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## CANTON CONNECTION

### Top judge

Judge Michael J. Gerou has been appointed Chief Judge of the 35th District Court for a two-year term by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Gerou was elected 35th District Court Judge in November 2002. He earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan



University and his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Detroit School of Law and has continued his legal education at the National Judicial College. Judge Gerou currently serves as Vice President of the Wayne County District Judges Association and on the Board of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

### BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Registered nurse Brenda Kassees, program director of Compassionate Care Hospice, will be the guest speaker.

For more information and to RSVP, contact [juvenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:juvenicholas@comcast.net)

### Home expo

Canton's ninth annual Home Improvement Expo takes place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Canton's Summit on the Park.

The expo helps save time and money by allowing visitors to view and interact with the latest remodeling contractors in a friendly, warm environment.

Exhibitors offer show specials and discounts, making the Expo the perfect resource to help you start any home improvement project.

A hands-on children's project center will be available for kids of all ages to construct projects made from wood donated by Home Depot and special guest appearances will be made by Murray Gula, host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" and Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor."

To view a complete list of the vendors, obtain the Expo layout, and download workshop and mini-workshop schedules visit [www.canton-mi.org/homeexpo.aspx](http://www.canton-mi.org/homeexpo.aspx). The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. For more information call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at (734) 394-5200.

## Summit sendoff



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Maia Shibutani (above) signs an autograph for Canton resident Lisa Jasnowski at Tuesday's Olympic sendoff at the Summit. Olivia Kiels (top) has her face painted with the linked ring Olympic logo. Olivia lives in Farmington Hills and skates with the Canton club based at Arctic Edge.

## Fans swarm rally to bid skaters fond farewell

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ice dancers training at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena can expect an Olympic welcome when they get to the Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, next week.

But that greeting will have to go some to match the sendoff Canton fans gave them Tuesday night.

Hundreds of people crowded into the Summit on the Park to cheer American ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White and Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir at a pep rally before their departure for the start of their quest for gold.

"The world will be watching when you take the ice," Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy told the skaters before the cheering throng. "But also know you'll have the full support of everyone in Canton."

The pairs are each coming off a victory in their respective national figure skating championships. They're trying to follow in the footsteps of fellow ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who won Olympic medals in 2006 after training out of Arctic Edge.

They're very excited for the opportunity. "I'd say 10 on a scale of 1-to-10," Moir said. "To have it be so close is surreal. We're pumped."

Tuesday's pep rally certainly helped prime that pump. The fans cheered, dozens of balloons dropped from the ceiling, the Tobasco Cats played the music and the skaters talked to fans and signed some autographs.



Balloons fall from the ceiling in a grand sendoff for Olympic skaters who train at Canton's Arctic Edge.

That's the kind of enthusiasm the Olympic-level skaters have been bringing to Arctic Edge, which has enjoyed a boost in not only in its open skating, but in the number of kids wanting to learn to skate.

Other skaters see the exposure Arctic Edge gets on television, for instance, and want to see what it's all about.

"When you're on TV and you get that notoriety, it helps with your learn-to-skate program," said Craig O'Neill, Arctic Edge's general manager. "It brings more people into the rink."

Having all that Olympic energy also helps the skaters. Moir said there are times practicing just isn't a high priority, but then he gets a glimpse of the other teams.

"We train with one of the best dance teams in the world, and they will definitely

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## Drivers divided on gas tax plan

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton motorists appear sharply divided over proposals by two Michigan lawmakers to increase the state tax on gasoline and diesel fuel — a plan supporters say could help fix crumbling roads.

Drivers pumping gas outside the Mobil Cascardo Oil station at Sheldon and Warren sounded off Monday afternoon on bills introduced by state Reps. Dick Ball, R-Bennington Township, and Pam Byrnes, D-Lyndon Township.

The bills call for increasing the state gas tax from 19 cents a gallon to 27 cents by 2013, starting with a 4-cent hike as early as March. The proposals would raise the diesel tax from 15 cents to 27 cents during the same period, beginning with a 6-cent jump.

Canton resident Cory Price, a 22-year-old assistant lab manager for Henry Ford OptimEyes in Westland, said a gas tax increase would be less costly than repairs, such as fixing damaged front-end struts, he has made to his 1999 Pontiac Grand Am because of bumpy roads.

"I'm one of those people who's hurting (economically)," Price said, "but the roads are tearing up our cars. And the economy, I feel, is on the way back up."

Price bought a strut for \$60 and fixed his car himself to avoid paying for labor, but he said he believes bad roads are costing drivers more for repairs than a gas tax would.

Price stood at the gas pump with his friend and neighbor Bridget Holliday, who said she often spends \$45 to fill the tank of the older-model Buick LeSabre the pair was riding in.

"I think the gas tax should not go up," said Holliday, an independent artist and Canton resident. "If people can't afford to get to work, they can't pay the bills. It might just be a little bit each week, but it seems like everything is going up a little bit."

If approved, the proposed gas and diesel taxes would impose half the increases this year and the other half in 2013. Supporters say the revenue would not only help fix Michigan roads, but also would provide matching money the state needs to continue qualifying for some \$1.5 billion in federal dollars.

In Michigan, lawmakers have said the tax hikes would initially raise \$240 million a year and, by 2013, an estimated \$480 million a year.

"I think it's a good idea," Canton resident John Bartle, 44, said as he filled up his vehicle at the Mobil Cascardo Oil station, adding that bad roads "affect everybody who has a car."

Like others, Bartle said he just hopes that if a gas tax is implemented, the money will go where it should — toward fixing deteriorating roads.

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Canton residents and neighbors Cory Price and Bridget Holliday disagree on a proposal to raise the gas tax.

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## House passes scaled-back health bill

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A state House-approved measure eliminating lifelong health benefits for Michigan lawmakers falls short of what state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, sought when she became one of the original bill's sponsors, Slavens said Wednesday.

"It's a first step," she said. "I'm excited we were able to get a vote, but I don't think it goes far enough."

House legislators Tuesday voted overwhelmingly to approve a bill eliminating lifelong, state-paid health coverage for legislators elected in the future — but not those currently serving. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Slavens had co-sponsored legislation to eliminate lifelong health benefits even for lawmak-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The state House passed a scaled-down version of a bill supported by Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton eliminating lifetime health care for legislators.

ers currently in office. She said the state shouldn't stall efforts to abolish a system that has provided coverage for lawmakers who have at least six years on the job and reach age 55.

House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, has said the original bill was changed amid worries

the original proposal pertaining to current legislators couldn't win passage.

Slavens indicated she will continue pushing for the broader legislation.

"I see so many people in my own community who have lost their health insurance after working somewhere for 20 or 30 years," she said. "I just think it's (the state benefit) is wrong. We are in financial crisis, and we really need to cut back."

Slavens and others have said efforts to end lifelong health benefits could eventually save the state an estimated \$5 million a year.

Slavens said the Senate may choose to try to strengthen the House-approved bill, and "I encourage them to do just that."

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## SKATERS

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be one of our biggest competitors," Moir said. "Some days when you don't feel like training, you look over at them and it lights a fire under you. We push each other every day."

Watching that level of competition also lights the fire of some of the arena's non-Olympic-level skaters. Lisa Jasnowski of Canton is a figure skater who admits she's a huge fan of the Olympians.

But she also said watching

them lets her think anything is possible.

"It's exciting to have someone in your own backyard who can flow so beautifully," said Jasnowski, who has been skating for eight years. "I want to work up to that."

That's why she was at the Summit Tuesday, to show support for the skaters. It was an outpouring of love that moved the skaters.

"Arctic Edge has been an amazing place to train," said Virtue, in her sixth season skating in Canton. "It's great to have their support."

## CORRECTION



A caption for this photo that ran in Sunday's Observer should have identified the car as a Ford Fiesta.

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

## 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).

## Preschool open house

PCN co-op preschool hosts an open house 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

PCN co-op preschool, located at 5825 N. Sheldon, is an extremely affordable option to be part of your child's development. PCN provides a play experience and curriculum developed by trained, objective teachers who provide insight into your child's growth and development. The preschool also uses the Handwriting without tears curriculum in all classes to give your child the head start they need. Class options include 3 days a week for 4 year olds in the AM or PM and a 2 days a week for 3 year olds.

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## Resource fair

The P-CCS Special Education Parent Advisory Committee hosts a Parent Resource Fair 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at Discovery Middle School, 45083

## AROUND CANTON

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A variety of vendors will be hosting tables with information relating to families of special needs children. A quiet room will be available for children.

The fair is designed to be a great resource for parents, families and educators of children with special needs.

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## Rockettes clinic

The Salem Rockettes Pom Team hosts its annual pom/dance clinic at Salem High School Saturday, March 6.

Youngsters in grades K-5 go from 9 a.m. to noon; grades 6-8 go from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$40. For more information, contact Kim Benintende at (734) 340-9360 for more information, or check the team's Web site at [www.pompon.salemrocks.com](http://www.pompon.salemrocks.com)

## Bucks for Bach

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras invites you to "Bucks for Bach," a fun evening of great music in a delightful artistic setting at the Lotus Arts Gallery in downtown Plymouth.

The event - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 - will

feature musicians from the orchestra including Symphony Conductor Nan Washburn, Flutist Dennis Carter, Cellist Amy Kuras and Pianist Patrick Johnson. The music of Bach will be performed throughout the evening along with wine and Hors D'oeuvres.

Enjoy a wonderful evening and help support the Symphony at the same time. Suggested donation for the event is \$35

For information and reservations call (734) 451-2112 or visit [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

## St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School hosts an open house Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. The school offers 3-year-old preschool through fifth grade classes including all-day kindergarten and half-day Young Fives.

St. Michael Christian School provides a Christ-centered education using the Holy Bible, the Concordia Publishing House study series, and a weekly Chapel Service led by the Pastoral Staff.

St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720 or visit the school's Web site at [www.stmichael-church.org](http://www.stmichael-church.org)

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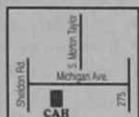
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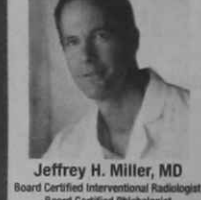
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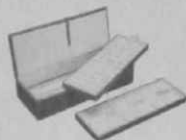
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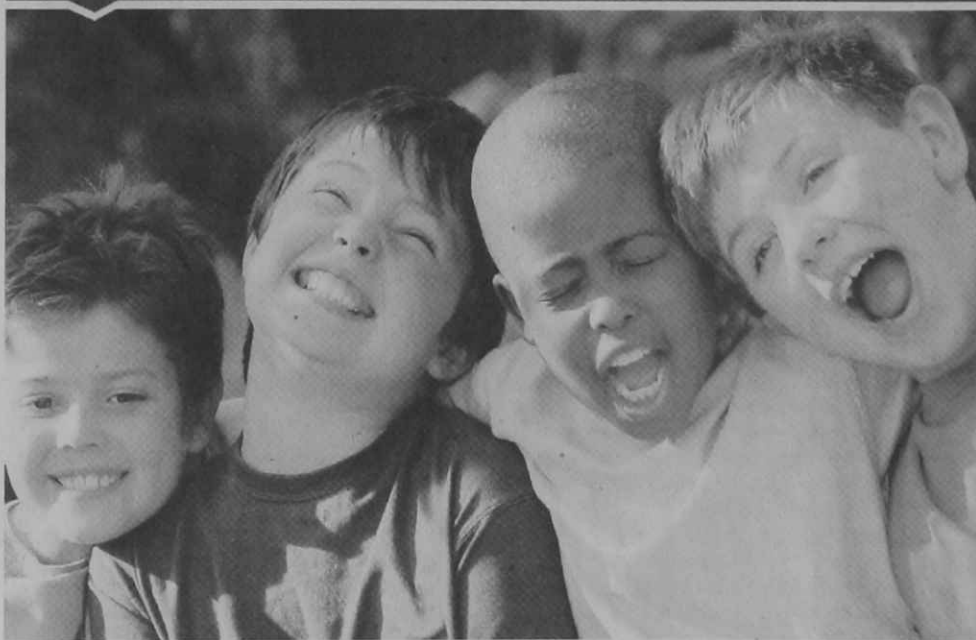
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Canton resident Sam Porco, with his 4-year-old son, Gabriel, opposes any tax increase amid a struggling economy.

## GAS TAX

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Canton resident Sam Porco, who helps his father run Amantea's Italian restaurant in Garden City, said he opposes any tax increase amid a struggling economy.

"I think any tax increase only hampers our ability to grow," Porco, 38, said. "They should look for this money (in the state budget) in places where money is being wasted. I don't

want a tax increase. I like tax decreases."

Canton resident Irene Wassel also said she is against raising the gas tax by 8 cents by 2013.

"That's a lot. I drive a lot," she said, filling up her Hyundai. "I drive a car that gets a lot of mileage — not like some of these SUVs — but that's a lot."

The bills sponsored by Ball and Byrnes would raise the state gas and diesel tax until both would be 27 cents a gallon by Jan. 1, 2013. It remains to be seen how lawmakers will

act on the measures, particularly during an election year.

Carmine Palombo, transportation director for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said during recent road talks with Canton Township officials that lawmakers don't face any easy options in raising money to fix roads and prevent the loss of federal dollars.

But, Palombo warned, "It's getting close to calling it a crisis at this point."

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## Project could broaden access to Rouge trail

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Efforts to create yet a new offshoot of the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail in Canton could begin by year's end, adding another 2.8 miles to a five-mile path already nearing completion between Haggerty and Canton Center roads.

The new stretch would start just east of an existing trail head on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue, allowing recreation enthusiasts to walk, jog or bike northward to Flodin Park and then west to Griffin Park.

"What this does is broaden the use tremendously," said Bob Belair, assistant township engineer. "It ties in the neighborhoods along the two township parks."

Rather than accessing the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail solely from the existing trail head, users also could access it from Flodin Park, located on Saltz near Morton Taylor, and from Griffin Park, situated on Sheldon between Cherry Hill and Saltz.

"I think it provides great access to the neighborhoods in that area," Belair said.

The new trail work could potentially begin by year's end and be completed in 2011, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

The project would occur in an area where Canton already is involved in a sanitary sewer expansion project, Faas said. Aside from providing more recreation offerings, the trails also would allow township employees to access the sewer system and provide a better way for International Transmission Corp. to service the area's utility corridor.

As such, the new trails would be deemed multi-use, although township documents indicate the edge of trails could not be located within 10 feet of any portion of an ITC tower.

