

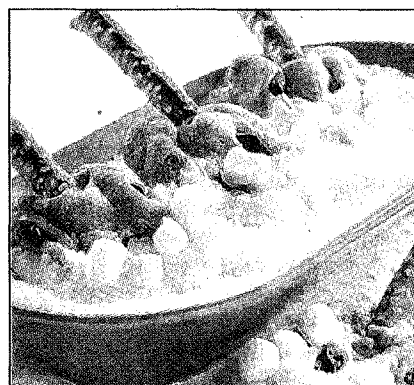
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CANTON CONNECTION

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 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.

Job fair

The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance has teamed with Community Bowling Centers to help employers find the right candidates to fill their job openings, and to help dislocated workers find employment and help relieve a little stress.

Super Bowl Lanes in Canton is one of the hosting locations for these job fairs 1-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11.

Jobseekers will be speaking with employers and taking in some free bowling. Qualifying businesses will have open positions ready to be filled immediately. Organizers are anticipating a large turnout at these events.

Businesses can secure a space for their business by contacting Enkelejda Gjini, (734) 229-3570 or via e-mail at enkelejda.gjini@semca.org.

Job seekers must be registered on the Michigan Talent Bank and pre-register for each job fair at a SEMCA Michigan Works Service Center to participate. To locate the closest service center visit www.semca.org/onestops.html.

Super Bowl Lanes is located at 45100 Ford Road in Canton. Participants are being asked to park in the north lot and enter the building through the north entrance.

Luminaria sale

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestras will be selling Luminaria kits for the holiday season. Each kit will consist of 10 white paper bags as well as 10 candles. The kits can be purchased for \$5 in Plymouth at Gabriela's, Saxton's, Sideways, and The Plymouth Canton Symphony office located at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

The Luminaria kits are available through Dec. 24. For further information contact the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society at (734)-451-2112.



Kayla Glass, Jennifer Porter of the Youth and Teen center, Chelsea Sikes and Canton Police Officer Dan Woodward shop for a DVD player for somebody's mom (it's a secret!).

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Shopping spree

Police, youngsters clean up at Meijer

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The interaction between Canton Police officers and some neighborhoods in the township isn't always totally positive.

So when Canton Leisure Services officials come looking for at-risk neighborhoods to benefit from some of their outreach programs, it's pretty easy for police to identify just such areas.

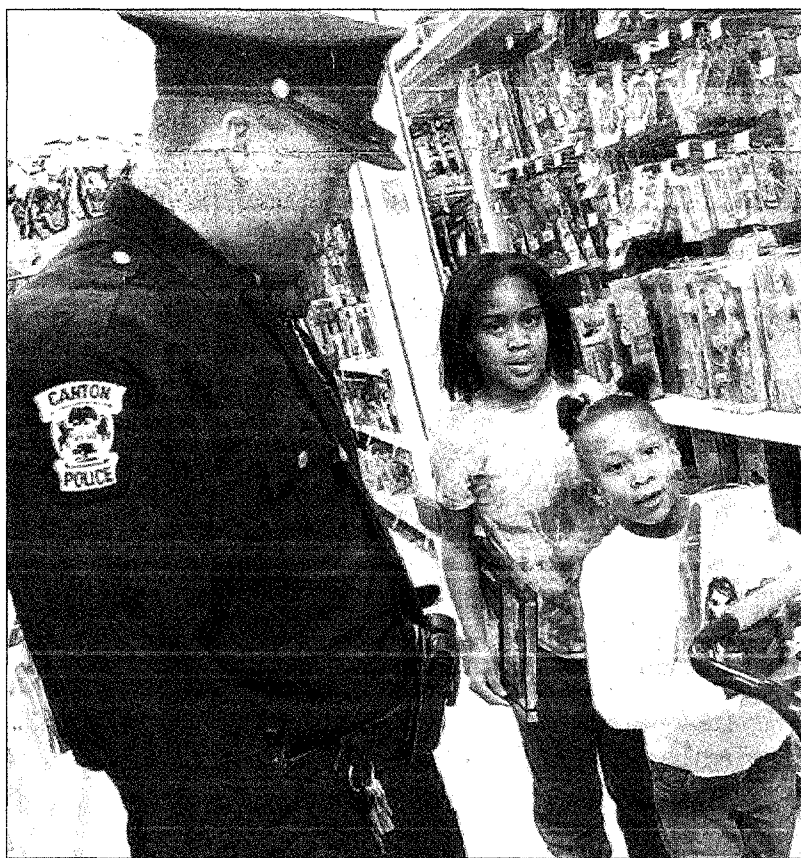
That's how Canton Police Reserve officers, Leisure Services staffers and more than two dozen youngsters from around the township ended up Thursday at the Canton Meijer, ready to take place in the annual "Shop with a Cop" program.

Meijer donated \$1,400 for 14 at-risk youngsters to spend on Christmas presents for themselves, friends or family members.

"It gives kids an opportunity to buy Christmas stuff they normally wouldn't get a chance to buy," said Kristine Natoli, the Leisure Services program coordinator. "It also allows them to see public safety in a positive way because we buddy them up with a reserve officer."

Chelsea Sikes of Canton, taking part in the program for the second time, pointed out the chance to do some of her own shopping made her feel better about her purchases.

"Instead of going to my parents for money to buy them gifts, I have this," Chelsea said. "I feel better knowing I got them presents they didn't actually pay for."



Officer Andrew Curry shops with Kyra Tarrance and Tiara Olvir. They were among more than a dozen Canton youngsters who took advantage of the 'Shop with a Cop' program.

More importantly, everyone agrees, the "Shop with a Cop" program — and the township's other outreach programs — gives Canton youngsters a more positive interaction with police.

"It's a chance to connect with younger people and get to know

them, their interests," said Reserve Officer William Askew, who talked about school and other interests with his shoppers. "Any time kids can have a positive experience with the police, it leaves a lasting impression."

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IKEA reopens after flood damage repair

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After wondering how many shopping days Tuesday's flooding would cost them, officials at the Canton IKEA reopened to the public on a limited basis Thursday, then reopened everything but its children's playland on Saturday.

IKEA, closed since a fire suppression sprinkler ruptured in the early hours of Tuesday morning, opened its first-floor Market Hall, self-serve warehouse and second-floor restaurant Thursday.

The second-floor showroom opened Saturday after store officials got approval from the Canton fire marshal, store manager Kelly Frieze said.

As a reward to patient customers, IKEA officials are offering free breakfast to shoppers 9:30-10:30 a.m. daily and 10-11 a.m. Sunday through Jan. 10. Kids will be able to eat free all day through Jan. 10.

Officials said they'd also start their sale offers four days early — Dec. 22 — to give shoppers a chance to catch up on shopping they missed while the store was closed.

The closure was forced when a sprinkler head ruptured around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, flooding the main showroom.

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. The flood came 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."

More information is available at the retailer's Web site (www.ikea.com) or by calling (734) 981-6300.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crews from Jarvis disaster recovery helped IKEA staffers reopen, at least partially, two days after flooding forced the retailer to close.

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New lights to brighten Heritage Park fields

BY DARRELL CLEM
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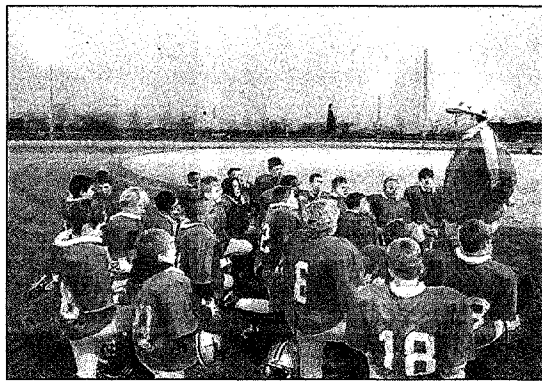
Heritage Park's athletic fields are expected to receive new energy-efficient lights by mid-March, in a move projected to save \$121,500 in energy costs over the next 25 years.

The project, funded by federal stimulus dollars and timed to avoid disrupting the next playing season, involves removing lights installed more than 25 years ago on the two softball fields and replacing them with 60 luminaries mounted on 10 new athletic field poles.

"I think it's great they're investing in the fields and making them better for the Canton youth," said Dale Ebeling, a coach with the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association.

The \$272,950 project involves installing new wiring, foundations, poles, fixtures and controls using money Canton has been awarded from the federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, or EECBG, program.

After receiving nine bids, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has hired Mt. Pleasant-based J. Ranck Electric Inc. — the lowest qualified bidder



Youth teams and others who use the fields at Heritage Park are expected to benefit from new, energy-efficient lights to be installed early next year.

— to complete the work. The company has a history of completing similar projects.

Work on Heritage Park's athletic fields is part of a larger, \$754,100 share of EECBG grants Canton has been awarded for so-called "green" projects.

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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 veg-

etables 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. 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.

To place an order or for more information, call (734) 394-5487 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Pinocchio on stage

Enjoy a musical adaptation of "Pinocchio" at the Historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 24.

"Pinocchio" is the story of how a wooden puppet, lovingly hand-carved by Gepetto the toymaker, becomes a real boy.

Performances are Saturdays, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, Jan. 9, Jan. 16 and Jan. 23; Sundays Dec. 20, Dec. 27, Jan. 3, Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24; and Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30. All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all performances

are \$8.50 each (no children under the age of 3). Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout days available.

For more information please call the Marquis Theatre at (248)349-8110 or visit the theater's Web site www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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. 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,



DON GODFREY

Supporting the Goodfellows

Members of the local UAW presented a \$4,000 check to the Wayne Goodfellows during a fund-raiser held Dec. 12 at US 12 Bar and Grill in Wayne. The annual event is put on by US 12, Wayne-Westland school bus drivers and the Wayne Fire Department. Money raised helps the Goodfellows provide Christmas dinner and gifts to local families. Pictured are (top row from left) Canton's Scott Gocaj, owner US 12, Wayne Fire Chief and Plymouth resident Mel Moore, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, Wayne City Councilman Jim Henley, Westland resident Mike Stockdale who works at Wayne Stamping Plant and is ISA plant chairman; and Greg Poet, Michigan Assembly Plant chairman. Bottom row from left are Wayne City Councilman Matt Mulholland, Danielle Meadows, a US 12/Goodfellows volunteer, Wayne City Councilwoman Pam Dobrowski, and US 12 owner John Goci, a Westland resident and Wayne-Westland school board member. After the event, the UAW promised to provide another \$2,000 to the cause.

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.

Art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will showcase the art works of Robert Throne through Jan. 3 in the Gallery@VT. Thorne's latest exhibit features recent print and pastel works.

Throne's artwork is a mix of process and theme. As noted in his artist statement, Throne states that his work is a comment on the passage of time and the elements of nature, which affect our technological environment. "Process is an important component of my work; it is never hidden, but is part of the experience of looking."

This multi-media art exhibit

at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during public performances at the theater.

For more information about this latest exhibition, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillage.theater.org.

Breast cancer fund-raiser

Sue Turner and two of her dearest friends will be walking in the Michigan 3-day to raise money for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research. The event is one in which they will walk a total of 60 miles over the course of three days, training hundreds of miles to get ready for this weekend-long event.

The three wanted to do their part in fighting against the disease. They've created a cookbook for people to enjoy and also at the same time contribute to a great cause. In order to accomplish their goal, they gathered recipes from friends and family.

"The title of the book just seemed to fall into place ... '3 Friends, 3 Reasons (for walking the 3day), 3 Hearts,'" Turner said. "Our team name

for the walk is "BE BOLD." "BE BOLD" is a statement of power. BE BOLD to fight for what you believe in; BE BOLD to go beyond your comfort zone ... the list is endless."

The book consists of 400 wonderful recipes. Including the trio's signature cookie "Be Bold! Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites."

Each book is \$15. Additional shipping charges may apply for non-local buyers.

For more information, contact Turner at turnercrew@comcast.net or (734) 812-2937.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

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Eagle eyes a project

Plymouth-Canton scout restores park's bridge

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Christopher Crile didn't have to look far for his Boy Scout Eagle project. It was installing a new bridge over the Tonquish Creek in the William P. Holliday Park Nature Preserve.

"It's right behind my house. I've walked in the park many times with friends and family," said Crile, a junior at Livonia Churchill High School. "One of my neighbors is in her 80s and she would shimmy across (the remains of an old bridge)."

After his parents divorced, Crile said his mother moved to Canton but he wanted to complete his education in Livonia and now lives with his grandparents in Westland.

Initially, Crile contacted Wayne County Parks knowing the difficulties with maintaining the park. Plans for the project developed after Crile met with Carol Clements, a county naturalist, and William Craig, president of the Holliday Nature Park Association.

"The boardwalk was suggested because it was more meaningful — the park was split (without a bridge)," said Crile, 17.

The original bridge across the creek, which connected the

Koppernick and Newburg sections of the park, was 10 feet wide and 46 feet long. Many of the bridge planks disappeared over the years, and in 2007 vandals stripped the bridge to leave only a skeleton of steel trusses.

Working with his grandfather, Larry Snowden, a retired Ford plant manager, Crile spent four months developing plans for a four-foot wide by 46-foot long wooden foot bridge with a railing that utilized the existing steel trusses. The plans were submitted and approved by the Wayne County Parks Engineering Department.

To pay for the project, Crile knocked on doors and was persistent in making phone calls. Among the donors: Holliday Nature Association gave \$200; Wayne County Parks donated material valued at \$250; the Canton Home Depot donated \$25 in materials; and Crile's neighbors donated \$225.

The bridge construction took place on Halloween when 37 volunteers, mostly scouts and parents from Boy Scout Troop 1539, met at the Snowden home on Warren and built the bridge in eight-foot segments. The completed sections were then carried to the bridge site for assembly.

The volunteers also brought

chain saws and cleared about 15 trees that had fallen over the walking trails spending a total of 198 man hours to complete the bridge project and clear trails.

"We've been to other Eagle projects, so we know how to use power tools with simple directions," said Crile, who began his career as scout as a sixth-grader at Fiegel Elementary School. "It's a Plymouth-Canton area troop but it was close to my house. It's on the Livonia-Westland border — that's where most of the members are from."

At the request of HNPCA President William Craig, Crile made a presentation on his project at the HNPCA general meeting.

"Chris did a great job. He gave a PowerPoint presentation at our meeting. We were all impressed with that young man and his efforts," said HNPCA member Marty Johnson.

Crile's project still needs to go before a board of review before his Eagle rank is awarded.

"I am very proud of what my grandson has accomplished and it is a place I plan to visit for many years to come," said Snowden.

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Christopher Crile (right) got help with his Eagle Scout project from his grandfather Larry Snowden and fellow Boy Scouts and friends in replacing a portion of the bridge crossing Tonquish Creek in the William P. Holliday Park Nature Preserve.

LIGHTS

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The township is expected to pay the contractor and get reimbursed.

Other forthcoming, energy-efficiency projects will include:

- Using \$455,300 to replace 132 street/parking lights and

15 sidewalk luminaries on township-owned properties, such as around the administration building on Canton Center, with energy-saving LED, or light-emitting diode, lighting.

- Using \$28,000 on recycling education efforts to boost the township's single-stream, curbside program that allows households to place all their

recyclable materials in the same bins.

Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin has called the energy-efficiency grants a "terrific" way for the township to move forward with some much-needed projects, conserve energy and save money.

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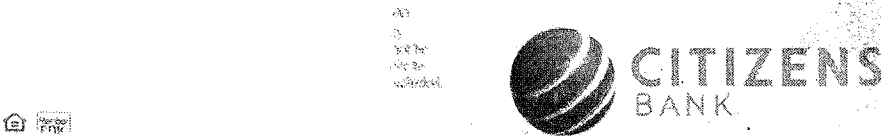
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EDUCATION

Student efforts providing food, shoes for the needy

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

This holiday season, students from Canton Charter Academy and Salem High School are doing their part to help the needy in the U.S. and other countries.

Locally, CCA students are taking part in the Empty Bowls Project, a grassroots movement to help end hunger. The students started this project in November, when they began to create ceramic bowls.

Then, on Jan. 29, CCA will host a school-wide banquet where they serve a simple meal, in exchange for \$10 donations. Banquet attendees will keep the empty bowls, as reminders of the hungry people in the world.

"At a time when our community is suffering economically, our school is extremely blessed and we thought this would be a good way to give back," said Michael Shank, CCA's art teacher. "It helps demonstrate our moral focus of generosity and it's a fun way to help, since the students enjoy playing with clay."

CCA will donate the money to Food Gatherers, Michigan's first food rescue program. This comes at a crucial time when the current level of hunger in America is the highest it's been since 1995. In fact, according to a USDA report, 2008 figures showed more than 49 million Americans at risk to go hungry.

CCA's Assistant Principal, Walter Reese, said, "We tell our students that we cannot



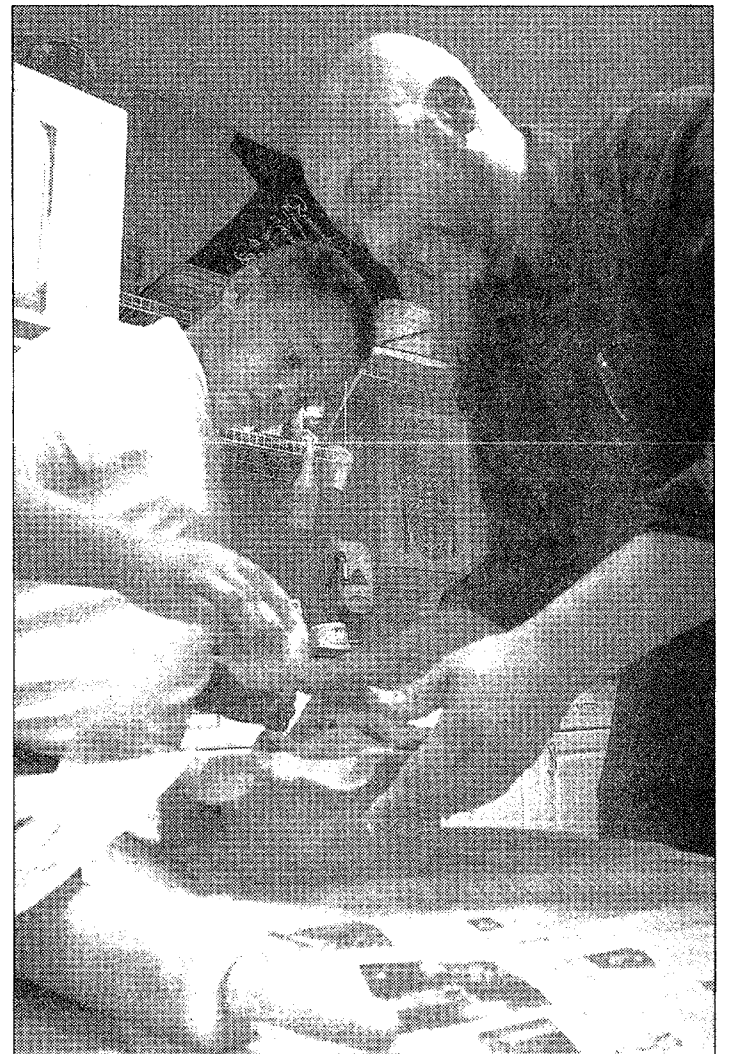
Salem Congress students, including (top, from left) Kartik Rajeev, Natalie Zazula, Greg Selewski, and Amber Hall; (middle, from left) Ciarra McCarthy and Kevin Chung; and (bottom) Narges Pourmandi and Sarah Waqhar took part in an effort to provide shoes to needy children overseas.

cure all of the world's hunger," said CCA Assistant Principal Walter Reese, "but every little bit can go a long way."

