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### Clothing drive

The Plymouth Democratic Club conducts a clothing drive to benefit the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools clothing bank.

Officials say heavy demand has left the clothing bank "critically low on the basics, such as socks and undergarments, especially children's and women's sizes."

The clothing drive takes place 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Volunteers will be collecting new children's, women's and men's socks and undergarments. Other new or gently used clothing will also be accepted.

### School board post

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education has an opening for one four-year term starting July 1, 2010, and expiring June 30, 2014.

The election of the member of the school board will be conducted in a regular school election Tuesday, May 4, 2010. The filing deadline for the vacant position is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Filing for the school board position can be done through the office of the City Clerk of Westland or the City Clerk of Wayne.

### Lunch time

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts the chamber luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Guest speaker will be Detroit Tigers play-by-play announcer Mario Impemba. Reservations are required.

Tickets are \$20 for pre-registered members, \$25 for member walk-ins, and \$30 for non-members. The lunch is sponsored by Schoolcraft College and Telcom Credit Union.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

## Rules aimed at cleaning up foreclosed homes

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Banks and other owners of foreclosed homes in Canton will be notified by letter in early February of a new, local ordinance forcing them to register the properties, receive inspections and fix any exterior problems cited by the township.

Property owners will have a 30-day window to register foreclosed properties, pay a \$110 inspection fee and start repairing dilapidated swimming pools, tattered fences, damaged roofs and other problems that pose safety hazards and lead to neighborhood blight.

"Those are the kinds of things we really want to address in this ordinance," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

The new rules pertaining to vacant properties comes after the Canton Township Board of Trustees, in a sweeping decision, voted 7-0 Tuesday to approve the ordinance on a second reading and make it effective starting Jan. 21.

Officials have said Canton has an estimated 1,075 homes in some state of foreclosure, or about 3 percent of the township's 35,000 homes. The first wave of letters will be sent only to the owners of about 400 houses that already are vacant.

Property owners will not face interior home inspections, although they still are expected to document any significant issues.

Owners who refuse to register foreclosed homes or make necessary repairs could potentially find themselves in court. Moreover, the township would move to fix the houses and pass on the costs to the legal owners.

Township Trustee Todd Caccamo said he believes the ordinance is needed to keep neighborhoods safe and to help protect property values as much as possible amid a sour economy.

"I think it's a good thing," he said. "With the unprecedented times we're facing, we have a number of these foreclosed homes. We have a responsibility to influence the safety and security of residents and neighborhoods. I believe the spirit behind this ordinance is safety and security."

Caccamo also said deteriorating

conditions can threaten the safety of residents and detract from the marketability of homes.

"I believe the overall spirit of the ordinance is to make sure we're doing our best to prevent the unsightly appearance of economic blight," he said.

Anytime a house becomes vacant, the property owner will have 30 days to register it with the township, pay a \$110 annual fee and fix any problems.

Faas said he believes the new rules will make a tangible difference in neighborhoods plagued by foreclosed homes.

"It really should," he said. "I think it's going to work out good."

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## Record reading: Library shatters mark for checkouts

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Shattering a single-year record, Canton Public Library patrons checked out more than 2 million materials in 2009 as they trimmed personal spending and increasingly turned to the township's information hub for books, movies, video games and music CDs, officials said.

Patrons collectively borrowed 2,015,000 items from Michigan's busiest one-branch library — a facility at 1200 S. Canton Center that routinely packs in people and often has a full parking lot.

"I think people are looking for ways to stretch their dollars," library Director Eva Davis said.

The record one-year circulation figures marked a 12-percent increase over 2008, after spiking 11 percent from 2007.

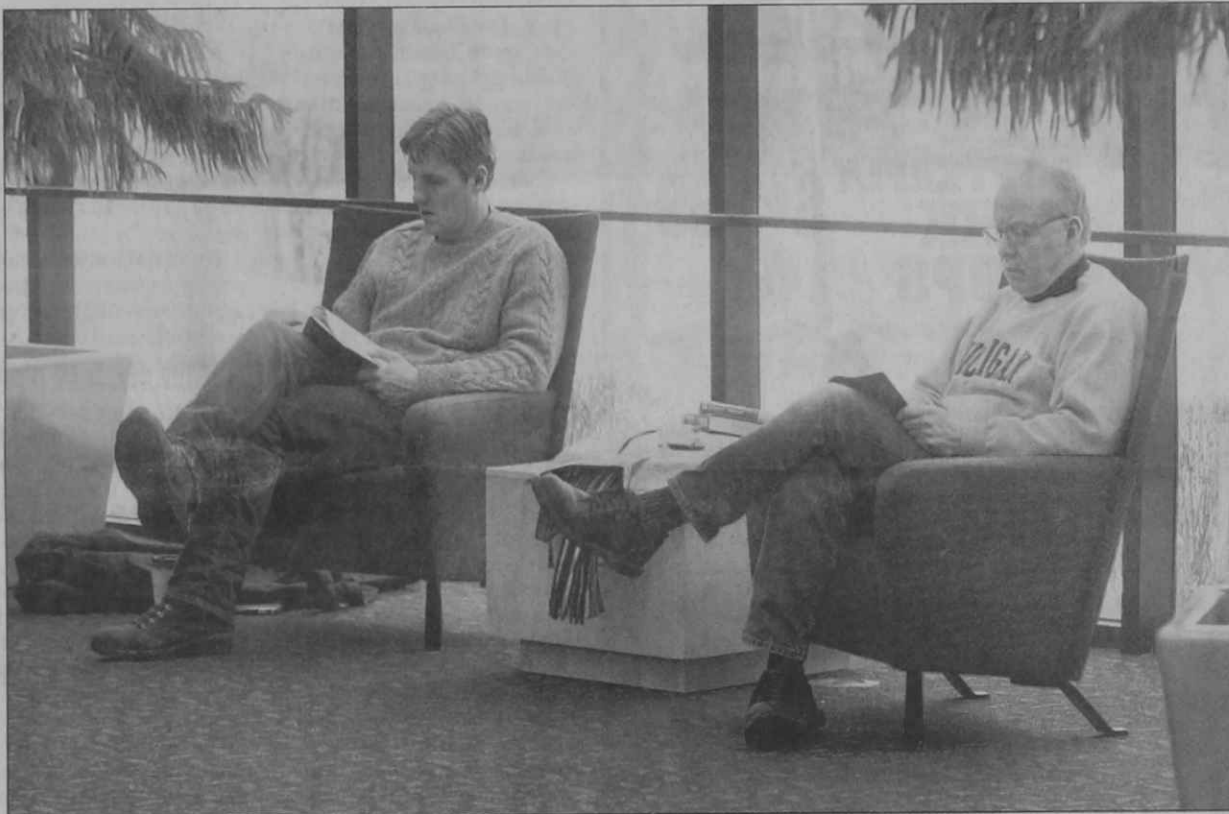
Laurie Golden, the library's recreation and communications manager, said more parents have tightened their purse strings and started checking out materials they once would have bought.

"A video game can cost \$50 or more, and then kids get tired of it," Golden said.

Parents are even checking out puppets they can use to supplement storybooks they take home to read with their children.

Moreover, Davis said patrons who are unemployed or who are earning less money than they once did have turned to the library not only for movies and other entertainment materials — they're also coming in to use public computers to search for jobs.

When the economic



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John Sheposh and Craig Squire are regulars at the library. Sheposh stops by at least once a month, Squire visits weekly.

recession hits home, officials said, many people have been forced to rethink spending money for cable television and Internet services. Rather than pay for premium channels at home, they can check out popular television series such as *Dexter* and *The Tudors* from the library.

Others bring in their laptop computers and take advantage of the library's free wireless connection.

Amid record usage and budget cuts, however, the library has struggled to maintain its level of service with 17 full-time and 105 part-time employees, and

decisions have been made not to replace workers who leave. That, officials said, has often led to longer lines that can frustrate patrons.

Davis said the vast majority of Canton's approximately 86,000 residents have library cards. What's more, the latest circulation figures break down to an average of 23 items checked out last year by each resident.

It's an impressive number that, if trends continue, will continue to grow. Eva said library employees have pledged that, within their own budget constraints, they will strive to provide the best level of services they can.



A fireplace warms patrons inside the popular Canton Public Library.

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## Plymouth lawyer files for House seat

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With state Rep. Marc Corriveau's decision to seek the 7th Senate seat this fall rather than seek re-election to his 20th District House seat, Kurt Heise sees a void in the state government.

And Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican, thinks he's the man to fill it.

Heise, whose only other try for political office was a run at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education a couple of years ago,

Heise is the only candidate to file so far, according to the Wayne County Elections Office. Candidates have until 4 p.m. May 11 to file. Candidates seeking to file with no party affiliation must do so by July 15.



Kurt Heise lost his job as head of the Wayne County Department of Environment, then surfaced at a Plymouth law firm.

"Michigan is in a state of crisis," Heise said. "Decisions being made in Lansing are harming families. We're going to be electing a new team. I think I have the experience to be an effective

### THE HEISE FILE

- **Who:** Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township
- **What:** Seeks seat in state House, 20th District
- **Where:** District represents the cities and townships of Northville, plus a small portion of Canton
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in political science, U-M; Master of Laws in labor law, Wayne State; Juris Doctor, Wayne State
- **Family:** Wife Catherine; daughters Katie, 12, and Claire, 11
- **For more:** Visit his Web site, [www.heise4us.com](http://www.heise4us.com)

member of that team and help turn Michigan around."

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### Charity 'Whodunit'

United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency located in Canton, is hosts their fourth annual charity event Friday, Jan. 29 at Genitti's-Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville from 6:30-10 p.m.

The evening begins with a seven-course family style Italian dinner followed by the audience participation whodunit *Mystic Madness*. Reservations are \$50 and can be purchased by contacting (734) 981-8820. Sponsorships are also available.

Proceeds from this event go toward United's Patient

Support Fund, which is used to provide home care for patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. This fund is also used to provide emergency medications, food, clothing, medical equipment, and transportation for patients in need. With Michigan's struggling economy, these needs are greater than ever.

### Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their seventh annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 13. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in

Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit [www.pcmb.net/artcraft](http://www.pcmb.net/artcraft) to download an application and submit, with photos as soon as possible. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 105 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. The most recent PCMB Art & Craft Ensemble had over 2,000 visitors.

"The Arts & Craft Ensemble has grown to be a high quality, well-attended event where only hand-made items are sold," said John Noss, president of the 2010 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our recent Holiday event had record-breaking attendance of over 2000 people, so we know the community is accepting of this show."

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 13. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

### Blood drive

Canton Township hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 at the Canton Administration Building, Lower Level, meeting room B. Appointments are available in 15-minute increments.

Contact John Spencer at (734) 394-5246 or [jspencer@canton-mi.org](mailto:jspencer@canton-mi.org) to make an appointment.

### Pioneer Peace Project

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be showcasing the photographs of Pioneer Middle School students now through Feb. 24 in the Gallery@VT. This powerful exhibit is part of "The Pioneer Peace Project," a service learning initiative connecting students with each other and to their world.

As part of yearlong service learning project, eighth graders from Pioneer Middle School were challenged to explore the concept of peace from behind the lens. The photographs were taken when the students traveled to New York City this past April in collaboration with Todd Parr, professional artist and author of "The Peace Book," to spread a message of peace. While in the Big Apple, each student documented their experiences as a part of Behind the Lens III—a photojournalism project displaying photographs, poetry, reflections and art.

These dynamic black and white photographs illustrate the ideals of peace and the importance of the arts while contributing to part of "The



### Length of 'Rope'

Barefoot Productions presents the thriller, 'Rope,' by Patrick Hamilton, featuring Nathan Corliss (left) of Livonia as Brandon and Ken Karges of Plymouth as Rupert Cadell. The production runs Feb. 12-28. For more information, visit Barefoot's Web site at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call (734) 560-1493. All performances are held at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main Street in Plymouth. Ticket rates are \$12 for general admission; \$10 for students/seniors. Group rates are also available.

Great Conversation," an exchange of ideas that has evolved over thousands of years and continues to examine who we are and what our purpose is.

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. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information call (734) 394-5300 or visit [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org).

### All Saints open house

All Saints Catholic School, located in Canton on Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads, hosts an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year.

For further information please contact (734) 459-2490, [www.allsaintscs.com](http://www.allsaintscs.com), or [asc9@hotmail.com](mailto:asc9@hotmail.com)

### Murder mystery dinner

The Roaring Twenties come to life at a "Funeral for a Gangster," a hilarious murder mystery dinner theater presented Feb. 13 and March 13 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The intimate setting of The Biltmore Studio has been transformed into Ruby's Coffee House where the hi-jinks unfold and where delicious food will be served.

"The show is set in the Roaring Twenties, and takes place at Ruby's Coffee House, a speakeasy run by Ruby Marzetti, one of three children of the slain gangster Vito the Gut Marzetti," said director Mike Cuba. "Ruby, her brothers Frankie Marbles and Joey the Lump, along with their new stepmother Lena, are trying to figure out who fingered Vito, and where he hid the key to his wealth."

Audience members will serve as mourners at the wake of mob boss Vito "The Gut" Marzetti, who was served a bullet buffet while dining in a

Chinese restaurant. Evidence unfurls as the wake commences, and it's up to the audience to solve the mystery.

The show includes dinner, music, puzzles and prizes for best costumes (optional, but fun!) and the best solution to the mystery. Local actors complete the 1920's ambience of Ruby's Coffee House: Rebecca Biber is the piano player Bella Ciao; Lisa Brawley is the Club Hostess; Kimberly Elliot is Lena Marzetti, the grieving, scheming widow; Rick Holland is Joey "the Lump" Marzetti, the rum-runner and enforcer of the family; Mike Martin is Frankie "Marbles" Marzetti, con artist and master of many parts; Maureen Paraventi is Ruby "Finger" Marzetti, former pickpocket and current owner of Ruby's Place, the speakeasy where the wake is being held; and David Zolotarchuk is Special Agent Farmer, of the FBI.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30, and the show at starts at 7 p.m.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in the Biltmore Studio, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets, which are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater), are \$45 each. Call Mike Cuba at (734) 812-0102 for more details.

### Usher training

Folks looking to volunteer in 2010 can consider the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which needs volunteer support for ongoing programs and special events.

Canton Leisure Services will be holding an usher training session noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 10 at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. This training session is mandatory for all adult volunteers interested in ushering at this popular performing arts center.