The cost of the 2.8-mile trail and service road, along with two bridges for occasional vehicle access by ITC, is pegged at \$820,000. It's all part of a massive, \$45 million bond for sewer improvements the township approved a few years ago.

Township officials have said the cost will increase only \$30,000 to install pedestrian crossing signs, where the trail crosses roads, and to put down a special surface material to make the trails accessible

under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA.

Already, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution supporting the project and forwarded it to ITC, and local officials don't anticipate any snags.

In a letter to township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said the latest work would usher in a better trail system that local residents have long cited as their No. 1 need for recreation offerings.

"As identified in two different community surveys, residents indicated that trails are the number one unmet need for community recreation facilities," Conklin wrote in a Jan. 25 letter to LaJoy. "As the sewer expansion project was developed, Leisure Services worked closely with Municipal Services to expand the trail system in conjunction with the sewer expansion."

The leg of improvements incorporating Flodin and Griffin parks will only add to a Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail that, ultimately, will connect to an improved recreation trail system the state is planning along the I-275 corridor.

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## Traffic stop turns into drug bust

**1** Canton police arrested a man for having two small bags of cocaine during a traffic stop that occurred about 9:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, on Old Michigan Avenue near Haggerty.

Officers stopped the vehicle after noticing its headlights weren't turned on. Police said a passenger — an 18-year-old Garden City man — appeared nervous and was visibly shaking, so officers asked him to get out of the car and asked him to consent to a search, which he did.

Police reported finding two bags of cocaine and placed the man under arrest. The female driver was cited for having no proof of insurance and was given a verbal warning about the headlights.

## Gold gone

**2** A woman who had hired workers to paint inside her house told police she later noticed several of her 22-karat gold bracelets were missing.

The woman said the work had been done between Nov. 15 and Dec. 19, though she didn't report the theft for several weeks until she realized she needed a police report for insurance purposes.

The incident happened on Newbury Court, northeast of Warren and Napier.

The woman told police five painters had been inside her home. She said the missing bracelets had been kept in a jewelry box in an upstairs bedroom.

Her son also reported several missing items from a living room entertainment center, including Playstation equipment and an iPod.

## Burner burning

**3** A woman with two young daughters arrived at her home in Holiday Estates, on



Geddes west of Canton Center, to learn that someone had broken in and left a gas stove burner turned on while she was away between 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, according to a police report.

The woman, accompanied by her boyfriend, returned home, noticed the door had been damaged, went inside and found that a burner of her gas stove was lit and turned on high with a small, empty frying pan sitting on it.

She removed the pan and turned the stove off. She also told police it appeared the bedroom had been gone through. A bottle of rum also was missing from a kitchen freezer but there appeared to be nothing else taken from the home.

The investigation was continuing.

## Credit card theft

**4** A woman told police a stranger got her wallet and made unauthorized purchases with her credit cards after she left it at the Meijer store

on Ford Road east of Canton Center.

The woman indicated she may have left her wallet at the service desk. She told police she received a call from a credit card company, then canceled her credit cards but not before a few purchases had been made including one for \$267 at the Macy's store at Westland Shopping Center.

She said an attempted withdrawal had occurred at an ATM in Dearborn and had been declined along with a few other purchases at various locations. The incident happened Jan. 26.

## Games stolen

**5** A man returned with his family to their home on Brookshire, southeast of Lilley and Warren, to find that someone had gone inside the house and taken several Playstation games and a laptop computer.

The incident happened between noon and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

A neighbor reported seeing

a vehicle pull up to the home, and a white male went to the front door before then going to a side door of the garage and entering the house.

A police report indicated the intruder could have been a relative who has a drug problem.

## Apartment break-in

**6** A resident of Brookpark, southwest of Joy and I-275, told police someone broke into his apartment while he was gone between 11:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday. He said the front door had been kicked in and the door frame had a large vertical crack. However, no items appeared to be missing.

## Domestic dispute

**7** A Canton woman was under investigation amid accusations she threatened her live-in boyfriend with a knife during a domestic dispute that occurred about 2 a.m. Monday on Windsor Woods, northwest of Morton Taylor and Warren.

A man called police, who arrived to find the woman curled up and crying on a couch. Police said she had been drinking alcohol.

A police report indicated the couple had lived together about a year and had argued over the woman's drinking problem. The report indicated the woman began hitting and scratching the man, who tried to restrain her before she broke free, got a steak knife from the kitchen and rushed toward him.

The report indicated the man took the knife from the woman and forced her to the couch before calling police. The woman said the man hurt her back with his knee.

The woman was taken to Garden City Hospital, where she was checked out before she was placed under arrest.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

# Freeway crash claims Ypsilanti teenager

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 19-year-old Ypsilanti woman was killed Tuesday afternoon in Plymouth Township when she was struck by a semi-truck after being ejected from the car she was driving.

Elizabeth Wolf was pronounced dead at the scene, said troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Taylor. The accident occurred at about 2:30 p.m. on eastbound M-14 west of Sheldon Road.

Wolf lost control of the 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier she was driving, police said, and the car struck a guardrail on the right side of the freeway. Wolf, who was apparently not wear-

ing a seat belt, was ejected from the car and struck by an eastbound semi traveling in the middle lane, police said.

The semi driver had tried to avoid a collision, police said.

A passenger in the Cavalier, a 24-year-old Ypsilanti man, was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti with minor injuries, police said.

Snowy, slippery road conditions appear to have played a role in the crash, which remains under investigation, police said.

The crash investigation closed the eastbound lanes of M-14 for several hours; traffic was routed off the expressway.

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# Canton man charged in accident

A Canton man has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a Friday evening accident that left one woman hospitalized.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Jason N. Choos, 45, of Canton, after the accident, which took place at Ann Arbor Road and I-275 in Plymouth Township. Choos was arraigned Sunday in 34th District Court, charged with operating under the influence causing serious injury, first-degree OUIL (a 93-day

misdemeanor), carrying a concealed weapon (four years) and a felony firearm charge (two-year mandatory sentence) and possession of marijuana (a one-year misdemeanor).

Magistrate Jeffrey Fanton set a \$250,000/10-percent bond, and Choos may not operate a motor vehicle, has to use an alcohol tether and submit to a daily blood test.

He's scheduled for a preliminary exam Friday, Feb. 12, in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### Geriatrician addition

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's Krieger Geriatric Center is expanding its services with the appointment of Mohammad Tariq Kang, M.D., a board-certified internist and specialist in geriatrics. Kang is an assistant professor of internal medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Kang, a Canton resident, will provide multi-disciplinary outpatient care for adults 65 and over, including cognitive assessment, treatment of urinary incontinence, evaluation of fall risk, and management of polypharmacy—multiple medications often taken by older adults.

"We have tools to assess depression and cognition and we can arrange for an evaluation of the patient's home situation including psychosocial issues," Kang said. "We are able to conduct a full assessment of the caregiver's stress level here at the Krieger Center. Our staff is trained to treat the geriatric population and we help patients and their families consider the continuity of care."

Kang graduated from Punjab Medical College in Pakistan, where he practiced medicine for 15 years. He recently completed a residency in internal medicine at DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital and a fellowship in geriatric medicine at Wayne State University.

### In good hands

As a business leader and involved citizen in the Canton area, Allstate exclusive agency owner Bruce Lamb of the Bruce Lamb Insurance Agency has been designated a Premier Service Agency for 2009.

The designation was presented to Allstate agency owner Bruce Lamb for exceeding customer expectations in their agency. Less than 21 percent of Allstate's nearly 15,000 agency owners countrywide are honored with this designation. The Premier Service Agency designation is awarded to Allstate agency owners who have consistently met designated levels in customer service and business performance.

Bruce Lamb's recognition as a Premier Service Agent proves their agency's ability to deliver accessible, knowledgeable and personal customer service allowing them to achieve outstanding business results, Allstate officials said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vintner's Canton Winery hosts 'An Icy Affair,' Friday, Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m. at the Winery, located at 8515 N. Lilley in Canton.

The Bruce Lamb Insurance Agency is located at 1722 South Lilley Road in Canton and can be reached by phone at (734) 844-7000.

### Vintner's Valentines

Vintner's Canton Winery, winner of 19 awards, WineMaker Magazine Competition, hosts "An Icy Affair," Friday, Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m. at the Winery, located at 8515 N. Lilley in Canton.

Taste three ice-styled wines and enjoy decadent chocolate fondues. Admission to this adult-only (21 years and older please) event is \$15.

Guests will have the opportunity to taste Vintner's Canton's White Ice, Raspberry Ice and Bello Bacio. Vintner's Bello Bacio and Raspberry Ice Wine were 2009 WineMaker Magazine Gold Medal Winning dessert wines.

Vintner's Canton Winery and A Family Affair Catering believe Valentine's Day should be celebrated by everyone.

So gather your favorite person or persons, girlfriends or buddies and join them as they present

"Cupids, Comedy and Cuisine!" at Our Lady of Good Counsel's Banquet Center, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy award winning wines, extraordinary cuisine and, for your added pleasure, unique comedy as "Fonts" a one-act musical written by Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, is presented. Food, wine, and com-

edy theater, all for \$35.

Vintner's Canton Winery is a full service Winery located at 8515 N. Lilley Rd. in Canton, featuring more than 30 styles of wine made on premise. Vintner's Canton also offers free, private wine tasting parties as well as, open wine tasting during Winery hours.

A Family Affair Catering located within Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, can meet any catering needs from small intimate gatherings to larger events including weddings, showers, anniversary parties, reunions and offers both on site banquet facilities, off site catered events, individual meals to go, tailgate to go, corporate lunches, and entrées, appetizers, and dishes to go.

For reservations call the winery at (734) 354-9463 or visit [www.vintnerscanton.com](http://www.vintnerscanton.com) or [www.afacatering.com](http://www.afacatering.com).

### Valentine's surprise

Craving a little romance this Valentine's Day? Then reserve a steamy date at your local White Castle Restaurant. Between 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, you and your valentine can enjoy a romantic candlelit dinner complete with special menus, tableside service and themed decorations. Reservations are filling up quickly and can be made by calling (248) 477-1450, Ext. 10, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



The Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology has acquired the former La-Z-Boy distribution center on Haggerty Road.

## Training institute plans Canton upgrade

With a growing need for space, the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, based at Willow Run airport, started looking for a third location.

They found what they wanted in the former La-Z-Boy, Inc., distribution center on Haggerty in Canton.

In 2007 the Aviation and Technology Career school opened a satellite campus in New Boston, apart from their Willow Run Airport location, to accommodate increased enrollment for their Power Technology and Transportation Dispatch Divisions. According to Charles Hawes, MIAT President, continued growth again prompted a search for additional space.

"Our students train on a broad variety of equipment, some of it very large - aircraft, wind turbine blades, industrial turbines, electrical equipment and testing devices," Hawes said. "We wanted to consolidate our programs into a world-class facility that meets these requirements."

The purchase of the more modern, 125,000-square-foot facility at 2955 Haggerty Road provides an opportunity to bring the school's Willow Run and

### NEW DIGS

**What:** Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology open house

**Where:** It's new Canton facility at 2955 Haggerty Road

**When:** May 8

**More:** The open house provides an opportunity for neighbors to tour the facility and get information about the school and its programs.

New Boston campuses together, allowing all programs to thrive while sharing resources.

The Canton location is situated conveniently off I-275 at the Michigan Avenue Exit, less than 10 miles from both current buildings.

The administration anticipates Willow Run operations will transfer to Canton in early May, and the New Boston operations will follow later in the summer.

"This is an excellent opportunity to improve our classrooms, equipment and hands-on laboratory environment," Hawes said.

"We are confident the move will occur as smoothly as possible and we look forward to a successful future for MIAT, our students, and graduates."

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## CHAMBER CHAT

### Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance agents, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Inc.

### Annual auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announces its annual Dinner Auction, to be held Saturday, April 17, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"This is always such a fun event. We have Silent, Live, and Raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Take Me out to the Ball Game" is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our Baseball Fans."

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 400 attendees and featured over 250 prizes from categories such as Home-style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New in 2010, a "Detroit Tiger Suite" comes with 18 tickets and 3 parking passes. Also up for auction is 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States American Airlines flies.

The auction will also feature special guest,

former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema, who pitched for the Tigers from 1977 through the 1984 World Series.

The Canton Chamber Auction takes place April 17 at Burton Manor in Livonia from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the Live, Silent, and Raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.

### First Friday Club

The First Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the chamber office.

This is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. To make your reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail [admin@cantonchamber.com](mailto:admin@cantonchamber.com).

### Rose's fund-raiser

Rose's Restaurant hosts a Canton Chamber of Commerce fund-raiser 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Join us for dinner and the chamber will receive 15 percent of the net purchase. You must bring the donation flyer (found under "forms" at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com)) for the chamber to receive the donation.

Rose's Restaurant is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

### Texas Hold 'Em

Rose's Restaurant is the site of a Texas Hold 'Em tournament to benefit the chamber 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 25-27 in a smoke-free environment at the restaurant, located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

There will be a full service bar, late night menu and midnight pizza buffet in the lounge. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will benefit from the charity event.



## OUR VIEWS

# Newspaper investment enhances local lives

For the last couple of years, as Michigan's economy continues to tank and businesses everywhere have struggled, we have covered the efforts of local retailers to get people to "shop local." This was our way of encouraging readers to spend their dollars to help local businesses get through and - hopefully thrive in - tough economic times.

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For decades now, the *Canton Observer* has been proud and honored to develop a relationship with the community we serve. We are the hometown newspaper of record for your successes, your good news and bad.

It's our role to be the community watchdog, to keep an eye on the township boards and Boards of Education you elect, to watch them as they protect you, serve you and spend your money.

The *Observer* has been there to chronicle sports championships, academic achievements and business successes. The *Observer* is at local festivals and community events, meetings and games.

If you doubt we're your hometown newspaper, look around and count the other media bringing your good news to the community. Sure, other outlets show up for the Canton Liberty Festival, or when IKEA moves to town, or when a major crime is committed or the president visits.

But the *Observer* is at school board meetings, and church group gatherings. We publish births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries. Yes, we cover the ups and downs of our local towns. Many of us live in our communities, and are right there with you through it all.

We're at football games on Fridays in the fall, baseball games in the spring. We're at band concerts and school plays, spelling bees and festivals. We provide the stories and photographs that end up on refrigerators, hung there with a magnet for all to see. Our stories and photos end up in scrapbooks, preserved for posterity.

