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CANTON CONNECTION

Slavens coffee

State Rep.Dian Slavens (D-Canton) invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours.

Slavens will host her January coffee hours 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton, or 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 25, at Mike's Red Apple, 60 Main, in Belleville.

Holiday memory

Part of the holiday celebration for the Karras family of Canton includes Meat Pie Sunday:

"Early December finds many of the ladies of our family gathering in Marilyn Karras' kitchen to continue the French Canadian tradition of making meat pies brought here nearly 100 years ago by her French grandmother, Mimi Giroux. The pies are baked then frozen, and reheated for Christmas morning breakfast to be eaten with sweet pickles.

"Her mom, the Polish lady Barbara Giroux, has kept the tradition each year, adding pies and helpers as the family has grown. Her daughter Marilyn, daughters-in-law Lori Giroux and Pam Giroux, granddaughter Rachel Jackson, and granddaughterin-law Christie Karras stir the ground beef, veal, and pork.

"Marilyn and Rachel add the allspice and salt after Lori chops, sautés, and adds the onions. Marilyn mixes the piecrust and Lori rolls out the bottom dough.



Members of the Karras family of Canton, (from left) Pam Giroux, Gabe Karras with mom Christie Karras, Barbara Giroux, Rachel Jackson, Lori Giroux and Marilyn Karras, gathered for their annual Meat Pie Sunday picture.

Pam and Rachel fill the pies with cooked meat. The top crust is pierced with a fork in the design of a poinsettia. This year, Barbara taught Pam, Rachel, and Christie how to crimp the edges. While the pies bake for 25 minutes, Marilyn's husband Spiro brings in lunch for everyone, including their grandson Gabe Karras."

"Lori has written a wonderful song (with apologies to Sammy Cahn). We sing stanzas ending with "make the dough", "roll the dough", and "bake the dough"! After much hilarity, we wrap our cooling pies in foil and return to our homes anticipating the delicious taste of our meat pies Christmas morning.

Judge grants Orlewicz a new trial

Opinion says convicted killer was 'denied effective counsel'

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Three days before Christmas, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow delivered the present Jean Pierre Orlewicz has been hoping for since his murder conviction last

Morrow on Tuesday issued an opinion granting Orlewicz's motion for a new trial, saying psychiatric evidence ruled inadmissible by the original

trial judge, Annette Berry, should have been allowed and granting the defense's motion for the new trial.

Orlewicz's appellate attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, had argued that keeping such testimony out of the original trial was tantamount to denying Orlewicz proper counsel.

On Tuesday, following a hearing that stretched over several months, Morrow agreed.

"The Sixth Amendment guarantees to every person the right to counsel,"

Morrow wrote. "The order issued by the court ... denying the testimony of Drs. Billings, Speck and Shiener, denied defendant Orlewicz of the effective assistance of counsel. This denial deprived defendant Orlewicz of his right for a fair trial.

"Therefore, this Court will grant defendant's motion for a new trial," Morrow wrote.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's

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A Wayne County judge Tuesday granted a new trial to Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township, who is serving a life sentence without parole in the 2007 death of Daniel Sorensen.

Blowing smoke Opinions vary on state smoking ban

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton bar owners, residents and lawmakers are divided over a statewide smoking ban that takes effect May 1 in most workplaces.

John Johnson, owner of the Rusty Nail Lounge on Ford Road, said he hopes the long-debated bill, signed into law Friday by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, doesn't drive away his smoking customers.

"I'm hoping it doesn't hurt my business that much," Johnson said.

Township resident Nancy Spencer, who described herself as allergic to cigarette smoke, said she welcomes the day she can walk into a restaurant without worrying about inhal-

"If I pay for a meal in a restaurant, I want to be able to taste the meal and not taste smoke with the meal,"

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, hailed the ban that makes Michigan the 38th state to prohibit smoking in bars, restaurants and most other workplaces, with exceptions for certain places like cigar bars, tobacco specialty shops and Detroit's casino gaming floors.

"I worked as a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years and can tell you without a doubt that smoking kills," said Slavens, a member of the state House's Health Policy Committee. "At Beaumont and Henry Ford hospitals, I saw the crushing effects of secondhand smoke firsthand, and the gutwrenching reality is that the illnesses and deaths caused by secondhand smoke are 100 percent preventable.

"By signing this smoking ban into law," Slavens said, "we are bringing Michigan more in line with a majority of smoke-free states and protecting the health of Michigan families,



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When asked earlier this year about the smoking ban, Jason Smith said, "I don't agree with it. A beer and cigarette go hand in hand." He and some friends were watching the Red Wings at 4 Friends Bar and Grill.

who will now be able to breathe a little easier when they visit their favorite local restaurant."

Johnson acknowledged his bar will be cleaner when the ban takes effect, but he remains concerned the law will drive away some customers — especially during warm months when they're more likely to entertain at home and light up on their decks, patios or wherever they choose.

"I'm not crazy about it," Johnson

said of the ban. "I was hoping it wouldn't go through. It's one more

right they're taking away from us." He said he will likely have to spend money to build an outside shelter, possibly with heaters, where patrons can go when they want to smoke.

"It creates some different issues for us," he said.

Earlier this year, when the ban was

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The new state law, which bans smoking in most indoor places including bars and restaurants, goes into effect May 1.

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Goodfellows trump economy in annual drive

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Although the final tally isn't yet known, Canton Goodfellows raised an estimated \$20,000 this year to buy Christmas gifts for 705 children whose families needed help, President Nancy Spencer

The money, along with donations from Gleaners Food Bank, also allowed Goodfellows to provide food for nearly 270 families this holiday season, Spencer said.

Despite a continued sour economy, the amount collected this year by Canton Goodfellows is expected to outpace last year's fund-raiser by an estimated \$3,000, she said.

Newspaper sales alone accounted for \$7,000 in revenue — double what was raised last year.

"It was nothing less than miraculous," Spencer said. "We were blown away."

Moreover, local gift-givers "adopted" this year's Goodfellows children and went shopping for presents that recipients received last Saturday during a heart-warming holiday celebration at Canton Township's administration building, Spencer said.

Goodfellows also delivered gifts to 31 senior citizens, she said.

The annual fund-raiser proved once again that, even during hard times, Canton residents reach out to help their own.

"When times get bad," Spencer said, "they help

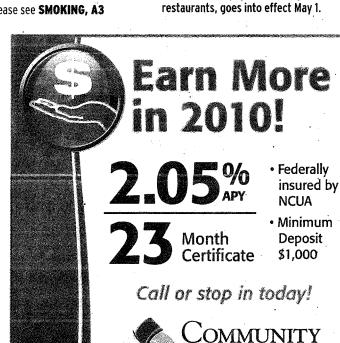
Noreen Rybar, who chaired the newspaper sales along with volunteer Karl Zarbo, has said many volunteers are people who once found themselves down on their luck and sought help from Goodfellows.

Now, she said, they choose to give back. Many local businesses and organizations such as Canton Leisure Services also helped out with the campaign, enabling the Goodfellows group to fulfill its motto of "No Child Without a Christmas."

Goodfellows volunteer Marion Rozum has said every dollar raised by Goodfellows helps the

"Every gift, every food item, every dollar goes to the children of the Canton community," Rozum said.

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Magic act.

Tickets are still available to catch magician and illusionist Aaron Radatz in action on stage at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Sunday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets to this familyfriendly performance are \$22 and are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Radatz started performing at the young age of 6 and quickly turned his grandmother's gift of a magic set into a full-time hobby. Up until the age of 14, he kept his magic to family and friends. Aaron then began performing for various schools, organizations, and private parties. All the while he remained focused on his craft and started to set long term goals for his career.

Radatz is one of the magicians featured on the new series Masters of Illusion airing on Fox's MyNetworkTV. Visit www.aaronradatz.com for the latest news and tour information.

To learn more about this special program, visit www. cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5460.

100 Days to Health

Canton's 100 Days to ·Health, a community-wide wellness education and awareness campaign designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, is set to kick off Saturday, Jan. 16. Get the support and education you need and find your fitness fit during this community program which commences between 9-11 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom and in various classrooms of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway,

Participants can meet some of the Summit's instructors and test out a few of the great fitness classes offered. All ages can enjoy special aero-

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bics classes at 8:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; and 10:30 a.m. Join us for a light breakfast and have all your 100 Days to Health questions answered in the

Canton Leisure Services and Oakwood Healthcare System have partnered together to promote healthy living and community wellness in this special program. Staff from Oakwood Healthcare System will be on hand during the kickoff providing health screenings, including: blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels.

Register now for Canton's 100 Days to Health 2010 at the Summit front desk or at the 100 Days Kickoff Event Jan. 16. Registration fees for Canton residents are: \$15 for adults 16 and up and \$5 for youth ages 4 and up. Nonresident fees are \$25 for adults 16 and up and \$5 for youth ages 4 and above. There is no charge for children under 3 years of age. Once registered, you'll have access to all classes and events on the 100 Days to Health calendar for free.

To learn more about 100 Days to Health program, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Pinocchhio 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.

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Ringing chimes

The old and the new teamed Saturday, as current Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel and his predecessor, Dr. James Ryan, got together to ring the bell for the Plymouth Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign. Both are members of the Plymouth Rotary. The campaign is the Salvation Army's biggest annual fund-raiser.

villemarquistheatre.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, 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 look-

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 cantonvillagetheater.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

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, tollfree (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

Happy meals

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

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

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

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

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale is selling the 2010 Entertainment Book to support its vocal scholarship program. The book contains hundreds of 2-for-1 and 50percent discounts at airlines. restaurants, hotels, car rentals, movie rentals, theater and sports events, and much more.

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"Good health depends on seven to eight hours of high quality uninterrupted sleep"

With half of New Year's resolutions including weight loss this year, it's important to know that sleep is a key ingredient for success. A sixteen year study by Case Western Reserve University showed that lower levels of sleep cause large weight gains-as much as 33 pounds or more for women sleeping 5 hours per night. Sleeping seven hours a night helps to regulate the chemicals that impact fat metabolism and overeating. The National Sleep Foundation reports that 60% of us have sleep disturbance two or more nights each week, and 40% struggle with drowsiness during the day because of sleep problems.

"Lower levels of sleep cause large weight gains-as much as 33 pounds or more"

The answer may be as simple as a new mattressas long as it is the right mattress for your body. Hundreds of people have already discovered the great benefits of the unique "sleep diagnostic system" offered at the new Art Van Pure Sleep store on Ford Road in Canton. Pure Sleep creates the right "sleep system" for you, including the proper mattress and foundation for proper support and comfort, the correct pillow to ensure correct spinal alignment, and a mattress protector to provide a clean and healthy sleeping environment.

"60% of us have sleep disturbance two or more nights each week"

"The #1 regson for poor sleep is stress, closely followed by the tossing and turning that comes from the wrong mattress or pillow. If you aren't waking up feeling refreshed and renewed, you are probably sleeping on the wrong mattress" said Vice President of Operations Steve Glucksman. "In just a few minutes, our sleep diagnostic system fits you with the right mattress, foundation and pillow for your own unique body and sleep style. It takes the guess work out of choosing a mattress and brings in the science of

"The staff at Pure Sleep is specially trained and committed to finding the right sleep system to give you a great night's sleep and get you on your way to better health" said Glucksman. But what about the cost? "Rest assured, we have the buying power of Michigan's #1 Mattress Retailer, Art Van guaranteeing the lowest prices, best selection and complete satisfaction for every person we serve."

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Office has 21 days to appeal the decision. "We are baffled by the judge's deci-

sion, and believe that it is based upon a profound misunderstanding of the

Sixth Amendment, the rules of evidence, and the rules of criminal proce-

dure," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym

confident that the Court of Appeals will reverse the decision in relatively short

Worthy said in a statement. "We are

Jacobs understands that, pend-

ing Worthy's appeal, any new trial is a

long way away. But that didn't dim the

stood and found my client's rights had

been violated," Jacobs said Tuesday. "I

believe the judge came to the correct decision. We believe, given the oppor-

tunity to present the case completely, a

jury will return a verdict more compat-

Orlewicz was convicted last year

of killing and beheading 26-year-old

Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge, then

head in the Rouge River. Co-defendant Alex Letkemann of Westland pleaded

guilty and testified against Orlewicz.

But Berry denied the defense's motion

for psychiatric testimony to be heard,

"We know we're a long way from going

setting up the defense's new motion.

to a new trial," Jacobs said. "But we're

very pleased with (Morrow's) decision."

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dumping and burning his torso in a Northville field and disposing of the

ible with the evidence."

defense's attitude over Morrow's opinion.

"We're very pleased the judge under-

Kettle contributions lag in face of tough economy

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The lagging Michigan economy may be claiming yet another victim.

The Plymouth Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, the corps' biggest fund-raiser, was some 39 percent behind its annual goal headed into the final days of the campaign.

Salvation Army officials had set a goal for the kettle portion of the campaign at \$265,000 but, according to Capt. Dan Hull, the corps officer, donations had reached just 61 percent of that goal, some \$161,000.

The total goal for holiday fund raising — which includes the kettles and mail-in donations — was at about \$192,000.

"It's definitely the economy," said Hull, in his first kettle campaign since taking over in Plymouth last summer. "Everyone is tightening their belts a little bit, and our totals are down because of it."

Not all of the kettle news has been bad. Kettle locations at Hiller's markets, the Plymouth Kroger and Hobby Lobby in Canton have proved to be fruitful.

But the Salvation Army is seeing increasing need in just about every facet of their programs. For instance, more than 550 families took advantage of Toy Towne, the shopping center the Salvation Army runs to allow needy families to provide Christmas presents for their children.

And staffers have routinely seen families who have been donors in years past coming in to seek help this year, a year in which job layoffs and home foreclosures have become all too prominent.

On the other hand, people are giving in other ways. Volunteerism is up at the Salvation Army, which depends heavily on volunteers for its food pantry and manning some 21 Red Kettle locations.

"I think the good news is we've had



Cadette Troop 1451 from Plymouth/Canton helps out in downtown Plymouth, bringing in donations for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

a tremendous response from volunteers," Hull said. "They've been great, almost all the kettle spots have been manned, and the community's been wonderful. It's just a tough time eco-

nomically. People are still afraid of more layoffs."

Individuals can still help, even though the Red Kettle Campaign officially ended on Christmas Eve. Donations can be dropped off at or mailed to the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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still under debate, Deana Brotherton, manager of 4 Friends Bar & Grill in Canton, said a smoking ban could hurt places already suffering amid an economic recession. She said an outright ban "would infringe on smokers' rights."