Volunteer support is crucial to The Village Theater's operations and is a great way to meet new people and show support for the arts by

greeting patrons, taking tickets, handling out programs, giving tours, helping with hospitality/concessions and numerous other opportunities. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age with the ability to deal with the public in a tactful and courteous manner and be able to stand for periods of time.

To register for the training session or for more information on volunteering, call (734) 394-5191.

### Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning Feb. 8.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church, located on 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit New Hope's Web site [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

### Radio club show

The Michigan Antique Radio Club (MARC) will sponsor a show and sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 in the Costick Activity Center, 28600 West Eleven Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills.

This is the "Road Show" for collectible radios where MARC members offer free appraisals as well as sources for the repair and restoration of vintage radios. Attendees will have the opportunity to view and purchase antique radio sets and radio related items of all types (including parts).

Admission is \$5 for adults (those 14 and older). Children under 14 are admitted free.

The show is hosted by MARC member Robert Murrell of Berkley.

### Suicide loss support group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month beginning Jan. 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group.

For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

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# Former state rep, township trustee enter race for open Senate seat

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau isn't going to have the state 7th Senate District race all to himself, with two other candidates having filed the \$100 fee to get their names on the ballot for the Wayne County elections division.

Former state Rep. Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, who served the 23rd House District (which encompasses the southern end of the 7th Senate District) from 2003-08, and former Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh have filed candidacies.

However, one potential candidate — Plymouth attorney John Stewart — has decided not to run. Stewart, a Democrat, served in the state 20th House district for three terms before Corriveau.

"I'm a team player and a realist," Stewart said Friday. "My wife, Beth,



Law

and I have consistently said if (Corriveau) was going to run, we weren't going to run."

Stewart, who served in the House as a Republican before changing parties shortly after leaving office, acknowledged he has been contacted about a potential run for the Wayne County Commission. Republican Laura Cox is the incumbent commissioner whose district includes Plymouth.

Law said she's getting back into the political game because she wants to see Michigan reinvigorate its manufacturing base. The Gibraltar Democrat said the state "needs to develop real jobs."

"Down here in southeast Michigan, the needs of this particular region are slightly different than in agricultural

or rural areas," Law said. "I want to bring policies forward that have been proven in other states, in other countries. I don't want Michigan to be last."

Law is concerned that if jobs keep leaving the state, so will the workers. She points to her own son, who she said is trying to remain with his family in the state.

"My son is attempting to maintain a Michigan presence; my grandchildren live in this state," Law said. "It is imperative that this grandmother stand up and fight."

Having grown up in the area, Law hopes to use her name recognition as a positive influence in the state Senate race.

"Just like everyone else, you're known in your own hometown," Law said. "My whole family is pretty well known down here. These folks have gotten used to voting for me."

But Law, who said she has spent the time since leaving the House working policy issues, using her some 22 years of research experience in the renewable energy area, knows she'll have to build that same name recognition in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area.

"I'm going to have to start getting in front of groups of like-minded people," she said. "I have to make some sort of name presence up there. I'm familiar with Northville because of the Corn Maze, and I've always liked the ice festivals and I shop at IKEA in Canton."

"Getting older is a drag, but it also means you have experience, you have history," she added. "I do have a challenge, and that's getting some name recognition and helping folks understand what I want to do."

Munfakh has name recognition at the Plymouth-Canton end of the dis-

trict, having served on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. He also owns Munfakh & Associates LLC., which provides engineering management and consulting services to various villages, townships and cities, according to the firm's Web site.

Munfakh, according to the site, was the principal in charge and principal manager of the wastewater transportation system for the Western Townships Utilities Authority, which consists of the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville in western Wayne County. The project took five years to complete and, at the time it was built, was the largest environmental enhancement of its kind in Michigan.

Munfakh did not return phone calls seeking comment.

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## HEISE

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Heise believes that experience comes from a variety of career choices he's made in both the legal and municipal fields. He is currently an attorney with the Plymouth firm Hemming, Bennett, Polaczyk, Cronin, Smith & Witoff, PC. Before that, he was director of the Wayne County Department of Environment. He also spent six years as executive assistant to the mayor of Dearborn Heights.

Heise believes contacts he's made throughout his career will help him should he be elected.

"Because of working in municipal government, I've established ties with people in all six communities" represented in the district, Heise said. "I know the issues, and I know what the needs are in the district. I've got a track record in local government and in Lansing to make a difference."

Heise said he helped write the 2005 Watershed Alliance Act and co-chaired the Michigan Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council.

"I've had a great deal of interaction with the players in Lansing," Heise said. "I think that makes me uniquely qualified, as well."

Heise said he sees three major issues facing the state:

- Jobs. "We have to create new ones, and retain the ones we have."

- Taxes. "We have to hold the line."

- Education. As a father of one middle school student and one elementary school student, Heise said education is near-and-dear to his heart. He pointed out that not only does Plymouth-Canton have its own funding issues, Northville is a 20J district and Wayne-Westland is losing six schools.

"People move to western Wayne County for a good education," Heise said. "The big problem with the way schools are funded is an over-dependence on the sales tax. We need to make education funding a priority. We have to take a look at the state's tax structure. Everyone agrees reform is needed."

He said he'd be willing to look at a system that allows school districts, with a vote of the people, to levy a limited millage for school operations. Districts who pool their resources might find it an easier sell, Heise said.

"If school districts can show voters they're getting value for the money, they'd be in favor of it," he said. "I think the voters should decide, not the people in Lansing."

Heise offered opinions on other issues:

- The state budget. He said there are always areas that can be cut or consolidated, pointing at legacy costs, the number of employees and the Department of Corrections as problem areas. He's in favor of the state doing a two-year budget, which he thinks would allow the state to make necessary changes.

"Michigan has to come to grips with the fact it's a smaller state than we were 10 years ago," he said. "During that time we make the reforms everyone is talking about but no one wants to tackle. It's going to be up to a new crop of legislators and a new governor. It's not going to be easy, and it's not going to be fun."

- Going global. Heise supports Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's "aerotropolis" concept and thinks the state needs to look overseas for help.

"We need to have the guts to talk to other countries in Asia," he said. "Gov. Granholm hasn't done anything to attract businesses from Asia."

- Court reform. Heise thinks the state needs to "look at consolidating" the court system. District courts, he said, are based on populations from a decade ago. While he thinks the caseload at the 35th District Court in Plymouth still warrants three judges, he believes need change.

"These are the sort of structural reforms people have been putting off for too long," Heise said. "There are places where it might be appropriate for the state to intervene."

Heise said he'll tell voters he thinks his level of experience makes him the right guy for the job.

"We need someone who will do a competent job representing our district," he said. "There are a lot of tough decisions to be made over the next couple of years."

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## Teenager arraigned in connection with thefts

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton teen accused of multiple thefts from vehicles has been released from custody as he awaits a Jan. 22 preliminary hearing to determine if he will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Michael Ryan England, 19, was released on a \$10,000 personal bond after he was arraigned Wednesday on criminal charges stemming from a string of thefts that occurred Dec. 14-19 across the township, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

England could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if he is convicted of four counts of breaking and entering a vehicle causing damage and four counts of larceny from a motor vehicle.

Canton police had alerted local businesses to be on the lookout for stolen property, and Schreiner said the Play It Again Sports store on Ford Road



England

notified authorities Jan. 10 after a suspect brought in items such as a stolen snowboard and boots.

Police also found stolen stereo equipment inside England's house in Canton, Schreiner said.

After receiving the tip from Play It Again Sports, township police conducted a follow-up investigation that led to England's arrest and the recovery of stolen property.

England appeared before 35th District Magistrate Eric Colthurst on Wednesday for an arraignment on the criminal charges. Colthurst set the \$10,000 personal bond and ordered the defendant to return to court for the Jan. 22 hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

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# EDUCATION

## Hooper and Pistons friend share 'aim high' message

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shyanna Steele, 10, didn't have a typical school day Thursday at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton.

The fifth-grader was chosen by Pistons representative Aaron Smith for some one-on-one hoops with Hooper, the team mascot.

"It was a great experience," she said. "I never thought I'd be able to play against Hooper." Her family includes many Pistons fans, and Shyanna and her dad go to games.

She and her classmates, some 417 in all grades, enjoyed a Thursday afternoon "Homework Before Hoops" presentation courtesy of The Palace organization. Smith asked the students, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Smith always wanted to play for the Pistons, but his mom would say, "Aaron, school comes first."

In high school, Smith was the best player in his city and said, "Mom, I still want to be a member of the Detroit Pistons." He enrolled at the University of Michigan, and Thursday asked if there were any Wolverine fans in the gym.

The kids cheered loudly, and there were also some cheers for Michigan State.

"In the back of my mind, I could hear my mom say, 'Aaron, school comes first,'" he told the assembly.

Moments later, he said, "My guest is the best mascot in the NBA." Hooper entered to thunderous cheers, shooting off silly string and streamers which shot up to the ceiling.

Hooper clowned around, including wiggling his bottom, as Smith spoke, eliciting laughter. Then it was time for a shooting contest between the Walker-Winter teachers and the third- through fifth-graders.



Hooper greets students Roshan Nair and Kishi Blue at Walker-Winter Elementary.



Patrick Mester, Ernest Ponton, Da'Juan Miller and Billy Denton cheer on the basketball contest between the students and teachers.

The students came out ahead, scoring the first seven baskets. "That is great sportsmanship," Smith said of the

teachers, who said "Good game" and congratulated their students.

A school fund-raiser will

have children who sell two tickets getting VIP treatment from Smith at The Palace. They'll enjoy front row seats for a pregame warmup, and go onto the court to shoot before a game.

Those who sell four tickets will enjoy a VIP party including a locker room tour, and the top seller will be ball boy or girl.

Thursday's assembly featured the 2004 championship team trophy, which Smith carried around the gym. Principal Julie Mytych said after the assembly the students talked about wearing Pistons attire, a policy she adopted with a Ben Wallace jersey.

"I thought it was a great message. What a great event for our entire school," the principal said. The students and families look forward to the March 12 game.

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MSU Board of Trustees award winners Mark Charbonneau (from left), Kayla Coleman of Canton, Andrea Silva and Meredith Morgan receive their awards from MSU Trustees Joel Ferguson, Melanie Foster and President Lou Anna K. Simon at the Board of Trustees meeting.

### Michigan State

Six Michigan State University students, including Kayla Coleman of Canton, were honored recently for their academic achievements by the MSU Board of Trustees.

Board of Trustees Awards are granted at each commencement to graduating seniors having the highest cumulative grade point averages at the close of the semester prior to graduation.

Coleman is an environmental studies and applications major in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. She is the daughter of Kermit and Annie Coleman and graduated from Canton High School. A member of the Honors College, Coleman has a 4.0 GPA.

### Purdue University

Lauren Vala, a 2006 graduate of Salem High School



Vala

and daughter of John and Sandra Vala of Plymouth Township, graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 20, 2009.

Vala earned a bachelor's degree in Aviation Technology with emphasis in Airport Management and Air Traffic

Control. She minored in Business and Organizational Leadership Supervision. She had been on the Dean's List at Purdue during her studies there, maintaining a 3.89 GPA, and graduated with high distinction. She will continue her graduate work at Purdue University, pursuing a master's degree in Aerospace Management.

### Wagner College

Tyler Seling, a sophomore from Plymouth, has been named to the Fall 2009 Dean's List at Wagner College, a Top 25 liberal arts institution on New York City's Staten Island.

Dean's List recognition requires a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

### Bucknell University

Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2009-10 academic year.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Those students from your circulation area who met this standard are:

Included on the list are Plymouth students Allison and Kathryn Janda, the daughters of David and Elizabeth Janda of Plymouth.

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# Ice Fest: What you need to know



With the Plymouth Ice Festival scheduled for downtown Plymouth Jan. 22-24, here are a few things to know about the popular festival:

- It was all by chance the quaint Western Wayne County community of Plymouth became the perfect winter setting for an ice-carving festival. The town square centers on Kellogg Park, and over 100 shops and restaurants enhance the visitors' overall experience, creating the foundation for the oldest running and largest ice carving event in North America.

The event is presented by the Plymouth International Ice Carving Spectacular, a 501(c)3 non-profit Michigan corporation, and is produced by first-year organizer Signature Professional Group of Wixom. The organizers raise all funds necessary to present the festival from the sale of sponsorships, donations, and the sale of ice sculptures.

- Carving teams from Russia, Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Japan (where this art form originated) have participated in past festivals, though this year's festival was downsized and renamed without the international flavor.

In addition, past Plymouth champions Ted Wakar and Jim Bur of Frozen Images, and Tajana Raukar of Ice Dreams have won international competitions including: The World Championships in Asahikawa, Japan (Wakar and Bur), the World Ice Art Championship in Alaska (Tajana Raukar, Bur and Wakar), and they have also competed in the Winter Olympics where ice carving is a demonstration sport.

- Each block of ice used for the festival weighs some 330 pounds, and carvings are made from a single block to as many as 100 blocks. The ice is specially made to ensure its clarity. Between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds of ice are carved annually at the festival. The multi-block carvings require much physical prowess by each carver, and the assistance of forklifts and skilled drivers to stack the blocks into a proper and safe configuration to start the desired statue.

- Carving techniques were developed by a French chef, prior to the invention of refrigeration, who created carved serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. The art form became a mainstay in the culinary field as a way to offer dishes in an unusual fashion, and to decorate banquet tables.

Carvers use specially made and finely sharpened chisels, handsaws, files, power tools, and blow torches to create their works of art. One of the special aspects of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular is that the artists are making the art as the spectators view them.

Ice carving is still closely tied to the culinary arts, and students from Schoolcraft, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Grand Rapids, and Henry Ford community colleges, as well as students from University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University, all have participated at the festival.

- Why is this event spectacular? Because it has placed a small, quiet bedroom community in southeastern Michigan on the national and world main stage for one week a year. People all over the world access the Web site, associate ice carving with Plymouth, and plan trips to the area just to view the dazzling works of ice art.

The event has become one of the most popular events in the area over the last quarter century. People who came with their parents or grandparents as children are now bringing their own families, giving it the distinction as the best free winter family event around.

For years, couples have made the Ice Spectacular a date destination; some have fallen in love here, got engaged here, and even married here as the event takes on a romantic ambience in the evening when colored lights bathe the sculptures.