We use our editorial voice to shape the debate in our communities and, through our Letters to the Editor, provide everyone with a local voice. In recent years, we've added a Web component - [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) - which not only updates our communities on a daily basis, but provides yet another forum for discussion.

We've been privileged and proud to play this role in our communities for years. It's always been a mutually beneficial relationship - our stories and photos supply our readers with memories, and our pages are a proven advertising vehicle that drives customers into local businesses.

But here's a message that sometimes gets forgotten: We're a local business, too.

We depend on the support not only of our advertisers, but of our readers. Our papers have always been successful at carrying your advertising message, but the only way we can continue that success is if you continue to advertise with us. Likewise, we're happy and proud to provide the refrigerator- and scrapbook-worthy stories of which memories are made. But we can't do that without a subscription base that keeps the engine running.

We understand times are tough. But times are tough in our industry, as well, and there's only one way to make sure your hometown paper is still around in another hundred years, and that's to invest in it, through your advertisements and your subscriptions.

An investment in your hometown newspaper is an investment in your memories, good government, good schools, a vibrant local economy and in your lives.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### How would you sum up President Obama's first year in office?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"He's doing good."  
Sreedevi Tumati  
Canton



"I think he's doing pretty good actually. He's trying to change the economy, and it's going to take some time."  
Cayden Samuels  
Canton



"OK, but not as good as expected."  
Donna Gessner  
Canton



"Given everything he had to put up with, he's doing a pretty decent job. It's hard to get anything done in Washington, D.C."  
Richard Fessler  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Holiday visit impressive

I just want to mention how impressed I was with Canton's art programs when I returned for a visit in December.

I was an art instructor at D&M Studios for 15 years before I retired to a small town in Kentucky. I was there during the start of the arts program at Cherry Hill Theater and participated in painting the pillars of art as well as pavement art and many other activities.

I was pleased to see that the gallery at Cherry Hill is continuing its exhibitions of local artists with the display of Robert Throne's artwork. The Christmas music spectacles at the theater show that the theater has matured as a community contributor to the arts.

Of course the first things I noticed when I arrived were the metal sculptures along Ford Road. The sliver screw-themed sculpture at Lilley and Ford was my favorite.

Most of all I was I was so happy to see the holiday workshops at D&M Studios were still going strong. My favorite was to watch the kids paint Monet while listening to Mozart in the "Monet and Mozart" workshop.

Keep it up Canton, you've gone big time as an art community.

Sig Skundberg  
Cadiz, Ky.

### Abusing roads

The upkeep of our roads is important. Industry, tourism, work commute, recreation and personal pleasure must all be considered.

What puts the most abuse on our roads? Overweight over-the-road haulers or light-weight bicycles? Let's increase the fees for title registration especially by weight for all vehicles. Let's increase frequency of inspections and increase the fines for overweight trailers, especially those hauling waste to landfills. Thus vehicles which have the most negative impact would pay the most.

Let's also look into creating trucking terminals in maybe five (or more) locations along existing rail systems; three (at least) along the Chicago line and two (or more) elsewhere. Then we could facilitate trailers by rail and change OTR truckers into more short hauls from those terminals. Less road abuse, less fossil fuel pollution and development of "cleaner" rail usage.

Jobs would be created to build these truck/

rail terminals. Short-haul truckers would most likely be Michigan residents and would be paying income taxes to our state.

John Chew  
Canton

### Promises, promises

While watching President Obama's State of the Union address on television, I heard plenty of political partisanship, "pie in the sky" promises and pandering to the left-leaning citizens of our great nation.

Having already seen and heard numerous other speeches made by Mr. Obama in the past year, this was no surprise. But what I did find surprising, and in fact offensive, was the president's arrogant and condescending tone when referring to anyone who dared to question the so-called "overwhelming scientific evidence" of climate change. He also made a snide comment about "those evil TV pundits" which no doubt was meant to be a jab at Glenn Beck, Bill O'Reilly and others who work at the Fox News channel.

But what I found especially disturbing was Mr. Obama's disrespectful reference to the recent Supreme Court ruling that the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform bill was an unconstitutional limit of the First Amendment right to freedom of speech, particularly political speech. "I believe it will open the floodgates to special interests, including foreign corporations to spend without limits in our elections." Many of the network cameras showed Justice Samuel Alito shaking his head and quietly mouthing the words, "It's not true." True or not, it was inappropriate for the President of the United States to question the ruling of our Nation's highest court on national television, knowing full well that they were in no position to respond.

Another demonstration of Mr. Obama's lack of respect for the "balance of powers" put in place by our Founding Fathers was his reference to Tuesday's vote by the U.S. Senate (where Democrats hold an overwhelming 60 to 40 seat majority) to block a bill that would have created a commission to study and offer solutions to the Federal budget deficit. Voicing his disagreement with this decision, Mr. Obama said, "I will issue an Executive Order that will allow us to go forward, because I refuse to allow this

problem to be passed on to another generation of Americans." Whether you agree with Mr. Obama or not, "We the People" should be wary of a president that thinks he should exercise his powers to overrule one of the main branches of our federal government.

James A. Kidd  
Livonia

### Fight car theft

Congratulations to the Livonia Police Department and the Western Wayne Auto Theft Force for breaking up a longstanding tire theft ring. However, it takes more than just law enforcement to make these things happen. Community members must be involved as well.

Since its inception in 1985, H.E.A.T. tips have led to the recovery of more than \$51 million in stolen property and the arrests of more than 3,300 suspects involved in auto theft rings, chop shops, carjackings and fraudulent car thefts, among other auto-related crimes.

H.E.A.T. has paid more than \$3.5 million in tipster rewards over the last 24 years. Anyone with information on auto theft, carjacking, chop shops, auto theft-related identity theft and auto insurance fraud in Michigan is encouraged to call the H.E.A.T. 24/7 tip line and speak to a live operator at (800) 242-HEAT, or log on to [www.1800242HEAT.com](http://www.1800242HEAT.com) to provide a confidential report. H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000 if the tip leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are issued if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected theft ring or chop shop operators. H.E.A.T. rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect. The H.E.A.T. tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan's auto insurance companies.

This case will likely result in a substantial tip reward for the informants. Help keep your neighborhoods safe and your insurance rates lower by reporting what you know. The criminals will never know who gave them away, and you could be \$10,000 richer.

Terri Miller  
director, H.E.A.T. Program

# Ending legislator health benefit the right thing to do

During my first year working for our communities here in Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township, I've met with many folks who are fighting tooth and



Dian Slavens

nail each and every day just to make ends meet in these tough times.

From teachers and auto-workers to small business owners, our residents all across western Wayne County are being forced to make sacrifice after sacrifice.

It's only fair that in such times our state lawmakers lead by example and share in that sacrifice. That's why I am push-

ing a major government reform plan to end free, taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for state legislators.

Under current law, state lawmakers receive free lifetime health care after only six years of service, beginning at age 55. With so many of our middle-class workers unemployed or seeing their employer-provided health care coverage disappear — regardless of how many years they have on the job — it's simply unbelievable that politicians get free health care for the rest of their lives after working only a few years.

No other profession receives such an extravagant perk. As a respiratory therapist in southeast Michigan hospitals for more than 20 years, I can tell you that free health care for life

was never, ever an option for me or any other Michigan worker. And Michigan's lawmakers should be no different.

My plan will end free, taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for all state lawmakers currently serving in the Legislature, regardless of whether they're in the House or Senate. In addition, this reform plan could save the state nearly \$5 million each year, according to the House Fiscal Agency.

This plan was one of the first bills I introduced after being sworn into office last January, and for nearly a year I have been working on building support to pass this plan because times in Michigan are too tough not to act. With thousands of our residents out of work and countless Michigan

families seeing their health care coverage slashed or eliminated altogether, it's time for state lawmakers to step up to the plate and lead by example.

This is an issue that transcends political differences to put the needs of Michigan's families before the benefits of politicians. That's why I'm calling on my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me and eliminate this overly generous perk for all current and future state lawmakers because it's out of touch with the realities facing Michigan families, and because it's the right thing to do.

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# Investors need a level head, emotions in check

January started on a good note and then fizzled. Many investors are asking what caused the market to take a U-turn. It is very difficult to really know what moves the market over short periods of time. Many people think that when the market goes down there must be a specific reason. That is not necessarily the case. Markets and stocks move based upon many factors and some of them make no sense. Over the last couple of weeks there have been a number of factors cited for the market downturn including the booming federal deficit, the problems with debt held by governments throughout the world and a variety of other geopolitical factors. The bottom line, it's hard to say what has caused the recent downturn. However, the issue for investors is how they should react.

There is a general belief in the investment world that as goes January, so goes the rest of the year. If January is down the whole year will be down. Although, you can look through history and find that's generally true, that doesn't mean history



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will repeat. In fact, last year at this time many investors decided they had enough of the market and decided to bail out. We all know what happened. By the year's end all three of the markets had double digit increases and 2009 was one of the best years for the stock market. When it comes to the market, I warn investors not to make generalizations. This is a new economy and one thing is for sure — things change at a very rapid pace. Think about how fast things change in our world. A year ago, President Barack Obama had over 60 percent approval ratings. Today, he's below 50 percent. Two weeks ago the Democrats had a filibuster-proof Senate and now, because of the election in Massachusetts, that has changed. Investors must accept that

change is a constant and be cautious not to let these changes affect investment strategies. Fear and greed are the two emotions that plague investors and lead to bad decisions. In times of rapid change, emotions are on a roller coaster ride. A perfect example is what happened last month. In the beginning of January, after the market came off a very good 2009, many investors were feeling good and decided to jump back in the market. Then, mid-January comes and the market begins to sell off. Investors are now questioning whether they made the right decision. In a short two-week period we've seen emotions go from confidence in the market to fear. If investors changed their portfolio every time their emotions change, ultimately they will find they are buying high and selling low.

It is best to keep emotions in check and guard against making irrational decisions when it comes to investments. One way of is to not look at the market on a day-to-day basis. After all, the market is irrational over the short run but is much more certain over the long run. As we go through some gyrations in the market, investors must be cautious not to let fear dictate investment decision. No one said being an investor is easy. However, you can make it easier on yourself by making sure when it comes to managing money your emotions stay on the sideline. Good luck!

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## Biggby Coffee chief highlights Summit workshop

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Biggby Coffee CEO Robert Fish, co-founder of a business with more than 150 franchises in six states in the Midwest and the South, will be the next speaker as Canton continues its Strategies of Success series of workshops intended to inspire local companies amid a tough economy. Fish, representing a growing company that started in East Lansing, will offer tips on how marketing and social networking have helped Biggby Coffee and how local companies can benefit from similar measures. Fish will speak during a workshop, "Marketing in Today's Economy," scheduled for 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Canton's Summit on the Park banquet center, 46000 Summit Parkway. It's the second in a Strategies of Success series, sponsored by the township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, that continues through June. "It's important to help our businesses stay successful," said Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton's economic development manager. "Our intent is to provide connections to resources and education for businesses in the community so they can stay successful." The talk by Fish, who chairs the Michigan Restaurant Association board of directors, is free to Canton businesses and Canton chamber members. Others, including companies outside the township, may attend for \$10 per person. Organizers say space is limited, and they are asking those planning to attend to register by Feb. 9 by calling the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has called the workshop series an effort to retain local businesses, because "we want them to stay in Canton and thrive."

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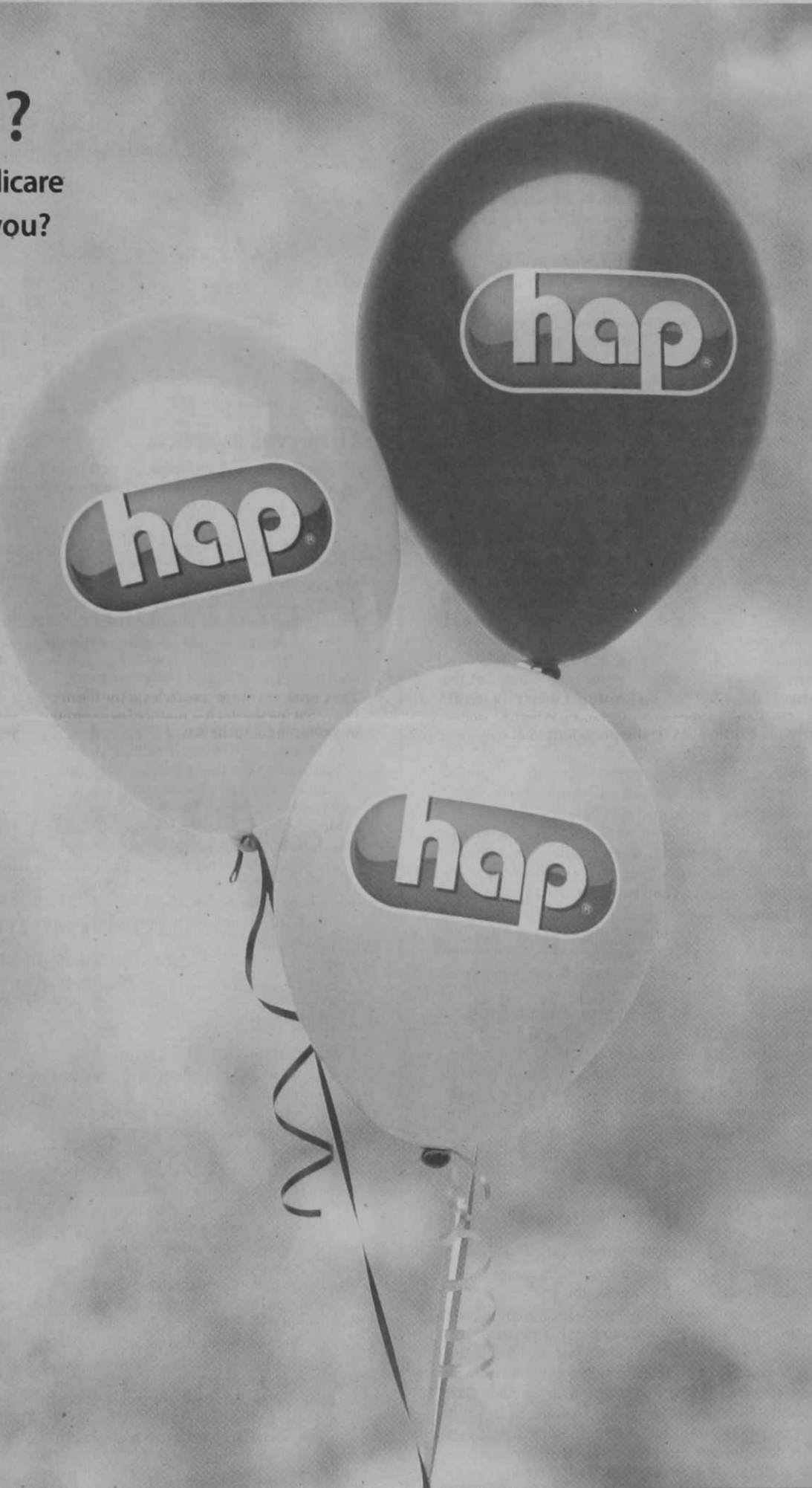
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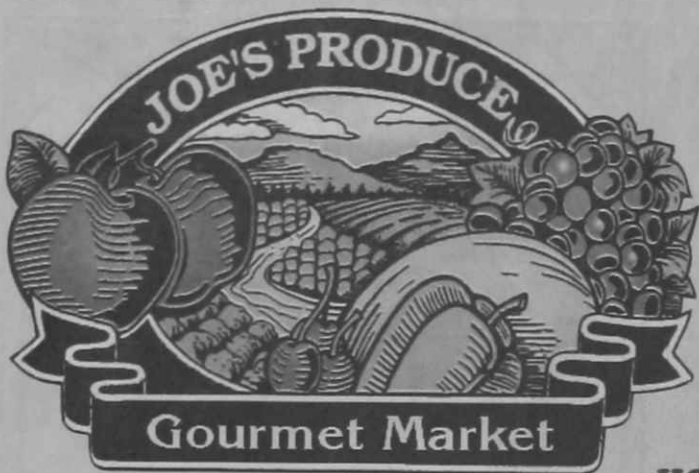
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# Salem tankers impress

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When swimmers ignore any fatigue and go back-to-back for their team, it's a good sign that success will follow.

