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## CONNECTION Shopping winner

Mary Rodrigue was the winner of the ShopCanton \$200 shopping spree after being one of 441 people who entered the contest by taking an online survey at the new [www.shopcanton.org](http://www.shopcanton.org) website this fall.

The survey, sponsored by the Canton Township



Mary Rodrigue (left) accepts a check from Kathleen Salla, Canton Township Development Director.

Downtown Development Authority and the ShopCanton Marketing Partners, asked for feedback about events, entertainment, shopping and dining in Canton.

"We want to be in touch with our patrons," said Kathleen Salla, DDA director for Canton Township. "We want to make sure that the work we are doing to continue to make Ford Road — and beyond — the premiere shopping and dining destination in the area is on target with what folks want. We decided that the best way to find out is to ask them directly."

The survey results will be used in planning future marketing efforts for the ShopCanton Marketing Partners, a collaborative group that includes the Canton Downtown Development Authority, Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township's Leisure Services Department.

## Lots closed

As a cost-saving measure, several Canton Township parking lots will be closed or restricted during the winter months. Posted signs and barricades, when necessary, were installed this week indicating no vehicle access.

Parking lots that will remain closed throughout the entire season include: Barchester Park, located at Hanford and Barchester roads; Heritage North Parking Lot, in Heritage Park off of Canton Center Road; portions of the Canton Softball Center parking lot on Michigan Avenue; and a portion of Independence Park at Denton and Proctor roads.

## Holiday photos

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Contest ends midnight Dec. 31. Share your holiday spirit with others! Go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

## Study: Ford Road safer than a year ago

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The number of crashes along Canton's most accident-prone stretch of road — Ford Road between I-275 and Lilley — plummeted 28 percent this year compared to 2009, a new report shows.

Crash totals for the first 11 months in a two-year comparison may indicate that efforts to improve safety by beefing up police presence and issuing more tickets have caught the attention of drivers, Canton Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden said.

Canton police this year launched several special-enforcement efforts to catch Ford Road motorists who ignore red lights, trail other drivers too closely, make illegal turns and ignore other traffic rules.

"We are proud to report the overall num-

ber of accidents along Ford Road between Lilley and I-275 have decreased 28 percent in the last year," Hilden said.

The number of crashes at one of Michigan's worst intersections, Ford and Haggerty, fell from 77 to 57 during the two-year period, marking a 26-percent reduction.

The Ford-Lilley intersection had 33 percent fewer accidents in 2010 than in 2009, and the Ford/I-275 area had a 25-percent decline in crashes.

"The thing we did different this year is we focused on special enforcement," Hilden said. "I asked our guys to focus on this high-accident area and do the enforcement of behaviors such as following too closely and running red lights. It's probably as much to

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FILE PHOTO

While a recent study says Ford Road was safer this year than last, Canton Public Safety officials still caution it's a hazardous road.

## Transplant finds her niche here

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Seasoned community organizer Terry Van Loon Craig came to the Plymouth-Canton area from Seattle in June 2008 after she was assigned by then-candidate Barack Obama's campaign to rustle up votes here for his winning presidential bid.

She never left. "There's an openness and warmth people have here in the Midwest," she said. "I've gotten to know so many people with such diverse points of view."

Sitting inside the Plymouth Coffee Bean, one of her favorite spots in a town she loves and now calls home, Craig said even the iconic coffee house on Penniman Avenue attracts customers ranging from Tea Party activists to left-leaning liberals. She has found their candor — even when they are challenging her — refreshing compared to the more subdued nature of Seattleites.

Craig coaxed her husband of 16 years, Steve, into moving here after he found a job as a renewable energy consultant for municipal governments. And she has found her niche after she was hired by the Plymouth-

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Terry Van Loon Craig of Plymouth came to this area from Seattle to help President Obama get elected, and never left.

## Feds charge Canton woman in bank fraud

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man and a woman from Canton Township have been arrested and charged with bank fraud as the result of a sweep by the federal government's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force.

Arrested and charged Dec. 2 were Jessie A. Wozniak of Garden City and Candice D. Campbell of Canton.

Their arrests were part of Operation Broken Trust, the largest collective enforcement effort ever brought to bear in confronting investment and corporate fraud in the Eastern District of Michigan and throughout the country. The sweep was organized by the task force, which was established to investigate and prosecute financial crimes.

"With this operation, the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force is sending a strong message," U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said. "To the public — be alert for these frauds, take appropriate measures to protect yourself and report such schemes to proper authorities when they occur. And to anyone operating or attempting to operate an investment scam — cheating investors out of their earnings and savings is no longer a safe business plan. We will use every tool at our disposal to find you, to stop you and to bring you to justice."

The two are accused of luring approximately 80 individuals in Michigan, New York, Arizona, Connecticut and Colorado to invest almost \$1,150,000 by falsely representing that they were investing the money in the stock market through CJF's Financial, an investment firm they started in 2009.

Campbell, the chief financial officer, and Wozniak, who called himself the founder and chief executive officer, operated CJF out of Campbell's Canton Township home.

According to the task force, Campbell and Wozniak made false and fraudulent promises and representations to potential investors via the CJF website, direct communications and investor financial services agreements.

They are accused of representing that CJF "would make daily stock trades on each investor's behalf through a TD Ameritrade account; that investments would never lose value; that monthly returns would be 10-20 percent; that capital gains taxes on investment profits would be paid by CJF; that money

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## Parents want voices heard in Lansing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When members of the new state Legislature takes their seats next month, two-thirds of the representation for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will be new.

To a group of parents concerned with where the state is headed in terms of funding public education, that's an important factor as district administrators struggle to balance a budget filled with one-time money that's about to go away.

Democrat Dian Slavens returns to her seat in the state House's 21st

District (Canton), but Republicans Kurt Heise (20th House) and Pat Colbeck (7th Senate) are political newcomers. These parents want their state legislators to take their issues into account when they're dealing with the financial struggles that continue to plague the state.

"We're in a unique position right now — two-thirds of the legislators representing our district are new," said Denise Zander, who co-chairs the parents' legislative committee. "We wanted to make sure they hit the ground running knowing what the concerns are of the parents of students in their district."

## MONEY MATTERS

Those concerns revolve largely around funding. Some of these same parents formed a group called Class Size Counts last year, when it became evident how tight the district's budget was going to be. Organizers said they formed to make sure administrators didn't use increased class size — and fewer teachers — to solve their budget issues.

Some of their members have also attended sessions of the district's finance committee and gained some understanding of the situation.

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## FRAUD

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could be withdrawn at anytime; and that Campbell was a licensed financial planner."

In a complaint filed in August in federal district court, attorneys for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said CJ's Financial was an unincorporated business and was not registered with the SEC. Campbell also wasn't registered with the SEC or associated with a registered entity nor was she registered as an investment adviser with the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation.

The complaint alleges that Campbell and Wozniak, who had worked in the automobile industry prior to setting up CJ's Financial, had used only a small amount of the investors' money to purchase securities and that Campbell diverted the money for personal uses, including paying for vacations, cars, jewelry, sporting goods and furniture.

"Out of approximately \$1,057,400 received from investors and deposited by Campbell into her personal bank account during this time period, only \$58,000 was transferred into Campbell's Ameritrade account. Campbell diverted at least \$540,000 of the funds for personal use, and withdrew an additional \$138,000 in cash," the attorneys told the court.

According to the complaint, Campbell purchased \$33,046 in jewelry, \$28,350 in sporting goods, \$29,124 in furniture and spent \$20,650 at laser surgery centers. She also spent some \$100,000 at automobile dealerships.

The attorneys added that Campbell and Wozniak "also used some investor money (\$350,000) to pay other investors as purported returns on their investments, in an apparent effort to keep the Ponzi scheme from collapsing." They fabricated monthly statements, and when investors began requesting withdrawals, the attorneys said Campbell and Wozniak created a "bogus story" that their money could not be refunded because the SEC had frozen CJF's bank accounts and other assets, as part of an ongoing investigation.

In the past four months, Operation Broken Trust has resulted in nine individuals being charged federally by way of complaint, information or indictment in the Eastern District of Michigan. These defendants obtained more than \$40 million from more than 300 victims.

"Investment fraud is a serious problem that often targets the elderly and other vulnerable victims whose lives are ruined and whose savings are wiped out," U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade said. "The economic impact of these frauds on our community is dramatic and far reaching."

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

## Dress request

The Plymouth/Canton branch of American Association of University Women is requesting donations of gently used prom and party dresses.

AAUW officials note, "The prom is a very important event in high school and many girls are finding it difficult to afford that special dress in our current economic climate." AAUW will be having a special sale in April where suitable dresses can be purchased for minimal or no cost. Any profit will go to the group's scholarship fund.

AAUW volunteers will pick up contributions, or donors can bring it to any meeting. To arrange for pickup, contact S. Zaetta at (734) 455-6366 or szaetta@woway.com; K. Bellows at (734) 421-8807 or KiggityKate83@aol.com; or E. Nelson at (734) 981-4938 or enelson1c@att.net.

## Living nativity

Officials at Friendship Church in Canton invite visitors to "take a walk back in time and experience the wonder of the first Christmas night" with their Living Nativity display Dec. 19.

It features a costumed cast of 50+ with live animals, an outdoor, 10-minute guided walking tour and warm refreshments, all at no admission cost.

Friendship Church is located at 1240 N. Beck (at Saltz) in Canton. For more information, call (734) 710-9370 or visit www.friendshipchurchinfo.com

## Healing Hearts

Attorney Thomas Novak will speak about Corrections, Law and the Family in a program Monday, Dec. 13, sponsored by Hope 4 Healing Hearts Inc.

The program will be at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road,



## Lighting candles

Neely-Turoski and L.A. Turoski and Son Funeral Homes in Livonia and Canton host their annual Christmas Memorial Candle Lighting Service 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at the Neely-Turoski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile (between Middlebelt and Merriman) in Livonia. The Turoski family invites all families they've serviced at their Canton and Livonia locations to this event. The program lasts about 45 minutes and consists of ways to help families cope with the loss of a loved one. RSVP to (734) 525-9020 by 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13.

Westland, and will include a question-and-answer session.

Novak first volunteered to work with offenders in 1984 as a college student. Since then he has continued to volunteer with offender-related organizations and has served on the board of two non-profit groups.

He also has worked for seven years as a parole/probation Officer for the Department of Corrections and earned a law degree in 2003. He has seen and felt the effects of his own brother-in-law's two prison terms. Questions for Novak, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, can be submitted in advance so he can provide more complete answers.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Kirk of Our Savior. For more information or to submit questions, call Bonnie Hlberer at (734) 734-646-2237 or by e-mail at Bonnie@hope-4healinghearts.com.

## Events for kids

El Fuego Fresh Mexican Grill in Canton hosts a week-end of events aimed at youngsters in the community.

• On Friday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 p.m., the restaurant hosts "Navidad De Baile" teen dance party, featuring a live disc jockey, dancing, snack bar and refreshments. Advanced tickets are \$6, tickets the night of the event are \$7.50.

• From 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 18, the restaurant hosts "Breakfast with Santa." Kids who bring an unwrapped gift for a needy family get a free 4x6 photo with Santa.

El Fuego is located at 45380 Hanford in Canton (off Canton Center, one block north of Ford Road).

## Holiday concerts

The Plymouth Symphony presents "Home for the Holidays" concerts at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

Concerts are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6 and 8 p.m.

For more information, visit www.plymouthsymphony.com or call (734) 451-2112.

## Band auditions

Has it been a while since you dusted-off that musical instrument of yours? Anyone getting that urge to perhaps start playing that clarinet, sax-

ophone, trumpet, trombone or any other musical instrument has their chance.

The New Horizons Band of Canton is looking for new members. Musicians 18 years of age or older who would like to become a part of this unique music ensemble are invited to attend a "free" one-time rehearsal on Tuesday evenings. For more information, call Evola Music at (734) 455-4677.

## 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 desert afterglow. 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.

## 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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# French cuisine

## Immersion program gives students a taste of France

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Napoleon, Joan of Arc, novelist Victor Hugo, painters Henri Matisse and Edgar Degas and Gustave Eiffel, who designed a famous tower, walked the streets of Paris — in Plymouth Township — Wednesday.

It was French immersion at New Morning School, an event that had students and visitors traveling over time and space to learn about the culture of France.

Elementary students learned French words, served ratatouille and quiche, acted in skits and offered soliloquies as historical figures, studied maps of France, learned about the painting styles pointillism and impressionism and toured a "Paris" of cardboard and papier mache.

"We make it as hands-on as possible because the kids really learn much more," elementary teacher Cynthia Wilkinson said. The students even made chefs hats, she said. "I don't know if there was an aspect we

really didn't touch on."

Students from other than the elementary grades, plus parents, invited home-schooled children and other visitors, got to tour the immersion sets Wednesday.

