, recently celebrated its 10th birthday by hosting a party for 19 children from Kids Kicking Cancer.

Kids Kicking Cancer is a non-profit organization that provides weekly classes for children, both inpatient and outpatient, in the mind-body techniques found in the martial arts. Their mission is to ease the pain of very sick children while empowering them to heal physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Strategy Network treated the children to special activities, including a "tattoo" parlor, cookie decorating and arts and crafts. A magician made balloon animals, and a deejay got every child out on the dance floor. The children also enjoyed a "Kids Cafe" for dinner, birthday cake and gift bags.

Strategy Network, which serves clients in the financial, insurance, non-profit and automotive industries, has a history of giving back. From its inception in 1999, the company has donated a significant portion of its profits to charity. For its fifth anniversary, it made a donation to Make-A-Wish Foundation supporting a child's entire wish, said Founder and CEO Kathy Nagy. "Giving back, helping those in need — this is one of our greatest responsibilities in life," Nagy said.

At the celebration, the children put on their special presentation, "Peace, Power, Purpose." Through this program, children from Kids Kicking Cancer teach stress and pain management to adult populations on a regular basis, sharing their unique approach to reducing stress. "More than



Children from Kids Kicking Cancer perform their 'Peace, Power, Purpose' presentation at Strategy Network's 10th anniversary celebration.

anything else they do, the kids are empowered by helping others, embodying perfectly the belief that no matter what you face in your own life, your joy and meaning will come from helping others," said Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg, founder and national director of Kids Kicking Cancer and a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

For more information regarding Strategy Network, visit [strategynetwork.com](http://strategynetwork.com) or call (734) 464-8100.

For more information regarding Kids Kicking Cancer, visit [kidskickingcancer.net](http://kidskickingcancer.net) or call (313) 557-0021.



Kathy Nagy (right) presents a donation in honor of Strategy Network's 10th anniversary to Rabbi Goldberg of Kids Kicking Cancer.

## LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs are available during December at the Plymouth District Library:

- **Library closings** - The Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 30-31.
- **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. Contact (734) 459-BEST or [starmikebest@gmail.com](mailto:starmikebest@gmail.com)
- **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Dec. 28, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project.
- **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** - Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 240, to enroll or go to [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

## Youth Programs

- **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute program is designed for the very young - babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required - call Reader's Advisory Desk at 734-453-0750, Ext. 5.
- **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Dec. 28, 10 & 11 a.m. and Saturday, Jan. 2, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.
- **HOLIDAY BREAK PROGRAM: LEGOS**, Monday, Dec. 28, 10 or 11 a.m. - For children ages 5-12 only, this a chance to build spaceships, buildings, sculptures or any lego creation their heart desires. Space is limited - registration opens on December 15 is required. Call 734 453-0750, Ext. 5.

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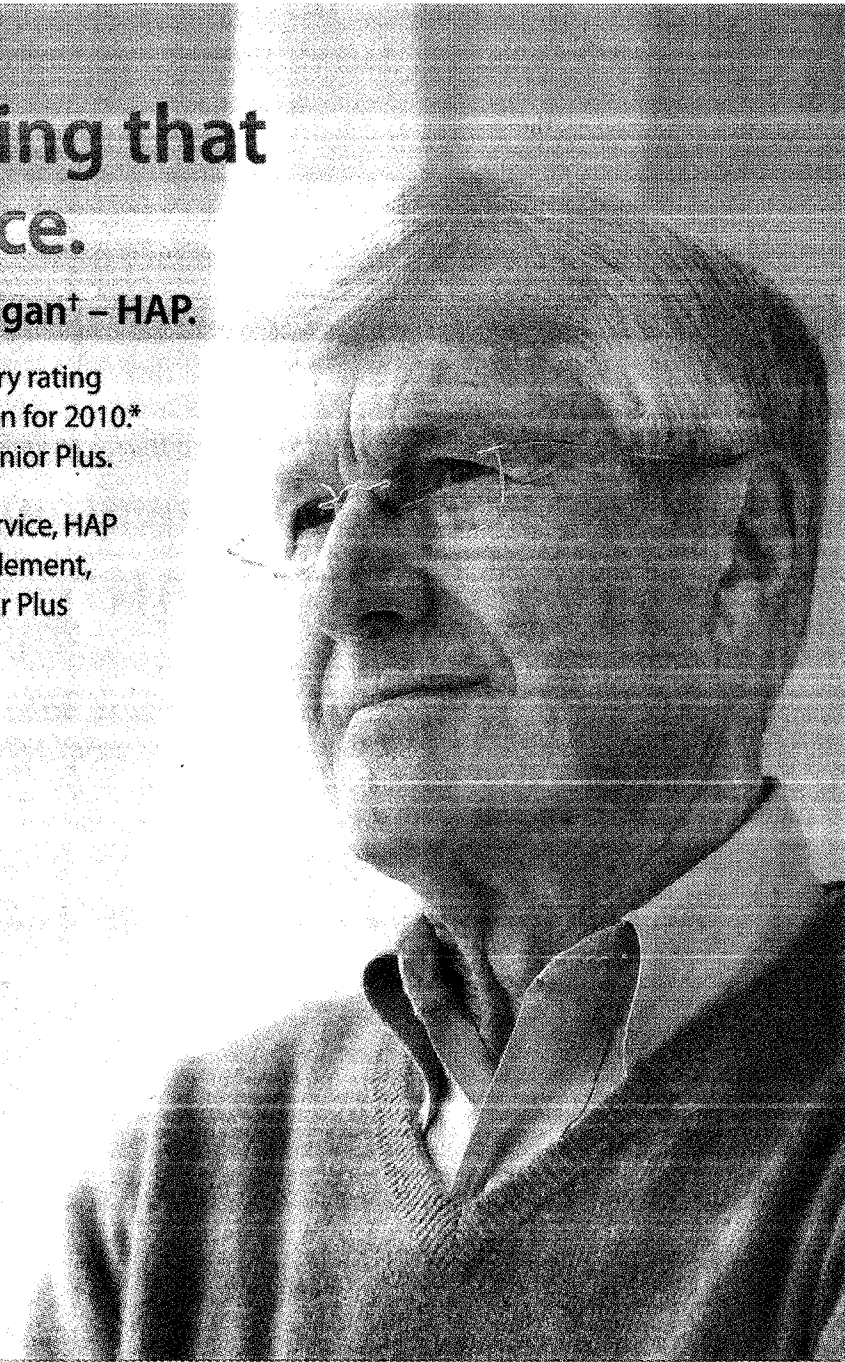
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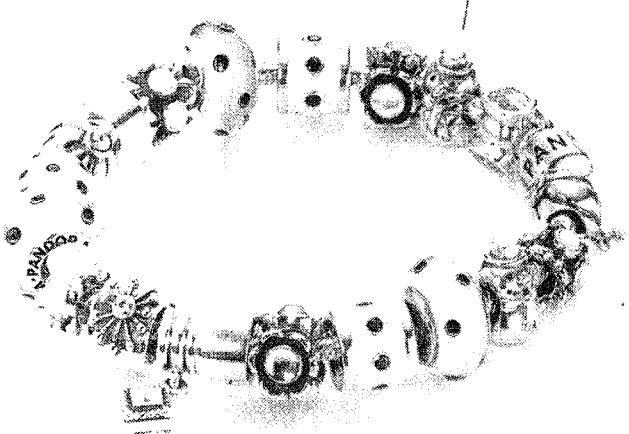
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# Green Street Fair sets 2010 return

The third annual Green Street Fair returns to the streets of downtown Plymouth April 30-May 2.

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Consumers who attend the Green Street Fair will be encouraged to learn the advantages of taking strides, large or small, towards living a healthier and greener life.

With an estimated crowd of 90,000 over three days, the 2009 Green Street Fair had more than 200 exhibitors and 30 sponsors showcasing, demonstrating and selling eco-friendly, organic, and green products.

Planning for the 2010 Green Street Fair is underway and will include several new high-



The third annual Green Street Fair hits the streets of Plymouth April 30-May 2.

lights and exhibitors.

Highlights of the 2010 Green Street Fair will include exhibitor displays, recycling workshops, Fort Box, live entertainment, organic cooking demonstrations, street performers, interactive displays, children's activities, fitness and well-being demonstrations, art installations and more.

For information on becoming an exhibitor at the Green

Street Fair, contact Raychel Rork at (734) 259-2983 or e-mail raychel@greenstreetfair.com.

For Green Street Fair sponsorship opportunities, contact Terri O'Brien at (248) 347-4350 or e-mail terri@streetmktg.com.

For the latest updates on Green Street Fair, visit [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com), e-mail [info@greenstreetfair.com](mailto:info@greenstreetfair.com) or call (734) 259-2983.

## Alano Clubs offer addicts help through holiday season

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The holiday season is tough for recovering alcoholics, who face the temptation of drinking to cope with the season's stresses. Local Alano Clubs are available to help recovering alcoholics and addicts this time of year and all year.

The Metro West Alano Club in Redford will hold an Alcathon 10 p.m. to 10 p.m. both Christmas Eve/day and New Year's Eve/day. People can gather in a festive and alcohol-free setting.

"We usually do that all holidays," said Fred Cathey, chairman for Metro West. "That's open to anybody who needs it."

The Alano Clubs are social clubs for recovering alcoholics and addicts. "Sometimes a few of us have a rough time around the holidays," Cathey said. "For the first couple years it's kind of rough on us."

Metro West member Mike Mango noted that family members are also welcome. "Al-Anon is welcome to join us," he said, noting the importance of family support and that many don't know where to turn for help.

"You don't have to drink to suffer from alcoholism," Cathey added. The men, both recovering alcoholics, said their Metro West Alano Club is family-friendly. It's at 15100 Aubrey St., in a former school,

south off of Five Mile and east of Beech Daly in Redford.

The club hosts Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. "We have dances and different events," Cathey said.

"It's amazing how much fun they have," Mango said. You can reach Metro West online at [www.metrowestalano.org](http://www.metrowestalano.org) or by phone at (313) 286-3622.

There's also a Plymouth-Canton Alano Club, in the Harvard Square shopping area, on the east side of Sheldon just north of Ford Road in Canton. Its address is 5936 N. Sheldon, Canton, online at [pc-alano.org](http://pc-alano.org).

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# 25 years later

## Ex-staffers remember Wayne County General as 'phenomenal'

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been 25 years since Wayne County General Hospital closed its doors, but for those who worked there, it seemed like only yesterday they were there working.

"There was a sense of pride because we were doing so much with so little," said Shirley Beyer. "It was always a learning experience for us nurses at the County."

"We had a sense that we were providing a service no one else could," said Dr. Joe Weiss. "We served people who had a need. In the 1980s, there were still a lot of people without health insurance."

Beyer and Weiss were among former hospital employees who filled every available seat in the Cafe Marquette at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center last week to reminisce about the hospital. Nurses, maintenance workers and administrators exchanged stories and caught up on their lives after the hospital closed in 1984.

Beyer worked as a nurse from 1961 to 1983. When the hospital was sold to Southwest General, she was given the option of staying with Wayne County and was offered a job working at the jail in downtown Detroit.

"That wasn't my cup of tea," the Westland resident said. "I stayed at home and then went to work at Garden City Hospital."

**'SEE WHAT HAPPENS'**

Beyer, who wore her hospital badge that had a 1984 expiration date, worked in pediatrics, obstetrics and the intensive care unit when it was started. She recalls that the hospital "knocked down some walls and put in some cots" for the unit.

"We were flying by the seat of our pants," she said. "They decided to try it and see what happens."

Judith Corbutt of Bloomfield Hills was "there until the bitter end," spending her last 15 years in the emergency room. But not before being the hospital's "first ICU nurse."

After she left, she spent 20 years working in her husband's business placing medical personnel. Now she's billing herself as a master gardener.

"I'd still be there, if I could," said Corbutt. "ER was my favorite department. We worked out butts off, but we had fun. It was a good hospital, we learned a lot."

One of the people who taught was Norm Potter, the medical electronics technician. He roamed the hospital repairing machines. According to Corbutt, Potter would fix the respirators, then show the nurses how to do it.

"You name it, I fixed it," said Potter who worked at the hospital for 12 years. "I worked on all the medical equipment."

Potter described the staff as a "close knit group" that worked together and played together. There were three racquetball leagues, and they played baseball on a diamond on the hospital grounds. The hospital also had a team that competed in the stretcher races at Hutzel Hospital during Michigan Hospital Week every year.

"When we played baseball, Norm would get mad and



Former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard talks with former Wayne County General Hospital employees Charlene Maxwell and Dennis Abraham at a reunion marking the 1984 closing of the facility.



Luetta Ellis hugs her old boss Nancy Rowles at a reunion of former Wayne County General Hospital employees.

take the bases and go home," said Nancy Rogerro, adding that "we also had a guys golf league."

"We worked harder than anywhere else, but it was so interesting," said Rogerro, also a Westland resident.

Rogerro worked in the emergency room and discharge and home care. When the hospital closed and became Westland Medical Center, she stayed on and worked six more years. She left and took a nursing position at the Garden City Schools' Burger School for Students with Autism.

"In its heyday, the hospital was phenomenal," she said. "You never worked a slow day. You'd blink and the day was over."

**THE RED PHONE**

The hospital was a major trauma center. During a presidential visit, a red phone would be set up at the hospital. Delphine Maddox remembers the day she picked up the receiver of the red phone.

"There was no one there, but awhile later another phone rang and someone said, 'Don't play with the red phone,'" the Westland resident said.

One of the oldest retirees at the gathering was 91-year-old Erma Greenwood of Wayne. She started working at the Eloise complex in 1937. She spent 14 hours one day and 12 hours the next, working the wards. She retired in the

1970s.

"I worked in admitting on the fifth floor of D Building, admitting patients, the second floor was where they did all the treatments," she said.

Greenwood met her husband there. He was a truck driver, and according to Greenwood, she "chased him and when he turned around to see how close I was, I grabbed him." She lived on the second floor of one of the buildings he was on the first floor. The building manager would let her sit in his room with the door open for a date.

"We'd go to Brownie's Dinner in Wayne and get hamburgers and milk for \$1, then go back to his room and eat them," she said.

There was one person at the reunion who didn't work at the hospital, but she worked her hardest to keep it open.

"I did everything but stand on my head," said former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard. "I really fought for that hospital. I did everything I could possibly do."

Beard, who has one of the few remaining buildings named after her, the general hospital was charged for the maintenance of the entire Eloise complex. Had it had been charged for only what it cost, "the hospital would have broke even or even made money."

Weiss worked at the hospital in 1961 and left for the

**A BIT OF HISTORY**

The Eloise Complex of buildings at various different times referred to the Wayne County Poor House, the Wayne County Sanatorium, serving tuberculosis patients, the Wayne County Asylum, serving the mentally ill indigent population, and Eloise Hospital.