For more information about how you can get involved, contact www.emptybowls.net.

Internationally, Salem Congress students took part in LIFE's Christmas Shoe Project, sponsored by LIFE Outreach International.

The idea behind the project is to collect money and, for each \$3.60, a pair of shoes will be given to a needy child in underdeveloped countries



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lawrence Austin and his dad, Orlando Austin, shape a bowl over a form.

their bare feet," said Melanie Gingell, an 11th-grader who chaired the project.

Without shoes, these children are subjected to infections that can lead to crippling consequences, disease and even death. "It's a good way to improve the children's health," Gingell said.

Salem Congress consists of 28 students in ninth through 12th grades, and Ty Moss, a Salem Language Arts teacher, is their advisor.

"What helped to raise \$400 was carrying around canisters for a couple of days," student

Kevin Chung said. "This way, more students became aware of this noble and helpful cause and gradually donated money."

Thanks to the efforts of Salem students, the children will receive 100 pairs of sturdy, all-terrain and waterproof shoes. LIFE Outreach International's goal is to provide 200,000 shoes around the world. For many children, this will be their only Christmas gift.

For more information about getting involved, visit their Web site at www.lifetoday.org.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shruthi Ravindran and her mother, Arivumani Ravindran, carefully shape a bowl.

such as Cambodia, Laos and some African countries.

"I was shocked that so many children didn't have shoes and contracted diseases through

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Area offers plenty to do over holiday break

While you're checking lists this holiday season don't forget the most important - the one that could save your sanity.

School break (which started Saturday and runs through Jan. 3 in the Plymouth-Canton district) means finding activities to keep your youngsters occupied. And for those with family and friends visiting from out of town, the list provides a variety of places to go that showcase the metro area. Here are some ideas that will help make your holidays more blissful. Always call ahead.

- **Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum**, 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, is bound to make young and old smile. Admission is free but bring quarters to this historical and modern arcade with sideshow. Call (248) 626-5020 for holiday hours or go to www.marvin3m.com.

- **Go to The Village Theater** at Cherry Hill in Canton and see Las Vegas magician, Aaron Radatz, who will perform two holiday magic shows Dec. 27. Call (734) 394-5460 or www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

- **Visit the Wayne County Lightfest** beginning at Hines Drive and Merriman. The display features 36 giant animated displays with more than one million lights along a four-mile stretch of Hines Drive. Open 7-10 p.m. daily through Dec. 31 (Closed Christmas Day). A \$5 donation per car is requested.

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- **Check-out the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum**, 220 E. Ann Street which inspires everyone to discover the wonder of science, math and technology with imaginative and interactive learning experiences. Call (734) 995-5439 for holiday hours or visit www.aahom.org.

- **Lace up a pair of skates** and take a spin or two around the local ice skating rink. Arena rinks offering open skate, drop-in hockey, sticks and pucks over the holiday break include: **Arctic Edge Ice Arena**, 46615 Michigan Ave., | Canton (734) 487-7777 or www.arcticarenas.com; **Plymouth Cultural Center & Ice Arena**, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, (734) 455-6620 www.ci.plymouth.mi.us; **Mike Modano Arena**, 6210 Wildwood, Westland (734)-729-4560. The Modano Arena will feature a special "New Year's Eve - Glow Open Skate" from 5-6:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

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- **Visit the Detroit Institute of Arts**, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Let yourself go at the DIA's Target Family Sundays featuring family performances, storytelling, art-making workshops and more. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Call



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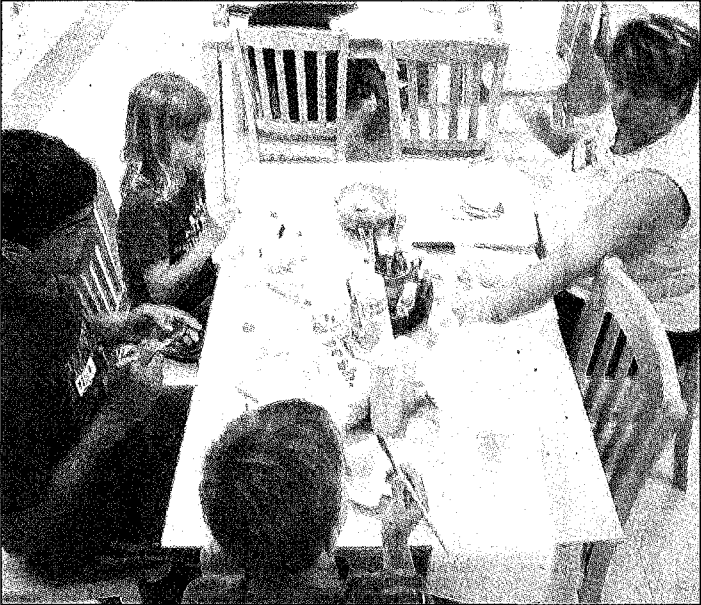
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- **"A Red Ryder Christmas Story"** exhibit continues through Jan. 24 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth. The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1983 movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Period toys, clothing, and other artifacts are on display. The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Call 734-455-8940 or go to www.plymouth-history.org/.

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- **Roller skating** is a great way to spend the afternoon and burn a few calories too. Area skating rinks have lots of holiday break activities planned. Check out Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton (734) 459-6400 or www.skatinstation2.com; Riverside Arena, 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 421-3540 (www.riversidearena.com) or Bonaventure Roller Rink, 24505 Halsted, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-2200 www.bonaventureskate.com.



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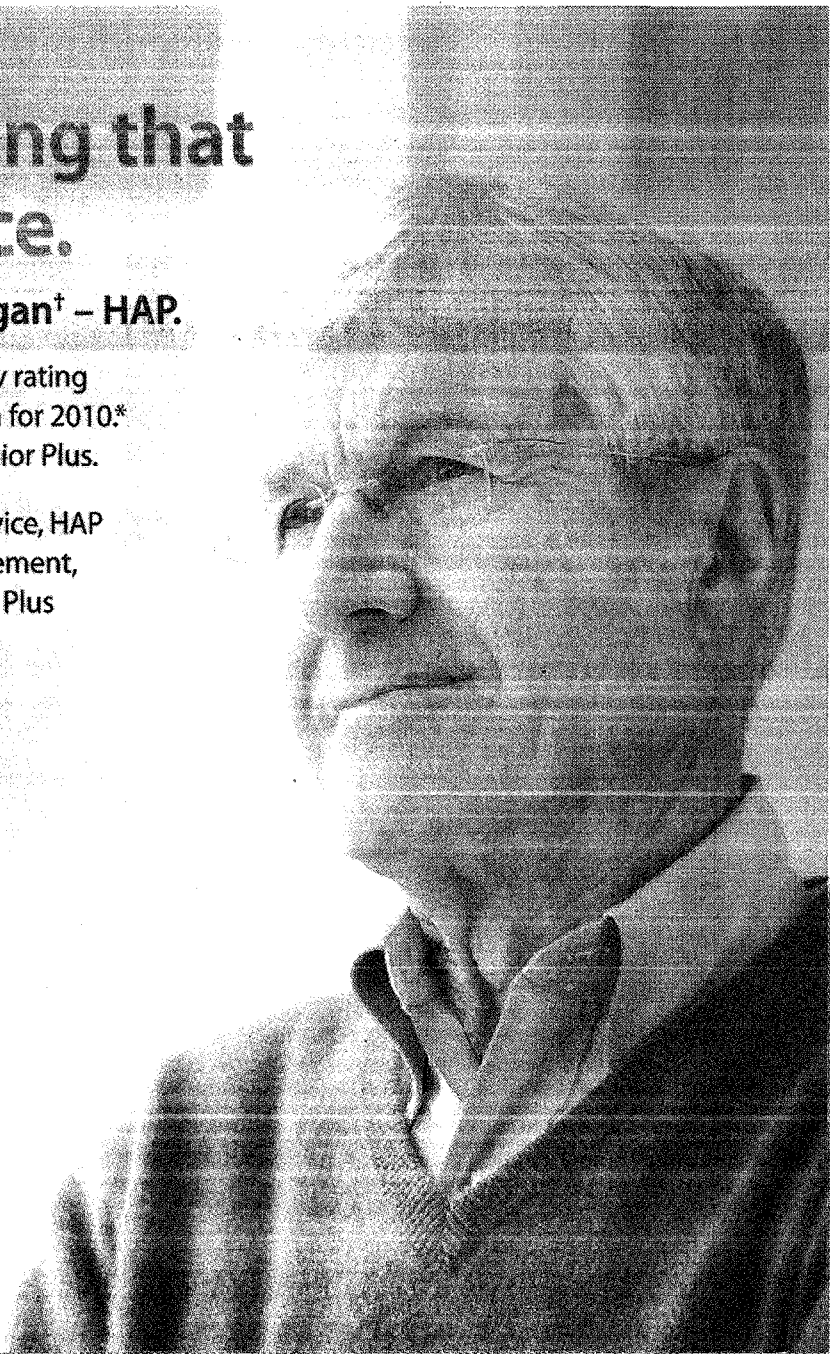
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McCotter: Dems' health bill should be scrapped

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) believes health insurance should be competitive and sold across state lines, government bail-out of banks was a failure and government stimulus packages do not help the American economy.

Those were some of McCotter's talking points Friday at Madonna University in Livonia, where he was the guest speaker for the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's monthly breakfast program.

McCotter, now in his fourth term as a congressman representing communities in western Wayne and western Oakland counties, stepped up to the podium and immediately started taking questions from the audience about health care and other national issues.

Chamber President Dan West took the highly unusual step of telling the audience before McCotter's appearance that anyone with video and audio recording devices at the event would be asked to leave. West also asked the audience to "keep questions civil."

On the bank bailout and the lack of credit available to the public, McCotter said: "We have to make sure Wall Street is decentralized, like the economy it serves, to ensure that community banks do not suffer problems due to regulatory problems due to overzealous government."

On health care, McCotter said the House Democrats' bill should be scrapped. "I don't know what the Senate is going to do," he said. "I don't know if the Senate knows what it's going to do, so we will have to wait and see."

McCotter quoted advice he received from U.S. Rep. John Dingell, who told McCotter after McCotter was first elected, that if congressional members wanted to get something done, they should start in the middle and work out in



Congressman Thaddeus McCotter speaks at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce program Friday morning.

both directions or start at the far right or left of the political spectrum and work toward the middle. But McCotter said he didn't see that happening with the Democrats on this issue.

"As the demographic pressure (on the health care system) increases, the demand goes up and the prices go up," McCotter said. Under the health care bill, government controls the supply and will have a detrimental impact on health care, he said.

He later added that he didn't know if House Republicans would have an impact on the House bill. "We can only participate if they (House Democrats) want us to," McCotter said. "We understand we are the minority."

Livonia City Councilman Joe Laura asked McCotter about his thoughts on the defense budget.

McCotter said he supports President Obama's stance on the war in Afghanistan. "He understands the gravity (of the war) and that we have to succeed in Afghanistan," McCotter said. Obama is working well with both sides of the political aisle on the war in Afghanistan.

McCotter also shared his thoughts on government stim-

ulus funds. "That 'job creation' and funding is all going to go away," he said. "I call it the government bubble."

Afterward, chamber members reacted to McCotter's discussion.

Kathy Hoen said Congress needed to work toward a consensus on health care.

"I think he likes to keep things along the party line," said Hoen, who identifies herself as an independent. "People have to give a little bit to get things done."

She added: "I like his ideas about reduced government." Hoen believes that health care has to be driven by the marketplace, but she would like to see Republicans and Democrats work together on the issue.

Hoen also said McCotter should have spoken to the group more, rather than using a question and answer format. "I don't know if everyone knows exactly what he thinks," she said. "What is your position? Speak to the group. He has to remember that we are the people who put him there."

Margaret Lightner of the Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills said she believed that McCotter is "reasonable in his approach" toward health care. She told McCotter she was concerned about reductions in Medicare payments under the health care proposal.

"With the Medicare cuts, fewer (senior) facilities will be open and there will be severe cuts in staff," Lightner said. With Medicaid cuts at the state level, she expects the reimbursement will be cut 5 percent in 2010.

"I think he understands the challenges," Lightner said. "Sometimes it's hard to make change when the ball is rolling down the hill."

Lightner agrees that health care reform is needed. "Don't give us more than we can handle," she added.

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Plenty to do locally, even on Christmas day

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Whether it's last minute shopping, a place to eat or entertainment, many businesses are open on Christmas Day.

George Yarbenet, manager of Emagine Theater in Canton, says it's actually a "very busy

day for us and it's mostly families."

The holidays are a busy season for movie theaters and most (Emagine in Canton and Novi, AMC-20 in Livonia) are open on Christmas, but independent and smaller theaters have different schedules, so call ahead.

"When I first started years

ago (Christmas) was slow and over the years it has gotten busier and busier," Yarbenet says. "There's nothing on tv and nothing to do."

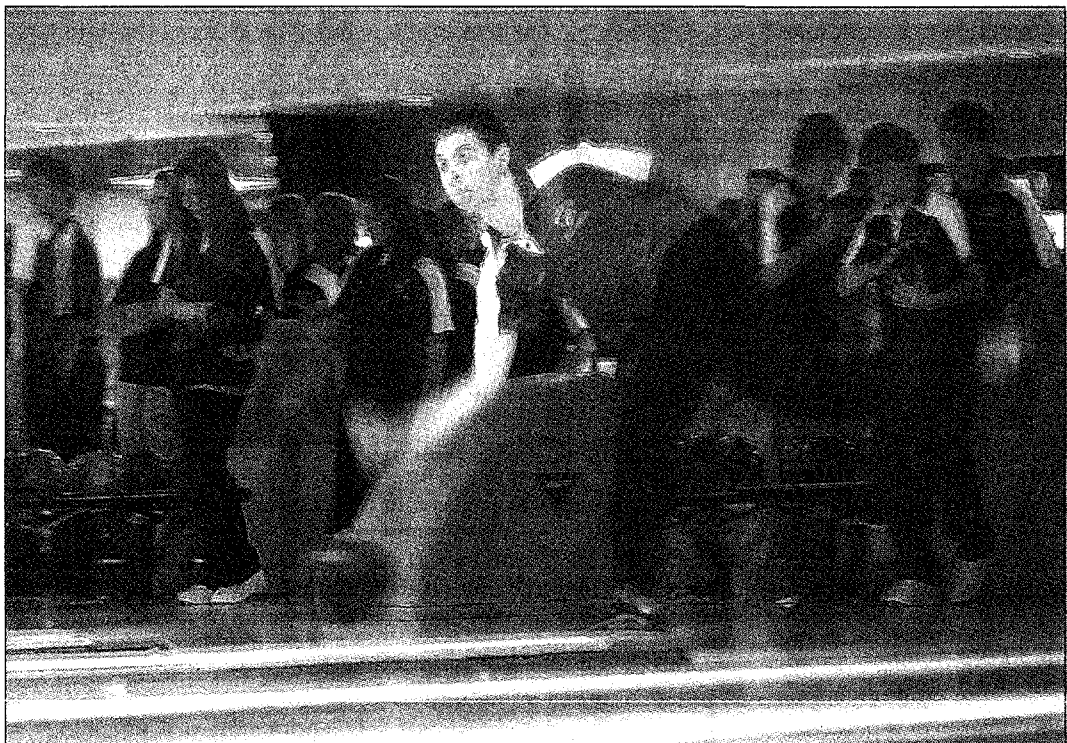
"Sherlock Holmes," rated PG-13, starring Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law and Rachel McAdams and opens on Christmas Day along with "It's Complicated," and "Nine."

Several area bowling lanes are open on Dec. 25. Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, (734) 459-6070 in Canton is open 5 p.m. to midnight. Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland, (734)641-8181 plans to be open 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"Generally we get a little rush at 6 p.m.," says Doug Sewesky, general manager at Canton's Super Bowl. "People are tired of sitting around at home. The last couple of years have been fairly steady all evening. There are a lot of families who come out. Bowling is a great family activity, because everyone is together and it's good for all ages, from four year olds to the grandparents."

If you need to purchase a last minute gift, Walgreens and CVS Pharmacy locations throughout the area are the best bet. Meijer, Kmart, Walmart and Target along with major malls are closed. Dec. 25 is the only day of the year that Meijer stores are closed. Most 24-hour Walgreens and CVS Pharmacy locations will be open for business on Christmas.

There should be no problem finding a place to eat on Christmas Day, especially if you like Asian or other ethnic cuisine. Most area Asian restaurants (dine-in and carry-out) are open including: Asian Buffet and Sushi on Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Plymouth Township (open 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.); Panda Buffet on Warren Road in Westland (11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.); Great Wall (take-out), 45100 Ford Road, Canton; Red Dragon (dine-in or take out), 44515 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.).



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Bowlers looking for something to do on Christmas Day will be happy to know Super Bowl in Canton is scheduled to be open.



Owner Candice Ngai, left, and her restaurant, Red Dragon in Plymouth, are scheduled to be open on Christmas Day.

The International House of Pancakes (IHOP), on Schoolcraft and Middlebelt is open Christmas Day from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Coffee drinkers looking for their java fix on Christmas Day can stop in at the Caribou Coffee, on Haggerty and Six Mile in Livonia, (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) or the Dunkin' Donuts

inside the BP Station, 39600 E. Ann Arbor Road, just east of I-275 which is always open.

Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and I-275 is open on Christmas from 7 a.m. to noon for a breakfast buffet and from 1-9 p.m. featuring a special holiday a la carte menu. Reservations will

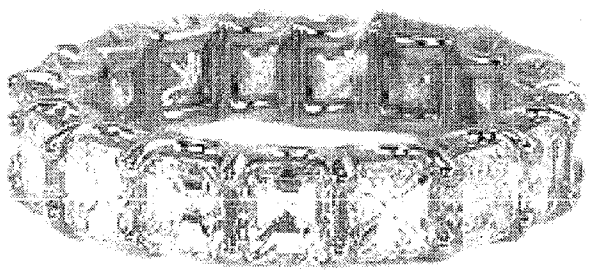
be taken, but walk-ins are welcome, too.

"There are a lot of people with family coming and for one reason or another they don't want to cook," explains Pamela Conrad, Sweet Lorraine's restaurant manager.

"There are very few places that are open on Christmas," Conrad says. "It's Chinese or a hotel restaurant and we happen to be a really great restaurant in a hotel."

As far as getting employees to work on Christmas, Conrad says, it really isn't that hard.

"We know it's (Christmas) coming and it's the same time every year," Conrad jokes. "And you have a large enough staff where some people want to work the holidays and some request it off." For many businesses, Christmas is the only day of the year that they are closed. For instance, the local pub or beer and wine shop won't be open. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission prohibits sale of alcoholic beverages after 9 p.m. on Dec 24 and on Christmas Day.