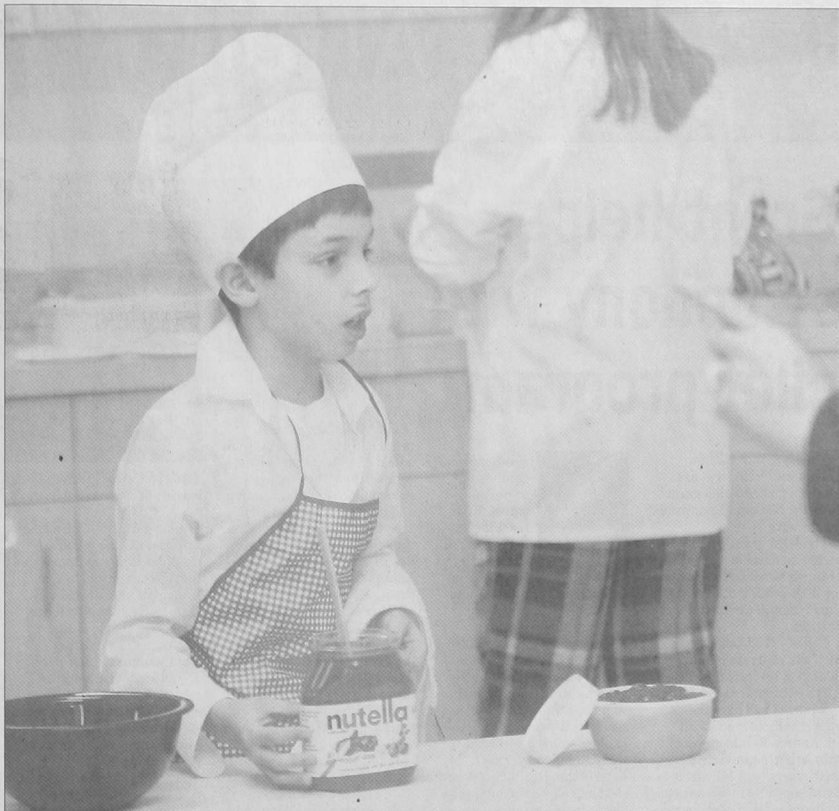
"It was kind of cool to see people we didn't know from the outside have fun and participate," Wilkinson said. The first French immersion day was last month.

The private school regularly has immersion programs to give students a glimpse into the historical periods and cultures they're studying, Wilkinson said. They've toured Japan, explored the Oregon Trail, witnessed the Underground Railroad and, last spring, spent time in colonial-era America, washing laundry by hand, making their own candles and dyeing clothing in boiled onion skins.

They hadn't been to France before, however.

"It's kind of fun to learn it together," Wilkinson said.

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'Chef' Joshua Mangion takes an order for one crepe during New Morning School's French immersion event on Wednesday. Students also helped prepare quiche and ratatouille.



Student E.J. Vasquez as King Louis XVI of France during a French immersion event Wednesday at New Morning School.



Jenik Blumberg attempts to paint in the style French of impressionist Claude Monet.

### Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

Three seats are open to students entering 7th grade in winter 2011

Three seats are open to students entering 8th grade in winter 2011

**Limited Registration window: Dec. 6, 2010 – Jan. 6, 2011**

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2010-11 school year, second semester.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will open from Dec. 6, 2010 - Jan. 6, 2011 at Churchill High School,

8900 Newburgh Rd, Livonia 48150 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

All candidates MUST meet the MACAT selection testing criteria.

**For complete information on the application process, Contact Doug Coates at Churchill High School at 734-744-2650 ext. 46132**

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# EDUCATION

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## Grant helps symphony with pilot program

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras has received an education grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The NEA grant will help the orchestra develop a pilot program on Musical Composition for fifth-grade students in the Plymouth Canton School District.

Called "The Composer in Me!" the program is being piloted at several of the district's elementary schools.

Students will have the opportunity to study with Dr. Andrea Reinkemeyer of Ann Arbor, a graduate of the University of Michigan. Reinkemeyer will work with students to learn about musical composition and how composers are inspired to create music. Students will work on creating musical compositions based on poems they have written in their language arts classes on subjects from the tested curriculum.

Reinkemeyer is a professional composer who has studied under some of the great contemporary composers of our time and has composed for orchestra, chamber and wind ensembles, in addition to vocal and percussion ensembles. She finds this approach to learning



Reinkemeyer

about musical composition to be fun and successful in teaching students to think like a writer as they work on musical composition.

"The students are very lucky to have the Plymouth Symphony, which shows a vested interest in the musical education of the students in its community, as well as teachers who are willing to explore a new project like this," Reinkemeyer said. "My hope is that it will encourage students to see the humanities as a vehicle for self-expression. The cross-discipline approach is also exciting because we're incorporating elements from their classroom studies into the projects through haikus written by the students about science and literature; this kind of interplay is an integral part of the artistic process."

For more information on the "Composer in Me!" project or any of the other educational programs of the Plymouth Symphony please call (734) 451-2112 or visit [www.plymouthsymphony.com](http://www.plymouthsymphony.com).

### Miller robotics team rolls to state competition

The Millerbots, Miller Elementary School's student robotics teams, won the 2010 Downriver Robot Rescue FLL Regional Tournament in November. Both of the school's teams also participated in the State Competition in White Lake.

The Millerbots came in ninth and 11th, respectively, in a field of 48 teams at the state competition. They received second place in programming and in innovative solutions.

At the regional competition, the Millerbots Team 2 won two awards—the best overall championship award and the Creative Research Award. Millerbots Team 1 won the Innovative Strategy Award for Programming. In addition, the teams won seven "WOW" awards throughout the competition for their presentations, enthusiasm and support for other teams in the competition.

Teams are judged on their research presentation, a teamwork problem solving event and the depth of understanding demonstrated in the programming of their Lego robot and the degree to which the robot achieves identified goals.

### TAG screening

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is screening students for admission to its talented and gifted program for the 2001-12 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



Walmart presented 10 Hulsing Elementary teachers with \$100 gift certificates and gave Hulsing Principal Carolyn Washington another \$1,500 for the school.

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](http://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.

### Holiday drive

Mike Mardeusz, a fourth-grade teacher at Eriksson Elementary, has a son serving in the military in Afghanistan, so he's learned firsthand how few items from home soldiers receive while trying to do their important work.

Ultimately, soldiers rely on the generosity of people and businesses to get some of the basic necessities others often take for granted. As a result, Mardeusz has organized a collection of items and cards to send to soldiers fighting in Afghanistan.

Before holiday break Dec. 17, Mardeusz will box up the

donations and ship them overseas for distribution.

### Math finalists

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has been notified that 21 students qualified as finalists in the 54th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

They are part of the top 1,000 out of 7,000 Michigan students who took the exam in October. The finalists completed Part II of the competition on Dec. 1 and will be notified in February if they will be recognized as one of the top 100 mathematicians in the state.

The top 50 will be presented scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500.

### Walmart helps Hulsing

Hulsing Elementary teachers recently received early holiday gifts due to the efforts of parent Scott Mavracic, the assistant manager of the Walmart store on Ford Road in Canton.

Mavracic and Walmart Department Manager Margie Elrod, presented 10 teachers with \$100 gift certificates. Hulsing Principal Carolyn Washington also received a check for \$1,500 for the school, bringing the grand total to \$2,500.

## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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### SCHOOL BRIEFS

The teachers receiving gift certificates included Diana Romanowski (kindergarten), Sharon Albert (first grade), Meg Jenkins (second grade), Cheryl Witt (second grade), Sherrill Brown (third grade), Michele Sonk (third grade), Matt Gold (fourth grade), Charles Huhta (fifth grade) and Nancy McNamara (PLUS Preschool).

All donations will be used to support students at the school.

### Film award

Students in the Advanced Video class at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park entered their short film "Through Our Eyes" into Myvrspot.com's National Bullying Awareness Week Short Film contest.

These eight students were inspired to create a video Public Service Announcement with a positive anti-bullying message for the contest. Out of hundreds of videos submitted, their film was awarded an honorable mention. The video will be available soon for public viewing on [www.myvrspot.com/contest](http://www.myvrspot.com/contest)

### Cafeteria certification

The Michigan Department of Education recently notified P-CCS officials that Dodson Elementary School has earned a Bronze Certification for its school lunch program. The district's Food Service program as a whole also received praise from the state for its efforts to meet the HealthierUS School Challenge, a voluntary national certification initiative for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

The award is given to recognize schools that maintain healthy environments by improving the quality of meals and increasing physical activity and nutrition education.

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| Intersection      | Number of crashes 2010* | Number of crashes 2009* | Percent Reduction |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Ford and Lilley   | 43                      | 64                      | 33%               |
| Ford and Haggerty | 57                      | 77                      | 26%               |
| Ford and I-275    | 33                      | 44                      | 25%               |

\* Crash totals are January - November



SOURCE: Canton Public Safety Department

STUDY

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do with the higher number of tickets as the higher visibility of officers.

"If you travel an area frequently and you see more police officers writing tickets, it's going to change your driving habits," he added.

Hilden said the latest numbers reflect just one snapshot of Ford Road accidents, and he said road improvements long sought by township officials still are needed for long-term relief.

"The Ford Road area is still the No. 1 crash area in Canton," Hilden said. "Even with the reduction (in crashes), the only way to make permanent changes is to implement some of the road changes. Otherwise you're going to continue to put a Band-Aid on the problem."

The latest report came from traffic crash data from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Local officials including township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Municipal Services Director Tim Faas have long lobbied for federal and state funding to improve the Ford Road/I-275

interchange. Those efforts are continuing even though federal officials this year twice rejected a \$20-million request to reshape the interchange.

LaJoy has turned his attention to the incoming administration of Gov.-elect Rick Snyder amid hopes of getting Ford Road improvements placed on MDOT's list of priorities.

The traffic-improvement plan sought this year would have added extra exit ramps, or slips, to allow drivers to access Haggerty in either direction without using Ford Road. It also called for a northbound service drive alongside the freeway to accommodate traffic from Cherry Hill Road, allowing vehicles to avoid Ford and merge onto I-275.

LaJoy has cited a need for long-term improvements and said, "we're committed to this."

Hilden said at least 50,000 vehicles a day travel through the Ford-Haggerty intersection. Although the number of crashes dropped significantly this year, he agreed that the only way to address the problem long-term centers on making road improvements.

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PARENTS

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Believing administrators have been "lean and mean with (district) money," the parents decided the way to attack the problem was from above.

"We realized if we're going to do anything it was to approach this at a state level," said Sheila Paton, the other co-chair of the parents' committee. "We quickly realized Plymouth-Canton didn't know how much funding they had last year until June 30. The things the state puts the district through just aren't right. It isn't stable funding, it's not fair or equitable and it puts the district in a bad position."

"I think the district has done a fabulous job," Paton added. "We felt if there was something we could do as parents, it was to work with legislators and help them understand the pressures the district is under."

Those pressures are almost entirely financial. According to district financial figures, some \$341 of the projected \$7,661 state foundation grant will come from one-time money such as the federal stimulus funds that have propped up the budget the last couple of years.

CLIFF APPROACHES

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SHEILA PATON, co chair, Class Size Counts

district with nearly 19,000 students, that equates to some \$6.5 million that will go away starting with the 2011-12 budget. That represents the financial "cliff" administrators have been eyeing for the last couple of years.

"There's a lot of one-time money funding schools right now... We want to know what the state is going to do to replace that," Paton said. "We're hoping we can get to the right people in Lansing, and make them understand every dollar they cut from the schools, it's going to affect students. Last year they cut textbooks, they cut technology, they cut teachers. Eventually it trickles down into the classrooms."

The two new legislators representing Plymouth-Canton have differing backgrounds in education. Heise, a Plymouth Township resident who has two children in the district, sits on the board of the district's Educational Excellence

Foundation. Colbeck, who lives in Canton but has no children, sits on the board of a charter school.

The group has met with both, and came away satisfied that they're both willing to work with them. And the new legislators appreciate the effort and welcome the input.

"I think the more parents involved in the process, the better," Heise said. "It's also good there seems to be a core group of parents interested in what's happening in Lansing and how they can influence the outcomes in the next legislative session and with the new governor."

PARENTAL INPUT

"I see them as a go-to group to bounce ideas off of and get perspective on legislative issues," Heise added. "At the same time, we're walking into uncertainty the next few months, and we're waiting to see what the new governor's priorities are. I welcome the

input from concerned citizens."

Heise said it fits well with what he wants to do when he takes office next month. Heise plans to form at least four citizen advisory groups — on education, local government, small business and senior citizens.

"I think it gives me an added perspective on what other parents in the district are thinking and what their priorities are," Heise said. "I still have two kids in the school district, so I certainly have an interest in public education. The more input I can get from like-minded parents, the better."

The parents understand Lansing is going to do what Lansing does, but they want to make sure they at least have a voice in budgetary decisions that affect their children.

"We need to be advocates for our children," Zander said. "The people who aren't in control of any of the decisions are sometimes affected the most by decisions our legislators make. We just need to make sure there's a voice speaking on their behalf. We're not naive enough to think we're going to get everything we want. We just want to make sure they hear our issues."