Eloise, which started out as a poorhouse and a poor farm, later became Wayne County General Hospital. From only 35 residents on 280 acres in 1839, the complex grew dramatically after the Civil War until the total land involved was 902 acres and the total number of patients was about 10,000. There were about 75 buildings in the large complex. It became a city in itself and even had its own post office, named after the postmaster of Detroit's six-year old daughter, Eloise.

In 1945, Eloise was renamed Wayne County General Hospital and Infirmary. By the 1950s Wayne County General was considered one of the best hospitals in the nation. It played a major part in metro Detroit's health network. It was the only acute-care medical and surgical hospital between Detroit and Ypsilanti.

As patient treatment was updated, so were the facilities. Older buildings were razed in the 1960s and 1970s and two new buildings were constructed - the 511-bed medical hospital in 1962 and a long-term care facility in 1974. The Walter Reuther Long Term Care Facility housed the surviving mentally ill and poor who had made Eloise their permanent home.

Psychiatric care ended in 1979, and the general hospital closed in 1984. The general hospital building on Merriman stood until 1999 when it was demolished.

service. He returned in 1967 and was a resident and fellow and stayed on the staff until it closed. Looking back on his time at the hospital, Weiss said the hospital had a lot of special people working there.

"They were all wonderful," he said. "The hospital was large enough to provide what the people needed, but small enough to know everyone," he said. "There was a lot of energy there because of the medical students who'd come in and experience what we were doing in patient care."



Members of Just Hugs Knitters include (front row, from left) Janet Yim, Terry Erchenbrecher, Juby Abraham, Gigi Kitromelides, Debbi Ozak, (back row, from left) Sue Eichorst, Tina Skilton, Peggy Wright, Claudine Kuelske, Jeanette Adams, Susanne Madden and Teri Holtz. Also pictured is Sister Mary Eucharita.

## Knitters donate shawls to cancer patients

Patients of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia received about 20 handmade knit shawls Friday to keep them warm during cancer and chemotherapy treatment.

The shawls were made by a newly formed group called "Just Hugs Knitters," staff members of Trinity Health Information Services.

St. Mary Mercy patients are the first recipients of these shawls.

The group organized in the fall of 2009 after one of the group members was touched by the act of kindness from a shawl she received. The group includes 20 knitters from first-timers to advanced skill levels who enjoy giving back to the community.

"The sense of connectedness with each other and the community has been inspirational, and we all feel very blessed to be a part of this experience," said Susan Eichorst, group member and Trinity Information Services employee. "The shawl tag sums it up best: 'May this shawl enfold you in warmth, comfort, healing and peace.'"

A blessing ceremony took place prior to the donation.

"The St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center expresses our deepest gratitude to the Trinity Information Services group for the love, kindness and patience that went into making the shawls," said Crystal Andrews, oncology service line administrator. "Their gift of thoughtfulness and compassion is immeasurable."

"We are very grateful to have individuals in the organization and within the community who demonstrate high levels of humanitarianism for those patients who suffer from cancer and are undergoing chemotherapy treatments."

For more information about the Trinity Health Just Hugs Knitters, call Teri Holtz at (248) 324-8432.

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## OUR VIEWS



JOHNATHON FIDLER

Hundreds of people turned out Sunday for the annual Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

## Vigil great event for grief support

They came from all over, from Livonia and Plymouth and Canton and Dearborn and points unknown.

They crowded into downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park to hear the names of their children one more time, to seek from others the help they also knew they were uniquely capable of supplying. And they were all driven by the same emotion:

Grief.

Hundreds of people gathered Sunday for the annual candlelighting ceremony in honor of children who've died too soon, sponsored by the Compassionate Friends of Livonia. Finding a word to describe them is tougher than it might seem. Calling them mourners is certainly accurate, if not quite complete.

What they are mostly is a large group of people who seek help with — and an outlet for — their grief. Those who have come before know all too well the gathering helps people find others in the same boat, others dealing with the same pain. And in numbers there is strength.

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

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

Lafferty knows it's true, sad as that may be. She also believes her son and all the other children are grateful for the love, watching from Heaven as she's sure they are. In fact, Lafferty attributes the traditionally bearable mid-December weather to her son, Max, whom she believes watches over the vigil, designed to create a worldwide ring of candlelight.

For the most part, the weather isn't bad. It rained during the day Sunday, but cleared before the event, Perhaps Max and the others pulled some strings.

As folks gathered before the vigil started, there was a soft buzz of conversation as people greeted each other, doled out a large portion of hugs and kisses and caught up with each other's lives. The crowd noise then softened as the vigil began.

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

Those gathered seem to snuggle in even closer together, and it becomes obvious why they're there. They've all been touched by the same tragedy, and they find a definite comfort in each other's embrace.

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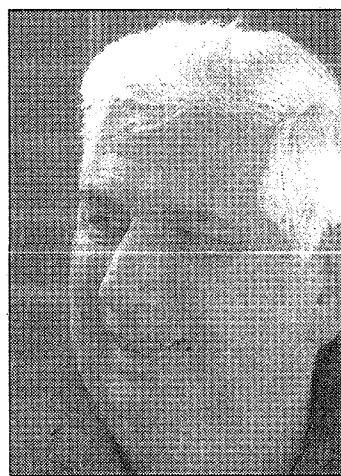
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### "Have you made any New Year's resolutions?"

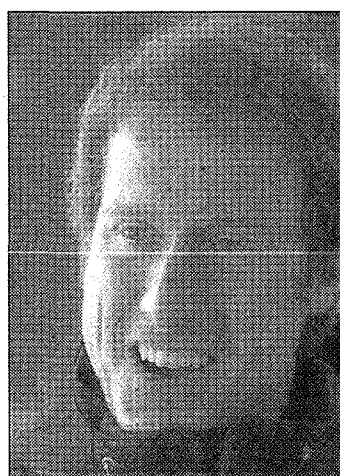
We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



**"How about sticking with my exercise routine?"**  
Maureen Armitage  
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**"I haven't made any."**  
Wayne Durbin  
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**"I'm a figure skater with the U.S. Figure Skating Association, and my goal is to become a better performer on the ice, create a better image on the ice and become one of the top six ice dancers in the United States."**

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**"We're paying off a car in December, so we're excited about having money for extra things including savings."**  
Kathleen Richardson  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Replace the autocrats

After returning from a business trip last week, I was appalled to find that the Plymouth-Canton school board had once again changed the dates for the school board elections.

They have cancelled elections in even years (2010, etc) and replaced them with elections only in odd years (2011, etc). While the board members cited various reasons for this silliness, the truth seems clear. The school board prefers elections in odd years so that turnout will be minimal and they can easily manipulate the results to remain in office.

Odd-year elections receive less than 10 percent voter turnout and cost the district over \$75,000, while even-year elections have much larger turnouts and zero cost due to the concurrent gubernatorial or presidential elections. The board has chosen the most costly, least representative solution.

Even more amazing is that they have chosen the highest cost solution while they travel around the community and go to Lansing to whine about how "underfunded" our school district is. Perhaps they should spend more on our kids and less on low turnout elections. Seems like simple math to me.

So next year when your children have large class sizes, just remember that instead of that extra teacher, the school board spent your money on elections to keep themselves in office.

I think the time has come for our community to stand up to this lunacy and replace this group of autocrats with the representatives our children deserve.

Mark Horvath  
Canton

### Not getting it

When is the Plymouth-Canton school board going to get it?

The Plymouth Canton school board needs to start thinking about the excessive spending they are doing. We are in tough economic times; however, the Plymouth Canton school board continues to ignore budgets.

The citizens of the Plymouth-Canton area are tired of paying for teachers and administrators, and their waste of tax payers money. The Plymouth-Canton school board needs immediately to reduce their spending, and quit asking for millage renewals without accountability.

Teachers and administrators need to start contributing, paying taxes, reducing their benefits, and most of all, cut their salaries. I urge all Plymouth-Canton voters to stop renewing school millages until the school board becomes responsible. The citizens of Plymouth-Canton are not the cash cow that the Plymouth-Canton school board thinks we are!

Keith Martin  
Plymouth

### Thanks for support

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to the American people for the sustained outpouring of support you have shown our men and women in uniform during these years of conflict. They serve us proudly, and we are inspired by their sacrifices and by the

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patriotism and resolve of their families.

If you happen to be traveling through our Nation's busy airports or other transportation hubs this holiday season, you'll likely see many service members traveling in uniform. As part of what our Army calls its "Holiday Block Leave," we suspend basic and advanced skills training to allow Soldiers to spend the holidays with their families and friends.

During the next two weeks, more than 40,000 Soldiers will depart our posts, camps and stations to travel across America. They will be joined by thousands of other troops traveling to and from Afghanistan, Iraq and other overseas locations where they're stationed to protect and promote the liberties we celebrate during this time of year.

I ask all Americans to take a moment to say "thank you" to these service members as you encounter them. They have all sworn an oath to protect our way of life knowing the risks that entails, and many of them have experienced multiple deployments into the war zones.

There's nothing they appreciate more from those they serve than a simple expression of gratitude and acknowledgment of their service and sacrifice.

Throughout our history, young Americans have answered the call to serve. This generation, yet again, is demonstrating that they care more deeply about their country, their fellow countrymen, and their fellow Soldiers than they do about themselves.

We must never take that for granted.

Martin E. Dempsey  
General, U.S. Army  
Commander, U.S. Army Training  
and Doctrine Command

### At least there's a plan

President Obama's pledge to begin withdrawing troops from Afghanistan has drawn unified fire from the right wing neons. In unison, they claim this date of July 2011 "this is just stupid, immoral, worthless, self-absorbing, non-strategy," writes Ralph Peters in the *New York Post*.

This type demagoguery nonsense is echoed by other Fox News-type talking heads and accomplishing nothing. At least President Obama, unlike Bush, has a plan. Bush had none and was confident to have his open-ended war on terrorism which would never end designed to keep Americans fearful and Republicans in power.

We are a bit troubled by the troop build up in Afghanistan and would rather see rebuilding, schools, hospital, roads, etc. which may in fact actually benefit Afghan citizens, rather than more troops. We do not recall any of these right wing pundits criticizing President Bush for his largely ignoring and hostile indifference toward Afghanistan while pursuing a completely optional war in Iraq.

Although July 2011 may not be a solid date for the withdrawal of US. troops, we commend President Obama for at least the semblance of a plan and exit strategy where Bush had neither.

Gerald and Dolores Maxey  
Farmington Hills

### Our government

Have we stopped being a system built on law, separation of powers of legislative, judicial and executive, and has our Congress ruled itself out of the equation?

I recently read an article by Susan Hiller, [biggovernment.com/2009/1208](http://biggovernment.com/2009/1208), entitled, "A White House power grab that Congress and America does not see." The deliberate set up for the White House power grab is built into each of the health care bills. If they fail, there is a little-known twin bill called MedPacReform of 2009 waiting in the wings. The bills SB 1110 and HR 2718 craftily amend the Social Security Act and transfer the Medicare guideline and rule setting processes from the legislative branch to the executive branch. Congress will no longer have any authority or responsibility relative to policy making. The policy decisions would become the responsibility of the New MedPac, under the direction of the Obama administration.

How can this happen? It is happening now with the White House circumventing the usual legislative system and giving power and authority to the EPA. The White House is moving the Cap and Trade agenda through via the EPA, because Congress stalled. The EPA will force businesses to regulate carbon dioxide. POOF! No Congress needed!

Now we have a 1,300-page bill, introduced by Barney Frank, voted on and passed by Congress (Friday, Dec 11, 2009). The purpose of this bill is to impose financial regulations. The common perception of this bill is that it helps the little guy and punishes Wall Street. Unlike TARP, this bill authorizes the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve to completely by-pass congressional approval and directly provide lifelines to firms under their discretion. POOF! No Congress needed!

Frank's bill will allow the government to choose the winners, allowing political favoritism, in that it creates a permanent TARP program — overseen by the Obama administration — at the expense of the American taxpayer. (Assuming there are any left.) So, under health, energy, and financial issues, all powers will be handed over to the Obama administration and the agencies it has created.

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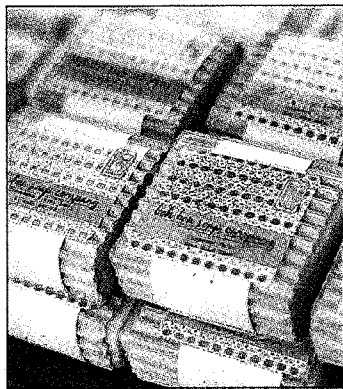
# Michigan made gift ideas for everyone on your list

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
CORRESPONDENT

There are still a few days left before Christmas, so it's time to get your last-minute shop on. It's always hard to pick out the perfect gift, so why not narrow down your choices by buying something Michigan-made? Here are some ideas:

• If you've got someone artsy on your list, try Pewabic Pottery. Founded in 1903 during the Arts & Crafts Movement, Pewabic is nationally known for its tile and pottery in unique glazes. New for the holidays are snowflake ornaments, and pinecone and reindeer tiles. Tiles and ornaments depicting Detroit and Michigan are also favorites. Visit the historic studio at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., in Detroit or shop online at [www.pewabic.com](http://www.pewabic.com).