On Tuesday night, Salem's varsity boys swimming and diving team received that kind of effort and came away with an impressive 113-73 victory over Canton.

"We knew they swam pretty well last week against Plymouth, they got our attention," said Rocks head coach Chuck Olson. "And we had some guys who swam very well, stepped up."

"I moved some people around and they did what they were supposed to. So I was very pleased with a lot of them."

Then he cited the effort of Jason Zhang.

"Zhang came in second in the breaststroke and came right back in the next event and helped win the 400-free relay," Olson said. "So I was pretty impressed with him doubling up like that."

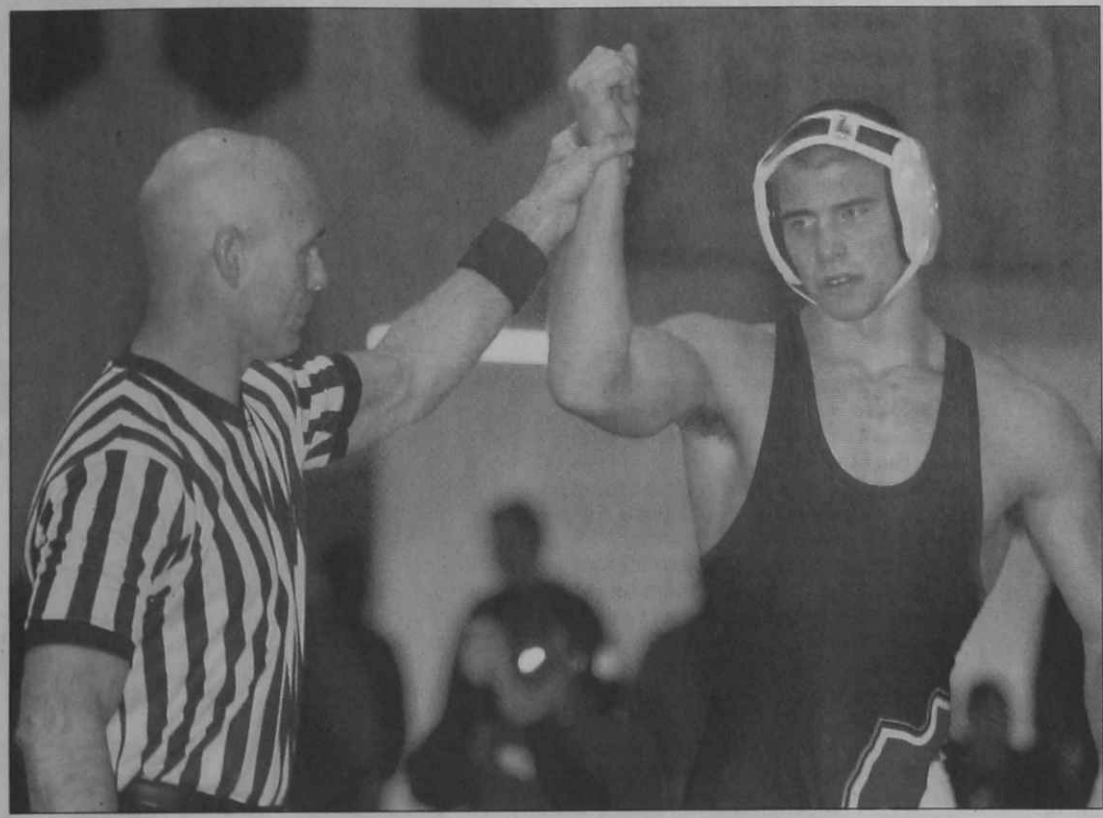
Another good sign for any team is finishing 1-2 in an event.

"Our other breastroker touched him out for first so (Smaran) Bhakwara did a nice job," he continued. "It was a good team effort tonight."

According to Canton head coach Dave Le, his guys were pumped up for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park opponent. But with illness, team depth wasn't there in all events.

"We swam pretty hard, we were pretty consistent with where we normally are," Le said. "It's tough to lose to a cross-campus rival, but they had the better team tonight, a lot more depth."

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Canton senior wrestler Brent Winekoff celebrates a win in the 160-pound weight class during Saturday's Observerland Tournament.

# Chiefs finish strong second

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team racked up points on the board during Saturday's 19th annual Observerland Invitational like a pinball wizard.

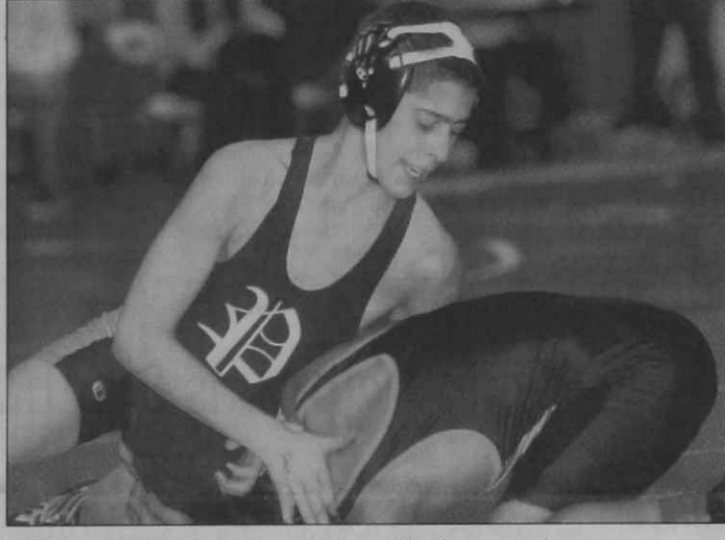
The Shamrocks, putting nine grapplers in the finals and coming away with six individual titles, racked up what is believed to be a tournament record 296.5 points to repeat as team champion in the 15-school in a meet hosted by Livonia Churchill.

How impressive were the Shamrocks?

By comparison, CC scored 218.5 last year en route to the title.

"We have some high goals and we had some goals coming into this tournament – continuing to progress and continuing get better," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose team is ranked No. 2 in Division 1. "We have our goals set on one thing – Feb. 26 and 27 (state team finals in Battle Creek). And if these guys continue to improve like they are, and continue to work like they are, they can accomplish their goals."

State-ranked Canton, meanwhile, was runner-up with a total



Battling it out in the 103-pound weight class at the Observerland tourney are Plymouth's Shadi Jummoul and Farmington's Mike Hoover.

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sixth with 96.5.

But the day belonged to the Shamrocks, who received individual titles from T.J. Fagan (103 pounds), Ken Bade (112), Alec Mooradian (125), Justin Melick (140), Doug Eldridge (145) and Mike Kinville (215).

Also reaching the finals were

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**

# Lever-age lifts Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dietrich Lever's 25 points and 11 assists Tuesday lifted host Canton to a 62-48 KLAA South victory over Livonia Churchill.

"That was probably Dietrich's best game of his career as far as scoring at the rim," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy. "He made us go tonight, getting other people shots."

The Chiefs (9-4 overall, 6-1) led 14-8 after one quarter and 29-14 at halftime, with strong defense and rebounding big reasons for the hefty edge, Reddy said.

But the Chargers (7-5, 3-4) rallied in the third, nailing a few triples and pulling to within 36-33. Canton then built the lead back up to 44-36 after three and went on from there:

"We showed some poise and extended the lead back up to 13 or 14," Reddy said.

Also in double figures for the Chiefs were forwards Paul Baumgart and Kevin Weisz, with 12 points each.

Scoring 13 for Churchill was Adam Bedell, with DJuan Cooks chipping in with 12.

Canton will host Plymouth in the second half of a boys-girls doubleheader Friday night, with the tip set for 7:30 p.m. (instead of the original 8 p.m. start time).

**NOVI TOPS SALEM:** In a KLAA Central varsity boys basketball contest Tuesday night at Novi, the host Wildcats defeated Salem 65-59.

Senior center Jake Peterson had a big night for the Rocks, scoring 23 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Adding 13 points was Devonta Riley while Tyler Stewart and Zinovi Pelekh contributed nine points each.

Registering 19 points for Novi was 6-5 junior forward Samer Ozier.

Salem (6-7, 2-5) trailed 33-23 at halftime before playing Novi on even terms during the second half.

Rocks head coach Bob Brodie liked how his team performed, singling out Peterson's excellent game. But he noted there weren't enough defensive stops down the stretch.

**CATS FALL IN TRIPLE-OT:** Tuesday night in a KLAA South boys basketball game at Wayne Memorial, the Zebras finally got past Plymouth – winning 69-64 in triple overtime.

"It was nip and tuck," said Wildcats head coach Mike Soukup. "But in the third OT they just made a few more plays than we did."

Senior power forward Brennen Beyer scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Plymouth offense. Adding 17 points each were Pat Salo and Mike Nadratowski.

Derric Horton (18), James Strickland (17), Daniel Hill (11) and Bryan Gray (10) all had productive nights for Wayne.

**PCA EDGED:** Despite 24 points by sophomore Eric Jipping and 15 from senior Don Mullett, Plymouth Christian Academy lost 69-67 to Franklin Road Christian. The Eagles fell to 8-3 overall with the defeat.

Leading the victors with 23 points was Nick Ward.



Nearly 100 years old, onetime Plymouth Rocks basketball player Marguerite Evans shakes hands with Lejla Kulaglic while meeting the Wildcats before Tuesday's game.

# 100 cheers Wildcats toast oldest girls basketball alum

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Marguerite Evans played girls basketball for the original Plymouth High School in 1926 and 1927, there were no chalk talks, video analysis or complex diagrams drawn up by coaches on the sidelines.

Those things were decades away.

"She (Evans) said they just played real simple, they didn't have a whole lot of plays," said her son-in-law, Steve Lyons of Plymouth Township. "They just tried to shoot the ball as

much as they could."

Tuesday night at the 21st century version of Plymouth High School, Evans — who turns 100 years old on March 2 — had the chance to see how today's girls play the game.

Please see **OLDEST, B3**

# Chiefs vault past Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton sophomore gymnast Ayana Lewis wowed spectators at Plymouth High School Monday night with a floor exercise routine that included a series of awe-inspiring backflips.

Not too far from the dynamic Lewis, Plymouth sophomore Reagan Engstrom's dexterity and determination on the balance beam was evident as she completed her routine.

First, Engstrom dropped low for a pivot and followed that up with an acrobatic flip.

But Lewis and Engstrom weren't the only reasons why the Chiefs and Wildcats combined for an excellent dual meet — which the Chiefs won by a score of 142.40 to 130.95.

"We had a couple girls hurt and a couple girls that went home sick," said veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham. "But generally, the group did extremely well. This ties our high score for the year."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats eclipsed the former Plymouth record for team points in a meet (130.85) for the third time this season.

"I have nine girls that are scoring exactly the same," said Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey. "It doesn't matter which nine I put in, they always score exactly the same. The team score's been very consistent."

Cunningham said his team is beginning to show evidence it can have success at Saturday's 19-team invitational at Canton and give Northville a run for its money in the regionals. (The Chiefs probably will need to score about 145 points to do so.)

"We've got time, we still have three or four meets left," he noted. "But I'm looking forward to improvement, it's happening."

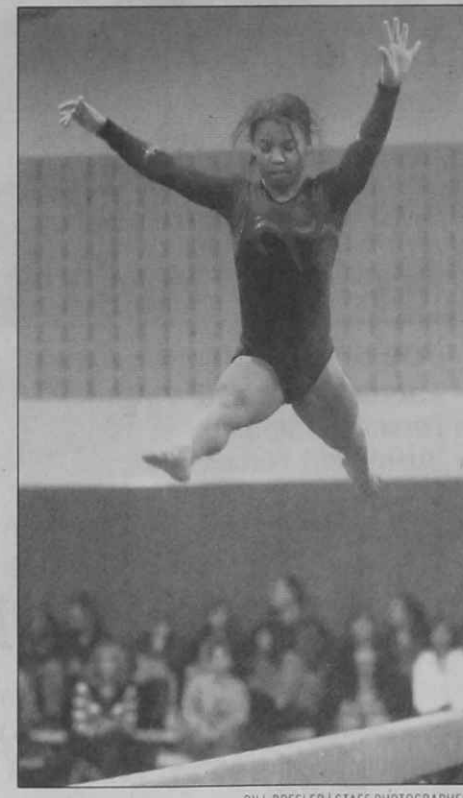
**FAB FOUR**

Canton's depth is coming through for Cunningham. Despite the injuries and illness, his gymnasts grabbed the top four all-around spots Monday.

Leading the way for the Chiefs (7-1 overall) was junior Robyn Piwowar (36.2 points) followed by freshman Alex Fideler (a personal best 35.9), Lewis (35.7) and senior Mallory Hudak (34.55).