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# Hearing delayed again in fatal Canton crash

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An Ypsilanti man accused of driving drunk and causing an accident that killed Canton mother of two Stephanie Stone is expected to learn Jan. 21 whether he will face trial on multiple felony charges in Washtenaw County Circuit Court.

Bradley Wayne Howard, 34, had been scheduled for a preliminary hearing Friday on multiple charges including second-degree murder, but a court clerk for Ann Arbor 15th District Judge Julie Creal said the proceedings have been delayed until Jan. 21.

It marked the second time the hearing has been adjourned as attorneys prepare for the case.

Howard, a repeat drunken driver, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he stands trial and is convicted



Howard

it appears Howard was driving 70-80 mph in a Ford Mustang when he ran a red light at Ecorse and Harris roads in Ypsilanti Township, slammed into Stone's Ford Taurus and pushed it into three other vehicles. The crash occurred Oct. 26.

Stone died at the scene. Her son, a front-seat passenger, was critically injured, and her daughter, sitting in the back seat, sustained minor injuries.

The family was wearing seat belts. Stone's mother, Pamela Lawson, has said Stone "was very strict about seat belts."

Howard, accused of being a

of killing Stone, 32, and injuring her son Brandon, 13, and daughter Savannah, 11.

Washtenaw County authorities have said operating while intoxicated causing a death; operating while intoxicated causing serious injury; a third drunken driving offense; failing to stop at an accident causing death; failing to stop at an accident causing serious injury; driving with a suspended license causing serious injury; driving with a suspended license causing death; driving with a suspended license second offense; and having an open alcohol container in his car.

Stone worked for Dairy Queen in Canton and has been described by her mother as "a good mother" who did the best she could for her children.

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# TRANSPLANT

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Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion to coordinate its emerging TimeBanking program.

"She will be working to move TimeBanking forward in our community-building efforts," said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, who chairs PCCDI's strategic planning board.

Craig plans to get TimeBanking started early next year by pooling the resources of people with disabilities, students from the Starkweather Alternative High School and a diverse group of Plymouth-Canton residents of all races, religions and political persuasions.

"I'm really excited about this job," she said.

TimeBanking can work in many ways. A retiree may volunteer to give a student a ride to school in return for getting snow shoveled from a driveway. A banker may take a vision-impaired woman to a doctor's appointment and benefit from an office-cleaning employee. A teacher may tutor a struggling math student and get a car repaired by a mechanic.

"TimeBanking is a tool that

helps to build community," Craig said.

It's a Web-based program that allows participants to earn points for deeds they perform and cash them in for services they need. TimeBanking members will be subject to background checks, and they will be invited to occasional meetings amid hopes of strengthening their ties and building friendships.

"It's kind of like a pay it forward program," Craig said. "It's not just volunteering. People who give help also need to receive help. People need to look at it as a way to build a safety net for the middle class and not just to help people who are poor, disadvantaged or marginalized."

TimeBanking already has taken root in 42 U.S. states and 32 countries, and Graham-Hudak has said PCCDI initiated the project to pool the resources of Plymouth-Canton residents, strengthen the community and build a better understanding among different people.

It's a concept Craig has embraced for 20 years as a community organizer.

She grew up in the Los Angeles area and received her undergraduate degree in political science from

Whittier College. She moved to Seattle 18 years ago and received her master's degree in theology from Seattle University.

Craig worked on political campaigns for local candidates and presidential nominees, but her experiences reached far beyond the political arena in the Seattle area:

- She worked with an African-American community to get a community center built.

- She helped organize a successful campaign to keep a nuclear waste site from being built in Washington state.

- She developed a high school community service program and worked to get teens involved in projects such as sending packaged goods to service people overseas.

Craig has worked alongside Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, Presbyterians and other religious groups, and she said she is eager to tap into this area's diversity as she organizes TimeBanking. She learned about PCCDI and its goals through the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

"They're just phenomenal," she said.

Craig hopes to get as many as 150 people initially

involved in TimeBanking and build from there, though she realizes her goal won't happen overnight.

"People have to ask for help to make it work," she said.

Anyone who wants to become involved or who simply wants more information may send an e-mail to PCTimebank@gmail.com, and PCCDI and Craig plan soon to announce a phone number potential TimeBanking members can call.

Craig smiles as she reflects on how she pulled up her West Coast roots after she just happened to land in the Plymouth-Canton area as a field organizer for Obama's campaign. She quickly grew to love this area and its people, and now she won't have to leave.

"It's like a dream come true that I get to stay here," she said.



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Terry Van Loon Craig plans to get TimeBanking started early next year.

## Students get first-hand look at program

Last month, 23 University of Michigan students of social work descended on Plymouth's Kellogg Park, businesses and residential areas to promote the benefits of timebanking.

The students were assisting the local Plymouth-Canton timebank as part of an initiative led by the MI Alliance of TimeBanks. The initiative was to encourage community building through use of "time-bank dollars" earned through volunteerism by both businesses and community members.

The organization is one of 400 such banks in the United States and 32 other countries. Business can benefit from timebanking by gaining vol-

unteers to help with marketing, cleaning, packing - while offering their services to other volunteers in the timebank group. This helps to build community and helps struggling businesses gain support from local residents, what organizers call "a win-win situation."

The students benefitted from the experience by learning the benefit of community building and organizing. The students also learned how to help communities work with one another through a very sustainable tool, TimeBanking. Patricia Simmons, one of the students said that she had a good time

talking to the business owners and residents and was impressed with the response they received.

Laura Manthey said she's "extremely passionate" about community, but often wondered how to go about creating close community with neighbors. When the timebanking program was explained to her in September, something clicked.

"It triggered at something in me, and my time thus far in the TimeBanking Plymouth/Canton project has confirmed these initial feelings," Manthey said. I am excited to see how this project unfolds in this community."

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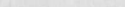
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# It's time for school board members to unite

A grave injustice in our local Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education has been transpiring of late.

It seems like a group within the school board has put upon themselves to disrupt working in cooperation with the board as a whole. Instead they would rather promote their own self-serving, egotistical and uncooperative agenda.

This is all being done while discrediting our competent, honorable and judicious superintendent, Dr. Craig Fiegel. Trustee Dianne Gonzalez openly admitting of late that he did not think he was the proper candidate from the beginning.

They have disregarded being open-minded or assisting in his success. Some of them, along with certain key administrators, set the stage that would allow Fiegel to fail from his onset. Was this done in the best interest of the school district and the children being educated within it? I would say not.

At the school board meeting Sept. 28, Gonzalez, John Jackson, Judy Mardigian and Adrienne Davis



Mark Hutchins

voted not to extend Dr. Fiegel's contract past its expiration at the end of this school year. Barry Simescu, Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneiderman (all school board officers) voted to renew his contract for one year. Some even voiced that it should be extended even longer.

It strikes me odd that Simescu and Eggenberger are two of the three members who sit on the superintendent's evaluation committee, are board officers and are of the opinion that Dr. Fiegel has done a job worth extending his contract. Yet this group of four dissenters (Mardigian, Gonzalez, Jackson and Davis) felt Dr. Fiegel did not warrant a contract extension.

To add insult to injury, on Nov. 22, this same group of uncooperative board members put forth a motion to relieve Dr. Fiegel of his day-to-day operations duties.

Their claim was it would be done so Fiegel could focus on the key elements of his position and be able to have the time to search for another job. Oh, how noble of this group of four insurgents. The disingenuousness of their statement bled through as they spoke it. They had no interest in being supportive or caring. This action only helped facilitate their scheme.

When Eggenberger wisely asked that the matter be delayed until the entire Board had an opportunity to discuss it as a collective group, she was emphatically dismissed by Jackson, Gonzalez, Mardigian and Davis. The vote was put forth and was carried 4-3, with the same four uncooperative members not supporting Dr. Fiegel.

This vote was followed by these same four members putting forth a motion to install Ken Jacobs (current deputy superintendent) as a COO (Chief Operating Officer) that would allow him to take over the duties they just relieved from Dr. Fiegel responsibilities. Sneiderman spoke out that this was not neces-

sary, could wait for further review and that Jacobs was not the person for this job, which was guised in an effort to bring continuity to the board and to the district. Besides, Mr. Jacobs has submitted his intentions for retirement at the end of the school year. It is my understanding that once one submits for their retirement with the State, it cannot be rescinded.

This action doesn't appear to be an astute choice when combined with the fact of his pending retirement. I personally don't know Mr. Jacobs, I only know of him. It is not my intent to discredit his long tenure with the district.

How can these actions be in the best interest of the PCCS District? How can they bring unity to the board? How can these actions bring teachers, administrators and other district employees together? They cannot! It only facilitates further disconnect, animosity and uncooperative actions among the Board Members as well as with the district employees.

Dr. Fiegel should be reconsidered

for a contract extension along with restoring his full duties as superintendent. The entire board should discuss their differences in an open and professional way. Let those that have issue with Dr. Fiegel present their case in a cooperative, transparent and open-minded manner.

Mardigian, Gonzalez, Jackson and Davis have been extremely less than broadminded in this issue and have not given any effort to assist in the success of Dr. Fiegel. It has been quite the opposite.

I encourage everyone to voice their support of Dr. Fiegel to the school board (suggestions@pccs-mail.net) and the media. Granted, this issue has become larger than Dr. Fiegel, but sound reasoning must be put forth. Hope of unification is still apparent. Open and forthright dialog must transpire so these injustices will be rescinded and hopes of restoring cooperative and collective collaboration will be set forth in our PCCS Board.

Mark Hutchins is a resident of Canton.

# Finding your passion is the key to success in life

"I'm not done singing yet," one of my four-year-old twin grand-daughters said as she finished her role in the preschool's holiday concert.

Her comment struck a chord with me. Leave it to a child to offer a world of truth in so few words. This little girl has a passion for singing. She may be peanut-sized, but she belts out a big vibrato voice that won't be quited.

Perhaps it's the wear of age that makes most of us hide our voices under the drone of splashing water in the shower. But no one can hear our big



Joan Noricks

voices in there. How else can we tell the world what we are passionate about?

The giving season and a New Year are typically when the world takes a moment for reflection. Indeed it is a perfect time for each of us to sing as loud as we can and make our voices heard about what moves us and stirs our passions.

Some folks passionately crusade for animals and the envi-

ronment. Others raise their voices to protect children. And still others are determined to eradicate homelessness and hunger.

This week the Canton Community Foundation was informed that the Michigan Department of Human Services is reporting more than 3,000 Canton residents are receiving food stamps. Wayne is just behind Canton, but the numbers are even higher in Westland and Romulus.

Hunger is the most basic need. And fulfilling basic needs in the community has

stirred our passions at CCF this year as Michigan's stagnant economy and continuing joblessness put many residents at risk. Without an immediate economic miracle, we can only assume that families will continue to struggle.

Plenty of charitable organizations in our local communities are available to help those in need. Passionate leaders and volunteers work daily to raise funds and develop programs that can help improve our corner of the world.

In November, CCF hosted its second annual philanthropy

summit that drew local non-profits who work with donors fulfilling their own passions.

An example of a Canton resident who followed her passion is Mary Beth Levine, who began the Detroit Area Diaper Bank in 2009. She didn't wait for millions of dollars to come along. She started small in her home and continues to work from there. The lack of diapers – government assistance programs do not pay for them – for infants and adults can put family hygiene, health and independence at risk.

Other passionate lead-

ers are Deb Bondie, founder of Livonia-based Seedlings, which provides Braille books for blind children, and Elaine Kennedy, founder of New Morning School in Plymouth. They are fulfilling their passions, while leaving indelible marks on the lives of so many.

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Joan Noricks is president of the Canton Community Foundation. She may be reached at (734) 495-1200 or jnoricks@cantonfoundation.org.

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Attorney J.B. Bleske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bleske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

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# Figuring cost basis for investments can be tricky

**Q:** Dear Rick: I read your column regarding year-end tax planning and one of the things I discovered is that I have a number of investments that I cannot locate the cost basis. I bought the investments sometime in the early '90s, but that's all I can remember. I know I bought it through a discount brokerage house, but they are no longer in business. It makes sense to sell the stock this year, however, I am concerned I don't have the cost basis. What do you suggest?

**A:** Cost basis is what you originally paid for an investment plus any dividends or capital gains you reinvested. In this situation, since you purchased an individual stock, you did not have any capital gain distributions and most likely did not have dividends reinvested. Therefore, your cost basis is the original purchase price of the stock.

In many cases where people don't know their cost basis, I recommend they contact the brokerage firm where they purchased the individual stock for assistance. However, in this case, that strategy will not work. Therefore, the first thing to do is determine if the stock you hold pays a dividend. If it does, you can pull out your old tax returns and use that as a guide to help determine when you purchased the stock.

If, for example, the first time a dividend from that stock showed up on your tax return was 1992, at least you have a starting point. You can then use an average of the stock price to determine basis. If it



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You may be surprised to hear this, but the Internal Revenue Service recognizes the fact that in some situations calculating cost basis is difficult. In the unlikely event that you are audited, they will look at how reasonable you were with regards to your guesstimate. Never forget to document how you calculated your cost basis. This should then be part of your permanent tax file for that year.