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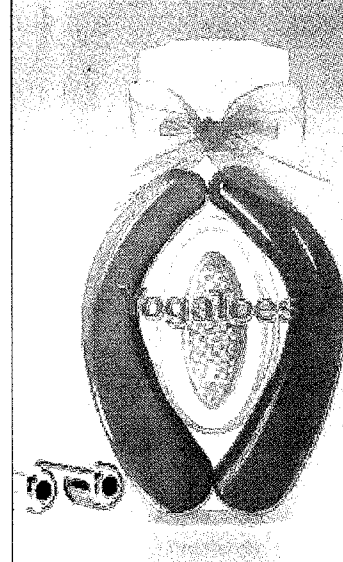
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endar (\$12.95) is available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Books Connection in Livonia, metro Detroit Borders locations, and online at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

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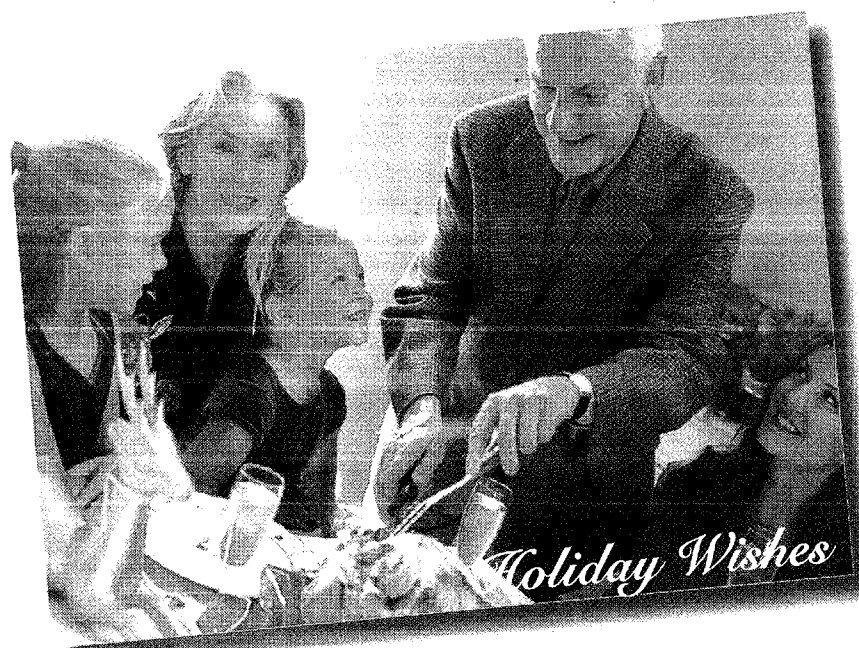
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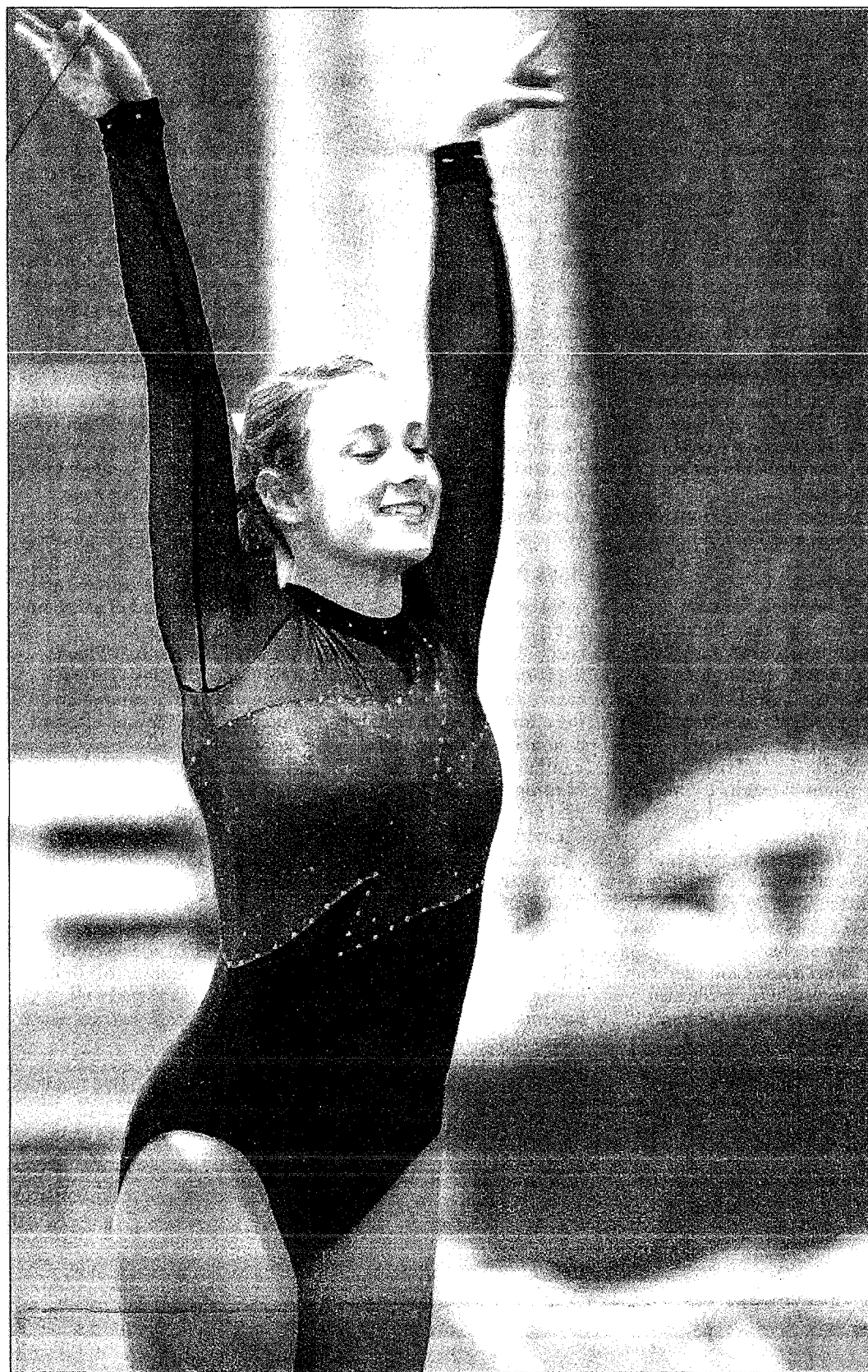
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## 2009-10 GYMNASTICS PREVIEW



PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI

On a Canton team brimming with talent, the top all-arounder entering 2009-10 is junior Robyn Piwowar, who last year set a school record in floor exercise.

## On the beam

### Canton gymnasts know 'routine' for success

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A couple of days after Canton's gymnastics team registered a season opening victory against Vassar, Chiefs coaching legend John Cunningham watched intently as a group of highly motivated young athletes pushed themselves to keep improving.

Not even a 136.675-103.525 win Saturday lessened their desire to sharpen up on the balance beam or uneven bars or become even more proficient in floor exercise or vault.

It's the Canton culture for gymnasts — whether bringing considerable club experience or learning at the prep level — to go to the mat, if you will. Consider junior Kali Pierce, who, despite having an injured shoulder, registered 9.1 on beam at Vassar.

"She has a dislocated shoulder, but she did a one-armed routine (Saturday)," Cunningham said with a chuckle of amazement. "That's the kind of thing I expect some girls will do and some girls will never do."

Of course, if Pierce and others have their way, more and more teammates will get in line in order to compete and score points to help the Chiefs try to exceed the 2008-09 team's 9-3 record (and second-place finish at regionals).

"We always challenge each other," Pierce said. "We give a lot of pep talks like, 'You know how to do this, you've done this a million times. Just go for it 100 percent and you'll be fine.'"

#### TALENT ABOUNDS

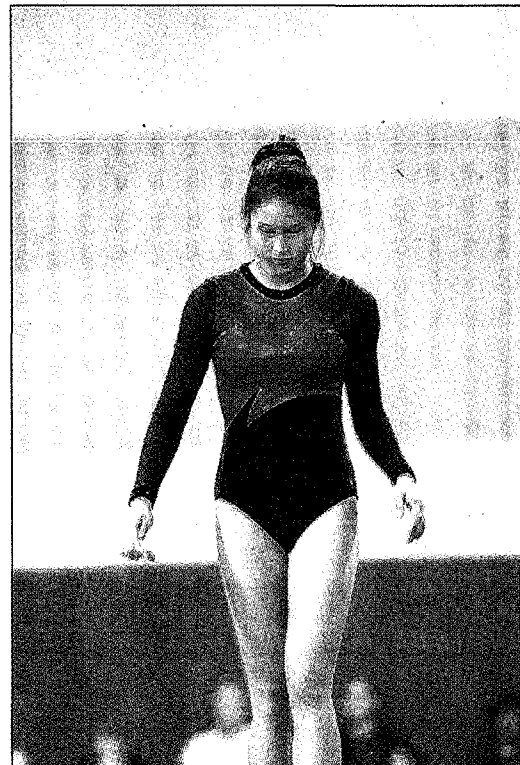
Cunningham also has an intriguing mix of talented returners (led by junior all-arounder Robyn Piwowar, who set a school record last season in floor exercise) and newcomers.

"She's my best all-arounder," Cunningham, entering his 31st season as Canton head coach, said about Piwowar. "She's the only kid on the team right now that's up on the record board. She set the record on floor and has consistently scored 36-to-37 which is plus-nine on every event."

Piwowar, a co-captain, also was fourth in the state on vault and excels on the balance beam.

Senior co-captain Mallory Hudak, another all-arounder, "is my psycho girl, she can do anything," the coach said.

Also back is sophomore all-arounder Marina Milad, who is the lone Chief perfecting an aerial



The picture of concentration in the Vassar dual meet is Canton's Cathy Huang.

on beam routine.

"When you can challenge yourself like that, and show it to the other girls, that's the type of thing that makes them want to get better, too," Cunningham said.

Junior Cathy Huang could set a school record on the bars and "is one of the few in the state" to do a double twist on floor exercise.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs, despite the graduation of 2008-09 state meet qualifier Olivia Stevens, could be even stronger in the KLAA South because of the influx of four girls with club experience.

#### SHOOT FOR TOP

Cunningham said junior Brooke Granowicz (whose twin sister Brittany is now in her second season), sophomore Ayana Lewis and freshmen Alex Fideler and Nicole Lasecki could ultimately become better gymnasts than Stevens before

Please see **CANTON, B4**

## Penguins hang on, ice Regina

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For stretches of Tuesday night's game, it looked like the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins could not be stopped.

Senior defenseman Jordyn Moore scored two high-light-reel goals, and the Penguins were up 4-1 early in the third period against Harper Woods Regina at Canton Arctic Edge Arena.

But a funny thing happened on the way to a blow-out. The pesky Saddletites scored two ugly goals in less than 50 seconds to suddenly make it 4-3 with 11:09 remaining in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League matchup. So PCS head coach Mary Beth Johnson called a timeout.

"I just told them they had to start over, it was like a 0-0 hockey game again," Johnson said. "Two bad bounces going their way completely changed the hockey game. We just had to start over and pretend it was a 0-0 hockey game and they had to win that period."

The Penguins clamped down all right, not giving Regina much of a chance to net the equalizer against PCS freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo (10 saves) and hanging on for the 4-3 victory to improve to 4-3-0 on the season.

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Jordyn Moore (right) celebrates one of her two goals with Penguins teammate Ellexus Montoya during Tuesday's 4-3 win over Regina.

## Comeback falls short

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not all defeats are created equal.

As far as Canton varsity boys basketball coach Jimmy Reddy is concerned, Tuesday's 56-54 loss to host Birmingham Seaholm felt more like a vic-

BOYS BASKETBALL tory than anything else.

"Hopefully, we get better from this and learn from it," Reddy said. "This simulates what a game in March is going to be like. That's why we play these good teams in non-league games."

The Chiefs (1-2) started out slowly against the Maples, trailing 22-12 after one quarter, as the home team hit just about everything from the floor.

"We just weren't focused and ready to go and everything they

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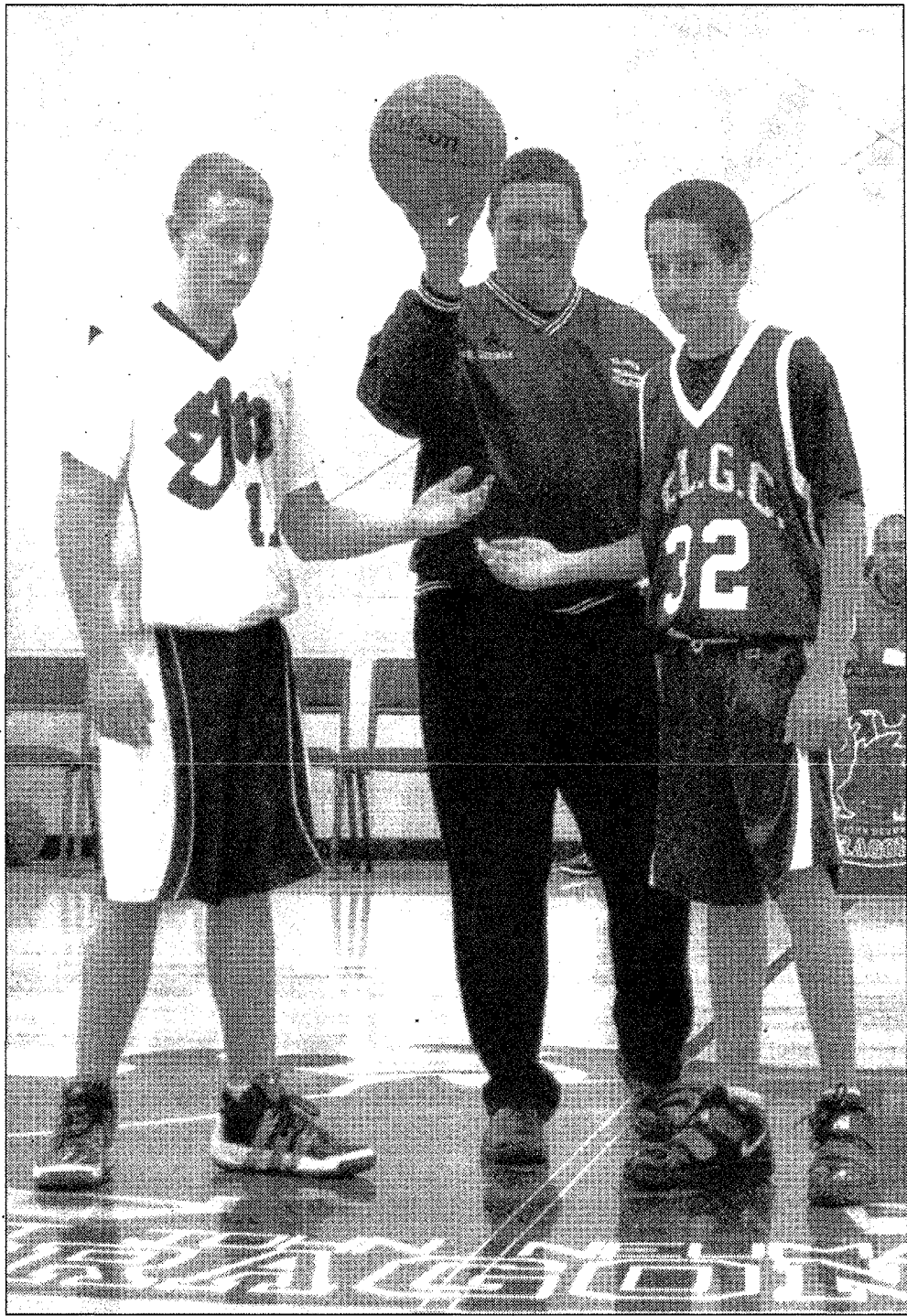
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**Jump ball**  
St. John Neumann Rev. George Williams throws up the ceremonial opening tip off of the Canton parish's first Thanksgiving tournament, also the unveiling of the new gymnasium. Also pictured are SJS player Wesley Weber (left) and an unidentified player from Our Lady of Good Counsel. At the tournament itself, the SJS seventh grade boys team made it to the championship game only to fall short in a very thrilling CYO basketball game to St. Lawrence.

## Catholic Central hockey remains undefeated

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Three more have stepped up to take on the daunting task of defeating the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central hockey team and three more have fallen.

The Shamrocks, coached by Todd Johnson in his 15th year, know what it's like to be winners. They have a state championship from just last year still being talked about. They have one of the best goalies in the state in Zack Cisek.

