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Code of Conduct

The 2010-11 Student Code of Conduct has finally been approved, some three months after the beginning of school.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday got a final look at the code that will be used for the rest of this school year. The biggest issue was settled – the range of consequences for drug offenses will include everything from in-school suspension up to, and including, possible expulsion. The drug policy had been the biggest hang-up among board members.

Under the code, penalties for all offenses related to illicit substances – drugs or alcohol – would “start with at least a suspension,” Supt. Craig Fiegel told board members.

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who was among board members who questioned whether the original draft of the code was too easy on drug offenses, was satisfied.

“To me, this is more succinct,” she said.

The district’s policy committee will take another look at the code’s provisions for the governance of student publications and the district’s cell phone policy, though the current code will remain in effect for this year.

Goodfellow toys

Antonio’s Cucina Italiana on Canton Center Road south of Ford will accept toys for Canton Goodfellows during a lunch with Santa scheduled in two shifts – 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. – on Saturday, Dec. 11, and Sunday, Dec. 12.

Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer said donors are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy.

The buffet luncheon costs \$15 per person and \$5 for children under 2, according to the restaurant. Santa and live reindeer are expected.

Spencer said other Goodfellows events include a collection of nonperishable food through Dec. 12 at Alsager’s Animal Care Center, 44262 Warren Road, a collection of nonperishable food and cash at the Showroom of Elegance, 6018 N. Canton Center, with special incentives for donors through Dec. 10, and a fund-raiser along with toy and food donations and auction throughout the day Dec. 11 and 12 at Plymouth Roc bar, 1020 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Spencer also said Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, will collect food and toys through Dec. 10.

Yard waste

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste in Canton will end Thursday, Dec. 2, and will not resume until April.

After Dec. 2, items such as grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush will no longer be accepted at the curb. Canton Waste Recycling (CWR) will pick up natural Christmas trees Jan. 3-13.

For questions or more information on yard waste collection, refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call CWR at (734) 397-5801.

Two-year budget includes millage hike

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Striking back against a \$15-million deficit, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has adopted a two-year budget that ushered in a 1.75-mill tax increase for police and fire services, demanded \$1.8 million in employee concessions and slashed spending by another \$1.8 million.

Still, outside auditors have issued a sobering warning that local officials will need to continue to seek cost-cutting measures amid declining revenues

fueled by a \$1-billion drop in township-wide taxable values since 2006.

“There’s not a silver bullet in the revenue stream — there’s just not,” Plante Moran auditing partner Michael Swartz said Tuesday, the same night a beleaguered township board adopted a two-year budget blueprint that, for the first time, spans two years rather than one.

Auditors have warned it could take nearly a decade for tax revenues — pummeled by declining property values — to rebound.

“This has been the most difficult

budget I think in the history of Canton Township,” Trustee John Anthony said. “It hasn’t been easy for anybody, but the solution is to share the pain.”

Township leaders already had secured pay cuts and higher health-care costs from most unions, such as police officers and firefighters, and officials said they hope by early this week to reach layoff-avoiding concessions from clerical employees.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy commended employee unions for accepting painful sacrifices to protect township services and thwart a bud-

get deficit.

“It’s been tough. It’s not easy,” he said. “It has been a team effort.”

NOT ENOUGH

Trustee Todd Caccamo cast the lone dissenting vote against the new budget. He said he believes deeper spending cuts could have been made, particularly in one department, Canton Leisure Services, that steers parks and recreation services.

“I would say that’s probably the

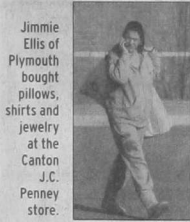
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J.C. Penney employees Tim Makulski, Josh Garza of Westland and Antoine Eggleston of Detroit load two of what must be the world’s largest jewelry boxes into Vanessa and Stephanie Cline’s car. Both are from Canton. Vanessa joked that they were looking for someone to fill those boxes with jewelry.

Black Friday bargain-hunters hit Canton shops

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Jimmie Ellis of Plymouth bought pillows, shirts and jewelry at the Canton J.C. Penney store.

Janice Peterson wasn’t out braving the early shopping crowds in Canton Township on Black Friday, but that didn’t make the checkout line at J.C. Penney any shorter.

Peterson, of Canton, was in one of the two lines that snaked through the store just before 1 p.m. Friday,

when Penney’s door-buster sales were set to end. The store on Ford Road, which opened at 4 a.m., was selling flannel shirts and kitchen appliances for less than \$10, five-piece luggage sets for less than \$40 and diamond rings, bracelets and pendants for \$79.99 each.

Peterson isn’t a regular Black Friday shopper.

“We just started,” she

said as she waited with her father, Don Hubert. “This is actually my first time in a long time.”

Peterson was taking advantage of sale prices on children’s clothing, buying Christmas presents for the three children she “adopted” for the holidays through the Canton Goodfellows.

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Canton cops retain rating

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After satisfying a rigorous set of 463 law-enforcement standards, the Canton Police Department has retained its accreditation with a prestigious, national agency dedicated to strengthening crime prevention and boosting community confidence in local police work.

With 86 sworn officers, Canton remains the largest municipal police agency in Michigan — and one of only nine departments statewide — accredited by the Virginia-based Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, or CALEA.



Nemecek

“It’s a great credit to this organization and the men and women who work here,” Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said.

Canton was first accredited by CALEA in 2007 under then-Public Safety Director John Santomauro, and the department this year had to survive rigorous procedures to retain its ranking among CALEA-honored police agencies.

“It’s a very big deal,” Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said. “It’s an important recognition by an outside, independent agency. I think it’s good for the community and residents, and it shows a good vote of confidence in our department.”

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Plan sets ‘Dynamic’ goals for school district

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education have long clamored for a long-range, dynamic planning strategy for the future of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Now they have one.

After five meetings, several focus groups and intense discussions about what should be included, the Dynamic Planning Committee made its presentation to the school board Tuesday, providing board members with goals

in four different areas, along with new mission and vision statements designed to take the district into the future.

“I think what is critical is this gives us something we haven’t had before,” Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel told board members. “This answers, ‘What do we believe?’”

The final report talks about overall goals in four different areas — Community engagement, finance, operations and curriculum, technology and student achievement — and offered potential strategies to achieve the goals, though the report does not

discuss implementation.

Implementation of the plan will be left up to the district’s leadership team.

The committee was made up of some 60 volunteers from various business, technical and educational backgrounds from around the community.

“I have never worked with a committee like this one,” said Kay Cornell, the consultant the district hired to shepherd the process. “They represented you with such dignity and intelligence. To watch them work was really a pleasure.”

The committee came up with these goals:

- Community Engagement — Promote community engagement by developing and maintaining productive, collaborative relationships with all stakeholders. Included among subgoals are promoting the district to internal and external markets, engaging families and students in the educational process, find ways for students and the school community to contribute to the community and expanding opportunities for community involvement.
- Finance — productively, efficiently

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Goodfellow help

Friendly, adult Canton residents are needed for AM/PM shifts on Saturday, Dec. 4, to distribute Canton Goodfellows newspapers for donations at locally secured businesses.

The reward for this one-time commitment, Goodfellows officials point out, is "knowing you provided a Canton family toys, gifts and their Christmas meal. Feel free to invite a friend/neighbor to participate along with you."

All newspaper sales volunteers will be entered into a raffle for a performance at the award winning Cherry Hill Village Theatre. Additional volunteer opportunities available.

Call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 for details/to sign up or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com.

Health seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a health care reform seminar presented by Dean Clemons, vice president of Meadowbrook Insurance Agency to explain near-term changes and Blue Cross-specific implications with guest speaker Barb Kellman, director of operations for Blue Cross Blue Shield Managing Agency. The event is scheduled 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford in



Junior Miss

Canton High School's Anastacia Washington (right) was named the 2011 Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss last week, earning scholarships for her "Be Your Best Self" essay, self-expression, physical fitness and talent, while Salem High School's Elizabeth Johnson (left) was first runner-up and won scholarships in physical fitness. Josephine Aldrich (Gabriel Richard High School) received the People's Choice Award, Alyson Fryz (Plymouth High School) received the Spirit Award and scholarships for self expression, talent and interview, Kaila Panaleo (Canton High School) received scholarships for scholastics and interview and Lindsey Wallace (Plymouth High School) received a scholarship for scholastics. Washington and Johnston move on to compete at the Michigan Junior Miss Scholarship Program in Saline Jan. 29.

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Seating is limited, and reservations are required. There's no admission charge for chamber members.

Call the chamber office, (734) 453-4040.

Newcomers meet

Those interested in meeting their Canton "neighbors,"

participating in interest groups such as Book Club, Bunko, Chick Flick, Let's Do Dinner, Playgroups, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more, and contributing to charitable initiatives are invited to the Canton Newcomers Wednesday, Dec. 1, for the group's monthly meeting/holiday dinner. The meeting takes place

7:15-9 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, in Canton. The evening's agenda includes: socializing while enjoying delights of Fat Chef in a Little Coat catering, a can good drive to benefit the Canton Goodfellows (bring canned goods and be entered into a raffle to win a gift by Avon), the exchanging of a white elephant gift (bring something from your basement you want to rid yourself of wrapped beautifully) and participating in an optional ornament exchange (\$5-\$7).

For more information or to RSVP, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com. To order a complimentary Newcomer December newsletter, visit www.canton-newcomers.org.

AAUW meets

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting on Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth (just north of

North Territorial).

The meeting will feature the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's (P-CEP) Madrigal Singers. Many other fun activities are planned to start the holiday season.

Light refreshments will be served.

AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all. For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelsonlc@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Service of Lessons

St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, announces its annual Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent, to be held Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4:30 p.m.

The service, which follows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from Scripture with the singing of songs and carols appropriate for the season of Advent. Members of the church's music ministry, including Children's and Youth choirs, Handbell Choir, Parish Choir, and contemporary group SonShine, will come together to present the music for the service, under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford.

Although the concert is free of charge, attendees are encouraged to give generously to a free-will offering. Benefits from the concert will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners, which was founded in Detroit in 1977, distributes more than 28 million pounds of food annually through its five Metro-Detroit distribution centers.

St. John's Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent is part of the church's concert series, Resounding Art in a Sacred Space. For more information on this program, the concert series, or the parish, please telephone (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Nuns in charge

"Put the Nuns in Charge," a long-running comedy from the author of "Late Night

Catechism," is coming to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

Ticket prices range from \$20 for non-reserved seating and go up to \$75 for front row seats. All tickets include a dessert afterward. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day.

Child care will be provided for a small donation. Tickets must be purchased in person with cash or check at St. Thomas a Becket, located at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, south of Cherry Hill Road. Contact the church at (734) 981-1333 for further information.

Crafts and baked goods

St. Thomas a Becket Church hosts its 20th annual Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 75 crafters will be on hand to help you find those one-of-a-kind gifts for your family and friends. In addition, there will be a bake sale featuring many delicious home-baked goodies.

Admission is \$2 and children under 12 are free. Lunch will also be available for purchase. St. Thomas a Becket is located at 555 S. Lilley Rd. on the southwest corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill in Canton.

For more information visit the church's website at www.abecket.org.

Check out Canton

The Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library have teamed up to help the community "check out" Canton businesses.

"Check Out Canton" works like the library's very popular Museum Adventure Pass program. Local businesses supply special offers that patrons can check out from the library with a library card. Use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton.

Want to know what's being offered? Simply search the library catalog for "Check Out Canton" and you'll find a list of the businesses and their offers.

Businesses interested in participating in this program can call Canton's Economic Development office at (734) 394-5182.

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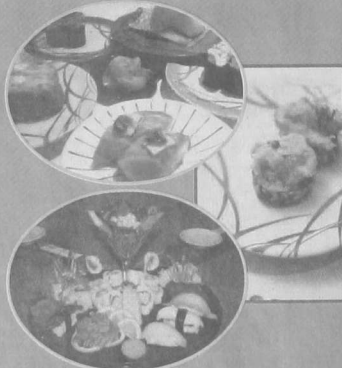
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About the body

Starkweather students get lesson in genetics

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Melody Hobig had a difficult time looking her patient in the eye and saying the patient's baby was, in all likelihood, going to be born with a condition that would cause developmental delays, a disease for which there is no cure.

It didn't matter that Hobig isn't really a doctor. She's a 17-year-old student in Tracy Gibbons' biology class at the Starkweather, Plymouth-Canton's Alternative Education Center.

It also didn't matter that the patient was Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education trustee John Jackson, who clearly wasn't pregnant to begin with.

All that mattered to Hobig was the stark reality of the lesson learned in Gibbons' lesson about genetic diseases. The disease she studied — Angelman Syndrome — occurs in 1 in 15,000 live births and is characterized by developmental delay, lack of speech, seizures, and walking and balance disorders, according to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation website.

"You find out what it's like to live in the shoes of a doctor, and tell the patient there's something wrong with their baby," said Hobig, who lives in Plymouth. "You feel the emotions with the patient. It's hard to tell someone their child is going to have a disease there's no cure for."

Dr. Colton Jahoda, a 17-year-old Starkweather student from Canton, didn't have to diagnose anything quite as



'Doctor' Josh Herig consults a patient during the genetics portion of Tracy Gibbons' biology class at Starkweather School.



Alexis Reyes lets her 'patient' know just what's wrong during an exercise on genetics at Starkweather.

complicated — or life-changing — as Angelman Syndrome, but said he still learned a lot. Jahoda studied Polydactylism, a condition

where the patient has an extra digit on his hands and/or feet. The only real treatment for the condition is to have the extra digit(s) surgically removed.

"It's not a deadly disease, it's not life or death," Jahoda said. "It was interesting doing the research and finding out what (web) sites said what things about it."

That's the point of Gibbons' instruction: To teach students about genetic disorders, how to diagnose them and then how to deal with telling patients what's wrong.

Gibbons produces a list of diseases and students decide which one they'll tackle. They do the research, learn the symptoms, and diagnose the

"patients" — volunteers who included Jackson, Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel, Starkweather Principal Kevin Lane, teachers and other students.

"They were given a scenario that they didn't know about until today," Gibbons said Tuesday, the day of the diagnosing. "(Students) have to learn about genetics as part of the Michigan framework. I like to have them do a real-life scenario. If they can see how it relates to real life, they're more likely to learn from it."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Old tale, new twist

The Park Players Theatre Company presents a one-act version of "A Christmas Carol" at the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton Dec. 10-11.

What makes this production newsworthy is the fact that the cast and director, David Krzysnik, are adapting their own version from Dickens' original work. Krzysnik recruited the knowledge of English teacher Kelly Mandeville, who gave the cast a tutorial in Dickens, his life and background so the students are now experts on the subject.

The production is currently a work in progress.

Plymouth All-American

Kicker Kyle Brindza, a senior at Plymouth High School who plans to play football at Notre Dame, has been invited to play in the Offense-Defense All-America Bowl, to be held in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Dec. 31.

The national telecast will be on VERSUS, with kickoff set for 4 p.m. The Offense-Defense All-American Bowl is an annual high school football all-star game that features the best student-athletes from around the country.

Cyber safety

Parents of middle-school-aged children are invited to participate in an assembly on cyber safety presented by the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at West Middle School.