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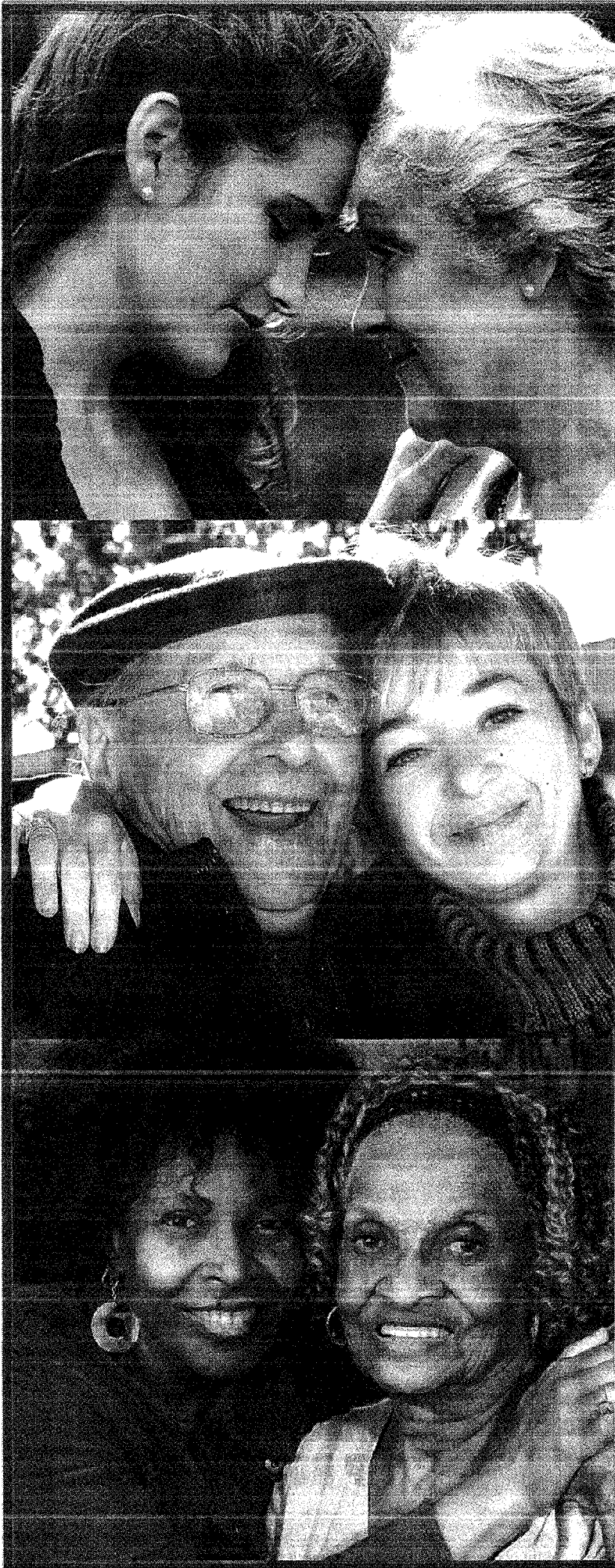
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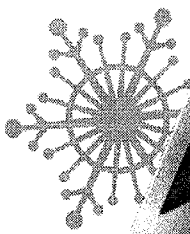
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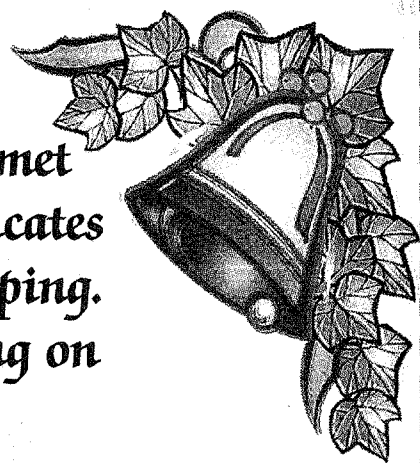
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Canton aces test

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys basketball team capped off the 2009 portion of the schedule in grand style, defeating South Lyon 62-48 Thursday night in a KLAA crossover.

The Chiefs (2-2) now prepare for 2010, feeling pretty good about prospects for the rest of the season, having knocked off the defending KLAA Kensington Conference champions.

"South Lyon was the conference champ last year, so it's a good win for us," Canton first-year head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "I'm proud of the kids for the way they competed and came back after a tough loss on Tuesday (against Birmingham Seaholm).

"Now we have 17 days off and we'll try to get better and see where we're at after Christmas."

Canton, with an offense featuring Kevin Weisz (19 points, 10 rebounds) and Dietrich Lever (17 points, 10 assists), hit the ground running against the Lions to build a 28-12 halftime lead.

That lead remained substantial (44-24) entering the fourth quarter, and only in the final eight minutes did South Lyon put anything together.

"They (Lions) turned up the pressure and made four threes in the fourth and forced some turnovers," Reddy said. "But we held on."

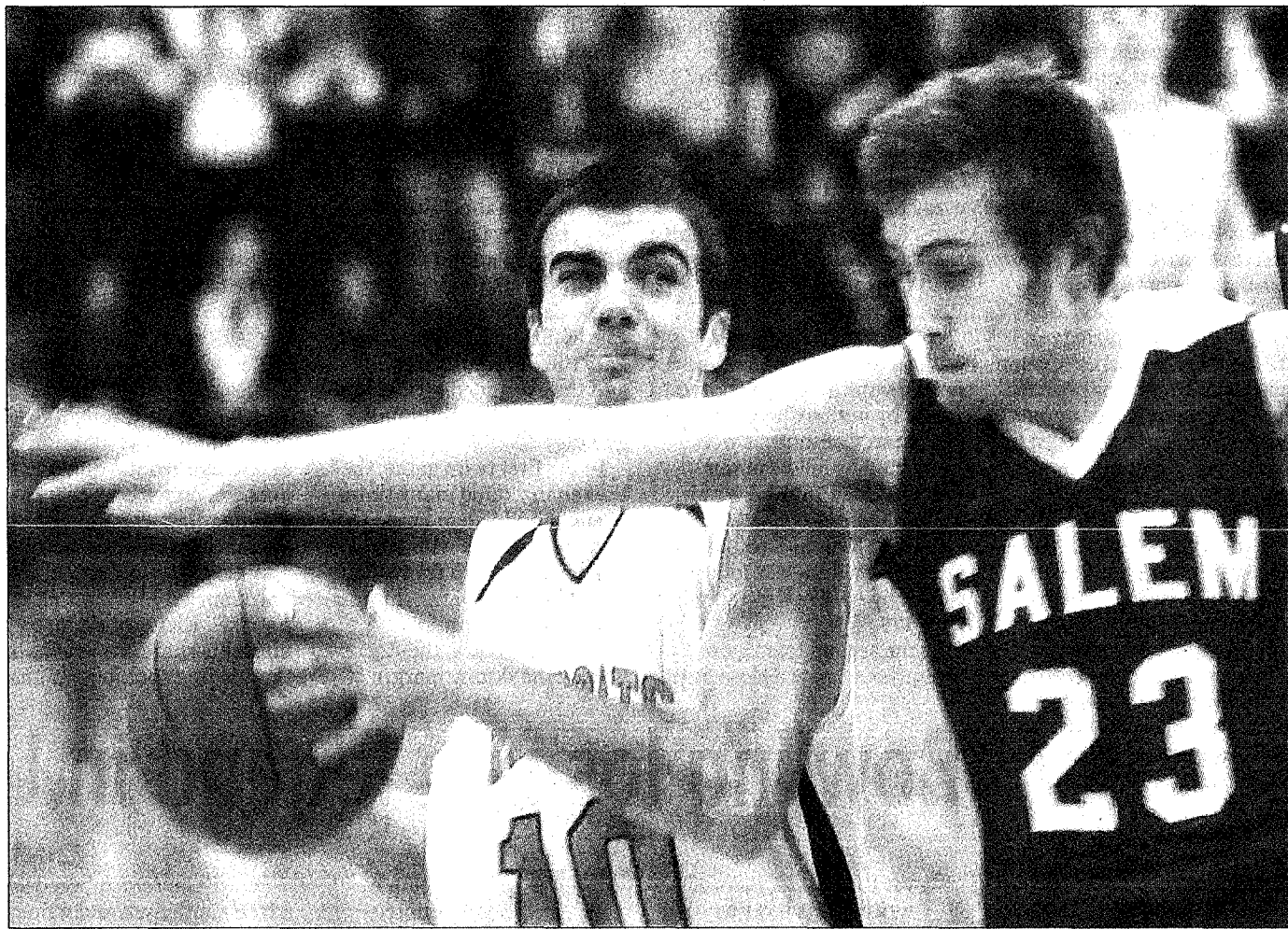
The closest South Lyon got to the Chiefs was nine points, not nearly close enough to cause any panic on the Canton sidelines.

Paul Baumgart also had a solid game for Canton, with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Reddy said excellent team defense held the Lions' top scorers (Aaron Shelt and Jeff Schmitz) to 10 points each.

Next up for the Chiefs is a game at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at Utica Eisenhower.

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Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski tries to move past Salem defender Blake Hayes during Thursday's varsity boys basketball game.

Wildcats flex muscle, drop Rocks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Never trailing all night, Plymouth rolled over district rival Salem in a KLAA varsity boys basketball matchup Thursday.

The host Wildcats parlayed physical play, defensive energy and some long-range shooting into a 51-38 triumph. Plymouth (2-1) built an 18-14 lead after one quarter and maintained that edge until the fourth.

That's when the Wildcats — up 38-33 after three — went on an 11-0 tear to completely seal Salem's fate.

"We put together a two-minute stretch in the fourth quarter where we really saw glimpses of the team we can become," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "We had great pressure, we were an attacking team the entire time and our defense was tremendous."

Sparking the impressive run was scrappy, 6-4 junior forward Pat Salo (10 points), who canned a trey from the left corner (converting a nifty feed from

under the bucket by Brennen Beyer) and followed up moments later with a driving move to the rim for another basket.

"Pat really had his best game for us tonight," Soukup said. "He was in attacking mode."

Before long, senior guard Dion Johnson (10 points) forced a turnover and raced in for a layup to make it 45-33 with six minutes left.

Finishing up the surge was junior guard Mike Nadratowski (10 points) with a pair of layups.

Finally, Salem senior center Jake Peterson (13 points) sank a jumper from the top of the key, which only cut the Plymouth lead to 49-35 midway through the fourth.

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According to Soukup, "every guy was clicked and dialed in" for the surge, which started with unrelenting defensive pressure.

"Salem's got some wide-bodied young men and they were competing very hard and they execute well, they're well-

coached," Soukup said. "We were able to take them out of some of their sets and exert our will defensively, and that's just what we're looking to do the entire season."

Once again, the Wildcats featured the sandpaper style of 6-5 power forward Beyer — a force in the paint at both ends of the floor. He finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"He played a heck of a game down there tonight," Soukup said.

Salem head coach Bob Brodie, whose team dropped to 1-1, said the young Rocks did not execute well on offense and wound up veering away from the kind of team basketball that leads to victories.

"You've got to share the basketball," Brodie said. "It's not an individual game and in a lot of cases we didn't let the ball come out of our hands enough and we didn't execute our offense like we're supposed to. When you do that, you're going to lose some basketball games."

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GAME WRAPS

Girls basketball

CANTON 54, SOUTH LYON 27: Kari Schmitt's double-double (14 points, 13 rebounds) sparked the visiting Chiefs to a resounding KLAA crossover road victory Thursday night.

Kari Schmitt led a balanced offensive attack, which also included eight-point games from Sara Schmitt, Kayla Bridges and CarolAnn Sexauer.

"But we still need to continue to work on crashing the boards offensively," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski, whose team improved to 3-1.

The Chiefs came out firing on all cylinders, building a 17-2 lead after one quarter and extended that edge to 42-20 after three.

"Overall it was a pretty solid team effort," Samulski said. "We held them under 30 points, so that's good. In the first half we wanted to get after them defensively and I thought we did that."

Samulski said an important aspect of the win was the play of Robyn Mack, Melanie Pickert and Alyssa Cottrell against the Lions' top player (Kristen Short, six points). Pickert and Lindsey Winters helped out on offense, too, with five points each.

SALEM 49, PLYMOUTH 31: In Thursday's district matchup at Salem, the Rocks were paced by 15 points and 11 rebounds by Sara Stone as well as 13 points each from Brett deBear and Rachel Norman.

Plymouth's top scorer was Stacey Klonowski, with 21 points, while Tabitha Mann added six points for Salem (3-2).

"We kind of held our own, we had a good start and played well for our last game before the break," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said.

Salem led 17-10 after one quarter and 24-14 at halftime before breaking the game open in the third thanks to a

Please see **WRAPS, B2**

Wildcats springing toward regional goal

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The season just started, yet Plymouth's gymnastics team is already planning for the stretch run.

Jump-starting the enthusiasm was an impressive showing in Monday's season opener against perennial powerhouse Northville — the Wildcats lost 145.45-129.75, falling one point short of setting a school record.

With that showing, Plymouth wasted no time collecting the first of four 120-or-better team scores required to qualify for the regionals. And head coach Pam Yockey and the girls won't rest until they become the first Plymouth squad in five years to make it that far.

"They have a good attitude, they want it," Yockey said during Thursday's practice. "They're very determined and hard workers."

Yockey likes the work ethic as well as the fact her squad will always be up against some of the top teams in

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Michigan, with eight of 12 teams in the KLAA Kensington Conference qualifying for the state meet in 2008-09. One of those was Northville.

"What's really nice is they're always competing against the highest level," she said. "So it really makes them work hard."

Also a good sign for a strong season was the fact seven girls set 17 individual qualifying scores for regionals against the Mustangs. That group includes juniors Natalia DiIacovo and Jessica Luibakka, sophomores Reagan Engstrom (captain) and Alisha Punjabi and freshmen all-arounder Sarah Uhlian, Teilor Duncan and Jane McCurry.

Those seven bring consistency and promise at the same time.

"We have a real strong team that's balanced all the way across," Yockey said. "They're just all very consistent and at the same level. At this point, Sarah is probably one of our strongest."



Having that much depth is essential to competing against the KLAA powerhouses.

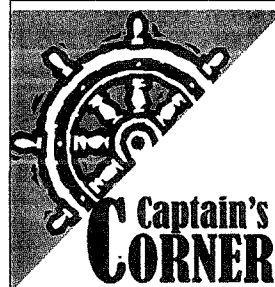
"It means if one girl has a bad day, the others pick it up," Yockey said. "They're all scoring at just about the same level."

Yockey said Duncan and McCurry are new to competitive gymnastics: "Two of our beginners actually scored for regional qualifying and they've never competed in their life."

The Wildcats, meanwhile, have others who should contribute. At the top of that list are Shante Parks and Lydia Plencner.

"I'm expecting (Parks and Plencner) to add greatly to the team's performance in the future," said Yockey, who is assisted this season by coaches Meghan Negele and Shawdi Dager.

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Who: Kara Bongiovanni, Canton senior, co-captain of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team.

Miscellany: Bongiovanni, 17, carries a 4.0 grade-point average. Her parents are Mike and Ursula. Kara is back with the Penguins after playing travel hockey the previous two seasons. During her freshman year (2006-07), she was on the PCS team that won a state championship. **Captain's job:** "It is the captain's job to step up and be a leader for the rest of the team. As a captain I try my best to make sure that all the girls are working together and pushing

KARA BONGIOVANNI



each other to do their best."

Leadership style: "I lead my team through encouragement. I point out when people do things well and I help them with other things that they struggle with."

Why her?: "I'm a natural leader and I proved that when I organized and ran our team's pre-season training program."

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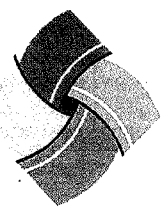


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17-point surge.

Tallying four points each for the Wildcats (1-3) were Alex Roberts and Danielle Desilets. Klonowski played a solid all-around game, leading Plymouth with seven rebounds.

Prep bowling

PLYMOUTH 16, NORTHVILLE 14 (BOYS): Visiting Plymouth defeated the Mustangs at Superbowl Thursday, led by Justin Thompson (218-180—398), Rob Korstjens (183-214—397) and Antonio Spinale (169-196—365) as the Wildcats tallied scores of 894 and 931 for team games 1 and 2.

Joseph Langell rolled a 168 in the opener, while Brandon Congdon's 170 helped out in the second match.

Evan Grimme (156-171—327) also had a solid day.

Northville, meanwhile, captured both Baker matches, 197-170 and 189-176.

NORTHVILLE 30, PLYMOUTH 0 (GIRLS): The host Mustangs rolled Thursday, winning the Baker matches (140-101, 175-123) and going on for 829-582 and 803-713 wins in the regular matches.

For the Wildcats, Allyson Gibbs (111-158—269), Alyssa Conrad (125-121—246), Mandy Martin (125-147—272), Kristyn Sturtz (122-155—277) and Mackenzie Carlson (99-158—257) provided the scoring.

CANTON 16, CLARENCEVILLE 14 (BOYS): On Monday at Town 'N Country Lanes in Westland, Canton lost a "strike-fest" in the first Baker game and came up short, losing 224-222 to the Trojans. But the Chiefs bounced back in the second Baker game with six quick strikes and finishing strong for a 253-184 victory.

In the team games, Canton fell behind early in the first game and couldn't make up the difference, despite Ross Terrasi's 198, Casey Bindas' 195 and Andrew Klein's 194.

After a pep talk, Canton recovered to win 973-933 in the second game, paced by Terrasi (223) and Kurt Kowalski (217). Those big games, plus anchor Klein's two-pin win, sealed the victory for the Chiefs.

In the JV match, Trevor Cummins (235-227—462) and Alex Champagne (242) sparked a 22-8 victory.

• Meanwhile, the girls match between the Chiefs and Trojans was conceded, due to Clarenceville fielding only four bowlers. Ashley Cade (144-169—313), Allison Fries (144) and freshman Charlotte Zimmer (160-174—334) all had strong outings for the Chiefs.

GRAND BLANC 21, CANTON 9

(GIRLS): On Sunday at Wonderland Lanes in Commerce, the Chiefs came out of the game with a 200 game in the first Baker game, 65 pins better than Grand Blanc. But the magic quickly faded in Baker Game 2 (a 145-143 loss) despite four strikes in a row by both teams over the final two frames.

In the team games, Grand Blanc won 810-685 in the opener despite a 184 tally from Charlotte Zimmer. In Game 2, the Chiefs lost 774-655. Top Canton performers were junior captain Ashley Cade (155) and Jackie Polaski (151).

GRAND BLANC 19, CANTON 11 (BOYS): The Chiefs lost 206-179 in the first Baker tilt only to bounce back (192-181) in the followup.

In team action, the Bobcats caught fire and never looked back, with games ranging from 212-253 for a 1,165 series (Canton tallied 1,002). The lone point for the Chiefs was collected by junior Andrew Klein, who managed to throw a fine 232 game against the carnage.

But then the Chiefs brought in the heavy artillery for a 1,046-1,040 win in the second team game. Junior Ryan Washburn came off the bench and after an opening frame spare proceeded to throw eight straight strikes until a stubborn 7-pin ended the run. Washburn rolled a 268 game, augmented by junior Ross Terrasi's 245 to keep Canton close.

In the 10th frame, Klein carried all 10 pins when the Chiefs needed it most.

SALEM 17, PLYMOUTH 13 (BOYS): On Monday at Town 'N Country Lanes, great performances by Kyle Newcomb (227-222—449) and Ryan Clark (232-256—448) enabled the Rocks to earn the victory in a hard-fought matchup.

Top Plymouth performances were turned in by Justin Thompson (263 in the second game), Kyle Webb (222-230—452) and Brandon Congdon (208-224—432).

• The Rocks JV team lost 19-11 to Plymouth despite excellent efforts from freshman Kevin Williams (183-243—426) and Elliot Stout (224). For the Wildcats, Joey McBride (205) and Kyle Webb (203-235—438) had big games.

PLYMOUTH 15.5, SALEM 14.5 (GIRLS): A 200 game by Plymouth's Kristin Sturtz gave the Wildcats just enough to get over the hump Monday in an evenly matched dual meet, at Town 'N Country.