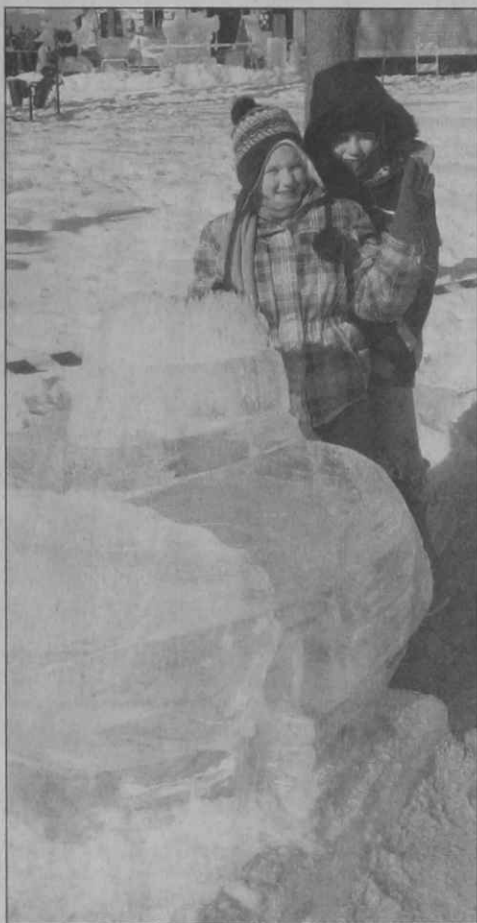
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The northwoods tableau certainly fits the generally frigid temperatures that greet the annual ice festival.



Three-year-old Ellie Brandon examines a sculpture in front of a Main Street business. Ellie, sister Charlotte, and mom and dad Pam and Mark Brandon, Livonia residents, visited last year's Plymouth Ice Festival.

Lindsay and Haley Kazmierczak ride an ice snowmobile. They visited last year's festival with their parents, Mark and Vicki Kazmierczak.



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Parker Whitaker, who runs ROM Fitness Studio on Forest in downtown Plymouth, was happy with television coverage of his studio's four-minute workout.

## Small-screen success

TV docs weigh in on nontraditional workout available in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A four-minute workout that's available at a Plymouth fitness studio got a recent thumbs-up from a televised panel of medical professionals.

The ROM (for range of motion) machine, which provides extreme forms of rowing and stair-stepping for both upper- and lower-body workouts, was featured on a November episode of *The Doctors*, which airs mornings on television station WXYZ (Channel 7).

"We were very happy with what they did with it," said Parker Whitaker, who, with wife Lori, runs ROM Fitness Studio on Forest in downtown Plymouth, which has been offering ROM training for nearly four years.

The ROM machine, with an 85-pound flywheel and a mechanism that matches the machine's resistance to the energy being exerted, forces users to engage more muscle groups than they would in

traditional weight-lifting, running or aerobic exercises, said Parker Whitaker, who is also a massage and muscle-release technique therapist.

The result, he said, is that the body moves into an intense metabolic state that brings about the benefits of the workout, such as increased strength and cardiovascular fitness, more quickly than traditional exercise.

"About two minutes you hit your wall and you want to quit," said Lori Whitaker, who demonstrated the machine on Thursday.

Indeed, said her husband, users who are going all-out will probably be winding down for the last half of their four-minute workout, and the machine will be offering less resistance as the user slows down.

The ROM machine sets workout targets for user but also allows those who aren't as fit to work out at their own pace and build endurance, Parker said.

"Anybody at any strength

level can come in and do this," he said.

He said he's used the ROM machine as his only exercise, except for the occasional bicycle ride, for about four years and has gained 15 pounds of muscle mass.

"Definitely a good fit for somebody with a busy busy schedule," said John Buzuvis, the deputy operations director at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Buzuvis has been using the ROM machine for more than two years.

"It's really helped keep me in shape over the past couple of years," Buzuvis said. "It definitely provides a good workout and, you know, you can feel it in your muscles that you've done something."

The ROM machine, at about \$15,000, is made in California. Parker Whitaker said that, as far as he knows, his studio is one of just two in Michigan to offer the machine.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Grief support

Arbor Hospice will offer several support groups this winter for men, women and children, to educate and support anyone who has experienced loss. These support groups are available to anyone in the Ann Arbor, Western Wayne or Downriver communities whether or not they have received hospice care from Arbor Hospice. There is no charge to attend a support group, but donations are welcomed to help support Arbor Hospice programs.

Classes in Western Wayne:

- Loss of Spouse or Partner will meet on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 28 through March 18, from 10-11:30 a.m.
- To register please call Vicki Campbell at (734) 656-0031 or e-mail [vcampbell@arborhospice.org](mailto:vcampbell@arborhospice.org). The group will be held at Arbor Hospice, 40500 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite. 102, in Plymouth.
- Workshops in Ann Arbor:
- General Loss will meet on Sundays, beginning on Jan. 24 through March 14 from 3-4:30 p.m.
- Adult Loss of a Parent will meet on Mondays, beginning on Jan. 25 through March 15 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Loss of Spouse or Partner will meet on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 27 through March 17 at 10 - 11:30 a.m. or at 7-8:30 p.m.
- Arbor Hospice will also host a series of three educational sessions designed to help recently widowed individuals become accustomed to life on their own. Basic Home Maintenance will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 1:30 - 3 p.m. Cooking for One will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Personal Finances will be held on Saturday, March 27.

To register, please call Arbor Hospice's Grief Support Services at (734) 794-5375 or email [info@arborhospice.org](mailto:info@arborhospice.org). The groups will be held at Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich., 48103.

#### Library looks for environmental stewards

The Canton Public Library is looking for 20 families to become leaders in a local environmental stewardship effort by participating in Action for Earth, a partnership project between the library, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Project S.N.A.P. (Share, Nurture, Act Preserve).

The families selected will participate in two workshops held at the Canton Public Library and led by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, one Project S.N.A.P. session creating art with a message for a community mural, and one community-wide environmental event. Families should be Canton residents, have children in K-8 classes and be willing to commit their time and energy to the Action for Earth project.

Workshop dates are:

- March 24 and April 28, 7 p.m. Ann Arbor Hands On Museum workshops at the Canton Public Library
- April 18, 1 p.m. Project S.N.A.P. mural art creation at the Canton Public Library
- June 5, time to be determined, River Day Clean Up, various Canton Township sites
- June 21, 7 p.m. Mural unveiling at the

#### Canton Public Library

For details or to apply for the program, call the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999 or visit [www.cantonpl.org/node/action-earth-project](http://www.cantonpl.org/node/action-earth-project).

Action for Earth is a six-month environmental stewardship campaign. This pilot project is funded by the Erb Family Foundation and strives to teach children the science behind environmental challenges and inspire them to be responsible environmental teachers.

#### Race for the Cure

Over the past 18 years, millions of people have gathered in metropolitan Detroit to celebrate progress, honor the memory of a loved one, and raise awareness and support for those affected by breast cancer.

The 19th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, takes place Saturday, May 22, at Comerica Park. Sponsors, teams and participants are already signing up for this year's race. Each year approximately 30,000 people take part in this movement in Detroit, making it a top-tier event in the world's 5K run/walk series.

The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awards 75 percent of the current year's net proceeds to a diverse group of organizations serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Funds support breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research and project grants awarded through Komen for the Cure. Since 1992, the Detroit Race has raised \$17.5 million in the fight against breast cancer. Thanks to the generosity of Komen Detroit supporters, in 2009, \$1.5 million was awarded to local breast cancer programs and more than \$320,600 to breast cancer research.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for 8 a.m.; the race and walks at 9 a.m.; and the closing ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

There are several ways to get involved:

- Be a Sponsor. Business sponsorships range from \$1,000 and up. Review sponsorship opportunities at <http://www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure/sponsorship.asp>.
  - Register a Team or Individual. Register at [www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure](http://www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure). This is a wonderful way to engage coworkers, friends, families, neighbors and others to be part of the breast cancer movement. You will also be able to register onsite May 22, beginning at 7 a.m.
  - Volunteer. See a variety of volunteer opportunities at [www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure/volunteers.asp](http://www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure/volunteers.asp).
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**Q:** Dear Rick: After reading your column a few months ago, I decided that when my CD matured I would buy a fixed annuity. I am a very conservative investor. I like the idea that the annuity was insured and that I could not lose money. When my CD came due, I talked to someone that I knew who sells annuities. Although he liked your suggestion, he recommended another type of annuity that would guarantee 5 percent a

year. This sounds very good to me considering what CD rates and other annuities are paying. Do you have any thoughts?

**A:** I think I know the type of annuity and it is not one I would recommend. The type of annuity he recommends is a variable annuity with a guaranteed income option attached. These annuities are very popular, particularly with people who sell annuities.

Unfortunately, they are not very good for most investors.

There is no doubt that a guaranteed 5-percent rate of return is very good in today's world. After all, when CDs are only paying 2 to 3 percent, 5 percent seems like a great rate of return. However, like most things, the devil is in the details.

What the salesperson did not tell you is that although

the income is guaranteed, the principal is not. For example, if you purchased a \$50,000, 3-percent, one-year CD at a federally insured institution, not only do you receive your 3 percent, but at the end of the year the \$50,000 that you initially deposited is insured and you receive that money back. This is not the way it works with some of the guaranteed income annuities. Therefore,

it is possible that when the annuity matures, you will not get your original money back. The reasoning is your initial investment is not guaranteed and your principal can be used to cover your income.

If you invest \$100,000 into an annuity with a guaranteed income option, when your annuity matures it is possible — and, in many cases, probable — you will get back

substantially less than the \$100,000.

Salespeople do not like to tell you this because with variable annuity products they make very high commissions and high ongoing fees.

In the type of annuity I recommend, when it matures you get all your income and your original principal back. I'm not a fan of guaranteed income annuities and I don't recommend them to investors. They are stuffed with high fees, they mislead investors and principal is at risk.

Like everything else in the investment world, the key is to buy the right product for your situation. For investors who are looking at adding to their portfolio without any principal fluctuation and be guaranteed up to \$100,000, a fixed annuity may be the way to go.

Before you invest money into an annuity, make sure you understand the terms, length of time that you are committing to and what penalties are involved. When you start seeing double-digit penalties, it's a sign that you should walk away. Some of the best financial moves I've made are when I have walked away from an investment.

Good luck!

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Chan Kakar, right, checks out a Ford Transit Connect with sales representative Bob Griffin. The vehicle — named Truck of the Year — is a star at the North American International Show that opened to the public Saturday. But this one was in the showroom of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

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## Workshops hope to bolster local business

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of Wayne County's leading economic development officials will be the keynote speaker as Canton Township rolls out the first in a series of workshops intended to bolster local businesses amid a rough-and-tumble economy.

Turkia Awada Mullin, chief development officer of Wayne County's Economic Development Growth Engine, or EDGE, will help kick off the Strategies of Success (SOS) series 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Summit on the Park banquet center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Efforts to retain local businesses and help them survive have remained just as critical to the township's economic health as attracting new companies, Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

"We want them to stay in Canton and thrive," he said.

To that end, the first SOS session featuring Mullin has been organized to educate businesses on resources, both in Canton and regionally, they can tap into not only to remain afloat but also to prosper despite difficult economic times.

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton's economic development manager, said SOS series participants can learn ways to tap into resources such as Michigan Works, which

connects employers and businesses, Schoolcraft College's Small Business & Technology Development Center, the Canton Public Library, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township government.

"So often there are resources at no cost or low cost that can provide positive messages and education," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Among other achievements, Mullin has played a significant role in creating the county's TURBO (Transforming Underdeveloped Residential and Business Opportunities) program, which provides economic incentives to spur new development and improvements to properties in Wayne County. Since its inception, more than \$300 million in TURBO projects have been approved and more than 2,500 jobs created, officials said.

The SOS series, sponsored by the township and chamber, is free to Canton businesses and local chamber members, and it includes breakfast. Companies outside Canton and who don't belong to the chamber may attend for a \$10 fee.

To register, call the Canton chamber at (734) 453-4040 by Friday, Jan. 22. Several other workshops are expected to run through June and will be announced in coming weeks.

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## Big crowds expected to rev up auto sales

BY PAT MURPHY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a near record crowd expected at Saturday's opening of the North American International Auto Show, local dealers are confident.

"It's generating a buzz," said Kit Tennyson, of Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia. "And that will translate into sales."

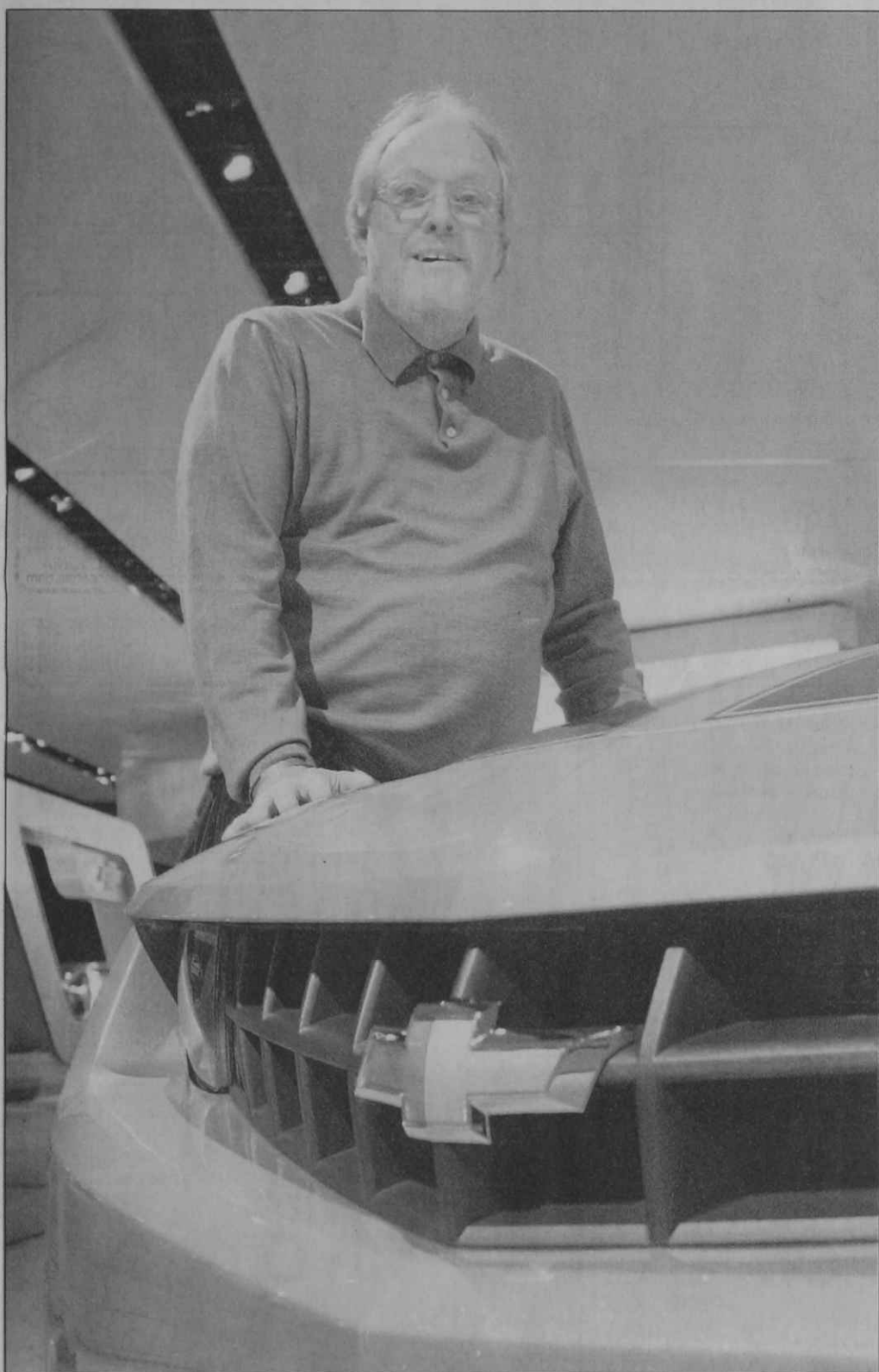
Tennyson was among those who surveyed displays last week. "I had to smile," he said. "We've got a lot of great cars, and they all look good. The auto show always generates customers."