The 45-minute presentation will focus on cyber-bullying, protecting their children on-line, how to avoid on-line predators, protecting personal information on social networking websites and cyber-harassment. The Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative is an Internet safety education program with customized presentations for kindergarten through eighth-grade students and their parents. The program was initiated by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox.

TAG screening

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is screening students for admission to its talented and gifted program for the 2011-12 school year.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS District boundaries and be in grades two to seven. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms must be submitted to school principals or counselors by Dec. 15. Nomination forms are also available online web.pccs.k12.mi.us/tag.

Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at: Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, or by fax at (734) 416-4801. Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing, including the Iowa Test and the Cognitive Abilities Test.

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Board supports new Islamic Center

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Muslims who support a new Canton Islamic Center broke into applause Tuesday night after the township's elected leaders, in a decision viewed as sending a message of tolerance, voted 7-0 to support a special land use for the proposed project.

"This means a lot to us," said Aleem Khan, a local Muslim who also represented the Shelby Township-based general contractor Sona Construction Group, Inc. "What I'm most happy about, especially in Canton, is the religious tolerance of the people."

Muslims packed a meeting room Tuesday night and watched as their new place of worship, proposed for a site on Ford Road east of Beck, received support from the Canton Township Board of Trustees — a vote that came just three weeks after the local planning commission also favored the special land use.

The growing Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, which already has a mosque and school on the northwest corner of Palmer and Lotz, hopes to convert a ranch house into a new Canton Islamic Center where no more

than 50 people will worship at any given time.

The new Islamic Center has been proposed for a house located between the Ford Road Auto Clinic and Canton Power Equipment, not far from the Cobblestone Ridge subdivision where some residents have voiced concerns about potential traffic problems.

Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said local police would enforce traffic rules near the site just as they do anywhere else in Canton.

Amid support for the special land use, Muslim leaders now have to return to the planning commission and township board with a more detailed site plan for the Canton Islamic Center, where worshippers are expected to congregate several times a day, mostly for relatively short services.

Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, pointing to a crowd he estimated at nearly 200 Tuesday night, said Muslim leaders will have to obey the 50-person threshold, even during a Friday afternoon worship that is expected to become the largest draw.

"I implore the imam to keep his flock tight," Caccamo said, responding to concerns about potential traffic congestion.

Khan said Muslims hope to begin using the site possibly by February or March, if they can move swiftly to get a site plan approved. Muslim leaders have said the new center will give their growing community another place to worship — a place that is closer to home for some who now travel to the mosque at Palmer and Lotz.

In response to traffic concerns, Angela Wolosiewicz, township planner, has said the project's conceptual plan includes a new bypass lane on the south side of Ford Road to allow motorists to go around vehicles waiting to turn left into the Islamic Center. However, she said any required road improvements will ultimately be decided by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Some residents have raised questions about the Canton Islamic Center possibly being expanded in the future, drawing even more traffic to the area.

However, project engineer Stephen Vaglica said any such expansion would require its own set of rules and procedures if, in fact, it ever emerges.

"We are not here representing any future project at this time," he said Tuesday.

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After appearing before a CALEA panel last weekend in Orange County, Calif., Nemecek, Kerr and Sgt. Pat Sullivan formally accepted the honor during an awards banquet recognizing law-enforcement agencies that made the cut.

Canton's reaccreditation came after the department earlier this year submitted an exhaustive package of documents, or proofs, documenting how it handles law enforcement. Then, in August, a team of CALEA experts visited the township for four days to

watch police officers in action and seek community input from residents, chamber of commerce officials, school district representatives and others.

"It's a very rigorous process," Nemecek said. "The benefit is, when you get accredited, you're following what's considered the best police practices in the country."

Canton's reaccreditation hinged on proving the department's mettle in nine major categories such as role and responsibilities of police; organization, management and administration; personnel structure; agency operations; traffic procedures; inmate and court-related activities;

and auxiliary and technical services.

CALEA's goals include strengthening crime prevention; formalizing essential procedures; establishing fair and nondiscriminatory practices; improving services; solidifying cooperation with other departments; and boosting citizen and staff confidence.

"It's outside eyes coming in and looking at your operation and telling you if you're doing things right," Nemecek said. "We feel it's a great accomplishment for not only the department, but also for the community. If it was an easy process, everybody would do it."

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PLAN

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and transparently manage the district's short- and long-term finances by establishing priorities within a responsible budget that supports the Mission and Vision and enhances the quality of the district.

Gary Sands, who said he's had at least one child in the district since 1973, said while the report was presented as goals in four separate areas, it really isn't.

"For instance, finance lies under everything," Sands said. "It's got to be transparent. Everyone has to understand

why you're making the decisions you do."

• Operations — Provide the physical and human resources in an innovative, flexible and fiscally responsible manner to support and elevate the educational experience for each student. Among the subgoals were providing safe, efficient transportation, nutritious meals and optimizing the use of facilities and technology.

• Curriculum, technology and student achievement — While the overriding goal is to graduate all students with the knowledge, skills and integrity critical to achieve success, both individually and collectively, in a competitive

and rapidly changing, global society, there were other goals, including making sure students are technologically literate, effective communicators and inventive thinkers.

Klotylda Phillippi, a retired teacher who now teaches at the University of Michigan, said the committee focused on student achievement may have had the toughest job.


"This is a world-class district, and student achievement is already high," Phillippi said. "We were really challenged by how we were going to go even higher. We asked ourselves, 'How are we going to reach beyond that?'"

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Families talk about the quality of care at Four Seasons



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"It gives me relief to know she has medical care and is not just languishing. In nice weather we go out and sit on the patio," said Carol Henry who works in a lab hospital near her home in Howell. "They've been very accommodating. Mom likes it that they all say 'Hi Genevieve' when they see her." "They all know me," added Genevieve Nehring.

"My mother is active at Four Seasons... she plays bingo five days a week, enjoys the live entertainment and looks forward to getting her nails done."

Socialization motivates patient recovery



Dr. Keith Tobin, an attending physician at Four Seasons Rehabilitation and Nursing, recognizes the need for socialization to stimulate residents and patients. "Here at Four Seasons nursing center, we believe in the importance of social interaction," said Dr. Tobin. "Studies show that social stimulation helps to maintain and, in many instances, actually improves cognition in patients with neurological deficits. Interacting with others requires the utilization of many parts of the brain."

Dr. Tobin is certified in family medicine and geriatrics, practices at Livonia Family Medical, and on staff at Botsford, Garden City, St. Mary Mercy and Oakwood hospitals.

Recent renovations to Four Seasons include a state-of-the-art activities center which encourages and facilitates resident-to-resident and resident-to-staff interaction. Rooms with two, three, or four residents are fostered to foster a sense of community within each resident and minimize social isolation.

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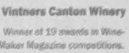



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Roadshow Comes to Livonia!

By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to **Livonia**. Roadshow experts are in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

Got Gold? This week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's

are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational

prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old

coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Tuesday through Saturday in Livonia."

because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

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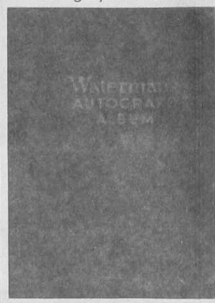
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The Treasure Hunter's Roadshow event runs Tuesday through Saturday in Livonia.

Gold and Coin Prices High, Cash In Now



"It's a modern day gold rush," said Roadshow President, Jeff Parsons.

Gold is now trading near 40 year highs, and you can cash in at the Treasure Hunters Roadshow. All types of gold are wanted, including gold coins, Krugerrands, Maple Leafs, and other gold bars, etc. All gold jewelry, including broken jewelry is accepted. Anything gold and silver is wanted.

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Roush opens Plymouth Township facility

For the first time in the history of Roush Performance, the company will have its own dedicated headquarters after moving into a new building in Plymouth Township.

The 65,000 square-foot facility will be known as Building 79 in company nomenclature (each Roush building is assigned a unique sequential number as they are added to the corporate footprint).

"Moving into Roush Building 79 is an exciting step in the evolution of Roush Performance as our business continues to grow and thrive," said Gary Jurick, Roush Performance vice-president and general manager. "It allows us to consolidate our

vehicle build, warehousing, and offices together in a manner that gains workflow efficiencies and helps to further set the company up for additional growth opportunities."

Jurick said the new building, located at 39555 Schoolcraft, allows Roush to further expand their growing Install Center for customer-owned vehicle modifications; any of the Roush Performance parts, such as a Roushcharger, suspension, brake, and exhaust upgrades can be installed by the trained technicians who are involved in the Roush specialty vehicle builds.

Since being established in 1995, Roush Performance has built more than 18,000 specialty vehicles. Today, Jurick

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Former church bookkeeper won't face charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A former Canton church bookkeeper charged with embezzling more than \$25,000 by paying herself inflated wages over four years will not face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Rather, 63-year-old Michalee Peters has been placed in the county's diversion program, allowing her to avoid trial if she follows certain court orders, stays out of trouble and appears in front of Judge David Groner next August for a review.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller confirmed the settlement that could allow Peters to avoid a potential 15-year prison term on charges of embezzling \$20,000 to \$50,000 as a longtime bookkeeper for Resurrection Parish in Canton.

Peters had been ordered to stand trial in October after an audit by the Archdiocese of Detroit allegedly uncovered

financial discrepancies earlier in the year.

However, defense attorney Raymond Cassar has said Peters made an ongoing payroll mistake during a four-year period ending last Dec. 31 and that she repaid \$25,022 after it was revealed that she had inadvertently paid herself too much.

"This is a good woman," Cassar has said.

The diversion program is intended to ensure prompt disposition of low-level felony cases while minimizing use of taxpayer dollars. It also encourages restitution and distinguishes between offenders who merit criminal sanctions and those who deserve a second chance.

Peters could potentially get the criminal charges expunged from her record if she obeys the court orders.

Peters had remained free on a personal bond as she awaited the outcome of the case.

Canton police have said the charges arose from allegations Peters gave herself

unauthorized hourly wage increases between Jan. 1, 2007, and last Dec. 31, while she was a church bookkeeper.

However, authorities said Peters had denied any attempts to defraud the church.

Cassar has described Peters as a loyal church employee who was asked to retire last July, ending what Cassar called an unblemished work record during 24 years she worked alongside the church's former pastor, the Rev. Richard Perfetto.

Cassar had called Peters' actions "a payroll mistake," though a criminal investigation indicated otherwise.

Without citing Peters by name, the Rev. Kenneth Chase in October had aired the issue with the parish, calling it "a serious matter when parish funds are unaccounted for" and asking parishioners to "keep everyone involved in your prayers."

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Plymouth Kiwanis Club goes crazy for nuts

What if you couldn't feed your family ... or yourself? What if a child in your life needed medical care and the expenses could not be afforded? What if you were elderly and needed a "helping hand" ... or just a hand to hold? Where would you turn?

Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth supports the agencies and organizations that provide assistance to many people in

need as well as helping folks directly. To be able to fund these various projects, the club has many fund-raising activities, including the annual Gourmet Nut fund-raiser being held now.

The sale features three-pound cans of gourmet nuts for purchase by the can, case and pallet.

"These are great gifts for family, employees and clients," said Mark Hutchins, public-

ity chair for the club. "Please consider the Kiwanis Gourmet Nuts as your gift of choice this year and assist in allowing Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to continue serving those in need in our community and around the world."

The gourmet nuts can be purchased by the can at Papa Romano's, 555 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 459-2930; or by the case or pallet at Fitness Things, 1160 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8790.

According to Hutchins, many other Plymouth businesses will also have the Kiwanis Gourmet Nuts available for purchase at their location. Businesses wishing to participate should contact Gary Walley at (734) 455-8790.

The 100 members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, founded in 1967, take great pride in assisting the community in a number of programs, anything from building a wheelchair ramp for a resident's home, to helping with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, to assisting in the purchase and packaging of over 1 million meals for food banks, disaster relief and malnourished areas throughout the world, to supporting U of M's Children's Mott Hospital, to replacing a roof for a family in need, to assisting at Tonquish Manor.

"The members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth are committed to serving and building a stronger community," Hutchins said. "It is only with the support of generous community friends that we can continue to build strong programs for young people, safe homes for residents in need and a strong community for all."



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Toy safety advice makes holidays happier for families

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Toy safety matters at the Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley.

"We carry toys that are tried and true," said Jack Zagrodzki, vice president of marketing, of the store on 12 Mile, which has been in business 62 years. "It's been awhile," he added with pride.

Lego and Playmobil toys remain popular with parents and grandparents who shop at the Doll Hospital, who often seek toys they played with as children, Zagrodzki said.

"Kids love to build," he said. "They love to play. Our toys stand the test of time."

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reminds

that safeguards put in place in recent years are making an impact and helping to restore confidence in the safety of toys in the marketplace.

The new toy safeguards include: establishing the lowest lead content and lead paint limits in the world; setting limits on the use of certain phthalates; converting the voluntary toy standard into a mandatory standard; and working with Customs and Border Protection data systems to track shipments as they are in transit from other countries, increasing effectiveness in discovering dangerous products coming into U.S. ports.

These safeguards, along with safety-conscious steps taken by many toy makers and sellers, have contributed to a decline in toy recalls since 2008. There were 44 toy recalls in fiscal year 2010. This is down from 50 recalls in 2009 and 172 recalls in 2008. Toy recalls related to lead in 2010 were down to three, which is far fewer than nine in 2009 and 19 in 2008.

In addition to a decline in recalls, toy-related fatalities decreased in 2009. A new report released by CPSC notes that for 2009 CPSC received reports of 12 deaths to children under the age of 15, which is down from 24 toy-related fatalities in 2007 and 2008. Riding toys were associated with almost 60 percent of the reported deaths in 2009: three with tricycles, two with powered riding toys, and two with nonmotorized riding toys or unspecified riding toys. Most deaths were from drowning, motor vehicle accidents, or airway obstruction from a small toy or small part of a toy.

While recalls and deaths have declined, new statistics from the CPSC show that toy-

related injuries are increasing. In 2009, there were an estimated 186,000 emergency room-treated injuries related to toys with children younger than 15, which is up from 152,000 injuries in 2005. Frequently these injuries involved lacerations, contusions, and abrasions that most often occurred to a child's face and head. Many of the incidents were associated with, but not necessarily caused by, a toy.

The Doll Hospital's Zagrodzki noted age-appropriate labeling for toys is now mandatory. "Parents, grandparents are a very good judge of what's appropriate" for the child, he said. His store is different from a big store like ToysRUs, including different manufacturers often based in Europe.

"Good quality, fun toys with an emphasis on child-powered," Zagrodzki said. It's not the toy playing the child, he said, but more what the child can do with the toy using his or her imagination.

The CPSC recommends toy buyers:

- Always choose age appropriate toys. Zagrodzki noted there may be younger children in the home, something to watch for.

- Include safety gear whenever shopping for sports-related gifts or ride-on toys, including bicycles, skates, and scooters.

- Be aware of your child's surroundings during play. Young children should avoid playing with ride-on toys near automobile traffic, pools or ponds. They also should avoid playing in indoor areas associated with hazards such as kitchens and bathrooms and in rooms with corded window blinds.