They know how to be champions.

Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and DeLaSalle all found out the hard way that the Shamrocks have no intention of being considered anything less at this point. The Catholic Central skaters defeated DeLaSalle in a tightly contested match, 4-3, last Wednesday before toppling Churchill and Stevenson, convincingly, 8-1 and 6-2, respectively.

"It was nice to see our efforts being rewarded with pucks going into the net," said

Johnson. "We struggled scoring in the first five games, but the guys kept working hard and focusing on some structure ideas our staff was presenting, and they were rewarded for executing."

Johnson pointed out that his team doesn't have any true superstars, other than Cisek. On the offensive side of the team, the Shamrocks rely on their depth. That showed against Churchill has the team picked up eight goals from eight different players.

Chris Waterstreet, Eric Winkler, Sean Gaffney, Brad Wilhelm, Jimmy Peplinski, Ian Jacobs, Ryan Obuchowski and Ryan Keller all netted goals in the win over Churchill.

Credited with assists were Eric Frago (2), Michael Zylik (2), Wilhelm, Gaffney, Mitchell Gatt, Austin Hervey, Robert Ault, Waterstreet, Steven Hayden, Nolan Gluchowski, Obuchowski and Keller.

Connor Pankow earned the win at goalie and Alex Nork came in to relieve him for part of the contest.

Against Stevenson, the

Shamrocks found themselves behind 1-0 in the opening minutes of the contest, but bounced back to tie the game off a goal by Winkler at the 9:21 mark with Waterstreet and Gaffney earning assists.

The squad then took the lead nine minutes later when Frago found the back of the net off a pass from Waterstreet. Wilhelm also assisted on the play.

The Spartans pushed back, tying the game in the second period before the Shamrocks went on a scoring rampage to shut the game down. Winkler added his second goal of the game with 13:13 left in the second before FGaffney and Frago each collected a goal to put the game out of reach at 5-2. Winkler notched the final goal of the night in the third period to complete a hat trick.

Assists were earned by Ault, Jacob Downing, Hervey, Peplinski, Nick Crowley and Gatt.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

## PREP GAME WRAPS

### Boys hockey

**PLYMOUTH 7, SOUTHGATE 2:** The Wildcats broke a 2-2 tie with 5:46 left in the third on a goal from Ryan Brown and pulled away with four more markers to lift host Plymouth (7-0-1) to this non-conference victory on Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Registering three goals and assisting on another was Brown, while Zach Gambrell, Colin Wright, Pat Smiatacz and Nick Schultz also hit the back of the Titans net.

For Schultz, it was his first goal of the season. "That was the result of just going to the net," said Wildcats head coach Paul Fassbinder, "something we have been preaching the last few weeks."

Making 17 stops for the victory was goalie Zach Vojcek, who the coach said played very well.

"It was good to get a lot of people ice time," Fassbinder said. "Everyone played. Going into the toughest week of the year we needed to get guys some ice."

Gambrell, Cody Hunt, Ryan Renault and Tyler Sanders each tallied two assists for Plymouth.

**ST. MARYS CC 5, SALEM 2:** Visiting Salem rallied Saturday from an early 2-0 deficit to tie the game in the second on goals by Ryan Quigley and Steve Haburne. But Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central (No. 2 in Division 3) regained control with two power play goals in the third.

"We had too many penalties and spent the majority of the third period in the box," said Rocks head coach Ryan Ossenmacher.

Kurt Driscoll collected two assists while Haburne also drew an assist on Quigley's goal.

### Girls basketball

**SALEM 55, DETROIT COMMUNITY 8:** The host Rocks scored early and often Friday night against Detroit Community, earning

their second victory.

"They're not as good as they've been in past years," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann, whose team improved to 2-2 on the seasons. "It was a pretty easy win for us."

Thomann also said it was a good night for the entire team to contribute, as nine of 10 players who got into the game scored at least one point.

Three players reached double figures in the scoring department. Brett deBear and Sara Stone each scored 12 points while Breanne Beaver tallied 10 points. Stone led Salem with nine rebounds while deBear registered five assists.

Chipping in with six points was Lily Burnstein.

Salem's next game is a biggie, 7 p.m. Thursday against district rival Plymouth. The visiting Wildcats (1-2) will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak. Plymouth lost 50-30 Friday night to Farmington Hills Mercy, despite five points from Stacey Klonowski and four each from Alex Roberts and Katelyn Watson.

### Boys basketball

**SALEM 48, RU 39 (OT):** It may not have been the result head coach Brett Steele was seeking from his Redford Union cagers Tuesday night, but the effort put forth certainly is something the youthful Panthers can build upon heading into league play early next year.

The Panthers took visiting Plymouth Salem right down to the wire, and then some, in falling 48-39 in overtime.

"Our kids played their hearts out," Steele said. "But like I told them after the game we've been around here too long and had too much success for any moral victories. If you don't come out on top then you didn't do enough things right. We've got a lot of things to work on, but hopefully this is something we can build on."

The Panthers old bug-a-boo

of starting slow was again present against the Rocks as they managed just four points in the opening eight minutes to fall behind by a 15-4 count.

The second quarter produced a little more excitement for the home fans as the Panthers found the bottom of the bucket with a little more frequency, cutting the deficit to 22-16 at the break.

In the second half, junior Anthony Stadler and sophomores JaVonte' Davis and Try Goynes provided a spark that saw the Panthers get right back into the game in the third quarter and draw even with Rocks in the waning moments of the fourth period.

RU even had a chance to pull it out in regulation, but the youthful Panthers failed to get a shot off before the buzzer sounded sending the game into overtime.

In the extra session it was all Rocks as they outscored the Panthers 9-0 to register their first victory of the season.

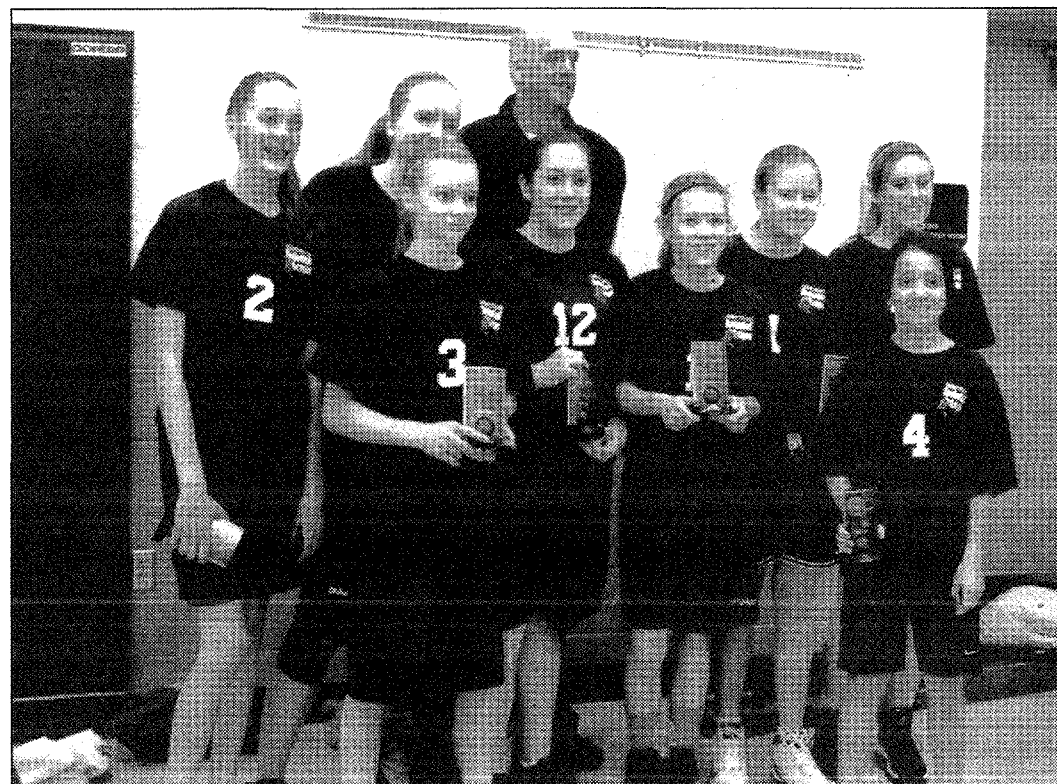
"In overtime Salem scored quickly to get the lead and I think we might have been a little demoralized after not getting a shot off in regulation to try and win it," Steele said. "I think our youthfulness and inexperience kind of came out near the end there."

The Rocks were led to victory by center Jake Peterson who tossed in a game-high 25 points. Tyler Stewart chipped in with 10.

Stadler, a 6-foot guard, led RU with 13 points. Davis followed with 11 points and Goynes bagged seven.

"We changed our lineup in the second half and guys like Stadler, Davis and Goynes did a lot of nice things," Steele said. "And you can't forget (senior forward) Keith Marshall. He played well inside and really battled to get rebounds."

The loss kept the Panthers winless in three starts. Their next opportunity at salvaging that initial victory comes Friday night against visiting Fordson.



## Monarchs school rivals

The Monarchs recently won the Canton Education Basketball League Girls 'A' league championship. Team members (listed alphabetically) are Sarah Curtis, Taylor Hunley, Katie Latack, Jessica Lentine, Dayna Schroeder, Kelly Schmidt, Jessica Stevenson and Layne Visser. Dave Visser is the head coach. Congratulations to the Monarchs for the accomplishment.

## BASKETBALL

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threw up went in," Reddy said. "But we fought back and won every quarter after that."

Canton outscored Seaholm 42-34 the rest of the way, led by Kevin Weisz (19 points, eight rebounds), Paul Baumgart (10 points, seven rebounds) and Dietrich Lever (nine points, eight assists, four steals).

Reddy said his team had several chances to tie or take the lead in the final stages. "But we couldn't get over the hump," he said. "You just have to take your hat off to Birmingham Seaholm, they took away the stuff we like to do. But I like the way our kids competed."

For Seaholm (2-1), senior guard Richaud Pack scored 29 points (13-of-15 from the free-throw line) and junior forward Shawn Conway scored 17 points.

### Wildcats nipped

Dexter defeated host Plymouth 44-42 Tuesday night in a non-conference boys basketball tilt.

Brennen Beyer and Mike Nadratowski scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the 1-1 Wildcats.

For Dexter (2-0), Alex Dobbs registered 13 points.

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## Shorthanded Whalers don't miss a beat

One mark of a good team is to receive positive contributions from everyone and find a way to win.

The Plymouth Whalers are proof in an 8-0 victory over the Saginaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,216 at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers improve to 19-14-0-1, good for 39 points and a share of fourth place in the tight Western Conference race. Saginaw is now 16-13-3-0.

Plymouth played in the game with center Tyler Seguin (third in the OHL scoring race with 26 goals and 25 assists for 51 points in 29 games) and goaltender Matt Hackett (2.57 goals against average and .926 save percentage) – both away at Canada's National Junior selection camp in Regina, SK. But the Whalers depth proved to be too much for Saginaw as Plymouth led, 4-0 after one period and 5-0 after forty minutes of play.

With Hackett away, Whalers rookie goaltender Scott Wedgewood stopped 35 Saginaw shots en route to his first OHL shutout. Wedgewood – who has won in shoot-outs on the road in Windsor and Sudbury this season – lowered his goals against average to 3.51 and raised his save percentage to .909.

Offensively, Plymouth captain AJ Jenks and rookie Garrett Meurs led the Whalers attack with a goal and three assists apiece. Jamie Devane scored twice (second and third), while Tyler J. Brown (fourth), Ryan Hayes (fifth), Michal Jordan (eighth) and fifth in five straight games) and Robbie Czarnik (third) all scored single goals for the Whalers.



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2009-10 BOYS SWIMMING PREVIEW

# Plenty of promise in Canton's pool

**BY TIM SMITH**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Youth very well could be served this season for Canton's varsity boys swim team. A nucleus of returnees includes state-meet hopefuls such as sophomores Victor Zhang, Jay Jin and Adrian Simion along with reliable seniors Brandon Tolinski, Ryan Boes and Steve Watts. "Victor can do anything," said Canton head coach Dave Le. "And he can do anything real well."

But the Chiefs, according to Le, enjoy 19 first-year swimmers who could provide important team depth and competition for the returnees. "My initial thought so far, is our depth is satisfactory," said Le, whose team is gearing up for Friday's Plymouth Wildcat Relays. "As we get into it a little more, with 19 freshmen, I'm sure we'll find quite a bit more."

In order for Canton to equal last year's 5-0 mark in the

KLAA South and be reckoned with at the conference meet (and hopefully beyond), the so-called veterans and newbies will need to mesh as a unit. But Le has few doubts if any about that transpiring. "I have high hopes for conference meet and doing well at the conference meet," Le said. "That's our ultimate goal, to swim fast at the end of the year."

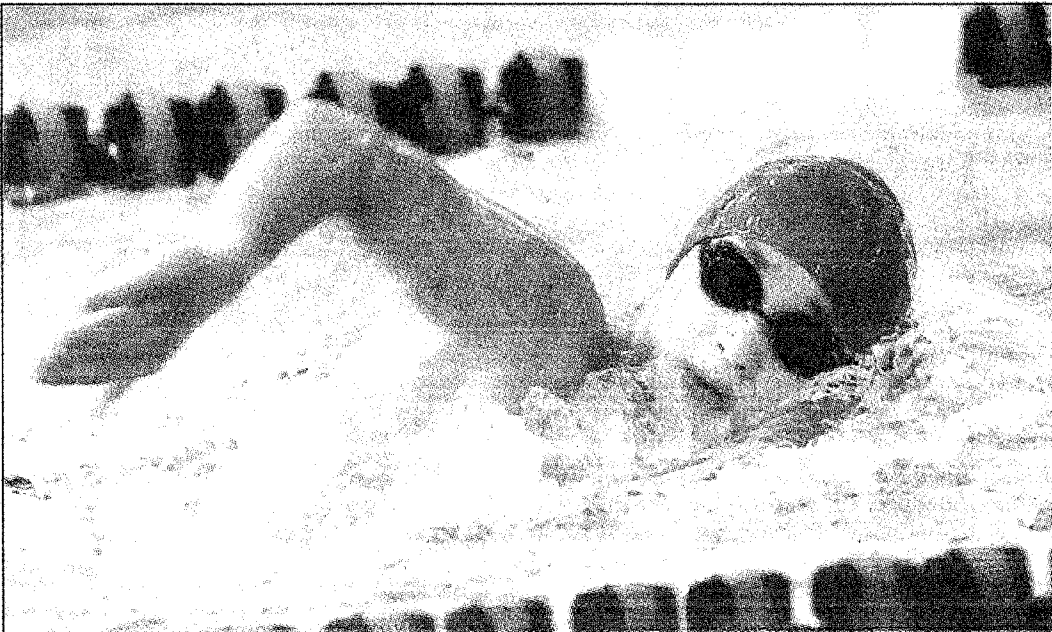
Despite the graduation of individual state qualifier Richard Zhang and relay state qualifier Eddie Koelzer, the Chiefs expect others to fill the void. Juniors Chris Krebs (IM, freestyle), Evan Champine (freestyle) and Jacob Dillon (breaststroke) can definitely do that. "They've all been training in the off-season and I expect them to do well," Le stressed.