Bob Griffin of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia is encouraged by the fact that two of the show's featured vehicles — the Ford Fusion and the Transit Connect, named the auto and truck of the year, respectively — are currently available in showrooms. "Other companies show off vehicles available in the future," he said, "but ours are available now."

Lawrence Technological University is also showcasing models this year — with a different goal.

"We're trying to attract students by showing what they can do at LTU," said Dennis J. Howie, associate vice president. "And these vehicle do attract attention," he said, gesturing to a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle and robots on display.

The hydrogen fuel-celled vehicle — dubbed simply, "H2" — has successfully competed in Europe and other parts of the world, while the robots are designed to travel with minimum contacts from humans. "Both are fun to work on," said Patrick McNally, a mechanical engineering student from Grayling.



Kit Tennyson of Tennyson Chevrolet is proud of this Camaro on display at the auto show.

### LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs will be available at the Plymouth District Library in January:

• **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Jan. 18, 7:15 p.m. - The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

• **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

• **STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS** - Monday, January 18, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or [starmikebest@comcast.net](mailto:starmikebest@comcast.net)

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# HOMETOWN LIFE

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## Rocks, Chiefs making waves

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Top swimmers always will get their points, but team success hinges on how well the so-called depth guys compete. On Thursday night, Canton fared better than Salem did — both varsity boys teams hosted dual meets — but coaches for both teams are looking beyond the scoreboard. “We swam well,” said Salem head coach Chuck Olson, following the Rocks’ 118-68 loss to Northville in a KLAA Central matchup. “Our best guys were right there with them. But we’ve got to develop more depth.”

Over at Canton, the Chiefs swam past Livonia Franklin by a 104-72 score to improve to 2-0 in the KLAA South.

“We’re developing a lot more depth,” said Canton head coach David Le. “I was hoping by the end of the season we’d have the depth and we’re definitely on that track in order to get there.” For the Rocks on Thursday, only their top-two swimmers per event added to the team total.

“Our No. 2 and No. 3 swimmers (per event) are coming along,” Olson said. “But they’re not quite there yet. And that usually won’t happen until our No. 4 and No. 5 start pushing those guys.”

Olson said there were plenty of bright spots for Salem (1-2, 0-2) against Northville. Those included both the 200-free and 500-free relays making the cut for the Division 1 state meet as well as junior Matt Collingwood qualifying in the 100 freestyle with a second-place time of 50.07 seconds.

Salem qualified for the first time in the 200 relay, comprised of Collingwood, sophomore Noah Santer, junior Max Mills

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Salem’s Adam Seroka, shown in this file photo, continues to shine for the Rocks.



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Plymouth’s Mike Nadratowski (No. 10, center) scrambles to come up with a loose ball Friday despite defensive attention from Canton’s Dietrich Lever (No. 3) and Brandon Duffey.

## Chiefs take rivalry nailbiter

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you’re one of those high school basketball fans who love rough-and-tumble action, high-octane intensity and lead changes, Friday’s game between Canton and Plymouth fit the bill.

The Canton boys basketball team came away with a 47-38 KLAA South triumph before a packed and enthusiastic crowd at Plymouth High School.

“That’s what the Plymouth-Canton games are going to be all the time,” first-year Chiefs coach Jimmy Reddy said. “It’s going to be one possession here or there that’s going to decide it. We just happened to make a couple more plays down the stretch and that’s why we came out on top.”

Concurring was Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. “We didn’t make plays, that’s the bottom line,” Soukup said. “They made plays and we didn’t.” He probably was referring to

Canton senior forward Kevin Weisz (22 points, seven rebounds), who came up big the entire game.

Weisz rebounded a teammate’s miss with time running out in the first half and sank a layup to give Canton — which had squandered a 13-2 first-quarter lead — a 21-20 edge at halftime.

### TAKING AIM

But he really finished off the Wildcats with two rainbow triples in the final 3:15 of the game, tallying 10 of his points in the deciding stanza — which began 30-30.

After his first trey, from the left flank, opened up a 39-32 edge, Weisz pointed to his teammates as he returned up the floor.

“They’re the ones who got me the ball,” Weisz said, downplaying his clutch sharpshooting. “They were the ones to play defense the whole game and give us an opportunity to win.” Weisz said the shot was open and “I felt I had to take it.” That helped Reddy and the Chiefs

(4-4, 2-1) finally escape the clutches of the pesky Wildcats (4-4, 1-2).

“Scoring in the post got him going with his outside shot,” Reddy said about Weisz. “He knocked down a couple of huge threes for us.”

Soukup said he was proud of the way his team bounced back from first-quarter deficits of 7-0 and 13-2 to make a real game out of it.

### GIVING IT AWAY

But the numerous turnovers that thwarted Plymouth at both ends of the court bothered him.

“That’s been our M.O. all year long,” Soukup said. “We turn the ball over and we struggle and that was the key right there.”

“We drew up some things and promptly turned it over.” Canton sparked the Chiefs’ student section from the get-go with a 7-0 spurt to open the contest.

But the Wildcats clawed closer before the first frame ended (17-

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## SIDELINES

### Stone paces Rocks

Salem senior forward-guard Sara Stone scored 25 points Friday night to lift the host Rocks to a 55-37 KLAA Central win against Livonia Stevenson.

Brett deBear helped the cause for Salem (6-3, 3-0) with 13 points and six assists while other contributors were Rachael Norman (8 points), Tabitha Mann (7 points, 9 rebounds) and Katelynn Krause (6 rebounds).

“It was a real competitive game,” said Salem head coach Fred Thomann. “We jumped on them early.”

But a 16-8 edge in the fourth closed out the victory.

### Canton bowlers win

Both Canton varsity bowling teams emerged one-point victors Wednesday against Novi at Westland Bowl.

The girls nipped Novi 34-33 Wednesday. Top scorers for the Chiefs included Cheryl Cosby (164-169-333) and Lauren O’Bradovich (123-195-318).

Also throwing good games were Allison Fries (141 in Game 1), Ashley Cade (152 in Game 1) and Kelsey Joseph (132 in Game 2).

As for the Canton and Novi boys matchup, the Chiefs earned a 32-31 victory.

In Game 1, David Blythe (224), Billy Keppen (218), Andrew Klein (209) and Ross Terrasi (204) all cracked the 200-mark. Klein did the same in Game 2, with a 214 to finish with a team-leading 423 for the day.

### Penguins lose in OT

Northville scored in overtime on Jan. 16 to defeat the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, 4-3 in a varsity girls hockey matchup.

Please see **SIDELINES, B3**

## Chiefs take it to Wildcats in big victory

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday night’s doubleheader hoopla between Canton and host Plymouth got started with a one-sided matchup of KLAA South girls basketball teams.

The Chiefs were too tough defensively and on the glass for the Wildcats, outscoring Plymouth 18-2 in the third quarter and earning a 55-24 victory.

“I thought we did a great job rebounding,” Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. “In the second half, we really guarded well and didn’t take chances.”

According to Plymouth head Coach Ted Sturdivant, the defensive pressure caused too many problems for the Wildcats (2-6, 1-2).

“Canton works off the defensive end and creates a lot of turnovers,” Sturdivant said. “I thought we did a pretty nice job in the first half, but in the second half we didn’t do a good job handling their pressure.”

The Chiefs (8-1, 3-0) led 13-7 after one quarter and 28-16 at the halftime break before pouring it on with a barrage of layups and putbacks in the

third. That 18-2 run really put the game out of reach.

Scoring 20 points and recording 14 rebounds for Canton was Sara Schmitt, while Kayla Bridges had six points and eight boards. Chipping in with seven points was Kari Schmitt, while CarolAnn Sexauer tallied five rebounds.

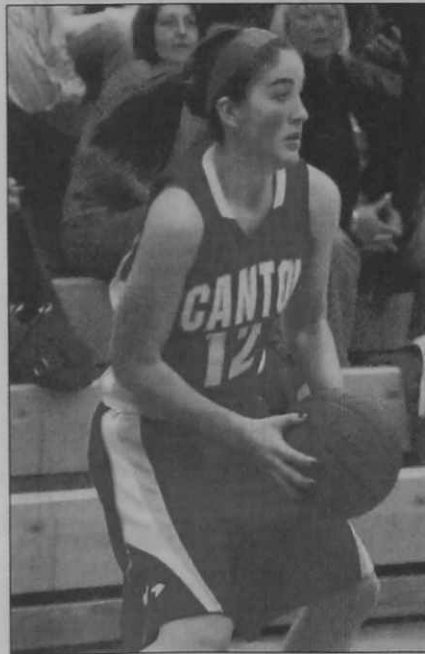
Plymouth’s leading scorer was Stacey Klonowski, with six points. Three Wildcats scored four: Alex Roberts, Rachel Hille and Isis Haywood.

Samulski, meanwhile, liked the idea of the girls preceding the boys in a KLAA twinbill.

“If we would have played at Canton tonight and the boys played here, both at 7 p.m.,” Samulski said, “number one the student body is torn and, number two, it’s just the way it is, almost everybody goes to the guys game.”

Samulski said the girls-boys doubleheader “gives the girls an opportunity to play in front of a big crowd. ... I think it’s something the league has to take a look at. It’s a great high school environment.”

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Looking for a teammate to pass the ball to Friday is Canton’s Alyssa Cottrell.



**Who:** Shauna Siebert, PCS Penguins senior defenseman

**Miscellany:** The 17-year-old Siebert carries a 3.0 grade-point average. Her parents are Cathie and Craig Siebert. Shauna has played for multiple state championships and runners up in hockey.

**Captain’s role:** “To me the job of a captain would be always trying our hardest. We need to set good examples for our players like skating our hardest at practices and games. Our job also means that we should encourage the players in a positive way, we tell them what their doing wrong and what they could do to fix it.”

**Leadership style:** “My style of leadership would just be to always stay positive and keep

## SHAUNA SIEBERT



our heads held high, losing doesn’t matter to me as long as our whole team tried their hardest.”

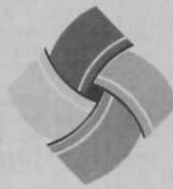
**Why her?:** “I believe my team chose me to be captain because they can look up to me as a senior also I’ve been playing hockey for 14 years and I know how the game works.”



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## GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS



Ade Jepperson of Salem performs on the uneven parallel bars during Wednesday's meet against Livonia Blue.

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Jan. 13 at Churchill H.S.

**Vault:** 1. Nicole Jacobs (S), 8.95; 2. (tie) Katie Bridges (Blue) and Brittany Caldwell (Blue), 8.6 each; 4. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.5; 5. Haley Olsen (Blue), 8.25.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 8.85; 2. Sara Bridges (Blue), 8.65; 3. Jacobs (S), 8.55; 4. Kitz (Blue), 8.45; 5. K. Bridges (Blue), 8.4.

**Balance beam:** 1. Jacobs (S), 9.4; 2. Sarah Hogan (Blue), 8.55; 3. Ade Jepperson (S), 8.4; 4. Meredith Albers (Blue), 8.35; 5. K. Bridges (Blue), 8.2.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Jacobs (S), 9.2; 2. Quint (Blue), 9.15; 3. K. Bridges (Blue), 8.95; 4. Kitz (Blue), 8.65; 5. Katie Winczkowski (S), 8.3.

**All-around:** 1. Jacobs (S), 36.10; 2. K. Bridges (Blue), 34.15; Jepperson (S), 33.10; 3. Winczkowski (S), 31.65.

**Livonia Blue's dual meet record:** 3-1 overall, 1-0 KLA A Kensington Division.

LIVONIA RED 132.35  
PLYMOUTH 131.10

Jan. 13 at Plymouth H.S.

**Vault:** 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 8.75; 2. Sarah Uhlin (P), 8.7; 3. (tie) Mallory Dorton (Red), Katina St. Pierre (Red) and Alisha Punjabi (P), 8.45 each.

**Uneven bars:** 1. St. Pierre (Red), 8.75; 2. Katie Kretzschmer (Red), 8.55; Jessica Luibakka (P), 8.15; 4. Lauren Patla (Red), 8.1; 5. Meghan Lark (Red), 7.85.

**Balance beam:** 1. Engstrom (P), 8.9; 2. Lark (Red), 8.85; 3. Luibakka (P), 8.8; 4. Dayna Esper (Red), 8.5; Uhlin (P), 8.15.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Jane McCurry (P) and Uhlin (P), 8.4 each; 3. Engstrom (P), 8.3; 4. Brittany Swazey (Red), 8.25; 5. (tie) Patla (Red) and Luibakka (P), 8.2 each.