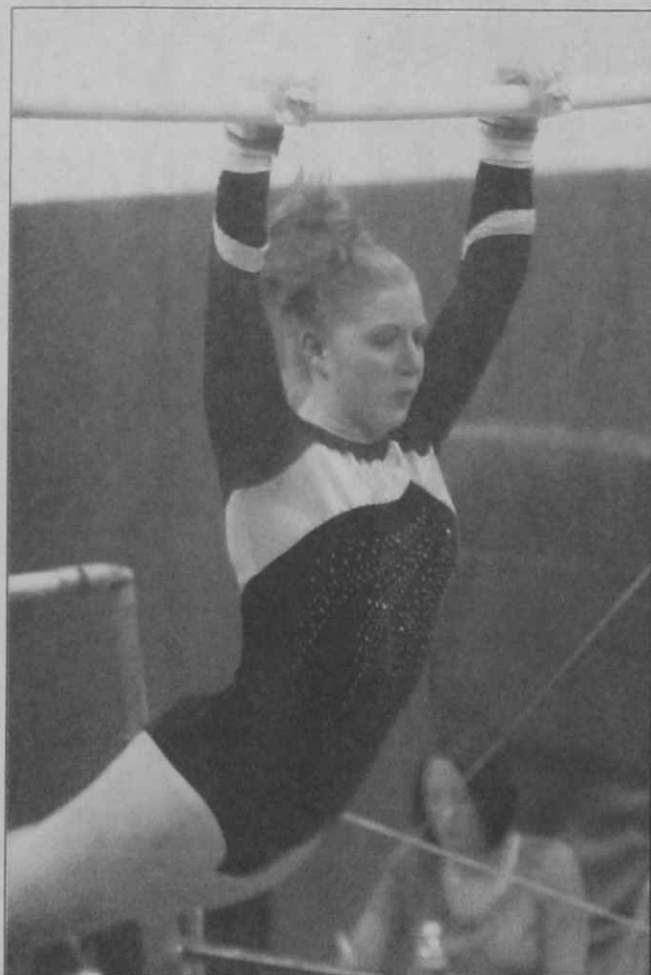
Tying for fifth with 32.5 points were

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Canton sophomore Ayana Lewis demonstrates her agility on the balance beam during Monday's dual meet against Plymouth.





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Plymouth's Natalia Diacovo finished fourth on the uneven parallel bars Monday against Canton.

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Plymouth's Engstrom and Jessica Luibakka.

Canton also finished 1-4 in floor exercise, with all four scoring at least nine points (Piowar, Fideler, Hudak and Lewis).

"Give me an event with four nines and I'll have a good day," said Cunningham with a smile.

Piowar also tied for first place in the vault with Lewis (each registering 9.3) while other victorious Chiefs were Lewis on the uneven bars (9.15) and Fideler on beam (9.45).

Cunningham added that Canton's gymnasts are beginning to add to skill sets, something that could lead to more points in team scores.

"This is what we're working towards," he said. "Alex did her double back dismount on uneven bars. Ayana and Nicole both threw their tsuks (Tsukahara) which is a step up,

something they haven't done before."

Yockey noted excellent showings Monday by Luibakka (fifth in two events), Sarah Uhlian (second on beam, 8.7), Natalia Diacova (fourth on bars, 8.15; fifth on vault, 8.55) and Engstrom (fourth on vault, 8.7).

Other Wildcats are opening Yockey's eyes. "Really coming along is Alisha Punjabi. And brand new to competition, and she did excellent tonight, is Lydia Plencner," she said.

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

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**Uneven bars:** 1. Lewis (C), 9.15; 2. Alex Fideler (C), 9.0; 3. Piowar (C), 8.8; 4. Diacova (P), 8.15; 5. Jessica Luibakka (P), 7.95.

**Balance beam:** 1. Fideler (C), 9.45; 2. Sarah Uhlian (P), 8.7; 3. Piowar (C), 8.55; 4. Hudak (C), 8.5; 5. Luibakka (P), 8.35.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Piowar (C), 9.55; 2. (tie) Fideler (C) and Hudak (C), 9.3; 4. Lewis (C), 9.05; 5. (tie) Uhlian (P) and Jane McCurry (P), 8.4.

**All-around:** 1. Piowar (C), 36.2; 2. Fideler (C), 35.9; 3. Lewis (C), 35.7; 4. Hudak (C), 34.55; 5. (tie) Luibakka (P) and Engstrom (P), 32.5.

**Canton's dual meet record:** 7-1 overall;

**Plymouth's dual meet record:** 2-4 overall.

# Whalers remain red hot with victory

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe Plymouth Whalers' coach and general manager Mike Vellucci had a crystal ball in front of him when he pulled the trigger on a January trade that brought winger Phil McRae to Compuware Arena.

Playing Saturday against his former team, the 6-3 McRae tallied a goal and an assist as the Whalers pounded the Midwest Division leading London Knights, 6-1.

More than 3,200 fans turned out on Hockey Day in Michigan to watch Plymouth (31-20-0-1) score five second period goals — two on the power play — to blow open the contest.

"I think he's a finisher and he's a good playmaker and that's what we needed," said Vellucci about McRae. "We were hanging in games, but when we only scored one or two goals we weren't winning the games."

"We needed that third goal and to get a guy who adds a point a game that's going to help us out a lot."

Since joining the Whalers, McRae has collected six points (including four goals) to enable Vellucci to roll out three strong, productive lines. Also playing well since arriving in a separate trade is forward James Livingston.

As a result, the Whalers are jelling and playing their best hockey of the season and are closing in on the Kitchener Rangers — the third-place team in the Western Conference.

London (35-13-0-2) found out just how solid a team Plymouth is entering the final two months of the OHL season.

Setting the tone Saturday was Whalers forward AJ Jenks, who tallied a short-handed goal just 4:15 into the opening frame to make it 1-0.

Jenks chased a puck in the neutral zone and skated into London's zone. He broke left, then right, before slipping the puck behind Knights starting goalie Michael Hutchinson.

Perhaps the key stretch of the game was a 1:17 stretch where London enjoyed a two-man advantage. Plymouth killed off the penalties, with goaltender Matt Hackett's left pad rejecting a shot by center Nazem Kadri.

"The kills were as big as anything, and the shorthanded goal," Vellucci said.



WALT DMOCH

Keeping the pressure on around London's goal Saturday night is Plymouth Whalers forward Phil McRae (No. 38), who scored in the second period. Plymouth is 7-1 since McRae joined the team in a trade.

Early in the second period, Plymouth went up 2-0 when center Tyler Seguin one-timed a rocket from the right circle over Hutchinson's glove for his 37th goal of the season.

The onslaught then began in earnest. Just 1:34 after Seguin's goal, Jenks (1 goal,

1 assist) centered the puck to forward Garrett Meurs who buried it for a 3-0 lead.

On the power play with more than 15 minutes left, Seguin (1 goal, 1 assist) then sent a shot toward Hutchinson that forward Joe Gaynor tipped home.

## Plymouth downs South Lyon; Salem tops Country Day

Perhaps Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team was looking ahead to Saturday's "Lash Trophy" game against Canton when they skated Tuesday night against visiting South Lyon at Compuware Arena.

But the Wildcats still had enough in the tank to win 4-2 and improve to 14-3-1 overall (5-3-1 in the KLA South).

"We didn't play with as much fire as we usually do,"

said Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender.

Ryan Renault scored in the first period, which ended 1-1. Setting up the goal were Kevin Matusiak and Evan Swieczkowski (3 assists).

The Wildcats went up 2-1 in the second on a marker by Tyler Sanders (1 goal, 1 assist) but the Lions answered just nine seconds later to even the match after two frames.

Early in the third, Pat Smiatacz (1 goal, 1 assist) gave Plymouth a 3-2 edge and Zach Gambrell added an insurance goal, from Sanders and Dean Gunther.

Stopping 26 shots for the win was goalie Mike Justus.

On Saturday, Justus and the 'Cats blanked Northville 2-0. Plymouth will host Canton at 2:30 p.m., at Compuware Arena.

**SALEM PREVAILS:** A three-goal third period Tuesday night enabled Salem to earn a 5-2 victory over Detroit Country Day at Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Rocks improved to 10-5-3 overall and could clinch the KLA South with a win on Friday against Novi (8:30 p.m., Cultural Center).

Salem junior defenseman Michael Hochkins scored two goals in the third period, helping the Rocks break a 2-2 tie and go on to the triumph.

## SWIMMING

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### BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

#### DUAL MEET RESULTS

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Feb. 2 at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Jason Zhang, Smaran Bhaktawara, Jeremy Wellman, Matt Collingwood), 1:46.34; 2. Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Brandon Tolinski, Victor Zhang), 1:46.67; 3. Salem (Alex Suriano, Calvin Kahler, Patrick Huls, Chad Newton), 1:51.96.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Max Mills (S), 1:52.72; 2. Kyle Kemp (C), 1:54.31; 3. Aaron Micek (S), 1:59.03; 4. Jacob Dillon (C), 2:02.09; 5. Scott Carpenter (S), 2:02.51.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Adam Seroka (S), 2:01.49; 2. Jin (C), 2:05.73; 3. J. Zhang (S), 2:12.92; 4. Adrian Simon (C), 2:17.38; 5. Christopher Krebs (C), 2:19.88.

**50 freestyle:** 1. V. Zhang (C), 22.52; 2. Collingwood (S), 22.60; 3. Newton (S), 24.50; 4. Evan Champine (C), 24.90; 5. Jerry Bai (S), 25.11.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Ryan Kilgore (C), 183.05

points; 2. Joey Rudelic (S), 179.35; 3. Nick Griwicki (S), 170.75; 4. Mac Duncan (S), 147.80; 5. Wayne Roberts (C), 132.45.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Seroka (S), 55.82; 2. Wellman (S), 58.23; 3. Huls (S), 59.56; 4. Tolinski (C), 1:00.97; 5. Boes (C), 1:07.28.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Collingwood (S), 50.77; 2. Patrick Jenner (C), 51.63; 3. Newton (S), 53.77; 4. Mike Carlson (C), 54.68; 5. Bai (S), 54.71.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Jin (C), 5:01.23; 2. Kemp (C), 5:01.92; 3. Mills (S), 5:02.91; 4. Micek (S), 5:18.72; 5. Carpenter (S), 5:36.04.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Jenner, Carlson, Tolinski, V. Zhang), 1:35.17; 2. Salem (Newton, Steven Clagg, Mills, Seroka), 1:37.26; 3. Canton (Champine, Simon, Eric Tian, Ryan DeFrain), 1:40.10.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Wellman (S), 1:01.27; 2. Suriano (S), 1:01.72; 3. Simon (C), 1:02.96; 4. Krebs (C), 1:03.06; 5. Huls (S), 1:04.55.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Bhaktawara (S), 1:08.56; 2. J. Zhang (S), 1:09.15; 3. Dillon (C), 1:10.09; 4. Boes (C), 1:10.51; 5. Kahler (S), 1:12.61.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Seroka, Mills, J. Zhang, Collingwood), 3:27.29; 2. Salem (Huls, Micek, Wellman, Suriano), 3:41.94; 3. Canton (Champine, Carlson, Kemp, Krebs), 3:42.45.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 4-2 overall; Salem, 4-4 overall.



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Salem's Adam Seroka keeps working in the 100 butterfly during Tuesday's dual meet against Canton. He won the race with a time of 55.82 seconds.

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Feb 27	That Touch of Mink (1962)	Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main	Feb 13
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Mar 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
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# WRESTLING

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Todd Melick (119), Gerid Gee (152) and Miles Trealout (189). "We had couple guys in finals that have never reached the finals before," Hancock said. "Gerid Gee had heck of day and Miles Trealout continues to progress. T.J. Fagan had one a heck of tournament."

## CHIEFS EXCEL

Canton boasted six finalists and came away with three titles led by champions Brent Winekoff (160), who had to go overtime to beat Harrison's Kevin Beazley; Keith Zech (171), who averaged a loss earlier in the week to Churchill's Curtis Castleberry, 4-3; and Anthony Abro (189). "I give our team an A-minus today — we wrestled very well," Canton coach Cory Mancuso said. "Our 152 (Sean O'Keefe, who placed third), did really well and our 103 (Keshav Patel) made the finals and beat a kid (Dan Martinez of Franklin) that majored him before in the semifinals. And I thought Anthony Abro (189) kind of dominated for the tourney."

Franklin came away with two individual crowns led by 135-pounder Jordan McGuire and Matt Roos at 152.

McGuire defeated Harrison's James Roberts in a high scoring final, 20-13, while Roos pinned CC's Gee with 19 seconds left in the first period.

Glenn, despite missing four starters out of its lineup, earned three individual titles led by Josh Austin (125), who earned lower weights MVP honors with a 14-6 major decision of CC's Todd Melick.

Meanwhile, the Rockets' Anthony Pavlich (130) had to grind out a 1-0 victory over Tyler Schneider of Belleville.

Pavlich, a state placer last year, is a senior and has only two losses. He recently broke the Glenn pin record and notched his 150th win over a week ago.

Heavyweight Dustin Gajowiak gave Glenn its other first place with a 39-second pin against Belleville's Dustin Staton.

Repeat champions included Mooradian, a state champion last year at 112; Justin Melick, and Kinville — all of CC — along with Winekoff of Canton.

Ironically, Beazley was voted the upper weights MVP by the tournament coaches for his sterling effort in a near-upset of Winekoff in the 160 final.

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# OLDEST

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"They're pretty active, aren't they?" noted Evans as she left the gymnasium just before halftime. "They're a good team, the girls all looked like they were enjoying themselves."

Evans, who is confined to a wheelchair, said she was "very surprised" to be invited to a presentation honoring her upcoming birthday prior to the Wildcats game against Wayne Memorial.

But she said the whole thing was "wonderful," and others shared that sentiment.

"It's awesome she's here," said Plymouth senior forward Stacey Klonowski. "Everyone is like 'Oh, my gosh I want to meet her, I want to talk to her.' Everyone is just so inspired that she's here."

## PAVING THE WAY

Marguerite's only child, 59-year-old Susan Evans (Lyons' wife), said word of the invitation wasn't carefully conveyed until Monday.

"I didn't want to surprise her," Susan said. "It's not a good thing to surprise people who are 100 years old."

Lyons concurred, adding that Marguerite was "a little upset at first (about the ceremony). She's really shy. But she's handling it real well."