There are many situations where when completing tax returns, taxpayers do not have complete documentation and are in the situation where they have to guesstimate items. The key is to be fair and reasonable. If you're donating a used pair of jeans and claiming a \$100 charitable deduction, that may not be considered fair and reasonable. On the other hand, if you claimed a \$5 deduction, that wouldn't raise any concerns.

I believe when it comes to taxes, we should take every deduction we are entitled to. However, the one caveat is you must have some sort of backup documentation for the

deductions you take. It is when people get audited and they don't have any backup documentation that they run into problems.

One last note on taxes. I'm sure that readers have heard that President Barack Obama and the Republicans have reached a compromise with regards to extending the current tax laws. The issue to me isn't whether you agree or disagree. I'll leave that to others. My issue is that we, as taxpayers, shouldn't assume anything with regards to taxes until the law is actually signed by the president. We all know how the legislative process works and there are always last-second changes. My advice has always been to make tax decisions based upon what the tax laws are now, not what they may be down the road. I would love it if we were in an environment of tax certainty, however, we are not. Even if the current tax law is extended for the two years, that is not a long time. In addition, does anyone think that we won't have other tax law changes over the next two years? The reality is we are in an environment where tax laws are ever-changing and, therefore, we have to make decisions based upon what the law is today and not speculate too much about the future.

Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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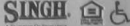
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Getting ready to cut the ribbon at the new Steppingstone School, from left, Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis, board president Rich Niemisto, Head of School Kiyo Morse and Mary Engelman, Greater Farmington Area Chamber executive director.

# Steppingstone School settles into new digs

With the sun shining to signify its bright future, Steppingstone School marked the official opening of its new campus on Friday, Dec. 3, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mary Engelman, executive director of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber, held the ribbon while Head of School, Kiyo Morse, cut the ribbon in the recently named Son Room near the library. Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis spoke a few words acknowledging the value of Steppingstone in the community, and Morse thanked everyone who came to celebrate this "official" grand opening.

Among the guests were Farmington Hills City Manager Steve Brock and Economic Development Director Teri Arbenowske, as well as several other city officials and many local business owners and professionals.

John and Roda McAuliffe, parents of Steppingstone's first enrolled student, Patrick McAuliffe, all of whom reside in Canton, were also in attendance. Members of the board circulated with the many guests along with staff to answer questions about the repurposing project and plans for the future.

Steppingstone acknowledged Trustee Yong Son and general contractor, Sonny Son of Mich Construction, an Ypsilanti-based company, for their generous donation of time and services. Morse recognized the Sons for the untold hours of time they devoted toward the selection, purchase, and repurposing of the school within budget and for making the summer move-in deadline possible.

While enjoying a light lunch, guests were able to tour the classrooms and discuss the educational program with students, parents, and faculty.

Steppingstone School for Gifted Education believes that every child deserves a satisfying and challenging learning experience; in order to receive this, gifted children need a different program. Steppingstone is an elementary and middle day school (Young Kindergarten - Grade 8) with a full academic and enrichment curriculum dedicated to addressing the unique and individual needs facing many gifted children.

Steppingstone was founded in 1981 by the current head of school, Kiyo A. Morse, to help a group of families who urgently needed an educational program for their gifted children. After more than 25 years of development, the curriculum provides integrated in-depth studies and enrichment as well as problem solving and critical thinking skills. Supplementing the basic curriculum, the school also offers fine arts, foreign languages, discovery science, computer programming, and a unique physical fitness program that includes fencing and instructional swimming.

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## Cox budget plan passes first reading

The Wayne County Commission is one step closer to budgeting on a multi-year cycle.

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia), Chairperson of the Commission's Committee on Ways and Means, has proposed an ordinance that would place Wayne County on a multi-year budget cycle, a move that she says will provide cost savings and realize greater financial efficiency.

"The time is now for fiscal responsibility," Cox said, pointing out the county is in the throes of a budget deficit that is approaching \$300 million. "A multi-year budget will improve long-term financial planning and priority setting."

Cox's proposal moved through a first reading at

the Commission's Dec. 2 full board session. It will now return to the Ways and Means Committee for fine tuning before being voted on for final approval and adoption by the 15-member commission.

Cox's vision for a multi-year budget — budgeting for no less than two years at a time — would proactively anticipate deficits, allowing for an equitable allocation over a longer period of time. This, she said, would lessen harsh negative financial impacts in any single year. If approved, the ordinance would go into effect on Jan. 1.

Cox represents the 10th District in Wayne County, which includes portions of Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

## Farmington Community Band free concert Sunday

Farmington Community Band Presents "The Big FCB Variety Showcase!" at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Harrison High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills.

The concert is free and open to the public. Harrison High School is on 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt.

The central theme for this 45th milestone season is "musical variety" showcasing the signature FCB sound and wind ensembles that have shaped the instrumental group's 45 year legacy.

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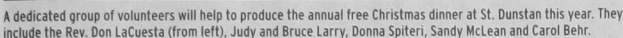
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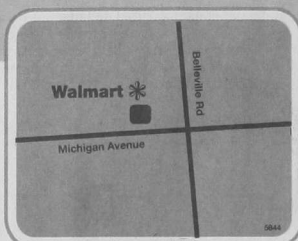
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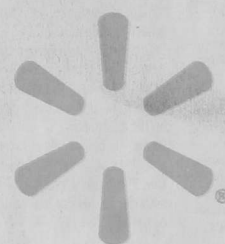


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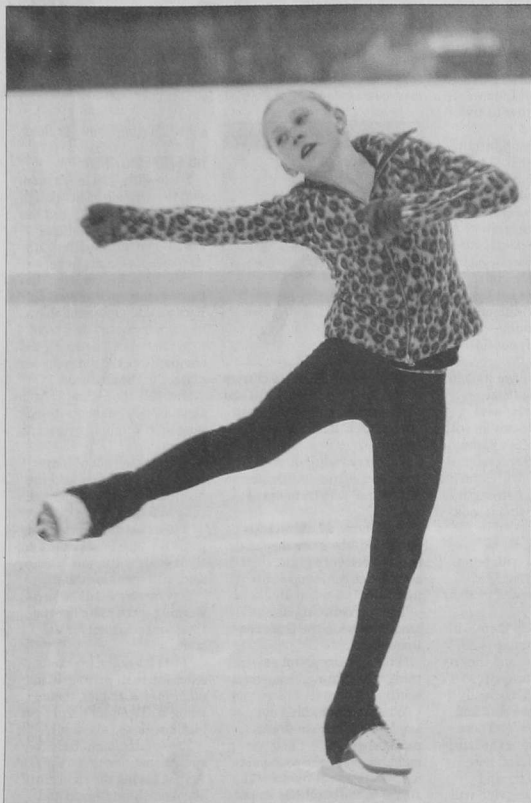
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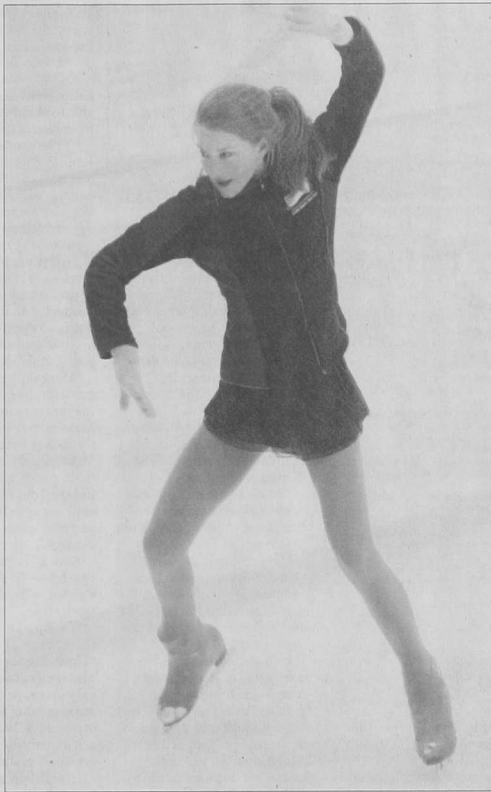




# Cutting edge



Isabella Falsetti, 12, of Novi works on a routine at Canton Arctic Edge in preparation for this week's U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships in Utah.



It doesn't matter to Canton's Delaney Hoberecht, 13, where she skates – even the junior nationals this week. She just loves to show what she can do.

## 'Cats earn first win for coach

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob DeBear notched his first victory as head coach of the Plymouth varsity girls basketball team Friday night, as the Wildcats trounced Ann Arbor Skyline, 54-26.

The Wildcats (1-3) featured a lineup where just about everybody made a nice contribution to the victory.

"It was a pretty easy game," DeBear said. "The story was balanced scoring and a lot better (scoring) at the free-throw line."

After sinking just three free throws in Tuesday's loss to Walled Lake Central, Plymouth far exceeded that just from the efforts of junior forward Isis Haywood — who canned 10-of-17 attempts from the charity stripe.

Haywood tallied 16 points to pace the attack, with Kylie Robb and Kate Watson each registering eight.

Other Plymouth contributors included Taylor Birman (six points), Alex Roberts and Jada Woody (five each).

### Huron nips Rocks

A late run by host Ann Arbor Huron cost Salem in a non-conference contest Friday night, as the Hurons won 53-49.

The Rocks (1-2) stayed in the mix until the third, when the Hurons outscored them 17-10.

"We played a pretty good game," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "We just came up a little short at the end."

Scoring 21 points for the Rocks was Bri Berberet, with Heidi Schmidt tallying eight points and five rebounds.

Also playing well were Breanne Beaver (seven points, five rebounds) and Kate Heitmeier (10 boards).

**PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 40, ANDOVER 34:** In this Tuesday night girls basketball game at Bloomfield Hills Andover, Brianna Harris scored 12 points — despite missing the third quarter due to illness — to lead the Eagles.

Plymouth Christian also benefited from strong, all-around games from Karen Windle and

## Young figure skaters excelling at something they love to do

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### JUNIOR NATIONALS

Off the ice, words tumble softly and measured out of the mouths of Isabella Falsetti and Delaney Hoberecht.

But when 12-year-old "Izzy" and Delaney, 13, hit the ice at Canton Arctic Edge for another round of precision-packed spins and jumps, their eyes become the size of gold medals.

Forget interviews. Both Arctic Figure Skating Club members love to skate and compete — which they will do later this week at the 2011 U.S.

Junior Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Isabella and Delaney qualified for junior nationals in individual freestyle (singles), while Isabella also earned a spot in the pairs competition with 16-year-old Justin Highgate-Brutman of Detroit.

"She speaks more on the ice with her skating," said Isabella's dad, Rodney Falsetti of Novi. "I've noticed that Izzy really comes alive more out on the ice."

And why not? It's that exhilarating frozen stage that beckons her and Delaney both.

Delaney's mom certainly understands the attraction.

"If you're not a skater, I don't think you know what that feeling is like," said Canton's Becky Hoberecht, watching her daughter's latest practice. "Because for those kids who have moved on, to college or whatever, that ice always calls them back. There's just something about that."

Becky's daughter took to the sport as soon as she was introduced to it, skating on a pond in Oxford about

seven years ago.

"It was so much fun that I wanted to start with the basic skills," Delaney said. "It was just like this pure joy and I wanted to continue."

Fast forward to December 2010. That joy is still written all over her face. It's not just because she still skates, but because she can "show people what I can do," Delaney said with a grin.

The same goes for Izzy, who like Delaney is making her second appearance at the junior nationals. Both

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## Icers pick up Canton-Plymouth rivalry

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was another hard-hitting battle between Canton and Plymouth before jammed-packs stands.

This time, it wasn't football. The host Chiefs and Wildcats played to a 2-2 tie in a KLA South Division varsity boys hockey game at Canton Arctic Edge.

"This rivalry we've had for the last couple years," said Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, whose team is 5-1-1 and 3-0-1 in the division. "It was nitty gritty last year (and) it's kind of a spoiler relationship."

"Tonight was a great game, both

teams battled hard and it showed on the scoreboard."

According to Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender, whose team is 2-0-3 so far, Canton's physical style of play took a lot out of his squad.

"They're big, they're strong and I really think they tired us out," Fassbender said. "We had guys that almost couldn't go any more they were so tired."

"Third period, we came out and battled and we started getting momentum. I don't know where they found it in them, they're gassed."

### PRIME TIME

The players knew the prime-time

matchup between campus rivals would be a good one, and Plymouth senior defenseman and co-captain Justin Bauer said it definitely was.

Bauer, who scored the game's first goal in the opening period, said his team wanted to once again show it can take care of Canton — as the football team did during the recent playoffs.

"Everybody was here to cheer us on," Bauer said. "We wanted to show them that, since Plymouth won in the (football) playoffs against Canton, we've got to show them we can do it again."