W.L. CENTRAL 19, PLYMOUTH 11 (BOYS): After the Wildcats won both Baker games Sunday at Wonderland Lanes, the Vikings took control in the team games. Plymouth's Congdon rolled a 234 while Thompson (202) and Evan Grimme (202) also had productive outings.

Canton girls, Salem boys earn bowling wins

District rivals Canton and Salem met for the first time this prep bowling season, Thursday night at Superbowl.

The matches provided intensity throughout.

In the girls varsity match (Canton 28, Salem 2), it was high drama right from the start as Canton held a slim lead all the way through the first Baker game, and pulled out a 126-111 win.

In the second Baker game, every pin counted as each team leapfrogged the other all the way through 10 frames, with Canton squeaking out a 125-123 victory.

In the first team game, Canton found its groove and posted wins across the board.

Led by junior Cheryl Cosby's 213 game, Canton was well supported by fellow junior Ashley Cade's 167 and senior Lauren O'Bradovich's 154.

Salem's Kristin Larkins led her squad with a 142, followed closely by Ashley Kretschmer with 139.

In the second team game, pesky Salem stayed close until

Canton closed strong, winning by a score of 730-642.

Cosby continued her exceptional performance, leading Canton with a 162. Cade contributed a 156 and senior Chelsie "Huz" Husband kicked in a fine 147 game.

Salem's top scorers were Kretschmer (144) and Rachel Amodio, who threw a 141 game.

Boys match

Salem won the boys match, 24-6, but it wasn't that easy.

The Rocks stayed consistent in the first Baker game while Canton missed some key spares. Salem's 179-152 victory gave the Rocks confidence, and they pounded on Canton 236-166 in the second Baker game.

In the first team game, the lead changed too many times to count and Salem found the winning formula with key strikes in the 10th frame.

Led by a pair of 207's from senior Shaun Schmidt and junior Ryan Clark, the Rocks won by the skinny margin of

just 11 pins, 881-870. Canton was paced by sophomore David Blythe's 214, and junior Andrew Klein's 196.

In the second team game, the Chiefs came out strong, covering most spares and looking to win the game and capture totals. Canton's Klein matched the Rocks' Clark with six in a row from the 2nd through 7th frames. With a 50-pin lead in the 8th frame, Canton watched the Rocks pull closer as each player for each team tried desperately to help their own cause.

The Chiefs' lead shrunk to less than 30 pins going into the 10th and final frame.

Key spares and strikes by the Rocks Kevin Williams and Tyler Foley brought Salem within 10 pins as the game and match wound down to the anchor men for both teams.

Going first was Canton's Klein went first, and he left a single pin, while Salem's Clark buried his first shot for a strike. Klein would go on to make his spare, and strike on the ensuing shot, but another

strike by Clark in the 11th led to a 248 game and sealed the victory for Salem.

JUNIOR VARSITY: In the boys JV match, Salem won the initial Baker game, 136 to Canton's 128.

From then on, Canton settled down and evened the match with a 176-160 toll.

In the team games, senior Trevor Cummins continued strong play this week as he threw 243 and 227 (to go with a 227 and a 235 earlier this week against Clarenceville) to lead the Chiefs.

Junior Justin Newton tossed a fine 207 game and senior Billy Keppen contributed a 190. For the Rocks, Evan Ross was solid with a 207 and Eric Snyder helped his team with a 171.

PLYMOUTH 28, NORTHVILLE 2 (JV BOYS): On Thursday at Superbowl, the Wildcats junior varsity boys team received excellent showings from Matt Bracey (201, 161 - 362), Zach Behr (187, 174 - 361), Ryan Riva (165, 174 - 339) and Mike Brasseur (174, 149 - 323).

Bowling loses a legend in Lindemann

Over the past 21 years of writing this bowling column, this story is the most painful to put into print.

Older bowlers will easily recognize the name Tony Lindemann. He was in a car accident several weeks ago in which he suffered some serious injuries. After hospitalization he went into rehab at St. Johns Hospital and seemed to be making some progress.

But unfortunately his 90 year-old body did not have enough fight left and he passed away on Dec. 4 in his sleep.

Lindemann was a fierce competitor on the lanes, but a soft-spoken, easy-going gentleman off the lanes. Tony moved to Detroit in 1942 and soon developed enough talent to become a member of the fabulous Stroh's team. He bowled with Stroh's for 11 years, the last four of which he was captain.

In 1951 Tony won practically every title available, including the ABC Individual All-Events with 2,005 and his Stroh's team won the All-Events crown. He and Buzz Fazio captured the BPAA Doubles Match Game title from Ned Day and Buddy Bomar and he led Stroh's to the BPAA Team Match Game championship.

He capped the year by being voted to the All-American Team and won the "King of Bowling" title in Detroit by averaging 205, 211 and 213 in the Major Classic Leagues. He won BPAA Championships in 1951 through 1955, leading



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March 19, 1994 at the ABC Tournament in Mobile, Ala., making him the oldest person to ever have shot a 300 game in the national tournament at the age of 74.

Tony has won virtually every local and state title available, including the 1952 State Doubles Match Game Championship, 1953 State Singles and All Events and 1957 and 1958 City Tournament Team events with Stroh's.

At the age of 86 he led his team to the Senior Team Championship of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association with a 683 series. The same year he averaged 200 in one of the three leagues he participated in. He served on the GDBA Board of Directors for 16 years and was the last president of the GDBA prior to the merger in 2006. He was an ABC, State of Michigan and Greater Detroit Hall-of-Famer and was one of the all-time greatest bowlers to come out of the Detroit area.

He competed during a different era when bowling was king, especially in Detroit

He will be remembered as a true gentleman and a fine ambassador for the sport of bowling.

• The 79th annual Old Timers tournament was held Nov. 28 at Thunderbowl Lanes. Our local senior shooters did themselves proud as 85-year-old Jack Dahlstrom of Redford captured the 80-and-over age category with 228-206-235 — 669.

In the 70-74 age group Phil Horowitz (70) of West Bloomfield took second place with a set of 238-259-223 — 720, followed by William Swain (71) from Westland 225-235-200 — 660. In the Under 50 group, it was Garrett Nagle (43) of Westland who led the way with 2500-216-258 — 691 while Brian Snapke (46), also a Westlander, came in third with scores of 228-259-204 — 691. Ernie Segura Jr. (49) of Taylor came in second in this group with 235-248-22 — 710 while his dad, Ernie Segura Sr. of Brownstown was scoring 234-190-258 — 662 good for third place in the 75-79 group.

The overall champion was Len Cianciolo (67) of Warren with a sweet score of 267-218-258 — 743. High Game honors went to James Robinson, Jr. with a 299 game. There were 550 bowlers signed up, which is a reflection of the fine effort as usual by John Chmelko Sr. and Jr. both of whom worked diligently as always to make it happen.

Tony Lindemann was the president this year of the Old Timers, and he had sent a

message to the bowlers from his hospital bed wishing everyone good luck in the tournament. Ted Kress of Redford was the M.C. for both squads and also led the singing of the National Anthem.

• The United States Bowling Congress has developed a new system for setting up specific lane conditions to apply to regular house leagues. They will call it Red, White and Blue conditions.

Red will be the easiest, white will be somewhat harder and the blue would be the more challenging. Every league will have the opportunity to choose which condition it would like to bowl on.

This new formula will start with the 2010-2011 season in some test markets.

The idea evolved from the Sport Condition venture which has proven popular among the professional bowlers. The pros are skillful enough to figure out the best way to score well on each of these conditions.

On Jan. 3, 2010, the Pro Bowlers Tour will bowl the Red, White and Blue conditions on the Sunday ESPN-TV show from Wichita, Kan. This may turn out to be a good viewing opportunity for bowling leagues such as your's and mine.

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

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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 community."

For more information about the event — which includes lunch at Cheli's Chili following practice — go to www.detroitmoose.org.

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

Give 'Pickleball' a try

Plymouth and Canton residents are welcome to sign up for a unique recreational sport being offered by Northville Parks and Recreation

— pickleball.

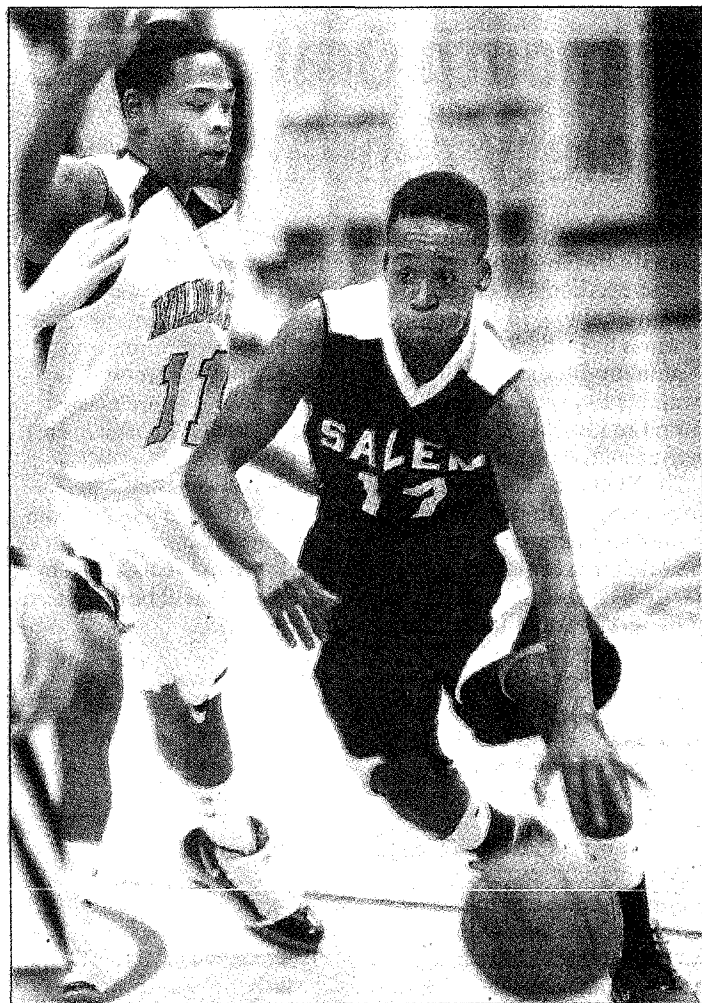
The sport combines ping pong and badminton, with a hard paddle used to send the ball over the net. Open pickleball sessions are held at the Northville Recreation Center based out of Hillside Middle School.

Beginner to intermediate play is 1-3 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (\$2 per person) and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesdays and Thursdays (\$2). Three courts are available.

Intermediate to advanced play is 12 noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3) and 6-8 p.m. Saturdays (\$4).

Paddles and pickleballs are provided at the center. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There was plenty of exciting one-on-one action Thursday, such as Salem point guard Devonta Riley (No. 12) working against Plymouth's Dion Johnson.

BASKETBALL

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He added that Salem's inside game was not where he wants it to be.

"We got it in there when we wanted it," Brodie said. "But it was just too cramped and congested. Our spacing was off."

Brodie did praise the work of sophomore forward Tyler Stewart (seven points), who "was pretty steady for us. He controls the ball and does the things we expect of him."

NO CIGAR

The Rocks managed to make it 8-8 midway through the first thanks to consecutive treys by junior guard Devonta Riley (accounting for his six points).

It was 14-14 following a layup by senior guard Blake Hayes (five points), but two foul shots by Beyer and a high-glasser by Nadratowski opened

up an 18-14 edge after the opening quarter.

The same pattern continued, with Salem getting close only to falter yet again. With about three minutes left in the second, buckets by Hayes and junior guard Josh Perrin sliced the Plymouth advantage to 25-23.

But Wildcats junior forward Jake Morris skied for a defensive rebound, then dribbled down to the other end for a layup, making it 27-23 at intermission. A 6-2 run opened the third, with Johnson accounting for four of those points.

If Salem had any late hopes of a rally, following a triple by Stewart with about 2:30 left in the third, they were dashed shortly thereafter when Salo's three-ball from the right wing found the mark.

"They beat us in every phase tonight, give them the credit," Brodie said. "But we're young and it's only our second game. Hopefully we'll get better, but it's not going to be easy. We've got to do a lot of work."

Canton icers fall to Churchill

The Livonia Churchill boys hockey gave coach Pete Mazzoni the birthday present he was desperately looking for Wednesday night.

The Chargers, who hadn't gotten into the win column since their season opener on Nov. 20, skated to a 2-1 KLA South Division triumph over host Canton at the Arctic Edge.

"It was a good team win, we needed a win to keep pace with everybody else," said the 41-year-old Mazzoni, whose team is 2-4-2 overall and 1-2-1 in the division. "It's been the longest (winless) stretch since I've been here. We just needed it. We play everybody once in

our (Kensington) conference, so they all count. We're close and I hope this is a step in the right direction."

According to Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, his team had plenty of chances to even up the contest during the third period, but could not net the equalizer against Churchill goalie Aaron Crouse (21 saves).

"We just ran out of time," Majszak said. "We had some real good opportunities but we just couldn't get the puck into the net."

Canton's Jordan Smith opened the scoring at 6:03 of the first period off assists from Kyle Korte and A.J. Rosales,

but Churchill answered at the 11:09 mark on Chris Papaioannou's power-play goal from Mike Woynick.

Jake Otto then tallied what proved to be the game-winner with 7:59 left in the second period off an assist from Steven Klisz.

Max Sexton played well in defeat, making 31 saves for the Chiefs, who slipped to 3-4-1 overall and 0-2-1 in the KLA South.

STEVENSON 3, PLYMOUTH 2: A pair of first-period goals held up Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson (5-1-1, 2-0-1) shaved the Wildcats (7-2-1, 1-1-1) in a Kensington Conference cross-over at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans jumped out to a 2-0 lead on Tim Pruchnik's fifth goal of the year from Jacob Poynter and Evan Malick followed by J.J. Petterson second of the season, a power-play effort from John Strauch.

Strauch added a power-play goal in the second period from Petterson as the Spartans outshot Plymouth 15-4.

The Wildcats got a goal and assist each from Ryan Renault and Pat Smiatacz.

Stevenson netminder Danny Sager, who stopped 26-of-28 shots, got his fourth win of the year.

Michael Justus made 29 saves for the Wildcats.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 21
(Rocket Roundball Classic at John Glenn)
N. Farmington vs. Plymouth, 1 p.m.
Thurston vs. Harrison, 2:45 p.m.
Detroit City vs. Ferndale, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Willow Run, 6:15 p.m.
Ferndale Academy vs. Old Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Southfield vs. Taylor Truman, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22
(Rocket Roundball Classic at John Glenn)
Clarenceville vs. Wat. Kettering, 1 p.m.
Ferndale vs. Det. Univ. Prep, 2:45 p.m.
Belleville vs. Detroit CMA, 4:30 p.m.
N. Farmington vs. Det. Henry Ford, 6:15 p.m.
Det. Renaissance vs. A.A. Huron, 8 p.m.

(Livonia Franklin Holiday Classic)
Taylor Kennedy vs. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Rochester, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Franklin Holiday Classic, 5:30 & 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28
Woodhaven Tournament, TBA.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Woodhaven Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 21
Clarenceville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Mercy at Canton, 7 p.m.

(Wayne Memorial Holiday Shootout)
Frankfort vs. Det. Western, 11:30 a.m.

Ferndale vs. Redford Union, 1 p.m.
Farmington vs. Thurston, 2:30 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Berkley, 4 p.m.

Wayne vs. Willow Run, 5:30 p.m.

(Livonia Ladywood Holiday Tournament)
Southgate vs. A.A. Huron, 4 p.m.

Ladywood vs. South Lyon, 6 p.m.

(Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Invitational)
Stevenson vs. Warren Regina, noon.

Notre Dame Prep vs. Det. Univ. Prep, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Notre Dame Prep Invitational, noon & 2 p.m.

Ladywood Holiday Tournament, 4 & 6 p.m.

(Wayne Memorial Holiday Shootout)
Albion vs. Frankfort, 11:30 a.m.

Thurston vs. Ferndale, 1 p.m.
Franklin vs. Berkley, 2:30 p.m.

Farmington vs. Willow Run, 4 p.m.
Redford Union vs. Det. Western, 5:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Franklin vs. Novi at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Carlson Team Tournament, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Brother Rice Invitational, 9 a.m.

Trenton Invitational, 9 a.m.

Canton Duals at EMU, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 29
(Hope College Russ DeVette Tourney)

Davenport vs. Grace Bible, 6 p.m.

Hope College vs. Madonna, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 30
Hope College DeVette Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 22
Madonna at Calvin College, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29
Madonna at Wayne State, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 30
Mercyhurst (Pa.) at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Monday, Dec. 28
Erie vs. Plymouth Whalers

2 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Plymouth Whalers at Sarnia, 6 p.m.

TBA - to be announced

PREP MAT RESULTS

SALEM INVITATIONAL

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Dec. 12 at Salem H.S.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Adrian, 284.5;

2. Livonia Franklin, 224.5; 3. Macomb Dakota, 178.5; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 176;

5. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 168; 6. Plymouth, 157; 7. Salem, 144; 8. Lincoln Park, 136; 9. Sterling Heights, 122; 10. Ann Arbor Huron, 50.

INDIVIDUAL FINAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Zach Garcia (Adrian) pinned

Shadi Jammoul (Ply.), 1:15; **3rd place:** Ryan

Karam (MD) p. Dylan McLeod (LP) in 5:52; **5th**

place: Sesad Al-Hussien (DHC) decisioned Jose

Galeano (SH), 16-7.

112: Nick Kim (Salem) dec. Joey Golani

(DHC), 5-4; **3rd:** Alec Breckenridge (Ply.) won by

major dec. over Dan Martinez (LF), 13-0;

5th: Anthony Garcia (Adrian) p. Roberto Davis

(LP), 3-26.

119: Mo Rahal (DHC) dec. Anthony Barbour

(LP), 5-2; **3rd:** Gabe Martinez (LF) dec. Joel

Orozco (Adrian), 12-10 (overtime); **5th:** Said

Yousseff (P) p. Ali Ayache (DHC), 5-40.

125: Steve Tuyo (LF) dec. Dominic Lomuscio

(DHC), 13-9; **3rd:** Devin Stratton (Salem) won by

major dec. over Erik Czech (LF), 14-0; **5th:** Jake

Pellowe (Adrian) won by major dec. over T.J.

Winkler (YL), 10-1.

130: Paul Hanni (LF) won by major dec. over

Tommy Hutchinson (Adrian), 10-0; **3rd:** Eddie

Nuttall (YL) dec. Bob Sadowski (LP), 3-0; **5th:**

Dom Derita (MD) won by major dec. over Ziad

Tamimi (Ply.), 17-4.

135: Greg Day (MD) dec. Nolan Solomon

(SH), 5-1; **3rd:** Alex Lee (Adrian) dec. Andy

Samory (AAH), 6-2; **5th:** Avery Opperman (LF)

dec. Jimmy Ahearn (Ply.), 6-4.

140: Matt Galvin (Adrian) dec. Dillon Farrell

(YL), 12-5; **3rd:** Adam London (AAH) p. James

Chapman (LP), 10-3; **5th:** Joey Polocoser (DHC)

dec. Allen Yu (SH), 4-1.

145: Ruben Guerara (DHC) dec. Josh

Hatfield (F), 16-8; **3rd:** C.J. Ward (LP) p. Troy

Claramella (MD) in 1:32; **5th:** Tate Braboy (Ply.)

p. Cory Gaw (YL), 2-55.

152: Brandon Farrell (YL) dec. Nick Horton

(Adrian), 8-4; **3rd:** Chris Sweet (Salem), dec.