The presentation began with Sue Stoney of the Plymouth Library providing some facts about the honoree's younger years.



Marguerite Evans waves to the cheering crowd. Behind her is daughter Susan Evans, Wildcats coach Ted Sturdivant and athletic director Sue Heinzman.

For example, Evans was born on farmland that today is where Madonna University is located. Her family moved to Farmer Street in downtown Plymouth where she walked to school.

"Her favorite classes were English and basketball," Stoney said.

Next up, athletic director Sue Heinzman toasted the district's oldest girls basketball alum.

Marguerite played two seasons for the Plymouth Rocks before graduating in 1928 from the building that today is Central Middle School.

"Mrs. Evans, I just want to say from the bottom of my heart, that I wouldn't be a female athletic director without you leading the way," Heinzman said. "So thank you, so very much."

Following a warm ovation, Heinzman presented Evans a No. 43 Wildcats jersey signed by current players, coaches and staff members.

## GOOD LUCK CHARM

A certificate from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, wishing Marguerite a happy 100th, also was presented.

Then, the entire 2009-10 team huddled around her to share in the moment and pose for pictures.

"She just wished us luck," Klonowski said.

That wish apparently was pretty effective. Plymouth rolled out to early leads of 11-0 and 24-3 on the way to a 62-21 victory.

"I think the presentation inspired us," said head coach Ted Sturdivant. "It was a wonderful presentation and it's great the girls had a chance to see part of the past."

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# Her visit inspires Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH  
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Tuesday's pre-game presentation honoring Marguerite Evans had a welcome impact on the 2009-10 Plymouth Wildcats girls basketball team.

The Wildcats, with nearly 100-year-old Evans watching from mid-court, absolutely hammered Wayne Memorial, 62-21 in a KLAA South game where the running clock was invoked during the third quarter.

It was 5-0 following a trey by Troi Davis (10 points), then Alex Roberts (17 points) dropped in a field goal for an 11-0 advantage just 3:45 into the contest.

When senior forward Stacey Klonowski (17 points, 8 rebounds) and Roberts each scored two fast-break layups in the final two minutes, the Wildcats were up 24-3 and the rout was on.

For the record, Plymouth (4-9, 3-4) then outscored Wayne 18-6 in the second for a 42-9 lead and it was 52-11 after three.

"We had the opportunity to get out and work our break today," said Plymouth head coach Ted Sturdivant. "And we did a great job of finishing and running the floor and taking the open shot — which we haven't done all season long."

Helping the cause for the Wildcats was Isis Haywood, with six blocks and five boards. Davis collected five assists.

Sturdivant expects a more competitive game Friday night, when Plymouth visits Canton. That game will start at 6 p.m. (instead of 6:30 p.m., as originally listed).

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# Salem still in good shape despite loss to Novi

BY TIM SMITH  
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Fred Thomann knows his Salem girls basketball team can control its own destiny as far as winning the KLAA Central Division is concerned, even after Tuesday's 39-28 loss to visiting Novi.

The loss enabled Novi to tie Salem at the top of the division standings with a 6-1 record. But Salem has three games coming up against Central opponents the odds of finishing first go up with victories.

"We have to win those," Thomann emphasized.

Salem will visit Livonia Stevenson (Friday night), South Lyon and Northville over the next eight days.

Tuesday, the Wildcats stifled Salem's offense — giving up just nine first-half points

(Novi led 16-9) and forcing too many turnovers for Thomann's liking.

But Thomann said his team still had ample opportunities around the bucket.

"We didn't make the (field) goals," he noted. "If you don't make baskets in this game you can't win."

One player who had a stand-out game for the Rocks was senior guard Sara Stone, with 13 points, 12 rebounds and six

blocked shots. "She had a pretty nice game," Thomann said.

Senior guard Brett deBear scored six points while senior forward Tabitha Mann tallied four.

**CANTON GIRLS ROLL:** Canton's defensive prowess and patient offense again came to the forefront Tuesday, and the Chiefs secured a 48-20 girls basketball victory over KLAA South rival Livonia Churchill.

The Chargers managed just five points in the first half, falling

behind 24-5 and Canton never let up to improve to 12-1 overall and 7-0 in the South. Churchill's record dipped to 7-6, 2-5.

Sara Schmitt scored 11 points while Kari Schmitt contributed nine points, 10 rebounds and five steals.

Other Chiefs with solid outings included CarolAnn Sexauer (8 points) and Kayla Bridges (6 points, 8 boards).

For Churchill, Erin Menard and Darcy Deroo scored eight and six points, respectively.

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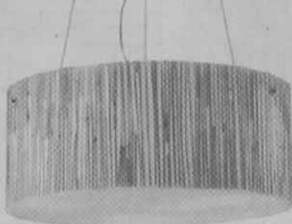
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## FEB. 4-10

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will hold an organizational meeting for its 2010 Apostles Build program. The program brings together any interested religious organizations in the community to sponsor and help build a Habitat for Humanity home. Clergy, outreach directors and other lay leaders interested in involving their congregation in this local outreach program may attend. **Contact:** Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to [bfichtenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:bfichtenberg@hotmail.com)

### First United Methodist Church of Wayne

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m., Feb. 5

**Location:** 3 Town Square, Wayne  
**Details:** A dinner fund-raiser for Haiti will include mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert, for a free will offering. The money raised at the dinner will go to United Methodist Committee On Relief, which works with many denominations to help the Haitian people. Everything – from paper plates to pasta – for the dinner fund-raiser is donated by the church and all proceeds will benefit Haiti. Helping Haiti comes naturally to the church. It sends school supply kits, hygiene kits, blankets and other items to the island nation every year.

**Contact:** (734) 721-4801  
**St. Michael the Archangel**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** WXYZ-TV reporter, weekend anchor, and former host of "Sunday Sports Update", Vic Faust, is the guest speaker at "Why Be Catholic," a new program series. Faust was joined the evangelistic fundamentalism movement during his teen-years. He shares the story of his return to the church, along with his wife and three young children, and the new insights he has found for living a Christian life in a secular world. No admission charge  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 207

## FEB. 11-17

### First United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m., Friday, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 26

**Location:** 3 Town Square, across the street from the Wayne post office, in Wayne

**Details:** 4th Annual Fish Fry offers choice of baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverages, for \$8. A child's portion will be available. Fresh pie will be offered by the women's group for \$1 per slice. The money raised goes to help needy family's during the holiday season  
**Contact:** (734) 891-2523

### Lola Park Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 6:15 p.m., soup and sandwich supper, followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Free will offering accepted for soup supper  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

### Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 5:30-8 p.m. Feb. 12

**Location:** 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner includes a salad and ice cream bar. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 4-10 and under 4 free. Prince of Peace also will collect health kits for Haiti. Items include: soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb. **Contact:** (248)

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### St. John Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** St. John Lutheran Church and St. Gerald Catholic Church will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God. The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr of St. John and the Rev. Festus Ejimadu of St. Gerald will deliver messages during this 25th annual Service of Christian Unity. Special music will be provided by the choirs of both congregations

**Coming up:** 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14 "Songs of the Heart" concert with Canadian baritone, John Worthington, and pianist Wesley Fishwick. A free will offering for Haiti relief will be collected during the concert. An intermission reception will be held in the church lobby  
**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

### St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., pasta bar and desserts; 7 p.m., the movie "Casablanca"

**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** "Hearts for Haiti" dinner and a movie fund-raiser costs \$10 per person, \$18 per couple, and \$6 for children 5-12. An appropriate movie and activities will be available for kids. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but event organizers request an RSVP  
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## FEB 18-24

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia

**Details:** The Lutheran Choraliers will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal  
**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

### Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Feb. 21

**Location:** Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** This is the first of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Greek Orthodox Monastery, Hayesville, Ohio, will be the homilist. An inter-Orthodox choir under the direction of Victoria Kopistansky, choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service

**Contact:** Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or e-mail to [rmitch02@ameritech.net](mailto:rmitch02@ameritech.net)

## FEB. 25-MARCH 3

### Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Feb. 28

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** 78th Annual Inter-Congregational Men's Club Dinner with guest speaker Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. Cost is \$54 per person and will include kosher dinner catered by Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering. Advance reservations are required.

**Contact:** Members of local synagogues and temples may contact their Men's Club or Brotherhood by Feb. 1 to make reservations and advance payment. Others may make reservations through Beth Ahm by calling Ron Jedwab by phone at (248) 788-3068 or by e-mailing him at [dannysdad@comcast.net](mailto:dannysdad@comcast.net) or by mailing a check in the amount of \$54 per person (payable to Cong. Beth Ahm Men's Club) to: Beth Ahm (ATTN: Ron Jedwab / Men's Club), 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield MI 48322

### Newburg United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** Orders taken for Cornish Pasties, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 1-2. Call in orders only.

Any orders left on the answering machine, faxed or e-mailed will be ignored. Pick up is 1-6 p.m., March 11 and noon-5 p.m., March 12

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

**Details:** Cost is \$4.

**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

## MARCH 11-17

### St. Joseph Parish

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11

**Location:** 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon

**Details:** A panel discussion on domestic violence will include Joyce Hyttinen, director, Office for Catholic Social Action, Domestic Violence Education and Action with the Archdiocese of Detroit; Samantha Lederman, psychotherapist specializing in ways to end the cycle of abuse and break free from repression; and Cristy S. Cardinal, director of prevention at HAVEN in Pontiac. Question and answer session after the presentations; refreshments will be served  
**Contact:** Elaine M. Young at (248) 719-6855

## ONGOING

### AWANA

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

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

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

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

### Breakfast

#### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

**Details:** The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children

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

### Classes/study

#### Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

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

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

#### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

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

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

#### Livonia Unity

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

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org)

#### Men's Bible study

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

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

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

#### Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

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

#### New Life Community Church

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

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

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

#### Our Lady of Loretto

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

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

**Details:** Scripture study

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

#### St. Andrew's Presbyterian

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

**Location:** 26701 Joy

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

**Contact:** (313) 274-3820

#### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

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

**Details:** Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

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

#### Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

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

**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Bible study

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

#### Ward Presbyterian

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

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

**Details:** Learner's Bible study

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

#### Clothing bank

##### Canton Christian Fellowship

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

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

#### Fellowship dinner

##### St. James Presbyterian

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

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

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

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

#### Food Bank

##### New Hope Church

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton

**Contact:** Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

#### Lenten services

##### Lola Park Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24

**Location:** 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** This year's theme is "Prominent Places of The Passion" with insights from Pastor Gregory Gibbons' recent trip to the Holy Land. There will be free treats after the services

**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

##### St. James Chapel

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24 and Maundy Thursday, April 1

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

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

#### Moms

##### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

##### Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

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

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

#### Prayer

##### Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

##### Nardin Park United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

##### St. Edith Church

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

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

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

##### St. Michael's Church of Livonia

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

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

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

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

#### Singles

##### First Presbyterian Church

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

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

**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5

**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

Please see **CALENDAR, B5**



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# Designer Passover tables on display

More than 20 exotic Passover “tablescapes” innovated by the interior designers, home décor business owners and area activists are on display from 6-8:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

The event, which will include cocktails and small plates catered by Excellence Too Catering, will benefit Temple Beth El’s Religious School programming.

Would-be passover hosts can glean innovative table-setting strategies from table designers from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin and West Bloomfield, who will incorporate special and personal themes into their tablescapes. Each table will also incorporate the traditional symbols of Passover, such as the Seder plate.

“This event is not necessarily just about using your most beautiful linens and finest china. It’s about incorporating those beautiful pieces into a tablescape that reflects your own special sentiment or makes a bold statement,” said Elyse Foltyn, event co-chair. “It will provide guests a venue to gather table-setting ideas to apply to their own dining room tables—and not necessarily just for Passover.”

A special twist to this first-ever holiday-inspired event is that many of the tables feature the combined talents of teams—mother/daughters, aunts/nieces, multi-generational friends, sister-in-laws and even children — each of whom has found an added way to extend their family feeling or tradition into their design and holiday.

Fair Radom of Bloomfield Hills, who co-chairs the event with Foltyn, has a long history of designing tables for Cranbrook’s Holiday Tables. Members of the Host Committee include Karen and Jon Borenstein, Jody and Daniel Boorstein, Lillian and Alex Erdeljan, Kimberly and Gary Goodman, Laura and David Gorosh, Rose and David Handleman, Rozlyn and Scott Jacobson, Heidi and Jay Kreindler, Nicole and Steven London, Liz and “JJ” Modell, Louise and Edward Sable and Julie and Ron Yolles. Tickets are \$75 per person, or \$125 per patron, and \$200 per patron couple.

Established in 1850, Temple Beth El is the first Jewish congregation founded in Michigan and is the religious home to 1,200 families. For tickets or information call (248) 865-0617 and press 1. Temple Beth El is located at 7400 Telegraph.

# Prayer breakfast speaker shares lessons from Operation Babylift

LeAnn Thieman was a volunteer, helping to raise money and supplies for war orphans in 1975, when she agreed to escort six babies from Saigon to their adoptive homes in the U.S.

By the time she arrived in Vietnam, Saigon was falling to the Communists and Thieman, a nurse, was told her charges had grown from six to 300. Thieman struggled through the extraordinary circumstances and found the courage to succeed, helping to rescue the tiny war orphans who were loaded into cardboard boxes and strapped into a cargo plane.

Thieman will share the lessons she learned by “accidently” being caught up in the historic Vietnam Orphan Airlift, with listeners at the 36th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 30, in Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center. In addition to Thieman’s keynote address, the



LeAnn Thieman

program will feature music by the Livonia Youth Choir.

“The story she tells is a phenom-

enal story that appeals to everyone,” said Sally Butler, a member of the prayer breakfast planning committee. “The story has appeal to the heart. That’s why we wanted to have her.”

Thieman wrote about her life-changing experience in her book, *This Must Be My Brother*. She’s also co-author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Chicken Soup for the Nurse’s Soul*, as well as *Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman’s Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Caregiver’s Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Father and Daughter Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Grandma’s Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Mother and Son Soul* and *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul II*.

Through her multi-media presentation, “Light a Single Candle,” she’ll tell listeners how ordinary people can make a difference in the world.

“LeAnn is quite well known in

medical community. She does a lot of seminars for nurses,” Butler noted. “She does a great deal of public speaking.”

Her presentations help people focus on the importance of balance, the power of positivity, finding hope in the world and maintaining good health and happiness.

Tickets for Thieman’s multi-media presentation are \$15 per person, \$10 for students in K-12, or \$150 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes a full breakfast and the program. For tickets call Butler at (248) 476-9427.