However, nonsmokers such as Spencer have long hoped such a law would be passed.

"I don't understand why people smoke," she said. "I guess it's an addiction. Why else would anybody pay \$6 a pack for 20 little things that are going to give you cancer? I just don't understand it.

"It's my right to breathe clean air," Spencer said. "If you want to smoke, do it at home, not where it affects other people. It's not the proper thing to do."

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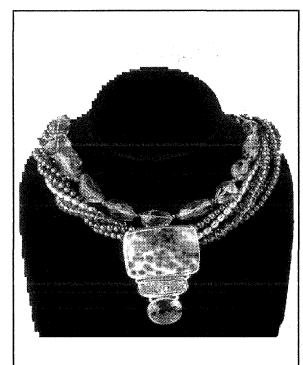
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Elfin magic

NHS students volunteer to deliver happy holiday

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The elves working Santa's workshop this time of year may lay claim to the busiest hands of the holiday season.

But the folks manning Plymouth's own version of it, Toy Towne at the Plymouth Salvation Army, might challenge the elves for production.

Salvation Army staffers have watched as Toy Towne, the corps' toy store for needy families, has benefitted more than 550 families this year, up some 120 families from the same time last year.

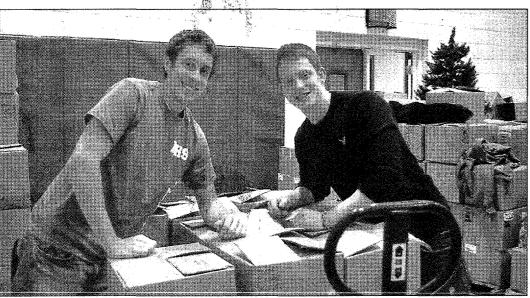
"We added another day of Toy Towne distribution this year because of the number of families needing some support this year," said Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries.

Like most of the Salvation
Army's programs, Toy Towne depends heavily on the generosity of donors — people who donate cash, toys, wrapping paper, etc. — to help needy families provide a nice.
Christmas to their children.

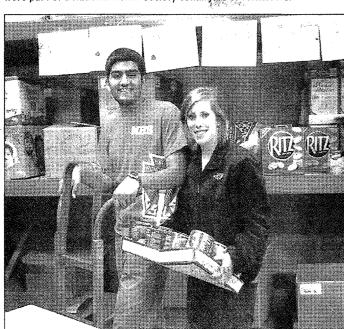
This year's program got a tremendous boost, according to Aren, from members of the Plymouth-Canton National Honor Society. Some 60 students donated time and effort to this year's Toy Towne.

The NHS students conducted a food drive to benefit the Salvation Army, then helped make and package some 400 boxes of food for the food pantry, then baked — and frosted and sprinkled — about 1,000 cookies. For Toy Towne, they sorted toys, greeted visitors and helped parents shop.

Salem High School senior Andrew Chimka volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign a year ago. When he was looking for a community service project this year, something



Salem senior Andrew Chimka (left) and Canton senior Brendan Muir help out at the Plymouth Salvation Army. They were part of a National Honor Society contingent of volunteers.



Kishan Sutariya (left) and Brittany Feuz were among some 60 Plymouth-Canton National Honor Society students to volunteer time for the Plymouth Salvation Army this year.

required of National Honor Society students, he went back to where he was comfortable.

"I liked volunteering for them, so I went back to them," Chimka said. "It's a way to get involved in the community. We know we're helping people, knowing they're going to benefit directly from what we do."

It's that kind of passion for helping that staffers at the Salvation Army know they can draw on at a very busy time of year.

year. "These kids are awesome,"



National Honor Society President Kelly Hahn baked cookies for the Plymouth Salvation Army as part of the NHS community service project.

Aren said. "They stay until the job is done, cleaning up, taking out the garbage. They bring a lot of enthusiasm at a point when the Christmas season can be a bit frazzled. Their energy is contagious."

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CRIME WATCH

Police find suspected crack during traffic stop

Canton police took two men and a woman into custody after noticing the driver of a Dodge Neon was passing traffic on the shoulder of the road along westbound Ford Road near I-275 around 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Police stopped the vehicle at the BP gas station at Ford and Haggerty. Officers found a capped hypodermic needle in the car and what appeared to be a small bag of crack cocaine. One man in the car also had what appeared to be crack in his left sock.

The woman had several warrants for her arrest out of Detroit and Dearborn Heights. One of the men also was wanted for home invasion elsewhere.

The driver was cited for possession of paraphernalia for the needle, along with failing to have a license, improper lane use, having no proof of insurance and failing to change his address.

Northern exposure

A truck driver contacted Canton police to report that a man had exposed himself at the rest area on I-275.

The incident happened shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15.

The trucker told police the suspect — a white male wearing gray sweat pants and a flannel shirt — walked behind a restroom building, pulled his pants down and exposed himself.

The trucker didn't want to prosecute. Canton police also learned that the suspect was on probation out of Novi for a narcotics charge.

Pot bust

A Canton High School student was cited for having marijuana after a teacher reported that he smelled like smoke around 10:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, a police report said.

An assistant principal took the student to the office and ultimately found what appeared to be a small bag of marijuana. The official contacted police.

The student claimed he had found the marijuana in a backpack. He was issued a citation to appear in court.

Bus assault

A Plymouth-Canton bus driver contacted police to report there had been an alleged assault on a bus near Lilley and Ford around 2:45 p.m. last Friday.

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Initial reports indicated a girl on the bus had slapped a male student after he called her an unflattering name. But she told police she didn't know his name or who he was.

An officer entered the bus but no one on the bus admitted to being assaulted.

Fake bill

A Walmart employee told police that a customer tried to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill last Friday evening at the store on Ford Road.

A police report indicated the counterfeit bill had once been a \$5 bill but had been bleached and transformed into a fake \$100 bill. The man claimed he didn't realize the bill was fake and that he had received it when he cashed a check at a Detroit party store.

The incident was under investigation.

Purse patrol

A woman was caught shoplifting after a Walmart employee saw her putting items in her purse in the cosmetics aisle shortly before midnight Saturday.

The employee also told police the woman transferred UPC symbols from less expensive items to costlier items before she went through the checkout line.

The woman then walked out of the store but was confronted. The total value of the items she was accused of taking was \$36.95. She was issued a ticket for retail fraud and told to appear in court.

- Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.





Kennedy Bowen

Dear Santa,

Andy Feng

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

How are you doing?

I hop you give me a lot of stof. I want a

Barbre doll. I will leave you cookies and

How are your elves? Can you bring

cputer.

How is Rudolph? Can you git my

milk. Can you bring me a Wii for family?

me lot of Bakgan!

and giv me Lago

Batman the toy.

giv my dad a new

dad a Dino? Can

you git my sister a shark? Can you giv

light saber? Merry

Dear Santa,

How are you

dog some threa-

Code you get my

tse ples. Hear is my

list of things that I

want. Lulu, critters,

frog and some othre

Have a nice trip.

doing?

thingse.

Christmas!

Giv me a DS and

Have a good day.

Love,

Love.

Love

Isabella Price

Conner Gausden

Andy Feng

Love.

Kennedy Bowen



Dear Santa, I am just lating you no that I do not like Hanna Montana any mor.

I am mor inchisted in rocks and minerals, amethysts and crystals. Cos I am gunu be a gaiugist.

And I allso want to no if I am on the nate or nics list. And I love those gingr brad howsis.

Audrey Grace

Dear Santa, Please take me off the naughty list. I promise to be a good boy.

I would like a Spongebob necklace, a rocket, Spiderman action figures

and a gumball machine. I'll leave a plate of cookies and some lemonade on the kitchen table for you

and your reindeer.

Adam David Tyler



Joel Wilkinson

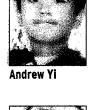
Dear Santa, How are you? Please bring soap for my momn. My dog needs a snuggie. Lauren wants a baby. My dad wants a Wii ramot. I wont PSP. How's Rudolph?

> Love, **Joel Wilkinson**



Dear Santa, How is Rudolph?

Love,



I wish all gams for my DS. Can you bring DS18 and Bakguan of difrnt shaps?

Andrew Yi



Praneeth Dattagupta

snuggie please.

How is Rudolph? Can you give me a D.S. and a transformer named Bumbulbee please. Can you bring my daddy tinulon please. Please get some earrings for my mommy please. Can yo please get me the transformer Starscreen. Can you get my dad a

Dear Santa,

Praneeth Dattagupta



Cervantes

Madison

Nalodka

Brady Johnson

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Can you breg my mom som jalare. Can yo bring my dad a keychan that saids 1# dad and for me some piczos and paperonbi and some red wings stuff.

I will get you som cookies and milk.

> Dear Santa, How are you?

Can you bring a

snuggie for Patches?

Please bring my mom

a heart necklace? Can

you bring my whole

I have a PSP? Can I

have a XBox 360?

Dear Santa,

How are you doing?

I want a p.s.p. Can

you bring a exercise

hope you have a good

machine for dad? I

Christmas

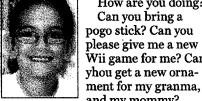
family snuggies? Can

Love,

Love.

Maddy Nalodka

Love **Sophie Cervantes**



Dear Santa:

Ava Spiteri

and my mommy? Please get me a new

Jenna Neal

baby penguin. I will leave you some cookies.

Love.

doig?

cookies.

Dear Santa, How are you doing?

Can you bring a

Wii game for me? Can

How is Rudolph

I hop you kan bring

the stuf I wont. A PSP

and I want a snuggie.

I hop you love the

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph?

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and a baby penguin

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and a new computer

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for my mom and a

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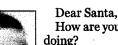


Love,

Jenna Neal

Mustafa Mullah

Shav Adams







Paul Haran







Kennedy to have a Barbie doll. I

and I want Barbie nail presser.

want my dad to have goff balls too,

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing with your elfs? Doo

you think roodoof is

rede? Are you redey? I want a new bird.

I want a stuffed animal. I want anothr

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope

you come to my house,

I hope you bring my

mom a sweater. I want

Shay Adams

Love,

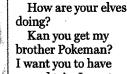
Mustafa Mullah

wepcken.

Santa.

a camera.

Brooke Bowen



Dear Santa,

tonight.

Skull game for the DS? CAn you give

Are you and Mrs

you come to my house

Do you feel good?

Claus well? I hope

Can you bring my

mom earrilngs? Can

you send me Indiana

Jones and the Crystal

Kan you get my brother Pokeman? I want you to have a good trip. I want Indiana Jones and the Cyrstal Skull.

Love, **Paul Haran**

Love.

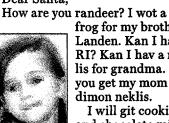
Damien Dailide



Connor Gausden

Isabella Price

Dear Santa,



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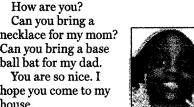
I will git cookies and chocolate milk. Love.

Sydney Hibbert

Can you bring a base ball bat for my dad. You are so nice. I hope you come to my Dylan Glaspie

house.

Dear Santa,



Love Dylan Glaspie

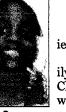


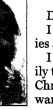
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Brady Johnson mal and a Indiana Jones whip.

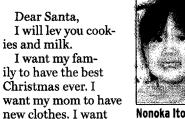
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and white milk. I love you.



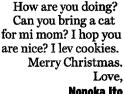
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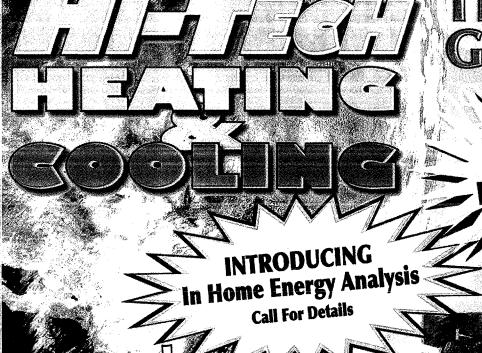
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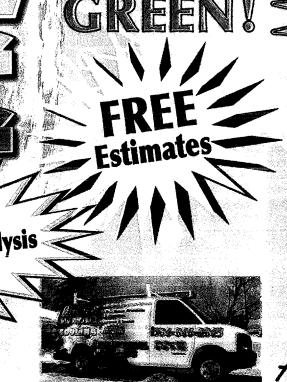


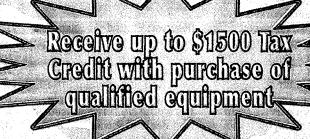
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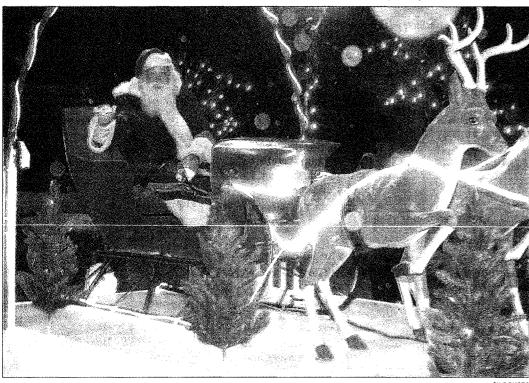
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In addition to overseeing Santa's Workshop, Santa Claus visits local communities to hear the wishes of boys and girls.

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

Santa Claus: Technically, it's a toy delivery business, though what we really specialize in is holiday cheer. We manufacture toys and other presents in our state-of-the-art workshop at The North Pole, then distribute them - amazingly all in one evening - to the boys and girls of the world. Using a unique "Naughty or Nice" list of my own creation - we make sure every child in the world has a happy, Merry Christmas. Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Santa Claus: It depends on whom you listen to. Premodern representations of me from church history and folklore, notably St. Nicholas and Sinterklaas, merged with the British character Father Christmas to create the character known as Santa Claus. Father Christmas dates back at least as far as the 17th century in Britain, and pictures of him survive from that era, portraying him as a jolly well-nourished bearded man dressed in a long, green, fur-lined robe. He typified the spirit of good cheer at Christmas, and was reflected as the "Ghost of Christmas Present," in Charles Dickens Festive classic A Christmas Carol, a great genial man in a green coat lined with fur who takes Scrooge through the bustling streets of London on the current Christmas morning, sprinkling the essence of Christmas onto the happy populace.