Bauer put his team on the board

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With Plymouth goalie Michael Justus (No. 20) down and out, Canton's Shawn May (No. 3) just can't reach the puck.

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# Figure skaters rely on each other

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's no different than becoming a standout in any other sport.

If you ask either Isabella Falsetti or Justin Highgate-Brutman, becoming a top-notch figure skating partnership requires a grueling work-out schedule in order to master the graceful.

They practically live at Canton Arctic Edge throughout the year, tweaking and honing their routine so that they are able to reach lofty goals such as qualifying for the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships (this week in Salt Lake City).

Last Monday, Novi resident Falsetti and Detroit's Highgate-Brutman worked on their "death spiral" move and looked to have it down.

The 16-year-old Highgate-Brutman — a longtime hockey player whose unique agility redirected him into figure skating four years ago — and Isabella, 12, repeated the sequence before the eyes of pairs coaches Johnny Johns and Adrienne Lenda.

With hands locked into each other's, Justin whirled the close-to-the-ice Isabella like a propeller just an inch or so above the ice.

Then, he lifted his 75-pound partner up over his head and launched into a rapid spin.

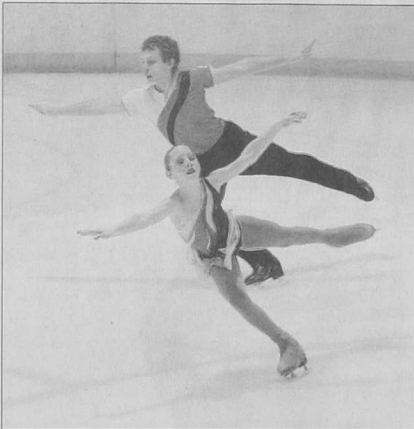
The two skaters circled the ice with every choreographed move completely in sync.

"We're progressing fast and really good," said Highgate-Brutman, who only started skating with Falsetti over the summer. "It's (improving) mostly in lifts and throws."

He added that they now are at the point where muscle memory takes over, where they just go out and do it.

And watching them practice throws out any notion that figure skaters just twirl around and try to look nice.

"They're both fast skaters, which is good in pairs," said Isabella's dad, Rodney



ARNOLD BRUTMAN

Set to skate in the pairs competition at junior nationals are Isabella Falsetti and Justin Highgate-Brutman, shown from a previous event.

## Junior Nationals schedule

Following is the schedule for the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Monday, Dec. 13
  - Unofficial Practice Ice
- Tuesday, Dec. 14
  - Official Practices - Intermediate Ladies, Intermediate Men
  - Unofficial Practice Ice
- Wednesday, Dec. 15
  - Official Practices - Juvenile Girls, Juvenile Boys
  - Qualifying Rounds - Intermediate Ladies, Intermediate Men
  - Opening Ceremony
- Thursday, Dec. 16
  - Official Practices - Intermediate Pairs, Juvenile Pairs, Intermediate Dance, Juvenile Dance
  - Qualifying Rounds - Juvenile Girls, Juvenile Boys
- Friday, Dec. 17
  - Short Program Final Rounds
  - Intermediate Ladies, Intermediate Men
  - Pattern Dance - Intermediate Dance, Juvenile Dance
  - Free Style - Intermediate Pairs, Juvenile Pairs
- Saturday, Dec. 18
  - Free Style Final Rounds - Intermediate Ladies, Intermediate Men, Juvenile Girls, Juvenile Boys
  - Free Dance - Intermediate Dance, Juvenile Dance
  - Awards Ceremony
  - Competitors Party

Falsetti. "They (judges) like to see speed. Both of them are strong."

Also working with the duo to help them get ready for

junior nationals is their jumps coach, Steven Pottenger of Canton. He discussed the difference between singles and pairs, two areas of competition that Isabella Falsetti will experience at junior nationals.

"You get to spin, you get to entertain (in singles)," Pottenger said. "You're out there by yourself, so it's a kind of different feel. Even if you make a mistake, you're normally the only one that knows it, even your coach."

"Whereas in pairs, if there's a mistake you can see it, because the other person's not matching you."

Having strong verbal and visual communication cues is essential for on-ice success. It is apparent that the Isabella-Justin duo is on target in that department.

Isabella, meanwhile, enjoys competing as part of a duo more than going solo.

"Cuz I'm not alone out there, I'm not as afraid," she said. "I have someone supporting me. Sometimes, when I make a mistake, I don't want him to feel like it's his fault."

## SKATERS

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made the cut at October's Eastern Great Lakes Regionals in Nashville, Tenn.

### WORKING IT OUT

That's pretty fast for someone who at age 7 gave up gymnastics for figure skating to follow the lead of her older sister, Mikaela.

"The jumps I really like, and the speed," Izzy said. "I'm proud of myself and I can do better there and get better and better as I keep skating."

Her early morning and late afternoon ice sessions booked school days, and one gets the impression she'd never leave the rink if she didn't have to.

And why not, as long as she has parents and grandparents able to chauffeur her to and from Arctic Edge?

"It's kind of a family affair," Rodney Falsetti said. "I take her, her grandfather takes her and her mom (Sally) takes her. She's here sometimes twice a day, four times a week."

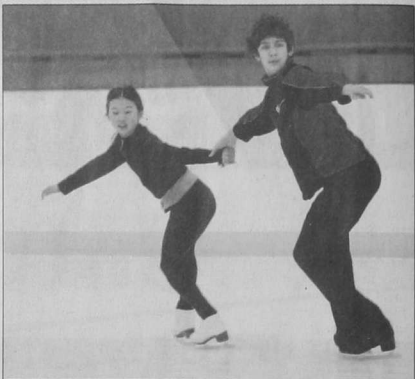
According to Arctic Figure Skating Club primary coach Theresa McKendry, going to junior nationals is a by-product of that willingness to put in so many hours — and become supremely confident young athletes in the process.

"All of the kids have started out with the goal of making junior nationals," said McKendry, who teams up with secondary coach Lisa Kirby. "And they all worked really hard, practiced extra, came in extra, did off-ice strength training and did what it took and they all succeeded in doing it."

Both girls train with jumps coach Steven Pottenger of Canton, who is wowed by their work ethic.

"I'm hired to help them with their jumps," Pottenger said. "That's fun for me, and they're also really good jumpers, so it's easy on my part. They really enjoy coming to the rink and attacking it every day. These are probably some of the hardest workers you'll find here."

In addition to Izzy and Delaney, the skating club will be represented by Daniel Li and the pairs tandem of 11-year-old Sophia Dai of Canton



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Sophia Dai of Canton and her partner, Wixom's Jeffrey Fishman, polish up their routine before making the trip to Salt Lake City.



Daniel Li of Ann Arbor is one of seven skaters going to junior nationals who either are members of Arctic Figure Skating Club or train regularly there.

and Jeffrey Fishman. Also going are Justin and Daniel Takayama, who train out of Arctic Edge.

McKendry, a Canton resident, said "the more they skate and the better they get, their confidence comes up automatically."

That certainly applies among those in the Utah contingent.

"I don't worry about anything, just skating," Isabella said.

Whether smoothing out any kinks in her singles or pairs programs — the latter including her spin-your-partner "death spiral" move with Justin — the big thing for Izzy is practice makes perfect.

"It makes us feel good that we can get it down," Isabella

said. "That we know it's clean."

### NO STOPPING THEM

Meanwhile, Delaney's mom said for as much as her daughter loves to skate, she also has a very serious, competitive side. When it's showtime, it's the place she wants to be.

"She loves to compete. That's her very favorite thing to do," Becky said. "One thing that's nice is she doesn't ever seem to get nervous. The stiffer the competition, the more she sort of rises to the challenge."

One gets the feeling Izzy and Delaney don't plan on stopping their competitive ascent, either.

When asked about long-term goals, Delaney said she just moves up the ladder one rung at a time.

"I just take the short-term goals because I know the long-term goals will come," Delaney said, still speaking quietly.

Izzy merely wants to keep working, perfecting her routines and reaching for the stars.

"First it's doing my double axle, and then getting all my other jumps, triples, then going to Olympics when I get all those done," she said.

These girls might be soft-spoken, but don't mistake that for not having the right stuff. It comes through loud and clear that they do.

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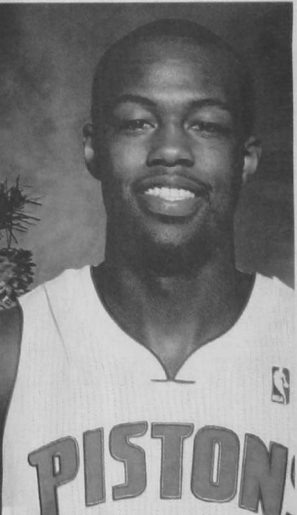
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# Mercy trio, North's Krause earn all-area honors

**ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM**  
**MADDY DOYLE, Jr. OH, F.H.**  
**Mercy:** The petite, 5-foot-8 junior doesn't look like she'd be an imposing hitter with a powerful swing, but that quickly becomes apparent once the match starts. She led the Marlins to a second straight Final Four appearance in the Class A tournament with her hitting, but she's also a quality, all-round player. Doyle had 816 kills, 498 digs and 42 aces. She is a repeat member of the all-area first team.

**CORY URBATS, Sr. S, Liv. Churchill:** The 5-7 senior setter is one of the most accomplished players in Churchill volleyball history leading the Chargers to a 149-17 three-year record.

Urbats earned all-KLAA, all-Region 18 and third-team Class A all-state honors this season for the state quarterfinalists. She was also a member of Churchill's state semifinal teams her junior and sophomore seasons.

This season, Urbats set a school record with 1,201 assist-to-kills and holds the career mark with 3,113. Both are MHSAA records as well.

Urbats also carries a 4.34 grade-point average and is a MIVCA academic all-stater.

"Taking all the volleyball athletes we've had at Churchill, Cory is clearly the best of the best," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said.

**KARA KEMPINSKI, Sr. Libero, Liv. Churchill:** The 5-6 senior libero anchored the Chargers' defense with a total of 853 digs (6.8 per set), second all-time in a single season.

Kempinski also ranks second all-time at Churchill in career digs (1,334).

She earned all-KLAA, all-Region 18 and Class A honorable mention all-state honors this fall.

"A lot of our success the past two seasons is a direct result of the hard-nosed, aggressive play that Kara gave us," Grenier said. "She epitomizes the calling card of Churchill volleyball, which is all about defense. Her pinpoint and accurate passing, along with her defense, enable us to get into our offense and be successful. Kara's positive attitude and work ethic will be sorely missed next year."

**KATY ROONEY, Jr. MH, Liv. Ladywood:** The 6-1 senior middle hitter earned all-Catholic, all-Region 18 and second-team all-state honors in Class B as the Blazers reached the state semifinals.

Rooney, headed to NCAA Division I Lafayette College (Pa.), finished with 337 kills on the year (3.4 per set) to go along with 102 total blocks.

"Katy was just a phenomenal leader for us this year, on and off the court," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "She was our top offensive threat and was very difficult to defend when we were in system."

"Katy was a tremendous blocker, averaging over a block per set."

**HALIE BAKER, Sr. OH, Westland Glenn:** The 5-9 senior outside hitter, headed to Siena Heights, led the Class A regional finalists with 437 total kills (3.6 per set) to go along with 69 solo blocks and 33 block-assists.

The all-KLAA and all-Region 18 selection also collected 62 aces in 120 sets.

Baker was also chosen by her teammates for the Best Offense award.

"Halie really took charge at the net this season," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "She was committed to her team, and unanimously voted as one of the three team captains. She will be greatly missed by the John Glenn volleyball program."

**KATIE HORTON, Soph. MH, Wayne:** The 6-1 sophomore is one of the best kept secrets in the state as she led the Zebras in kills averaging six per set.

Horton was also an all-KLAA and scholar-athletic selection.

"Blocking is also a strong point for Katie," Wayne coach Deb Mills said. "She played both middle hitter and back row this year because we needed her to. She has a great attitude on and off the court. Currently there are several Big

Ten teams looking at Katie including Michigan, Penn State and Ohio State."

**JENNY RHODES, Sr. OH-Libero, Liv. Ladywood:** The 5-8 junior libero and outside hitter earned both all-Catholic, all-Region 18 and third-team Class B all-state recognition for state semifinalists.

Rhodes finished the season with 445 digs (4.7 per set) and served at a 92 percent rate with 56 aces. She only had 42 errors in 630 serve receptions.

"Jenny did everything for us this year," Craggs said. "She is a tremendous athlete and played wherever she was needed at the time."

"Her best position is libero, but was an outside for us during the state tournament run. She was a our top serve receiver and led the team in digs all season. Jenny also has a great serve that kept team from effectively running their side-out offense."

**EMILY NORSCIA, Soph. MH, Liv. Churchill:** The 6-1 sophomore earned all-KLAA and all-Region 18 accolades after racking up 622 kills, sixth all-time in a single season at Churchill.

Norscia's kill percentage was .405 and she also finished with 49 aces.