“It’s a lovely morning,” Butler described the event. “Tickets won’t be mailed until April, but people are welcome to send their checks now.”

For more information about the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, visit [www.livoniaprayer-breakfast.org](http://www.livoniaprayer-breakfast.org).

— By Sharon Dargay

# B’nai Moshe planning centennial events

Got a story to share about Congregation B’nai Moshe, in West Bloomfield?

The synagogue, which will celebrate 100 years in 2011, seeks past members and family of past members to contribute their recollections of the congregation and its history

Congregation B’nai Moshe held services in Detroit when it was founded in 1911. It was located on Hastings and later moved to Dexter before moving to Oak Park and then West Bloomfield.

The anniversary planning committee is co-chaired by past president Pearlana Bodzin and Carol Pollack. Anyone with memories to share can call Bodzin at (248) 357-1157 or e-mail her at [pearlpal@aol.com](mailto:pearlpal@aol.com). Pollack’s e-mail is [cpollack000@gmail.com](mailto:cpollack000@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR

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### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

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

Contact: (248) 374-5920

### Support

#### Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

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

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

#### Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011

#### Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

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

Contact: [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

#### St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

Contact: (734) 421-8451

#### St. John’s Episcopal Church

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

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

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

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

#### Thomas a’ Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off

Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

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# FILTER

## Theater troupes stage murder thriller, interactive mystery

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

8:40 p.m. may seem like an odd curtain time for a play, but it's the perfect beginning for a dinner gathering tainted by murder.

Audience members are likely to feel like they're on the party guest list when they take their seats at Barefoot Productions' upcoming production of *Rope*. The suspense thriller will run without intermission.

"The dinner party takes place in the evening and to add to realism it's run in real time as if the audience are actual participants in the party," said Kristin Heitmeier, Barefoot marketing director. "It's a unique twist. Barefoot thinks out of the norm."

The play, set in the 1920s was written by Patrick Hamilton and inspired Alfred Hitchcock's famous 1948 movie of the same name, which starred Jimmy Stewart. It opens Friday, Feb. 12, and also runs at 8:40 p.m. Feb. 19-20, and 26-27, with 2 p.m. matinees Feb. 21 and 28, at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street, Plymouth. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$10 for students.

It's one of two plays about murder in the 1920s being staged locally next weekend.

*Funeral for a Gangster*, by Spotlight Players, takes a playful, interactive look at the murder of mob boss Vito "The Gut," Marzetti in a dinner theater-style performance at the Biltmore Studio, inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the play at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Tickets are \$45 per person, with discounts available for tables of eight.

"The audience serves as the mourners to the wake," said Laurie Kondek, Spotlight



Kim Elliot (left) of Canton and Maureen Paraventi of Redford rehearse for the 2nd Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Feb. 13 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater in Canton.

Players marketing director. "So, they are part of it. They're invited to dress up like the 1920s. There will be prizes for the best costume."

### INTERACTIVE FUN

The audience helps solve the mystery — Who killed Vito and where did he hide his wealth — listening to evidence and clues unfurl during the wake.

"It's really fun," said Kondek, adding that Spotlight Players will perform the play again on March 13.

The theater is transformed into a speakeasy for the local actors who mingle with the audience and with each other. 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.

### A NAIL BITER

While theatre-goers are likely to leave the dinner



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 show runs Feb. 12-28 at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

theater laughing, Barefoot Players' *Rope* will keep them in suspense.

"The plot revolves around two wealthy collegians who perform a cold-blooded murder. Then they place the body in a trunk in the center of the living room and host an elaborate party," Heitmeier explained. "I've had the good fortune to have see a sneak preview in dress rehearsal and it's riveting. Even though I know the play, I sit there and don't realize I'm holding my breath."

"I don't believe anyone will leave disappointed. It's a very powerful, intense ending."

Craig Hane, Barefoot artistic director, directed the drama. The cast includes father and son, Michael and Nathan Corliss of Livonia, Joy Holloway of Livonia, William Brezina of Dearborn Heights, Ken Karges of Plymouth, Samantha Lowry of Novi; Ethan McIntyre of Livonia and Matthew Williams of Redford.

"The original play was said to be inspired by the infamous Leopold and Loeb murder in Chicago," Heitmeier said. In 1924, Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, two affluent University of Chicago students, kidnapped and

murdered a neighbor, Robert Franks, for the exhilaration of plotting and executing the perfect crime. They were sentenced to prison after confessing.

"This particular genre is one of our most highly anticipated," Heitmeier said. "It's a great story, an outstanding cast and it will leave people breathless."

For "Rope" tickets, call the Barefoot Productions box office at (734) 560-1493 or visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com). For "Funeral for a Gangster" tickets, VillageTheater box office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).



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# Make veggie-licious snacks for Super Bowl Sunday

Every winter, football fans come together for the viewing party of the season. This year, as you prepare to host a hungry crowd for the big game, intercept unhealthy appetizers and lighten up your favorite game-watching dishes by infusing vegetables.

Jodie Shield, mom and childhood nutrition expert, knows first-hand the challenge of making dishes that not only taste good, but are good for you.

"People don't traditionally think veggies when they think about game-day entertaining, but incorporating vegetables into your favorite recipes is an easy way to feel good about the food you are serving while still scoring points for home team health," says Shield. "Veggies are full of nutrients and flavor, are a great way to add flavor, texture and color to your recipes, and can even be used as edible serving pieces."

To ensure your guests enjoy their veggies before and after the final whistle is blown, here are some of Jodie's tried-and-true tips for making vegetables delectable on game day and every day:

- **Shred the evidence.** Shred veggies, like broccoli, carrots, bell peppers or mushrooms, and toss them into turkey-sliders, sloppy Joes, quesadillas, tacos or pizza. A small amount will blend right into your favorite dishes and boost the nutritional value, too.
- **Contain their interest.** Tempt big and small appetites by using the vegetables themselves as edible serving pieces. Serve veggie dips in hollowed-out bell peppers, mashed potatoes in potato skins or even squash soup in mini pumpkins.
- **Dip it.** Don't be afraid to pair up vegetables with tasty sauces or dips. A 2006 study found that children eat more vegetables when paired with a moderate amount of ranch dressing.

For great veggie-filled recipes, check out the recipes below or go to [www.loveyourveggies.com](http://www.loveyourveggies.com) or [www.hiddenvalley.com](http://www.hiddenvalley.com).

**ORIGINAL RANCH SPINACH DIP**

Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Chill Time: 30 minutes  
Makes 2 cups

1 (1.1-ounce) packet of Hidden Valley Original Ranch dip mix  
16 ounces sour cream  
10 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well-drained  
8 ounces water chestnuts, rinsed, drained and chopped  
1 round loaf French bread Fresh vegetable sticks

1. Combine Hidden Valley Original Ranch dip mix, sour cream, spinach and water chestnuts.  
2. Chill 30 minutes or until just before serving.  
3. Cut top off the bread and remove center (use firm bread pieces as dippers).  
4. Fill bread bowl with dip.  
5. Serve with cubed bread and vegetables.



**CARROT OVEN FRIES**

Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 25 minutes  
Serves 4 to 6

1 pound carrots (about 5 or 6 large) peeled and cut into 4- by 1/4-inch sticks  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
1 (1.1-ounce) packet ranch dressing & seasoning mix  
1 teaspoon corn starch  
Vegetable cooking spray

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.  
2. In a large bowl, combine the carrots together with the olive oil, corn starch and ranch dressing & seasoning mix, and toss until well coated.  
3. Use a sheet tray or quarter sheet pan. Spray generously with cooking spray.  
4. Arrange the carrots in a single layer on rack and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until crispy. Bake for 35 minutes for extra crispy fries.

**PICK-A-PECK-OF-PEPPERS FIESTA RANCH DIP**

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Serves 8

1 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise  
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream  
1/2 cup nonfat, plain yogurt  
1 (1.1-ounce) packet ranch dip mix  
2 each: green, red, orange and yellow bell peppers

1. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, yogurt and ranch dip mix in a medium-size bowl; place in the refrigerator to chill.  
2. Meanwhile, remove the tops of the bell peppers, rinse and remove seeds.  
3. Slice one green, red, orange and yellow bell pepper into quarters. Place one quarter of each color bell pepper into a food processor and chop until fine. Remove and drain excess water.  
4. Add the diced bell pepper mixture to the fiesta dip and stir until well combined.  
5. Pour the dip into each of the remaining whole bell peppers and serve with the remaining bell pepper cut into strips.

Courtesy of Family Features

## Score a 'Touchdown Team Brownie' for dessert

Everyone needs a game plan: a winning menu to keep armchair quarterbacks fueled through all four quarters of the big game.

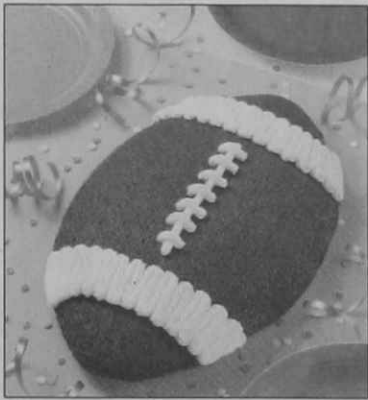
Kick off the festivities with easy-to-serve, easy-to-eat pre-game nibbles like chips and salsa, veggies and dip plus plenty of liquid libations. Fans will cheer at halftime when they're offered favorites like make-your-own sandwiches, hearty chili and coleslaw to tackle their hunger. Rely on the super-market deli/prepared foods sections and purchase some or all of the foods ready to serve...that way everyone can enjoy the game instead of spending time in the kitchen.

Make the final quarter memorable with a fabulous dessert...Touchdown Team Brownie. It's easy to bake and decorate, and it can be made a day in advance of the game. Bake the brownie (use a mix for convenience) in Wilton's first and ten football pan, then simply add the zigzag stripes and outline stitching with white decorator icing. It's a winner.

**TOUCHDOWN TEAM BROWNIE**

Makes about 20 servings

1 package (about 20 ounces) brownie mix (13- by 9-inch size)  
Egg, oil and water to prepare mix  
1 can ready-to-use white decorator icing



Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray First and Ten Football Pan with vegetable pan spray. In large bowl, prepare brownie mix following package instructions; spread into prepared pan (will only fill pan about 1/3 full). Bake 30-35 minutes or until brownie tests done. Cool in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.

Place cooled brownie on serving platter. Add zigzag icing stripes and outline stitching.

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**The owners of Livonia's newest authentic Mexican restaurant are bringing a whole new meaning to "Catch the Z."**

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We pride ourselves on being a family friendly combination restaurant and sports bar that fills a need in the area for Mexican food," manager Norman Raymon said of Zorrito's, which opened in November. "You can watch the game, families are welcome and we love to see the kids."

The atmosphere shifts a little after 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, when live music takes to the stage. But that's not the only entertainment the restaurant features: Dart tournaments highlight Mondays, while Thursdays feature live trivia contests.

The restaurant offers delicious homemade Mexican entrees. The house specialty is steak or chicken fajitas and quesadillas. Lots of appetizers are available to munch on before dinner or during the game. Zorrito's American entree's include burgers, salads, and even fish and chips. They feature daily \$ 5 lunch specials, 75-cent "sliders" and 25-cent wings. Diners get 20 percent off their total bill on Sundays (excluding alcohol). The Fiesta starts here!

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For more information, call the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 734.427.2122,  
or e-mail Public Affairs Director Dawne Toppa at [toppa@livonia.org](mailto:toppa@livonia.org).



Ed Brown, (right) owner of Livonia's Bill Brown Ford, greets Ford Motor Chief Executive Alan Mulally (left) at the 2010 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview last month at Cobo Center.

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# Building Industry Association honors leaders

Top industry professionals are being lauded this week by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. The honorees include:

## HALL OF FAME

Janet and Jim Compo joined the Building Industry Association in 1970 after nearly winning the House of Nails contest at BIA's Builders Show. When they came to BIA offices for the drawing that would determine which of the three tied entries would win an all electric home near 13 Mile and Gratiot, they met Irvin Yackness and learned about the association. They were duly impressed and began what has now grown to a 40-year involvement in the organization.

They began their building business 50 years ago, in 1961, building several small commercial buildings and remodeling. They currently design and build one-of-a-kind custom homes as well as continue to remodel homes and buildings. During their 57-year marriage, they have created a family business that allows them to work with their sons and daughters-in-law. Their mission is to build the most energy efficient, green, beautiful homes with the finest possible design for the dollar. Their personal goals for the company are to build with "quality, great design and energy savings no matter what," said Janet emphatically.

Janet is the only woman to have served as president of BIA. Some of her other accomplishments include being named Builder of the Year, Remodeler of the Year, serving on the BIA Board of Directors for 20 years and as an MAHB area vice president for three years. She has served continually on both the MAHB and NAHB Boards.

Janet and Jim both consider their integral involvement in Victoria Park — the first Homearama event held in the City of Detroit — as one of their most rewarding accomplishments along with involvement in a number of Habitat for Humanity projects and fund-raising for Lighthouse of Oakland County.

"BIA has played a tremendous role in our success," said Jim. "We advise other builders to follow our lead and take advantage of all the available training. We have both earned our CAPS, CGB and CGR designations through BIA."

## BUILDER OF THE YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH HONOREE

Building homes for over 100 families in the past 10 years is a major accomplishment for president and owner of Silverado Custom Homes Inc. Bob Tedesco.

Located in Rochester, the company is diversified and builds custom single-family homes, additions,



Bob Tedesco is Builder of the Year.



Brad Hinkson is Remodeler of the Year.

remodeling and light commercial. His business has been built on customer satisfaction. "Our clients are mostly by referral of happy homeowners who are thankful for the quality and attention to detail, as well as our personal service. They are confident in recommending us to their friends and family," Tedesco said.

The best advice he received came from his father who was also a builder, "Build every house to the expectations and standards you would demand for yourself." Tedesco practices this on a daily basis and requires his superintendent to do the same. This philoso-



Janet and Jim Compo are Hall of Fame members for the BIA.

phy has been vital in Silverado's ability to grow in today's economy.

He has been very pleased with the opportunities and support BIA has offered him. "BIA has been instrumental to my company's success," he said. "I have developed relationships with member architects, subcontractors and suppliers who share our same goals." Silverado regularly participates in the Parade of Homes. "The exposure is tremendous," he said. In November, Tedesco was contacted by *Luxury Home Quarterly* Magazine to profile Silverado Custom Homes in their spring 2010 issue. When he

asked them how they found his company they said, "Through the Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan."