But really, I just thought it was in everyone's best interests to spread as much holiday cheer as possible, making it a Merry Christmas for all (and to all a good night). And who ya gonna call?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Business name and address: Santa Claus, Inc., North Pole Your name and title: Santa and Mrs. Claus, owners

Business opened when?: Some say origins are in the Fourth Century

Number of employees: 2 full-time; countless number of seasonal elves; and 8 or 9 flying

Hours of operation: Open for toy construction year-round; toy distribution takes place Dec. 24. Your business specialty: The construction and distribution of toys to children on my "Nice" list Business phone and/or Web site: no cell coverage or Internet connections at the North Pole

Observer: Why did you choose the whole world?

Santa Claus: Well, in the beginning, I was going to keep it to just my own little hometown, The North Pole. But as the centuries passed by, I decided it was selfish. As more and more elves reported for duty, I decided to expand. Then when Rudolph came along with his shiny nose, it became possible to travel the world even in inclement weather.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Santa Claus: Seriously? I have an elf-run factory, a flying sleigh and eight flying reindeer that help me deliver billions of presents in one night. How much more unique could I be?

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Santa Claus: The basic tenets of the business haven't changed in thousands of years: The goal is still to get presents to children all over the world.

And, while technology has changed the world, it has only affected us a little. We use it for cataloguing and inventory and bookkeeping and the like, but we like to rely on old-fashioned elf sweat for the actual making of the toys. Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Santa Claus: The economy has affected people around the world more than it has affected us. We still strive to provide the same level of service, the same quality of presents, as we have for thousands of years. Up at The North Pole, we don't care how much it costs; we worry about how much joy it brings. Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so

far as a small business owner? Santa Claus: I like the way I get portrayed in some of the media. For instance, many television commercials, comic strips and other media depict this as a sort of humorous business, with my elves acting as a sometimes mischievously disgruntled workforce. cracking jokes and pulling pranks on their boss. One of my favorites was the Bloom County comic strip that has me telling the story of how my elves went on strike, only to be fired by Ronald Reagan and replaced by unemployed aircraft controllers. Observer: What's in store for the

future of your business?

Santa Claus: We do not anticipate making any major changes in the future. We might expand our North Pole facilities, and technology will certainly continue to allow us to do our jobs better, but why change what's not broken? Our job is to bring joy and happiness to people all over the world. Why mess around with that?

Coupons for a Cause

Special Olympics and Procter & Gamble are celebrating 30 years of partnership in announcing their annual P&GbrandSAVER coupon promotion benefiting Special Olympics. Keep an eye out for the P&GbrandSAVER coupon books in your Observer newspaper on Sunday, Dec. 27.

This year's promotion is based on coupon redemption: Special Olympics receives 3 cents for every coupon used. There is no limit to the gift so the more coupons redeemed, the greater the money raised for Special Olympics Michigan athletes. The coupons in the promotion will expire Jan. 31.

This year's P&GbrandSAVER theme is 'Give Courage" and it will feature images of Special Olympics athletes who participate in Project Unify. P&G is also sponsoring the Michigan Delegation to the National Games in Nebraska July 18-23.

The P&GbrandSAVER is a part of P&G's overall "Live, Learn & Thrive" platform. Together, Special Olympics and P&G will showcase athletes who demonstrate the impact today's youth have on their communities. Special Olympics unites youth of all backgrounds, creating lifelong friendships that transform

"We are proud that for 30 years P&G has been a loyal supporter of Special Olympics," said Tim Shriver, chairman and CEO of Special Olympics. "This annual promotion is greatly important to us, as every coupon redeemed helps P&G and Special Olympics build a world of

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Legislative liaison

Amy Shalley of State Farm Insurance in Livonia was recently elected Michigan legislative liaison for the Insurance Institute of Michigan. Headquartered in Lansing, IIM is the largest state level trade association representing the property/ casualty insurance industry in Michigan.

New shareholders

Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc., a 60-year-old engineering and architectural advisory firm headquartered in Livonia, recently announced three new shareholders of the firm: Stephen Dearing, James Stevens and Tracie Williams.

Dearing of Shelby Township, a licensed professional engineer and certified traffic operations engineer, directs OHM's Traffic Engineering group.

Stevens of Farmington Hills, a licensed professional engineer in OHM's corporate office, works extensively with cities and townships on funding, capital improvement and infrastructure programs and projects. Representing municipalities that serve a combined 100,000 residents, Stevens is also a director of the Southeast Michigan Water and Sewer Utilities Association.

Williams of Hancock, a licensed professional mechanical engineer, manages OHM's northern Michigan office, located in Houghton.

Fifth anniversary

The Petland store on Wayne Road recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. The Petland brand started more than 40 years ago in Chillicothe, Ohio, with one small pet store but it has grown to more than 100 stores and operates affiliates in other countries around the world, including Canada, Mexico and Japan.

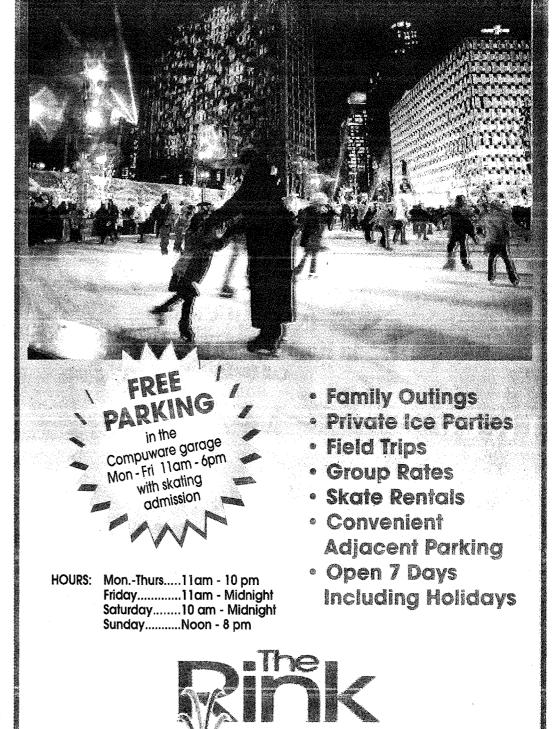
During its five years in the Westland community, Petland has employed 15-20 people and has paid more than \$115,000 in property taxes to support the community and schools. It also has raised money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, supports various community events and is a five-year member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Contract negotiations

Alternative Fuel Technology, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Alternative Fuel Technologies Inc. in Redford Township, announced that it has been competitively selected for negotiation and possible award by the U.S. Army for a Phase 2 SBIR project. The project is valued at \$730,000.

The Phase 2 project is an extension of a successful Phase 1 project where AFT identified a significant wear problem on a commercial diesel common rail fuel injection system running on JP-8 jet fuel. The Army uses JP-8 jet fuel in all of its diesel applications for logistics reasons.

In the Phase 2 project, AFT will redesign the commercial diesel common rail pump to lower wear to acceptable levels. To accomplish this goal, AFT will apply materials technology and other lessons learned during the development of their well-known DME common rail fuel system.



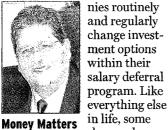
Take your 401(k) plan with you when you leave a job

here's only one constant in the world today and that is change. It is all around us. As much as many do not like change, there is no alternative but to accept it and embrace it.

One item that is going to change for many people in the near future is the 401(k) plan at Ford Motor Co. Last month, Ford announced it will move its plan from Fidelity to Affiliated Computer Services (ACS). Fidelity has been administering the Ford plan for years and now, according to the company, to better coordinate employee benefit plans, ACS will now administer the 401(k) plan.

This affects salary workers through their SSIP Plan and hourly workers who participate in the Tax Efficient Savings Plan for Hourly Employees (TESPHE).

At this time the company has not announced new investment options. However, you can be sure there will be changes down the road. In fact, we have consistently seen compa-



Rick Bloom

should you do?

been beneficial to employees while others have not. The question is, what

changes have

There is very little current Ford employees can do at this time. They must keep their 401(k) plan at ACS. I recommend current employees continue to contribute to the plan. Upon the announcement of changes to the investment options, employees must become proactive. Typically when companies change investment options, there is a system where everyone is

a similar investment. What an employee needs to do is verify that the cor-

automatically transferred into

responding investment works with his/her goals and objectives. Don't assume that just because the company is automatically making the change that you should stay with it. You need to look at your portfolio and make the decision based upon what is best for your situation.

For those retired from or no longer employed by Ford, there is another alternative. After the blackout date, which is the time period where you cannot move your money, you will have the alternative to stay with ACS or directly transfer your money into an IRA. My advice is to directly transfer your money.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and a happy new year!

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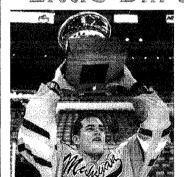
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It's a Mitzvah thing

Jews, Muslims give their time on Mitzvah Day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

Micki Grossman has been volunteering on Mitzvah Day for 20 years, but Christmas 2009 is special. This Dec. 25, Jews and Muslims join helping hands so Christians can have the day off to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

In year's past only the Jewish community assisted in the mega effort that provides more than 800 volunteers for 48 Detroit area social service agencies at 74 sites on Christmas Day.

Mitzvah Day is presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council and Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. The Council of Islamic Organizations coordinated Muslim volunteers. All are asked to bring non-perishable food items when reporting to the Jimmy Prentis Morris Jewish Community Center in Oak Park. After a brief orientation, teams will leave for projects that run from 6 a.m. to 2

"The common interpretation of Mitzvah is it's a good deed," said Grossman, of Farmington

"It's a commandment from God. We as Jews are commanded to do these to help others. These are places where we can relieve people who are celebrating Christmas by delivering food in Detroit, Royal Oak and

other suburbs, toys for Jimmy's Kids (in southwest Detroit).'

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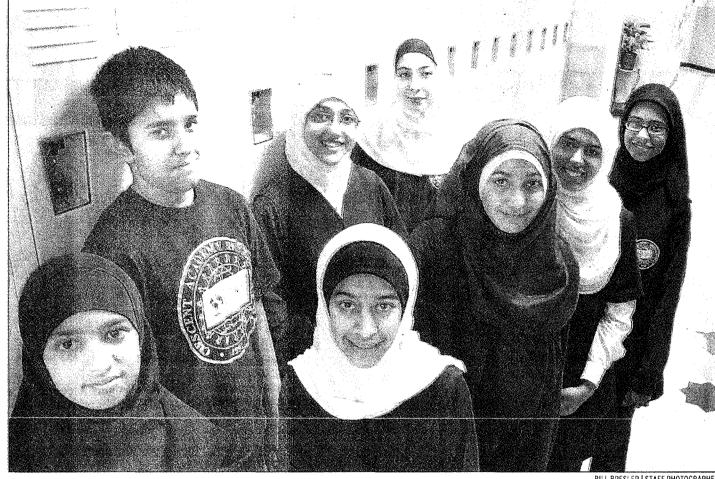
Volunteers assist in a variety of tasks from feeding the homeless at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit to sorting food for Gleaner's Community Food Bank in Detroit and Pontiac, and delivering Meals-on-Wheels in West Bloomfield, Troy, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield.

Grossman isn't worried about having enough work for them to do. Even walk-in volunteers can help at the Kosher Food Bank or Gleaners, or sort for Bookstock, the Jewish council's spring book sale at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Proceeds support literacy and education programs.

"Everybody should be doing something. We all have a little bit of time," said Grossman who also volunteers for Jewish Family Service and Friendship Circle in West Bloomfield and the Social Action Committee at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. "Some of the volunteers are in their 80s. Some are older than those they're visiting in the nursing home."

Co-chair Stephanie Rosenbaum is a 29-year-old first time mother-to-be. In year's past she volunteered with friends. This year husband, Jared, volunteers while she is busy organizing the event. Stephanie also serves on the board for the young adult division of the Jewish Federation.

"It's important to give back to the community," said Rosenbaum, of Huntington Woods. "It's a great event. It brings together people of all ages and you realize you can



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Ameerah Syed, Ausjed Ali, Sumayyah Ahmed, Sebah Ghannam, Noha Ghannam, Feza Ali, Reem Ameiche, and Zaina Azam, students at Canton's Crescent

Academy, will volunteer on Dec. 25.

FAMILY EVENT Judy and Michael Lipson began volunteering with their family about seven years ago. This year their daughter. Jennifer, 29, Judy's brotherin-law, Shay Rosenfeld, and daughters, Megan Rosenfeld, 24, and Elizabeth Rosenfeld. 26, will help feed the homeless at Mariner's Inn in Detroit. Judy's sister, Sheryl Rosenfeld, usually volunteers as well but has to work this year. All live in Farmington Hills.

contribute a lot even in just one

"For us, on Christmas, there's nothing to do and a lot of people get stuck working on that day helping people who need the help," said Judy Lipson, who also volunteers time at the senior center teaching painting and cooking for Congregation B'Nai Moshe in West Bloomfield.

"We initially started to help our kids look for opportunities to help other people. Now it's just fun, fun to get the family together and do something nice for someone else," she added.

Victor Begg believes in help ing others whenever possible. As chairman of the Council of Islamic Organizations, he's gathering members of Muslim congregations to assist in the cooperative project. For years,



JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stephanie Rosenbaum and on right, Micki Grossman are co-chairs of Mitzvah project.

he's worked as a vice chair of the community better. There's a board for Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion, which builds relationships that create social justice for all races and religions.

WORKING TOGETHER

"We're trying to build inclusion in our communities so that people know Muslims and Jews are working together to help Christians celebrate their holiday. That's the message we want to send out," said Begg, of Bloomfield Hills.

"We're trying to make the

verse from Koran to cooperate with people of the Book in doing good. What better opportunity to work with our cousins?"

Dr. Muzammil Ahmed sees Mitzvah Day as a way of molding young people into peaceful citizens of the world. He's coordinating students from Crescent Academy International in Canton Township for the volun-

In addition to the students, Ahmed is bringing members of the Canton mosque,

Muslim Community of Western

The Muslim community regularly holds Humanitarian Days and most recently, an

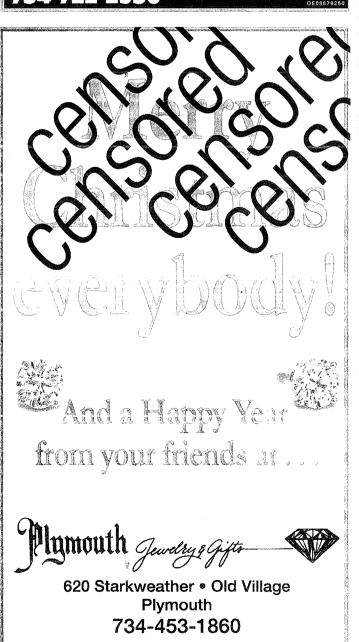
interfaith clothing day. "For many Jewish and Muslim students and families this is not a religious event for us. We believe in Jesus as a prophet, but don't celebrate birthdays. Moses, Jesus and Mohammed, we celebrate their actions. When Moses fled from Pharaoh we celebrate and fast," said Ahmed.