**All-around:** 1. Luibakka (P), 33.5; 2. Engstrom (P), 33.40; 3. St. Pierre (Red), 33.05; 4. Uhlin (P), 32.95.

**Livonia Red's dual meet record:** 4-2 overall, 1-0 KLA A Kensington Division.

## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 104  
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 72  
Jan. 14 at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Jacob Dillon, Victor Zhang, Mike Carlson), 1:48.53; 2. Canton (Matthew Gran, Ryan Boes, Ryan DeFrain, Steven Watts), 2:00.18; 3. Franklin (James File, Chris Wurster, Scott Ansteth, Tyler Lee), 2:07.47.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Scott James (LF), 1:59.66; 2. Christopher Krebs (C), 2:00.37; 3. Madison Derian-Toth (C), 2:16.25.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:11.22; 2. Kyle Kemp (C), 2:20.84; 3. Larkins (LF), 2:22.62.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Lee (LF), 24.50; 2. Dillon (C), 24.71; 3. Carlson (C), 24.84.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Ryan Kilgore (C), 165.10 points; 2. Alex Sogge (C), 129.80; 3. Wayne Roberts (C), 113.40.

**100 butterfly:** 1. V. Zhang (C), 54.61; 2. Ansteth (LF), 56.73; 3. Krebs (C), 1:06.23.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Lee (LF), 54.81; 2. Carlson (C), 55.10; 3. Kemp (C), 56.31.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Jin (C), 4:58.76; 2. James (LF), 5:23.38; 3. Justin Larkins (LF), 5:32.58.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Evan Champine, Dillon, Krebs, Carlson), 1:38.39; 2. Franklin (B. Larkins, J. Larkins, James, Lee), 1:40.18; 3. Canton (Adrian Simion, Derian-Toth, Eric Tian, Kemp), 1:45.84.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Ansteth (LF), 1:03.21; 2. Kyle Bindas (C), 1:18.77; 3. Nathan Benjamin (C), 1:31.09.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. V. Zhang (C), 1:03.92; 2. Larkins (LF), 1:07.58; 3. Boes (C), 1:10.90.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (J. Larkins, James, Ansteth, Larkins), 3:46.15.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 2-0 KLA A South Division, 2-0 overall; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 0-1 KLA A South.

NORTHVILLE 118  
SALEM 68  
Jan. 14 at Salem

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Northville (BoFang Zhang, Anthony Adamowicz, Ben Schoenek, John Binkley), 1:45.89; 2. Salem (Jason Zhang, Smaran Bhaktawara, Jeremy Wellman, Chad Newton), 1:50.38; 3. Northville (Ryan Winkler, Alec Wagner, Dawson Laabs, Spencer Miller), 1:51.53.

**200 freestyle:** 1. John Lubisco (N), 1:49.64; 2. Noah Santer (S), 1:51.09; Alex Miller (N), 1:54.34.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Adam Seroka (S), 2:01.56; 2. Schoenek (N), 2:05.56; 3. Adamowicz (N), 2:08.14.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 22.90; 2. Nate Lunn (N), 23.11; 3. William Greenlee (N), 23.19.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Kevin Bain (N), 261.30; 2. Will Price (N), 245.20; 3. Brandon Fields (N), 169.05; 4. Joey Rudelick (S), 148.40; 5. Nick Griwicki (S), 145.85; 6. Mac Duncan (S), 122.50.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Greenlee (N), 55.96; 2.

Santer (S), 56.59; 3. AJ Aquino (N), 57.37.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Lunn (N), 49.50; 2.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Seroka (S), 4:52.69; 2. Schoenek (N), 5:04.53; 3. B. Zhang (N), 5:07.35.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Lubisco, Lunn, Greenlee, Winkler), 1:32.63; 2. Salem (Collingwood, Santer, Max Mills, Seroka), 1:33.43; 3. Northville (Todd Truran, Aquino, Alex Miller, B. Zhang), 1:35.50.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Alex Suriano (S), 1:01.55; 2. Lubisco (N), 1:01.61; 3. Binkley (N), 1:01.99.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. B. Zhang (N), 1:05.97; 2. J. Zhang (S), 1:09.53; 3. Bhaktawara (S), 1:09.84.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Lunn, Schoenek, Lubisco, Binkley), 3:21.86; 2. Salem (Collingwood, Santer, Mills, Seroka), 3:23.04; 3. Northville (Truran, Aquino, Greenlee, Miller), 3:27.38.

**Salem's dual meet record:** 0-2 KLA A Central, 1-2 overall; Northville's dual meet record: 3-0 KLA A Central, 4-0 overall.

**PLYMOUTH 118  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68  
Jan. 12 at Plymouth**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Tim Castle, Ethan Christenson, Chris Wilson), 1:48.08; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Levi Cavender, Paul Gutu, Dave Wilton), 1:50.36; 3. Plymouth, 1:59.64.

**200 freestyle:** 1. (tie) Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:58.81 and Ethan Weiner (P), 1:58.81 each; 3. Peter Burns (P), 2:05.81.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 2:15.61; 2. Adam Wing (P), 2:16.21; 3. Alex Journey (P), 2:17.71.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.02; 2. Wilson (P), 23.85; 3. Castle (P), 24.07.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 185.70 points; 2. Ian Smith (P), 159.40; 3. Connor McManus (P), 147.70.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Christenson (P), 58.55; 2. Earls (P), 1:02.77; 3. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:06.93.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Journey (P), 54.38; 2. Gutu (WJG), 54.42; 3. Adam Liakos (P), 54.58.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Ferguson (WJG), 5:20.96; 2. Wilson (P), 5:23.61; 3. Burns (P), 5:29.73.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Castle, Liakos, Weiner, Journey), 1:39.63; 2. Plymouth (Burns, Scott Wang, Matt Eudy, Zack Koch), 1:46.81; 3. John Glenn, 1:47.93.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 58.99; 2. Earls (P), 1:02.12; 3. Wing (P), 1:03.64.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Castle (P), 1:06.71; 2. Brett Jia (P), 1:13.56; 3. Cavender (WJG), 1:16.13.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Wing, Liakos, Journey, Wilson), 3:38.1; 2. John Glenn (Gutu, Wilton, Ferguson, Joey Wakeford), 3:39.47; 3. Plymouth, 3:50.79.

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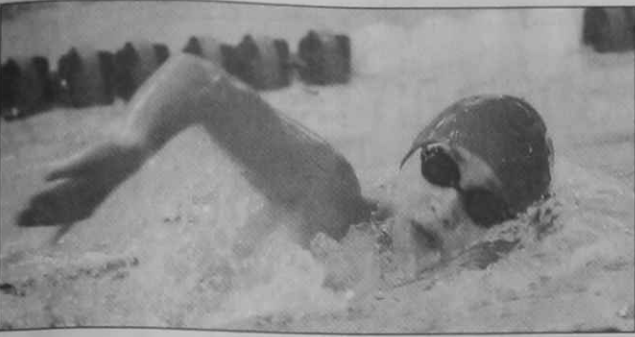
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During Thursday's meet, Canton sophomore Jay Jin qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the 500 freestyle.

# SWIMMING

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and versatile junior Adam Seroka — who earlier this season qualified in the 200 free, 200 IM, 100 fly, 100 free and 500 free, Olson said.

"Adam is very talented, he's our hardest worker," the coach said. "... It's funny, if you work hard sometimes you reap the benefits."

Spectators in the natatorium made plenty of noise as Seroka swam neck-and-neck with Northville anchor Ryan Winkler for first.

Winkler barely out-touched Seroka to give Northville a 1:32.63-1:33.43 win.

Other Salem performances of note included firsts by Seroka (200 IM, 2:01.56; 500 free, 4:52.69), Collingwood (50 free, 22.90) and senior Alex Suriano (100 backstroke, 1:01.55).

## Chiefs roll

Canton's Le said his team had a very productive meet against the Patriots, led by a lifetime best in the 200 free by junior Chris Krebs (2:00.37) and two sophomores making the state cut.

"We swam well," Le added. "Victor Zhang qualified in the

100 fly (first, 54.61), Jay Jin qualified in the 500 free (first, 4:58.76).

"Some of our other kids actually had a chance to swim and had some good performances."

Other Canton individual wins were posted by sophomore Ryan Kilgore (diving, 165.10 points) and Zhang (100 breast, 1:03.92).

The Chiefs also showed their chops in two relays.

Taking first in the 200-medley relay were Jin, junior Jacob Dillon, Zhang and freshman Mike Carlson with a time of 1:48.53.

Also victorious was the 200-free relay unit of junior Evan Champine, Dillon, Krebs and Carlson (1:38.39).

**PLYMOUTH 118, JOHN GLENN 68:** On Wednesday, host Plymouth breezed past Westland John Glenn in a KLAA South contest.

All three relays went to the Wildcats with Tim Castle, Chris Wilson and Alex Jouney part of two of those victories.

Castle placed first in the 100 breast with a mark of 1:06.71 while the other Plymouth wins went to Jouney (100 free, 54.38), Ethan Christenson (100 fly, 58.55) and Ethan Weiner, who finished tied with the Rockets Jake Ferguson to claim the 200 free (1:58.81).

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## PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**KLAA QUAD MEETS**  
Jan. 13 at Livonia Churchill  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 37**  
**PLYMOUTH 27**

**103 pounds:** Shadi Jammoul (P) p. Jack Newa, 0:45; **112:** Alec Breckenridge (P) dec. Dan Martinez, 4-3; **119:** Said Youssef (P) dec. Gabe Martinez, 3-2; **125:** Steve Tuyo (LF) p. Chase Kalili, 4:00; **130:** Paul Hanni (LF) won by technical fall over Ziad Tamimi, 19-3; **135:** Jordan McGuire (LF) p. Brett Echols, 4:35; **140:** Jimmy Ahearn (P) dec. Avery Opperman, 8-7; **145:** Josh Hatfield (LF) dec. Brandon Crowther, 6-5; **152:** Jackson Chalmers (P) won by void; **160:** Jon Roos (LF) won by tech. fall over Robbie Barackman, 23-8; **171:** Alex O'Connor (LF) won by major dec. over Curtis Crosier, 10-2; **189:** Zach Leuenberger (LF) won by major dec. over Brand Varner, 13-5; **215:** Nick Simmons (LF) won by major dec. over Brett Keys, 15-5; **285:** Wally Eppler (P) p. Omar Haymour, 15-5.

**PLYMOUTH 40**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 19**

**103 pounds:** Shadi Jammoul (P) pinned Pablo Flores, 1:21; **112:** Trey Berry (P) decisioned Tristan Jarosicwicz, 8-5; **119:** Said Youssef (P) won by injury default over Darryl Ison; **125:** Chase Kalili (P) p. Micheil Hood, 2:49; **130:** Ziad Tamimi (P) dec. Devon Adams, 10-6; **135:** Cody Allen (WM) dec. Jimmy Ahearn, 7-1; **140:** Anwar Oliver (WM) p. Brett Echols, 3:07; **145:** Jalen Jones (WM) won by major dec. over Brandon Crowther, 13-2; **152:** Ryan Schultz (P) dec. Kevin Newborn, 10-3; **160:** Robbie Barackman (P) dec. Brandon Whittenburg, 8-4; **171:** Curtis Crosier (P) p. Amanda Prough, 1:27; **189:** Dimitrus Renfro (WM) dec. Brandon Varner, 8-2; **215:** Brett Keys (P) won by major dec. over Nate Cavanaugh, 15-4; **285:** Chris Bowie (WM) dec. Wally Eppler, 5-3.

**Dual match records:** Franklin, 11-7-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 3-6 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

**Jan. 13 at South Lyon East**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 43**  
**SALEM 34**

**103 pounds:** Sheldon Kabrovich (LS) won by void; **112:** Nick Kim (Salem) pinned Ashraf Alhaj, 3:15; **119:** Cody Korpus (Salem) p. Omar Mostafa, 2:18; **125:** Devin Stratton (Salem) p. Robert Schramm, 2:50; **130:** Corey Davis (LS) p. Matt Lang, 0:40; **135:** Kody Roy (LS) won by void; **140:** Charlie Kokenakes (LS) decisioned J. Middelditch, 10-9; **145:** Dylan Hatcher (Salem) won by major dec. over Zach Auner, 13-4; **152:** Nathan Collins (LS) p. Joe Williams, 3:06; **160:** Colin Gross (Salem) p. Chris Arnold, 5:52; **171:** Joseph Scott (LS) p. Alex Brown, 2:31; **189:** Daniel McCarthy (LS) p. Jordon Zhou, 3:36; **215:** Andrew Schramm (LS) won by major dec. over Adam Turner, 10-2; **285:** Blake Abbey (Salem) p. Jacob Range, 2:50.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 19**  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Lutheran South, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 22**  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 19**  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Sfld. Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 22**  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Ligoett, 7 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 19**  
Grosse Pte. S. vs. PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20**  
Salem vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
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**Friday, Jan. 22**  
Chelsea vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.  
Plymouth vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
Lincoln vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

**PREP WRESTLING**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 20**  
Canton at Wayne Quad, T80  
Churchill at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.  
S. Lyon E. at Salem, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
Hartland Duals, 8:30 a.m.  
Fowlerville Invite, 9 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 21**  
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson Tri-Meet, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
Dexter 9/10 Invite, T80

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 19**  
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 21**  
Plymouth at Walled Lake Maroon/Gold, 6:30 p.m.  
Salem at Brighton/Howell, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
Salem Invitational, T80

**PREP BOWLING**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 19**  
Canton vs. Plymouth at Super Bowl (Canton), 4 p.m.  
Salem vs. Novi at Super Bowl, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 21**  
Canton vs. S. Lyon at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.  
Salem vs. S. Lyon E. at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.  
Plymouth vs. Pinckney at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
Wayne County Tournament at Cherry Hill Lanes, 8:15 a.m.

# SIDELINES

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Scoring for the Penguins were Jordyn Moore, Jenny Fedon (from Mallory Rojo) and Marissa Sullivan (from Moore).

## Whalers make trades

With the Ontario Hockey League trade deadline Monday, Plymouth president, General Manager and head coach Mike Vellucci was busy on Sunday, announcing two deals.

The Plymouth Whalers beat Monday's OHL trade deadline not once, but twice.

First, the Whalers acquired 19-year-old right wing James Livingston from the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds in exchange for 18-year-old right wing Myles McCauley.

Then, Westland's Tyler J. Brown and four draft picks were dispatched to the London Knights for center Phil McRae.

Livingston and McRae were available for weekend home games against Barrie and Niagara.

## Plymouth rec offerings

Registration is continuing throughout January for two spring programs being offered by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department. The recreation office is located at 525 Farmer St. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information or go to [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

Programs include the following:

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## Lacrosse coach wanted

Applications are being taken by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department for a boys seventh- and eighth-grade lacrosse coach. Lacrosse experience as a player or coach is preferred but not mandatory. Contact recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302, or e-mail him at [sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us).