Co-captains Tolinski, Boes and Watts bring a been-there, done-that mindset and want to finish their prep careers strong.

Tolinski was part of state-meet relays "and hopefully he can qualify in some individual events this year, hopefully in the butterfly," Le said. The coach said Boes is a "very strong" breaststroker while Watts rips through the water as a sprint freestyler. Senior Pat Jenner also is a returnee from the state-meet relays, with breaststroker Eric Tian another important returnee.

Both Andrew Hanagan and Madison Derian-Toth will bring experience and leadership. Canton also could pose problems for KLAA rivals because of its diving capability. Leading in that department will be sophomore Ryan Kilgore, although "remarkable progress" from first-year divers such as freshmen Kyle Spence, Quinn Hosler, Mike Carlson and sophomore Drew Wade could really make things competitive.

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After making a splash as a freshman, Canton's Jay Jin looks to help propel the Chiefs to another strong season in 2009-10.

### 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.

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March 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
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March 27	Easter Parade (1948)	Gardenviews, 202 W. Main	March 13

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Skating down the Arctic Edge ice Tuesday night is PCS Penguins forward Rebecca Majsak (No. 12), who gets past Regina's Amber Constantine. Majsak finished off the play by scoring the game's first goal.

## PENGUINS

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Although Moore scored her seventh and eighth goals of the season to take over the team lead in that category, it was her steady defense and strong skating that made the biggest impact. "She played travel for a while and then came to play for us, and she's obviously a two-way player," Johnson said. "She can put the puck in the net, but she can also defend in her own end. She's a great, versatile player."

Also strong in the back end were senior blueliner Shauna Siebert and junior defensemen Sarah Coleman and Rhianna Fleisher.

Moore scored carbon-copy goals in the first and second to turn a 1-0 lead into a 3-0 advantage, with 6:19 remaining in the middle period.

### TWICE AS NICE

After junior winger Rebecca Majsak scored at 6:50 of the first from senior center Kara Bongiovanni, the Penguins went up 2-0 with about 11 minutes to go in the period. Moore collected the puck deep in her own end, raced down the right wing, cut into the slot and ripped a high shot over the glove hand of Regina junior goalie Kelsey Erne, who played an excellent game in defeat, making 35 stops.

With 8:44 left in the second, Moore did it again. She skated out of traffic in the Penguins' zone and turned on the jets, roaring down ice and going top shelf again.

"When it comes down to a game that's going to be close," Johnson said, "our stars really pull through and get those goals for us."

But Regina would not go quietly. With 2:06 remaining in the second, winger Kristen Taylor (two goals, one assist)

was stopped by McAdoo. But the rebound slithered under the goaltender's pads into the crease and Taylor managed to poke the puck over the line.

Restoring the Penguins' three-goal lead was junior winger Marissa Sullivan (from Majsak and Siebert) at 2:27 of the third. Stationed between the circles, Sullivan took a feed from the corner and drilled the puck into the goal.

But just 37 seconds later, Danielle Merow jabbed in a rebound to make it 4-2.

Then at 3:51, Taylor's second of the night, also from in close, signalled time for Johnson to call the crucial timeout and settle down the team for the final stretch.

The Penguins were slated to visit Grosse Pointe North Wednesday night in the final game before the holiday break. The team's next action is 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5 against Port Huron.

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# Lady Ocelots avert Skippers' upset bid

Call it the "Great Escape" for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team on Saturday.

The host Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 2 nationally in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, overcame 29 turnovers and held off a valiant effort by upset-minded St. Clair County Community College for a 62-58 triumph.

Angie Burrell's two free throws with 25 seconds left helped secure Schoolcraft's 43rd straight win at home and 32nd straight Eastern Conference win in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The Lady Ocelots, now 14-0 overall and 5-0 in the conference, held double-digit leads of 50-37 (with 12:35 left) and 54-42 (with 7:30 left) during the second half, but could not shake the stubborn Skippers (7-3, 2-1).

April Goins had 13 points and seven rebounds to pace Schoolcraft. Antania Shepherd and Goins each added 12 points and nine rebounds. Kimberly Bee also grabbed nine rebounds.

Chanahl Putnam paced St. Clair with 20 points.

Mariah Spicer added 14.

It was also Schoolcraft's 64th conference win in the last 66 games. The Ocelots' closest win during that stretch was an identical 62-58 triumph over St. Clair (Feb. 12, 2009). The last loss was Jan. 23, 2008 (62-59 vs. Oakland CC).

**MADONNA 80, ST.-MARY (IND.) 64:** Junior Tabatha Wydryck notched her fourth 20-point game of the season Saturday as Madonna University (4-4) led four players in double figures to beat St. Mary-of-the-Woods (2-4) to close out the St. Ambrose Classic (Ia.) at Lee Lohman Arena.

Wydryck finished with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures was Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), 17; Erin Bentley, 16; and Katie Mount, 12.

Chelsey Barron led St. Mary-of-the-Woods with 19 points, while Brittney Shaner added 15.

MU led 48-40 at halftime hitting 18-of-37 shots from the floor, including 5-of-10 from three point range.

The Crusaders had a 40-34 rebounding edge.

# Fresh faces could catapult Rocks

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's varsity girls gymnastics team looks to vault toward success in 2009-10, with a trio of newcomers essential to that transpiring.

Freshman all-arounder Ade Jepperson could be the top sparkplug for the Rocks, bringing seventh-level club experience.

"Ade is an amazing athlete and an inspiration to her teammates," said Salem assistant coach Amy Driscoll, who works on the staff of head coach Dana Driscoll. "She is one of those kids that absolutely loves the sport and it is infectious."

But Jepperson, who excelled in cross country this fall, won't need to carry the team thanks to a nucleus of returnees.

Sophomore Nicole Jacobs is the top returner from 2008-09, having finished fifth at the Division 2 regional.

"Nicole is a hard worker with unlimited potential," Driscoll said. "We expect that she will continue to improve and will be a top competitor in the region and state."

Jacobs could make an impact at the state meet both on the balance beam and floor routine.

"Her beam routine is packed with difficulty and she makes it look easy," said Driscoll about Jacobs.



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Returning for Salem in 2009-10 is Nicole Jacobs, who placed second in the Division 2 all-around competition last season.

Klusek could become an all-arounder, but opens the season specializing in floor exercise, vault and balance beam while Burbo will compete in floor exercise, uneven parallel bars and balance beam.

According to Driscoll, having such promise coming on board will help offset the graduation of eight girls from last year's 18-member team.

"While some may consider this a rebuilding year after the

loss of so many seniors," she said, "we are very excited for the opportunity to work with the astounding number of new, eager and talented gymnasts that have come out for the team this year."

Driscoll added that her team's penchant for effort won't hinder its hopes to excel in the KLAA and perhaps beyond.

"With so many new faces and first-time competitors

rounding out our team this year," she emphasized, "it is hard to predict what the season has in store for us."

"But we have a group of extremely talented, focused and hard-working gymnasts and hard work always pays off."

Look to the Observer for a preview of Plymouth's gymnastics team in an upcoming issue.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Moose mission

The Detroit Moose hockey team, which has Canton's Derek Fowler as captain, is hosting families and children that lost a parent in the Iraq or Afghanistan wars to watch a special closed-door Detroit Red Wings practice on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at Joe Louis Arena. The practice starts at 10:30 a.m..

"The Red Wings are really great to step up to the plate like this," said Fowler, about opening the practice up. "... We would like to pay a very special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. (Mike) Ilitch and the whole Detroit Red Wings organization as well as Mr. Joe Kocur to allow us to put on this wonderful event for filing our mission of giving back unselfishly and making a difference in our commu-

nity."

For more information about the event — which includes lunch at Cheli's Chili following practice — go to [www.detroitmoose.org](http://www.detroitmoose.org).

The Moose plays in the Detroit B division of Hockey North America, a recreation hockey circuit.

### Holiday hoops camp

The Plymouth High School Basketball Booster Club announced it will be hosting its Holiday Basketball Camp, 1-3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the PHS gymnasium.

Up to 50 boys in grades 5-8 are eligible to sign up. The cost of the camp is \$50. For more information and to register, contact booster club president John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on December 2, 2009, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") having jurisdiction over the chapter 11 cases of Remediation and Liability Management Company, Inc. and Environmental Corporate Remediation Company, Inc., as debtors in possession (each subsidiaries of General Motors Corporation) (collectively, the "REALM/ENCORE Debtors") entered an order (the "Bar Date Order") establishing February 1, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) as the last date and time for each person or entity (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, and trusts) to file a proof of claim ("Proof of Claim") based on prepetition claims against any of the REALM/ENCORE Debtors (the "Bar Date").

The Bar Date Order, the Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for the filing of Proofs of Claim apply to all claims against the REALM/ENCORE Debtors that arose prior to October 9, 2009, the date on which the REALM/ENCORE Debtors commenced their cases under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

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If you do not file a Proof of Claim on or before February 1, 2010 in the appropriate form in accordance with the procedures described in this Notice for any claim you wish to assert, you will be forever prohibited and forbidden from asserting the claim in the future, and each of the Debtors and their respective chapter 11 estates, successors, and property will be forever discharged from and will not be liable or responsible for anything relating to the claim, and you will not be permitted to vote to accept or reject any chapter 11 plan filed in these chapter 11 cases, receive any distribution in any of the REALM/ENCORE Debtors' chapter 11 cases on account of your claim, or receive further notices with respect to any of the REALM/ENCORE Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

A holder of a possible claim should consult an attorney as to whether the holder should file a Proof of Claim.

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they leave high school.

Cunningham said having a large contingent of athletes working hard to push each other to excel should only help Canton's quest to finish in the top three at the conference and regional meets and improve on last year's No. 8 state ranking.

But it won't be easy, with always-tough Salem, Northville, Livonia Blue and Livonia Red in the conference and regional picture.

"All have strong teams and they all come to our region," Cunningham said, "and only three can make it to state. The other half is, when we do go to state, there are four regions, with three teams from each so that means 12 teams. ... I want to be in the top three of that as well."

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JOHN KEMSKI

Canton junior gymnast Kali Pierce excels in a beam routine last week against Vassar.

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# Canton Strictly Business

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Vintner's Canton Winery to host annual open house

Vintner's Canton Winery, winner of 19 medals in Winemaker Magazine Competition, hosts its annual Christmas Open House Sunday, Dec. 19, from noon to 5 p.m.

Vintner's Canton Winery, located at 8515 N. Lilley Rd., Canton, will offer free wine tasting, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and sweets with hot chocolate for the children.

As a great gift for the holidays, Vintner's offers a 6-pack split sampler of wines each individually labeled with Christmas labels, custom Christmas labeled wine, grab and go wine gift baskets, ice wine baskets, as well as other gifts for the wine lover. The Winery is also taking orders for custom wine baskets.

For further information call the Winery at (734) 354-9463 or check the Web site at [www.vintnerscanton.com](http://www.vintnerscanton.com)

### New vice president

Cheryl Phillips of Canton has been promoted to senior regional vice president by PartyLite, the world's largest direct seller of home ambiance products, including candles, candle accessories and spa and home fragrance products.

An independent PartyLite consultant for more than 20 years, Phillips was promoted to senior regional vice president, the highest level of sales, after demonstrating excellent leadership skills and dedication to helping other PartyLite consultants grow and prosper.

"We're delighted to announce Cheryl Phillips' promotion to senior regional vice president," said Anne Butler, president of PartyLite U.S. "Her success is an important example of how women continue to benefit from the power of starting and managing their own PartyLite businesses especially in today's uncertain economic times."



Phillips

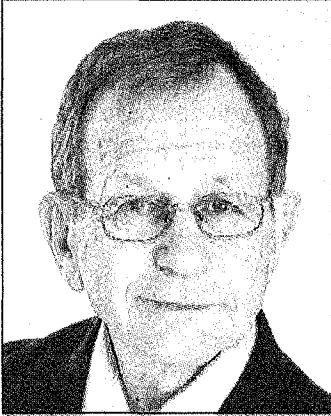
ing their own PartyLite businesses especially in today's uncertain economic times.

"With so many families affected by the current economic crisis, more women are turning to direct selling as a 'Plan B.' For 35 years, the PartyLite 'people-helping-people' business model has provided much-needed family income that grows by helping others succeed."

Phillips, a wife and mother of four, earned two new titles this year, regional vice president and now senior regional vice president. She likes to joke that, before joining PartyLite, she only lit candles on birthday cakes or when the power went out. Although she originally intended to stay in PartyLite for a short time, her business took off and she never looked back.

PartyLite candles and accessories are sold through home parties by more than 60,000-plus people in 15 countries. More than 12 million people attend PartyLite parties around the world every year.

Based in Plymouth, Mass., PartyLite was established in 1973 and is a member of the Blyth, Inc. family of home fragrance products and related candle accessories. For more information about PartyLite, call (508) 830-3100 or visit [www.partylite.com](http://www.partylite.com)



Moorman

### Parenting seminar

What do you do when children misbehave? Parents who are interested in learning how to manage a variety of situations that arise with their children are invited to hear nationally recognized educator and speaker Chick Moorman Monday, Jan. 18. The free workshop will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, which is located at 466 N. John Daly in Dearborn Heights.

"Mr. Moorman is highly regarded for helping both parents and educators," said Kay Neff, head of Dearborn Heights Montessori Center. "This will be his third visit to our school, and we look forward to the wealth of information that he always brings to our staff and families."

Moorman will present "The Five Voices of Enlightened Parenting," regarding a variety of techniques that parents can use to help guide children through the daily challenges of family life. According to Moorman, when children misbehave, it can become a teaching moment for parents.

Although consequences or punishment may be the appropriate response to some misbehavior, Moorman will talk about other approaches that work better and create lasting improvement.

He offers parents five "voices" that they can use to help their children through difficult situations.

Moorman is a distinguished educator and captivating speaker who has addressed more than 300,000 parents and educators while conducting more than 2,000 talks on raising and educating children. He is noted for his humor and enthusiasm, as well as his ability to deliver practical ideas. He is the author of more than a dozen books and teaching resources. He writes monthly parenting columns for publications across the United States, and is a regular contributor to the Chicken Soup for the Soul series of books.

The free workshop, which is open to the public, will include complimentary child care. To ensure adequate seating, reservations are requested by calling (313) 359-3000.

For additional information about the January 18 workshop and programs available at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, call 313-359-3000 or visit [www.dhmontessori.org](http://www.dhmontessori.org).