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Marcy Brontman and Michelle Lawton of Buddy's

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Long-term care purchase calls for caution

Q: Dear Rick: I just read that MetLife is getting out of the long-term care area. I've had a MetLife policy for 10 years and I'm sure I cannot qualify for a policy with a different company. Do I have any options and what do you think I should do? I paid for 10 years under this policy.

A: MetLife did announce it would stop selling long-term care policies. However, the company also stated it will continue to service existing policies. MetLife has been one of the largest long-term care companies and it has over 500,000 policies in effect. As long as you continue to pay your premiums you will be covered.

I've done some research regarding the MetLife situation. At this point in time it does not appear that MetLife has any plans to sell its long-term care business. However,



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

company assumes the original insurance company's obligations and there is very little effect to the policy holders.

One question many people may be asking is why MetLife and other companies have left the long-term care business. I think the simple answer to that is economics. People are living longer and these insur-

ance companies are finding that more people are collecting on their policies. Therefore, these types of policies are not as profitable as they used to be. This is one of the reasons that many of the long-term care companies have asked for substantial premium increases. In fact, over the last few years some companies have increased premiums by as much as 40 percent.

I anticipate that many long-term care insurance companies are going to re-evaluate their policies and the business of long-term care in the near future. How many more companies decide to leave the long-term care business, I don't know, but I do know that premiums will rise in the near future.

I know that many people are sold long-term care policies with the idea that premiums cannot increase. Unfortunately, when agents tell you that, they are being less than honest with you. As far as I know there are only two types of long-term care policies where premiums cannot increase. These types of policies are a single-pay long-term care policy or a limited-pay long-term care policy with a rate guarantee.

A single-pay long-term care policy requires that you make one premium payment and that is it. As long as you live you are covered by that policy. Since you are only making one premium payment, there cannot be a rate increase.

The second type of policy

that does not have a rate increase is a limited-pay long-term care policy. If these types of policies have a rate guarantee, then the premium cannot go up. Typically, in these types of policies, the policy holder pays a fixed premium for a fixed number of years. For example, a limited-pay long-term care policy with a rate guarantee ensures that if you pay the premium for five years, the policy is paid up and cannot have additional fees. Of course, in reality most people cannot afford a single premium long-term care policy or even a limited-pay long-term care policy. Most people that have long-term care policies have a standard pay policy where premiums can be increased.

For those who have had

MetLife for a number of years, there are limited options at this point in time. However, for those who recently purchased a MetLife policy, it may make sense to shop around for a new company dedicated to the long-term care market place.

The long-term care insurance industry is going through a restructuring. How it will settle, I don't know. If you are thinking about purchasing a long-term care policy, proceed with caution.

Good luck!

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SS. Simon and Jude Church hosts 2010 AIDS Day Prayer Service

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Being a welcoming community is something that parishioners at SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church take pride in.

So when parishioner Henry Johnson suggested that the Westland church join with the Archdiocese of Detroit to host the 2010 AIDS Day Prayer Service on Wednesday, Dec. 1, the parish agreed.

"The reception from the parish has been very warm, I'm very proud of that," said Johnson.

The ecumenical prayer service has been held for about 15 years at various locations in the metro Detroit area but this is the first time it has been held at a western Wayne County church, said Michael Hanning, director of the archdiocese department of parish life and services and the office for Catholic charities.

"I think it's to remember back to the days when people died so quickly of AIDS, to remember the loss to their family and friends and also the loss it has been to the community," said Hanning. "A lot of family members come to this — it's a way to remember a loved one."

The prayer services will



SS. Simon and Jude parishioners Sharron Sedlarik (left), Alice Namovich, Henry Johnson, the Rev. Gerard Bechard and Michael Hanning of the Archdiocese of Detroit hold a panel of the quilt remembering people who have died of AIDS. The Westland church is hosting the annual AIDS prayer day Dec. 1.

be held at 6:30 p.m. for all affected directly or indirectly by HIV/AIDS. The names of more than 420 Metro Detroit residents and others who have died of AIDS will be read as the tower bells ring every 11 seconds to represent the fact that someone in the world dies every 11 seconds from AIDS.

Three panels from the Michigan NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be

on display for the prayer service and remain at the church through Dec. 5. The panels, each with a Michigan connection,

have individual squares remembering someone who died of AIDS.

The panels range from skill-

fully crafted with photographs and precise embroidery to simple but no less heartfelt messages written on white material with a black marker.

"I went to Washington, D.C., when the NAMES Project panels were on display. It's so large that it can no longer be displayed in one location," said Johnson. "Three or four years ago, I went to the prayer service at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak."

Next year will mark 30 years since the first case of HIV/AIDS was diagnosed. In the early years, Johnson recalls patients often had a life expectancy of nine months after diagnosis.

"People are living longer now — people look at it as a chronic illness rather than a death sentence," said Johnson. "People are living with it and taking medications but it's not an easy path. It takes a great deal of commitment."

Along with the spiritual aspect of prayer and compassion, Johnson said he wanted

the parish to make a strong statement on social justice for those who have HIV/AIDS.

"I felt strongly that people living with HIV/AIDS are discriminated against. They can lose their jobs — it carries a stigma," said Johnson. "This was an opportunity for a parish-wide event to educate on HIV/AIDS. It's a social justice issue that so many people don't have access to universal health care and access to the retroviral medications. They aren't available or they can't afford them."

Following the prayer service, the church will hold a reception with time for reflection. The 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Mass will include prayers acknowledging those who have died of HIV/AIDS and those living with the disease, along with their families and caregivers.

SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church is at 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, in Westland. The quilt panels can be viewed at other times when the church is open. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

Chiefs won't rest on Final 4 laurels

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Breslin Center is still on their minds. But for those talented returnees from Canton's trip to the 2010 Class A girls basketball semifinals, there's a lot they'll have to plow through first for a return engagement next March.

Canton head coach Brian Samulski's Chiefs ran the table for the most part, with a 24-2 record. Most of the nucleus is back, including senior forwards Kari Schmitt, Kayla Bridges, guards Sara Schmitt, Melanie Pickert, CarolAnn Sexauer and sophomore point guard Robyn Mack.

"Getting back there (Breslin Center), we're far away from that right now," Samulski said. "It's a whole new year, it's a whole new team. You still got to take one day at a time, get better and compete every day."

Beginning with Tuesday's 7 p.m. game at Farmington Hills Mercy, the Chiefs will wind the season clock and hope it continues ticking right into March. Of course,

a tough non-conference schedule and the competitive KLAAS South won't make it a slam-dunk sequel.

"We expect each game to be competitive, that's what we hope for," Samulski said. "We want to be challenged and we want to be able to challenge people."

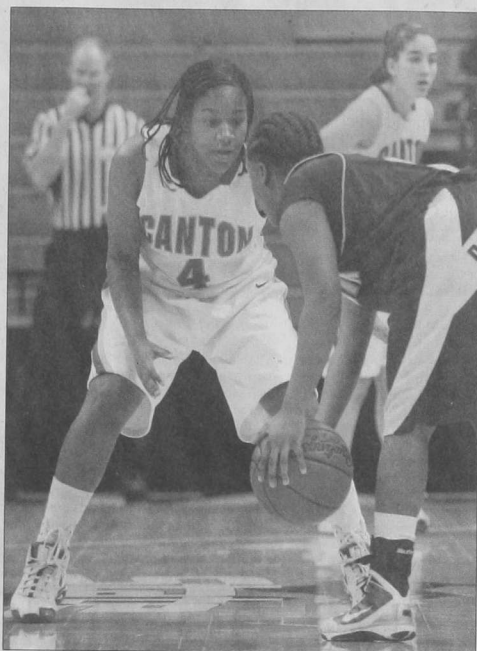
Opponents can expect that the Chiefs will play tough defense and play fundamentally sound basketball — the program's calling card going back to when Samulski was an assistant to longtime coach Bob Blohm.

"It's been the same philosophy ever since I've been here 10 years ago with Bob (Blohm)," Samulski said. "We want to defend, we want to rebound, we want to move the ball to the open player."

THE CAST RETURNS

The Chiefs have plenty of key returnees, such as forward Kari Schmitt (14 points, nine rebounds per game).

"She's such a worker, a grinder, and she leads by doing that on the floor," Samulski



Robyn Mack (No. 4) goes to work against a Detroit Renaissance player during last season's Class A semifinals. Mack is one of six top returnees from Canton's march to Breslin Center.

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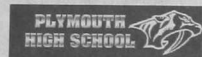
Wildcats to have new look along with new coach

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's new girls basketball coach, Bob deBear, is getting in on the ground floor and he likes the possibilities of moving on up along with his very inexperienced team.

"It's a huge challenge, but I'm excited about it," the 53-year-old deBear said Friday. "It's something I've always wanted to do. The timing is right, the place is right, they've got a good crop of girls coming in."

A coaching veteran who in recent years helmed the junior varsity boys team at Salem, deBear is welcoming several freshmen players with poten-



tial to the Wildcats.

Guards Alyssa Dillon, Jada Woody (5-10), Kylie Robb and 6-3 "true center" Shelby Cheston, all with experience on AAU squads, all have an excellent chance for significant playing time although just ninth-graders.

"They're pushing the older kids for minutes," he said. "That's the best thing for those older kids, they're not going to be able to be complacent."

While he's at it, deBear is bringing in a fresh coaching approach from Ted Sturdivant (who had to leave due to

increasing work duties).

"I think Plymouth was mostly a zone team last year and I'm a man-to-man guy," he said. "So right now I'm teaching these kids how to play man-to-man and it's taking a while."

"It's just going to be a slow process, but hopefully midway through the season everything's going to click."

UP FOR GRABS

Of the freshman quartet, Dillon might make the biggest impact simply because she can play point guard.

"This kid is lighting fast and loves to play defense," the coach said. "She loves to play the passing lanes, and if she

gets the ball for a breakaway layup, she's going to finish it."

Robb is a 1-2 combo guard with excellent basketball savvy, while Woody is "a slasher and a scorer" who can take the ball inside or hit an outside jumper. "She's a pretty darn good player."

Cheston "can rebound without even jumping," but is still working on refining her still-raw skills.

There are so-called veterans who won't want to give up their court time, however.

Senior forward Taylor Birman, senior guard Alex Roberts, junior guards Alyssa Burris and Kate Watson and 6-0 junior forward Isis Haywood intend to make it

tough for deBear to write out his lineup.

"I really haven't figured that out yet," deBear said about how he plans to start. "I'm going to make it competitive at practice every week, and whoever has the best week at practice is going to find themselves in the starting lineup."

Haywood already has made a positive impression.

"She's really stepped up her game," he said. "I'm very impressed, she's been in the gym all summer for her AAU team."

TIME WAS RIGHT

This is the first varsity head coaching job for deBear,

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Change of plans

What do high school hockey teams do when games are postponed? In the case of the Plymouth Wildcats Tuesday, they make good use of scheduled ice time at Compuware Arena by lacing them up for an impromptu practice. Here, the Wildcats huddle around head coach Paul Fassbender to go over some breakout plays. The postponed contest with Monroe St. Marys has been moved to Jan. 17.

Rocks eager to tip it off

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even when you've been coaching for around three decades, as Salem varsity boys basketball coach Bob Brodie has, there's always something new coming down the pike to deal with.

Brodie, beginning his 27th season at the Salem helm, not only lost one player from the 2009-10 team to graduation (center Jake Peterson) but also lost five others who transferred out of the district.

No problem, just bring in a handful of players with plenty of potential and the Rocks could again be at least as competitive as they were last season (10-11).

"(We) have to mesh the new players with the returning players who saw a lot of game time last season," noted Brodie, whose team hosts Dexter on Tuesday in one final preseason tuneup before opening the 2010-11 season. "We had a good summer and I

have seen improvement in strength, size and ability since last season."

Brodie is a nice core group back, led by 6-3 junior guard/forward Tyler Stewart, an all-conference performer in '09-10 who averaged 10 points per contest.

Another important piece of the Salem puzzle is 6-3 senior center Ethan Walsh. He will take over from Peterson and look to improve on last year's averages of eight points and seven rebounds per game.

He'll have help in the low post from 6-4 senior forward Zinovy Pelekh and 6-4 junior forward Chris Dierker, the latter who played well last year as a swing man.

Senior guards Josh Perrin and Jeff Cantin will likely start in the backcourt.

Brodie welcomes 5-11 junior point guard

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

SIDELINES

PCS Penguins prevail

Alissa Novak scored two goals and assisted on another Tuesday as the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team blanked the Walled Lake Wild, 5-0 at Canton Arctic Edge. The win upheld PCS' record to 2-0-0.

Other Penguins to score included Amanda Heisler, Sarah Coleman and Jennifer Fedon, with Heisler Ellexus Montoya, Tory Campbell, Emily Bullock and shut-out-pitching goalie Cortny McAdoo also garnering assists.

Charity pucks

The sixth annual Canton Fire Fighters vs. Canton Coaches Charity Hockey Game is slated for 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton (located on Michigan Avenue). Fans will be asked to donate an unwrapped toy in addition to the \$3 game admission.

The game is in memory of Joe Goebel, head coach of the 2001 Canton Crush who died in 2010. All funds raised at the game will be go to a scholarship fund for his sons, Logan and Brayden Goebel, while toys will be distributed to local charities via the Canton Firefighter Association No. 2289, a non-profit organization.

There also will be raffle gift baskets displayed all day and night at Arctic Edge, plus a 50/50 raffle and Chuck-a-Puck for Detroit Red Wings tickets.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the '98 Plymouth Stingrays Pee Wee AA travel hockey team will face off at 2:30 p.m. (Plymouth Cultural Center) and then team up for Toys for Tots at Hermann's Olde Town Grille.

But the game only gets things going. The Stingrays, led by head coach and former U.S. Marine Dave Brass, will drop off presents and join the fun at Hermann's (in Plymouth) before getting involved in a Christmas auction.

Another hockey game for a good cause is 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Arctic Edge between the Detroit Red Wings Alumni and Canton-based Detroit Moose. Proceeds from \$10 tickets and \$50 dinner/ticket packages will go to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. For those choosing the dinner-with-a-game option, the dinner will be at Kickers, located across the parking lot from the rink.

MU teams top 25

Both the Madonna University men's baseball and women's softball teams are ranked in the top 25 in the 2011 NAIA Preseason Coaches' Poll.

Coach Greg Haeger's baseball squad, which returns 22 lettermen from a team that posted 46 wins, debuts at No. 11.

The Lady Crusaders, 43-12 a year ago and winners of three straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles, area ranked No. 17.

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said. "As she does those kinds of things, the kids follow her. "She's shooting the ball better from the perimeter, she's harder to guard and she's quicker and stronger."

Another important player in the low post will be the 5-11 Bridges, who averaged nine points and six boards in '09-10.

"We're looking for her to continue to do the things she did last year," he said. "She can score inside, she's got great touch around the rim, great feel for what to do around the basket and she's a great rebounder."

More of a forward-guard is Sara Schmitt, another tireless worker who gets it done on defense while chipping in on offense when needed.

"Like her sister, she's a tremendous worker," Samulski said. "She's going to play more on the perimeter this year."