Rob Kamalos (LP), 2-1; **5th:** Ahmed Al-Hussien

(DHC) p. Mike Madej (SH), 2-55.

160: Colin Gross (Salem) dec. Roger King

(SH), 3-1; **3rd:** Matt Roos (LF) p. Adam Barber

(YL), 2-53; **5th:** Alex Bloomquist (MD) dec. Raed

Murad (DHC), 8-6.

171: Rafael Rodriguez (Adrian) won by

technical fall over Ryan Benoit (MD), 22-6;

3rd: Kyle Vieth (SH) p. Curtis Crosier (Ply.),

0:55; **5th:** Alex O'Connor (LF) p. Chad Caldwell

(YL), 3-37.

189: Dustin Soto (Adrian) p. Zach

Leuenberger (LF), 2-15; **3rd:** Brendon Varner

(Ply.) p. Zak Hillinger (AAH), 3-22; **5th:** Mike

Festian (MD) p. Jordan Zouh (Salem), 0-26.

215: Blake Abbey (S) dec. Shane

McManaman (MD), 5-3 (OT); **3rd:** Nick Simmons

(LF) p. Emiliano Flores (Adrian), 4-45; **5th:** Kevin

Azou (SH) p. Hassan Doujek (DHC), 1-56.

285: Muhammad Jasper (A) won by major

dec. over Kimario Taylor (YL), 11-1; **3rd:** Wally

Eppler (Ply) dec. Jordan Birman (Ply), 3-3

(OT); **5th:** Tommy Coleman (Adrian) p. Omar

Haymour (LF), 0-38.

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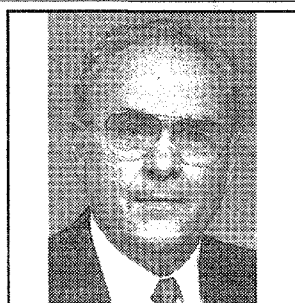
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December 15, 2009. Age 88 of Troy. Long-time special education teacher in the Hazel Park Public Schools. Loving mother of Chuck (Mary Beth), Burgess (Karen) and Thomas (Theresa). Dear grandmother of Matthew, Brandon, Elizabeth and Ryan Baker. Great-grandmother of Scott, Noah, Christopher, Miranda and Jacob. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btw 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-6pm and 7-9pm. Memorial service Friday 11am at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to Soroptimist Club of Royal Oak Scholarship Fund, 1392 Cedar Dr., Birmingham, MI 48009. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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THOMAS C. DAVIS

Age 80 of Farmington, December 11, 2009. Loving husband of the late Shirley. Beloved father of Kay (Dan) Hutchens and Lori (Martin) Franks. Dear grandfather of Joshua (Katie), Matthew, and Amanda Hutchens, and Emily and Julie Franks. Dear brother of James Davis. Mr. Davis spent his career as a construction project manager. He faithfully served his Lord at Temple Baptist/NorthRidge Church. The family will gather with friends Monday December 28th at 6 PM until the 7 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

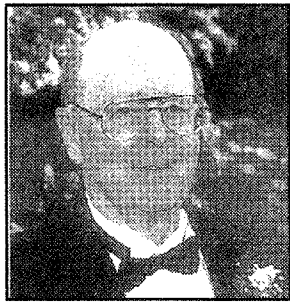


DORIS HOPE DIEDRICK

Age 80. Born February 4, 1929. Doris passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on December 13, 2009. She was born and raised in Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth High School in 1948, and loved her town with heart and soul. Doris loved children and worked in the Plymouth-Canton School District as a para-professional at Bird Elementary School for 26 years. She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, as well as a member of the Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Women's Club. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and was devoted to her husband of 59 years, Ralph, who precedes her in death. Doris leaves behind daughter, Connie, her husband, Jeff Jacobs, son-in-law, F. Weldon Regan, husband of her daughter, Pamela, who precedes her in death, and sister Marion Owens. Four grandsons, Matthew (Heather) Regan, Ben Jacobs, Chris (Beth) Jacobs, and Mark Regan, and a great-granddaughter, Madeilyn Regan, also survive. Memorial Service at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Plymouth, Saturday 3pm. Friends may visit at church beginning at 2pm. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth or the American Cancer Society, Southfield, Michigan. Share a special thought or memory at: schrader-howell.com

WILLIAM M. DOUGLAS

Age 85, December 15, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Doris. Dear uncle of Ralph (Selma) and James (Laura) Fuller. Brother-in-law of William (Suzanne) Ivey and Sam Ivey. Also survived by many great-nieces and nephews. A Memorial service was held on Friday at Peace Lutheran church in Livonia. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home



WILLIAM DUFFY

Formerly of Livonia, age 79. Beloved husband of the late Kathryn (Meier) Duffy. Loving father of Timothy (Nancy) Mary (William) Albright Elizabeth (Lionie) Bramer and Michael (Sally). Dear Grandfather of Christopher and Alex Bramer, Sean Albright, and Kevin and Sarah Duffy, and Uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters Mary Ann (Greenwell) and Ruth (Glynn), and his brother Edward Duffy of Massachusetts. Bill retired from General Motors as Personnel Director of the Hydramatic Division in 1987. He spent the past 15 years at H&R Block as a tax consultant at the Livonia and Wixom branches. He served in the U.S. Army in 1948 to 1949, and was recalled to active duty in 1950 during the Korean War. One of the founding families of St. Damian and St. Colette parishes, and served in many volunteer positions throughout the community. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800, Sunday, Dec. 20 from 2-8pm. Wake Service Sunday 7:30pm. In state at St. Patrick Church, 711 Rickett Rd, Brighton (810) 229-9863, Monday 10am until the funeral liturgy at 10:30am. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center (www.svfscenr.org). on line sympathy message at: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

OLGA ELIAS

Died December 12, 2009, age 91. Dear Mother of Juanita Elias, Anthony (Elda) Elias, Kathleen (Jeff) Sternik, and the late Sharon (Jim) Elder. Grandmother of 10, and many great grandchildren. Services were private. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



FLORINE ISGRIGG GALBRAITH

Of Birmingham, Michigan; wife of Russell H. Galbraith, deceased. She was born February 18, 1911 - died December 17, 2009. Mrs. Galbraith was preceded in death by her parents, I.J. Isgrigg and Lela Burke Isgrigg and a brother William (Margaret) Isgrigg. Mrs. Galbraith attended Gulf Park College in Gulfport, Mississippi and received Bachelor and Master's Degrees from University of Michigan. She had been a teacher in the Pontiac School System and taught in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. She was a member of The Village Women's Club, Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council Center, the Pontiac National Farm and Garden Association and Kirk in the Hills. She is survived by a brother, Robert G. Isgrigg of Oldsmar, Florida and five nephews, John W. Isgrigg (Diane), Waterford, Michigan; Robert G. Isgrigg, Jr., (Evelyn) of White Lake, Michigan; Dr. Richard K. Isgrigg (Phyllis) of Harker Heights, Texas; Stephen B. Isgrigg (Deborah) of Waterford, Michigan; and Scott M. Isgrigg (Karen) of West Bloomfield, Michigan; and several grandnieces and grandnephews. Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends on Sunday with suggested visiting hours of 1 to 5 p.m. at the Pontiac Chapel of Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, 46 Williams Street. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Kirk in the Hills. Reflections may be shared by visiting www.sparksgriffin.com.

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ROBERTA A. HATFIELD "Adelaide"

Leslie, MI. Passed on from this life to join her husband, George and daughter, Donna, on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at the age of 85. Surviving are her children, George (Argentina) Hatfield, Cheri (Vickie) Aims, Brian (Paulette) Hatfield; nine grandchildren, Ronald, Kimberly, Joshua, Christopher, Nathan, Richie, Katherine, Randy, and Cheryl; two step-grandchildren, Eric and Valerie; five great-grandchildren, Marlene, Robby, Ashley "Nicole", Lyric, and Brandice; one step-great-granddaughter, Lindsay; two sisters, Jeanette Careway, and Mary Alice McEndree; three sisters-in-law, Shirley Hatfield, Violet Bouts, and Patricia Hatfield; numerous nieces and nephews and dear friend, Lisa Hatfield. She was preceded in death by her husband, George; daughter, Donna; grandsons, George and Joseph and parents, George and Roberta (Hall) Bosley. Services celebrating Adelaide's Life will be held at the J.C. Adams Funeral Home, Leslie Chapel, on Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. For those who wish memorial contributions may be made to the DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201. J.C. Adams Funeral Home Leslie Chapel - (517) 589-8216

MARY ALICE ISBISTER

Passed away December 13, 2009 at the age of 84. She is the beloved sister of Betty Ann Isbister. Dear aunt of Kitty (Alan) Jensen, Bill (Betty) Isbister and Pat Hepburn. Also survived by numerous great nephews and nieces. Alice was a retired sales clerk having worked many years at Manley's, a retail office supply store in Sarnia, Ontario. She came to the Plymouth area in 1992, having lived at Tonquish Manor. She was a people person who loved people and was very social. She made many many friends over the years. She enjoyed word puzzles, comic books and reading about people. Services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Share a special thought or memory at: schrader-howell.com



SALLY ANGELOSANTO LAYTON

Nov. 9, 1952-July 5, 2009
Loving mother of Francesca & John. Devoted daughter of Giuseppe & Rosa. Adored by brothers Dominic (Victoria) & the late Michael (Kristine). Faithful wife of Ricardo Layton. We miss you and will always love you!

JEFF LEACH

Age 43. Beloved nephew of Toni Matier, Helen Thomas, Dale Addington & Tom and Glen Watson. Dear brother of Randolph Kelsch. Also loved by Charles Vaughn II, the Leach family and many more. Visiting Sunday 12 noon until 3 pm services at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw. 6 - 7 Mile).

ROBERT MARACLE

Age 52, formerly of Livonia, passed away in Florida December 10, 2009. Survived by children, Todd and Stacy Maracle; parents Vern and Joan Maracle; sisters, Lynne (Tony) Minish and Leslie (Eric) Winterbottom; one niece Justine Minish and one nephew Jimi Winterbottom. Service to held at a later date.

MARTHA J. MOON

88, passed away at home on Nov. 11, 2009 with complications of Alzheimer's and Parkinson disease. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Paul Moon and her children Alice, Barbara and Patricia. Martha was a TN native who believed in God and was a creative homemaker who enjoyed gardening, walking, shopping, wood working, making flowers, crochet and embroidery. She enjoyed the holidays, preparing turkey dinners, fruit cake and pumpkin pies. Rest in peace Mom, we love you!

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BETTY McMULLEN PAGE

Formerly of Bloomfield Township, on November 30th in Oberlin, Ohio. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 16th, 3:30pm at the Birmingham Unitarian Church. No flowers please

SUSY ROLAND

Entered the Lord's House on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, surrounded by the love of her family. Born in Highland Park, Michigan, she was the daughter of Percy and Edna Gilroy. Living in Texas for 29 years, Susy was a member of St. Joseph Honeycreek Catholic Church where she was an Eucharistic Minister and a St. Stephen Minister. Preceded in death by her father, Susy is survived by her loving husband of over 30 years, Timothy F. Roland; mother, Edna Gilroy; her "Girls," her devoted daughters, DeAnn and Angie, and their husbands, Perry and Michael; other children, Tracey and Tim, Timothy F. Jr. and Lisa, Tami and Matt, and Thomas; adoring grandchildren, Brittany, Ryan, Jordan, Matt, Makenzie, M.J., Courtney, Kyle, Blase, Bryce, and Brady, as they called her Grandmommy! Visitation will begin on Thurs, Dec. 17 at 5:00 p.m. at Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne, with the Recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Honeycreek Catholic Church, 25781 State Highway 46 West, Spring Branch, TX 78070, with Monsignor Gregory Deane, celebrant. If so desired, Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 291048, San Antonio, TX 78229. To leave a message or tribute for the family, please visit: www.vaughanfuneralhome.com and select the obituaries icon. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne.



RUTH M. SCHIEBOLD

December 12, 2009, age 80, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of the late W. Herbert for 53 years. Dear mother of Eric (Kimberly), Paul, Christopher (Susan), and Matthew (Patricia). Loving grandmother of Allan, Max, Mark, and Samantha. Services have taken place. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 1421 E. Twelve Mile Rd., Bldg. A Madison Heights, MI 48071 A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARY JANE WOTASZAK

December 13, 2009 Age 79 of Canton. Loving wife of the late Lawrence "L.J." Wotaszak. Devoted mother of Jane M. (Vahe) Rostamloo, Julie Wotaszak Jones, and the late Bruce (Joanie). Dear sister of John, Paul, Tom, and the late Martha Joan. Proud grandma of Scott (Alison), Rose Mary, Christopher, Charles, Aaron, Rachel, Sarah, Lauren, and Hannah. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Tuesday 5-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth. In state Wednesday 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church 44800 Warren Rd. Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association. To share a memory please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



RAYMOND RICHARD "DICK" YADACH

78, of Livonia, retired President of Servco Automatic, Inkster, died suddenly December 14, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine. Dick is survived by his children, Mark (Kathleen) and Lynn (Rick) Yadach-Blakey; his sister, Patricia (the late Walt) Rucidlo; and grandchildren, Meaghan and Kara Yadach, and Kyle, Grant and Ryan Blakey. Visitation was Friday, December 18, 2-9 PM, with 7:00 PM prayers, at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass was held Saturday, December 19, 9:30 AM (in state 9:00 AM) St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Entombment in St. Hedwig Mausoleum, Dearborn Hts., will follow lunch. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Assn., heart.org.

Plymouth Oratorio Society rehearsal set

The Plymouth Oratorio Society (POS) will begin its 24th season with its first rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, in First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. (quarter mile west of Sheldon) in Plymouth.

"Mass in D" by R. V. Williams, "Benedicite" by Brahms and "Nanie" by Dvorak will be performed on May 2. Scores will be available to purchase at the rehearsal. No auditions are needed. For more information, call 734-455-8353 or visit: home.comcast.net/~kesuchyta/pos.

The POS is a classical choir of experienced singers that perform works of the master composers. Comprised of singers from Plymouth, Canton and other communities, POS performs with the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. The group is conducted by Dr. Richard Ingram of Ann Arbor. This season will be dedicated to Robert Pratt, founding conductor of the POS.

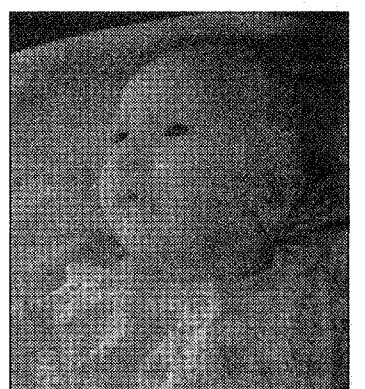
MILESTONES

SYDNEY ADDISON HOLCOMBE

Sydney Addison Holcombe was born Nov. 24, 2009 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She joins parents, Pete and Marilyn Holcombe, and brother, Gavin, age 20 months, at home in Canton.

Proud grandparents are Walt and Christine Markowski of Livonia and Ted and Shirley Holcombe of Pennsylvania.



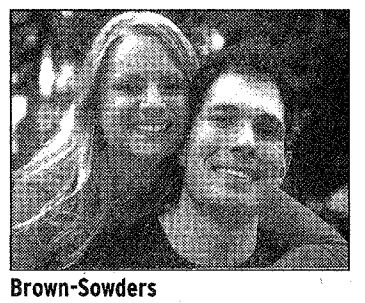
Sydney Addison Holcombe

JUNE 2010 WEDDING PLANNED

Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Maureen, to Jason Duane Sowders, son of Karen Devito of Tampa, Fla., and Duane Sowders of Melvindale.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and a 2004 graduate of Madonna University in Livonia. She is working on a master's degree at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and teaches seventh grade math at Clarenceville Middle School.

The groom-to-be graduated in 1999 from Franklin Road Christian High School in Novi

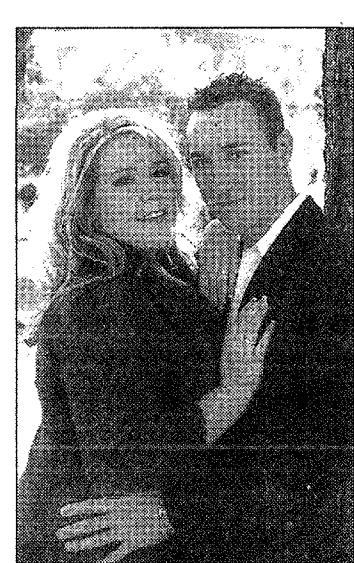


Brown-Sowders

and after switching careers, is finishing a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at Wayne State University.

The couple plans to wed in June 2010 at Northville Hills Golf Club in Northville.

JANUARY 2010 WEDDING PLANNED



Piper-Paluchniak

Heather Piper and Stephen Paluchniak announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bruce and Kristin Piper of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton schools and is employed by Visions Salon and Spa.

Her fiancé, son of Joan Colegrove of Arizona and Stephen Paluchniak of Houghton Lake, is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton schools and works for Shelby Tree Care.

A Jan. 2, 2010 wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth.

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FOOD

Snow day delights

It's true — the kitchen is the heart of the home. Ever notice how people always gather there? Whether baking treats, making dinner or spending time with family and friends, the kitchen is my favorite place to be. Since my day job is Consumer Test Kitchen project manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens, you can bet I love to stir things up. This column lets me pass along to you some of my best recipes,



Jenny Harper

tips and baking secrets. Gray winter skies keep many a kid peering out the windows, hoping to hear two magic words — snow day! When snow or bad weather keeps the family indoors for too long, however, the excitement can fade into boredom if you're not prepared. That's why I like to keep a few tricks up my sleeve to turn snow day doldrums into snow day delights. What can you add to this list?

- Indoor picnic. Turn the family room into a picnic area with blankets and fun foods. Have the kids draw outdoor scenes for a cheery backdrop.
- Scavenger hunt. Give them fun clues that will have them searching all over the house for silly items. Who knows — they might even find those missing toys.
- Old-fashioned forts. Pull out blankets and sheets and let them turn the living room or dining room into a fort or secret hideout. You'll be amazed at how long they can entertain themselves.
- Baking goodies together. Of course, this is my favorite thing to do. I love this fun recipe for Snow Day Cookie Shovels — they're a real treat after shoveling real snow!

For more baking ideas to warm up your snow days, visit www.TollHouse.com.

SNOW DAY COOKIE SHOVELS
Makes 24 servings

1 package (16.5 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Refrigerated Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar Dough

12 pretzel rods, broken in half

1 cup (6 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Premier White Morsels, divided

2 teaspoons vegetable shortening

1 cup mini marshmallows

White decorator sprinkles or sugars, sweetened flakes coconut (optional)

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Grease three baking sheets.

BREAK dough along pre-scored lines. Place eight squares of cookie dough about three inches apart onto each prepared baking sheet. Insert broken end of pretzel rod into each square of cookie dough; flatten dough slightly to form a rectangle. Flatten each square slightly with fingers to form a rectangle, about 1 1/2 inches long by 1 1/2 inches wide. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.

BAKE for 14 to 16 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and immediately pat sides of each shovel with edge of knife to form straight sides. Cool on baking sheets for two minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

LINE cooled baking sheets with wax paper.

MICROWAVE 3/4 cup morsels and shortening in small, uncovered, microwave-safe bowl on MEDIUM-HIGH (70 percent

power for 45 seconds; STIR. Morsels may retain some of their original shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring just until morsels are melted.