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center is a non-profit educational community founded in 1972. Now in its fourth decade, DHMC is the largest and longest-established Montessori school in western Wayne County. Programs include preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school as well as summer programs and academic tutoring. Day care and latchkey are also available for enrolled children. DHMC preschool and latchkey programs, along with its satellites Livonia Montessori Center and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, are licensed by the Michigan Division of Child Care Licensing.

More information is available at [www.dhmontessori.org](http://www.dhmontessori.org).

### Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host their first luncheon of the year on Jan. 6, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Networking begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration), \$30 non-members and includes a full buffet, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

Following lunch, 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou will swear in the chamber's 2010 Board of Directors: Mary Bartlett-Chair, Terry Jobbitt-Past Chair, Marty Heator-Chair Elect, Kim Scartelli-Treasurer, Scott Coates, Shane Fritz, Ruth Fuchs, Heather Laginess-Moll, Jason Lewkut, Lisa Mininni, Bart Patterson, Wayne Pedlar, Denise Steffeld, Linda Stansell and Judy Wetmore.

Chamber members will have the opportunity to meet the new Board of Directors and Committee chairs and find out how their businesses can become more involved in the Canton Chamber.

"Businesses will have the opportunity to sign up for committees, sponsorships, advertising, and much more," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

January's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Bovitz, CPA P.C. and Molly Maid. Seating is limited and reservations are needed.

To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

### Red Ryder

The Plymouth Historical Museum is showcasing a special exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story," in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red

Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Throughout our Main Street there will be vignettes of scenes from the movie and from the original story that the movie is based on, Plymouth Historical Museum style. Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth. The exhibit runs through Jan. 24. Call (734) 455-8940 for the museum's schedule.

### Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com)

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as well as our Luncheons, After Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E. and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all ... just go to [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

### Canton Goodfellows

Canton Goodfellow's "No child without a Christmas" Collection continues through Dec. 9 at Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center Road. Bring in canned goods, nonperishable items or cash donation for the Canton Goodfellows and receive a gift from our Santa Bag. All gifts are with a retail value of \$20 or more.

## Health care coverage will cause problems for many

The talk in Washington and throughout the country lately has been about health care. Every day we hear something different about health care reform. Whatever your opinion on health care reform, any plan passed will take years to fully implement and there will be many changes along the way. After all, politicians will do what politicians do. That being said, there are many people who do not have the luxury of waiting. They need to make some decisions about their health care, in particular those covered by COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act).

COBRA is the federal legislation that allows an individual who loses his/her job to keep their health care insurance for a period of time. COBRA coverage is not free. In fact, it is expensive. However, it does give unemployed workers the means to keep insurance. Despite the price, millions of Americans — many in Michigan — have taken advantage of COBRA until they are able to obtain alternative coverage.

In February, Congress passed legislation to provide a subsidy to help the unemployed pay for COBRA coverage. COBRA premiums throughout the country average about \$1,100 a month, which is the bulk of an unemployed individual's unemployment benefits. Although the subsidy has allowed millions to keep their health care, the problem is the federal subsidy is about to end. This will put millions in the position of not being able to afford their health care premiums, thus



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causing them to lose their coverage. Congress has recognized this problem and has introduced legislation to extend the subsidy for another six months. The problem occurs if your subsidy terminates before Congress passes the legislation. What makes this issue even more difficult is, if an individual lets COBRA lapse and does not obtain other health care, he/she may find it difficult to obtain affordable health care in the future.

Under current federal law, if you have a gap in your health care coverage for more than 63 days, your pre-existing health care issues could be used by insurance companies to deny you coverage or make premiums unaffordable.

If you're in a situation where your subsidy is about to terminate and you don't have alternative coverage, what do you do?

First, try to obtain health care insurance elsewhere. If you belong to an organization that has group coverage, you can join or you can buy an individual health care plan that may be more affordable than COBRA. The other alternative is to find a way to make your COBRA payment.

I am generally not in favor of borrowing money, but in this situation it makes sense. I believe that Congress will do something with the federal subsidy and it is possible, in fact, even probable it will make the legislation

retroactive and provide some sort of refunds for the extra payments. Another possible alternative is to take a distribution from a retirement account to make the health care payments. My fear is that if someone does not keep their coverage and cannot obtain alternative coverage, they may find it very difficult to obtain coverage at a reasonable price in the future.

It is possible that the massive health care reform legislation being debated in Washington could provide affordable coverage in the future, however, that does not solve problems today.

Another issue with the current subsidy program is that in order to qualify, you must be eligible for COBRA before Dec. 31. Therefore, people who have recently lost their job and have health care coverage until the end of the year, may find that they do not qualify for the subsidy.

My advice is to ask your employer, no matter how difficult it is, if they can see fit to make you eligible for COBRA before Dec. 31. Many employers will be willing to do this as an accommodation.

There is no doubt that unemployed individuals are under a tremendous amount of financial pressure, particularly this time of year. However, you must be proactive. Make plans now so you won't be in a more difficult situation down the road.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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## DEC. 17-23

### Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m., vespers; 7 p.m., concert, Saturday, Dec. 19  
**Location:** 18100 Merriman Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia

**Details:** Holy Land Christmas Concert featuring the Orthodox Choir of Metro Detroit singing Orthodox and western Christian hymns and carols for the season and an Arabic ensemble singing nativity hymns; a freewill offering will be collected to support the work of the International Orthodox Christian Charities  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0010

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Details:** The Limited Edition Our Lady of Good Counsel Christmas ornament is now on sale. This ornament was specially crafted in Poland and is hand painted with a mosaic portrait of the O.L.G.C. Mother and Child. This keepsake ornament is available for \$35 after Masses at O.L.G.C. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Contact:** Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or Mary Vangieson at (734) 737-9442

### St. James Presbyterians Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. worship service, Dec. 20

**Location:** 25350 West Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Chancel Choir sings "A Carol Fantasia"

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

### St. Theodore Men's Club

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Dec. 20

**Location:** St. Theodore Catholic Church social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Pancake and French toast breakfast. Cost is \$3 adults; \$1.50 children ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk, and juice

**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

## DEC. 24-30

### Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday Dec. 25  
**Location:** 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Details:** A free Christmas concert featuring teen singer/songwriter, Sarah Draget, with her family

**Contact:** (734) 524-0880

### Lola Park Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** Family Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. service on Dec. 25

**Location:** 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

### St. James Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 6:45 p.m., Dec. 24

**Location:** 25350 West Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Hear "Quiet Noels and Carols for Organ

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

## DEC. 31-JAN. 6, 2010

### Lola Park Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., New Year's Eve Service, Dec. 31

**Location:** 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

### Newburg United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** Call in orders from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 4-5, 2010

**Location:** 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** The church is making and selling Cornish pasties as a fundraiser. Pasties are \$4 each and can be ordered by calling into the church office. Call in orders only. Any orders left on the church answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are noon-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010 and noon-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2010  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

### St. Robert Bellarmine

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010

**Location:** 27201 W. Chicago Road, corner of Inkster Road, Redford

**Details:** Monthly Bethany Suburban West Singles dance; dance lessons and DJ

**Contact:** Diane K for more information at (734) 261-5716

## JAN. 7-13, 2010

### Our Lady of Loretto Parish

**Time/Date:** Starting at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010

**Location:** 17116 Olympia, Redford

**Details:** A "Grief Recovery" series runs for six-weeks and deals with the phases of grief, loneliness and other related issues. A \$20 fee covers all materials. Sponsored by Widowed Friends  
**Contact:** Joan at (248) 478-1084

## JAN. 14-20, 2010

### St. Thomas a' Beckett Parish

**Time/Date:** Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends  
**Contact:** Pat at (734) 895-6246

## ONGOING

### AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m.,

Wednesdays

**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096.

### Classes/study

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

**Location:** Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

### Livonia Unity

**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

### Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

### Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Details:** Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

**Contact:** (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

### New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

### Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daily, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

**Location:** 26701 Joy

**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that may impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey  
**Contact:** (313) 274-3820.

### Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Friday

**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Bible study

**Contact:** Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

### United Methodist Church of Wayne

**Time/Date:** noon and 7 p.m.

Wednesday

**Location:** 3 Townsquare, Wayne

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery Bible Study is a Christ-centered and Bible-based 12 Step Recovery Program

**Contact:** (734) 721-4801

### Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

### Clothing bank

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, fourth Saturday

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, West of Canton Christian Fellowship, at 41711 Joy

**Details:** Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

### Fellowship dinner

#### St. James Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

### Films

#### Kenwood Church of Christ

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie

**Location:** 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free

**Contact:** (248) 476-8222

### Moms

#### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Contact:** Angie at (248) 427-1020

### Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

### Prayer

#### Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday

**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Details:** Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach

**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

### Nardin Park United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

### St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

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**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

### St. Michael's Church of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. third Wednesday

**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

**Details:** Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

### Singles

#### First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry

meets; cost is \$5

**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., Sunday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

### Support

#### Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling

**Contact:** (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

### Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except

January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** (248) 433-1011

### Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday morning

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

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**Contact:** Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

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**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

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**Contact:** (313) 387-9797. www. oa.org

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m., praise and worship; 8 p.m.



# Church offers service for those feeling "blue"

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER

You're too depressed to hear another Christmas carol or watch a festive Nativity pageant.

Yet, you long to attend a church service this holiday season.

If you're not in the "holiday spirit" the second annual "Blue Christmas" service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth may be just what you need. It's designed to help you avoid seasonal hype while feeding spiritual needs at the holiday.

"Christmas can be very difficult for people. I think it exaggerates the whole season, both good and bad," said the Rev. Dorian McGlannan. "As a pastor I get annoyed at all the cultural stuff. It pulls people away from what matters in your life."

"If you've lost a job and don't have much money or your home is being foreclosed on, it's a devastating time of year. For those who won't go near a church, this is a possible place to come."

The service starts at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, at the church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth. It will include music, Holy Eucharist, candle lighting and a softly-lit sanctuary. Boxes of tissues will be placed among the pews.

## SUBDUED SERVICE

"The Episcopal church tends to be more reflective. Our normal Christmas service is not over the top. It's joyous but not out of control."

The music is lively and includes upbeat carols. But



participants at the blue service will sing more subdued music, along the lines of *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* rather than *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*.

"We keep the lighting as low as we can go without keeping people from being able to read."

Rev. McGlannan said about 30 individuals worshipped at the first blue service last year.

"We're not the originators of this. It's being done elsewhere," she said. "I knew about it but had never been to one."

The unexpected death of a congregation member in early fall last year was the catalyst for the service at St. John's.

"He was in his early 50s. His wife went out shopping, came home and found him. We knew this would be an incredibly hard Christmas for her."

Rev. McGlannan planned the service. Just before Christmas last year two other "mainstays" of the congregation died.

"The service ended up being a good thing to have in place."

## FEELING BLUE

Rev. McGlannan said individuals who are in grief, "regardless of what the grief is about," may isolate them-

selves, especially during festive holidays. While friends gather at parties and other seasonal events, a person grieving over divorce, death, job loss, health difficulties and other problems, may "run home and hide."

"This is a way to encourage them to come out of that. There still is a spiritual longing to make sense out of what the grief is."

During the service, participants will get an opportunity to light candles and place them into a sand-filled container. The idea is to pray about a person or concern while lighting the wick. The service will include all of the traditional Christmas readings, with Rev. McGlannan focusing on a thoughtful telling of the Christmas story that she hopes will resonate with participants.

## REALISTIC NATIVITY

"Despite what the culture says, it's a family on the run. They've come in for the census. They're from out of town, far from home, lonely and they don't have a place to stay."

"These were dangerous times and difficult for a family without a lot of money," she said, pointing out that Mary gave birth in a stable. "It can't get more difficult than that. We can connect with this story in a lot of ways. It's not all about angels singing."

She hopes participants will leave the service feeling better and able to express their grief.

For more information about the service, call the church at (734) 453-0190, ext. 11.

## Orthodox organization picks new officers

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) has elected new officers for 2009-2011. They are:

- Subdeacon Robert A. Mitchell, of St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church, Detroit, president

- Subdeacon John E. Lazar, of St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield, vice president

- John Vasilco, of St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, Redford, treasurer

- The Rev. Kristijan Petrovich, of St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy, secretary

The COCC (<http://www.coccdetroit.com>) is a 52-year-old clergy and lay association that represents various canonical Orthodox churches in metropolitan Detroit and sponsors a variety of worship, fellowship, and charitable, educational and outreach programs.

The COCC is advised on spiritual matters by members of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit, led by its president, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford.

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# FILTER

## This 'Jersey Boy' is happy to perform at home in Michigan

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Eric Gutman has performed with the musical hit, *Jersey Boys*, touring nationally, in Chicago, Ill., and on the Broadway stage. But the Farmington Hills native says he looks forward to its upcoming Detroit run because he's certain residents will respond to its gritty story. "I think it will resonate with this city more so than any other city," said Gutman, during a phone interview from Chicago last week. He was finishing his final performances in the Windy City before heading to Motown for costume fittings and opening night, today, Dec. 17, at the Fisher Theatre.