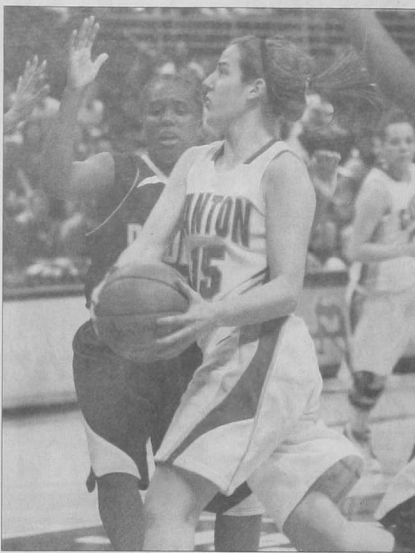
"She always guards the best player on the other team, the best inside player."

Pickert is a key player from defensive and leadership standpoints.

"Mel's our leader defensively, she guards the best players," he said. "She really gets after the ball and makes things hard on the other teams."

Third-year starter Mack (five points, three rebounds) brings it all together with supreme playmaking ability coupled with her aggressiveness and no-holds-barred style of play.

"She has just absolutely great vision, sees everything, makes unbelievable passes and she's picked up her abil-



Canton senior Melanie Pickert (No. 15) will again be called upon to play strong defense this season.

ity to score, which is going to help her game," Samulski said. "And she's a solid defender. ... She makes plays for other people and does all the little things."

Canton's sixth player is Sexauer, a shooting guard who averaged six points per game last season. She will be called on to drain treys to jump-start the offense when points are hard to come by.

"CarolAnn gives us a great touch from the perimeter," he said. "Probably her best attribute is her ability to knock down the open shot."

"We'll look for her to do that, come in and screen, step to the open area and score from the perimeter for us."

Competing in practice to earn playing time are freshmen guards Rachel Winters and Paige Aresco and junior guards Jesse Larner and Gabby Malec.

Samulski said sophomore center Kiara Schneider and freshman forward Shannon Perry will be dividing time between the junior varsity and varsity squads.

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Rocks dump Novi in opener

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Those who came out to Novi Ice Arena on Thanksgiving Eve saw Salem rally for a 5-4 win over the host Wildcats in a high-octane KLAA opener.

"I knew that our guys have the capability," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We work hard and never give up. Whether it was one shift or 30 shifts, everyone gave their all."

"It was as complete a win as we've had."

A three-goal surge in just 88 seconds turned the game around for Salem (1-0-0 entering Saturday night's game against Canton).

The start of the end for Novi came when sophomore center Jon Mencer was put in the penalty box for holding with 5:51 remaining.

Salem senior Michael Hochkins ripped a long shot and junior Austin Sartorius put in the rebound, cutting Novi's lead to 4-3 with 5:07 to go.

Then during a collision in front of the Novi goal 56 seconds later, Salem senior Connor Berlin managed to slip the puck into the net to tie the game 4-4 in an unassisted effort.

After another 34 seconds, with 3:39 to go in the game, Salem senior Ryan Quigley got a breakaway up the left side from the halfline and deked right across the goalmouth for a backhanded goal to give the Rocks a 5-4 lead.

"I think Salem did a great job working. We turned the puck over. In general, it was turnovers," Novi head coach Todd Krygier said. "Two of their last three goals were defensive turnovers at the blue line."

Novi's Zach Mohr crushed Salem junior Mark McGee into the glass next to the Salem bench with 90 seconds to go, but the display of power did nothing to even the score on the board, as the Rocks started their season off with a one-goal victory.

Salem turned it on at the end of the game, but Novi started stronger out of the gate — although Salem struck first



CHRIS JACKETT

Salem's Matt Downey (No. 5) battles a Novi player for possession of the puck during Wednesday's season and KLAA opener for the Rocks.

when McGee slapped home a power play goal with 6:23 remaining in the first period.

Rocks' senior netminder Brandon Price (33 saves) came up big with 3:35 remaining in the first period when Novi senior Nolan Valleau glided in uncontested and deked to the side, but Price covered the puck up.

"He was outstanding. He kept us in the game. He made some really spectacular saves," Ossenmacher said.

Price wasn't fast enough with 42 seconds to go when Mohr got two chances at the top of the crease and put the puck in the back of the net after senior Michael Kruse moved it around behind the goal for a centering pass. Senior Joey Ferriss was also credited with an assist.

Novi took their first lead of the night (2-1) with 14 minutes to go in the second period when Ferriss put a rebound in from the left side following a save by Price on a shot by Mohr. Junior Kent Burnett set up Mohr's shot and was credited with an assist.

QUICK ANSWER

It only took Salem 41 seconds to tie the game 2-2. Sartorius took the puck up the left side on a shorthanded two-on-one 11 seconds into a penalty kill and ripped a shot wide left of the goal from the left circle.

Sartorius followed his shot as it bounced off the back boards, the left outside of the net and into the left edge of the

crease for a tap shot into the goal before Novi senior netminder Michael Pesendorfer (25 saves) could backpedal from the top of the crease.

Price came up time after time to keep Salem in the game, but was called for delay of game with 4:47 remaining when he knocked the net out of place during a Novi shot attempt.

During the ensuing penalty play, Price nearly got the Rocks through unscathed.

But then Novi junior Curtis Herzog skated across the middle to screen Price during a shot by junior Dylan Shepard, and the rebound came right to Herzog, who put it in the back of the net from the right side of the crease with 2:57 to go in the period to restore Novi's lead at 3-2.

Ferriss and Novi sophomore Jon Mencer had two quality chances apiece, but Price continued coming up huge for Salem until Valleau got what appeared to be the insurance goal with 14:26 to go in the game.

Sixteen seconds into a power play, Valleau slid a one-time slap shot between Price's left foot and the right goal post for a 4-2 lead when he received a long pass from the far faceoff circle.

"You score three to four goals and should win hockey games," Krygier said. "Sometimes you win games and you take it for granted."

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WILDCATS

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who also has been a coach in various roles with Canton and South Lyon, along with Central Middle School's girls team.

Circumstances, both with his family and Plymouth's coaching situation, opened up the possibility for deBear to finally take a head coaching job.

First, his daughter, Brett, graduated from Salem (where she had a sterling career with the Rocks girls basketball team).

"It was one of those deals where," he said, "when Brett was playing I just had to be a JV coach (at Salem) and then I could get out of the gym and go watch her play."

Then came word about Sturdivant's job promotion and deBear decided the time was right to move across

campus. It didn't bother him to go from Salem to Plymouth.

"It's like everybody's family, Canton, Salem, Plymouth," deBear said. "I just think it's one big family and especially with basketball."

The Wildcats open with a game at 7 p.m. Tuesday at West Bloomfield and follow up with a home game at 7 p.m. Friday against Dexter.

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Hawks rally for 13th crown

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington Harrison is once again the place where champions are made and success is traditional.

The Hawks were just what their team motto claims Friday afternoon when they rallied to defeat Lowell and win the Division 2 football crown at Ford Field, 38-28.

Harrison added to its great tradition by capturing a record 13th state championship — the first since 2001 — while making its 17th final-game appearance.

"I really wanted these kids to get one because they've been such a joy to coach," John Herrington, the only head football coach the Hawks have had in their 41-year history, said. "They're hard workers, but a lot of teams work hard and don't get here. They just have great chemistry and love to play football — and I'm very happy for them. As far as the 13th, that's nice; that's good for us."

The Hawks (14-0) converted turnovers on four consecutive Lowell possessions into 28 unanswered points to overcome a 21-10 deficit in the second half.

The comeback started with an interception by Lamarr Marshall at the Lowell 45-yard line. With the help of 20 yards in penalties against the Red Arrows, the Hawks got back in the game with Tommy Vento's 10-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Burbridge.

Senior linebacker Derek Head hit Lowell quarterback Gabe Dean and caused a fumble that was recovered by senior Mike Race at midfield.

"I don't remember knocking it out," said Head, who also made a big interception later. "All I remember is not giving up. Since the first interception, this was meant to be. We can't give up; we have to keep going

FOOTBALL FINALS

— whatever it takes."

"We came this far; we're not turning back. We need to step it up right now and do what we need to do to win," so the defense was a big aspect of winning."

Vento scored on a 1-yard sneak seven plays later and passed to Burbridge for the two-point conversion to give Harrison a 24-21 lead.

The Hawks got another break when the kickoff hit a Lowell player and Ken Russ recovered the loose ball at the Harrison 49.

"I had just said to (assistant coach) Mill (Coleman), 'We need a fumble here and they fumbled; I couldn't believe it,' Herrington said. "We got it and took it in."

"The offense stepped up at the end to make the plays. In the first half, we were pretty much stymied. We were having trouble getting the ball out. We got it out too soon and dropped a couple (passes). Then, we started to play better after that."

Vento's last touchdown pass of his high school career was a 56-yard strike to his brother, junior Jake Vento, who caught the pass on the run as he sprinted down the left sideline.

HAWKS SHOW RESOLVE

"I didn't know when we were going to pick it up," Tommy Vento, who was 19-of-32 passing for 310 yards, said. "This team has a lot of heart, and it was just a matter of time before we did. I was hoping it wouldn't be too late. Obviously, it wasn't."

Head intercepted a Dean pass on second down, and the Hawks, protecting a 31-21 lead and now working the clock, had Austin Hunter carry the ball five plays in a row, taking a 17-point lead with his 11-yard run and Brandon Buckner's

last PAT with 7:31 remaining.

"They pounded us pretty good in the first half," Head said. "We knew what we had to do. We had to step it up. We've been working for this all winter, since last year when we lost to Southfield. So we just stepped it up and did what we had to do."

The Red Arrows (11-3), who were the defending champions seeking their fourth state title since 2002, added a late score (27-yard pass to Blake Lyman) against a Harrison defense in a prevent mode, but the Hawks were able to run out the clock and seal the victory.

Harrison scored off the opening kickoff with Tommy Vento passing 26 yards to Burbridge on a fade route to the back corner of the end zone for a quick, 7-0 lead.

RED ARROWS TAKE CHARGE

Lowell was in control the rest of the half, making big plays on third and fourth downs and containing the Harrison offense with a six- and sometimes seven-man rush.


Following a 55-yard pass from Dean to Jacob Meyer to the Harrison 3, the Red Arrows tied the score and later took the lead with a pair of 3-yard runs by Dean.

Buckner, who missed from 42 yards down the Lowell touchdowns, boosted a 22-yard field goal to put Harrison within four at halftime, 14-10.

The Red Arrows scored again in six plays after taking the second-half kickoff. After a 32-yard run by Leighton Watson to the Harrison 22 on a fourth-and-inches play, Dean scored again on a 15-yard option keep.

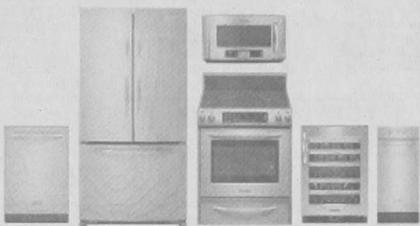
"That was probably the first time this year I looked into my players' eyes and they were a little bit stunned, because they've been so confident all year," Herrington said. "When the game changed, it came right back to them."

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Whalers hit the spot with 3-0 triumph

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like Thanksgiving dinner, a lot of ingredients came together Wednesday night to produce a tasty Plymouth Whalers' victory at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers made it three straight victories with their 3-0 victory on Thanksgiving Eve over first-place Saginaw, featuring the 37-save performance by goalie Scott Wedgewood as the main course.

But don't forget about everything else dished out by Plymouth, now 12-9-1 and starting to jell. There were

OHL HOCKEY side dishes a plenty — relentless checking, crisp passing, strong transitional play, spiced up by creativity around the Spirit goal.

"We came out with a good attitude, coming off two big wins last weekend," said Wedgewood, who made 17 saves in the third period to complete his second career shutout. "We wanted to keep it rolling. And beating Saginaw ... it definitely means we can play with anyone in this league."

Wedgewood credited his defense for opening up the lanes so he could track shots.

Blueliners Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) and Beau Schmitz also helped him out by successfully shadowing Saginaw's high-scoring Brandon Saad (whose 10-game scoring streak ended).

But Wedgewood also withstood a barrage of shots as Saginaw (17-5-2-1) tried to chip away at deficits of 2-0 after two periods and 3-0 with 11:37 remaining — the lead paded on a highlight-reel goal by center and Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi.

In one shift, the goalie stoned defenseman and Canton native Joe Underwood on a 2-on-1 rush and then turned aside an in-close bid by winger Josh Shalla.

"He made all the big saves when he needed to," said Whalers' head coach Mike Vellucci. "In the third period, when we got up we kind of sat back a little bit and sat on our heels. We've got to keep being aggressive. But yeah, he played very good."

GETTING BETTER So did the rest of the team in fighting off the Spirit, second in the entire Ontario Hockey League in points.

"I thought we played well and I think it's starting to come together for us a little bit," Vellucci said. "We had so many new guys this year and it takes a while to get our system in place and then (to) understand it."

"We had a lot of returning guys that already know the system. Our goal is to get better every game and every practice. It looks like we're doing that right now."

After a hard-fought, scoreless first period before the Compuware crowd of 2,435, Plymouth took over in the second (when they outshot Saginaw 18-10).

The Whalers needed just 2:26 to get a puck behind goalie Mavric Parks, who made several spectacular stops among his 34 saves.

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ROCKS
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Grant Bettner and 6-5 junior center Josh Peterson from the junior varsity team.

Rounding out the squad are junior guards Mikos Jones, Markus Olind, Brian Smith, junior forward Gary Andoni and 6-5 junior center Ryan Jankowski.

"We are looking to be very competitive in our conference this year and hope to improve on our performance," Brodie said.

The Rocks open regular season play on Dec. 7 against Redford Union.

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All-Observer squad puts best foot forward

FIRST-TEAM

Connor Furgason, Canton: Whenever the state-ranked Canton soccer team needed a big play on the defensive end of the pitch, more often than not it was Furgason right in the middle of it.

For example, the junior defender made a goal-saving play at the beginning of the Division 1 state semifinal against East Kentwood, clearing the ball from the goal line to keep the contest scoreless.

"Connor was a crucial part to our team this year," coach George Tomasso said. "He performed above what I would ask of a player like him the whole season. And he came up huge through playoffs."

Furgason blocked 25 shots combine in the regional semifinals and finals and scored the game-winning goal in the semis. "He was everywhere," Tomasso said.

Furgason, who chipped in offensively with five goals and seven assists, earned all-KLAA, all-district and all-state (second team) accolades.

"He shows every game that he can play at the next level," Tomasso said. "I'm really fortunate to have him coming back for one more year."

Zack Cooney, Stevenson: The senior captain, who recorded three goals and three assists, made all-KLAA, all-district, all-region, all-state for the Spartans.

The central defender also plays for the Michigan Wolves Academy, which captured a national club championship title in 2009. He is a two-time all-Observer selection.

"Zack is an outstanding all-around player, and he will be sorely missed by the Stevenson program," coach Lars Richters said. "He offers a blend of ability, intelligence, and old-school work ethic. He was the team's leader by example and often verbally."

He will play in college, but has not made a commitment yet.

Charlie Swingle, Stevenson: The senior made all-KLAA and all-district for the Spartans while chipping in with one goal and three assists.

"Charlie was our hardest tackler, and for two years now, he has been a back line anchor for the team," Richters said. "He is a fierce competitor who never backs down from a challenge and who is often dominant in the air."