## Coaches, please call

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Please provide as much detail as possible as well as your team's current record. Deadlines are 11 p.m. both Tuesday nights for the Thursday edition and Friday evenings for Sunday's paper.

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Beyer sparked the Wildcats' rally during the middle frames with physical play around both baskets, which was rewarded with a string of layups.

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Going up for the rebound during Friday's game were Plymouth's Pat Salo and Canton's Paul Baumgart.

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"They upped their pressure defensively (in the second) with their full-court trap," Brodie said. "We didn't respond very well."

Salem dropped to 5-3, 1-2 with the defeat while Stevenson improved to 6-2, 3-0.

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BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jenks set up Jordan for the tying power play goal at 7:49 of the third and Jenks then blasted a screamer from just inside the blue line for the

Kitchener (27-11-1-2) had taken the lead and the momentum — briefly, as it turned out — when winger

"Jenks was awesome and

"It (the way Plymouth won) will definitely help us," Jenks stressed. "... I think we just did a good job showing the character we have in our dressing room by coming back and not rolling over and giving up."

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In the opening frame of the KLAA South tilt, Riley

Others collecting two points were Phil Baciak (1 goal, 1 assist) and Parker Pakula (2 assists).

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# Answers to common ice festival questions

The answers to some commonly asked questions about the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the oldest and largest continuously running ice carving event in America.

## How and why did the event begin?

Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post-holiday retail slowdown. (Hotel, restaurant, and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after the holiday season.)

The concept was to create an event that was so unique that it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth (750,000 in 1999) in the hope that they would also shop and eat. With an average annual attendance of over 500,000, the event has exceeded expectations of the festival's founders.

## How did the art of ice carving start?

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day, the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise, love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Baikal, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple was married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and eventually people from all

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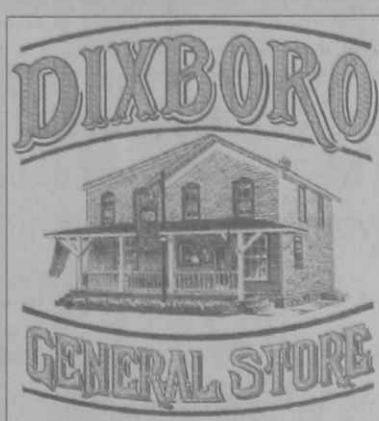


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Oakland Community College student Gerneil Franklin carved a dinosaur in last year's college carving competition.



Oksana Habsburg of the Oakland Tech Center's Culinary Arts Hospitality Program rocked her sculpture for the high school competition last year.



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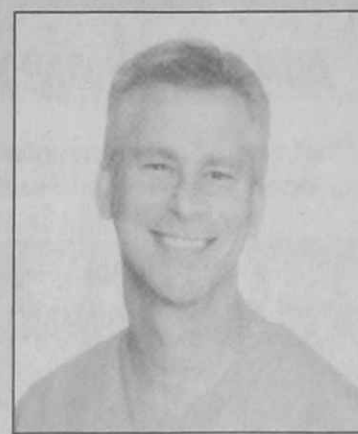
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No, it's not a brain. Valerie McGowan, a member of the Henry Ford Community College Ice Club, was working on a mushroom, part of a larger piece carved by club members at the 2009 ice festival.

Amy Presley made sure her 3-year-old son Christian Presley was bundled up against last year's bitter cold.



## ICE FEST

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over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular that it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

### How did the art of ice carving spread?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

### Who carves the ice statues at the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular?

Professional ice carvers, chefs, culinary instructors, and culinary art students from the area and across the country, as well as a team from Japan, Canada, Russia, Norway, and Switzerland have carved the displays. The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions.

### Who presents the event?

The Plymouth Ice Festival is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501 (c) 3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

### Who funds the event?

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fund-raisers. All the monies collected go to the presentation of the event.

### How much does it cost to present the event?

Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group, the first-year organizer of the event, hopes to raise some \$75,000 to fund the 2010 Plymouth Ice Festival.

### Who benefits from the event?

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the ice festival. This event has become one of the single busiest retail and restaurant weeks of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners over \$1 million annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township area.

Culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice-carving skills to enhance their education benefit from the event. Money donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and carving tools. Students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.



Harry Werwinski of Henry Ford Community College carved a giraffe last year.



Debbie Fronkowiak of Canton and her dog, Floyd, looked at the sculptures at last year's ice festival.



Tonie Day, a student at the Oakland Tech Center, worked on her sculpture with an ice chisel.

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**ANASTASIJA BUSS**

Age 93 of Farmington Hills died January 10, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Karlis, deceased in 1987. Dear mother of Maiga (George) Friess and grandmother of Robert (Brenda), Richard (Amy) and Leslie (Randall) Allman. Dear great grandmother of Arianna and Thomas Allman, John, Ryan and Caroline Friess and Braedon and Casey Friess. Anastasija is also survived by sister Zelma Valters, brother Dr. Gunars (Austra) Valters and a niece Dr. Andra Valters, all living in Latvia. Born in Latvia July 30, 1916, Anastasija with her husband and daughter escaped to Germany when the Russian Communists took over Latvia in 1944. In 1951 they came to the USA, first to Milford, Nebraska and one year later to Detroit, Michigan. Several years later, Anastasija became a US citizen. Family will receive friends at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 4-8pm on Thursday, January 14. Funeral service at 11am Friday, January 15, at St. Paul Latvian Lutheran Church, 30623 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation begins at Church at 10am. Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Latvian Lutheran Church.

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**MARJORIE JEAN (NUNN) KLUCK**

85 of Redford, died on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Born May 13, 1924 in Detroit, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy (O'Dwyer) Nunn. She graduated from St. Cecilia High School in Detroit with the Class of 1942. She then graduated from Siena Heights College in Adrian with the two-year Secretarial Class of 1944. She and her husband, Donald Kluck, were married June 7, 1947. They have lived on Hazelton since July, 1951. Before becoming a wife and mother, she worked at Pennsylvania Central Airlines (later known as Capital Airlines) at Detroit City Airport and then on Washington Blvd. in downtown Detroit. Marjorie was a USO hostess during World War II where she met her husband. Marjorie was a member of the St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society and the Red Hat Society. She also volunteered each week at the Redford Inter-Faith Relief, the Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Friends of the Rouge. She was also the President of the Sienna Heights Alumnae Association. Marjorie was a Cub Scout Den Leader for her sons as well as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for her daughters. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons: David (Tessie) of Whitmore Lake, Daniel (Vicky) of TN and two daughters Suzanne (George) Cromwell of Farmington Hills and Nancy (Joseph) DeMaria of Dearborn; 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Marjorie was pre-deceased by her youngest son, Joseph (Debbie) of Howell. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00am Saturday, January 16, in St. Hilary Roman Catholic Church, Redford. Burial will be at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Howell. The family will receive friends from 5-9pm Thursday and 1-9pm Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, in Redford. No flowers, donations to American Cancer Society or your favorite charity. Her family and friends will miss this most remarkable woman dearly.



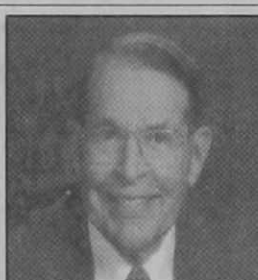
**JOSEPH PETERS**

Age 83 of Westland, January 9, 2010. Beloved husband of Irene for 56 years. Loving father of Joan (Richard) Strain, John (Lydia) and Lisa (Bruce) Glancy. Dearest grandfather of Ricky (Kristin) Strain, Danny, John Michael, Jessica, Ryan, Andrew, Nathan and Isabelle. Brother of Jean (Bruce) McLean and Joan (Jim) Haller. Mr. Peters was a WWII Naval Veteran. Family entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



**JESSIE J. SHINN**

Passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009. She was born January 26, 1931 to John L. Marsh & Peachie P. Hensley in Farmersville, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Shinn, two sisters & two brothers. She is survived by her seven children: Robert Shinn, Floyd Shinn, Edward Shinn, Anna Samuels, James Shinn, Teresa Obst & Wanda Shinn. She is also survived by a brother Richard Marsh & two sisters, Patricia Martin & Vanessa Koehler. She leaves a legacy of 21 grandchildren & 22 great-grandchildren. She was an amazing woman & will be missed by those who knew her & loved her. Jessie will be cremated & funeral services will be held in early spring at Great Lakes National Cemetery.



**CARLETON WALL**

Age 91, of Plymouth, passed away January 14, 2010. Married Margaret Berghorst on October 15, 1940 and together they blessed with four loving children: Krysten Wall, Martha (Richard) Schryer, David (Judith McKay) Wall and Katie (Jim) Fox. Proud grandfather of Lynn (Matty) Sandoval, Dan (Linda) Hasley, Juliette (Michael) Scott, Paul (Julie) Schryer, Laura (Christian) Von Allmen, Stephanie Fox, Amanda (Brady) Gibbons and David Fox. Great grandfather of Sophia, Olivia, Libby, Anna, Grace, Max, Hannah, Luke, Dylan, Caitlyn and Logan. Carleton was engineer and businessman by trade. He moved to Plymouth in 1940 from Detroit. A alumni of Olivet College and long-time member of the Detroit Institute of Arts. He loved the arts, travelling, woodworking, but most of all his greatest love was his family. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 11:00am from the First Presbyterian Church 701 Church St. Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Carleton Wall Foundation. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



**GEORGE J. PATAK**

Age 94, of Plymouth, passed away January 12, 2010. Loving husband of the late Rita. Beloved father of Beverly (Thomas) Price, Ann Marie Somppi, Gregory (Maria) Patak and Jackie (Kevin) Hurley. Proud grandfather of Chris Price, Stephanie Price, Jason Somppi, Joshua Somppi, Jake Patak, Jenna Patak, Ryan Hurley and Alexis Hurley. Mr. Patak retired from Whitman & Barnes. He served in the United States Navy and Army during WWII. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church and the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 in Plymouth. An avid golfer, he once shot a hole in one. He also enjoyed ballroom dancing and bowling. Funeral service Monday, January 18, 2010, at 10:30am from St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, with visitation beginning at 10:00am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Saturday 4-9pm and Sunday 2-9pm. Rosary Sunday 3:00pm. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to the Veteran's Association or Mass Offerings are appreciated.



**HAROLD J. McDONALD**

Age 83, January 10, 2010. Beloved husband of Virginia. Dear father of Daniel, Michael, Mary McCarron, James, Virginia, Stephen and Joseph. Loving grandfather of Kristin, Jamie and Dusty. In state Thursday 9:30am until a 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or ARC of Western Wayne County. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.

**CLARA HERMANN**

Died January 10, 2010, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Rochester. She was 86 years old. Clara was born August 11, 1923, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Irene (nee Conant) and David McNair. Clara married Robert Hermann, February 14, 1948. She was a secretary for Swift and Company in Chicago for many years. Clara was a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham since 1964, where she was involved in several committees, including missions, social committees and work camp projects. She was a volunteer for Readings for the Blind and enjoyed hiking, camping and needlework but especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. Clara is survived by her children, Carol Hermann, James Hermann, Lynn (Lowell) Rodd and Bonnie (Al) Fisk and grandchildren, Michael Chastine, Joseph Hermann and Ryan and Randy Rodd. Clara is preceded in death by her husband, Robert and siblings, Ruth Schmidtke, Elaine Gunderson, Dave McNair, Jr., Roy Watson and Earl Watson. Services were held yesterday at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. Memorials appreciated to Readings for the Blind, a division of Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, Michigan 48308-5000 or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076. Condolences at: lynchfuneralldirectors.com

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Dr. Sofia Merajver, (right) director of the Breast and Ovarian Risk Evaluation Program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, counsels a patient.

## Women at high cancer risk need genetic counseling, care

A genetic mutation can significantly increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer and ovarian cancer. But does that mean everyone should be tested?

A new direct-to-consumer advertising campaign in select markets nationwide urges women to get tested. But experts from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center warn that the test is not appropriate for all women.

"While the test is a very easy thing to do — it's a simple blood test — the interpretation of the results can sometimes be very complicated," says Mark Pearlman, M.D., vice chair and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

In fact, experts estimate only 2 percent of the population should be tested for mutations, which occur in genes called BRCA1 or BRCA2.

Women who inherit a mutation in these genes face a higher lifetime risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer, and cancer is more likely to develop at an earlier age. Lifetime risk of breast cancer in these women jumps from 12.5 percent in the general population to approximately 60 percent in women with BRCA mutations. Lifetime ovarian cancer risk rises from 1.4 percent up to 40 percent for those with the mutation.

But most breast and ovarian cancers are random, and are not linked to the BRCA genes.



**Pearlman**



**Merajver**

Fewer than 10 percent of all women with breast cancer carry one of the BRCA gene mutations and about 15 percent of women with ovarian cancer carry one of the mutations.

"It's very important that the right women seek out genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer," says Sofia Merajver, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Breast and Ovarian Risk Evaluation Program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. "Cancer risk is more complex than a simple yes or no, and the test for genetic mutations is only part of the picture."

Women who seek genetic testing should work with a genetic counselor and a physician who is specially trained to help individuals understand what their test results mean for their cancer risk and what they can do to reduce that risk.

"Working with a genetic counselor, somebody who understands genetics, is very important because a positive test has a plan that has to go with it. At the same time, a negative test doesn't always mean that person is no longer at risk. So getting the test results back without any other

knowledge and without any other information is potentially dangerous," Pearlman says.

Pearlman and Merajver work together at the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center to manage women who are seeking or have undergone genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer, educating women and their families through genetic counseling and providing prevention, risk management and coping strategies for women who test positive.

For women who do test positive for a mutation, Pearlman's clinic helps them decide what to do about it. Options include getting mammograms at a younger age or more frequently, using breast MRI, taking medication to reduce risk, or making lifestyle changes. Women who are finished bearing children typically have their ovaries removed, and women also may choose to have their breasts removed to limit their risk.

Doctors recommend genetic testing for those who have:

- High numbers of family members with cancer diagnoses throughout several generations, either maternal or paternal
- Family member diagnosed with cancer before age 50
- Family members who have been diagnosed with multiple cancers, such as breast and ovarian.
- Male breast cancers, or clusters of other cancers such as colon, prostate, stomach or pancreatic

### REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

#### Detroit Pershing

##### Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

#### Farmington High School

##### Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington

High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

#### Oak Park High School

##### Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

#### Garden City High School

##### Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

#### Garden City West

##### Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in

Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

#### Dearborn Heights Haston High

##### Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

#### Warren Fitzgerald

##### Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Group shares quilts to heal grieving hearts

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

When her 42-year-old daughter Tracey died during an asthma attack two years ago, Clara Mirti was left with a lifetime of memories and a heart full of grief.