"Emily made the transition from a middle blocker to an outside hitter," Grenier said. "And she had an outstanding season leading us to a quarter-final finish."

"I look forward to see what Emily can do for her junior season. And with the improvement she has made, she'll definitely be one of the most dominate hitters in the state."

**BROOKE ZYWICK, Sr. Libero, Westland Glenn:** The 5-4 libero, headed to NCAA Division I Marist College (N.Y.), racked up 807 total digs (7.2 per set) en route to all-KLAA and all-Region 18 honors.

Zywick also had a passing rating of 2.46 and added 80 aces in 112 sets.

"Brooke had an amazing season," Hubbard said. "Not only was she unanimously voted by her teammates to be one of the three team captains, but she also received the 'Best Defense' award, also chosen by her teammates."

Zywick also excels in the classroom with a 3.7 cumulative grade-point average. She is a three-time scholar-athlete and member of the National Honor Society.

**LINDSEY LERG, Jr. OH, F.H. Mercy:** The 5-foot-7 outside is a quality hitter in her own right and a perfect complement to Doyle on the other side of the frontcourt. Lerg was a major factor in Mercy (52-8-2) being the Catholic League champion and Class A runner-up to two-time winner Marian. She also never leaves the floor during a match and excels in the backcourt, too. Lerg, a repeat selection for the all-area first team, had 736 kills, 517 digs and 53 aces.

**KAITLYN KRAUSE, Sr. Setter, N. Farmington:** The 5-11 senior setter and all-round player excels in all phases of the game. She averaged 7.3 assists per game and had 569 total. Krause had 113 kills and a .378 kill percentage, and she also had 84 blocks (30/54), 184 digs and 11 aces. A two-time, all-area pick, Krause has a scholarship to play at nationally-ranked Dayton.

"For me, at North, I don't think I'll ever be able to replace a kid like that," coach Joe Lamagno said. "She's a great athlete and leader. It's going to be a rough time, trying to find somebody to do what she can do. When we were down and needed a spark, we looked to Kaitlyn to help us."

"Dayton is an extremely athletic team, and Kaitlyn is a perfect fit because she's athletic as well. She's smart, fast and doesn't lack confidence. This is what she has worked for since she was 12 or 13, and she's done everything right to get there."

**NICOLE MERGET, Sr. MH, Salem:** One of the best volleyball players to ever play for Salem, the Division I-bound Merget finished strong for the 30-9-3 Rocks.

The fourth-year varsity player totaled 541 kills and 95 blocks (19 solo) to lead the team in both categories. She added 48 aces and 212 digs.



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Mercy



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Churchill



Kara Kempinski  
Churchill



Katy Rooney  
Ladywood



Halie Baker  
John Glenn



Katie Horton  
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## 2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM

Maddy Doyle, Jr. OH, Farm. Hills Mercy  
Cory Urbats, Sr. S, Liv. Churchill  
Kara Kempinski, Sr. Libero, Liv. Churchill  
Katy Rooney, Jr. MH, Liv. Ladywood  
Halie Baker, Sr. OH, Westland Glenn  
Katie Horton, Soph. MH, Wayne  
Jenny Rhodes, Sr. OH-Libero, Ladywood  
Emily Norscia, Soph. MH, Liv. Churchill  
Brooke Zywick, Sr. Libero, Westland Glenn  
Lindsey Lerg, Jr. OH, Farm. Hills Mercy  
Kaitlyn Krause, Sr. Setter, N. Farmington  
Nicole Merget, Sr. MH, Salem  
Kristin Malcolm, Jr. MB, Ply. Christian  
Kristen Muir, Jr. OH, Canton  
Brooke Ruffolo, Sr. Libero, F.H. Mercy  
Brittany Bejma, Sr. Setter, Garden City  
Kayla Bridge, Sr. OH, Plymouth

## SECOND TEAM

Kelli Young, Jr. OH, Farmington  
Reina Tyl, Sr. OH, Liv. Stevenson  
Kerry MacDonald, Sr. Setter, Salem  
Alaina Turner, Jr. MB, Canton  
Kenzie Kettner, Jr. OH, Liv. Ladywood  
Samantha Zalewski, Sr. MB, Garden City  
Andrea Phillips, Sr. MH, Farm. Harrison  
Monika Rudis, Sr. OH, Liv. Stevenson

## THIRD TEAM

Chelsea Williams, Sr. OH, Liv. Franklin  
Jillian Sommerville, Sr. MH, Salem  
Natalie Petrella, Sr. Setter, Farmington  
Mariah Tesarz, Sr. Libero, Plymouth  
Elena Lamping, Jr. MH, F.H. Mercy  
Ashley Williams, Sr. OH, Farmington  
Kaitlyn Schoepner, Soph. MH, N. Farm.  
Erica DeShazo, Soph. OH, Canton

## FOURTH TEAM

Keri Horton, Jr. MH, Wayne  
Ryan Elequin, Sr. Setter, Redford Union  
Brianna Harris, Sr. Setter, Ply. Christian  
Ashley Murphy, Soph. OH, Clarencville  
Leah Miller, Sr. OH, Huron Valley Lutheran  
Amanda Terranella, Jr. MH, Luth. Westland  
Julie Plummer, Sr. OH, N. Farmington  
Danielle Risi, Sr. OH, Plymouth  
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## COACH OF THE YEAR

Kelly Blackney, Plymouth Christian

## HONORABLE MENTION

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Merget was named to the All-KLAA, all-region and all-state teams while also being on the all-tourney team for the prestigious "Beast of the East" tourney.

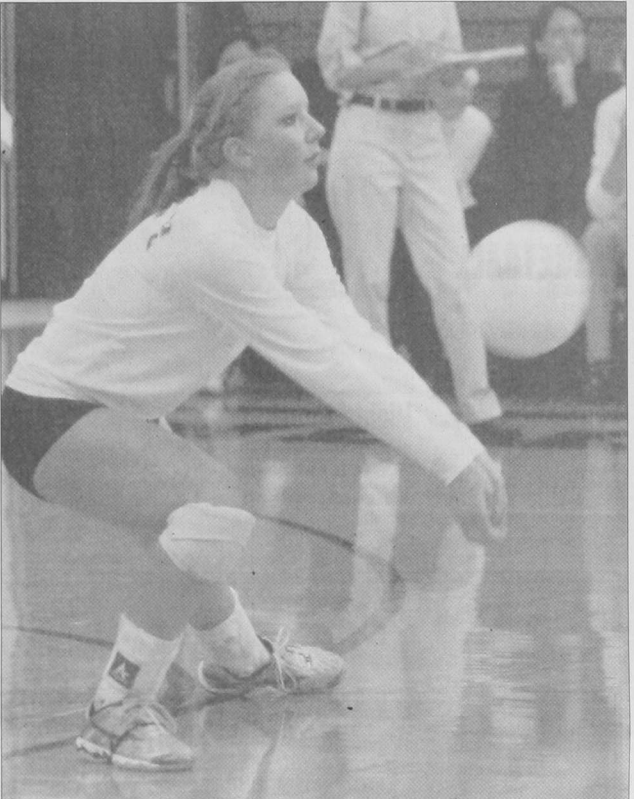
"Nicole had the most kills on our team and blocks," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "It goes to show not only can she play offense well she also is a great defensive player."

"She is so explosive at the net and has really been a big leader for us this year."

Merget will play volleyball at D1 Jacksonville State in Alabama.

**KRISTIN MALCOLM, Jr. MB, Ply. Christian:** The junior's all-around excellence keyed Plymouth Christian's march all the way to the Class D finals.

Malcolm led the Eagles with



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Senior libero Brooke Ruffolo is one of three Mercy players on the all-area volleyball first team.

436 kills and 75 blocks and helped the cause with 217 digs and 39 service aces.

Her coach, Kelly Blackney, said the third-year player really has emerged as a confident, dominant team leader who sets the tone for the rest of the squad.

"Our team's talent ran pretty deep this year," Blackney said. "But Kristin played a vital role in leading the team to the state finals."

"She was a major threat on offense as well as defense, and because of her leadership as captain, her teammates followed in her work ethic and passion for the sport."

**KRISTEN MUIR, Jr. OH, Canton:** The consistently clutch, hard-hitting junior was a catalyst for many Canton rallies, connecting to the tune of 390 kills for the 29-11-3 Chiefs.

Muir also was solid on defense (639 kills) and at the service stripe, where she tallied 62 aces. In serve-receive, she was successful on 440 of 459 attempts (96 percent).

For her efforts, she was named to the All-KLAA and all-region teams.

"Kristen was someone that everyone looked to and was always a spark of energy on the court," said Chiefs' head coach Mary Kryska. "Kristen is an amazing player both offensively and defensively. She was one of our strongest players and had great leadership."

**BROOKE RUFFOLO, Sr. Libero, F.H. Mercy:** During a regional tournament match in November, the mother of an opposing player said of the Mercy defense: "They get to everything; they're all over the floor!" The Marlins often frustrated the other team's offense, and Ruffolo was a major reason why. A two-year starter at libero, she was the leader of "the most tenacious defense in the state," according to the Mercy program. Ruffolo led the undersized but highly

effective Mercy defense with 764 digs. She also had 29 aces.

**BRITTANY BEJMA, Sr. Setter, Garden City:** A three-year starter in head coach John Pace's lineup, Bejma was the heart and soul of a Cougars squad that swept through league play with a perfect 10-0 ledger and registered 18 victories overall. A setter, Bejma, who battled through injuries all year, averaged nine assists per set, was good on 96 percent of her serve attempts and compiled a 4.38 ace-to-error ratio. She finished with 57 aces on the season, 799 assists, 186 kills and 224 digs in 88 games.

"She's a fabulous volleyball player and a great leader and great captain," Pace said. "Her best skill is her volleyball theory. She always knew what to do with the ball. If the middle blocker went one way, she knew she should go the other way. She always knew her way out."

"She was the epitome of a great teammate. She wanted to win more than anything else and did an outstanding job of that all three years."

**KAYLA BRIDGE, Sr. OH, Plymouth:** The senior was a strong, reliable performer throughout her high school career and 2010 was no exception.

Bridge amassed 265 kills, 436 digs, 25 blocks and led the 21-13-4 Wildcats in serving (97-percent success rate).

For her efforts, the third-year varsity player was named to the All-KLAA and all-region teams.

"I have been most impressed by the way in which her all-around game has improved," said Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland. "She could always hit, but I am proud of her improvements in the backcourt."

McCausland added that Bridge's high level of play and leadership qualities did not go unnoticed by teammates, who

voted her the team's MVP.

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**KELLY BLACKNEY, Plymouth Christian:** The little team that could. That's what Plymouth Christian Academy's Eagles have become under the guidance of third-year head coach Kelly Blackney.

Only 19 players tried out for the school's varsity and junior varsity teams combined, but Blackney assembled a solid roster featuring junior Kristin Malcolm that took care of business.

"We saw that although we are from a small school, ... we can compete with bigger schools," Blackney emphasized. "Unlike years past, we didn't view ourselves as the underdog, we walked in the gym with confidence and brought it out on the court."

"We took big risks, and that led to rewards that we could have only imagined before."

Anchored by their faith and team camaraderie, PCA (30-10-2) rolled through the MIAC and then defeated Lutheran Westland in the district finals. The team kept going through regionals and state quarterfinals, reaching the Final Four at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

After a riveting five-set victory in the semis against Central Lake, the Eagles were ousted in the finals by Battle Creek St. Phillip to make the Tigers champs for the third straight year.

"Our team this year was so successful because they began the season with passion, enthusiasm and dedication and carried it out throughout the entire season," Blackney said. "Our athletic director (Rick Swiley) did a great job at scheduling us to play against tough competitors and that really helped develop our level of play."

"But more importantly, it helped develop our confidence in each other and in our team."

## Salem starts with victories

The Salem bowling teams had a solid start to the season on Tuesday in a KLAAs cross-over against Brighton.

In the varsity girls match, the Rocks prevailed 15.5-to-14.5. Sophomore Kristin Larkins tallied strong games of 206 and 184 with other top performers including senior Ashley Kretschmer (149-166-315) and sophomore Bridget Maul (169-169-338).

Salem's varsity boys tied 15-15 despite 200-plus scores from three bowlers. Senior Ryan Clark posted scores of 249 and 247 for an outstanding 496 series.

Junior David Nikkila (207-193-400) and freshman Steven Cadwell (261) also had excellent showings.

Meanwhile, the JV boys won 19-11, behind scores of 246 by sophomore Jimmy Bowling, 176 by senior Eli Engle and 160 by freshman Brandon Allison.

### Wildcats roll wins

Eric Thompson's high game of 288 sparked visiting Plymouth's varsity boys team to a 24-6 season-opening win over Waterford on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats' girls also won, 22-8, while the Plymouth JV earned a 29-1 victory.

## BASKETBALL

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Jenny Malcolm, who each tallied nine points and nine rebounds.

"I was very pleased that we stepped up defensively as a team," PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said. "I was also glad the kids played through the third quarter while Brianna was out of the game. Brianna is a senior and a leader but the other players just played as if she was still on the court."