"We will miss Charlie a great deal — for his consistency, for his competitiveness, and for his ability to make game-changing plays."

Alex Clisham, N. Farmington: The senior defender was a leader on the North Farmington defense that allowed only 16 goals in 20 games for an average of 0.8.

Clisham also participated in the attack and all set pieces, scoring four goals and having two assists. "Alex anchored the center of our back line and ran the defense that (performed so well) against quality opposition," coach Mike Horner said. "Alex is extremely strong in the air and won balls all season with his attacking header play."

"He is a 4.0 student and demonstrated his savvy and smarts against all of our opponents. Alex was one of our captains and a member of the all-district and all-division teams. He is also an OAA scholar-athlete and an all-state academic team member."

Eric Weberman, N. Farmington: A senior and two-year captain, Weberman led the Raiders to the OAA White Division championship — their first of any sort in the 31-year history of the program. The Raiders, who were 10-1-1 in the division, set a school record for single-season victories with a 15-4-1 record, which included a district win over Northville.

Weberman, who anchored the center of the North formation, is adept at scoring as well as setting

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Charlie Swingle, Sr. D, Stevenson
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Eric Weberman, Sr. MF, N. Farmington
Bobby Budlong, Soph. MF, Canton
Stephen Foster, Sr. MF, Churchill
Andrew Yoder, Sr. MF, Plymouth
Dan Martin, Sr. MF, Salem
Zach Schulz, Sr. F, Farmington
Nick Russ, Sr. F, Plymouth
Ardit Dushkaj, Sr. F, Clarencville
Francis Mensah, Sr. F, Redford Union
Mitch Posuniak, Jr. F, Canton

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Ryan Tikey, Jr. GK, Franklin
Matt St. John, Jr. GK, Huron Valley
Ashwin Vaishnav, Sr. MF, N. Farmington
Josh Selinski, Jr. D, Garden City
Brian Lewandowski, Jr. D, Churchill
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Patrick Smith, Sr. F, Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

George Tomasso, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Alex Jones, Nathan Motta, Michael Murphy, Joe Manciewicz, Franklin; Jordan McGuire, Dillon DeBeiso, Gabe Edwards, Brad Tatlo, Fred Shatara; **Stevenson:** Joe Flanagan, Scott Brewer, Zach Atwood; **John Glenn:** R.J. Hurst, Steve Thompson, Jake Stephens, Troy McGulgan; **Wayne:** Kevin Diehl, Sean Kunde, Ryan Rondale; **Clarencville:** Jimmy Moody, Zach Rosen, Masambou Jatta, Lutheran Westland; **Kent:** Krzyzke, Alex Andziarski, Trevor Sultana, Micah Reum, Nick Natsik, Marc Rosin; **Canton:** Sean Krolicki, Tyler Birmingham, Brandon Laib, Sean Baines; **Connor Shennar:** Salem; **Jake:** Genrich; **Plymouth:** Rene Mejia, Derek Austin, Mike Ambrose, Joe Klonowski, Kyle Brindza, Mitch Yoder, Steven John; **Plymouth Christian:** Dan Mullett, Travis DeKruyer, Alex Chapman; **Farmington:** Brent Winkler, Donald Payne, Andy Hill, Connor Sheehan; **Harrison:** Will Miroslaw, Zach Herr; **North Farmington:** Mark Thornton, Brennan Shoberg, Kyle Kamsan, Zach Carruthers; **Redford Union:** Tyler Cooley, Jarrett DeKlein, Anthony Stadler; **Garden City:** Vaughn Frederick, Matt Wiesniewski, Richie Blevins.

up teammates to score. He had 14 goals and seven assists this year. Weberman, who earned a full scholarship to Northwestern University, made the Division 1 all-state first team this year and the second team last year.

"Eric was our go-to player all season," coach Mike Horner said. "He is a dedicated and humble player who is willing to play anywhere and do anything for the good of the team."

Bobby Budlong, Canton: The Chiefs as a team could bring it on offense as well as defense. And nobody could bring it better or more often than Budlong, a gifted playmaker and scorer who played with the poise of a senior.

"Bobby is a lethal goal scorer," Tomasso said. "He scored some huge goals over the season and he's a tremendous playmaker. He creates a lot of opportunities for others."

Budlong led the state-ranked Chiefs with 17 goals and 17 assists. He was named to the all-KLAA and all-district teams and was selected to the all-state second team.

He also came through in the clutch for the Chiefs. In the KLAA Kensington Championship game against Novi, he scored twice and



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Plymouth

assisted on two others in a 5-1 rout.

Stephen Foster, Churchill: The senior captain finished the year with six goals and nine assists as primarily an outside midfielder. "Stephen was our best player and leader," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said of the all-KLAA selection. "He only came off the field once the entire season for a total of about 15 minutes — unreal. A machine he was and extremely athletic and hard-working."

Andrew Yoder, Plymouth: The senior midfielder played well enough to receive all-state honorable mention honors along with making the all-KLAA team, with nine goals and eight assists while leading the Wildcats to a strong 8-2-0 record in the KLAA South.

The co-captain tallied two goals against cross-campus Salem and helped Plymouth defeat division winner Canton by a 3-0 score.

"Andrew's been a four-year varsity player for us and he really had a great senior year," noted coach Jeff Neschich. "He was our most consistent and most dangerous player all season."

Neschich added that Yoder's leadership played a key role in the team's excellent season.

Dan Martin, Salem: The Rocks had a bit of a down year, but not Martin, who parlayed speed and creativity to score a team-leading 10 goals.

Martin earned third-team all-state and all-KLAA honors for his play this season.

"Dan is one of the fastest players in the state and is a stand-out track star," said coach Ed McCarthy. "He has a great combination of speed and toughness."

Martin wrapped up an outstanding prep soccer career, of which the high point was being "instrumental in our run to the state semifinals in 2009 as a key starter."

Zach Schulz, Farmington: A senior captain and three-year varsity player, Schulz led his team to a 12-7-1 record. He played every position but goalie for the Falcons, who were 7-4-1 in the OAA White Division.

"He was the top player on our team this year," coach Luke Juncay said. "He had played well in the past, but he played especially well this year and was the

key player for us in a lot of close games."

In the Churchill game, Zach was able to beat a few defenders and score a tremendous goal. In the Andover game, Zach went back and played defense, and we were able to stop them and win the game, 1-0.

"He was one of the most consistent players on the team. He showed up each and every game. Without him, we would not have been the team we were."

Nick Russ, Plymouth: Injuries didn't slow the senior co-captain. He led the Wildcats with 12 goals and six assists and was named to the all-KLAA team.

His contributions were one of the main reasons for what was, according to Neschich, the best season in the history of Plymouth boys soccer.

"Nick's been our top forward for the past two years," Neschich said. "He scored a lot of big goals over the past two seasons. He battled through a lot of injuries this year, he probably would have put up twice as many (goals) as he did."

Ardit Dushkaj, Clarencville: The senior led the area in scoring with 33 goals and nine assists in just 15 matches. Six times he notched hat tricks.

In just two seasons at Clarencville after transferring in his junior year, Dushkaj racked up 59 goals and 15 assists in 59 appearances.

"It is hard to get players like Ardit the accolades they deserve when we have no conference affiliation, but he is an extremely talented player who will play at the next level," Clarencville coach Trevor Johnson said. "In fact, I have been told by many opposing coaches that they game-plan primarily around him and that he is the finest all-around player they had seen all year."

Francis Mensah, Redford Union: The Panthers senior forward took a different path toward achieving success this season, spreading the wealth a little more by getting teammates involved in the offense. Always a prolific goalscorer, Mensah followed up his 30-goal, 19-assist junior campaign with 25 goals and 20 assists this season for the 8-7-4 Panthers.

"In the past he was our go-to guy, but I wanted him to distribute the ball more this year," RU head coach Jim Gibbs said of his four-year varsity performer. "He was a little apprehensive at first being the goalscorer all this time, but once he figured out we had other guys who could score goals it worked out pretty well."

Mitch Posuniak, Canton: The hard-nosed junior provided a prime example of how persistent and relentless he can be when he scored the tying goal for the Chiefs in the DI state semifinal against East Kentwood.

Posuniak, who scored 11 goals and assisted on five this year, hit the post but stayed with it to jam the rebound into the goal.

There were plenty of other plays just like that during the 2010 season as Posuniak captured all-KLAA and all-district honors (and all-state honorable mention) for his excellent all-around performance.

"Mitch overcame adversity this year," Tomasso said. "He got injured, sat out a few games, and still managed to score 11 goals on the season."

"He's just a blue-collar athlete and he has very good skills. He runs hard, he runs fast and he's very solid on the ball. He never quits."

COACH OF THE YEAR

George Tomasso, Canton: Under the guidance of the veteran coach, who was goalkeeper for Canton's 1994 state championship team, this year's Chiefs were one overtime goal away from reaching the DI finals.

Tomasso piloted the squad to a big season, including a 20-4-2 record, featuring titles in the

KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference.

But in the playoffs, the Chiefs really made some noise. They took care of districts and regionals before falling 1-0 to eventual state champ East

Kentwood in the semifinals.

"I have to give a lot of credit to my coaching staff and the players on the field," said Tomasso about the major team success enjoyed in 2010.

"Without them, I wouldn't have been able to receive this honor. And I feel an honor like this goes to the whole team, not just one coach."

According to Tomasso, the team's excellent attitude augmented on-field abilities to yield such a memorable season.

"If we were in a good place every game and that we stayed positive," he said. "That contributed a lot to our success."

Following the season-ending loss to East Kentwood, Tomasso said the Chiefs "haven't had a run like this since '98. Last year, when they were freshmen, sophomores and juniors they got to the regional final and they got one step further."

"Our seniors had a great run this year, and this is great experience" for those players who will be back in 2011.



George Tomasso
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To your health: Year-round sun protection safeguards skin

The temperatures have dropped and clouds have hidden the sun, but that doesn't mean it's safe to forego skin protection regimens during the winter. The amount of ultraviolet (UV) solar radiation that reaches earth remains very strong, even during cooler weather.

Although ultraviolet B (UVB) rays, the main cause of sunburn, are the strongest in the summer, ultraviolet A (UVA) rays remain constant throughout the year. UVA rays account for up to 95 percent of the UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface. Although they are less intense than UVB, UVA rays are 30 to 50 times more prevalent, and go through glass, making sun protection

necessary indoors as well as out.

"Our knowledge of the dangers associated with the sun's longer-wave UVA rays has grown significantly over the last few decades," said Dr. Perry Robins, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "We now know that UVA radiation can penetrate windows to reach the skin, accelerating skin aging."

The need for sun protection indoors was reinforced in a recent report published in Clinical Interventions in Aging. Eight women and two men had significantly more wrinkles, brown spots, and sagging skin on one side of the face, even though they worked indoors. The side of the subjects' faces that

was regularly closer to a window exhibited more signs of sun damage ("asymmetrical facial damage"), and UVA rays are believed to be the culprit. While both UVA and UVB rays can harm the skin and lead to skin cancers, UVB is blocked by glass. However, at least 50 percent of UVA radiation can pass through windows. Using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher and one or more of these UVA-protective ingredients — avobenzone, ecamsule, oxybenzone, titanium dioxide, and zinc oxide — along with window film, which can be applied to home, office and car windows, blocks almost all UVA and UVB radiation.

The Skin Cancer Foundation offers

these tips for safeguarding skin during winter:

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 when spending extended time outdoors, and don't forget areas such as underneath the nose and chin. Snow reflects up to 80 percent of the sun's UV light, so the rays hit you twice, further increasing your risk of skin cancer and premature aging.
- Wear protective clothing such as a broad-brimmed hat, gloves and UV-blocking sunglasses with wrap-around or large frames.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, and immediately after sweating or significant exposure to wind and snow which can wear away sun-

screen. Activities such as skiing and snowboarding call for just as much sunscreen as you would use at the beach, since UV exposure increases 8 to 10 percent with every 1,000 feet above sea level.

• Remember to be mindful of time spent in the sun, regardless of the season. Sun protection is a part of a healthy lifestyle.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. For more information, visit www.SkinCancer.org.

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Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:30-7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 11-15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to

participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadowetroit.org.

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Hagerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail: jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Food Addicts

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. Based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (866) 914-3663; www.foodaddicts.org

Hearing Loss Association

The Western Wayne Chapter provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact alferack@comcast.net or (734) 664-3297.

Incest Survivors

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom I. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For

more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oo.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2:05 p.m. in Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-

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Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday). Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

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See warm decor, 'Up North' setting at Christmas walk

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

The first time Wendy and Ed Crowley's home was on the Livonia Christmas Walk, it not only drew ticket-holders, but homeowners as well.

"Eddy said a lady told him her house was on the walk, but 'everyone is coming in and telling me to go to yours,'" Wendy recalled, adding that the woman had to see what all the fuss was about.

"It's a very different kind of house. A lot of people are surprised there's a house like this in Livonia. You don't even know it's here in the summer."

Designed as a solar structure, set amid woods teaming with wildlife, next to a creek, the 22-year-old house is of post and beam construction and has a tongue and groove fir ceiling. It's the kind of framing found often in a log cabin.

The public will get another chance to see inside the home during this year's walk on Saturday, Dec. 4. It's one of several that will be decorated for Christmas, along with the Hill House at Greenmead's Historic Village. Proceeds go to Friends of Greenmead for the restoration and preservation of the structures on the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile.

Wendy Crowley hopes the walk not only draws ticket-holders but a few prospective buyers, as well.

"I thought it would be good advertising," she said, explaining that she volunteered to participate this year. The couple plans to sell the house and move closer to their daughter and her family in Washington because Ed has Parkinson's disease.



The stockings are hung on the balcony.



Santas decorate the kitchen.

They also have a son and grandchildren in Alaska.

LEAVING THE STATE

"I'm going to miss this area very much," Wendy said, adding that they also will sell property they own in Saugatuck. "I'm going to miss Michigan because I like the seasons and I like Lake Michigan. But it will be better weather and we have three grandchildren out there."

Wendy, who works as a dental hygienist, is originally from Grand Rapids and

Ed is from Jackson. They lived in Detroit after they were married and moved to a small bungalow in Livonia. When they decided to build the house of their dreams it was easy for them to serve as general contractors. Ed is a former construction field supervisor for Skanska who had a part in building the Livonia Recreational Center, the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn and other local buildings.

Wendy identified the layout of the house as an "envelope" design with no major living area on an outside wall. Large windows on the south side of the house, which also includes a sun-room where she stations the family Christmas tree, brings in heat and light, creating a passive solar environment.

The walk-out basement includes a woodburning stove, living area and basement with a bedroom set from Wendy's great-great grandmother.

TWIG FURNITURE

She described the decor

LIVONIA CHRISTMAS WALK

What: Tour of decorated homes benefits historic Greenmead

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

Tickets: \$9 before the event, \$10 the day of the event. Buy tickets in advance at all Livonia libraries, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive and historic Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Day-of tickets available at Greenmead and Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile

Contact: Greenmead at (248) 477-7375

throughout the house as "country," with build-in shelves and some furniture handcrafted by her husband. He culled some pieces from job sites and renovated them, sometimes adding twigs and branches.