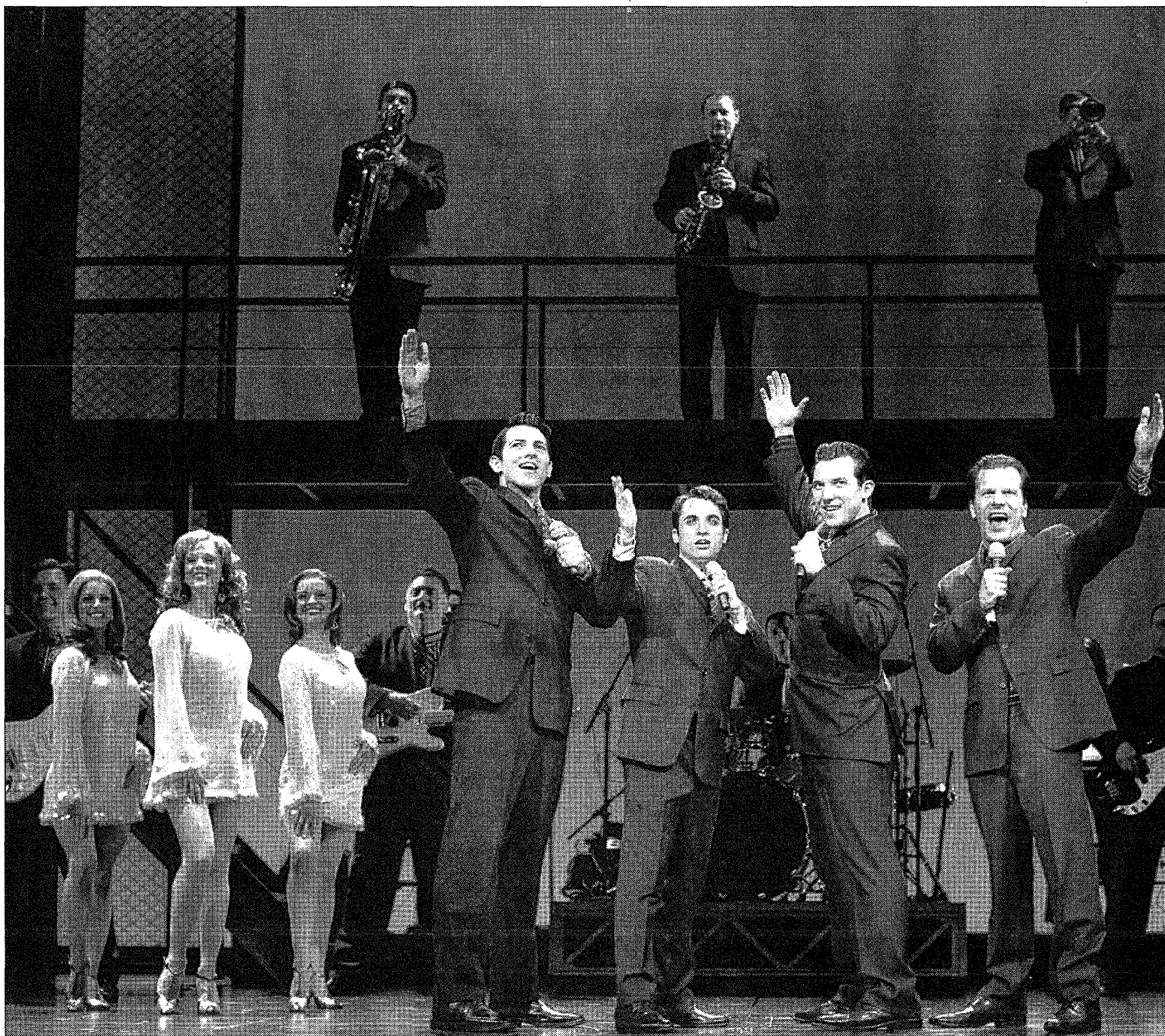
Because of its musical history, "blue collar" identity and "grittiness," Detroit area residents will appreciate the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons more than other audiences, Gutman said.

"Here's what I like about the show. *Jersey Boys* is about Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, but it's a true story about these guys," he said. "People don't realize that these things really happened to them. There's something amazing about the rough time they had. They rose to the being one of the biggest groups of their era."

"People will be floored with what they went through. It's a hard-knock story. It's not a bubble gum musical. It's a gritty show with authentic Jersey language."

Gutman has been happy to help tell their story since 2007 as an ensemble cast member and understudy, first with the show's national tour and then for nearly a year on Broadway before earning the role of Norm Waxman in the Chicago show last summer. He'll play that character again for the Detroit run through Jan. 23, 2010.

His wife, Sarah, and dog, Toby, went along with him for the ride, moving from city to city for the national tour and living in New York until fall of 2008 when they moved back to Michigan to prepare for a new family member. Gutman quit the New York cast about two months later



"Jersey Boys" tells the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. This is a scene from the finale.

to be with his wife when she gave birth to their daughter in January this year.

### BACK AT HOME

After a six-month stint in Chicago, Gutman says he's happy to be back in Michigan.

"I really wanted to do the show at home," he said.

Now a Royal Oak resident, Gutman, 32, graduated from Harrison High School in Farmington and went on to study musical theater performance at Western Michigan University.

"I remember acting when I was in second grade. I was Toto in the *Wizard of Oz*. It's just continued since then.

I've always been a performer. I've played guitar since I was 9 years old, singing and in talent shows."

Gutman played in bands over the years and has acted in regional as well as Off-Broadway productions. He earned a Detroit Wilde Awards nomination in 2007 for his performances in *Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah* at the Jet Theatre. He stepped into various roles in *Tony & Tina's Wedding* Off-Broadway and took the lead in both *Forbidden Broadway 2001* and *Forbidden Broadway 2nd Anniversary*, while living in the Big Apple.

He moved back to Michigan and worked "a desk

job" after his roles in Off-Broadway plays.

"I was back home in Detroit, working 40 hours a week. I was happy doing local theater in the area. And then I found out through a friend that *Jersey Boys* was auditioning in Chicago."

### FULFILLING A DREAM

He listened to the show's music for weeks while driving in his car and then called in sick the day of the audition. Then he called in sick again when he was called back for a second look.

"I was supposed to go to a conference in Vegas, but they needed me in New York."

The final callback in New

York "was a little frightening" because the audience not only included the show's creative staff, but Frankie Valli as well. The four-hour audition landed Gutman a spot in the touring company. He hasn't looked back since.

"Between the understudy and the New York tour and Chicago I've performed six different roles."

He also voiced an animated character for several episodes of a project called "International Hareport." He's waiting to hear if it will be picked up for broadcast.

And he might consider getting involved in Michigan's growing movie

industry after his work with *Jersey Boys* ends.

Meanwhile, he hopes his hometown will support the show.

"I know this is a hard time in Detroit, but come to the show. For 2 1/2 hours let us take you to a different place."

Tickets begin at \$34 and are on sale at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations. They're also available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.BroadwayinDetroit.com](http://www.BroadwayinDetroit.com) and by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 982-2787. The Fisher Theatre is located at 3011 Grand Blvd, in Detroit.

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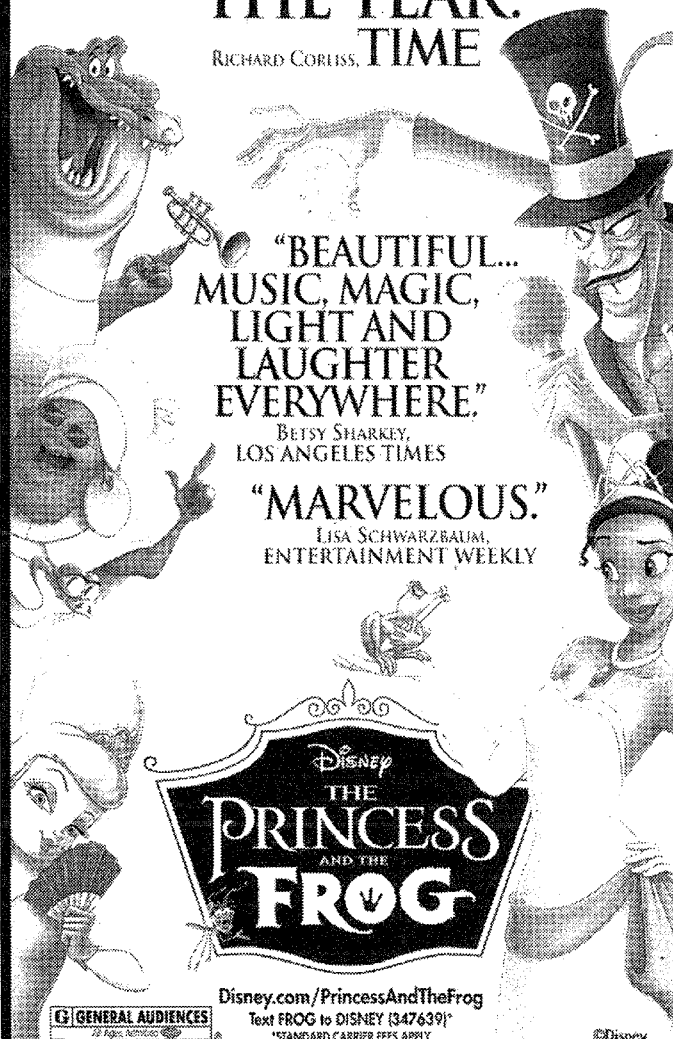
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## Rock legends celebrate Redford author's book

More Than 50 Motor City music legends will meet and sign autographs Sunday, Dec. 20 at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor, celebrating Redford author Bob Harris' book *Motor City Rock and Roll The 1960s and 1970s*.

This will be one of the largest gatherings of its kind ever organized to celebrate Detroit's Rock history.

The event will run from 1-5 p.m., at the center, located on Eureka Road at I-75. All autographs are free and the legends will sign any item brought in.

"This is a fabulous opportunity to meet and greet the musicians and artists who dominated the 60s and 70s in metro Detroit and remain popular to loyal fans today," said Harris. "With more than 50 legends lined up for this event, this book signing could feature one of the largest participant lists in history."

Along with Harris, who co-authored the book with John Douglas Peters, those scheduled to appear include Benny from renowned southeast Michigan band Benny and the Jets, The Contours, Steve King and the Ditties, Jeff Lehman from the band Looking Glass (*Brandy*), Kasuka Mafia of the legendary Funk Brothers and many more.

Copies of *Motor City Rock and Roll The 1960s and 1970s* will be available for purchase at the event, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting The Salvation Army.

For more information call the Gibraltar Trade Center at (734) 287-2000.

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# FOOD

## Get ready to toast the holidays with wine sellers' picks

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

René Parks says you can have a holiday "with sparkle" for less than \$15 this year.

"Make your holiday sparkle, but you don't have to spend a lot of money doing it."

Parks, who is Westborn Market's wine expert, likes Segura Viudas' sparkling wines, particularly the Brut Reserva for toasting the holidays.

"It's flying off the shelves. This sparkling wine from Spain is quality. It retails for \$8.99 and it's a Brut Cava Reserve. It's made the same way as champagne but it comes from Spain, not France."

She describes it as "crisp" and delightful. "We have (Chateau) Chantal Celebrate. It's like a Brute Rose," she said, describing the Michigan-made sparkling wine.

"It's a lovely salmon color. I like to say it's the color of a Michigan sunset."

The \$13.99 per bottle wine has a fruit finish with raspberry and strawberry notes.

One of Westborn Market's best-selling Michigan wines is Chateau Grand Traverse late harvest Riesling, similar to a German Spatlese. Parks said although sweet, it can be paired with foods ranging from ham to turkey to kielbasa.

"People like 'sweet' around the holidays and the Moscato di Asti are light, with 5-7 percent alcohol. They're good...crowd pleasing," Parks noted. Prices range from about \$7.99 for a domestic brand to \$13-\$21 for authentic Italian versions.



### BUBBLY PICKS

Kathy Groman, owner of Wine Styles in Livonia, would drink "bubbles every day all day long" if she could.

"I love them. I hope Michigan catches on to the bubbles," she said. "People here have a misconception that bubbles are for cel-

ebration. We've done several tastings and we encourage people to pair their food with bubbles."

Groman offers both true

champagne and sparkling wine recommendations in the "bubbles" category.

Her suggestions for breakfast bubbles include Louis Roederer Brut Premier, a true champagne, (meaning it's from France), that retails for about \$44.99 a bottle.

"It's not just for breakfast," she added.

She also likes Mawby's Jadore, from L. Mawby winery in Suttons Bay.

"Larry Mawby is known as one of the premier sparkling wine makers in the country," she said, explaining that Jadore is made in a style called "methode champenoise." It's the same method used to make champagne in France.

"The nice thing about Jadore is that it's a demi-sec. It means semi-sweet, but not totally sweet."

A bottle of Jadore retails for about \$19.99.

Groman's food-pairing picks include a true champagne, Chartogne-Paillet, retailing for approximately \$49.99 and a domestic sparkling wine called Sharffenberger, at about \$21.99.

She said the champagne is perfect for a buffet of appetizers.

The Sharffenberger "has a little more depth."

"When it comes to food wine, I like something deeper. Some bubbles are light and don't have much going on. You can drink it by itself. This has more to it, pinot noir mostly and chardonnay."

Groman's favorite party pick is "always Dom Pérignon." But in a more reasonable price range, (around

\$40) the Schramsberg brut rose made in the methode champenoise style, is perfect for toasting.

"They were the first domestic wine used during the inauguration at the White House. During Nixon's inauguration. They decided they wanted something domestic," Groman noted.

### EXPENSIVE DRINK

Mark George, owner of Wine Barrel Plus in Livonia, said he will toast the New Year with '82 Dom Pérignon. It's listed on the Wine Barrel Web site for about \$530.

But many of his customers will buy a champagne called Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin that sells for between \$40-\$50 a bottle.

He also sells the effervescent Muscato di Asti in more than 50 varieties and says the wine makes a great dessert drink.

"We've been doing well with a German wine that's not too sweet and not too dry. It has been flying out of here," he said, referring to Kreuznacher Kronenberg, a 2006 vintage Spatlese.

"It normally sells for \$17, but I've had it for \$13.99. It's done phenomenal for us."

George said many of his customers prefer sweet red wines.

"It's a category no one touches on. But we have high quality sweet Cabernets and Merlots, especially good sweet Michigan wines."

Westborn Market has stores in Berkley, Dearborn and Livonia. It's Livonia store is located at 14925 Middlebelt. (734) 524-1000.

Wine Styles is located at 17386 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 464-9600.

Wine Barrel Plus is at 30303 Plymouth, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Livonia; (734) 522-WINE.

### CITY BITES

#### Quality pet food

**Plymouth** - Hiller's Markets is selling an array of specialty pet products including Tykie vegetarian dog food, Holistic Natural Feline and Canine Formula by Bench and Field, Dogswell and Catswell natural pet snacks and Newman's Own dog and cat treats.

The store also is selling Snuggies for pets this winter. Priced at \$11.99, the pink and blue warm, soft fleeces come in four sizes, for dogs and cats ranging from 6 to 28 pounds and 6 to 20 inches in height. They're machine-washable and come with an adjustable hook and loop fastener to fit an array of pets.

The market also offers Muti Lynch wines, a high-quality California vintage named for the whimsical tendencies of man's best

friend. A portion of the price on each bottle goes to the Dearborn Animal Shelter, the local organization that rescued 150 Chihuahuas in September.

Hiller's markets are found locally at 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-5555; 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7100; 425 N. Center, Northville, (248) 344-0231; and 3615 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 677-2370.

#### Helping the homeless

**Tri-county** - Tubby's Grilled Submarines has joined other businesses in sponsoring *Christmas in Detroit*, a holiday CD set of Detroit's top celebrities and musicians with proceeds benefitting the homeless and the needy in the Metro-Detroit area.

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**Happy New Year**

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Plymouth  
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www.plymouthwhalers.com

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**Happy Holidays**

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**Happy Holidays**

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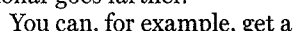
**Happy Holidays**

**Merry Christmas**



# Tax credits a help on clubhouse work?

Current homeowners are eli-



Reggish said the extension will boost home sales.

"Realtors appreciate the swift action by Congress to extend the home buyer tax credit and expand it to some current homeowners," said NAR President Charles McMillan, a broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Dallas-Fort Worth. "As the leading

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.



federal tax credits are divided into two sections of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 25(C), Credit for Non-Business Property, allows for a tax credit of 30 percent of the cost of certain residential energy efficient investments such as new windows. However, federal tax credits applied under this section are subject to a maximum credit of \$1,000 per taxpayer over 2009 and 2010. The second section is Section 25(D), Credit for Residential Energy Efficient Property, which allows for a tax credit of 30 percent of the cost for certain alternative energy investments such as solar and geothermal power. The tax credit being 30 percent applies to purchases and improvements made between Jan. 1, 2009, and Dec. 31, 2010. There are various qualifications and time constraints, and you are best advised to consult with your tax adviser as to whether your association would benefit or be able to take credits as a result of the stimulus tax credit package.