### Silver Flyers

The Canton Victory Honda Squirt house hockey team, the Canton Flyers, recently garnered a silver medal at the Motown Cup Hockey Tournament in Brownstown. Members of the team include: (back row, from left) assistant coach Pat Dowd, head coach Dean Garber, assistant coach James Organ; (middle row, from left) Michael St. Jean, Maxwell Craggs, Brandon Garber, Kurt Faerber, Ethan Sena; (front row, from left), William Skaggs, Josh Organ, Devin Dowd, Kaleb Brabbs, Jacob Dowd, Andy Skomra, Matt McLeod; (sitting) Rami Itini and Josh Montroy.



### Mighty Mites!

The Canton Victory Honda Mite A '03 team swept their 4-game division and went on to beat the Livingston Lightning team in the finals to win the championship with a score of 3-2. The tournament was the 2010 Eddie Edgar LHA Thanksgiving Challenge in Livonia. The team ranges in age from 6-7 years old.

## RIVALRY

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with 9:05 left in the first on a power-play goal, a slapper from the middle of the blue line that beat Canton junior netminder Spencer Craig (17 saves).

But the Chiefs found an answer before the end of the opening period when senior forward Phil Baciak roofed a rebound past Plymouth senior netminder Michael Justus (19 saves).

At 2:49 of the middle period, Canton took a 2-1 lead thanks to an excellent individual play by senior forward and co-captain Jordan Smith.

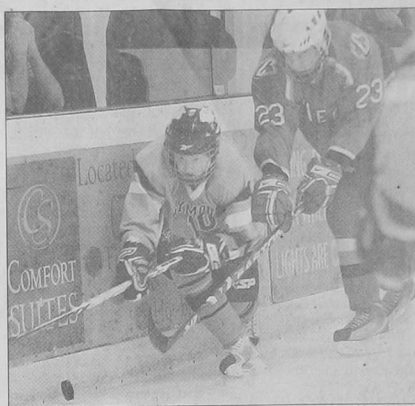
He rushed down the left boards and cut in toward the Plymouth net, sending a crisp feed to the on-rushing Taylor Baker. The junior forward made no mistake with it.

Back-to-back Canton penalties helped set up a two-man advantage for the Wildcats and they tied it up at 2-2 as a result.

Junior forward Sean Smiatcz dished the puck over to senior blueliner Tyler Lazorka, who took a couple of strides inside the blue line and whipped a wrist shot that eluded the apparently screened Craig.

Both teams had chances for the game-winning goal in the third, to no avail.

A hard shot by Bauer glanced off Craig's trapper and fluttered over the crossbar,



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Fighting for a loose puck Friday night are Plymouth's Mitch Claggett (No. 10) and Canton's Josh Dickinson (No. 23).

with about 11 minutes to go. Then Canton senior forward AJ Rosales' one-timer from the slot was blocked by Justus. Plymouth enjoyed a late power play, but were unable to get any clear-cut chances.

"It was trickling by the net the whole time," Bauer said. "We just couldn't put it in."

**HARRISON 3, CANTON 2:** On Wednesday at Arctic Edge, goals by seniors AJ Rosales and Jimmy LaFontaine were not enough to get past Farmington Hills Harrison in this non-conference game.

LaFontaine also had an assist, as did juniors Zack

McArdle and Taylor Baker. **PLYMOUTH 3, CHURCHILL 2:** Brilliant goalkeeping from Plymouth senior Michael Justus enabled the visiting Wildcats to nip Livonia Churchill at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Justus stopped 38 of 40 shots, and his teammates came through with enough offense for the KLAAs South victory.

Scoring twice for the Wildcats was Tyler Sanders, with Nick Schultz also finding the mark.

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## Nadratowski sparks 'Cats with 21 points

Plymouth senior Mike Nadratowski scored 21 points to pace a 62-46 win over Ann Arbor Skyline on Friday night.

The Wildcats (2-1) went on an 18-7 tear in the third quarter, which went a long way toward clinching the win.

Other Plymouth standouts

included seniors Brennen Beyer (15 points, 11 rebounds) and Pat Salo (10 points, five boards).

Plymouth varsity boys basketball head coach Mike Soukup also credited the hustle from Zach Yokom and Jake Morris, "who contributed multiple second-chance

opportunities and hustle plays which don't show up on the scoresheet.

### Chiefs fall

Host Canton fell to 0-2 on the young season, losing by a 66-55 score to Detroit King in a non-conference matchup.

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# Oh thrifty tree, oh thrifty tree

Decorate the Christmas evergreen with second-hand treasures

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Christmas tree decorating on the cheap?

It's possible and fun — you just have to think outside the (ornament) box.

"Piece of cake," said Michael Saine, manager of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift shop in Westland. "Our prices are very reasonable. You really can make sure you stretch your dollars."

"Here's ribbon, anywhere from 99 cents to 49 cents. You can coordinate those with your bulbs. They're a buck to \$1.99 a box. The older vintage bulbs go a little higher — three bucks."

In addition to bolts of unopened and unused ribbon, the store carries Christmas stockings, lights, ceramic figurines, wreaths, soft ornaments and stuffed animals, candles, window decals, and more in its seasonal aisles. But as Saine points out, just about anything that fits on a branch can become a holiday trim with a little ingenuity.

"We've had good luck with these," he said, showing off a Santa-shaped pepper shaker. Thread an ornament hook or paper clip through two of the holes at the top of any empty salt or pepper shaker and you're ready to create a theme tree.

"Salt and pepper shakers. Now you've got a plethora of ornaments. This can actually remind you of a special time or event."



Michael Saine of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul says small stuffed animals and toys, like the kind he's holding, can be used as tree decorations.



Ceramic salt shakers can double as Christmas tree ornaments.

Use light, small soft toys that can be threaded and hung or nestled in branches, as an homage to childhood or pets. Keep them on higher branches away from small hands or paws.

### FROM TABLE TO TREE

"Just about anything can be incorporated into your tree. Something I've seen successfully done is little baby gift boxes, the ones you wrap little presents in, jewelry boxes. You wrap those and they make exceptional ornaments."

"You could theme your tree to just about anything. Just personalize it to you. It gives you a chance to show who you are. You'd be surprised how many conversations start with what's on your tree and you'd be surprised how many things evoke memories in other people."

Saine started selling fully-trimmed trees at the thrift store

four years ago, realizing that some individuals simply don't have the time to treasure hunt for ornaments or trim their own trees.

He figures the store has decorated and sold 45 trees this year. Some were used to create a path that led approximately 65 youngsters to Santa's throne earlier this month. The children got a chance to talk with him and pose for a free photo.

About a dozen trees were trimmed and ready for new homes last Monday. Store employee Barbara Flood of Redford will continue to trim until every bough is decorated.

She creates a theme or color scheme for every tree at the store as she does for her own tree at home.

"My tree this year is purple and silver. It's never the same tree twice," said Flood, who previously worked at a store that sold Christmas trims. "I made a red, white and blue tree about seven years ago at home. That was the most unusual."

### LOTS OF LIGHTS

At the store, Flood has decorated trees with natural trimmings, Disney-inspired items, and in college colors, to name a few. One tree, outfitted all in gold ornaments sold the same day she trimmed it. She spends from one to three hours on each tree and

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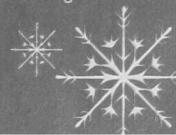
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## DON'T LET THEM FREEZE

The weather calls for a plunge in temperatures this week and that means dogs and cats left outdoors are in danger of dying from the cold.

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"Every winter, our cruelty investigators respond to hundreds of complaints about pets that are left outdoors without adequate shelter," stated Mark Ramos, MHS senior cruelty investigator. "We urge everyone to bring pets indoors, at minimum during the frigid winter months, to protect their pets and prevent needless suffering."

Clean, dry straw should be provided for bedding rather than towels, rugs or blankets, which absorb moisture and are freeze in frigid temperatures.

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If a person has lupus arthritis, the main threat is the cold. Cold brings on Raynaud's, the condition where the small arteries to the fingers clamp down causing the hand to turn white and feel numb and tingling. The key to preventing an attack of Raynaud's is to keep the hands warm. A person with Lupus may need to wear gloves even when retrieving the newspaper from the front lawn. Winter means taking time and using unusual care to protect the hands even with short exposure to outside weather.

For the person with gout, keeping the feet warm is of most importance. Cold precipitates a gout attack. Extra socks and a warm felt or flannel lined winter boots are as necessary as a hat and gloves. Also wear socks to bed at night as the bedroom tends to be the coldest and draftiest place in the house.

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## Learn ways to cope with loss

A Christmas Memorial candle lighting service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 at the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Livonia.

The funeral home has invited families it has served this year at the Livonia location and at the L.A. Turovski and Son Funeral Home in Canton. The service also is open to anyone in the public who lost a loved one last year.

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Perhaps it is the quiet gentleness of the heavenly maidens that reminds us of a better time and a better world. Perhaps it is the conviction of warriors dashing across the plains that tells us that good always defeats evil in the end. Or maybe it's just the timeless stories of courage and compassion, kindness and kinship.

Whatever it is, Shen Yun has touched the hearts of millions. "I cried a few times," one audience member confessed. "What I saw was power, honesty, and integrity—I am grateful for that." The show has graced some of the most prestigious stages in the world, from the Royal Festival Hall in London to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Shen Yun is more than just the world's premier classical Chinese performing arts company—it is an experience you won't want to miss.

### A PERFORMANCE 5,000 YEARS IN THE MAKING

A performance by Shen Yun is traditional Chinese culture as it was meant to be: a study in grace, wisdom, and all the virtues distilled from millennia of Chinese civilization. The classically trained dancers, musicians, and singers of Shen Yun Performing Arts share a vision: to revive and restore Chinese culture to its former, glorious state.

Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts is distinguished by its conscious effort to remain independent of China's communist regime, which has abused and impoverished the arts for decades. In fact, a show like Shen Yun can no longer be found in China today. As one well-traveled New Yorker noted: "I've seen China before with my eyes, but this show had me experience China with my soul."

### ONE OF THE MOST DEMANDING ART FORMS

No other art form in the world boasts such strong expressive qualities and diversity of technique as classical Chinese dance. It takes years of rigorous training to master the many leaps, flips, and delicate gestures. Dancers must also be versed in Chinese culture to achieve the bearing needed to bring ancient legends and heroic figures to life.

In addition to the classical forms, Shen Yun features the distinctive colors and styles of ethnic and folk dance. Choreographers draw upon over 20 dynasties and 50 ethnic groups to create pieces that range from the northern steppes of Mongolia to the lush forests of Yunnan. Among the most impressive elements of any Shen Yun show are the large-scale ensemble pieces in which dozens of dancers appear to move as one body across the stage.

Shen Yun has also created its very own brand of story-based dance, which often deals with universal, thought-provoking themes. As one distinguished ballet dancer noted, "There's a lot of depth and meaning. It's a new realm of dance."

### TWO GREAT CLASSICAL MUSIC TRADITIONS — ONE FRESH, UNEXPECTED SOUND

Some remarkable instruments such as the *pipa* or *erhu* date back more than 3,500 years, but the reality is very few Chinese instruments have made it to the world stage. To remedy this, the composers of Shen Yun bathe the distinctly Chinese sounds in a rich sea of Western strings, percussion, woodwinds, and brass. The result? A new and mesmerizing sound.

Each season, the composers create over 20 original scores. They work closely with the choreographers to ensure a seamless blending of the music with each and every dance.

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Barbara Flood of Redford decorates a tree at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in Westland.



An eclectic mix of Christmas items, all at bargain prices, await shoppers at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in Westland.

DECORATE  
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scours each batch of donated items for unique trims. She knows exactly what she has on hand and formulates a plan before decorating. Lots of lights are a must. She even adds lights to pre-lit trees to make them appear fuller.

"I have about 2,000 lights on my tree at home and it's a small tree. But it looks so full."

The decorated trees sell for \$29.99 to \$39.99 on average. A few exceptionally large trees can cost \$30 or \$40 more.

But Saine said even those are a bargain compared to

buying a new tree and trimmings from a retail outlet.

"Your artificial trees are going to be anywhere from \$29-\$79 and that's just for the tree. By the time you put the ornaments on you can easily tie \$250 into that tree."

Customers can take home a decorated tree either full-sized and wrapped or disassembled and placed in a box along with the trims.

Proceeds from sales at the shop benefit a soup kitchen, food depots, summer camps and other works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The store is located at 6613 Wayne Road, Westland. (734)729-3088

Making trim, finding trim

Time to think outside the glass bulb box.