"On the stairwell we have a shelf with a duck collection on it. It's actually a printer's box that used to have type in it. I think it was from one of Ed's jobs," Wendy said.

A pewter nativity scene stands on furniture that was used to hold mail at Wayne State University.

"When Eddy renovated the chemistry building at Wayne State, it was going to be thrown out. I liked it and said why not use it for magazines."

And old kitchen hutch from her family's centennial farm displays a "hodgepodge" collection of Santas. One is made from a screwdriver; another is of green glass.

Visitors will see one of Wendy's handmade stained glass sun catchers hang-



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Wendy and Ed Crowley's home features post and beam construction, not often seen in this area.

ing from a hutch on the sun porch. She crafted the stained glass panels hanging at the south windows, too.

A collection of snowmen decorate tables in the living room and perch along beams near the ceiling. Hand-knitted stockings also decorate a deck on the second floor.

"I hope people look up,"

Wendy said "You have to look up to see them."

Both Wendy and Ed will be at home during the walk. She missed the event in 1994 because she had to work. She's looking forward to it this time.

"I want to be there. And Eddy enjoyed it last time. He loves to talk about the house."



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Shop safely on 'Cyber Monday,' watch for Internet predators

Cyber Monday — the Monday after Thanksgiving — means avoiding the crowds, but it also opens the buyer up to attacks from scammers and hackers.

"The convenience and ease of shopping online has replaced the hassle of going to the store for many people, but online shopping has its own set of risks," said Patrick Bennett, Director of Community Relations with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

"Taking steps to avoid the fraud online will result in a much happier holiday for everyone — except, of course, for scammers and hackers."

Following are the top 10 tips to help holiday shoppers fight unscrupulous online retailers, scammers and hackers:

1. Protect your computer — A computer should always have the most recent updates installed for spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware

software and a secure firewall.

2. Shop on trustworthy Web sites — Shoppers should start with Better Business Bureau to check on the seller's reputation and record for customer satisfaction. Always look for the BBB seal and other widely-recognized "Trustmark" on retailer Web sites and click on the seals to confirm that they are valid.

3. Protect your personal information — The Better Business Bureau recommends taking the time to read the site's privacy policy and understand what personal information is being requested and how it will be used. If there isn't one posted, it should be taken as a red flag that personal information may be sold to others without permission.

4. Beware of deals that sound too good to be true — Offers on Web sites and in unsolicited e-mails can often sound too good to be true, especially extremely low prices on hard-to-get items. Consumers should always go

with their instincts and not be afraid to pass up a "deal" that might cost them dearly in the end.

5. Beware of phishing — Legitimate businesses do not send e-mails claiming problems with an order or an account to lure the "buyer" into revealing financial information. If a consumer receives such an e-mail, BBB recommends picking up the phone and calling the contact number on the Web site where the purchase was made to confirm that there really is a problem with the transaction.

6. Confirm your online purchase is secure — Shoppers should always look in the address box for the "s" in https:// and in the lower-right corner for the "lock" symbol before paying. If there are any doubts about a site, BBB recommends right-clicking anywhere on the page and select "Properties." This will let you see the real URL (Web site address) and the dialog box will reveal if the site is not

encrypted.

7. Pay with a credit card — It's best to use a credit card, because under federal law, the shopper can dispute the charges if he or she doesn't receive the item. Shoppers also have dispute rights if there are unauthorized charges on their credit card, and many card issuers have "zero liability" policies under which the card holder pays nothing if someone steals the credit card number and uses it. Never wire money.

8. Keep documentation of your order — After completing the online order process, there may be a final confirmation page or the shopper might receive confirmation by e-mail. BBB recommends saving a copy of the Web page and any e-mails for future reference and as a record of the purchase.

9. Check your credit card statements often — Don't wait for paper statements; BBB recommends consumers check their credit card

statements for suspicious activity by either calling credit card companies or by checking statements online regularly.

10. Know your rights — Federal law requires that orders made by mail, phone or online be shipped by the date promised or, if no delivery time was stated, within 30 days. If the goods aren't shipped on time, the shopper can cancel and demand a refund. There is no general three-day cancellation right, but consumers do have the right to reject merchandise if it's defective or was misrepresented. Otherwise, it's the company's policies that determine if the shopper can cancel the purchase and receive a refund or credit.

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No laboratory test can determine if the hands are inflamed or irreversibly deformed. The doctor must examine the hands with the aim of finding which joints are enlarged from swelling and which joints are off their proper position because of changes in alignment.

X-rays of the hands may help. Even though x-rays cannot show tendons or ligaments, the way the bones line up on the joints give an indication of the extent to which these supporting structures are functioning properly.

Once the doctor determines that the pain and hand deformities come from the effect of wear and strain, then he needs to explain to the patient that more medication will not help the hands. Further medication only runs the risk of unwanted side effects and the expense of co-pay and deductibles.

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Loving local hands give warm quilts to Detroit mission

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Women at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton were glad to make quilts for the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries.

"We started in January with the women's Bible study for their mission project," said Charlene Jones of Canton, who headed up the first-time project with fellow church member Cheryl Caldwell.

The women worked sporadically on the colorful quilts, all the same size, and began weekly sessions in June, said Jones, a registered nurse with Primary Pediatrics in Ann Arbor.

"We gained friendship and fellowship," Jones said. "People said it's been healing."

The 40 quilts went to the Genesis portion of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, which serves women and children.

"Winter is here," said Karen Love, vice president of public relations for the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. "You can't be warm enough. We're very grateful for the donation! I think that's a wonderful outreach for that church," the Downriver resident and retired *Michigan Chronicle* staffer added.

Genesis has a program for teen moms, she said, including



Linda Prince (left) and Chris Rennolds, Geneva members, sort through quilts.

expectant moms, with a goal of finishing school. There's also Genesis House II and III for women and children.

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries gets year-round donations of clothing, furniture, food and other items, said Love. You can find out more at www.drmm.org or by calling (313) 993-4700. There are opportunities for youth groups and others to volunteer year-round, she added.

The women at Geneva have 20 additional quilt kits to finish. "We'll start those in the new year," Jones said.

MANY HANDS

Some Geneva women sewed at home, others cut fabric at the church on Sheldon. Plymouth YMCA youth volunteers helped, as did Sunday schoolers in elementary grades who helped to tie knots.

The knots are tied three times to represent the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Jones said about 50 people helped "that have had their hands touching the quilts." The core group of women was about 10.

Jones' home church in Toledo, where she grew up, had a woman start a similar project in memory of her mother who had a lot of fabric to use. The Geneva women remembered their mothers while working on the quilts, made to be washable, durable and warm.

WORKING TOGETHER

Geneva member Angie Stark of Canton was able to help one evening. "It was nice working with the other women, the fellowship," said Stark, a Ford employee in Dearborn and mom to three. "Plus knowing you were making something for someone who was homeless."

Stark helped with pinning, tying of knots and matching colors.

The quilts were displayed in the Geneva sanctuary for Sunday, Nov. 21, worship. "I thought it was great," said the Rev. Bryan Smith of Canton, Geneva pastor. He noted missions don't often get new items.

"It hopefully conveys a sense of people being valued and cared about," Smith said.

The DRMM's Love said they serve 3,500 meals a day, touching over 1,400 people



Linda Prince (from left), Charlene Jones, Cheryl Caldwell and Marilyn Horen are proud of the quilts they created for Detroit Rescue Mission use. The women of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton enjoyed both the Christian service aspect and the friendship.

daily. "There is a great need," she said, not only in Detroit but also in the suburbs. "The people of the Detroit area are very generous even in these economic times."

"It couldn't come at a better time," Love said of the church donation. "The need in the city of Detroit is high."

Cheryl Caldwell (left) and Charlene Jones headed up the quilt project.



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SECTION I. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

ARTICLE III

73.081. Industrial Waste Surcharge and Industrial Waste Pretreatment: Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority.

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Division 1 provides for applicability and definitions.

DIVISION 2. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Division 2 provides for administration and enforcement, permits, reporting, powers of YCUA, sampling and monitoring, access, compliance, records, industrial pretreatment, confidentiality, Township enforcement, inspectors, notice of violations, orders, termination of permits, assessments, liens, appeals, remedies, surcharges, non-domestic use and permits.

DIVISION 3. BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

Division 3 provides for permits, classes of permit holders, costs, sewers, construction specifications, connections, prohibited connections and inspections.

DIVISION 4. USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

Division 4 provides for discharges, standards, requirements, prohibited discharges, disposal, bypass, reports of violations and notification of authorities.

DIVISION 5. PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Division 5 provides for permits, inspections, specifications, connection to public sewer, sanitary and other maintenance requirements.

SECTION II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

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

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

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

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

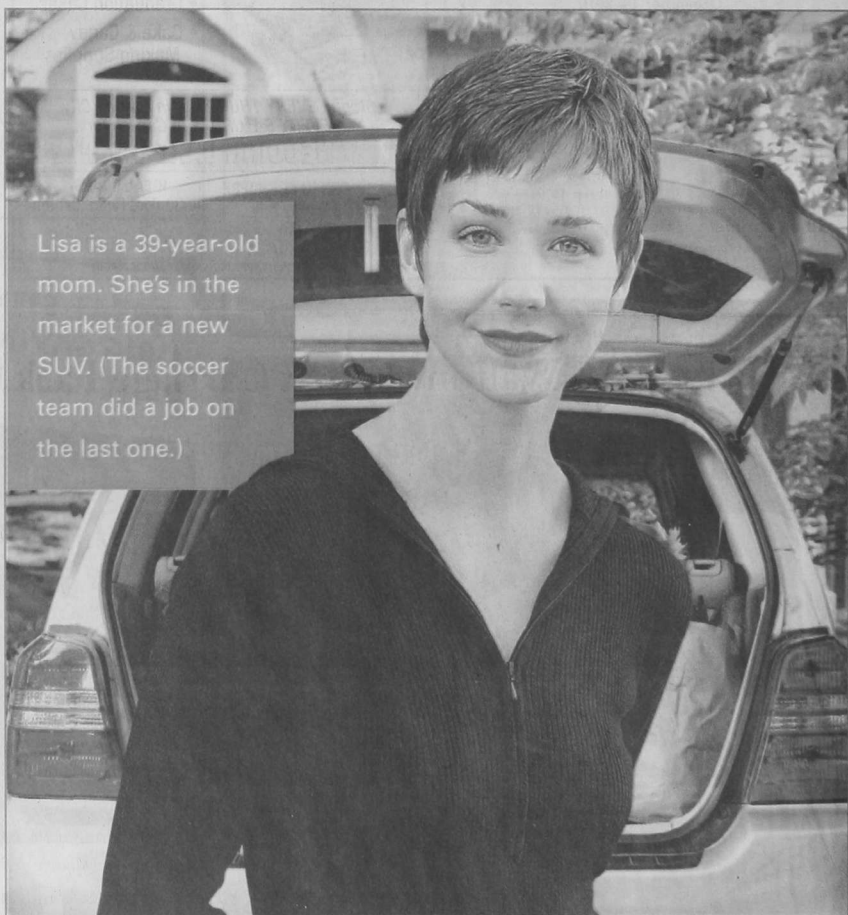
Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joseph Bridgman, MMC
Clerk

Introduced: October 26, 2010
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Inspire Theatre will present the classic Christmas tale, *It's a Wonderful Life*, with a twist next month.

The troupe hopes to raise money for needy local families through its radio play production of the story. In addition to collecting cash and gifts from attendees, it also will designate a portion of each ticket sold to the cause.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at 33445 Warren Road, just west of Farmington Road, in Westland. Tickets on Saturday are \$15 and include and hors d'oeuvres buffet; Sunday tickets are \$10.

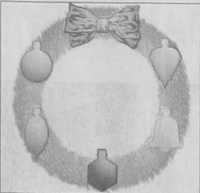
It's a Wonderful Life was originally broadcast as a radio play in 1947. It tells the story of George, a man who, with the help of his guardian angel, Clarence, finds out what life on Earth would be like if he'd never been born. Inspire Theatre will present the script as a radio production with all the lights and sounds that are typical of a live radio drama broadcast.

For more information about Inspire Theatre or to buy tickets, visit www.inspiretheatre.com or call (734) 751-7057.

Here's a sampling of other holiday events around town:

DINE WITH SANTA

Breakfast and crafts – Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, presents breakfast with Santa from 8-11 a.m., followed by family craft time, 9-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 4. Adults \$5; age



4-12, \$3; under 4 free with a family maximum of \$20. Craft fee is \$4 per family. Call the church office at (248) 626-3620 to sign up for craft time.

Festive brunch – Parents can bring cameras and video equipment to capture the moment their children meet Santa at brunch, Dec. 5, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Kid-friendly foods and traditional family favorites will be on the menu, and youngsters will receive a holiday souvenir, crayons and a placemat for coloring.

Doors will open and brunch will start at 11 a.m., with Santa arriving at 11:30 a.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Summit Front Desk, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, during normal business hours. Online registration is not available. Ticket prices are \$16 for ages 13 and older; \$12 for ages 4-12; and children, 3 and under, free. Ticket deadline is Nov. 29. Seating is reserved by table location only and can be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org. At the zoo – A buffet-style

waffle breakfast will include costumed characters, arts and crafts, holiday movies and one-on-one visits with Santa Claus, 8-10 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo, located at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. The cost, which includes Zoo admission and parking, is \$30 for adults, ages 15 and older, and \$25 for children, ages 14 and younger. The cost for Detroit Zoological Society members is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets must be purchased for all children regardless of age. Reservations are required. Call (248) 541-5717 and press #3.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Canton – The Flying Latini Brothers play folk, roots, blues, jazz and classic holiday music, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton; tickets are \$12. (734) 394-5300.

Detroit – Jazz Cafe presents "Freddie Cole Christmas" 8 p.m., Dec. 17-18 at Music Hall, 350 Madison. Tickets are \$27; available at www.ticketmaster.com; (313) 887-8500.

Farmington – The Farmington Community Chorus will perform its 31st Annual Holiday

Concert, "The Happiest Season of All," at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18, at Mercy High School, 29300 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Steve SeGraves directs the choir of more than 70 voices, which is accompanied by assistant director, Susan Garr. Tickets are \$12 in advance, available at www.farmingtonchorus.com, the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or by calling (248) 682-6562. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15.

Garden City – The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society offers a free Christmas concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill. Refreshments will be served after the concert. (734) 427-3660.

Livonia – The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present "Holiday Suites and Treats," featuring the Bunny Sanford Dancers with excerpts from *The Nutcracker*, 4 p.m., Dec. 4, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Includes a special appearance by the Churchill and Clarenceville High School Girls Chorus. After the concert, join the symphony for a hearty dinner at Corsi's, 27910

West Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost if \$15 for adults; \$10 for children 10 and under. For reservations and information call the Symphony hotline at (734) 421-1111.

• The Harmony/Town Chorus presents "Holiday Harmonis," its annual holiday show, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Livonia Public Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children, 12 and under. For information for tickets, call (734) 743-1764 or visit www.WeSingBarbershop.com.

• Christmas concert features the Classical Bells handbell ensemble and the Livonia Civic Chorus, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at St. Matthew's UMC, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt. Reception follows. Tickets \$12 each in advance, \$14 each at the door, \$10 each for groups of ten or more. (734) 422-6038.