"My life was changed forever," said Mirti, a Westland resident. "Her death was sudden. It is getting easier but the loss will always be there."

Tracey had never married and she had no children. There was nothing tangible, "no part of her" that Mirti could cherish.

But there were photos and a few T-shirts left six months later when Mirti joined the Grief Support Quilter's Group at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She began coping with her feelings in a creative way by turning her late daughter's clothing into a quilt. She had the photos professionally transferred to the shirt fabric, which she cut into squares and pieced together, sewing them both by hand and machine and creating a tapestry of images, symbols and phrases celebrating Tracey's life.

She was so pleased with the result that she surprised her daughter, Kelly, with a quilt. Then her son, Bob, wanted one. Since joining the Grief Support Quilter's Group Mirti has produced eight quilts for family members.

Now she and other members are reaching out to the community, offering to make personalized memory quilts and teddy bears for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

"They decided it would be a good idea...making quilts for people who can't drive, who can't go to a support group, or making teddy bears for children who have lost a parent or grandparent," said Joan Lee, a bereavement social worker at Angela Hospice who facilitates



Clara Mirti (right) displays the first quilt she created in memory of her daughter Tracey. Also pictured is social worker Joan Lee, facilitator of the Quilter's Grief Support Group.

the quilt group.

Interested individuals can call her at (734) 716-4254 to arrange for a teddy bear or quilt. New fabric, chosen to honor the loved one, can substitute for personal clothing if none is available.

"When we get ready to put the quilt together, we'd love for them to at least participate in that step," Lee said.

### SUPPORTIVE, POSITIVE

Those who can attend the twice monthly sessions and craft their own quilts might be surprised by the experience. There's no sewing knowledge required and no pressure to talk

"We'd always encourage them to come to the group," Lee said. "They don't have to talk about their loss, but when they are ready and want to talk, everyone will stop and give them support. It's a wonderful

group. They've bonded with each other and formed friendships. They laugh and tell stories. It's a positive group."

That's exactly what Pat Richardson was looking for when she joined four months ago. Her father had died at home from lung cancer on Thanksgiving Day 2008.

"What drew me was 'grief support group.' That hit the nail on the head for me," said the Plymouth woman. "Something else I liked about the group is that it's not like a support group where you all sit around and talk constantly. The focus is on the quilt and that's what I like about it."

Richardson will supplement the two shirts she retrieved from her parents' home with new material. She had hoped to include fabric from her father's dress pants in the quilt, but her mother had

already eliminated most of his clothing.

She plans to take a cue from Mirti's quilt and incorporate photos into the project.

Mirti, meanwhile, is in charge of the teddy bear outreach.

"It's an easy pattern, cuddly and cute," Mirti noted.

Lee said memory quilts also can be a cuddly comfort to those who make or receive them.

"It's a wonderful thing to wrap yourself up in a loved ones clothing. When you lose someone close to you and you wear their sweater or jacket, it feels special. In this way it becomes a warm quilt," she said.

The Grief Support Quilter's Group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

### IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### Be on stage

Inspire Theatre will hold auditions for *Once Upon a Trunk*, a musical comedy revue with a lighthearted look at the music and comedy bits that have shaped the culture.

The show needs men and women of all ages who can sing, dance, or tell a good joke. Actors should come prepared to do cold readings and at least a few bars from a show tune. Non-singing parts also are available.

The show will be taped for broadcast on access television.

Auditions are 6:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 18-19. Arrive a few minutes early and plan to stay until 9:30 p.m. Direct questions to director Len Fisher at inspire@inspire-theatre.com or call (734) 751-7057.

#### Tasty and wild

Jim and Theresa Magyari, who studied under Botanist Ellen Weatherbee at University of Michigan adult education classes, will share what they've learned at a program and luncheon, 11:45 a.m., Friday, Jan. 22, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

Their goal is to help people learn how to feed themselves with edible plants that grow in urban areas. Tickets are \$16 per person and preregistration is required. To register call (734) 462-4443.

"Edible Wild Plants" is the first in the Transition Center's Winter 2010 Luncheon Series. Other programs are:

• Feb. 19 — Dr. Ken Stevens, a professor at Eastern Michigan University, will present "Down in the D" a "walking" history tour as seen through pictures of downtown

Detroit, featuring some of the city's most famous, and some not so famous, landmarks.

• April 9 — Kim GImarro, a local historian will present "The Children in our Midst," featuring photography and a historical presentation from the Michigan Hospital School that provided schooling, camping, swimming, music and much more to children convalescing from childhood diseases in the early part of the 20th century.

For more information visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/transitions/2009\\_Fall\\_Luncheon\\_Series.pdf](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/transitions/2009_Fall_Luncheon_Series.pdf).

#### Emotions workshop

Kirk of Our Savior in Westland is offering a series of workshops for individuals with family members in prison. The first session is 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1 at the church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland and will focus on "Anger and Bitterness. Other topics are "Beyond Shame and Embarrassment" on Feb. 15 and "Forgiving and Moving Forward," on Feb. 22.

RSVP to Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail her at [bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com).

The group also runs an ongoing support meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month, at the church. Visit the group's Web site at [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com).

#### Language presentation

Michigan Japanese Bilingual Education Foundation will sponsor a talk on two-way immersion Japanese-English education, 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24 in the auditorium at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia. For more information call Theodore Delphia at (734) 266-0611.

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## Butterfly program

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present a program titled "What Butterfly Is That?" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Cost is \$3 for non-members. Parking is available on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578; www.semba-butterfly.com

## At English Gardens

Learn how to create outdoor living areas at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at all English Gardens stores.

Two in-store sessions will focus on birds on Saturday, Jan. 30. Adults can learn how to attract birds to the backyard at 1 p.m. Youngsters can make bird feeders from pine cones at a workshop at 2:30 p.m. The youth session costs



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Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-

4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

## Hear Brahms, Ravel at 'Sunday Serenade'

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will present the second in a series of Sunday concerts at 2 p.m., Jan. 24, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Brahms Sunday Serenade will include a diverse selection of chamber ensemble pieces that, though small in instrumental size, are mighty in artistic impact. The Johannes Brahms Serenade No. 1 is the centerpiece of the program.

Featuring a chamber orchestra of nine musicians, Brahms' first venture into symphonic writing is a virtuoso showcase for all of the performers.

Two works by French composers, Mouvements Perpetuel by Francis Poulenc and the ethereal Introduction and Allegro for solo harp and ensemble by Maurice Ravel will contrast the German Romantic sound of the Brahms. The orchestra's harpist Maurice Draughn will step out as the soloist.

The program also will



include Lullaby and Doina written by Osvaldo Golijov. Having grown up in Argentina in an Eastern European Jewish household, Golijov creates a tapestry of sounds blending elements of Jewish liturgical, klezmer, gypsy and Argentine "new tango" music into his works.

Following the concert a

High Tea will be served in the Reception Hall. The tea will feature a full compliment of meats and other delights and is \$20. Reservations for the tea can be made by calling the Symphony Office at (734) 451-2112.

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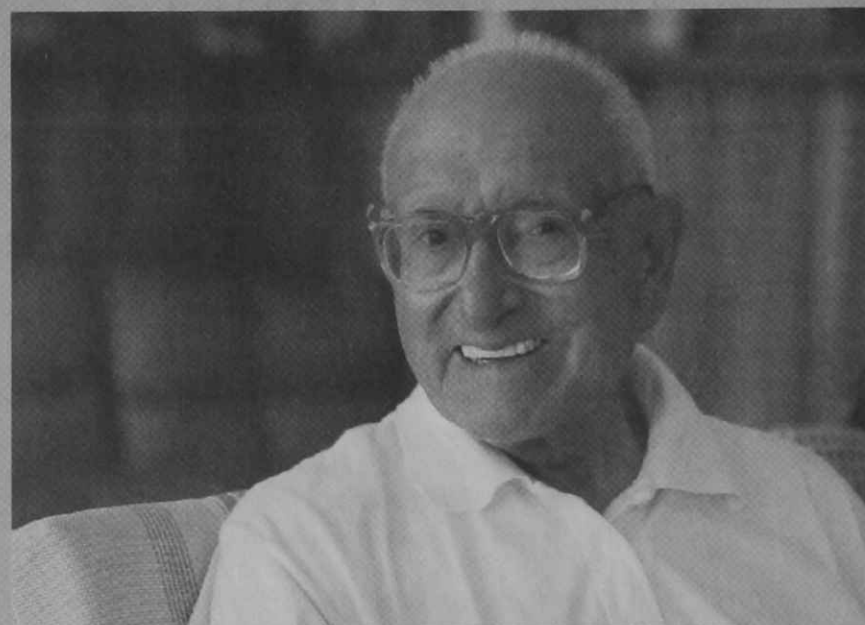
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**Dall-Krieger**

Christine Dall of Canton and David Krieger of Westland announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Doug and Connie Dall of Ann Arbor, is a 1987 Cedarville University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. She is the owner and director of Sylvan Learning Centers of South Canton and Brownstown.

Her fiancé, son of Diana and Larry Knak of Thompsonstown, Pa., is a 1991 graduate of State University New York at Buffalo. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and is employed as controller for Formsprag LLC, in Warren.

A wedding is planned for March at Calvary Baptist Church, in Canton Township.

**Kaczor-Obudzinski**

Lawrence and Marianne Kaczor of New Hudson and Kenneth and Diane Obudzinski of Plymouth are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Anne Mary Kaczor and Christopher Edward Obudzinski.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Schoolcraft Baking and Pastry Program. She works as a cake decorator at Costco.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and Central Michigan University, where he acquired a master's degree in human resources. He has been employed at Ford Motor Company for 10 years and is currently works in human resources.

The couple enjoys playing volleyball and bowling together. They plan a May wedding at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon and will make their home in Canton.

**Wilson-Mondoux**

Jennifer Michelle Wilson and David Patrick Mondoux were married Nov. 28, 2009 at Emerson UnitarianUniversalist Church in Troy.

The bride, daughter of Suzanne and George Wilson of Romeo, is a Michigan State University graduate and works for a background check firm in Sterling Heights.

The groom, son of Linda and William Mondoux of Farmington, also graduated from Michigan State University and is employed as a U.S. border patrol agent.

The Rev. Jonathan Rohrer officiated at the ceremony. The bride's attendants were Katie O'Connor, Laura Strong, and Amanda Bachelder. Laura Malburg was the Maid of Honor.

The groom's attendants were George M. Wilson, Ray George, and Jason May. Jonathan Doot was the Best Man.

A reception was held at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. The couple also took a honeymoon trip to Marco Island, Fla.

They reside in Gibraltar.

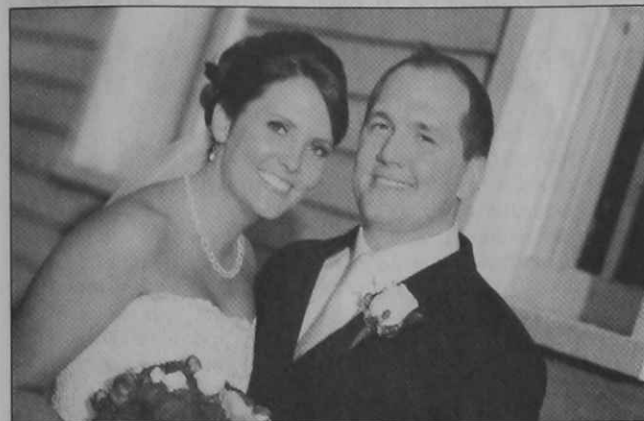
**Bibik-Williams**

Maxine Bibik of Livonia and Jack and Mary Sue Williams of Northville announce the engagement of their children Elizabeth Bibik and Daniel Williams.

The bride-to-be, a Berkley resident, is a human resources professional. She is a graduate of Adrian College and holds a bachelor's degree in vocal music and theatre. She's also the former director of human resources for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Her fiancé, a Canton resident, works in the information technology industry. He earned a bachelor's degree in jazz studies for piano from Wayne State University and holds a master's degree in media writing and production from the University of Miami, Florida.

The couple plans to wed in September 2010 in Livonia.

**Rosowski-Karsten**

Kate Karsten and Gary Rosowski were married Nov. 7, 2009 at Mill Race Historic Village, in Northville. A reception followed at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center.

The bride, daughter of Ned and Laurie Karsten of Zeeland, is a graduate of Zeeland High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed at Digitas.

The groom, son of Don and Mary Jane Rosowski of Westland, is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Team Detroit.

The bride's attendants were Andrea Brink, Amanda Huizenga, Kristie Welte and Emily Rosowski.

The groom's attendants were Jim D'Antonio, Larry Pociask, Mark Rosowski, Brad Kaminski and Chris Sanchez.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Jamaica.

They reside in Northville.

**Prover**

Mini Mary (Winkler) Prover of Livonia will mark her 90th birthday Feb. 15. She was born in 1920 in Detroit.

She grew up in Detroit and married Richard Prover in 1942. They raised three children in Dearborn Heights and moved to Livonia after their children graduated from high school. Her husband — and best friend — died in 2004. Their children are Larry (Marlene) Prover, Linda (John) Cowell and Laura (Bill) Cascaden.

She also has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Family members say her secret to a long life is a positive attitude. Prover will celebrate her birthday with family and friends on Valentine's Day.

**Dickerman-Brzezinski**

Nancy and Tim Roddy of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaitlyn Dickerman, to Dr. Bradley Brzezinski, son of Thomas and Deborah Brzezinski of Brooklyn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and Eastern Michigan University and is currently teaching fourth grade at St. John's Elementary School in Jackson.

Her fiancé graduated from Columbia Central High School, Michigan State University and Palmer College of Chiropractic and is currently in practice in Brooklyn.

The couple plans a late summer wedding.

**Boglarsky**

Albert and Cecile (Naval) Boglarsky will mark their 50-year wedding anniversary on Feb. 13.

The Westland couple was married in 1960 at Our Lady of Help of Christians Catholic Church in Detroit.

Their children are Mary Oesterwind of Canton, Cheryl Boglarsky of Brighton, Chris Ferguson of Livonia, and Terry Millis of Livonia. They also have five grandchildren.

Both Albert and Cecile have been retired for 10 years from employment with the State of Michigan.

They are active at St. Bernardine's Catholic Church, the K of C and the Moose Lodge.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with family this summer.



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## Cancer survivors needed for wellness class, study

Researchers at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak are seeking 24 women to participate in a study of an eight-week wellness program called Silver Linings.