'We felt it important to participate in Mitzvah Day because volunteers are usually working with people of similar ethnic and religious backgrounds.

"Our focus is on getting preteens and teens to participate because they are the most impacted in their world view. Their minds are most fertile to having a more tolerant and more accepting view of diversity in cultures around them. If they participate in interfaith activities it will help shape them into better citizens.

"A lot of people want to know why Muslims want to go to a volunteerism organized by the federation. They want to give back. We're appreciative of the Jewish community making this endeavor possible, to give back and also make ties with one another to understanding.





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Plenty to do with friends, family 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 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 50 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.

2. Make your own cuddly friend at Build a Bear. Stuff it, dress it, make a wish and give it a heart. At Twelve Oaks in Novi, (248) 374-8987, Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor (734) 761-2285 or Somerset Collection in Troy, (248) 822-8988.

. 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.

. Walk around downtown Plymouth and look at the Kellogg Park Walk of Christmas Trees. Bundle up the family and come stroll through Kellogg Park and enjoy one of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce traditions, "The Walk of Trees." Over 50 trees each decorated by a local family, club or business.

. Check-out the Ann Arbor Hand's 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.

6. See the Detroit Zoo during the winter. Don't miss the Butterfly Exhibit and Arctic Ring of Life, the world's largest polar bear exhibit. 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak. (248) 541-5717 or www.detroitzoo.org.

. Lace up a pair of skates and # take a spin or two around the local ice skating rink. Arena rinks offering open skate, dropin 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.

Go to Compuware Sports
Arena at M-14 and Beck roads and score a few tickets for the family. The Plymouth Whalers play the Erie Otters, 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 28. Plymouth. (734) 453-6400.

Nisit 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 (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

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10. Learn about the Mystery of the Christmas Star at the Cranbrook Institute of Science through Jan. 3 An astronomical look at the Christmas story. Planetarium programs run Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday, and daily Dec. 21-23 and 28-30. For other programs, visit http://science.cranbrook.edu. The 12:30 p.m. program is for ages 5 and above only. Call (248) 645-

Take a day-trip to Belle Isle and visit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. A flagship of the Midwest's inland lakes maritime heritage museums, stands on the shore of Detroit's historic Belle Isle. While on Belle Isle, feed the deer and enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife. (313) 833-5538. 2. Spend a day at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46400 Summit Parkway, (734) 394-540. Other area community recreation centers or local YMCAs that offer day guest passes include: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland (734) 722-7620; Livonia Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. (734) 466-2900; Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, (734) 261-2161; Farmington Hills

3. Browse the Pewabic Pottery Museum and Education Center, 10125 E. Jefferson. Detroit. Founded in 1903, Pewabic is nationally renowned for its tile and pottery in unique glazes. You can make your pieces at the non-profit ceramic art education center. Call (313) 822-0954 of visit www.pewabic.com.

YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road,

(248) 553-4020.

Spend time in the kitchen. Teach your child how to make a cherished family recipe. Make your own ceramic pieces. Create your own pottery at Creatopia Paint it Yourself Pottery, 924 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 453-8797 or the Bee's Knees, 145 E. Main, Northville, (248) 347-6718.

6. Schedule a date of old-fashioned fountain . Schedule a date for an treat at Sander's, 37702 Six Mile inside Laurel Park Mall, Livonia, (734) 591-2147 or in downtown Birmingham at 745 E. Maple Rd, Birmingham. (248) 594-2056. "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.plymouthhistory.org/.

8. Visit the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Current exhibits include: Legends of Music, The Photography of Leni Sinclair and Joe Louis: Hometown Hero, 315 East Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800 or www.maah-detroit.org.

9. Visit the Motown Historical Museum, 2648 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (313) 875-2264 www.motownmuseum. org. Celebrate Motown's 50th anniversary and see where it all began at Hitsville USA.

. Plan a Ford Rouge Factory Tour (departs from The Henry Ford). Go to www.thehenryford.org/rouge.

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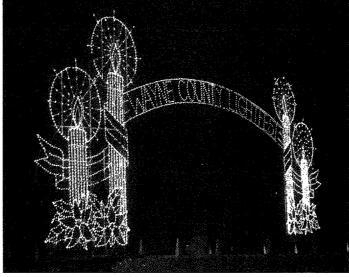
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Area skating rinks have lots of holiday break activities planned. Check out Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton (734) 459-6400 or www.skatinstation2.com; Riverside Arena, 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 421-3540 (www.riversidearena.com) or Bonaventure Roller Rink, 24505 Halsted, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-2200 www.bonaventureskate. com.

2. Teach your condition and history at the Holocaust Teach your children about Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills Watch presentations of the European Jewish community culture and the haunting history of the Holocaust during World War II. Call (248) 553-2400 or www. holocaustcenter.org.

23. Go bowling. Here are local spots to select from: Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 459-6070; Plaza Lanes, 42001 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-4880; Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne road, Westland, (734) 722-7570; Cloverlanes Bowl, 28900 Schoolcraft, Livonia (734) 427-6410; Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 522-4515; Wonderland Lanes, 28455 Plymouth Road, Livonia (734) 427-1060; Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland, (734)641-8181.

The Henry Ford is a must 24 destination if you have family and friends visiting. Enjoy Holiday Nights (www.thehenryford.org/holidaynights) step back in time and walk through an old fashioned village. Or, enjoy hundreds of attractions in the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313) 982-6001 or www.thehenryford.org/museum

25. Help your child open a bank account with money saved or received over the holidays. Show them how deposits are made. This is a gift they will watch for a lifetime.

. Check out the holiday break camps at the Livonia YMCA offering swimming, crafts and more. Call the Livonia Y at (734) 261-2161.

7. Take the whole family to play laser tag at Zap Zone,

in Canton, 41953 Ford Rd., (734) 844-7746.

20. Visit and hike through a local park. See how many times you can walk around the perimeter. Then go home and make some hot chocolate.

29. Check out the lunch or dinner theater at Genitti's Hole in the Wall, 108 W. Main Street, downtown Northville. Visit www.genittis.com for a schedule of events or call (248)

349-0522. 30. Spend a day volunteering at a local food pantry or soup kitchen. Visit an area nursing home and take a plant or flowers to brighten someone's

Nisit a beau snop until the kids make what they Visit a bead shop and let want. Pam's Bead Garden, 550 Forest, Suite 1, Plymouth, (734) 451-7410 and Bead Bohemia, 33321 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-9264.

32. Bring out all of your holiday pictures that need to be put into albums. Let your children design a holiday photo keepsake.

3. Have a family meeting and decide on a charity you would like to support for the new year. Go to www.cantonfoundation.org to find out about charitable giving.

Have your kids make cards and send them to U.S. troops overseas.

Go to the local library or a bookstore and start planning vegetable and flower gardens. Let the kids draw a diagram and brainstorm about what they want to grow.

36. 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.

2. Encourage teens to start thinking about summer jobs. Send them out to start applying and/or working on a resume.

3 Have your child call an elderly relative, cousin, grandma or even a friend at school who wouldn't otherwise get a friendly message.

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39. Take a day trip to Frankenmuth and enjoy the famous chicken at Zehnders or spend the night in Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel and Waterpark (over 30,000 sq. ft. of aquatic fun). Call (800) 863-7999 or go to www.zehnders.com.

40. If you love planes, the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville is a must see destination. Includes several authentic 1940s aircrafts, including the lengendary B-17G Flying Fortress. Call (734) 483-4030 or visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org for more information and directions.

. Visit the Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. (313) 582-2266. Learn about Arab American history and culture.

42. Spend the afternoon at Glo Golf, 41969 Ford Road, Canton (734) 844-2244 or the Putting Edge in Novi. Fountain

225, 12 Mile Road. (248) 348-4022 or www.puttingedge.com. Experience 18 holes of glow-in-the-dark mini golf. Don't forget to wear white and you'll glow too!

Jungle Java, 1200 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, (734) 397-6960; or 27658 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, (248) 919-3284 gives the kids a chance to exercise and have fun while parents can mingle with other parents.

. Want to entertain children ages 3 and older? See a live performance of the classic Pinocchio, the story of how a wooden puppet becomes a real boy, at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

45. Go see a first-run movie. Check out the offerings at Emagine Theater in Canton, 39535 Ford Road, (888)319-FILM and Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile. (888) 319-FILM. Call ahead for discounted matinee fees and

46. Ski and snowboard close to home at Alpine Valley in White Lake (www. skiaplinevalley.com), Mt. Brighton in Brighton (www. mtbrighon.com, Mt. Holly (www.skiholly.com) or Pine Knob n Clarkston (www.skipineknob.com). Check on snow conditions.

47. High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Avenue Canton, (734) HV-SPORT or www.hvsports.com offers camps by the day during school breaks. The All-Sport Camp includes soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, kickball, and much more.

48. Watch a movie at the historic Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" (rated PG) plays Dec. 26, 27, 31 at 5 and 7 p.m. All seats are \$3. www.penntheatre.com.

49. The Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R

(313) 577-8400 www.detroitsciencecenter.org is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 26-31. Enjoy planetarium shows, hands-on exhibits and more. "Walking With Dinosaurs - The Arena Spectacular," based on the award-winning BBC Television Series, returns to Cobo Arena for eight performances Dec. 29 through Jan. 3. Ten species are represented from the entire 200 million year reign of the dinosaurs. The show depicts the dinosaurs' evolution, complete with the climatic and tectonic changes that took place, which led to the demise of many species. Tickets at all Ticketmaster locations and Ticketmaster.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-16

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER **ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-06, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER OFFICER ORDINANCE; PROVIDING ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE.

Ordinance No. C-2003-06, codified as Chapter 6, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer Ordinance is hereby amended and revised to read as follows:

> Section 1. Establishment of Ordinance **Enforcement Officer.** This section establishes a position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

> Section 2. Authority and Duties of Ordinance Enforcement Officer. This section provides for the authority and duties of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

> Section 3. Appointment and Removal of Ordinance Enforcement Officer. This section provides for the appointment and removal of the Ordinance

Enforcement Officer. SECTION II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can

SECTION IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

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Have a merry Christmas, happy holiday season

The presents are purchased (though per- thing. haps not yet paid for), dinner's been planned and Christmas is finally here.

And our hope for the season is that everyone makes it special according to what it means to them.

Many people scaled back their spending for this Christmas. Some were forced to because they were laid off or had their job eliminated; others chose to because of uncertainty about the future economy.

And, while economists might disagree, spending less on Christmas isn't such a bad

Consider the first Christmas. Jesus — God's only son — was born to poor parents, peasants, in a stable among animals, the Bible says. There was no Christmas tree, no presents, no special foods.

The wise men, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, did not visit Jesus while he was in the stable, but in a house when he was a toddler, according to Biblical scholars.

The reason we celebrate Christmas is because of Jesus' birth, unpretentious as it

Bible says. He took the punishment for everyone's sins so that, through faith in Him, people can live eternally in Heaven.

That sometimes gets lost in our modernday celebration of Christmas, with its frenzy and excess. Maybe the religious aspects aren't your cup of tea. Perhaps, to you, Christmas is more about family, about spending time with your loved ones, certainly a wonderful con-

People celebrate the holidays for a variety of reasons they need only understand

Jesus was God's gift to humankind, the themselves. Some ring bells for the Salvation Army, others feed the homeless at shelters, still others donate toys to the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign.

And there are those who simply want to go it alone, to wrap themselves in the warmth of their loved ones and celebrate in their own

style, in their own way, for their own reasons. Whatever your beliefs, whatever your reasons, whatever your manner of celebrating the season, we have but one wish for you:

Have a merry, safe and happy Christmas, and a joyous holiday season.

Don't become a drinking and driving holiday statistic, be smart, safe

It's the holiday season. Spirits are high, celebrations have started and travel is on the rise. Unfortunately, this time of year drunken driving is also on the rise.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, each year, nationally, more than 1,000 people typically die between Thanksgiving and New Year's in drunken driving crashes.

Drunken driving is defined as the

crime of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. A person does not have to be completely intoxicated to be arrested; the level of alcohol in a driver's body must simply be enough to prevent him from thinking clearly or driving safely. State laws specify the levels of blood-alcohol content at which a person is presumed to be under the influence.

Michigan has experienced a fairly steady decline in the number of drunken driving deaths and in the percentage of traffic fatalities that are alcohol-related. The highest number of alcohol-related deaths occurred in 1984, with 897, while the lowest number was reported in 2008, with 331. The percentage of traffic fatalities that were alcohol-related peaked in 1982 at 63

percent and dropped to 28 percent

The statistics are also promising. Not only has the trend gone down over the decades, it dropped steadily last year. That means that a lot of efforts — stricter enforcement, better education, perhaps even better roads — apparently have had a positive effect.

But our numbers will be even

better if we continue to reduce the number of drunken drivers on the road. It is imperative to identify and concentrate on those efforts that work.

This holiday season, we urge you to not drink and drive. If you do drink, have a designated driver. Every step you take is one more step toward safer roads and less lives lost to drunken drivers.



"All I want for Christmas is ...?"

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in Plymouth after the arrival of Santa Claus on Nov. 27.



Abbie Berner



"A pony. And a crayon-maker.' Cecilia McMahon Howell



"Wow! Wow! Wubbzy! game." Liam Roddy Livonia



"Scooter!" Logan Berner South Lyon



"A skateboard. And a scooter. A Teddy Bear." Sarah Martinchick Farmington



"My two front teeth. .. Presents." **Connor McMahon**

Howell



"A Bakugan game. Roller skates."

Andrew Hull Canton Township



"Bakugan and video games. A lot of 'em."

Rishi Chandran Livonia



"I want a gumball machine. And a (Nintendo) DSI."

Skyler Peppo Northville



"A Teddy Bear. And **Dora (the Explorer)** too." Katie Martinchick Farminaton



"A Legos. Imaginext. And ... books. Wii games." Jimmy Fitzgerald

Grosse Pointe



"Diego. And a dinosaur kit." **Adam Andrews** Plymouth



"A caterpillar Webkinz." Mary Oliva Andrews Plymouth



"A RipStik (skateboard)." **Brooklyn Peppo** Northville



"DS games and I want Wii games and I want Hot Wheels **Color Shifters** Garage." Shiva Chandran Livonia



"A safe trip, and a merry and prosperous holiday season for all." Santa Claus



"A dog, fish, and Nintendo games, I quess."