• Franklin High School Choir sings at a free concert, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 8, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road. (734) 421-0749.

• The St. Aidan Adult Choir, along with the St. Aidan Children's Choir, and St. Aidan Contemporary Ensemble,

directed by Ray Schmidt, will present its 29th annual Christmas concert, 4 p.m. Dec. 12, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile. Admission is \$5 and two non-perishable food items. (734) 425-5950.

Northville – The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, and other local handbell chors, will perform Christmas music at a free concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 11, at Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; (248) 374-5969.

Plymouth – The Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company present *The Nutcracker*, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Dec. 5, in the auditorium at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. For tickets and information call (734) 451-2112 or (734) 676-7233. Or order online at <http://www.plymouthcantonballet.org>.

Westland – The Michigan Concert Choir performs its annual free Christmas concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 11, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 N. Hix, between Warren Road and Joy; (734) 266-0533

**Charter Township of Plymouth
Notice of Budget Public Hearing
December 14, 2010**

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2011 at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 on December 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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ANDREW H. MADSEN, JR.

Age 84 of San Marino passed away Thursday November 18, 2010 after a lengthy illness. He was born October 7, 1926 in Lansing, Michigan. He graduated from Highland Park High School, and then served in the United States Navy During World War II. He earned a B.A. degree in Economics at DePaul University where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Andrew enjoyed a rewarding 30 year career in commercial real estate with Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan. In 1980, he and his wife moved to California where Andrew joined the Atlantic Richfield Corporation as Director of Corporate Real Estate. Andrew had a remarkable passion for old sports cars, jazz music, fishing and pestering his children and grandchildren. Those closest to him loved "Andy" for his calm demeanor, gentlemanly behavior, quick sense of humor and quiet courage. He was a member of the San Marino Community Church and a past member of the San Marino Men's Club. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Constance, their two children, Julie Madsen Solomon (Steve) and Andrew H. Madsen III (Paula) and four grandchildren, Rebecca Solomon, Matthew Solomon, Grace Madsen, and Andrew H. Madsen IV. A memorial service will be held Friday, December 10 at 2:00 PM at the San Marino Community Church, 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made to The Convalescent Aid Society, 325 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. Cabot & Sons, Pasadena



ANNIE "NAN" TULIPS
November 21, 2010

Age 94. Passed away in Livonia. Loving wife of the late James. Dear mother of Maureen Lynaghgan, Clare (and the late Michael) Kora, and Monica (James) Swierpel. Survived by 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Memorial visitation 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 57101 W. Chicago (at Inkster) Redford, MI, until time of Memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorial donations to Hospice Compassus, Southfield, MI or Marycrest Manor, Livonia, MI would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

AUBREY CLARENCE BOX

November 17, 2010; Age 65. Of Wayne, Father of Franklin Box & Audrey Miller. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1181 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



BONNIE L. LINTON

Nov. 21, 2010 age 89 of Brown City, formerly of Garden City. Beloved wife of the late Earl. Dear mother of Duane (Arlene) & the late Roger. Sister of Rev. Joe (Sharon) Hilyard. Loving grandmother of Chris (Kathy) Linton, Karen Linton, Brenda (Raymond) Czupak, Sandra Yetter & Andrea Mires. Great grandmother of Tonya Jackson, Kirk Jackson, Samantha Jackson, Amanda Linton, Brandon Yetter, Janie (Mark) Zlatos & Jennifer (Alan) Landl. Also survived by 3 gr. Grandchildren. Funeral was held Saturday by the UH Funeral Home, Westland. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhfh.com



DENISE E. BRUMM (NEE EVERETT)

November 20, 2010, Age 80. Wife of the late Kenneth. Survived by daughter Tammy Kilpatrick (Brett) and grandchildren Heather and Kyle. Memorial to take place on December 18, 2010 at 10am, St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Memorial tributes suggested in lieu of flowers to St. John ELCA 23225 Gill Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

DONNA JEAN GOOD

November 21, 2010; Age 72. Of Troy, Sister of Sherry Blair & Billie Good. Simple Funerals (313) 382-1181 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

MARGARET W. MILLER

Age 89, of Boulder, died on Sat., Nov. 20th at Frasier Meadows Manor Assisted Living. Arrangements are under the direction of M. P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors.

MARY AGNES LAING

Age 94. Beloved wife of the late Harold Laing. Loving mother of Shirley (Lawrence) Applin. Preceded in death by her dear son James. Proud Grandmother of 5 and Great-grandchildren. Memorial Service was held November 20, 2010 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations to Woodhaven Nursing Home would be appreciated.

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EVA RODRIGUEZ GARCIA

Age 80, of Westland. November 20, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Ruben. Loving mother of Rebecca Kariuki and Rachel Garcia. Proud grandmother of Matthew. Dear sister of Frank, Mario (Janette), Rachel and Muzzy. Survived also by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by siblings: Raphael, Esperanza, Raul, Evangelina, Estrella, Fernando and Frances. Services were held by The Allen Park Chapel-Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 10915 Allen Rd (corner of Goddard).

Visit: www.martenson.com.



JEAN LOWMESTER (nee McWilliam)

November 21, 2010 peacefully at home in Beverly Hills, age 85, formerly of Royal Oak. Longtime Michigan Director of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. Beloved wife of the late W. James. Dear mother of Robert P. (Carol), Edward B. (Leslie), John R. (Mary), Wayne A. (Kelly), and the late Rev. W. James, Jr. (Sharon). Grandmother of Christine, Jennifer, William, Kelly, Robert, Christopher, Rebecca, Jessica, Ten, Vicki, Robert and Joshua. Great grandmother of William, Emily, Alana and Avery. Also survived by her caregiver, Carol McWilliam and Deb. Mohataram. Services were held Friday at First Congregational Church, Royal Oak. Family suggests memorial tributes to Recording for the Blind, 20 Roszel Rd., Princeton, NJ 08540. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JUDITH I. YANCER

73, of Tucson, Arizona left this earth and entered the Kingdom of God on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. She was born on 3/7/1937 in Michigan. She was devoted to her beloved four children and her profession as an Occupational Therapist for the past 50 years. Judi loved her job and worked up until she passed. She is survived by her children: Deborah Yancer, Cheryl Diacon, Scott Yancer and Kathleen Serna, spouses and grandchildren. All her children enjoyed time with her, loved her humor and stories of her life. She was the best mom ever! She will be forever and deeply missed. She was loved by so many and cared deeply for her friends and coworkers. A celebration of Judi's life will be held Saturday December 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Mortuary in Mesa, Arizona.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



MILDRED M. MCCOLLUM

Age 82 November 20, 2010 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Melvin. Beloved mother of Melvin (Phyllis), Linnie (Patricia) and Sharon McCollum and the late Mary Pelfo. Cherished daughter of the late Fred and Helen Pagel. Dear sister of Pat Estep and Vicki Pagel. Proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Family and friends gathering Saturday 11 am until 12 noon Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. To share a memory, please visit: VermeulenFuneralHome.com

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RANDALL NANTZ

November 21, 2010. Age 74. Loving husband of Janice. Dear father of Steven (Debra) and Shandra (Michael) Fish. Brother of Barbara Gardner and Malissa (Osborn) Burton. Also survived by 9 Grandchildren and 5 Great-grandchildren. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com The family has entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, Michigan.



ROBERT (BOB) FRANKLIN HITCHCOCK

Age 74, of Farmington Hills MI, died November 26, 2010. He was born in Cookeville, Tenn on October 25, 1936 to James Hitchcock and Ola Bullington. Robert graduated from Milan High School in 1955. He was married to Ann Marie (Korican) Hitchcock on August 12, 1955. He is survived by his wife Ann Marie Hitchcock, his brothers and sisters Jim (Mary Anne) Hitchcock, Jeanette (Jim) Jordan, Jerry (Carole) Hitchcock, Joey Gilligan, and Joe Hitchcock. He is also survived by his daughters Beth Marie Johnson and Cheryl Ann (Thomas) Gabourie, grandchildren Jessica (Noel), Tamara (Michele), Anthony (Lindsay), Brittany (John), and Dennis, and great-grandchildren Michael, Timothy, Wyatt, Shawn, Erin, and Ava. Funeral mass will be held at Immaculate Conception in Milan Michigan pending arrangements. In lieu of flowers Robert asked that donations be sent to Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center 14555 Levan Rd Ste 112, Livonia, MI 48154, Mercy Home Care 281 Enterprise Ct, Ste 200, Bloomfield Hills MI 48302, or any veteran's organization.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



ROY ZURKOWSKI

November 24, 2010 Age 81 of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Owner of Vic Tanny, CEO of Health & Tennis Corporation of America. Beloved former husband of Lucia. Dear brother of Patricia Zurkowski (John Morrell) and Dan Zurk (Romayne). Also a niece and a nephew, and four great nieces and nephews. Roy had many devoted people caring for him, including his secretary Janice Broniak, friend Kris Langlands, caregivers Patricia Long, Betsy Pope, Takisha Rhimes and long time valuable and devoted employee Rick Murphy and also Doug "Duglass" Grech. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Cornell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave., (between I-14 Mile) Tuesday 3-8pm. Scripture Service 7pm. Funeral Mass Wednesday, 11am at St. Thomas More, 4580 Adams Rd., Troy. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



VIRGINIA CLAIRE OLMSTED CUTLER

Of Tucson, Arizona. Virginia Claire Olmsted Cutler died at her Broadway Proper retirement apartment in Tucson, AZ on November 17, 2010. The daughter of Gertrude Ethel Lewis and William Ray Olmsted, she was born on December 1, 1912, at Saginaw General Hospital in Saginaw, MI. She graduated from Saginaw High School in 1931, from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) in 1936 with degrees in English and physical education, and from the University of Michigan in 1946 with a master's degree in counseling. She taught sixth and tenth grade English and physical education in Michigan for 32 years, 27 years of which were in Plymouth where she also served as high school guidance counselor. She retired in 1968 when she married E. Malcolm Cutler on May 4, 1968. Her husband "Mac" preceded her in death in 1994. She was also predeceased by her parents, her brother Sherman and sister-in-law Bette Olmsted, sister Louise and brother-in-law Lawrence McPhee, sister-in-law Edna Olmsted, and a stepson, Edward Bayler Cutler. She is survived by a stepson, Malcolm Rupert Cutler of Roanoke, VA, four nephews, two nieces, two great nephews, three great nieces, four grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Virginia was a perpetual student who earned 30 hours of university credit past her master's degree and was taking a writing course when she died. Virginia and Mac met while on the Detroit Audubon Society board of directors in the early 1950s. After Gladys, his first wife, died in Mexico City where he was working for the Ford Motor Company, he returned to Dearborn where he retired on July 1, 1968. Virginia and Mac moved to Portal, AZ, soon after they were married and lived there for 26 years. Her hobbies included traveling, listening to classical music, reading, oil and watercolor painting, and writing journals and poetry. Virginia and Mac traveled extensively around the world. She was Presbyterian and also an Episcopalian and at the time of her death was a member of the St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church in Tucson. Cremation has taken place. She will be interred at Oakwood Mausoleum in Saginaw. A memorial service will be held at the Oakwood Mausoleum, 5950 Gratiot, Saginaw, MI 48638 at 10 a.m. on December 17. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church, PO Box 63840, Tucson, AZ 85728; Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church, 612 Millard Street, Suite 1, Saginaw, MI 48607, or The Nature Conservancy, AZ, 1510 E. Ft. Lowell, Tucson, AZ 85719.

WILLIAM T. GRAY

Age 97, died November 21, 2010. Loving husband of the late Hilda, Dear father of William R. (Carole), Richard H. (Barb) and Jean Knickerbocker (Don), 8 Grandchildren, 8 Great Grandchildren. A memorial service will be Saturday, December 4, 11 AM at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI. Share memories at: temrowsfamilyfuneralhome.com

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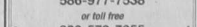
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Helen Livingston of Farmington Hills will celebrate her 100th birthday next month.

Farmington Hills resident celebrates 100 years

Helen Livingston, currently a resident of Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Dec. 27, 2010.

Family and friends will gather with her for a celebration at Family Buggy Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

Helen Kerruish was born in 1910 in Webster Groves, Miss. With her parents and two brothers, she moved to Michigan where she graduated from Northwestern High School in Detroit and attended the University of Michigan.

She met her husband, Norman Livingston, through her good friend and future cousin, Doris Fedus. Helen and Norman were married in 1937 and eventually had five sons: Kenneth (Mary Sue) of Troy; Robert (Peggy) of Houston, Texas; the late James Livingston; John (Christine) of West Bloomfield; and William (Carol) of Farmington Hills.

Sadly, Norman died before their youngest son, William, was born. As a widow, Helen raised the five boys on her own, working as a school secretary in Detroit. Middle son, James, died in the Vietnam War, but the other sons went on to earn graduate college degrees.

Helen is the proud grandmother of David, Megan, Eric, Joel, Ian, Kim, and Jennifer. She also has five great-grandchildren: Chase, Adam, Elijah, Jonah, and Joshua.

With so many athletic males in the family, she always has been an avid sports fan. A "night owl," she also enjoys playing card games, especially in the evenings. After retirement, she had the luxury of time to volunteer and to travel extensively, both domestically and abroad.

She continues to be an avid reader of the *New York Times* and library books, works crossword puzzles daily and enjoys socializing with friends over cards and games.

The secret to her longevity? Helen jokingly says it's dark chocolate and potato chips.

GARDEN EVENTS

LIVONIA GARDEN CLUB

Annual Fresh Greens Workshop runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Farmington Road and Five Mile. Register early; seating is limited. No refunds given after Nov. 1. To register, send a check for \$24 payable to Livonia Garden Club to Diane Bergendahl, 7841 Oak Knoll Drive, Northville, MI 48168. Questions?? Call (248) 486-9676 or e-mail rb@rc.net

GREENS SALE

The Dearborn Heights Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Sale, with hand-made wreaths, swags, centerpieces and cemetery wreaths made from fresh-cut greens, along with home-baked goodies and other items, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 2-3 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Canfield Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, just south of Ford Road. The club also will have Amaryllis bulbs available. For more information, call Bob Cairns at (313) 278-2337.

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Creative holiday cooking

FAMILY FEATURES

Coming up with a holiday meal that will satisfy everyone can be a challenge. What will the picky eaters like? What can the vegetarians eat? How can you do something a little different and still please guests who look forward to traditional dishes year after year?

With the right ingredients and some creative cooking, you can overcome any of these entertaining obstacles. Using ingredients you already have on hand in unexpected ways can help create delicious and innovative dishes that can please any crowd. Peanut butter, a long-time staple in dessert recipes, can add rich flavor and variety to both sweet and savory dishes.

These recipes from Jif® show how to incorporate the fresh-roasted taste of peanut butter into your holiday dishes. For more creative ways to cook up a holiday feast, visit www.jif.com.