DIP bottom 1-inch edge of each cookie shovel in melted morsels; scraping bottom of shovel along edge of bowl to remove excess. Place on prepared baking sheets. Immediately sprinkle dipped end of each shovel with remaining cup morsels, mini marshmallows and sprinkles. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or until set. Store shovels between layers of wax paper in covered containers at room temperature.

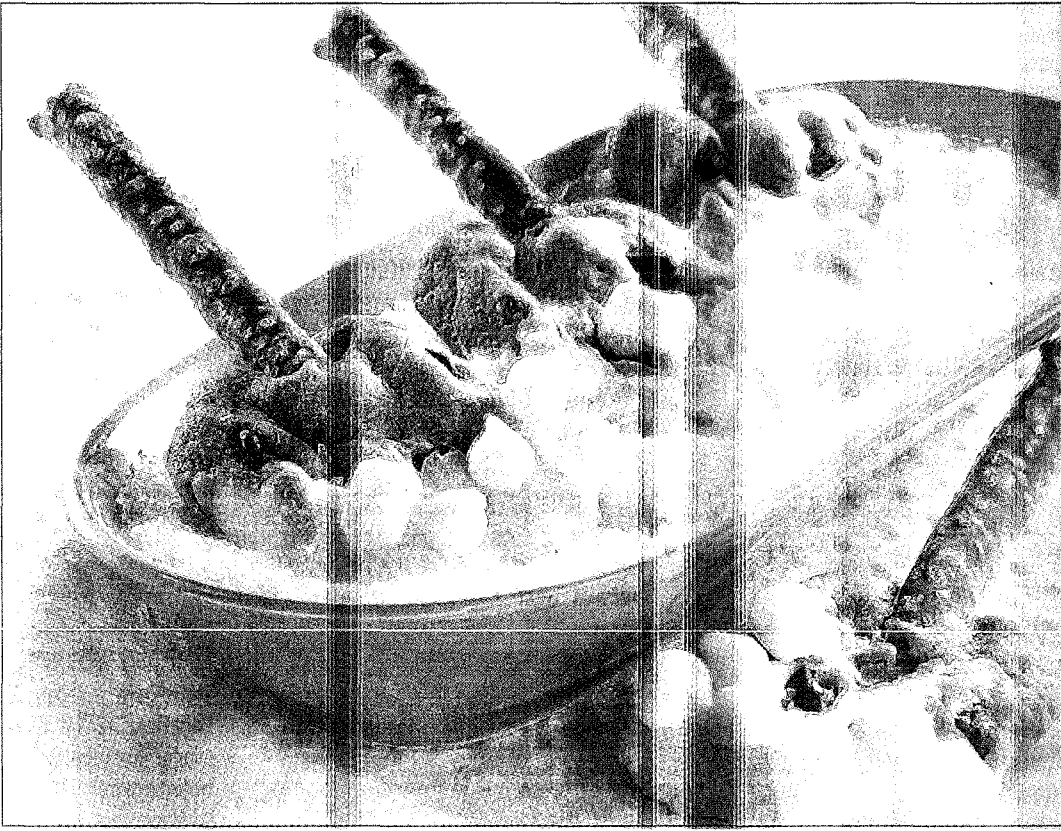
NOTES:
1 1/2 cups Nestlé Toll House

Refrigerated Chocolate Chip Cookie Tub Dough can be substituted for the bar dough. Roll dough into 24, 1 1/4-inch balls.

Refrigerating dough shovels before baking helps cookies retain their shape during baking.

Nutrition Information per serving: 150 calories; 60 calories from fat; 6g total fat; 3.5g saturated fat; 10mg cholesterol; 190mg sodium; 21g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 13g sugars; 2g protein

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen project manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com.



In Loving Memory

...at the Holidays


Light a candle for those no longer here,
And hold their memories so very dear.
Light a candle for those who have gone
For in our hearts they will always belong.




Brian Hinzman,
We think of you and miss you every single day. This is especially true during the holiday season.
Til we meet again.
With love,
Your family.



ESTELLE S. HAFF
Dec. 7, 2008
Mother we miss you so.
Happy Memories will be in our hearts forever. Love, Sis, Patty, Allen and Sweetie Pie




In loving memory of my beloved husband, George, loving father of Lori, David and Mark. Proud and adoring "Poppy" to Alex, Anna, Will, Stephanie, Danielle, Grace, Hayden and Taylor.




Kenneth Hill..
We all miss you so much...Mom and us remember you especially at the holidays!!!!
We will all have a drink for you Dad!! We Love You...
Your Wife Agnes, Janine, Ken, and Karl

IN MEMORY OF
DONNA SHANNON
Miss You.
Love,
Jennifer Isenberg



Tracey Marie Hirti
You are missed always, but especially during the holidays. You are in our hearts and in our memories.
With love, Mom (Clara), Dad (Bob), Kelly, Bobby, Jesse, Jacob, and McKenzie


In Loving Memory
Arturo "POPS" Posa
May 6, 1942 - January 16, 2008
Forever In Our Hearts
We Miss You
Love Always,
Jeff, Andi, Chris, Meg, & Matt




Robert (Bob) Meyerland
9-24-1947 to 1-30-2009
Bob, I miss you every minute of every day, you're now my Guardian Angel watching and protecting me from above. Our love lives on in my heart and soul forever and one day will meet again. Your loving wife, Bonnie




KIM RENZI
April 3, 1970 - April 4, 2009
Forever in Our Hearts
Love, Todd, Marina and Adeline.




Matt, You are loved and missed so much. You left footprints on the hearts of all who knew you. Love never dies and memories never leave us. We carry you with us always.
Love, Your Mom, Dad and Family
Matthew Edward Yack
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In Loving Memory of Delores Schuls 1937-2009
Our first Christmas Holiday without you. Everyone misses you very much and thinks of you every day. You were the most loving and caring wife, mother of three children and grandma to six. Your loving husband and family



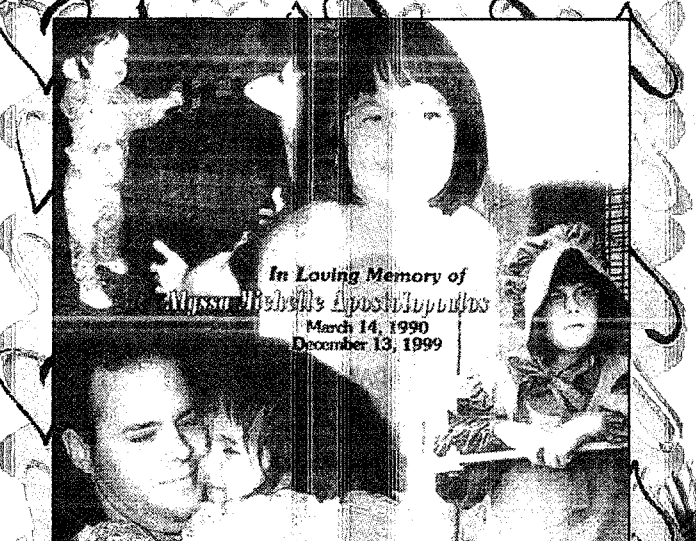
IN MEMORY OF
MELISSA (Williams) LAMBAREN
7-7-1974 to 12-3-2007
Like a song that remains in the heart when the music is playing no more, like a fragrance that stays in the air where a flower has blossomed before, like a star that continues to glow long after the breaking of dawn the ones we have loved remain with us still, and the beautiful memories go on. Love you and miss you so much! Dad, Mom, Chris, Jenny. Sue, Jess and Marty



In Loving Memory of my Beautiful Son Michael you are missed and loved dearly!!!
Christmas will never be the same...
Love Mom, Dad Alexandra, Yaka.....



Forever In Our Hearts
Bob Hughes,
My Love,
Our Father
and Papa. We Miss You!



Alyssa Michelle Apostolopoulos
We thank God for every precious moment we spent with you.
We love you.
We miss you.

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DEC. 20-23

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 fund-raiser. 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. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: Beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: Monthly series called "Why Be Catholic?" The series will try to answer the questions about what attracts people to the Catholic faith, what holds them there, what brings many back. The kick-off speaker will be author, evangelist, and speaker, Steve Ray, who, after more than 39 years as an active Baptist fundamentalist and Bible scholar, converted to Catholicism, abandoned his multi-million-dollar business, and devoted himself to helping the faith thrive throughout the world. The series is free.

Contact: (734) 261-1455; www.livoniastmichael.org

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

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women (ENDOW) classes will focus on Lumen Gentium, a Vatican II document which Pope John Paul II encouraged all to study "with loving attention" because it provides a blueprint for understanding the Church, its purpose, origins, structure, and mission in the world. Registration and course materials are \$60 but no woman will be denied registration based on inability to pay.

Contact: Register at (734) 261-1455, ext. 207; www.endowonline.com

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

Please see **CALENDAR, B7**

Berkley First United Methodist Church

2820 W. Twelve Mile Road
Berkley, Michigan 48072

248-399-3698

www.berkeley1stumc.org

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE -
December 24 at 5:30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SPAGHETTI DINNER -
December 24 at 6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE -
December 24 at 10:30 pm

North Congregational Church

36520 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills MI 248/848-1170

Sunday, December 20, 2009

10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent: "The Gift of the Shepherd"
Worship, Chancel Choir and a double brass quartet perform
Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata"

Thursday, December 24, 2009

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
7:30 P.M. - "The Gift of Tomorrow"

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen, Rev. Mary E. Biedron

Covenant Community Church

25800 Student • Redford, MI 48239 • 313-535-3100
(1 block north of Five Mile on Beech Daly)

Christmas Service Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 2009

6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 27, 2009

11 a.m. Morning Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church

Where you will experience the joyful love of Christ

Christmas Services • Dec. 24

4:00 pm Family service with Holy Eucharist and Pageant
10:30 pm Carols and Anthems

11:00 pm Traditional Holy Eucharist with Adult Choir & Organ

574 S. Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170

734-453-0190

www.stjohnsplymouth.org

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

48755 Warren Rd. • Canton, MI 48187

734-451-0444

Rev. Richard A. Perfetto, Pastor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:30 Mass (Church)

4:30 Mass (All Saints School Gym)

10:00 p.m. (Church)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25TH

10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-DETROIT

21200 Southfield Rd., Southfield
(248) 569-2972 www.fbc-detroit.org

ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 20th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Worship: Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 24th-Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

"Candlelight Service"

St. James Episcopal Church

Worship Schedule

website: stjamesbirmingham.org

The Reverend Fred Elwood, Rector 248.644.0820

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5 P.M. CRECHE PROCESSION & HOLY COMMUNION

Carols & Candles; Service oriented for children; Nursery provided

10 P.M. CHORAL SERVICE

Carols, Communion, Christmas Message & Candles (Music begins at 9:30!)

(Downtown Birmingham between Woodward & Southfield, corner of W. Maple and Chester)

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tridentine Latin Rite Mass

38100 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154
734-462-3200

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day and New Years Day are Holy Days of Obligation



Christmas Eve	Confessions	11:00-11:50 pm
	Midnight Mass	12:00 am
Christmas Day	No Confessions	
	Mass	10:00 am
New Years Day	Masses	7:30 & 10:00 am
	Confessions Prior to Each Mass	

CALENDAR

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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 Daly, 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 might 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. Enter through the back of the church

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.metrofibrogroupp.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

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of non-perishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451

St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Celebrate His Birth

Christ the King Lutheran Church

9300 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 421-0749
www.christthekinglivonia.com
The Rev. James L. Fogle,
Pastor

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight**
Worship with
Communion
7:30 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

39020 Five Mile Rd., Livonia
734-464-0211
www.holytrinitylivonia.org

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30 pm Family Worship with
Holy Communion
7:30 pm Contemporary Candlelight
with Holy Communion
10:30 pm Festival Music Prelude
11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight
with Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 am Holy Communion

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

17810 Farmington Road ~ Livonia, Michigan
734-261-1360 ~ website: stpaulslivonia.org

Christmas Worship at St. Paul's
Christmas Eve Worship.....6:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship.....10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve.....6:30 p.m.
Come and worship with us!
Pastor James Hoff Pastor Eric Steinbrenner

- ROMAN CATHOLIC CLUSTERED PARISHES IN LIVONIA -

ST. GENEVIEVE 29015 Jamison ST. MAURICE 32765 Lyndon

December 24 Christmas Eve Masses
Children's Masses
4:00p at St. Genevieve Church & 4:00p at St. Maurice Church
10:00p [Midnight Mass] at St. Genevieve Church
December 25 Christmas Day Masses
9:00a at St. Maurice Church; 11:00a at St. Genevieve
December 31 New Year's Eve Masses
4:00p at St. Genevieve Church; 6:00p at St. Maurice Church
December 31-January 1 Holy Hour at St. Maurice
11:30p Exposition...12:30a Reposition & Benediction
January 1 New Year's Day Masses
9:00a at St. Maurice Church; 11:00a at St. Genevieve Church

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor
Rev. Paul Perez, Deacon

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. Children/Family Service
7:00 p.m. Family Worship and Candlelight
11:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols and Candlelight

Pilgrim Congregational Church

3061 N. Adams Road
just north of Big Beaver Road
248-642-2290

Christmas Eve Service:
"Gift of Music"
A prelude of traditional,
instrumental music - 7:00 pm.
"Carols, Candlelight
and Communion"
Worship - 7:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to join us
Thursday evening, December 24,
as we celebrate
Christmas Eve by Candlelight
4:30 & 6:00
Nursery provided
Wonder*
Calvary Baptist Church • 43065 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187 • 734.455.0022 • cbjoy.org

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

42690 Cherry Hill Rd. • Canton, MI 48187

Christmas Eve
7:00 pm and 11:00 pm
Christmas Day - 10:00 am
For unto us a child is born" ISAIAH 9:6

HOLY CROSS

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Traditional

Christmas Eve Worship

Carols, Candlelight and

Holy Communion

4:00* 7:30 and 11 pm

*For families with young children

All are Welcome

http://holycrosslivonia.org

30650 6 Mile Rd., Livonia

(1/2 Mile West of Middlebelt)

734-427-1414 • WELCOME VISITORS

SALEM CHURCH

Downtown Farmington

33424 Oakland Ave.

(N. of Grand River, W. of Farmington Rd.)

Farmington, MI 48335

(248) 474-6880

Christmas Eve 8:00 pm

Candlelight with Holy

Communion

Everyone Welcome

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Located in the Village of Franklin

United Methodist in Affiliation, Ecumenical in Spirit.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

10 AM Worship: Festival of Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

Candlelight and Carols

7 PM Family Service with Children and Youth Music & Drama

11 PM Traditional Service

26425 Wellington (between 13 & 14 Mile, 1 block W of Franklin Road)

(248) 626-6606 www.franklinchurch.us

Faith
COVENANT CHURCH

Faith Covenant Church

Corner of 14 Mile and Drake Rd.

Farmington Hills

(248) 661-9191 • www.4fcc.org

Join us for candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24th

5 p.m. & 10 p.m.

Childcare provided at 5 p.m.

St. Priscilla's Church "Welcomes You Home"

19120 Purlingbrook St.

Livonia, MI 48152

248-476-4700

North of 7 Mile Rd;

Between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30 Children's Liturgy

6:00 PM Mass

11:30 PM Christmas Carols

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9:00AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

First United Methodist Church

1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham

248-646-1200 • www.fumcbirmingham.org

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:00 p.m. for Families with Young Children

5:30 p.m. for Families with Elementary Children

Nursery Open

2:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Dr. John E. Harnish preaching

Holy Communion at 2, 7 & 11

Nursery Care at 2 and 7

Keep chocolate, holly, tinsel away from pets

Joyful holiday traditions can pose serious risks for four-legged family members. The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) offers the following tips for keeping pets safe during the busy holiday season:

- Holiday plants can be harmful or toxic, including mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Japanese yew, Jerusalem cherry, lilies and the bulb of the amaryllis plant. Contact your veterinarian immediately if your companion animal is vomiting, lethargic or foaming at the mouth.

- Keep animals away from holiday decorations and never leave them unsupervised around the Christmas tree. Tinsel, ribbon, bows and angel hair — which many cats find irresistible — are choking hazards and can cause intestinal blockages if swallowed. Glass balls may be “fetched” off the tree and break. Also, ingested pine needles can puncture the intestines, so vacuum around the tree frequently.

- Preservatives, aspirin — which is especially deadly to cats — or sugar commonly used to prolong a Christmas tree's life may prove harmful if the water is ingested; even without preservatives, the water may contain harmful fertilizers from the tree.

- Make sure lights and electrical cords are out of reach. Besides the risk of electrocution, the whole tree may topple over.

- Secure four-legged family members while entertaining. More guests mean more chances for a pet to slip out; as always, be sure he is wearing a collar and

ID tag. In conjunction with a visible tag for each pet, MHS highly recommends microchips as a permanent, safe and effective form of identification.

- Some pets are social butterflies who enjoy the extra activity of the holidays, but others may prefer peace and quiet. Provide a safe place away from all the commotion with favorite toys, food and water, a litter box for cats, quiet background music, and comfy bedding.

- Hold the leftovers. A taste or two may be okay for most pets, but a drastic change in a pet's diet can cause severe gastrointestinal upset and require emergency medical attention. Never give animals poultry or steak bones, which can splinter or lodge in the throat, stomach or intestinal tract. Also, be sure the garbage is secured.

- Chocolate is poisonous to dogs and can prove fatal depending on the dog's size and the amount and type of chocolate ingested. The safest rule is to keep all chocolate out of a dog's reach.

- Lighted candles should never be left unattended, especially with animals around.

- Alcohol and pets do not mix. Keep alcoholic drinks where animals can not reach them. If ingested, the animal could become very sick and weak, possibly resulting in respiratory failure.

For more information about the Michigan Humane Society call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org

ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS



Domino

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption found homes for five greyhounds this month, but has other retired racers that are looking for permanent homes.

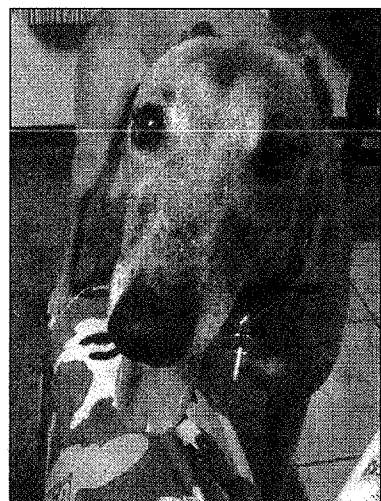
“I believe people are beginning to see the benefits of their docile and lay back personalities. Not to mention that they are mature dogs without the puppy chewing and all that goes along with adopting a puppy,” said Jackie Bowen, Greyheart spokeswoman.

Bowen hopes Dom and Tinkerbell also find homes this month. Here's what Greyheart says about them:

Domino is this 3½-year-old greyhound's racing name, but he's also called Dom. He is white with black markings on his sleek and beautiful coat. He's very friendly and loving. If you're looking for that special guy for under your Christmas tree, you'll fall in love with Dom.

Tinkerbell is a 4-year-old girl with a fawn color coat. She is stunningly beautiful. She loves to cuddle and be close to people.