Kirsten Hull Canton Township



"A Dora (the **Explorer) toy. A toy** car. A big dinosaur." **Nicholas Hull** Canton Township



"Well, ah, toys." Alexander Hull Canton Township



"A real dog, a Nerf gun, DS (video) games. ... What else?" **Gregory Sigler** Canton Township

WrapItApp offers high-tech inspiration

t's Christmas Eve and if you're like me, you've got a lot of gift wrapping to do after the kids go to bed. Some people put off wrapping because they feel like they don't know how. I thought I was pretty good at it until I served as a "celebrity gift wrapper" at Lisa's Gift Wrappers in Royal Oak.

My job was to help pretty up packages for customers, and in turn the store would make



Wensdy Von Buskirk

a donation to the charity of my choice. It turned out

I mostly stood aside, watching in awe as Lisa Gleeson and her staff worked their magic with scissors and

double sided tape. I never realized there was such an art to wrapping presents.

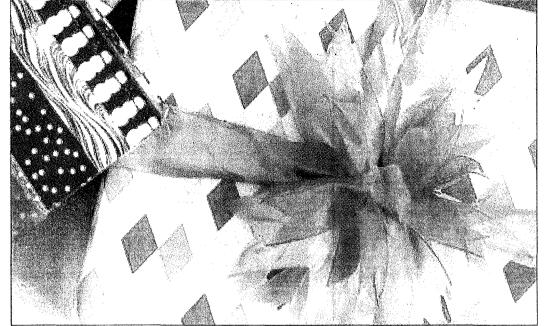
As customers dropped off gifts of all shapes and sizes, staffers started by finding the perfect box. Then, they selected just the right paper and measured the exact amount needed so there was virtually no waste — important when you're working with expensive materials.

As they wrapped, they carefully creased corners and folded edges so not a single seam or piece of tape showed when they were done.

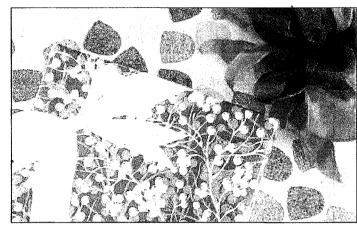
For the final touch they applied elaborate ribbons and bows with carefully shaped flourishes and clipped edges. The result was packages so perfect they seemed truly a shame to open.

Not everyone has the luxury of getting private gift wrapping lessons like I did that day. And unfortunately, many people can't afford to pay for professional gift wrapping, especially this year. But Lisa has done something innovative to share her trade secrets—she's released an iPhone app that offers step-by-step wrapping instructions.

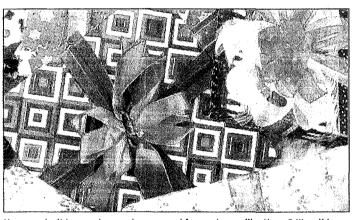
WrapItApp (\$1.99 in the iTunes App store) was cre-



An elaborate bow and carefully-creased paper result in a perfectly wrapped package.



A packaged wrapped the right way becomes as exciting as its contents.



How much ribbon and wrap do you need for packages like these? WrapitApp can help you figure the precise amount.

ated by Vectorform of Royal Oak, and converts an iPhone or iPod Touch into a measuring device so users can find

the right size box for every gift, and calculate the precise amount of materials needed to wrap it. It also offers instruction in how to tie one- and three-loop bows.

Okay, maybe it's too late to download such a high-tech application and master highend wrapping techniques in time for Christmas. I must confess even though I still remember some of Lisa's lessons I won't be using many of them as I wrap tonight.

At this point patchwork newsprint, wrinkled secondhand gift bags and Tootsie Roll-style twisted ends are fine ... anything to get those presents under the tree before I collapse from exhaustion.

My kids won't notice crooked tape or mismatched prints as they rip through the paper on Christmas morning anyway.

But there's something to be said for taking the time to wrap a gift in a truly special way. If it's done right, the package becomes just as much fun as what's inside it. Happy holidays!

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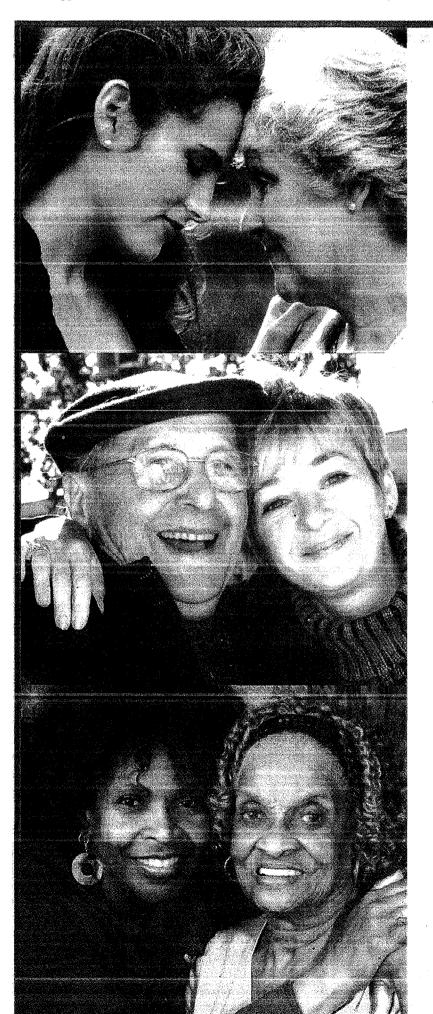
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Rocket Roundball Classic

North stars

Vinales, Hogans stop Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

North Farmington's 1-2 punch of Kyle Vinales and Robert Hogans proved too much Monday afternoon for Plymouth's varsity boys basketball team.

Vinales, a 6-1 senior guard who is headed to Grand Valley State next year, poured in 16 first-half points and Hogans picked up where he left off after the break.

Hogans scored all 14 of the Raiders' third-quarter points to spark North's 55-44 victory in the opener of the second annual Rocket Roundball Classic at Westland John

"Nobody else hurt us at all," Wildcats head coach Mike Soukup said. "We knew that going in and we keyed on them."

But Vinales and Hogans still got open and knocked down their shots, finishing with 20 and 25 points, respectively.

"He (Vinales) was carrying the whole load in the first half," Hogans said. "So I had to step it up. I knew I had to step it up.'

Scoring 19 points and pulling down 10 rebounds was Plymouth junior power forward Brennen Beyer, who battled and even bled a little for his team after taking an elbow to the face.

"He's just Mr. Dependable in there," Soukup said. "He's our 'steady Eddie' and he just gives us everything he's got. He took quite a shot to the mouth (in the fourth), but testament to his character, he got and senior guard Tommy right back in the ballgame."

ONE OR THE OTHER

Plymouth (2-2) took an early 8-6 lead, but fell behind for good when Vinales and Hogans canned back-to-back triples in the final minute of the first quarter, giving the Raiders (4-1) a 12-8 advan-

North then outscored the Wildcats 17-7 in the second, building a comfortable 29-17 halftime edge.

Vinales had a lot to do with that surge, scoring seven points in the second - highlighted by a trey from beyond the top of the arc.

Beyer tried to keep Plymouth in the game, registering eight of the team's 17 first-half points.

Hogans got it going right off the bat in the third, with a jumper and three-ball, giving the Raiders a 36-17 edge.

Giving Plymouth a bit of a spark was senior Aaron Thompson with a pair of treys, both from the left corner, shaving the deficit to

But right on cue, Hogans drained a triple and then hit two foul shots, restoring a 41-23 lead with about three minutes left in the quarter. He finished his 14-point quarter with a putback.

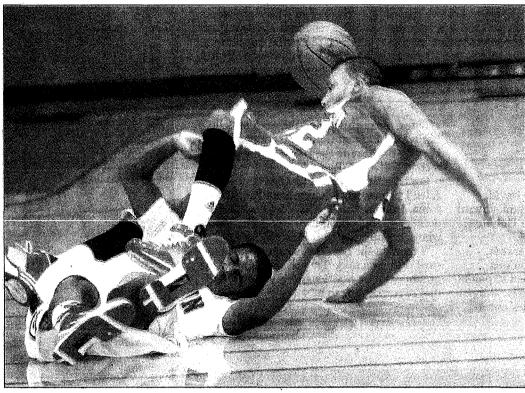
"Kyle didn't force too much, he didn't try to score, where last year he really had to score a lot for us," Raiders head coach Tom Negoshian said. "When they pay a lot of attention to Kyle, then (Hogans) gets a lot of open looks, and that's what happened tonight.

"We've got to get one more kid going here and we'll be a pretty decent team."

Vinales led North with seven assists, while Hogans Doyle each grabbed five rebounds.

For the Wildcats.

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John Glenn's Marquise Graves (left) and an Willow Run's Jamaar Bonner go hard after a loose ball in Monday's

Rockets crash in Classic

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For host Westland John Glenn, the second annual Rocket Roundball Classic never got off the launching pad Monday night.

It was the Willow Run Flyers who blasted off, soaring to a convincing 74-53 win.

It was only close for a quarter with Glenn trailing by just two, 19-17. The two teams combined for seven 3-pointers over the first period.

Willow Run then came out with straight man-to-man pressure to disarm the Rockets' backcourt, igniting a 19-4 run which put the Flyers ahead 38-21 at halftime.

Glenn never got closer than 12 the rest of the way.

"We turned it over about 25 times - we must have had 10to-12 in the second quarter, said Glenn coach Dan Young, whose team slipped to 1-3 overall. "And offensively they outrebounded us. We just could not game, led the Flyers with a get into a flow offensively.'

Willow Run, which led by as many as 27 points during the final quarter, improved to 4-1 overall.

The Flyers' relentless work on the boards and tenacity on the defensive end took flight at the start of the second period.

"I told them to play Willow Run basketball," Flyers coach George Woods said. "When you play aggressively and attack - that's Willow Run basketball.

"I told them to believe in each other and make the extra pass. We have no person who is dominant and we're not very big, so it's about sharing the ball. The numbers showed tonight we had two double-doubles (points-rebounds) and we had another score in double figures who also shot the ball well.

Junior guard Maurice Jordan, who came into the game averaging 28 points per game-high 20. He also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Senior Jamaar Bonner contributed 16 points, while Devantaye Hinton, another senior, added 15 points and 14 rebounds. Senior Reno Boyd pulled down 10 boards.

Glenn was 20-of-47 from the floor (42.5 percent) and did not have a player score in double figures.

Junior Brett Hudy had a team-high eight points, while Jeremy Langford and Marquise Graves each added six.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Young said. "It's a good group of kids. Defensively we played so well and played so hard (last Thursday) against Northville. We held them to 32 points. But tonight for whatever reason, we did not defend very well

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GC alumni hoops

The annual Garden City alumni basketball games . are slated for Monday, Dec. 28, at Garden City High School, located on the east side of Middlebelt between Warren-Ford roads.

"They can just show up, we'll be glad to have them,' veteran Cougars head coach Greg Williamson said.

Tipping things off in the GCHS gym at 6 p.m., all of the GC alums from the 1960s-'80s will face the current junior varsity. Following the opener will be the 2009-10 varsity cagers against any players who competed for Williamson since he started coaching at Garden City in 1991.

The games are a way for the program's tradition to stay alive. Anybody interested in taking part should contact Williamson at (734) 679-l548.

MU women fall

After getting to within five points with just over five minutes to go, the Madonna University women's basketball team went cold from the floor Saturday as host and No. 11-ranked Cedarville (Ohio) University closed the game on an 18-3 run to earn the 81-61 win inside the Callan Athletic

Junior guard Katie Mount led Madonna with 16 points on 6-of-15 shooting from the floor, including a 3-for-6 day from behind the arc. Freshman Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added 13 points, canning a trio of triples of her own.

Junior Tabatha Wydryck led MU, now 4-5 overall. with 10 boards to go along with seven points.

Aubrey Siemon led all players with 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Yellow Jackets, who improved to 9-3 overall. Lydia Miller

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Hawks hold off Eagles

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pete Mantyla might not have been enjoying his return to high school coaching too much during the second half Monday.

Mantyla's Farmington Hills Harrison boys basketball team let a 39-20 lead over Redford Thurston disappear during a wild and wacky matchup at the Westland John Glenn-hosted Rocket Roundball Classic. But after the Eagles could

not seal the deal down the stretch or in overtime, Harrison squeaked out a 71-66 non-conference victory. "I can never remember

giving up a 19-point lead in 21 years of coaching," said Mantyla, who recently stepped in to take over the Hawks after a four-year coaching hiatus. "It's a humbling feeling. We were really struggling and they were really playing well.

"But I thought our kids hung in there and didn't panic." According to Thurston head

coach Brian Bates, as gratifying as it was to watch his team rally, there were too many missed opportunities when the time came to finish off the Hawks.

"We have to learn how to close out," Bates said. "We were in a good situation. We were doing a nice job holding the ball at the end of regulation.

Then we missed a couple free throws. That's the way it goes. We gave ourselves a chance to win the ballgame."

After a listless first half in which Harrison built a 29-20 lead, the Eagles (2-3) gave the Hawks fits with full-court man-to-man pressure beginning the third quarter.

That pressure contributed to a total of 27 Harrison turnovers, a big reason why the Eagles were able to chip away and finally take a 57-55 lead on a high-glasser by senior point guard Nick Bell with 80 sec-

onds remaining. Thurston subsequently got

the ball back, still in front, and whittled a minute or so off the clock.

Bell cut through the lane to try to clinch the win with a layup and was fouled on the attempt - but missed both of his foul shots.

A bucket by junior guard Carlos Eubanks sent the game to overtime, tied at 57-57.

WORKING EXTRA

Harrison's Jalin Kelly (20 points, nine rebound, four assists) and Thurston's Michael Berrien (21 points) connected on treys during the first minute of the extra period and the teams continued to ping-pong the lead back and forth.

A triple from the right flank by Anthony Barley (12 points, five boards) put Thurston back in front, 65-62, with two minutes left. That's when the Hawks

decided to take back what they

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Raymond Hall of Farmington Hills Harrison (right) works against Redford Thurston's Anthony Barley during Monday's Roundball Classic.

Spartans slam Rocks

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They didn't just play a hockey game Saturday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

There also was a 51-minute reminder to Salem's

PREP HOCKEY

varsity icers — delivered by visiting Livonia Stevenson - about what it takes to be a team that can make a serious championship bid.