SLICED HAM WITH PEANUT BUTTER GLAZE

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

1 center cut slice (about 1 pound) fully cooked ham, sliced 1/2 inch thick

3 tablespoons Smucker's® Sweet Orange Marmalade

2 tablespoons Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter

1 tablespoon water

Fresh dill weed (optional)

Orange slices (optional)

Directions

1. HEAT broiler. Slash edges of ham slice; place on broiler pan.

2. BROIL 3 inches from heat for 5 minutes. Turn ham slice; broil an additional 4 to 5 minutes.

3. COMBINE marmalade, peanut butter and water in small bowl. Spread over ham slice. Broil 1/2 to 1 minute until lightly browned.

4. GARNISH with fresh dill and orange slices, if desired.

WARM APPLE SALAD WITH APPLE CIDER PEANUT DRESSING

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

SALAD DRESSING

1/2 cup Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter

1/2 cup seasoned rice vinegar

1/2 cup Smucker's® Cider Apple Butter

1 teaspoon reduced sodium soy sauce

1/2 teaspoon grated ginger root

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro

1/2 cup water

SALAD

Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray

2 Gala apples, cored and halved

15.5-ounce bag Spring mix and baby spinach blend

1/2 cup crumbled Chevre goat cheese

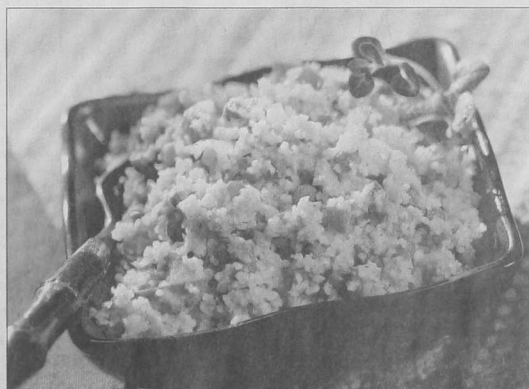
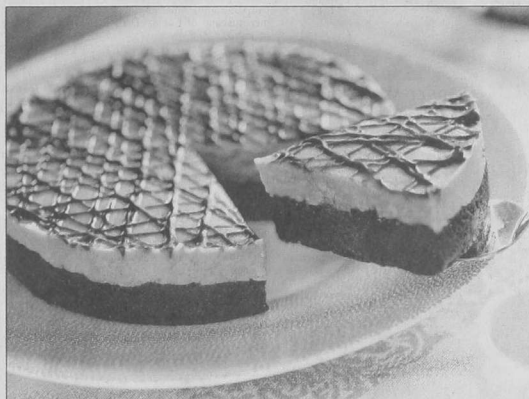
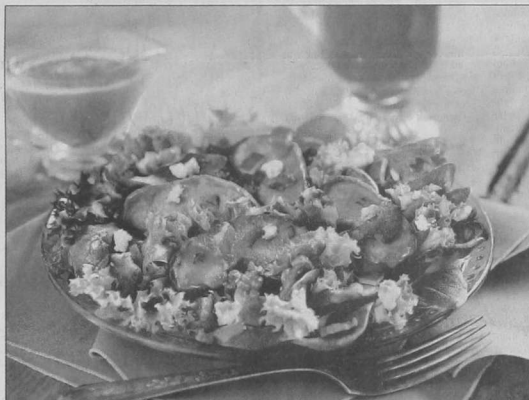
1/2 cup chopped red onion

1/2 cup real bacon bits

1/2 cup prepared candied walnuts

Directions

1. To prepare salad dressing: COMBINE peanut butter, vinegar, apple butter, soy sauce, ginger root and garlic in blender container or food processor. Blend until smooth. Stir in finely chopped cilantro. Place in microwave-safe



pitcher or bowl. Whisk in water.

2. HEAT oven to 425°F. Line baking sheet with foil. Coat with no-stick cooking spray. Slice each apple half into quarters. Place apples, cut side up, on prepared baking sheet. Brush with Apple Cider Peanut Dressing. Roast 15 to 20 minutes or until tender when pierced with fork.

3. DIVIDE lettuce evenly on 4 salad plates. Microwave salad dressing on HIGH for 30 to 45 seconds or until warm. Arrange 4 roasted apple wedges on center of salad. Sprinkle immediately with crumbled cheese, red onion, bacon bits and walnuts. Drizzle with warm dressing. Serve immediately.

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER SUPREME

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 37 minutes

Chill Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 12 to 14 servings

Ingredients

Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray

115.9-ounce package Pillsbury® Chocolate Extreme Premium Brownie Mix

1/2 cup Crisco® Pure Vegetable Oil

3 tablespoons water

1 large egg

1 cup Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup powdered sugar

2 tablespoons Smucker's® Hot Fudge Topping

Directions

1. HEAT oven to 350°F. Coat an 8-inch springform pan with no-stick cooking spray.

2. PREPARE brownie mix according to package directions using packet of chocolate-flavored syrup, oil, water and egg. Spread into prepared pan. Bake 34 to 37 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.

3. BEAT peanut butter and vanilla in medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar. Beat for 1 minute. Remove outer edge of springform pan. Spread peanut butter mixture over top of cooled brownie. Chill 30 minutes or until firm.

4. PLACE hot fudge topping in small resealable plastic bag. Knead until smooth. Cut small corner off bag. Drizzle topping over peanut butter layer. Cut into wedges.

MOROCCAN PEANUT COUSCOUS WITH PEAS

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 25 minutes

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

2 tablespoons Crisco® Pure Canola Oil

1/2 cup chopped onions

1/2 cup chopped red or green bell pepper

2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced

1 1/2 cups chicken or vegetable broth

1/2 cup Jif® Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

Salt and pepper

110-ounce package frozen peas (tiny deluxe, if possible)

1 cup unprepared couscous

Directions

1. HEAT oil in a 2 1/2 or 3 quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic. Cook just until onion is translucent. Add broth and bring to a boil.

2. WHISK in peanut butter and cumin. Blend well. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add peas and bring to a boil. Stir in couscous and return to a boil, stirring constantly.

3. REMOVE from heat. Cover and let sit about 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with a fork; serve immediately.

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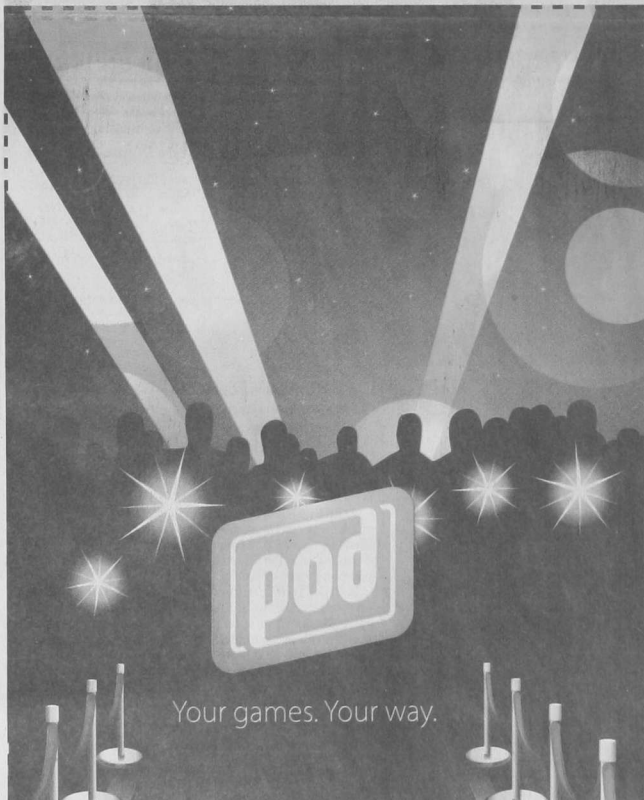
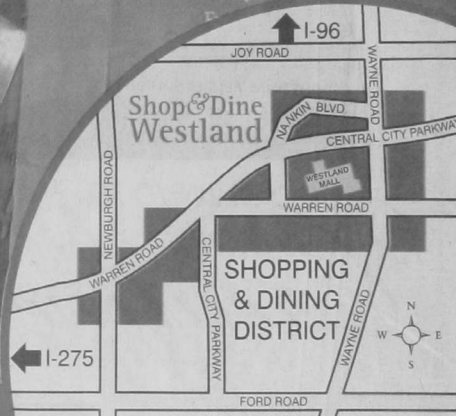


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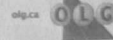
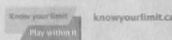


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9 Interview Questions You Should Be Asking

Selena Dehne, JIST Publishing

Did you know that the colors you like and dislike indicate your "Career Enjoyment Factor," or your personality's best career path? Consider these sometimes overlooked facts:

1. When you love what you do, you do a better job and get promoted.
2. Employers hire those who they believe will enjoy the day-to-day tasks. Don't forget, their goal is to reduce expensive turnover and improve quality.

1. "What Are You Seeking In The Ideal Candidate For This Position?"

This question allows you to counter by adding any particular skills or qualities you have left out in the interview, but which the employer thinks are important.

2. "How Would You Describe Your Management Style?"

When you are being interviewed by a hiring manager to whom you would report, this is a great question for gathering insight into whether you might get along.

3. "Can You Give Me Some Examples Of The Types Of Projects I May Be Working On?"

If the job description was a bit vague on the types of assignments

you would be doing or if you are otherwise unclear on this point, this question is essential to ask.

4. "What Do You Like Best About Working For This Organization?"

This question not only gives great insight into the culture of the organization, it also makes the person answering the question feel good. In addition, if the person answering can't come up with something good to say, this is a red flag about the place you might be working!

5. "How Did This Position Become Available?"

This question is a bit pushy, but it is quite important if you do not know how the position opened. Is the organization expanding? Or did the last person leave, and can you subtly find out why?

6. "What Would You Like To See Happen Six-to-12 Months After You Hire A New Person For This Position?"

This question is akin to "How

will I be evaluated?" or "How do you measure success in this role?" It can also clue you in on whether the expectations for the job are realistic.

7. "What Resources Are Available For This Position?"

This question addresses the technology, staff or budget resources you will have and gives many insights into whether the organization is being realistic about what you can accomplish given the resources available.

8. "Is There Anything You Are Still Wondering About My

Candidacy That Might Keep You From Offering Me The Position? Is There Anything Further I Should Clarify?"

This question shows you are open to feedback or critique and also tells the employer you want every opportunity to reassure him or her that you would be a great employee.

9. "What Is The Next Step In The Process? May I Have Your Business Card?"

The final question can help relieve your anxiety after the interview because you at least have some clue about how long it will be before the employer gets back to you. Ask for business cards from each person interviewing you so you can send thank-you notes.

Krasna adds that there are also questions candidates should steer clear of asking during the interview. According to her, questions not to ask include inquiries about salary, scandals and office politics, and personal questions about the interviewer.

*Excerpted from "Jobs That Matter: Find a Stable, Fulfilling Career in Public Service" by Heather Krasna.

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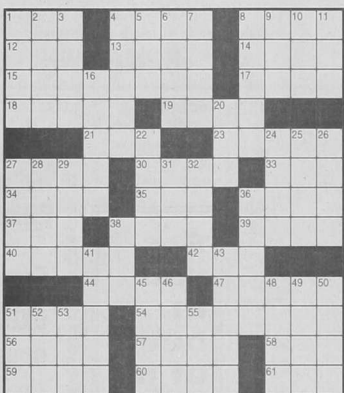
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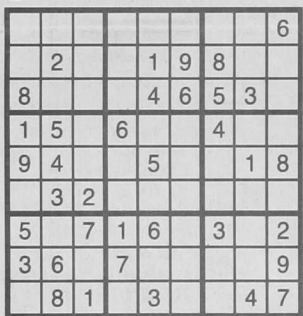
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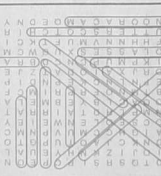
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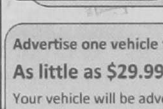
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The Chevrolet Equinox is a great value in a crossover SUV.

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Pontiac and Oldsmobile may no longer be a part of the new General Motors, but Chevrolet is, and that division is trying to keep its reputation for quality and value intact. In the crowded crossover SUV segment, Chevy is running out its handy-dandy Equinox, and it's a worthwhile competitor.

With styling similar to the Malibu and the Traverse (and that's not a bad thing), the Equinox features a two-tone grille, and the Chevy log front and center. Body-colored mirrors, which can be heated, are standard, as are roof rack side rails, but fog lamps aren't available on the 1LT (you can get them on the 2LT or the LTZ versions). 17-inch aluminum wheels are standard and look sharp.

The Equinox AWD 1LT (two-wheel drive is available, as well) is powered, oddly enough, by a four-cylinder engine. It's a new one — 2.4-liter, direct injection engine. The good news is that engine will deliver good fuel economy for an AWD SUV, 20 mpg in city driving and 20 mpg on the highway. Rated at 182 horsepower and 172 lb.-ft. of torque, it felt a bit

underpowered in an AWD SUV. If you're willing to trade off a few miles per gallon, you could go for the available 3.0-liter powerplant. That engine is rated at 264 horsepower and 222 lb.-ft. of torque. That engine is EPA rated at 17 mpg in city driving and 25 mpg on the highway.

The 2.4-liter engine is mated to a six-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission which has an "ECO" mode; this mode alters the shift points for maximum fuel economy.

Inside, the Chevrolet designers have acquitted themselves very well. The driver's position has the feel of a cockpit, which blue ambient lighting that accentuates the feeling. All the necessary controls are within easy reach in the center of the dash, and the center console features cupholders and storage bins, including one large enough to hold a laptop.

The cloth seats (leather available as an option) and comfortable and provide excellent support. The driver's seat is power adjustable. The rear seats split 60/40 and with the seats moved all the way forward, you get over 31 cubic feet of cargo room.

The Equinox 1LT comes with tilt steering column, remote keyless entry, cruise control, power windows and locks, and air conditioning. For \$495, you can add Bluetooth for your phone, a leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, a USB port and a remote vehicle

starting system (great for extremely hot or cold days so you can start the Equinox without having to venture outside).

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with an auxiliary input jack for your mp3 player. It also includes three months of satellite radio service, and you can add an integrated navigation system, if you choose. The same screen that serves the audio system can be used for the optional rear back-up camera, which could be the best \$320 you ever spend. Backing into parking spaces is a breeze with the camera, not to mention the fact it could save you from running over a kid's bike — or a kid.

Speaking of nice safety features, as with all General Motors vehicles, OnStar is standard with the Equinox. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations, or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

And those airbags include dual frontal airbags, side impact airbags and head curtain side airbags with rollover protection. A tire pressure monitoring system is standard, as are stability

control and a theft deterrent system.

The Equinox provides a good solid ride that is quiet and comfortable. The front suspension features struts and springs with direct-acting stabilizer bar, while in the rear, it's an independent four-link system with coil springs and stabilizer bar. The 2.4-liter powertrain comes with rack-mounted electric power steering; the larger engine comes with power rack-and-pinion steering. The Equinox is fairly easy to handle. Like with most AWD SUVs, the turning circle can make maneuvering in tight spaces (like a U-turn) a bit of challenge.

Where the Equinox shows its Chevy bloodlines is in its price. It starts at about \$25,000, and even with the rearview camera, leather-wrapped steering wheel, Bluetooth and the remote starter system still comes in at under \$27,000. When a lot of crossovers are checking in at \$35,000-plus, the Equinox is worth a look.

Write Avanti NewsFeatures auto critic Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com.

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Vehicle class: Crossover SUV
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