If you want to meet Dom or Tinkerbell, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739. Check out other photos of both dogs at www.greyheart.org



Tinkerbell

Celebrate His Birth

Christmas at the Kirk

December 20

4:00 PM Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24 Christmas Eve

11:00 AM Young Family Service
Dr. Norman Pritchard

8:30 PM Holy Night Service
Dr. Norman Pritchard

4:00 PM Family Service
Dr. Keith Provost

11:00 PM Holy Night Service
Dr. Norman Pritchard

6:00 PM Family Service
Dr. Norman Pritchard



Kirk in the Hills

1340 West Long Lake Road • Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302 • (248) 626-2515
kirkinthehills.org

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~Christmas Eve Services~
Thursday, December 24, 2009

5:00 p.m. - Family Service
Featuring Children's Choir and Youth Handbells
10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion Service
Featuring Adult Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

Rev. Phil Olson, Interim Pastor • Rev. Kellie Whitlock, Assoc. Pastor

Rosedale Gardens
Presbyterian Church, USA
9601 Hubbard at West Chicago • Livonia, MI 48150
734.422.0494

www.rosedalegardens.org
Wheelchair Accessible

Welcome Home

Join us at Trinity Church for one of our Christmas Eve Services
4:00 6:00 11:00 p.m.

Storytelling, special music, drama, chalk artist, candle lighting and refreshments are sure to provide an unforgettable and meaningful Christmas experience for you, your family and friends. You will be encouraged by the message of God's extravagant love. Childcare available infant to 5 years at 4:00 & 6:00.

Trinity Church

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd. • Plymouth • www.trinityepc.org

Cash paid out without any return

Before I give you the content of an e-mail sent to me by Phyllis of Redford, let me tell you that Walter's Appliance, with three store locations in the area, is no longer in business. It is a shame to lose one of the old-timers in the appliance business as they have sold products to thousands for many years.

If anyone else has a story similar to the one you are about to read, please get in touch with me.

Phyllis writes: “Hi Joe, Enjoy reading your column in the *Observer* and learn a lot from your advice.

I thought maybe you could direct me to the proper place for help. I purchased a GE refrigerator in August of 2007. The first part of my problem is my disappointment with the product. I was replacing a harvest gold Hotpoint refrigerator that was purchased in the 70s. Never had a problem with the old frig but was tired of the color and knew it was time for an energy-efficient model. I do not like this GE I purchased. The first few months I had it I had to have the ice maker changed. It was literally throwing ice cubes around the freezer. Then I noticed items in the freezer seemed to go from frozen to soft and back to frozen. GE replaced the thermostat. Now comes my second problem.

“I purchased the GE refrigerator and a Whirlpool microwave oven with a two-year extended warranty on both appliances from Walter's Home Appliances, now out of business. I called GE to have them check this crummy refrigerator and was told I did not have an extended warranty. So I checked with Whirlpool (no problems with the microwave, no service needed) just checking on the warranty, and was told I also

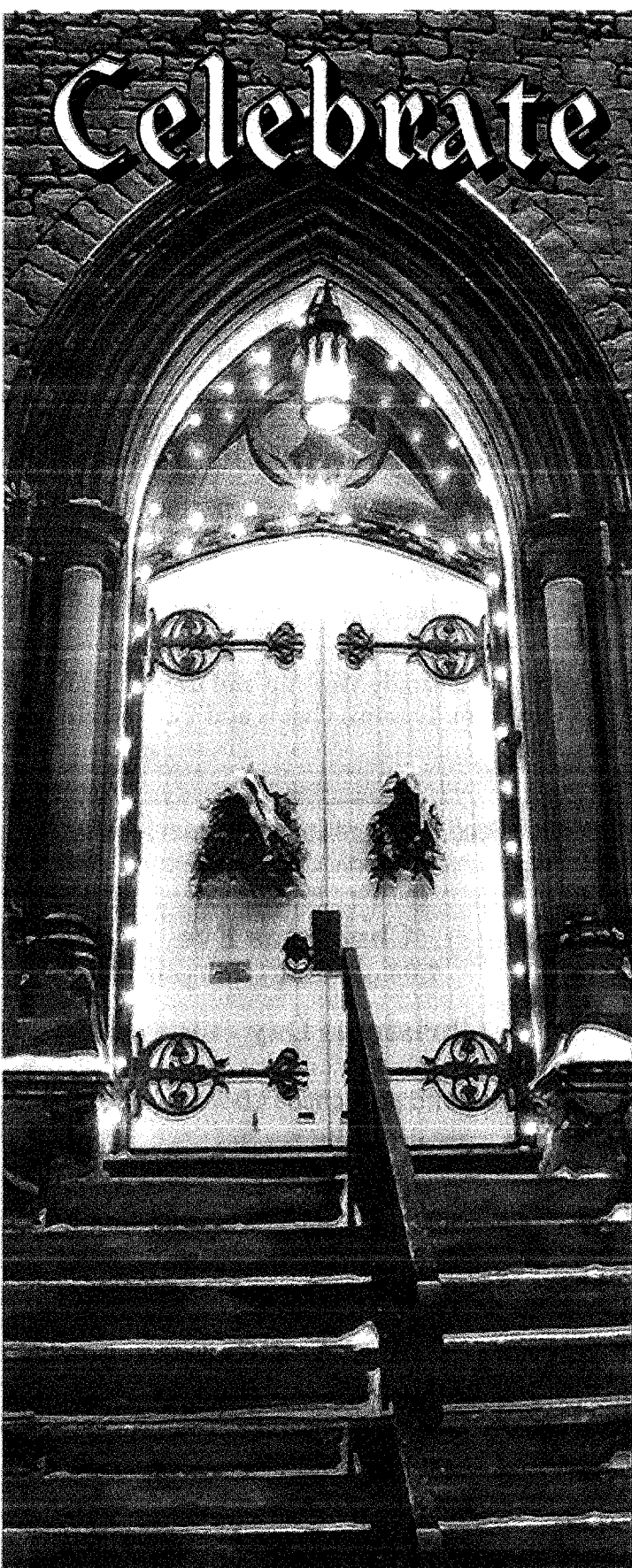
did not have an extended warranty with them. What Walters did was take my money and run and never sent in the paperwork to the manufacturers for the extended warranty. Good learning experience, make sure to get the warranty papers in hand.

“I contacted GE Money Bank, who I financed through, asking for a refund because I did not receive the merchandise, but account is closed and they paid Walters and I paid GE. Wrote the Attorney General Mike Cox and that went nowhere. My problem is with the freezer. Anything, especially bread, left more than a couple of weeks gets freezer burn. Anything in a box or can is covered with frost and boxes are soft like they were wet. Bar on the door has frost and ice formations. I've dialed down but it doesn't seem to help. With no warranty, service calls can be costly. Any ideas what I can do? Any help would be appreciated. Thank you.”

Well Phyllis, your story reminds me of the days way back when Highland Appliance went out of business. Different book with the same page. I only hope this was a mistake on the part of Walter's and if not, I may be asked to help a whole lot of homeowners. If this becomes the case, I would expect the Attorney General to make haste with his assistance. Remember, he is running for the Governor's office. For right now, I have asked my son Mark who owns the Appliance Doctor Service Company in Livonia to perform the necessary service call and labor on your GE refrigerator. Mark will only charge you for any needed parts at his cost and he is very versed on your products. You may call his office at (734) 953-6991. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.rr.com

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



Come, Let Us Observe Him
St. John Lutheran Church
Farmington Hills, 23225 Gill Rd.
248-474-0584
Christmas Eve
6:00 pm - Family worship with special music
9:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Hand Bells & Chancel Choir
Christmas Day
10:00am - Traditional service
www.stjohn-lutheran.com

Christmas Eve Services
Thursday, December 24
Family Service*
4:00 p.m.
Candlelight Services
6:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Childcare available through age 4
4000 Six Mile Rd | Northville, Michigan 48168
248.374.7400 | www.wardechurch.org

NEIGHBORS

Volunteer project touches teens, adults, hospice patients

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Diane Bergendahl extends a simple invitation to teens every December. "We tell them it's the second Saturday and bring your pruners and come help."

And they do, year after year.

Last year more than 50 teens and adults answered the call to make evergreen arrangements under the guidance of Bergendahl and other Livonia Garden Club members. About 25 pitched in this month to craft the pieces, which Angela Hospice delivered to families in its home care program.

"I think it's a worthwhile thing to do for Christmas. It's reaching out to others in need and we have a good feeling when we're done with 75 arrangements, and knowing who they are going to. Hopefully it will brighten their Christmas," Bergendahl said.

Livonia Garden Club members were looking for a service project 18 years ago when they suggested making holiday arrangements for hospice patients. They made 50 arrangements that first year and then gradually expanded to 75 as more teens, some of them earning community service credits for school, volunteered.

"We supply everything that goes in the arrangements," said Marilyn Irwin, member. "We're happy to do this. It's something that's on our calendar every year. Angela Hospice is happy to receive it. And the kids are happy to learn to make arrangements."

"It's pretty challenging, although I find kids are always open to learn something new. The girls — and we even have male students come — feel so good when they see what they've actually accomplished and made."



Teens show off their completed arrangements before they are delivered to Angela Hospice.

Volunteers add evergreens and place pine cones, ribbons and other decorations, giving each arrangement a personal touch.

Adults, girl scout troops and individual teens hear about the project through word of mouth. Jessica Crachiola, Emily Fradette, Hannah

Gove, Kristen Karwan, Julianna Schneider and Julia Wolfgram represented Troop 40916 from Livonia at this month's session.

NEW SKILL

Emma DiCello, a senior at Stevenson High School in Livonia, has volunteered for two years out of a personal interest rather than for service credit.

"I know Diane Bergendahl and I like to help out. It was so much fun. It was fun to learn something new."

She said the arranging seemed a bit overwhelming at first, but most volunteers catch on quickly.

Emma used her new-found skill to make three arrangements at home for her family.

"It was fun teaching my mom something she didn't know how to do," she added.

Volunteers spend two hours making two or three of the evergreen decorations, working together in a room at Angela Hospice.

"We do lots of wonderful projects around here, but this is my favorite. The outreach from this project is great," said Donna Kolodsick of Angela Hospice. "It's an amazing project because it touches so many people in different ways. It's encouraging people to know the benefit and rewards of volunteering is a good thing. These young people are learning that and they are learning a skill. And the garden club members are sharing something they love."

Kolodsick said holiday decorating often is put on the back burner when a family member is ill.

"To have someone arrive at the house with an unexpected gift says that the community cares."

The Livonia Garden Club meets at 7 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington. Dues are \$20 a year. Julia Hofley will be the guest speaker in January with a presentation on creating unforgettable home entrances.

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JOINT INJECTIONS: WHY SUCCESSFUL, WHY NOT

When a doctor injects a joint with cortisone, he does it in a logical manner that over years becomes habit. The physician rarely alters his routine. So the physician is surprised when the patient returns and says that the last injection didn't work, or on over occasions, the patient remarks that the last injection was really good, and asks the doctor to do it the same way again.

What the doctor believes is that in the not so successful injections the patient placed unusual strain on the knee or shoulder or that the usefulness of the injections is coming to an end.

The purpose of joint injection is to retard the return of irritation to an impaired joint such as the knee or shoulder. Certainly one reason that an injection fails is that the medication did not get to the right place. In many cases, the physician will inject again to settle the question of the accuracy of the first injection.

However, if wear and tear or inflammation to a joint has gone too far, the message of the failure is not to try again, but to move on to other therapy, which usually means a referral to the orthopedist for surgical intervention.

Harder to explain is when the injection provides greater or prolonged relief as compared with past efforts. In those instances, the injection site was particularly apt or the patient's general health was better than usual and did not place the expected strain on the body.

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Livonia resident honored for peace work

The Livonia branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) honored long-time Livonia resident, Rosemary Doyle, with its Salute to Women Award at the annual Salute to Women Luncheon Saturday, Dec. 12, at Ernesto's.

Since 1973, the Livonia Branch of the AAUW has honored a woman whose efforts reflect the organization's goals of equity and education for women, and effecting positive social change.

Doyle has been working for more than 25 years as a career consultant and transition specialist. In that capacity, she has assisted many women as they transition from home to work. However, it is her volunteer work that so impressed the AAUW selection committee.

As education director for Citizens for Peace since 2003, Doyle developed a Peace Collection Bibliography of nonviolent materials with more than 570 books. Several hundred were donated to the Livonia Civic Center Library. Last year



Rosemary Doyle

she initiated a Peace Essay Contest for the Season for Nonviolence that was open to all Michigan high school and college students.

She is responsible for organizing training sessions for school personnel in Wayne County on restorative practices, a violence prevention program. In addition, she has

taught numerous classes in nonviolent communication, a method for resolving conflict.

For 16 years, Doyle was a member of a national group of ethnically and racially diverse women, who provided panel presentations on the effects of prejudice to community and business organizations.

At Oakland University's Continuum Center, she volunteered for eight years as a peer counselor, coordinator and presenter of personal and professional development programs for women entering the workforce.

"Watching Rosemary empowering others and tirelessly giving of herself has been an inspiration to me" said attendee Denise Marsico of Birmingham.

Doyle has devoted her life to personal growth, teaching, guiding and motivating others.

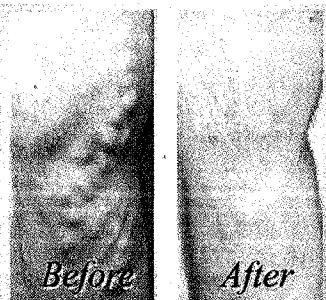
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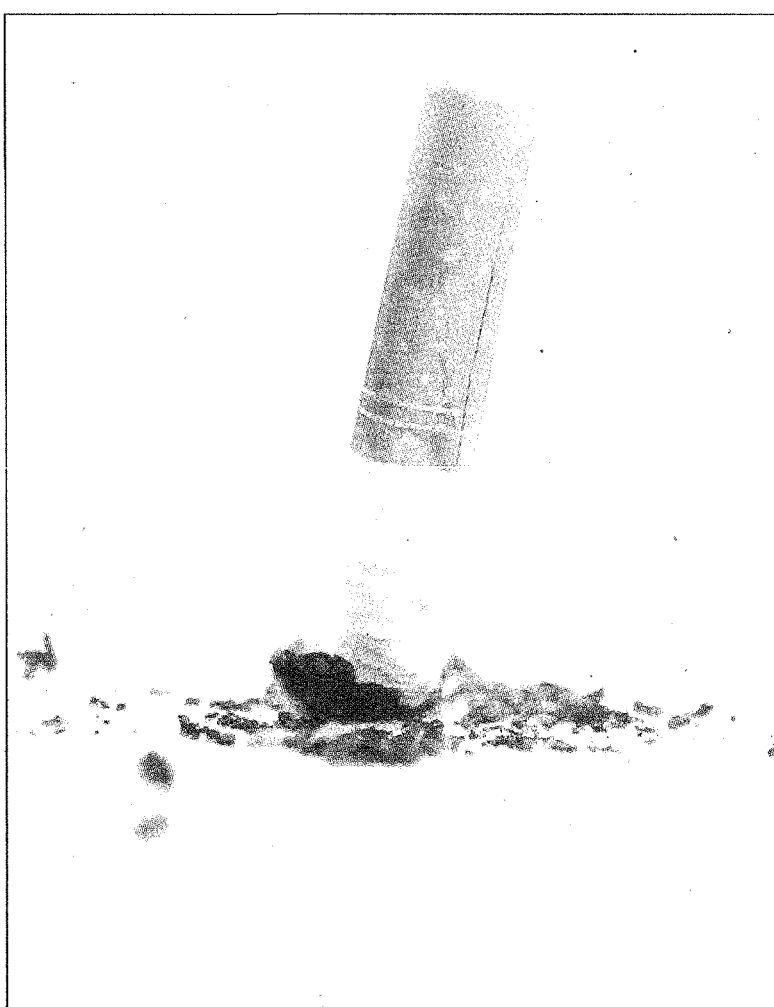
Follow these tips and quit smoking

Many people will make New Year's resolutions to quit smoking this year. Having a solid smoking cessation plan can greatly improve a person's chance for success. The American Lung Association offers tips and resources that have helped thousands of people give up smoking for good:

- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about the different over-the-counter and prescription medications to help you quit smoking.
- Look into the different options available to help smokers quit. Visit www.lungusa.org or call (800) 548-8252 for suggestions.
- Take time to plan. Pick your quit date a few weeks ahead of time and mark it on the calendar. If you can, pick a day when life's extra stresses are not at their peak, such as after the holidays. Mark a day on the calendar and stick to it.
- Get some exercise every day. Walking is a great way to reduce the stress of quitting. Exercise is proven to not only combat weight gain but also to improve mood and energy levels.
- Eat a balanced diet, drink lots of water and get plenty of sleep.
- Ask family, friends and co-workers for their help and support. Having someone to take a walk with or just listen can give a needed boost.

• You don't have to quit alone. Help is available online and in your community. Consider joining a stop-smoking program like Freedom From Smoking (www.ffsonline.org) from the American Lung Association.

"Smokers have different experiences when they quit," said Norman Edelman, M.D. American Lung Association Chief Medical Officer. "Some people may feel tired or even easily excitable. Others may feel lightheaded, nervous or irritable and experience headaches in addition to craving tobacco or sweets. It's important to know that these feelings are normal, and may last for several weeks, but eventually they will pass."



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The multi-step Freedom from Smoking program also is offered in a group setting, as many participants find the support of others a beneficial component of the quitting process.

Find a group clinic option

through a local American Lung Association office. Visit www.lungusa.org.

"Quitting smoking is one of the most important things that you can do for your health," Edelman said. "Half of all regular smokers will die of smoking-related diseases so it's important to plan for and set your quit date as soon as possible."

For more information about the American Lung Association or to support the work it does, call (800) 586-4872 or visit www.lungusa.org.

Nurses earn top honors at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has granted DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital "Magnet" recognition for excellence in nursing.

"Achieving Magnet designation is a hospital-wide accomplishment that speaks very well to the amazing sense of teamwork, focus on excellence, and willingness to go beyond perceived limitations," said Lynn Torossian, president of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. "I am extremely proud of the team here for achieving this outstanding accomplishment."

Less than six percent of hospitals in the United States have qualified for Magnet status. In Michigan, 10 health care organizations have been honored by the Magnet Recognition Program. Only four of those are located in Southeastern Michigan.

"Magnet status is considered the gold standard of nursing care," said Bette Fitz, vice president of patient care services at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. "This very high honor takes all of us working together to deliver the best possible patient experience and we should all share pride in

this achievement. It also confirms what we already knew to be true, that nurses at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital are among the best in the country."

The hospital underwent an evaluation process that began in 2004 and included submission of a 15-volume application document, multiple stages of review and a three-day on-site appraisal conducted by the Magnet Recognition Program. During the on-site visit, appraisers evaluated nursing criteria and interviewed patients, nurses, doctors, executive administrators, and community members.

The Magnet Recognition Program was developed by the ANCC from research conducted in 1983 that identified 14 characteristics in organizations best able to recruit and retain nurses during the nursing shortages.

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, located in Commerce Township, is one of nine hospitals and institutes operated by the Detroit Medical Center. www.hvsh.org

Botsford joins patient safety partnership

As part of a continuing series of initiatives to improve patient safety, Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, has joined Michigan Hospital Association's Keystone Center for Patient Safety and Quality collaborative to address care in the Emergency Department.

Botsford is one of 71 hospitals across the state of Michigan participating in the ER collaborative.

"This Keystone collaborative will help us build upon existing processes by bringing large numbers of hospitals together in a single improvement initiative. We expect see additional improvement in areas where we already excel and to make fast track progress on issues that have been a challenge in the past," said Sanford Vieder, D.O., Medical Director of the Botsford Emergency Center.

"We treat about 60,000 patients

a year in the fast-paced Emergency Center environment. The Keystone collaborative provides the opportunity to take a focused look at what we do and how we can apply evidence-based best practices."