The Spartans skated hard and worked even harder, steamrolling the Rocks for a 6-1 KLAA victory. Stevenson improved to 6-1-1 entering the holiday break while Salem fell to 3-3-2.

"You don't play around here in the KLAA and not face teams like Stevenson," said disappointed

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RU girls cagers stop C'ville, 36-33

Sophomore Kim D'Arcangelo nailed a pair of three-pointers in the decisive fourth quarter Monday night to propel the Redford Union girls basketball team to a 36-33 triumph over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

D'Arcangelo finished with a game-high 17 points, while fellow sophomore Kayla Griffin added nine. Senior Nakia McKinney pulled down a game-high 21 rebounds.

"This is huge because we wanted to get that first one

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thought they had lost.

A steal and layup by senior guard David

Evans (19 points) and three-ball by junior guard

Ray Hall — sandwiched around one Thurston

The Hawks never looked back after that.

Also in double figures for Thurston was

was one of the catalysts for the Eagles' come-

senior guard Phil Morgan, who tallied 13 points

along with 15 rebounds and four steals. Morgan

free throw — put Harrison up 67-66.

back, with constant pressure.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

under our belt," said RU coach Scott Bennett, whose team is 1-4 overall. "They (Clarenceville) played us tough."

Clarenceville led 14-13 at halftime and trailed by only one after three quarters, 22-21. D'Arcangelo's two triples

then gave RU a nine-point cushion in the final period.

"I thought overall our girls played well," said Clarenceville was 3-of-11.

first-year coach Brady Gustafson, whose team is 1-6 overall. "They (RU) came out with a zone halfway through the third quarter and we couldn't make a shot.'

Jenna Burgess led the Trojans with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Brittany Tallman added 10 points, five rebounds and two steals. Ashley Devon chipped in with eight points, five rebounds and two steals.

Clarenceville was 6-of-14 from the foul line, while RU

Bates, meanwhile, cited the work of Bell,

Barley and Lamont Gladney (seven points) for

keeping the heat on the Hawks throughout the

Contributing 11 points for the Hawks was

seven. Helping the Harrison cause with six

Jalen Upshaw, while junior Evan Patton scored

points was sophomore forward Devin Funchess, who came up from JV to start the game.

"I thought the guys really kept their compo-

sure," Mantyla said. "I'm just trying to lay the

groundwork for how I want things done and

second half and OT.

they're responding to it."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Powering through the paint Monday is Plymouth's Brennen Beyer (No. 42). Trying to ward him off are North Farmington's Dillon Close and Kyle Vinales (No. 4).

Thompson finished with eight points. Contributing seven was junior Pat Salo, while junior Mike Nadratowski scored six. Soukup said the Raiders just forced too many costly turnovers thanks to highoctane defensive pressure.

"You can't get behind by double digits to a team like that, especially with very good guards," Soukup said. It just takes too much to come back.

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added 18 points, while Rachel Hurly and Kara Cayton tallied 13 and 11, respectively.

Langham debuts

Former Schoolcraft College NJCAA Division II All-American Tayler Langham (Salem) made her NCAA Division I debut Saturday, scoring nine points and grabbing seven rebounds for the University of Detroit Mercy in its home 65-51 women's basketball loss to Michigan.

The Wolverines improved to 9-2 overall, while the Titans fall to 1-8.

Holiday hoops camp

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

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

Mossoian signs

Livonia Stevenson senior Drew Mossoian, a secondteam All-Observer selection in boys golf, has signed an NCAA Division II letter-of-intent to play next fall at Rockhurst (Mo.) University.

Mossoian, who plans to major in either accounting or finance, was seventh at the Division 1 district and 12th at the regional for the Spartans. He averaged 39 for nine and 80 for 18 holes.

Rockhurst is coached by Carl Capra and is a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

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Tuesday, Dec. 29 (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. 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

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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. (Country Day Roundball Classic) N. Farmington vs. Det. Pershing, 3:10 p.m.

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Madonna at Wayne State, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 Mercyhurst (Pa.) at Madonna, 3 p.m Monday, Dec. 28 Erie Otters vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena 2 n.m.

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The Farmington Falcons celebrate after defeating Rochester 6-3 on Saturday night.

Falcons rally for 6-3 win

Six unanswered goals Saturday spurred the Farmington Falcons to a 6-3 victory over the Rochester United in an Oakland Activities

Association varsity boys hockey game. Rochester bolted to a 3-0 lead in the first, outshooting the Falcons 19-6 in the process.

But senior Mitch Hall's shorthanded goal at 1:10 of the second sparked the Falcons. Following up with a tally at 8:27 was junior Nick Elliott (from Austin Cole) and Hall scored again, this time on the power play, to knot the contest entering the third. Drawing assists on the equalizer were Tim Pattison and Ethan

At 9:34 of the final stanza, senior defenseman Matt Gutknetch ripped a shot past Rochester netminder Kevin Long (assisted by Alex Schmidt and Erick Chamberlain) to put Farmington up 4-3.

Tacking on insurance goals were Errik Scott and Zach Massa (an empty netter).

Making 33 saves to pick up the victory for the Falcons (6-3-1, 4-1-1) was junior goalie Tim

Rochester dropped to 3-5-0, 3-2-0 with the

Late goals ice Patriots

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard broke a 2-all tie with three goals in the final 9:44 of the third period to beat visiting Livonia Franklin, 5-2, in a non-league boys hockey game Saturday night at the University of Michigan's Yost

to be the game-winner as the Fighting Irish improved to 5-2-1 overall.

The loss drops Franklin to 0-6 overall. Tyler Staub contributed an unassisted short-handed insurance goal with 3:45

remaining, while Matt Kolevar scored an empty-netter with only 11 seconds left.

Goals by Staub and Quinn in the first period staked Gabriel Richard to a 2-1 advantage. Tyler Dewhirst scored on a power-play off an assist from Kevin Webb for the Patriots

to make it 1-1 at 12:22 of the first. And with

Patriot goaltender Travis Ferrier made 28 saves, while Gabriel Richard's Colin

Matt Quinn's goal at the 5:16 mark proved 10:23 left in the third period, Jerome Schlaff's unassisted goal tied it up for Franklin at 2-all.

McMahon stopped 16-of-18 shots.

Pats runner-up in 11-team mat invite

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was close throughout the day, but Northville prevailed in Saturday's 11-team Livonia Franklin Invitational wrestling tournament over the host Patriots.

The Mustangs, getting four individual titles, edged Franklin for first place in the final point tally, 256-249.5.

Allen Park was third with 203. Northville was led by Upper Weights MVP Nick Mudar, who pinned Dearborn Edsel Ford's Tim Bloom for the 171pound crown in 1:57.

Other winners for the Mustangs included Jon Nelson (152), Bobby Lahiff (189) and Steve Widzinski (215).

"We had some good performances, but we definitely didn't wrestle well enough to win," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Northville is a very good team, especially in the upper weights. We were leaving too many points on the mat – losing matches we were leading in and winning on points instead of getting pins. A point here-and-there doesn't seem like much, but if every wrestler scores one more point, our side looks improved so that adds up.'

Gabe Martinez led the way for Franklin with a first place at 119. Taking seconds for the Patriots were Paul Hanni (130), Jordan McGuire (140), Matt Roos (160) and Nick Simmons (215).

"We actually had an upset at 135 where my JV kid beat my varsity kid - that didn't help," Chiola said. "I'm actually glad we took second. I wouldn't want my team to think we can wrestle like that and win a tournament.'

Franklin third places, went to Dan Martinez (112), Steve Tuyo (125) and Josh Hatfield (135).

"Coming off of Wednesday night where I thought we wrestled the best we had all year (70-3 over Dearborn and 52-15 against. Crestwood), I thought we might carry it over," said Chiola, whose team is 4-5 in dual meets. "But we did not look as sharp. Now we have a break until we compete again (Dec. 30 at Trenton) so we can work on some things. League matches start after

the holidays and everyone on

there won't be any let-up.' Allen Park's 125-pounder James Cusin, who decisioned Lutheran Westland's Laith Francis in the finals, 14-9, was named Lower Weghts MVP.

Lutheran Westland, ninth in the team standings with 71 points, got a 130 pounds from Justin Palka, who edged Hanni in the finals, 2-1.

Earlier in the day, Palka recorded his 100th career win as did Garden City's Devin Ashley, who captured the 135-pound crown by pinning Dearborn's Ali Saad in 5:03.

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it was good to see them light the light like that. Now we have three lines who can roll, really strong.

The Plymouth hockey machine is rolling in high gear, with Saturday's 7-2 pounding of Walled Lake Western at Compuware Arena plenty of

proof. But now, head coach Paul Fassbinder and his players must deal with the holidayinduced two-week layoff.

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"They need a break," Fassbinder said following the KLAA crossover victory, which improved Plymouth's record to 8-2-1. "We have three days (of practice) but it's optional.

"We're going to bring some guys out who are going to try out for the team next year, scrimmage and have some fun."

It won't be long after the holiday break that the machine will need to rev up again, with a big rivalry game set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, against Salem at Compuware.

The long hiatus between games won't take away the strong game the Wildcats played against Western (1-7-1), with a hat trick and two assists by junior forward Ryan Brown keying the rout.

The line of Brown, senior forward Ryan Renault (three assists) and freshman forward Nick Schultz (two goals, one assist) posed problems all day for Warriors senior goalie Trevor Whitehead. Plymouth outshot Western 44-27.

"Our top two scorers are on that line and Schultz is just starting to get moving for a

freshman," Fassbinder said. "So

What can Brown do for you?

Plymouth forward scores hat trick, paces 7-2 rout

Making 25 saves and picking up the victory was senior goalie Zach Vojcek, who stoned junior forward Cooper Nye on a penalty shot attempt in the second period.

Nye came up the middle and cut wide to his right before ripping a low shot. But Vojcek stayed with the forward and extended his left pad for a nifty

"He didn't get challenged much earlier in the game," the coach said. "But as the game went on and they got more momentum he played strong. And that (penalty shot) was a nice big save there for him."

Also scoring for Plymouth were sophomore forward John Deal and senior forward Cody Hunt. Scoring both Western goals was senior forward Chad Schram.

Plymouth opened the barrage with 9:41 to go in the first, as Brown took a centering pass from junior forward Tyler Sanders and snapped a shot into the cage.

Just over three minutes later, senior D-man Evan Swieczkowski fed a pass to Deal in the Warriors' end. Deal skated below the hash marks in front of Whitehead before roofing a backhander on the glove

It was 3-0 before the frame ended. A slapper from the left point by freshman defenseman

Cam Nadell was deflected past

Whitehead by Hunt. A rebound goal by Schram on a Western power play made it 3-1 just 5:34 into the second period.

But it only took 11 seconds for the Wildcats to answer. Brown moved in and scored five-hole (from Renault).

Schram scored again with 7:59 left, but a power play tally by Schultz (from Renault and Brown) restored the three-goal lead a few minutes later.

Just 61 seconds before the end of the stanza, it was a 6-2 spread. Brown's hard drive from the left circle was stopped, but Whitehead could not control the rebound.

Schultz zoomed into the crease and poked the loose puck into the net.

The lone marker of a penaltyfilled third period was scored at 4:50 by Brown, giving him his hat trick.

Brown's sharp-angle shot from the left of the Western net eluded Whitehead, who was pulled in favor of senior Bennie Iaquinta at that point.

One scary moment for the Wildcats came about six minutes into the third when Schram lost an edge and crashed into

Vojcek at the side of his net. Vojcek apparently hit his helmet on the ice and was slow to get up. But he got to his feet and finished the game with no ill effects from the collision.

"I don't think he's hurt, he's a tough kid," Fassbinder said.

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head coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "They're in our pre-region for state finals and if want to do anything more than we did last year, this is the type of team we have to learn how to compete with and beat. It's a good measuring stick for us.'

According to Stevenson head coach David Mitchell, the Spartans "got some pucks to the net and we got some bounces and tips. When you're able to get pucks to the net like that good things usually hap-

pen." Ossenmacher said he geared his team up during practices for a very strong opponent. But then the Spartans came out firing from the opening faceoff against beleaguered Salem senior netminder Steven

Manser. "For us to come out and compete in a game like this, we have to play extremely well," Ossenmacher said. "If you can't match their intensity or their effort then it's going to

be a long night." That prediction became apparent early on.

"We carried the play for about the first 15 seconds and then after that they brought it down into our zone and we couldn't get it out," Ossenmacher said. "And it was kind of a precursor to what the rest of that period and the second period was going to look like.'

Stevenson outworked and outshot the Rocks 13-4 in the first period, going up 3-0 on goals by forwards Tim Pruchnik (two goals), Matt Fox and Steve Sudek (one goal, one assist). The goals by Fox and Sudek came 20 seconds apart late in the frame.

EXPANDING THE LEAD

Then at 8:05 of the second stanza, a long shot by senior forward Trevor Baruzzini was tipped in front past Manser by Pruchnik to make it 4-0.

The Spartans, who outshot Salem 42-19 for the night, added another goal with 26 seconds left in the stanza when junior forward Andrew Palushaj (playing his first game of the year after recovering from a broken collarbone) banged home a rebound.

At 5:31 of the third it was 6-0, after senior forward Doug Perchall jabbed the puck in from the left post against Salem senior goalie Eric Fiorentino — who came in to begin the period and made 11 stops. Salem finally beat senior

Stevenson netminder Danny Sager at 9:32 on a power play tally by senior forward Mario Macari. Setting up Macari with a cross-crease pass was junior defenseman Michael Playing the final 3:30 in net

for Stevenson was freshman Mike Kanitra, who stopped both shots he saw.

Mitchell said it was a good time to give Sager a respite and a "well-deserved round of applause. He's been phenomenal all year for us.

Meanwhile, some of Salem's younger guys gave Ossenmacher something positive going into the two-week hiatus (the Rocks next face Plymouth on Jan. 5).

"I thought a lot of our younger guys were some of the better players," he said. "I thought Mark McGee and Austin Sartorious played pretty well.

"Both of them are sophomores and this was their first experience in a game like this."