Tedesco is active in giving back to the community. He is an annual contributor to the Detroit Zoo, Rochester Avon Recreation Authority and Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association Children's Benevolent Fund. He has made several donations and contributions to Habitat for Humanity and encourages his clients to donate windows, cabinets and fixtures, when remodeling homes. He enjoys playing the drums, fishing, scuba diving and spending time with his wife, Suzanne, and 6-year-old daughter Jacklyn.

## REMODELER OF THE YEAR

Brad Hinkson is president and co-founder of Hinkson Construction Inc., located in Bloomfield Township. The company specializes in full service remodeling and an occasional custom home.

The company has been serving clients for 19 years with honesty and integrity, dedicated to helping them with all of their home maintenance and improvement needs, including anything from changing a light bulb to a whole house renovation. Hinkson Construction Inc. focuses on providing an outstanding client experience through daily communication, attention to detail and clean, organized job sites.

An accomplishment Brad Hinkson is grateful for is that the company has never sued or been sued; filed a lien or had a lien filed against them. To others involved in the construction industry, he advises, "Strive to do the right thing and if you make a mistake, make it right."

Brad is a Certified Remodeler (CR) of the National Association of The Remodeling Industry (NARI) and chair of BIA's NAHB Professional Remodelers Council. He remarked that several years ago, fellow BIA members and staff encouraged him to get involved with the council and since then, he has found it to be a great experience. "During my 17 years at BIA many members have knowingly and unknowingly mentored me through their actions and by unselfishly sharing their experiences and their knowledge."

Brad and his wife, Sue, have been married for 27 years and have five children ranging in age from 15 to 25. He enjoys any outdoor activity and watching his daughters' basketball games. Brad also roots for University of Michigan football and Michigan State University basketball. He has volunteered his time with Jewish Family Services, Father Gabriel Richard High School Auction Committee, Bradley University Parent Board of Directors and the St. Mary Magdalen Construction Task Force.

# Enforce bylaws, deed standards

**Q:** We live in a condo where we have a limit on the number of units that can be rented out. However, we have now got a situation where more than the prescribed number of units are being rented out, and one of our board officers wants to enforce the documents even though we have been lax in the past about doing so. I believe that we shouldn't go after these renters because the units are occupied. What do you think?

**A:** Notwithstanding the change in economic circumstances, I believe that the board still has an obligation to enforce the bylaws



Robert M. Meisner

and other deed restrictions. If the board wishes to offer a proposed amendment to the co-owners to increase the number of units that can be rented, that is, as always, a possibility. On the other hand, there is no real excuse for the board not enforcing the documents.

**Q:** I noted that one of your readers commented about the co-owner's inability in a condominium to see the books for financial improprieties. But how do you deal with embezzlement?

**A:** If the association is concerned about embezzlement, it would behoove it to have the books audited by a forensic CPA auditor. A forensic auditor specifically looks for wrongdoings. In addition to looking for the conventional type of embezzlement schemes, their expert witness status would be helpful if precision is needed. Thus looking at the association's books may not disclose money that has left the table via the banking community. For example, if checks are wrongfully endorsed or deposited in accounts not belonging to the association, it may never show up in the condominium books of that activity. Those types of embezzlements or honest errors are done in or corrected in the banking community. Any posting to the co-owner's accounts are usually correct on the association books. However, the funds may never make it to the association's bank accounts. Your auditor should be aware of this.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$995 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 13-16, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

## Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a free 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. The office is at 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

## Plymouth Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer

knowledge, a strong work ethic, and an optimistic "can do" attitude.

Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, available training, company profit share, commission structures. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

## Rental Property

A Beginners' Workshop for Rental Property Investors will be held three consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, four hours per day in Royal Oak. This event will provide a basic foundation that gives the beginning investor with the knowledge and confidence to make their initial investment and enhance their financial success.

Price: \$99 for three days. Presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland. To register, contact: [www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com).

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Paul Esajian of the A & E TV New Haven Team of "Flip This House" will share what it takes to succeed in this or any market. He is an experienced project manager who specializes in personnel management and incentive based motivation for contractors. His company has purchased, rehabbed and wholesaled more than 180 properties in the last three years.

Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Feb. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com)).

## Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Mondays. To reserve a spot, contact Steve Leibhan, Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

## Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. Please RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

## HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 19-23, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Beverly Hills</b>	
15858 Buckingham Ave	\$148,000
18230 Dunblaine Ave	\$270,000
<b>Bingham Farms</b>	
31301 Fromm Ct	\$275,000
<b>Birmingham</b>	
251 Baldwin Rd	\$250,000
1276 Hillside Dr	\$229,000
2810 Manchester Rd	\$204,000
<b>Bloomfield Hills</b>	
1880 E Valley Rd	\$888,000
540 Haverhill Rd	\$595,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	
2806 Hunters Blf	\$505,000
583 N Cranbrook Rd	\$410,000
439 N Williamsburg Rd	\$315,000
526 S Spinningswheel Ln	\$145,000
1529 Winthrop Rd	\$154,000
<b>Clarkston</b>	
5241 Oak Park	\$81,000

6568 Summit Ridge Ct	\$165,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	
4919 Halberd St	\$108,000
5265 S River Dr	\$155,000
<b>Davidsburg</b>	
5400 Leddys Ln	\$70,000
<b>Farmington</b>	
20764 Farmington Rd	\$220,000
31736 Folkstone Ct	\$127,000
32070 Grand River Ave	\$52,000
22808 Manning St	\$125,000
33258 Slocum Dr	\$136,000
22740 Violet St	\$149,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	
27145 Arden Park Cir	\$150,000
25300 Elizabeth Way	\$124,000
30380 Fox Club Dr	\$270,000
27476 Kalish Ct	\$260,000
30610 Knighton Dr	\$275,000
38270 Lowell Dr	\$225,000
35092 Meadow Ln	\$112,000
31810 N Marklawn St	\$165,000
28139 New Bedford Dr	\$275,000
31935 W 14 Mile Rd	\$88,000
27689 W Echo Vly	\$50,000
<b>Franklin</b>	
27140 Gardenway Rd	\$225,000
<b>Lake Orion</b>	
130 Burniah Ln	\$225,000
3383 Chalice Dr	\$83,000
2312 Hammerslea Rd	\$88,000

372 Newton Ct	\$137,000
<b>Millford</b>	
1808 Hidden Valley Dr	\$385,000
1542 Millford Meadows Ct	\$230,000
1525 S Tipisco Lake Rd	\$146,000
<b>Northville</b>	
20824 E Glen Haven Cir	\$45,000
40360 Prestwick Ct	\$1,200,000
<b>Novi</b>	
43363 Ashbury Dr	\$218,000
21118 Chase Dr	\$353,000
22378 Chase Dr	\$259,000
26519 Glenwood Dr	\$485,000
44431 Midway Dr	\$300,000
23250 Mystic Forest Dr	\$343,000
24780 Upland Hi	\$196,000
21052 Wheaton Ln	\$373,000
45663 White Pines Dr	\$315,000
28291 Wolcott Dr	\$100,000
<b>Oxford</b>	
639 Elder Road	\$170,000
1784 Harvard Ct	\$158,000
861 Phillips Dr	\$160,000
<b>Rochester</b>	
1848 Flagstone Cir	\$94,000
1360 Sycamore Dr	\$113,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
1223 Candlestick Ln	\$80,000
1122 Cove Ln	\$127,000
1636 Dancer Dr	\$120,000
820 Fieldstone Dr	\$200,000

3200 Gerald Ave	\$44,000
934 Golfview Ct	\$198,000
3580 John R Rd	\$173,000
1725 Kilburn Rd N	\$235,000
379 Mystic Vly	\$284,000
3255 S Adams Rd	\$63,000
2657 Tallahassee Dr	\$150,000
1902 Westridge Dr	\$380,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	
1230 Hackney Ct	\$242,000
172 Princeton Dr	\$172,000
24580 Wedgewood Dr	\$262,000
<b>Southfield</b>	
15564 Arbor Pl	\$60,000
29835 Brentwood St	\$95,000
27319 Marshall St	\$75,000
21114 Melrose St	\$98,000
17500 Madrona St	\$105,000
30580 Pierce St	\$95,000
28765 Tavistock Trl	\$150,000
<b>Sylvan Lake</b>	
2392 Garland St	\$90,000
<b>Troy</b>	
3069 Dominique	\$305,000
822 Drew Dr	\$226,000
3824 Edenderry Dr	\$260,000
2212 Milverton Dr	\$120,000
2671 Roundtree Dr	\$65,000
105 Vermont Dr	\$42,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	
3105 Chesapeake Cir	\$115,000

<b>Waterford</b>	
2580 Bonita Dr	\$124,000
2232 Denby Dr	\$115,000
6853 Forestlawn Ct	\$122,000
287 Lansing Dr	\$82,000
359 S Cass Lake Rd	\$68,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
4280 Barcroft Way	\$270,000
4321 Bunker Ave	\$85,000
7208 Creeks Bend Dr	\$135,000
7659 Danbury Cir	\$125,000
7600 Hemlock Dr	\$170,000
6975 Lakemont Cir	\$330,000
2100 N Hammond Lake Rd	\$100,000
7032 Nottingham	\$88,000
4148 Old Dominion Dr	\$263,000
6936 Pebblecreek Woods Dr	\$118,000
6777 Stonehedge Ct	\$104,000
7478 Verona Rd	\$360,000
6613 Willow Rd	\$131,000
3154 Winchester Rd	\$168,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
1173 Fairview St	\$61,000
8074 Sequoia Ln	\$93,000
8150 Sequoia Ln	\$95,000
934 Sloane Ct	\$130,000
505 Union Lake Rd	\$188,000
<b>Wolverine Lake</b>	
2170 Newport Ct	\$123,000

<b>Canton</b>	
1438 Colomade Ct	\$373,000
44108 Duchess Dr	\$175,000
43741 Gledhouse Ct	\$183,000
799 Meadowlake Rd	\$113,000
620 Rosevelt St	\$203,000
4051 Sarah Ann Dr	\$190,000
47066 Southgate Ct	\$238,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
28504 Beechwood St	\$42,000
28453 Donnelly St	\$45,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
11022 Brookfield St	\$106,000
8996 Danzig St	\$115,000
9012 Farmington Rd	\$85,000
16704 Fitzgerald St	\$185,000
36537 Gardner St	\$165,000
3312 Grenada St	\$90,000
31080 Westfield St	\$98,000
<b>Northville</b>	
665 Potomac Ct	\$453,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
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## Thursday

### PUZZLE CORNER

#### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

1 Beetle Bailey's superior  
6 Greenish mineral  
10 Skin blemish  
14 Kent or Gable  
15 Two-toed sloth  
16 Sonic bounce  
17 1950s record  
18 Nothing —!  
19 Opera solo  
20 Tower over  
21 Really bright kid  
23 Energetic persons  
25 Jacket fabrics  
26 Cornfield sound  
27 Zorba portrayer  
29 Speaker introducer  
32 Thick soup  
33 Watch pocket  
36 Glamorous wraps  
37 Unmuddled  
38 Tote  
39 Physique  
40 Horror-flick extra  
41 Excellence  
42 Babble  
43 Call — cab  
44 Like bees and ants  
47 Full of holes  
51 Blinker (2 wds.)  
54 Jungle warning  
55 Pharaoh's god

**DOWN**

1 Reprimand  
2 Bronze or pewter  
3 Toxic emanation  
4 Makes a face  
5 Use sparingly  
6 "Swan Lake" costumes  
7 Presently  
8 Fixed the table  
9 Cloysingly prettier  
10 Dilute  
11 Bitter  
12 Dry white wine  
13 Garden hoppers  
21 Leave  
22 wide-eyed  
23 Viking letter  
24 Novelista — Brown  
27 Waiting line  
28 Europe-Asia range  
29 Recede  
30 Cattle call?

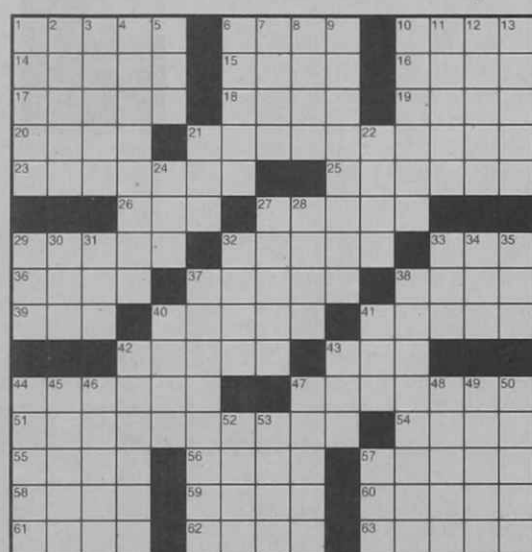
#### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

PULPIT KEG CLIO  
IMPEDE AVE HANK  
TASSEL RAN ANNA  
TALKED TURKEY  
SMELL NEE STARS  
HERE TOM CUE  
ENE JOT BORDERS  
ESCART ALP DUH  
PATHWAY SOS GPA  
OOH CAR PEER  
UHHU AOL SIDED  
MOONLIGHTING  
BYRD FOO TAPPED  
ELSE SRS CREASE  
REED OAT HENNAS

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31 Rascal  
32 Conspiracy  
33 A long way off  
34 Yes, to Pierre  
35 Diner order  
37 Goblets  
38 Car buyer's concern  
40 Pate de foie —  
41 Sz. option  
42 Defeated, in wrestling  
43 Wire gauge  
44 Flagpole

45 Exterior  
46 Minotaur's island  
47 Did a fall chore  
48 Jeweler's lens  
49 Down the hatch  
50 Put on some clothing  
52 Target  
53 Muzzle or nuzzle  
57 Between pi and sigma



## SUDOKU

		2	4		8	5	1	7
		3	5		1	9	4	
1		5	7			8		6
					9	6		4
	8						6	
2		6			4	7	9	
	5		9			4		
	9		2	1				
7							5	

Level: Beginner

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#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

6	5	1	8	7	9	8	2	7
8	2	9	5	1	2	7	6	8
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5	9	8	2	1	6	8	7	9
7	8	2	9	6	8	1	5	9
9	8	6	2	7	9	7	1	5
2	7	6	1	9	5	8	7	9
2	1	5	8	7	2	9	6	8

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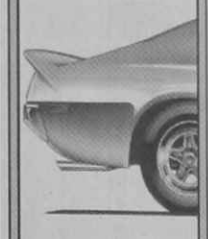
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