The goal of the MHA Keystone ER collaborative is to prevent patient harm in hospital emergency rooms by improving safety, reducing overcrowding, and treating sepsis (blood poisoning) in the early stages. Keystone interventions will help ensure that the most critically ill patients receive treatment first and reduce the likelihood that a patient will leave a hospital before receiving appropriate care.

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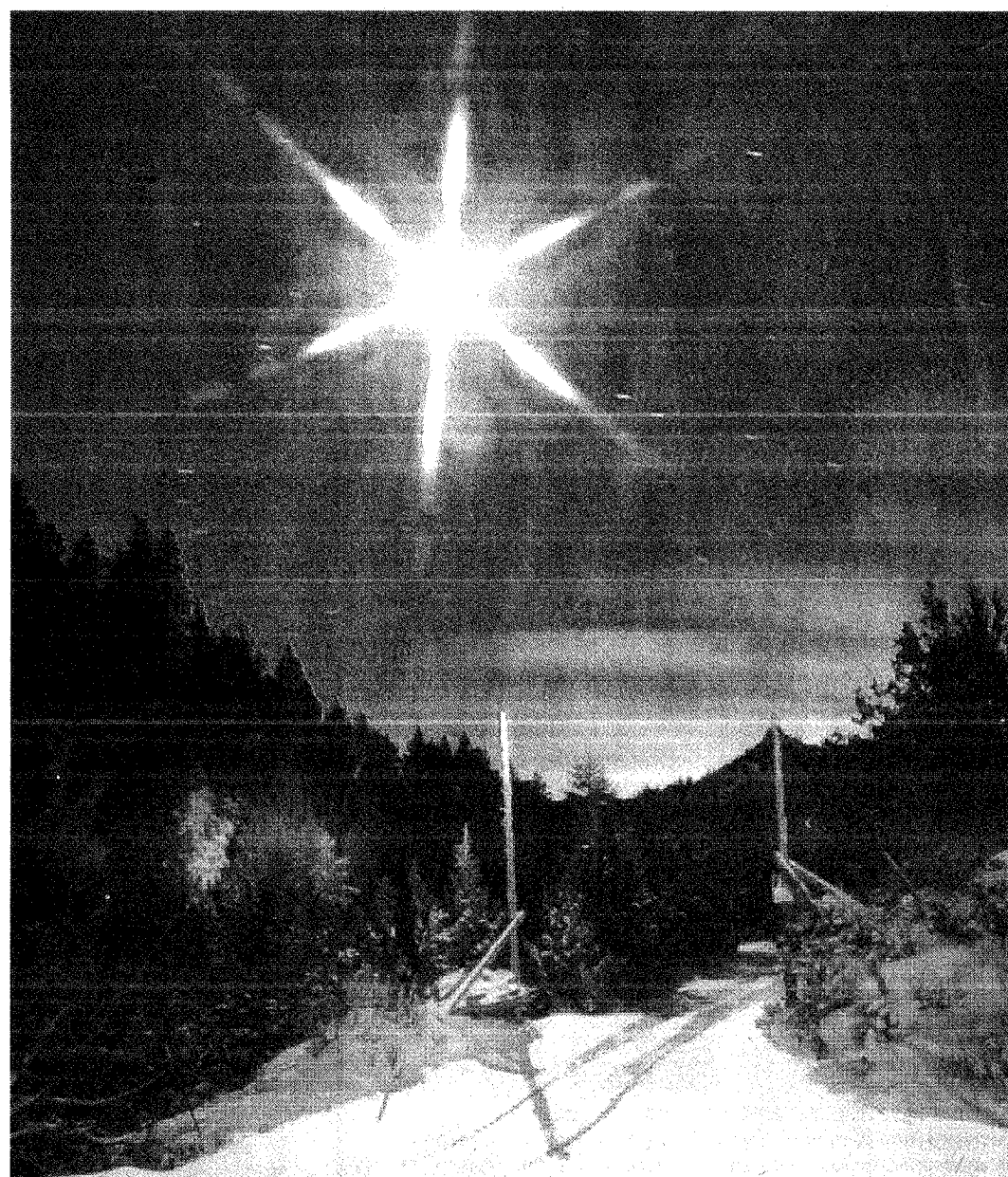
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'BOUNDARY-SPANNERS' THRIVING TODAY



WORKWISE

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Trickett, president of the Methodist Liff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., explains that they're "highly creative. They understand that they have a place in more than one realm of experience." This orientation nurtures their ability to make "relevant patterns of connections" in the workplace (and elsewhere) at a time when people are always making transactions and affirming their separateness. Trickett discusses them in his chapter of "Faith in Leadership," by Robert Banks and Kimberly Powell (Jossey-Bass, \$46.59). The three boundary-spanners in this column became that way for intellectual, aesthetic and spiritual reasons.

RICHNESS

Boundary-spanners in the workplace feel that their lives are fuller. Steven Zelin of Zelin Entertainment L.L.C., in New York City, is "The

Singing CPA" in addition to being a practicing CPA. He writes humorous songs about accounting, which he sings while strumming his guitar. Harriette Rose Katz, president of the same city's Gourmet Advisory Services Inc., designs, plans and manages such special events as weddings, bar mitzvahs, holiday parties and surprise parties. Although she describes herself as "very Jewish," these days she's putting on more weddings for Christians than Jews, and some mixed marriages. Much like Katz, Gary Gambhir, vice president at Integrated Resources Inc., a national staffing firm with 75 employees based in Edison, N.J., spans boundaries all year long. He is Sikh, while the company president is Hindu. Other religions represented are Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Why are they spanning boundaries? Meshed cultures have a lot to do with it for Zelin: "Having grown up in Brooklyn, I've been exposed to many religions and I value diversity of people, cultures and religions. I'm happy to celebrate and make fun of everybody." Katz was hooked as a child on Christmas trees: "I love the smell of pine in my house." Gambhir, coming out of a 500-year old tradition based in India and parts of Pakistan, became interested in other religions when he formed his American company with its president 13 years ago. As the company grew, they began to celebrate other traditions, such as a holiday

(Christmas) dinner for everyone. That's been going on for more than eight years.

PERSPECTIVES

Zelin has been known to spend Christmas in the home countries of Mexican and French families. His first songs were about Christmas. "Jingle Bells" morphed into "IRS Jingle Bells." He wrote a dozen or more songs for his holiday CD and realized that many accountants are Jewish. That led to Jewish songs around taxes, including "Hava Tequila."

Katz loves the beauty of Christmas. "Christmas to me is the most beautiful time of year, the decorations, lights, festive feeling and music," she comments. "I love the carolers." She drives with Sirius tuned to Christmas music. One year, when working with a couple planning a Jewish wedding at the prestigious Metropolitan Club in New York City, she mentioned that there would be a large Christmas tree and lots of wreaths. She persuaded her clients to incorporate them in their own decorative scheme.

Zelin thrives on hearing and learning about other traditions -- almost a necessity for survival in New York. Gambhir has read quite a bit about them and loves bonding with others. As a Sikh, he believes "that the human race is basically one and that people love connecting with each other. We are all the same. There is one god. The teachings are pretty much the same. Do good deeds, be truthful



Credit: Christopher London

and good to others, and life is good. If you're not, things are not good."

Clearly, boundary-spanning creates richer lives at work.

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Event planner Harriette Rose Katz of New York City is featured at a Manhattan fundraising gala for Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, which provides assistance for seniors. A "boundary-spanner," she is president of the city's Gourmet Advisory Services Inc.

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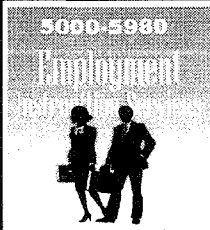
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25 Construction —
26 And, to Fritz
27 Huge
31 "La —" (Valens hit)
34 Type of explorer
35 Mouths, in biology
36 Square footage
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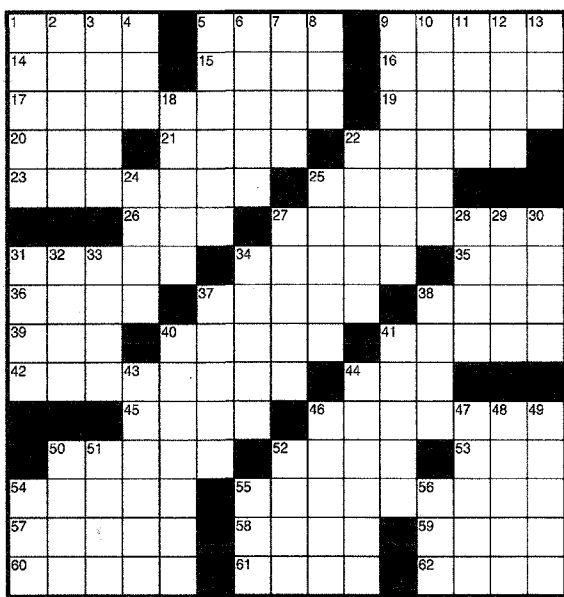
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- 1 Early moralist
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9 Type of muscle
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25 Well-built

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- 27 Nightclub charge
28 Carnaby Street locale
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30 Endure
31 Kind of sale
32 Very dry
33 Cafe handout
34 Kind of tea
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49 Ms. Witherspoon
50 Ploy
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52 Tablet
54 Driveway topper
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GET TO KNOW ME
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ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 28, 130lbs, shoulder-length hair, shy, down-to-earth, looking for a nice guy, 29-35, who doesn't play games. ☎324542

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, NS, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. ☎282181

PRETTY EYES
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. ☎288970

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. ☎279171

READY TO SETTLE DOWN?
WF, 5'3", blonde/brown, loves horseback riding, movies, cooking, quiet nights at home, reading, going out, playing sports. Seeking a family-oriented WM, 38-44, who likes the same things. ☎321514

DOWN-TO-EARTH WOMAN
WF, full-figured, auburn hair, looking for a guy who likes books and more intellectual pursuits. I enjoy jazz and classical music. 45-65. ☎321569

WEST SIDE BEAUTY
Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 5'8", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-62, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors, light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. ☎230791

SUNSHINE
Widowed WF, 5', 120lbs, young 69, looking for fun-loving, humorous guy, NS, to enjoy life together. ☎323678

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBWM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. ☎300110

SEEKING SBM COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. ☎302311

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SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, SM, 40-55, NS, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. ☎282618

TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. ☎306228

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SBHM, 18-27, for possible relationship. ☎311174

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. ☎311011

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WiWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, NS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. ☎976914

SHOW ME THE TOWN
DBF, 47, one older son, would like to meet a SM, 45-55, for friendship and dating that could possibly lead to more. ☎322980

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43, ☎299111

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, NS, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. ☎287933

LADY OF QUALITY
SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. ☎310218

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
SWPF, 48, educated, HWP proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, NS, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. ☎311355

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7" 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎286605

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 36, 5'8", 150lbs, looking for a SBM, 35-45, who likes movies, dining, concerts, walks in the park, hanging out. ☎324444

SEARCHING FOR A MAN
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SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, NS, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. ☎310924

SINGLE DAD WELCOME
PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. ☎288002

SEEKING A REAL MAN
Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SBWM, 29-58. ☎314707

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 36, 5'4", 166lbs, brown/brown, drama-free, disease-free, looking for SW/BM, 35-60, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. ☎317137

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! ☎217234

HONEST AND CARING
Sensitive SWF, 41, 5'5", likes Bon Jovi and Van Halen, spaghetti dinners, gardening, hockey and baseball, old movies, arts and crafts, picnics, reading. Looking for a gentleman, 45-57, race open, for friendship ☎318717

TOTAL LOSER!
I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no IQ, no friends, no job, and haven't dated since 1982! OK, stop laughing and here is the truth. I am a SUFF, 47, 5'8", blonde, shapely, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. ☎324039

WANTED: MATURE MAN
Semi retired nurse, WF, dark hair, blue eyes, 5', NS, enjoys travel, history and home life. Looking for an honest, loyal man, 60-70, NS, for a possible LTR. ☎320985

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎363808

I NEED A LOVE...
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VERY CUTE
SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-60, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎313198

DBF SEEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. ☎310736

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 5'9", blonde/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. ☎310164

TIED OF BEING ALONE
DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, NS, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking SDBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. ☎311753

SOPHISTICATED LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling. seeks a SM, 48-69, NS, responsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. ☎207254

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

VERY HANDSOME, ROMANTIC...
middle-aged man with a good job, looking for a female companion, 32-46, to spend time with, possibly develop a relationship. ☎324249

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎126302

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

FEMININE LADY WANTED
Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, NS, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. ☎219190

CALL ME!
SWM, 45, likes sports, working out, cooking, bodybuilding. Looking for a similar lady for LTR. ☎319016

SOUTH AMERICAN SF WANTED
WM, 6'3", dark hair, blue eyes, good sense of humor, likes concerts, movies, dining out. Seeking South American SF, 18-52, for LTR. Will answer all calls. ☎320550

CALL ME!
SM, 39, 5'6", 160lbs, short brown/green, wears glasses, likes cars, auto auctions, wrestling, boxing, karate. Looking for SWF, 32-45, with similar interests. ☎323516

IS THIS YOU?
DWM, 51, financially secure, not particularly looking for LTR, but it's not out of the question, either. Looking for SF, 40-50, to have some fun together during our spare time. ☎323864

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN
Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HWP proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. ☎282579

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME
SHM, 39, seeks quiet, artistically creative woman, 40-61, with a beautiful mind. I hope you are the right one! ☎300709

WINTER SPORTS
Single DWM, 42, 6'1", 218lbs, hardworking, easygoing guy. Likes movies, bowling, and winter sports. Looking for SWM, 35-42, for dating. ☎301662

POSITIVITY
SBM, 42, looking for positive, intelligent SF, 32-48, with no negativity in her life. Call, let's see if we click! ☎301956

OUTDOORSMAN
BM, 5'7", 165lbs, likes boating, swimming, basketball, fishing and enjoying life. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. ☎302424

THE ONE FOR ME
SBM, 38, 5'8", athletic build, seeks attractive lady for dining, movies, taking walks, reading poetry and more. ☎302986

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SDBWF, widens sense of humor who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

SINGLE, HANDSOME WM
Marketing professional, part-time personal trainer, tall, athletic, muscular, 6'2", 205lbs, 49, brown/blue, degreed, looking for an attractive woman, with a great personality, who is friendly, positive, active and fun. ☎982364

LET'S TALK
WM, 5'8", brown hair, moustache, enjoys doing all kinds of things. Looking for a slender, attractive WF, 23-35, for dating. ☎325657

MUST LOVE LIFE
DWM, 32, enjoys going out, listening to music, the outdoors, relaxing at home and movies. Interested in meeting a down-to-earth WF, 24-33, who is honest and faithful. ☎325505

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎176478

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBM, 24, 6', athletic build, dark complexion, looking for a cool, laid-back, fun and outgoing SB/HF, 21-29. ☎319532

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, college-educated, clear-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF for fun. Age/location open. ☎587540

WANTED: ONE NICE LADY
SWM, 41, 5'8", 180lbs, nice, sweet, honest, down-to-earth, looking for a nice lady, 35-45, who enjoys working out, going out, taking long walks and more. ☎323963

OPEN TO LTR
SWM, 38, Italian-American, dark brown/brown, 6', attractive and good-looking, part-time substitute teacher working towards a degree, enjoys sports, dining, dancing, travel. Seeking a woman with morals and values. ☎325061

SEARCHING FOR YOU
SBM, 37, 5'10", 175lbs, NS, father, likes to work, the outdoors, relaxing at home and down-to-earth, doesn't play games, to relate to. ☎325284

ARE WE A MATCH?
SM, 49, 6', 185lbs, brown/brown, down-to-earth, easygoing, looking for SF, 30-50, with same qualities. ☎323835

ONE DAY AT A TIME
SBM, 37, 5'5", 220lbs, beard and mustache, brown eyes, likes writing poetry, listening to jazz. Looking for a nice lady, 30-42, who knows what she wants out of life, understands herself. ☎323746

LOVELY IN DETROIT
SBM looking for a female, 35-45, for friendship first. Let's see where things lead. ☎324117

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WM, 45, 6'1", blond/blue, NS, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female, with similar qualities and values. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. ☎308313

LET'S GO OUT
BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. ☎308637

NO DRAMA
SBM, 42, 5'9", 175lbs, NS, caramel complexion, enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining. Seeking SBF, 25-45, who is not into drama. ☎309519

FULLFILL MY LIFE
SBM, 42, 6'2", 280lbs, short black/brown, dark complexion, loves Italian food, travel, time at home. Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured woman who is honest, caring, sincere, romantic, spontaneous, compassionate, and ready for a relationship. ☎309096

ARE YOU OUTGOING?
SBM, 38, looking for SBF, 26-38, for long-lasting relationship. NS, N/D, no drugs. You must be sincere, honest and respectful. I love movies, dining, sports, walks in the park. ☎310527

LET'S MEET
SBM, 49, 5'11", works as a DJ, loves movies, basketball, skating. Looking for similar SF, 29-40. ☎312103

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113835

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. ☎112288

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE
SBM, 42, 6'1", athletic build, carpenter, enjoys jazz, cooking, music, sports. Looking for SF, 21-45, to share my life with. ☎315352

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

CALL ME
SM, 42, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, who is outgoing and fun to be with for LTR. If you're out there, please give me a call. ☎317043

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE
SM, 55", 155lbs, brown eyes, interested in meeting a nice, honest, respectful, trustworthy woman, 35-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. ☎316761

HONESTY A MUST
SWM looking for an honest female, 18-44, who is interested in LTR. No games please. ☎317031

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 35, no kids, looking for a SBF, 24-34, NS, for good friendship possibly leading to more. Call me! ☎318056

IF INTERESTED, CALL
SWM, 43, 5'7", 160lbs, red/green, secure homeowner, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, to get to know and date, possibly leading to more. ☎318518

CAPRICORN
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SEEKING A FRIEND
SBM, 40, 6'3", 240lbs, wants to meet a down-to-earth SBF, 35-42, who is easy to get along with, for friendship, maybe more. ☎303036

SWM SEEKS SBF
DWM, 37, NS, no kids, looking for SBF, 46+, to get to know. I'm a cool dude who cooks and has a good job. ☎303043

WANT TO TALK?
Sexy SBM, 35, NS, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SB/WF, 18-24, to chat with. I like movies, dining, just chilling out. ☎303045

NOT A GAME PLAYER
SWM, 46, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the outdoors, is honest, caring, loving. ☎302998

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to develop a relationship with hopefully. If interested, give me a call. ☎303066

THE ONE TO CALL
BM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet nights at home and barbecues. Looking for an attractive, honest lady, 21-49, to go out and have fun with. ☎303275

A LOT TO OFFER
SBM, 43, 5'9", 143lbs, grown children, enjoys fishing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SB/WF, 28-35, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎303815

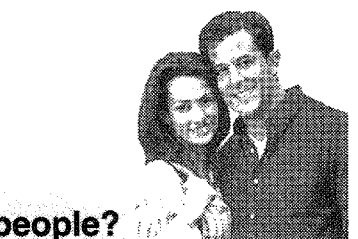
MOVING FORWARD
SWM, 39-years-old 5'8, thin and fit, NS, light-blue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and caring. Interests: film, music, and literature. Looking for friendship possibly leading to a more serious relationship. ☎304387

SEEKING REAL WOMAN
SM, 38, 6'2", brown/brown, likes cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygoing female who is honest and secure. ☎305549

SEEKING LATIN LADY
WM, 6'3", dark/blue, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. ☎308881

SO WE MATCH?
SM likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. ☎308942

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SOMEONE SPECIAL

SBM, 61, 6'1", HWP proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gardens, antiques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 45-63. ☎295048

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

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