Silver Linings, offered by Beaumont since 2005, is designed for women who have survived any kind of cancer and includes meditation, yoga, breast awareness/self-exam, mindful listening and expressive writing. The program aims to help cancer survivors explore and heal the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of the disease.

"Facing life after cancer



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is challenging," said Ruth Lerman, M.D., medical director, Silver Linings and co-investigator of the study. "Our

unique, eight-week program teaches tools of mindfulness and empowerment. Thanks to a research grant through the Beaumont Hospitals-Oakland University collaboration, we'll measure the effect 'Silver Linings' has on the quality of life of female cancer survivors."

Lerman is a specialist in diseases of the breast and is on staff at the Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Beaumont. She is actively involved in planning and implementing a variety of programs for patients with breast disease and those with a high risk for cancer. Her special interests include mind-body medicine and the spiritual aspects of healing.

Silver Linings program is free to participants, regardless of where they received treatment for cancer. An information and registration session will be held Jan. 12 and

19 at the Beaumont Cancer Institute, on the hospital campus at 13 Mile just west of Woodward Ave. Participants must attend one of the sessions, be at least 18 years old and have completed their cancer treatments.

The program meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m., for eight consecutive weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Women interested in participating in the study should contact Pam Jablonski at (248) 551-4645 or e-mail to [pjablonski@beaumont.edu](mailto:pjablonski@beaumont.edu) to find out if they are eligible. [www.beaumont-hospitals.com/silverlinings](http://www.beaumont-hospitals.com/silverlinings).

## Web site offers tips to parents on flu, colds

A Birmingham-based doctor has teamed with a physician from Pennsylvania to create a Web site that advises parents about flu prevention.

The site, [www.flusavvymoms.com](http://www.flusavvymoms.com), created by Dr. Jennifer Turnbull-Bonde, BS, D.C., ND of Birmingham and Dr. Kellyann Petrucci, BS, MS, D.C., ND, CNC of Bucks County, Pa., provides readers with information including flu prevention

tips, tips for helping your body get over the flu, and a quick reference guide to the different symptoms of colds, "regular" flu, and this year's H1N1 virus. The site also offers homeopathic remedies, vitamins and other natural products that the two doctors recommend for helping parents of young children ward off or recover quickly from colds and flu.

As working mothers them-

selves, both doctors say they are well aware of the challenges facing working parents during flu season. And, as holistic practitioners with many years' experience, they say they understand the importance of prevention as well as treatment.

"Preventing colds and flu is the key," said Turnbull-Bonde. "It takes much less time and stress to prevent the flu beforehand than to arrange for time

off from work or school if we or our children become ill. With our Web site, we've provided parents quick tools and information to help them do their most important job — protecting their family's health."

For more information on Flu-Savvy Moms, visit: [www.flusavvymoms.com](http://www.flusavvymoms.com). For more information about the site's founders, call Best of Organic, LLC at (866) 430-3071.

## ALS Association celebrates research, supporters

The ALS Association will present a Research Update and Celebration of Excellence Reception Feb. 2 to educate individuals about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research in Michigan and across the nation, and to recognize individuals who have supported the chapter in a special way.

ALS commonly is known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The program will start with light refreshments from 6-6:30 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen. A research update and awards presentation to top ALS Michigan Chapter volunteers will follow. Bill Emerson, CEO of

Quicken Loans, will receive the top award for his role as Corporate Chair — 2009 Detroit Walk to Defeat ALS.

Keynote speakers include Eva Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute at U of M, Kirsten Gruis, M.D., director of the ALS Clinic — University of

Michigan Health System and Daniel S. Newman, M.D., director of Hoenselaar ALS Clinic, at Henry Ford Hospital.

The event is free and open to the public, although an RSVP is requested. For more information or to RSVP, call Suzi Terebello at (248) 680-6540 or e-mail to [susan@alsa-michigan.org](mailto:susan@alsa-michigan.org).

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The next most common reason for difficulty grasping and holding comes from the palm of the hand.

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Arthritis of the hand is not the reason why objects slip from one's fingers. In such a case, the problem is with the nerve endings in the fingers. The brain is not receiving information from the nerve endings sufficient to tell the hand muscles to squeeze down.

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## 'CONSTRUCTIVE REVENGE' A BETTER ROUTE



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has seen his share of patients who considered revenge. He says that such thoughts are human: "You feel hurt and want to inflict pain. Everyone thinks about doing it." The cost, he says, is that "revenge harms you, creating destructive feelings and demoralization."

Two people in very different work situations have disappointment in common. Read about revenge that was and revenge that wasn't.

## NOT MAD, JUST EVEN

Cruz explains that covert revenge is secretive, occurring frequently in the workplace through technology or gossip. Parmelee Eastman of the proprietary market research firm EastSight Consulting in Wellesley, Mass., provides an example of covert revenge. She was laid off with a group of people, a large number over age 40, from Digital Equipment Corp., where she'd worked more

than 16 years.

"Digital had been family-oriented," she recalls. "The president was adamant against layoffs. People in manufacturing had no work but he wouldn't lay them off. When financial problems started, I'd do what I could to help. The new president immediately instituted massive layoffs." She had one week to get out and eventually received severance. The company that had her loyalty had evaporated.

Eastman met with an attorney, who advised her that the likelihood of gaining much from pursuing the company's firing of too many older workers was nil. She decided to shift to a smaller company. Her door was open to revenge, but "I didn't want to spend my energy entwined in a bad situation," she reports. "I think it was a healthy way to get closure from a company where I thought I'd spend my life."

Then, out of nowhere, an opportunity arose. Eastman had a chance to apply her personal philosophy, "Don't get mad, get even." A client at her new company wanted competitive intelligence on Digital, to which the client had lost business. Eastman had worked in that very part of Digital but had to assess whether practices had changed there. They hadn't. She documented her findings and turned them over to her client.

## 'LOOKING FORWARD'

Dee Jones, owner of Power of Women Magazine and Radio Show in Hot Springs, Ark., used what

Cruz calls "constructive revenge," which allowed her to feel the pain and work through it. She fell prey to a subcontractor, also a woman, of her start-up medical staffing business with 130 subcontractors. That woman stole her clients and, by reporting to the Department of Labor that Jones was treating subcontractors like employees, assured an investigation into the business. Jones faced a potential \$73,000 fine.

Jones completely lost her "fight," and the women who'd worked with her firm, both single mothers and mothers with low income, kept asking her for help. She concedes that she was "panicked: I didn't know what to say."

"My 16 year-old son said, 'Mom, this is obviously not what you were supposed to do,'" she remarks. "There's something better ahead." Her husband suggested that, should their house be at risk as their main asset, they could get divorced and take her off title. She kept wracking her brain. What could she do?

She decided to close her business and started a new, very different one. "You have to keep looking forward," she says.

Cruz describes her attitude as "healthy -- beginning by feeling the pain and doing something constructive. She was ... coping with the pain. Her urge to create pain became weaker and weaker."

Eastman believes that "getting even is sweet but it isn't worth risking a new job." Cruz



Victor Cruz brings uncommon perspective on revenge in the workplace. He practices at the Cruz Clinic in Livonia, Mich. Here he's shown in Tampa vacationing over the December holidays.

disagrees, saying that "harming a competitor or former employer never pays. That's revenge that will haunt you. You always get it back, sooner or later, in some way." He further states that constructive revenge ultimately destroys the need to inflict pain.

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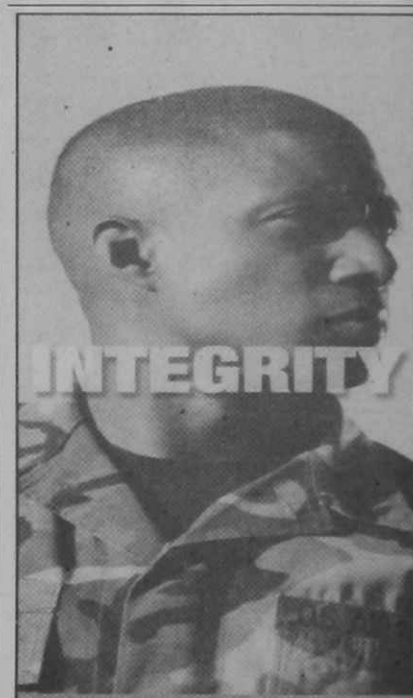
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**ACROSS**

- Zinger
- Moan position
- Antarctic sea
- New Age singer
- Ill-fated lover
- Golden Rule word
- Depot info
- Orchestra members
- Fiat boat
- Misses (2 wds.)
- Footfalls
- Make rumpled
- Island near Java
- White as a ghost
- Procession on wheels
- Reaches across
- Daring
- Wallet filler
- Legal wrong
- Frisbees
- Unfriendly
- Anger
- Italian port
- Healing ointment
- Dream state (2 wds.)
- Laid off from work
- Moistens
- Natural impulse
- Human herbivore
- Warm fabrics

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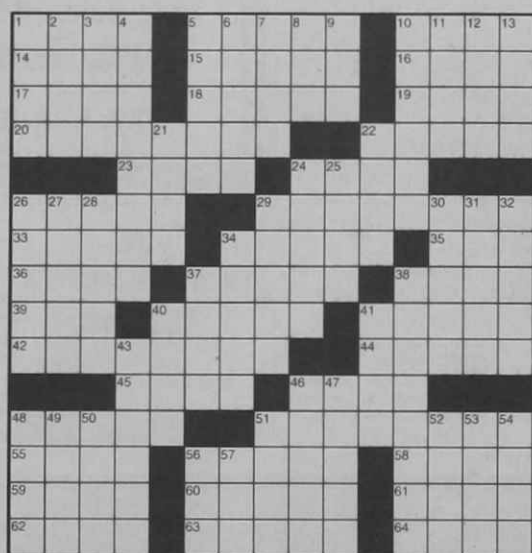
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- Lightning strikes
- Thicken
- Keg
- Seize the throne
- He directed Marlon
- Catch sight of
- Brass instruments
- Dispatched
- Honk
- Debate side
- "Saving Private"
- Cellar
- Univ. staffers
- Drifters
- Romance, to Pedro
- Drop in on
- Selene's sister
- Bucolic
- A single time
- Grind to a halt
- Plants crops
- Lies on the beach
- eyed
- Muslim woman's garment
- Off-road vehicles
- Up and about
- Future fern

#### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

CARVE BLIP SASH  
AGAIN LARA ALTO  
MONET ACID VIAL  
EGGWHITES FABLE  
SUCH HOAGIES  
ADE SKEW ORE  
YUK EYRE HELIUM  
EPEE SIB YORE  
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## SUDOKU

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I M F L I K I N G E E G V N C  
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5	4	1	8	9	7	3	6	2
6	2	9	5	3	1	8	7	4
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#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## Saturn Delivers Quality With Outlook

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### CAReport



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The minivan may be dead, but almost every carmaker wants to reincarnate it as a large crossover SUV. Saturn's alternative to the soccer mom mover is the Outlook.

Saturn designed the Outlook with a good mix of style, size and versatility. The end result provides the cargo space of a minivan, looks of a large SUV and the handling of a regular size car. The Outlook is perfect for the jet-setting family on-the-go.

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

Access to the third-row seat and laying it flat for storage is as easy as pulling a strap thanks to a feature called Smart Slide. This feature allows second-row seat cushions to flip up as the seat slides forward, creating a wider path of entry for access to the third row.

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

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

The crossover is also safe. With a responsive four-wheel independent steering system, the Outlook offers a stable ride and good handling characteristics. It never once got out of my grasp even in twisty driving. No, the rubber grabbed the road.

If you opt for the XR trim you get a trip computer, steering-wheel-mounted audio controls, an eight-way power driver seat, speed-proportional power steering, faux wood trim throughout the cabin and dual-zone climate control.

Options, depending on trim, include 19-inch wheels, a power liftgate, xenon headlights, a navigation system, keyless engine start, a premium audio system, a sunroof, second-row captain's chairs, a rear-seat DVD player, leather upholstery, a second-row floor console for seven-passenger models and a rear backup camera.

The Outlook sports a sleek aerodynamic looking body, a design that usually isn't associated with such a spacious cabin. The rear glass wraps around the corners and is angled slightly toward the roof, enhancing the vehicle's flowing lines.

The most prominent design element of the Outlook's exterior is the front end, which shows the new face of Saturn. The look is more angular than rounded, with well-defined creases highlighted with a bright grille bar that is flanked by large, jewel-like lights. This theme, combined with the Outlook's wrap-around rear glass, results in a bold and symmetrical appearance.

Like the exterior design, the Outlook's interior radiates class and style. A low-sitting instrument panel similar to a newer Cadillac enhances the feeling of openness in the front-row seats, instead of a cluttered truck design. The instrument panel and other interior elements feature high-quality, easy on the eyes low-gloss materials.

The Outlook gets 16 miles per gallon city



The Saturn Outlook is a car-based crossover that's designed to drive like a car and have the style of an SUV. Add to that the Outlook's spacious cabin, which can easily replace a minivan for families that need to carry up to eight passengers.

and 24 mpg on the highway with an engine that is General Motors' latest and most technologically advanced V6 unit. In fact, it's the same engine that the Cadillac CTS is equipped with and pumps out 275 horsepower when equipped with dual exhaust in the upscale XR model. Without twin pipes, you still get 270 horsepower. Not much of a trade off, but the duals do look fierce.

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

If you do get into a bang up though, you should feel safe in knowing that you are covered in almost any kind of accident.

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

Complementing the air bags is General Motors' rollover sensing system, which can employ the side-impact air bags if sensors determine a rollover is imminent. Because rollovers are typically longer in duration than non-rollover crashes, the air bags stay inflated longer to provide occupants increased protection from being thrown

around the cabin.

The Outlook scored a perfect five out of five stars in both front- and side-impact crash tests conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

To make sure you know where you're going all Outlooks are equipped with a new service called OnStar Turn-by-Turn Navigation. This is the first factory-installed, fully integrated GPS navigation system from OnStar.

Turn-by-Turn allows drivers to talk to a live advisor, who in turn sends complete step-by-step directions to their vehicles through the OnStar system. These audio directions automatically play through the vehicle's stereo, triggered by the OnStar system's GPS. This enables drivers to be led to their destination while keeping their hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.

All in all, Saturn's entry to the crossover SUV segment is definitely a worthy one. The company has the right Outlook on what families want and has delivered it in spades.

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#### Saturn Outlook

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**Power:** V6 engine.

**Mileage:** 16 city / 24 highway.

**Price as tested:** \$43,280.

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