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Dec. 19 at Franklin TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 256 points;

2. Livonia franklin, 249.5; 3. Allen Park, 203; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 171; 5. Lapeer West, 161; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 143.5; 7. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 114; 8. Dearborn, 93; 9. Lutheran High Westland, 71; 10. (tie) Gibraltar Carlson and Garden City, 68 each. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: Joey Golani (DHC) won by technical fall over Dean Somers (Lapeer); **3rd**place: lan Stirton (N'ville) won by tech. fall over Brandon Washington (Carlson); 5th place: Jake Polenciewicz (AP) won by major decision over Seja Al-Hussien (DHC), 11-0. 112: Mo Rahl (DHC) dec. Dakota Carie

(Lapeer), 2-1; **3rd:** Dan Martinez (LF) won by major dec. over Bobby Webb, 12-4; **5th:** Alex Goldfarb (AAP) dec. Adam Nichols (Lapeer), 7-4 119: Gabe Martinez (LF) dec. Dillan Wheeler (Carlson), 8-3; 3rd: Hamid Al Khallil (DHC) pinned Johnn Carbonaro (AP), 2;54; **5th:** Keegan Pape

(AAP) dec. Alex Hoffman (N'ville), 8-5. 125: James Cusin (AP) dec. Laith Francis (Luth. Westland), 14-9; 3rd: Steve Tuyo (LF) 11-3; 5th: Jaafer Mokalled (Dbn.) dec. Ali Ayace

130: Justin Palka (Luth, Westland) dec. Paul Hanni (LF), 2-1; **3rd:** Dom Lamusco (DHC) dec. George McClymont (N'ville), 9-3; **5th:** Alex McEvoy (Lapeer) won by major dec. over Jeff Getchell (Carlson), 12-1,

135: Devin Ashley (Garden City) p. Ali Saad

(Dbn.), 5:03; **3rd:** Kevin Lerner (N'ville) dec. Ryan Derry (LF), 10-6; **5th:** Van Spinney (Lapeer) won by injury default over Avery Opperman (LF). **140**: Tom Brosnahan (AAP) p. Jordan McGuire (LF), 3:44; **3rd:** Harry Eicholtz (N'ville) won by tech. fall over Brad Furgerson (AP), 21-6; **5th:** Joey Polocoser (DHC) won by injury default over

145: Will Jackson (AAP) dec. Josh Wright (N'ville), 5-4; 3rd: Josh Hatfield (LF) p. Jeff Abdullah (DEF), 2:02; **5th:** Josh Crespo (Garder City) p. Eric Blakenship (Dbn.), 4:52. 152: Jon Nelson (N'ville) p. Trent Wolf (AP), 1:41; 3rd: Reuben Gavera (DHC) dec. Griffin Ritter

Jake Myloski (Carlson).

(Carlson), 7-4; **5th:** C.J. Melton (Lapeer) p. Frank Plonka (DEF), 4:34. 160: Dino Berri (Dbn.) dec. Matt Roos (LF). 5-1; 3rd: Kyle Bannister (Lapeer) p. Raed Murad

(DHC), 0:26; **5th:** Frank Diaz-Pezua (AAP) dec. Anthony Long (AP), 8-5. 171: Nick Mudar (N'ville) p. Tim Bloom (DEF) 1:57: 3rd: Mike Gaggin (AP) p. Nate Labonte (Carlson), 0:56; 5th: Alex O'Connor (LF) dec. Ahmad

189: Bobby Lahiff (N'ville) dec. Tyler Hill (AP), 13-12; 3rd: Craig Kowalsky (Luth. Westland) dec. Zach Leuenberger (LF), 4-3; **5th:** Justin Umin (N'ville) dec. Jack Stearns (AAP), 10-0.

215: Steve Widzinski (N'ville) p. Nick Simmons (LF), 3:09; 3rd: Lucas Luchonok (DEF) p. Tom Koleski (AP), 0:18; 5th: Yousseff El-Sayed (DHC) p.

285: Chris Biggs (AAP) dec. Rupert Miller (AP). 5-1; 3rd: Aaron Secrest (Lapeer) p. Brian Graham (DEF), 3:55; 5th: Omar Haymour (LF) p. Zak Brock







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God's work: Monthly food pantry draws volunteers, recipients

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

It's the Saturday before Christmas at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Superior Township, and reminders of the season are everywhere - from decorated Christmas trees to the Santa caps worn by members as they sort canned foods and tend crockpots while listening to holiday music.

This last monthly food pantry of the year is a joyful event that's tempered by the sobering hard luck stories some visitors share over bowls of homemade soup after they receive their allotment of free take-home groceries.

But it's that "relational element" between volunteers and guests that creates a blessing for both, according to Ellie Schupra, church director of outreach programs and a Canton resident.

"People come in and we get to hear their stories and we get to know them. It's not just handling out food to numbers of people. It's about the people themselves and that's important to us," Schupra explains.

These people need to be treated with dignity and respect and often when they go to a pantry of some sort that's not always the case. We need to walk alongside people. I think that's one of the biggest take-aways for (volunteers) folks here."

"You always think you are going to help people but you come out of it the other way around," agrees Janet Drummond, who volunteers with her husband, Tom. "We are far more blessed just talking to these people and being able to pray with them."

"It really changes your focus because you tend to be so focused on yourself, Tom adds. "Here, you start to think about what you can do for others and that's a good thing. All of a sudden you realize, 'Wow, I'm being changed as a result of this.

The Drummonds of Canton are so touched by the people they meet at the monthly outreach, that they've asked their own children to make a donation to the program rather than buy them Christmas presents this year.

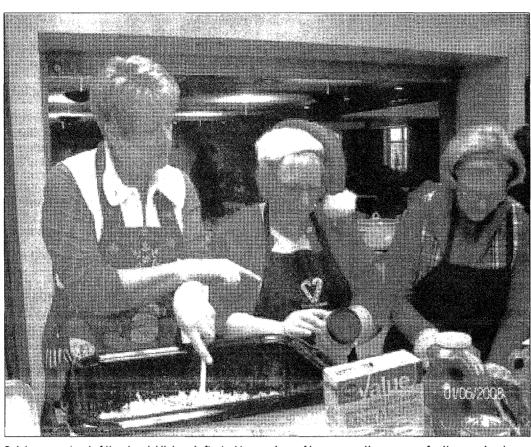
GLEANERS PARTNER

The program offers both a food distribution and a soup luncheon monthly for 350 families from Western Wayne County and Ypsilanti. The church buys 30,000 pounds of food for about \$650 from Gleaners food bank, which volunteers unbox, sort and then bag on the morning of the pantry distribution. Nothing is stored at church from month to month.

Recipients register a few days before the outreach and choose a pick-up time for the "drive through" distribution. On pantry day drivers remain behind the wheel as volunteers quickly fill their car trucks with bags of food. On



Volunteers serve guests at the restaurant-style soup luncheon at Trinity Presbyterian Church.



Deb Lampson, head of the church kitchen, is flanked by members of her crew as they prepare for the soup luncheon.

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VOLUNTEER TOM DRUMMOND

the final distribution day of 2009, guests received bags of canned vegetables and fruit, cake mixes, cereal and other boxed foods, peanut butter, bread, meats and more.

The distribution crew and greeters invite visitors into the church for a soup lunch.

Deb Lampson of Plymouth and her crew of kitchen volunteers serve about a dozen different homemade soups that volunteers make either at home or in the church kitchen

on food pantry morning. Platefuls of homemade cookies round out the hot soup, bread and beverage lunch.

SOUP IN SUMMER

When I started this soup idea last January, we thought winter won't be a problem, but what about summer? But soup is so economical and it's easy to make," Lampson says. "We have a lot of regulars and we have soups that are their favorites. One is a Sauerkraut

Kielbasa soup.

Lampson and her husband, Jim, have been members of the church since 2000 and look forward to volunteering every month.

"I love doing this. What's what we should be doing is serving others. There are so many people going through hard times today, it feels good to be able to do this," she says.

Bill Miller and his wife, Deb, were on the original planning committee two years ago with Schupra. They brainstormed for about a year on food distribution ideas and were on the verge of trying a mobile pantry, when they decided to work with Gleaners.

Their first food giveaway in November 2008 was held in a store parking lot at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road because the committee figured the church was located too far from most Western Wayne county communities.

'We had people coming from all over the place," Miller recalls the first outreach event. "We said, if they're going to come from that far, why don't we just have it at church?"

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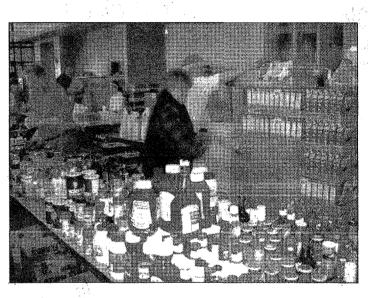
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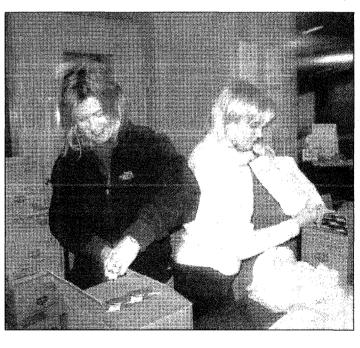
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Food bags await distribution.



Volunteers unpack boxes of food from Gleaners.



Gleaners food bank delivers boxes of food, canned goods and pantry staples that must be sorted and bagged.

The monthly event has been held at the church on Ann Arbor Road west of Napier ever since.

Everyone has a chance to sit with a family and ask if there's a need we can pray

with them about," Janet Drummond notes.

"But this is not about what we're doing," her husband is quick to add. "God has chosen Trinity to do this."

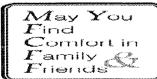


ELIZABETH C. BANKS

Age 77 of Carleton formerly of Westland passed away on December 18, 2009. She had been employed for sixteen years by the Wayne Westland Community Schools as a Bus Driver. www.merklefuneralservice.com

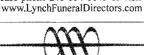
JUDY C. BARTLEY

Age 66, December 20, 2009. Beloved wife of Goebel for 50 years. Loving mother of Joey and Cindy. Dearest grandmother of Danny, Sister of Donna, Proud member of First Baptist of Livonia. Visitation was Tuesday, 5-9pm at the Harry J. Will*Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Service was Wednesday, in state at 10am until the time of service at 11am at First Baptist Church of Livonia, 17725 Inkster Rd., Livonia, 48152. Interment Parkview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.



CARMELENA "CARMIE" STAUP

Age 86, and a former resident of Livonia passed away on Dec. 21, 2009. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Mike) Mauck of Brighton: sons, Bob (Sarah) Staup of Royal Oak, Randy (Sandy) Staup of TN; grandchildren, Crystal (Christopher) Blair, Scott (Kerri) Staup, Kelly (Mike) Cannon, Jeff (Laura) Mauck, Eric (Krista) Mauck; ten great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was preceded in death by brother, Russell Guarniere. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 10:30AM, with Deacon Jim Gendron Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Tuesday 3-9PM. Rosary Tuesday 7PM. Memorials may be



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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)

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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-

Newburg United Methodist Church Time/Date: Call in orders from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 4-5, 2010

Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

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

St. Robert Bellarmine

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

Location: 27201 W. Chicago Road, corner of Inkster Road, Redford **Details:** Monthly Bethany Suburban West Singles dance; dance lessons

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.

Contact: Joan at (248) 478-1084 JAN. 14-20, 2010

Sponsored by Widowed Friends

St. Thomas a' Becket 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

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

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

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7.a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

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

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

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., 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: Angle 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

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Hello, 2010

Welcome the New Year with dinner, parties, laughter

Looking for a belly-laugh, a family party or a New Year's gala complete with champagne? There are plenty of ways to bid the old year goodbye and welcome 2010. Here's a sampling:

GO TO CHURCH

And party with parishioners at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Dinner will include a gourmet burger bar, jumbo hot dogs, chicken, potato and pasta salads, meatballs, nachos, cheese and crackers, and a chocolate fountain with hot dogs and mac & cheese for the kids. The open bar will include wine, vodka, rum, whiskey, mixers and a midnight champagne toast. The fun runs from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and includes a live DJ. Tickets are \$25 per person. Childcare is available but guests must preregister. Call the parish office for ticket information at (734) 981-1333.

ATTEND A GALA

Livonia's Laurel Manor has held the tradition of hosting à grand New Year's Eve party for more than 20 years. This year will be no exception. The party will run from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 31, and include hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, dinner featuring filet mignon and chicken or a vegetarian entree, dessert table and an afterglow featuring pizza after

midnight. Rare Blend will provide the live entertainment. Tickets are \$85 per person, 21 and over only, call (734)

462-0770. Laurel Manor is at

39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia,

visit www.laurelmanor.com.

CELEBRATE ON WHEELS

BonaVenture skating center, 24505 Halsted, Farmington Hills promises its New Year's Eve Celebrations will be the "best parties of the year." Early roller skating runs from 1-4 p.m. and is designed for younger skaters who usually miss out on late-night festivities. Admission is \$6 and includes party favors and a prize-filled balloon drop at 3 p.m. The late skate — all ages welcome — runs from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and costs \$15 per person. It includes regular skate rental, pizza, pop, favors,

games, prizes and a midnight balloon drop. For more information call (248) 476-2200.

LAUGH 'TIL MIDNIGHT

Comedians Keith Ruff. Sal Demilio and headliner Kevin Meaney, will help you laugh your way to midnight at "Putting on the Glitz" an Evening of Comedy & Celebration, sponsored by Kickers All-Star Grill and The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 9:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy strolling appetizers, entrees & desserts, party favors, live entertainment, dancing and a champagne toast at midnight. The dinner package costs \$65 per person. Show only tickets are \$30. For ticket information call (734) 261-0555. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

is a 400-seat facility located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

ROLL A STRIKE FOR 2010

The buffet starts at 8 p.m., Dec. 31, followed by bowling practice at 9 p.m., and games at 9:30 p.m., at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland. After midnight, bowlers will enjoy pizza. First place bowler is guaranteed \$200. Sign up and place a deposit in person at the bowling center. For more information call (734) 722-7570.

LOCK 'EM IN

This kids-only event will include a midnight balloon drop, noise-makers, dancing, sports, movies, board and card games, food and music, all at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Avenue, Canton. Aimed at ages 8-13, the New Year's Eve Lock-in runs from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. and costs \$75 per child for HVS members and \$90 for non-members. Kids will enjoy a 10 p.m. buffet dinner, 2 a.m. snack, midnight countdown, and more. Those who want to sleep in the sports center's quiet room, should bring a sleeping bag. For more information call (734) 487-

WINGS OR PISTONS?

Cheer on the Detroit Pistons as they battle the Chicago Bulls at 3 p.m., Dec. 31, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 6 Championship Drive. (248) 377-0100. Tickets are \$10, \$25, \$35, \$40, \$55 and \$65. Visit www.nba.com/pistons. Or watch the Detroit Red Wings take on the Colorado Avalanche at 7 p.m. Dec. 31, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. For tickets visit redwings.nhl.