A: Based upon a similar case that was decided in 2008 by the Michigan Court of Appeals on similar facts, the court found that the establishment of a subdivision would interfere with the owner of the profit à prendre the right to hunt on the property and, therefore, precluded the subdivision from being established because the Court found that the entire parcel was at the disposal of the person for purposes of hunting and all recreational and resort purposes. Of course, each case is fact intensive, and, you should consult with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer as to your problem.

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

**BIA**

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE				
These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 24-28, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	50256 Jackson Ln	\$230,000	9620 Arden St	\$120,000
	2173 Lone Wolf Ln	\$135,000	14211 Berwick St	\$160,000
	5908 Meadowview Dr	\$248,000	32969 Brookside Cir	\$160,000
	41300 Northwind Dr	\$50,000	12314 Calden St	\$87,000
	7484 Pointe Dr	\$148,000	17100 Doreen St	\$129,000
	4165 Pond Run	\$165,000	33009 Fargo St	\$25,000
	3316 Riverside Ct	\$169,000	18636 Glengarry Dr	\$360,000
	42785 Trent Dr	\$220,000	33146 Grennada St	\$135,000
	1630 Walnut Ridge Cir	\$160,000	14128 Ingram St	\$70,000

18644 Beech Daly Rd	\$38,000
15926 Delaware Ave	\$50,000
16136 Delaware Ave	\$66,000
17678 Denby	\$38,000
20455 Fox	\$30,000
20429 Gaylord	\$56,000
18258 Kinloch	\$12,000
15928 Leona Dr	\$47,000
18284 Norborne	\$20,000
9631 Salem	\$41,000
<b>Westland</b>	

1861 Shepherds Dr	\$187,000
1888 Wyngate Dr	\$525,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	
411 Gamma Rd	\$115,000
432 Market St	\$70,000
462 Old Pine Way	\$124,000
<b>Waterford</b>	
3663 Baybrook Dr	\$97,000
3420 Clayton Ave	\$72,000
6653 Doyle Dr S	\$76,000
6502 Forestside Dr	\$134,000
4266 Lotus Dr	\$130,000
1158 Meadowview Dr	\$129,000
2935 Saint Jude Dr	\$100,000
2829 Swain	\$195,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
7030 10 Hill Dr	\$280,000
3937 Englewood Ct	\$413,000
6680 Heron Pt	\$210,000
3940 Maple Blvd	\$275,000
1551 Peterson St	\$81,000
6773 Stonebridge Ct	\$400,000
7304 Westchester	\$72,000
6315 Wood Pond Rd	\$235,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
95 Lisa Cir	\$189,000
1201 Rossfield St	\$185,000
8125 Sequoia Ln	\$75,000
<b>Wolverine Lake</b>	
942 Dunreath St	\$124,000

**KNOW THE SCORE**  
check out the numbers in today's Sports



# Challenging fun for ALL ages

## Thursday

### PUZZLE CORNER

#### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- Planet warmer
- Have an effect
- Manual skill
- Sponge feature
- Arm bone
- Word of welcome
- Swit co-star
- Ecstatic (2 wds.)
- Soup or salad
- Decade number
- Pays a visit
- Struts along
- Data medium
- Good golly! (2 wds.)
- Dupes
- Melodrama
- shout
- Hillock
- Mooring site
- Faultfinders
- Blur, as ink
- Rigel's constellation
- Lap dogs
- One, to Conchita
- Happens again
- Made livelier (2 wds.)
- Shoestring
- Positive
- Breathe hard
- Fire, slangily
- Half of a song

**DOWN**

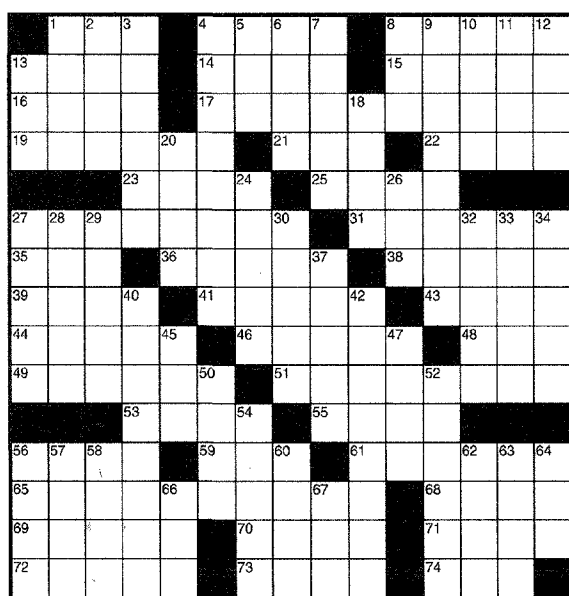
- Aria, usually
- Language of Pakistan
- Close
- Bakers' utensils (2 wds.)
- Everybody
- Woven
- Moved gingerly
- Fidel's friend
- NFL team
- Lotion additive
- Furnace duct
- Little kids
- Snow boot
- Foul mood
- Argyle item
- Walk noisily
- Delhi address
- Privilege
- Chicago airport
- Mr. Spock's forte
- Doze
- Cumulus or nimbus

#### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

COOP	SHOAL	KILT
ALLY	HOCHA	AREA
TEAR	REHAB	BIND
SOFABEDS	CRUSTS	
MAW	ROOK	
APHIDS	HABITAT	
BRIDE	WHIT	WOE
BAN	FAUNS	ARN
ODD	ELMO	PANTS
TOUSLED	REGGAE	
POLO	ALE	
TAHITI	STRENGTH	
WREN	NOTRE	DAYO
OGLE	GRAIL	AIRS
SOPS	SOGGY	SLOT

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33 Actor	57 Computer system
34 Sandal part	58 Big coconut exporter
37 Bodies of water	60 "Orinoco Flow" singer
40 Chittlings e.g. (2 wds.)	62 Crazy about
42 Drives back	63 Hi or bye
45 Hunters' org.	64 Ave. crossers
47 Nimble	66 Bridal notice word
50 Leave a mark	67 Some MDs
52 More spooky	
54 Escape hatches	
56 Walt Kelly strip	



## SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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GARLIC	PAPRIKA	SAGE
GINGER	PARSLEY	SALT
MARJORAM	PEPPER	THYME

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

S A G E M T Y S U I  
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

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9	2	6	1	8	8	4	9	2
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#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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Deadline for Issue of Thursday, December 24th:  
Liners: Monday, December 21st at 2:30 pm  
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Obituaries: Tuesday, December 22nd at 10 am

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Liners: Wednesday, December 23rd at 3 pm  
Display: Tuesday, December 22nd at 5 pm  
Obituaries: Wednesday, December 23rd at 2 pm

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Deadline for Issue of Thursday, December 31st:  
Liners: Monday, December 28th at 2:30 pm  
Display: Friday, December 25th at 5 pm  
Obituaries: Tuesday, December 29th at 10 am

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Display: Tuesday, December 29th at 5 pm  
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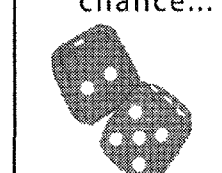
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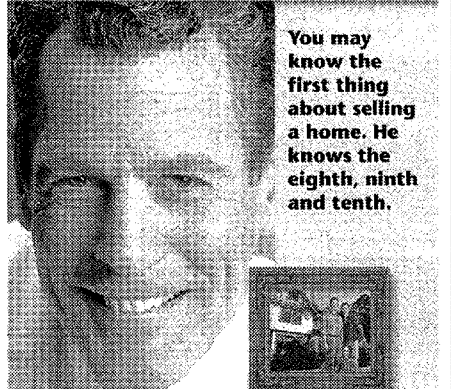
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U.S. auto sales clocked in about flat in November compared with a year ago -- and in line with widespread expectations that the market will only gradually creep upward for at least the next year. But industry executives and analysts mostly chose to interpret the American auto market as a glass half-full.

November sales were 747,000 units. "It could be worse," said Jessica Caldwell, director of pricing and industry analysis Edmunds.com, in Santa Monica, Calif. "The fact that sales are stabilizing and increasing bit by bit each month is good news. The fact that they're not getting worse is a definite sign of promise."

Ken Czubay, Ford's U.S. sales chief, said: "The black clouds are clearing and we have guarded optimism for December." Nevertheless, a sales chief of the year's best-performing brand was among those holding a minority view. "We were, quite frankly, hoping that the economy and overall industry would have bounced back a bit more than we are seeing right now," said Dave Zuchowski, vice president of sales for Hyundai Motor America.

Giving the overall nod to optimistic shading were a couple important factors besides the sales numbers per se. First, the closely watched seasonally adjusted

annual rate of sales inched upward to 10.9 million units compared with 10.8 million units in October and a pace of 10.4 million units in November 2008.

"The month was notable in that the industry succeeded the 2008 pace for only the second time this year -- and more notable because it was the first time the industry exceeded last year's pace" without benefit of last summer's federal "cash for clunkers" program that created a sales spike in July and August, said Robert Carter, group vice president of the Toyota division of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. "That's a real good sign for the industry."

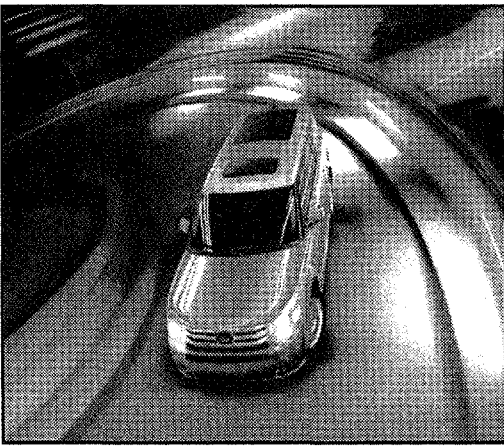
Second, commentators today interpreted the mixed economic tea leaves as positive on balance for the U.S. auto industry, fueling their collective conviction that a continued ever-so-gradual recovery is in the cards.

"There's a modest economic recovery that is underway," said Emily Kolinski Morris, Ford's chief economist. "Slow but sure is the best way to describe consumer and business activity."

Kolinski Morris and others cited favorable recent indicators including upticks in consumer income, spending and confidence as well as some stabilization in the housing market, a weak dollar that encourages exports, the



The new Chevrolet Equinox is one of the hot sellers that helped GM post a respectable November.



Ford's Flex is one of the new vehicles that has helped revive the brand.

strengthening of U.S. corporate balance sheets, and a string of stronger monthly readings of activity by the American manufacturing sector.

On the other side of the ledger looms one huge offsetting factor: the ever-increasing rate of U.S. unemployment, which continues to dampen any economic recovery as well as keep a lid on rosier expectations for the near future. "Jobs remain top of mind, holding spending in check," Kolinski Morris said. Other negative indicators are credit conditions that "are still tight as banks remain cautious," according to Michael DiGiovanni, executive director of global industry analysis for General Motors. But Caldwell dismissed concerns that joblessness and other stubborn weak spots in the economy could introduce a "double-dip" recession that some economists still fear.

"I don't see that happening today," she said. "It looks like things are on their way to being steady." Caldwell and others cited a number of underlying reasons for coming down on the side of their optimistic interpretation of November results and portents for the future.

For one thing, she said, the spate of new and very recent products coming out of

Ford and GM are being almost universally embraced by American consumers -- suggesting that as the two strongest domestic automakers continue to introduce new and upgraded models, their prospects will continue to improve. They include the Ford Flex and Chevrolet Camaro, Buick LaCrosse and Cadillac SRX.

"It's easy to take for granted that these products would do well and are selling," Caldwell said. "They easily could not be doing well. They've been promising us better products for some time, made for the U.S. market, more evolutionary -- and it looks like they're doing that."

Stable gasoline prices over the last year and a half, within the range of \$2.50 to \$3 a gallon, also have caused American consumers to take closer looks at segments such as pickup trucks and large sport-utility vehicles that got slammed by \$4-a-gallon gasoline in the summer of 2008.

"People who need that type of vehicle now are getting more comfortable with the stabilization of oil prices," said GM's DiGiovanni. "We're benefiting from a nice lull at the pump." However, DiGiovanni also noted GM's forecast for a long-term re-escalation of oil prices as global economies recover.

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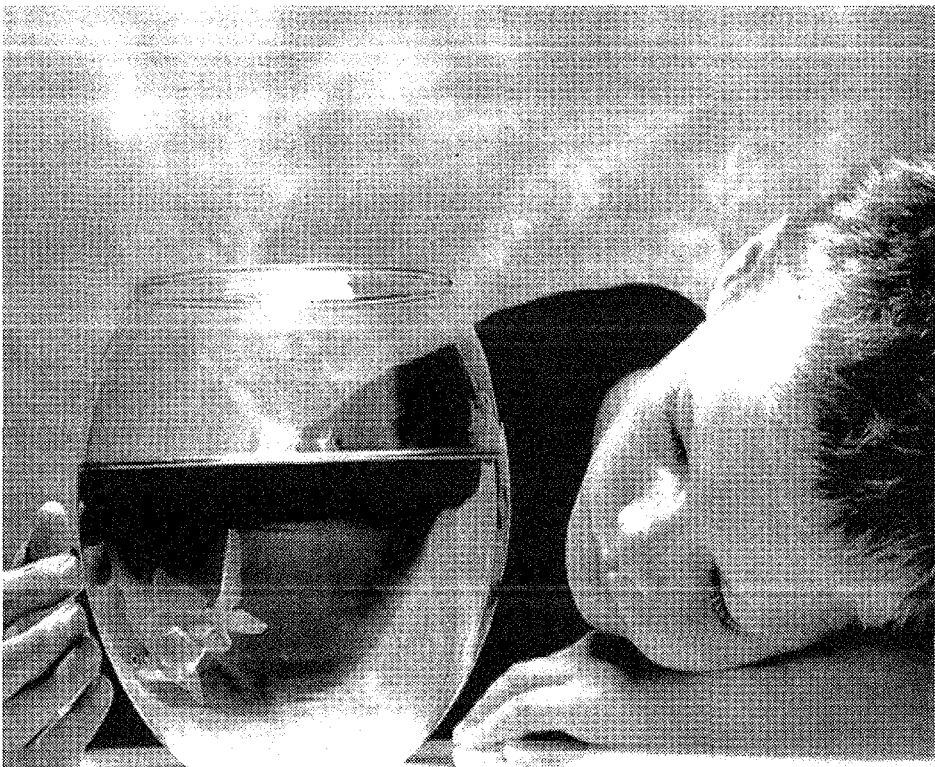
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