DINNER & SHOW

The Gem Theatre is offering a complete New Year's Eve dinner and show package with A Forbidden Broadway Christmas. The all-inclusive package with tickets to the show is \$120 per person and includes dinner served from 2-8 p.m., at the Gem Theatre's adjoining Century Grille. New Year's Eve performances of A Forbidden Broadway Christmas are at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. The show includes spoofs of Broadway's greatest shows and performers. For the holidays, the company adds spoofs of celebrities and holiday favorites such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Barbra Streisand, and more, all singing popular holiday numbers with Forbidden Broadway's comedic twists. Show tickets only are \$45. Dinner packages without show tickets are available for \$75. Call the Gem Theatre box office

CELEBRATE JAN. 1

at (313) 963-9800.

Take it easy on Dec. 31 and reserve your energy for the first day of the year. If you're a motorcycle fan head to Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi. See hundreds of bikes from noon to 9 p.m., on New Year's Day. Tickets are \$13.50 for adults and \$6 for children, 6-11. The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy, Westland, holds its 2nd Annual Smokin Token Film Festival showcasing 15 Michigan short films on Jan. 1. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (734) 513-5030 for more information. No cover cost.

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See dinosaurs interact at Cobo Arena show

Dinosaurs will roam the earth in a theatrical arena show, "Walking with Dinosaurs - The Arena Spectacular," based on the award-winning BBC Television Series, Dec. 29-Jan. 3, 2010, at Cobo Arena in

Detroit. The show depicts the dinosaurs' evolution, complete with the climatic and tectonic changes that took place, which led to the demise of many species. With almost cinematic realism, "Walking with Dinosaurs" has scenes of the interactions between dinosaurs, and the audience sees how carnivorous dinosaurs evolved to walk on two legs, and how the herbivores fended off their more agile predators.

Catch "Walking with Dinosaurs - The Arena Spectacular" at 7 p.m. Dec. 29-30 Jan. 1-2, 2010; 3 p.m., Jan. 1-2, 2010; 11 a.m. Jan. 2 and 1 p.m., Jan. 3.

Tickets start at \$19.50. Call (313) 471-

Oratorio Society rehearsal set

The Plymouth Oratorio 24th season with its first rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 in First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, a quarter mile west of Sheldon, in Plymouth.

Benedicite by R. V. Williams, Nanie by Brahms and Mass in D by Dvorak. will be performed on May 2, 2010. 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/

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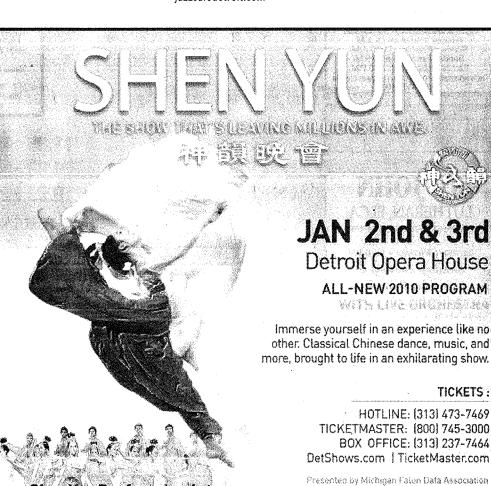
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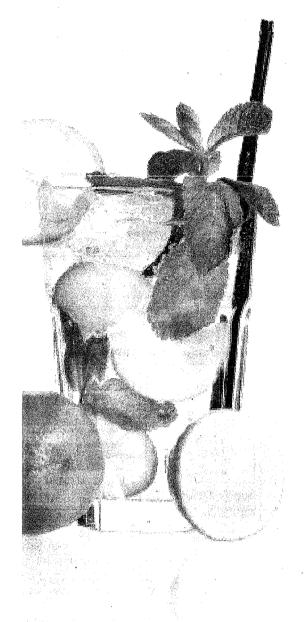
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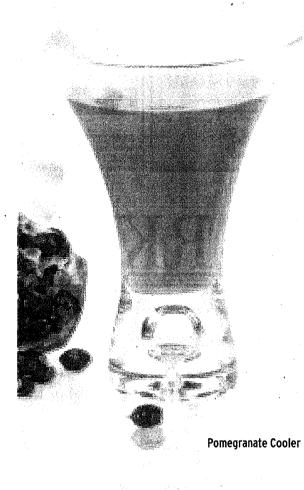
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Celebrate the holidays with 'Great Pretenders' nonalcoholic drinks







Almond Joy Smoothie

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Ginger Ale

Fresh limes

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Fresh mint sprigs

the second glass.

4 ounces orange sherbet

2 ounces pineapple juice

1 ounce coconut cream

For the first time, AAA's popular "Great Pretenders Party Guide" is available as a digital publication at

www.AAA.com/Pretenders. The guide includes tips on how to reduce drinking and driving deaths and injuries, as well as advice on helping party hosts monitor alcohol consumption among guests. AAA-Diamond rated hotels and restaurants across Michigan and other states contributed recipes for nonalcoholic drinks appropriate for year-round festivities. Recipe cards, which include a nonalcoholic drink and promote the digital guide, are being distributed free at AAA branches in

Michigan and seven other Midwest states. Here's a sampling of Great Pretenders recipes:

MACKINAC MOCK-HITO

For two drinks, cut one lime into eight wedges. Place

two lime wedges into a sturdy glass with 2-3 sprigs of

mint and 1 tablespoon of brown sugar. Muddle until all

the sugar is absorbed into lime juice. Add half a glass of

ice and ginger ale. Stir it so the muddled fruit and spice

is mixed, then top off with the ginger ale. Garnish with

DEAMSICLE

Submitted by The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn

sprigs of mint, two lime wedges and serve. Repeat for

Submitted by the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

with a pineapple chunk and a cherry.

POMEGRANATE COOLER

Blend all ingredients with a half glass of ice. Garnish

Submitted by Saltwater Restaurant at The MGM Grand

1 ounce POM

¾ ounce fresh lime juice ¼ ounce simple syrup

2 ounce Barritt's Ginger Beer (or ginger ale)

1 ounce Fever-Tree Tonic Water (or tonic water)

Build all ingredients over ice in cocktail shaker. Lightly stir. Roll into highball or Collins glass. Garnish with lime twist.

GRAPEFRUIT-MELON COCKTAIL

Submitted by The 1913 Room in Grand Rapids 3 ounces watermelon juice

2 ounces grapefruit juice

1 ounce fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon honey

1 dash Tabasco sauce

Combine all ingredients in ice-filled shaker and shake well for 10 seconds. Strain into martini glass and garnish with watermelon cube

ALMOND JOY SMOOTHIE

Submitted by Basies at Ramada Plaza & Suites, Fargo, N.D.

1 cup coconut milk

1½ cup chocolate sorbet

2 bananas, frozen and sliced 1 teaspoon coconut extract

¾ teaspoon almond extract

Blend coconut milk and sorbet. Add extracts and garnish with sliced bananas.

LAZY SUMMER

Submitted by Ameristar Casino Council Bluffs, Iowa

4 ounces fresh lemonade 4 ounces cranberry juice

½ ounces Rose's lime juice

In a 12-ounce glass, fill to the top with ice. Add all ingredients, mix and garnish with an orange slice.

BUBBLE TEA

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1 cup large tapioca pearls 1 cup milk

1 cup instant Chai tea

2 cup ice

3 Tablespoons honey

Fill a saucepan half with water, bring to boil. Add tapioca pearls, and return to boil. Stir, cover, then simmer over medium heat for 45 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 30 minutes, then rinse and drain. Pearls should be squishy and black. Stir 2 tablespoons honey into the pearls so they are coated. Place the milk, remaining honey, tea mix, and ice into blender. Cover and blend to your desired slushiness. Pour mixture into two large glasses. Spoon half the tapioca pearls into each glass. Serve with wide straws.

TENDERBERRY

Submitted by International Hotel, Rochester Minn.

6 strawberries 3½ ounces thick cream

1 ounces grenadine

3½ ounces ginger ale

1 scoop crushed ice

Mix all the ingredients into a blender until smooth. Pour into a glass and decorate.

Schoolcraft offers program in culinary technology

Schoolcraft College is offering a program to give professional chefs a leg-up in the restaurant and hospitality industries.

The Innovative Culinary Technology Certificate program is a threecourse curriculum with an optional internship. The three courses are geared to progress a student quickly through the program while focusing on equipment and topics like; combination ovens, rapid cook ovens, impingement, induction, holding, blast chilling/freezing, Sous Vide, "green" use of energy, kitchen design for various business channels, quality control, food cost savings and more.

With the technological advances in commercial kitchens moving swiftly into the future, staying current is vital for cooks and professional chefs as the demand for accelerated cooking methods are increasing in commercial

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An open house Monday, Jan. 11 will give Interested candidates a chance to tour the facilities and meet instructors who will answer questions and give an overview of the program. The open house will be held in the Culinary Arts Demonstration Lab in the VisTaTech Center on the main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads.

Registration for the winter semester is underway. Class sizes are limited. For more information, contact the Continuing Education and Professional Development Department at (734) 462-4448 or visit http://www.schoolcraft. edu/cepd/culinarytechnology or e-mail CEPD@ schoolcraft.edu.

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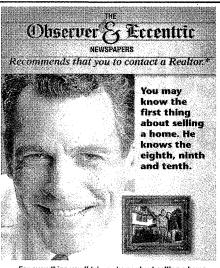
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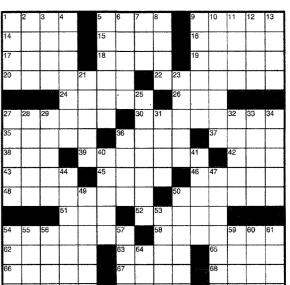
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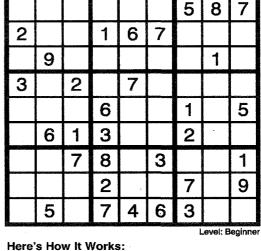
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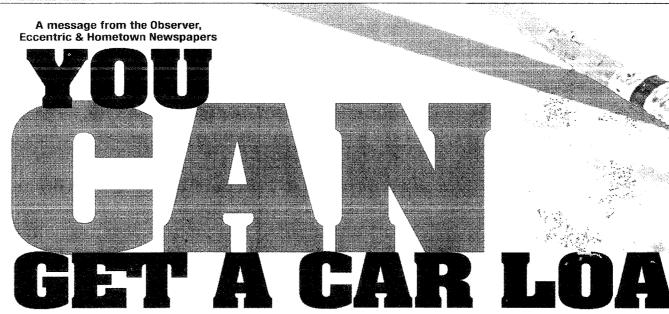


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For Fiat SpA, there's lots to do as it tries to rescue Chrysler from the ash heap of automotive history. And already, the Italians are making sense with some of their rehab work, such as clearing the way to bring Fiat's small cars to the Chrysler lineup in the U.S.

But on another front, it isn't so clear that Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne is going down the right path: He has split Dodge into Ram truck and car sub-brands with the idea of establishing Ram, essentially sans Dodge, as Chrysler's truck marque.

Case in point: The new 2010 Dodge Ram 2500/3500 Heavy Duty pickups were just named by the editors of Motor Trend as the magazine's "2010 Truck of the Year."

"To have our all-new 2010 Ram Heavy Duty named Truck of the Year by the editors of Motor Trend really defines how great this new Ram Heavy Duty pickup is," said Fred Diaz, President and Chief Executive Officer - Ram Truck Brand, Chrysler Group LLC.

"The Motor Trend Truck of the Year Award is like a standing ovation for the Chrysler Group designers, engineers and planners who developed this incredible Ram Heavy Duty Truck."

Arguably, the award also is a standing ovation in part for the capabilities of the Dodge brand that has been associated with Ram for decades. And therein lies the dilemma.

Fiat's logic for the separation between the Ram line and everything else Dodge makes sense: that the Dodge brand per se means little to car buyers. "It's not such a terrible idea to take the Dodge truck and try to brand it as an entity because it really doesn't fit the car business," Gary Dilts, senior vice president of J.D. Power & Associates and former head of sales for Chrysler, told the Detroit News. "A Dodge Ram truck is in a totally different

hemisphere than a Dodge Caliber." And even as pickup-truck sales in the U.S. market remain in the tank, Chrysler has ambitious plans to expand this Ram truck franchise into commercial vans as well and to boost global Ram sales from 280,000 today to 415,000 in 2014, mostly in North America.

So far, so good. But beyond growth plans that may be a bit far-fetched given the global economic slump these days, the more dubious aspect of this strategy is for Fiat to diminish the Dodge part of its Ram truck brand.

Among other things, Chrysler already



this Power Wagon will be deemphasizing Dodge connection.



Fred Diaz, head of the Ram brand, holds the Motor Trend award.

has launched radio advertising that introduces the notion of a Ram brand, with a sort-of-awkward "I Am Ram" theme. But "Dodge" doesn't show up in new Ram advertising. And Fiat also plans to take "Dodge" off a new Ram's head logo that will debut on trucks in about six months.

What's the point? It's one thing to take "Dodge" off cars, where it hasn't done much good since the original Dodge Charger and Dodge Challenger in the Sixties.

But it's quite another thing to presume that the "Dodge" part of the company's pick-up truck franchise means absolutely nothing to American consumers. Truck buyers to a great extent identify with "Dodge," or "Ram" wouldn't have gotten where it already is.

Put another way: Would "F-150" pack as much punch without "Ford" or "Silverado" without "Chevy"?

In the meantime, the Dodge Ram heavy-duty models brought home the bacon in the Motor Trend Truck of the Year competition. Contenders are evaluated using six criteria, which includes design advancement,

engineering excellence, intended function, efficiency, safety and value. To be eligible, a vehicle must have been substantially changed from the previous model.

"The 2010 Ram Heavy Duty absolutely nailed the award in terms of our criteria, from the attractive exterior styling, to the plush and quiet cabins, to the tough and capable powertrains, especially the impressive Cummins diesel, which meets 50-state emissions standards without needing expensive after-treatment technology," said Angus MacKenzie, Editor-in-Chief, Motor Trend. "It delivers the capability heavy duty truck users demand, with style and refinement they perhaps did not expect."

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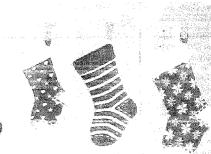
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