Here are a few thrifty do-it-yourself ideas for tree trimmings:

- Tiny toy food boxes and cans that kids use for playing supermarket or pretend dinner. Puncture each piece with an ornament hook or hot glue on a loop of ribbon for hanging. Add a dash of sparkle at the top of each toy with a bit of thin garland.
- Bells and bows. Find bells in thrift shops and trim stores in all sizes and several colors. Tie tops with ribbon for hanging or string — spacing the bells out with knots along the ribbon — and use as garland. Bow can be of any shape, style or color. Barbara Flood, who decorates trees at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, uses wire-edged ribbon to create a twisting cascade on three or four sides of a tree. Tie one end of the ribbon at the top of the tree. Take the other end and roll the ribbon all the way back to the top of the tree. Then gently turn the rolled ribbon sideways, pull out from its center and allow it to drop, twisting as it goes, along the length of the tree.
- Saint cards you collected in catechism class so long ago make nifty ornaments

for branches that tend to bend with heavier pieces. So do old trading cards. Add glitter selectively if you really want to get crafty. Punch a hole at the top and hang with ribbon. Use Christmas cards saved from previous years for a more traditional statement.

- Chess, checker and player pieces from board games can evoke childhood memories or give your tree a black, white and red color scheme. Hot glue loops of yarn or ribbon on each piece to hang.
- Nativity figurines in assorted sizes that don't quite fit into one scene anymore can come together nicely on the tree. Hot glue gun on a ribbon for hanging.

In addition to St. Vincent de Paul, look for used treasures and trims at these stores:

- Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store, 8050 N. Middlebelt, Westland; (734)513-6020
- Value World, 35300 Central City Parkway, Westland; (734)728-4610
- The Salvation Army Thrift Store, 27170 Grand River Ave., Redford; (313)255-0777
- The Salvation Army Thrift Store, 33600 Plymouth Road, Livonia; (734)425-7573

Report gives pediatricians tips on spotting eating disorders

A new report released by the American Academy of Pediatrics aims to help primary care physicians recognize and treat eating disorders sooner in young children.

"We want health care providers and family members to be tuned in to the possibility that eating disorders can occur much earlier than they might think," stated report lead author Dr. David S. Rosen, a professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, internal medicine and psychiatry at the University of Michigan.

In the past decade, research has shown a growing number of young children diagnosed with eating disorders, but not all primary care physicians have been aware of these latest findings.

The report by Rosen and his team recommends that health care providers screen annually for disorders.

"There is new research regarding treatment and prognosis that we wanted primary care providers to have. We want to give them the tools they need to do the very best job," stated Rosen, who previously served on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Adolescence.

Eating disorders are on the rise among children younger than 12 years, males and minorities, according to previous studies. It is estimated that 0.5 percent of adolescent girls in the United States have anorexia nervosa, and 1 percent to 2 percent meet criteria for bulimia nervosa.

Medical complications of eating disorders can affect any organ system, so it's important for pediatricians to identify eating disorders as soon as possible.

The report, titled "Identification and Management of Eating Disorders in Children and Adolescents," appears in the December 2010 issue of the journal Pediatrics.

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To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org). They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: July 20, August 17, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 16, and December 14

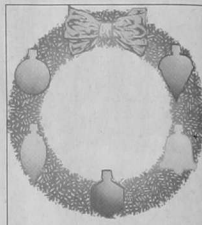
The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



### DINE WITH SANTA

**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. Saturday, Dec. 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.

**At Schoolcraft College** - Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society sponsors the event, which includes a pancake and sausage breakfast, served family style, and lots of games and prizes. Each child will also have the opportunity to visit with Santa, have a photo taken and receive a special surprise gift. It runs 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 18 on campus, located on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile Roads, in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 for children and \$15 for adults and must be purchased in advance by calling (734) 462-4422 or by visiting the Student Activities Office located in Lower Waterman on the college's main campus in Livonia.

### HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Detroit - Jazz Cafe presents

"Freddy Cole Christmas" 8 p.m., Dec. 17-18 at Music Hall, 350 Madison. Tickets are \$27, available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); (313) 887-8500.

• The Manhattan Transfer Christmas is at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue. Tickets are \$15-\$68 available by calling (313) 576-5111 or by visiting [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

• The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Home for the Holidays" concerts are 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 17 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and 3 p.m., Dec. 19, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue. Tickets range from \$19-\$52. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

**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,

Please see **HAPPENINGS, B9**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting December 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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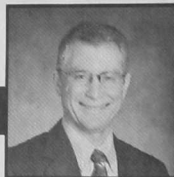
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## HAPPENINGS

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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](http://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.

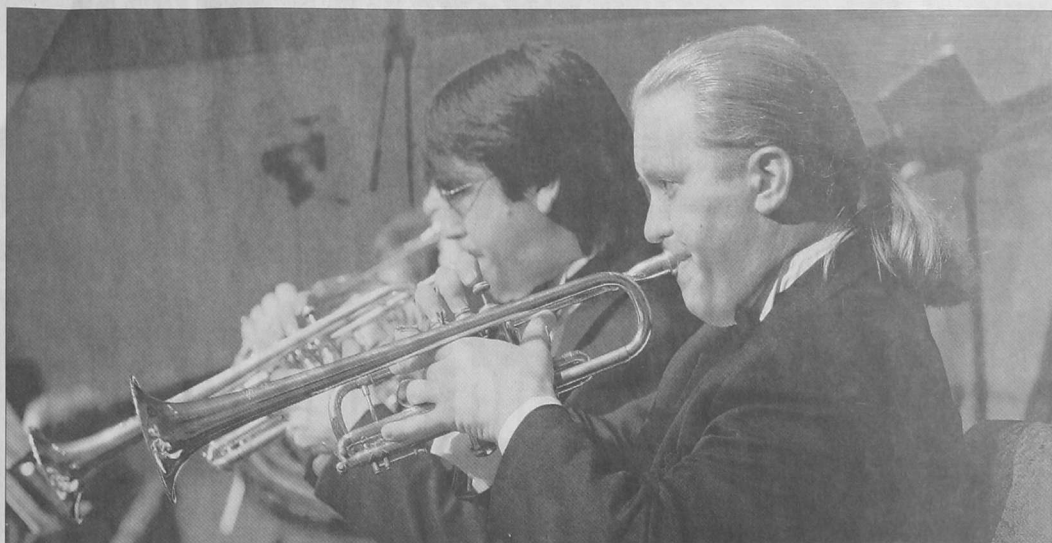
**Livonia** – The St. Aidan Adult Choir, along with the St. Aidan Children's Choir, and St. Aidan Contemporary Ensemble, directed by Ray Schmidt, will present its 29th annual Christmas concert, 4 p.m. Dec. 12, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile. Admission is \$5 and two non-perishable food items. (734) 425-5950

**Plymouth** – Plymouth Symphony presents "Home for the Holidays" Christmas concert, 6 p.m. family concert and 8 p.m. traditional concert, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth; (734) 451-2112. [www.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com). At the family concert, members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra will join the symphony for a musical number and the orchestra's trumpet section will be featured at the 8 p.m. performance for "Bugler's Holiday" and a Vivaldi Concerto

## LIGHT DISPLAY

**Wayne County** – Four miles of displays and more than a million lights along Hines Drive make this the biggest holiday light show in southeastern Michigan. Lightfest runs 7-9 p.m. through Dec. 31 and is closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Admission is \$5 per car. Entrance is off Merriman Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Ave., in Westland.

**Detroit Shriners** – The drive-through presentation includes more than 300 light displays



The Plymouth Symphony Christmas Concert will feature the trumpet section during a performance of "Bugler's Holiday." The concert is Dec. 16 at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

along a one-mile route through Jan. 2, 2011 at Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile, at Dequindre, Hazel Park. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Admission is \$10 per car. Detroit Shriners will donate \$1 from each vehicle admission to local non-profits and community projects such as Covenant House Michigan, Mittens for Detroit, Hazel Park Promise Zone Authority, Gleaner's Community Food Bank, DTE THAW (The Heat & Warmth Fund), Detroit Public Schools and Toys for Tots.

## MOVIES

**Penn Theatre** – *The Polar Express* runs at 7 p.m. Dec. 17-19 and 5 p.m. Dec. 17-18. Round out holiday viewing with *The Muppet Christmas*, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 23 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 26. All seats are \$3. The theatre is

located at 760 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth; (734) 453-0870

**Redford Theatre** – Watch the Bing Crosby classic, *White Christmas* at 8 p.m. Dec. 17-18 and 2 p.m. Dec. 18. All tickets are \$4. The theater is located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit; (313) 537-2560.

## THEATER

**Spotlight on Youth** – The youth theater at Spotlight Players will present *In the Nick of Time: A Red Mistletoe Mystery*, through Dec. 12 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton. The play is designed for children and families. Tickets are \$10 and available by phone at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater).

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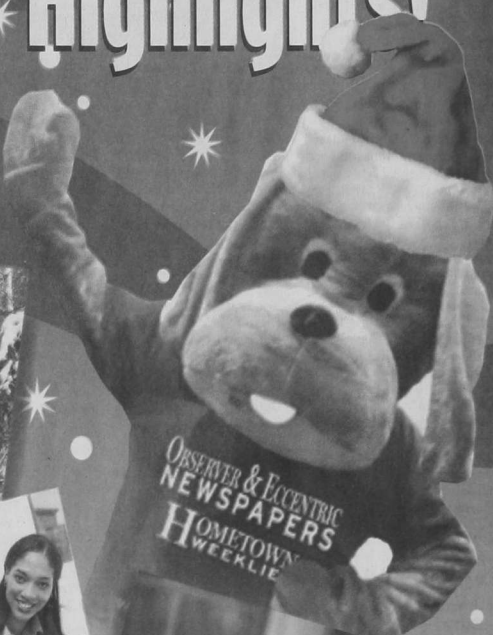
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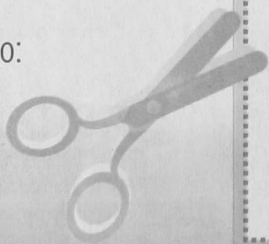
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DEC. 12-15

Blue Christmas service

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15  
**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** This service is designed for people who struggle with the holidays, including those who may be grieving, dealing with the loss of a loved one, loss of a job or struggle with the holidays in general. A coffee reception with care ministers will follow the service.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-1470

Concert

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia  
**Details:** The annual Christmas concert will feature the Festival Choir, Jubellation Handbell Choir, children's choir, the Cantate Choir, the Brass Ensemble and solo and ensemble groups. The concert is free, but a free-will offering will be taken  
**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

Concert

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12  
**Location:** Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** "A Christmas Tapestry" concert will feature an eclectic blend of musicians and vocalists from the church with a variety of Christmas favorites, from standards to modern pieces. Tickets are a suggested \$10 at the door  
**Contact:** (734) 425-2800

Concert

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Dec. 12  
**Location:** 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** 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. Admission is \$5 and two non-perishable food items.  
**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

DEC. 16-22

Blue Christmas Service

**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth  
**Details:** An alternative Christmas service for people who are for any reason uncomfortable attending traditional Christmas Eve and Day celebrations. St. John's offers this service as a way to help people find peace and solace, and as a way to bring healing to those who are hurting because of

loss or crisis. The service includes readings from poetry and scripture, prayer, and a special candlelighting litany, during which attendees are given the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of their own special prayers. Holy Communion is offered, and music will include not only quiet Christmas carols, but also songs from the Taizé tradition  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0190

Breakfast and Santa

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Dec. 19  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat pancakes, French toast, applesauce, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, tea, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 children, ages 2-10. Includes a visit from Santa Claus  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

Concert

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19  
**Location:** Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford  
**Details:** A Christmas cantata, "Silent, Holy Night"  
**Contact:** (313) 537-7480

Concert

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Holy Land Christmas Concert features Diana Al Barchini with Arabic carols, Rassem El Massih with seminary chanted, St. Mary's Choir with hymns of the Nativity, a violin trio and guest vocalists singing classical and traditional songs. A free-will offering will be accepted and will benefit the International Orthodox Christian Charities  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0010; [www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com)

Concert

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main in Northville  
**Details:** Men of Grace from the Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac will sing original compositions as well as contemporary, spiritual and gospel and blues music. Dessert will be served after the concert. A \$5 donation is requested.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911

Longest night

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 21  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham  
**Details:** This worship service is a place to bring the grief, anxiety, and pain that often surfaces during the holidays. Worship is held on the longest night of the year in recognition that sometimes the holidays bring sadness in the midst of celebration because of missed loved ones, struggles with financial stress, and the thought of happier days. Child care will be available for children up to age 4  
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## Area hospitals earn top ranks for safety, quality

The Leapfrog Group, a national organization that rates hospitals, has given top honors for patient quality and safety to Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper University/Hutzel Women's Hospital, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the University of Michigan Health System.

The Leapfrog Group's national rankings are based on a survey conducted at nearly 1,200 hospitals across the country. The survey, which launched in 2001, focuses on four critical

areas of patient safety: the use of computer physician order entry (CPOE) to prevent medication errors; standards for doing high-risk procedures such as heart surgery; protocols and policies to reduce medical errors and other safe practices recommended by the National Quality Forum; and adequate nurse and physician staffing. In addition, hospitals are measured on their progress in preventing infections and other hospital-acquired conditions and adopting policies on the handling of serious medical

errors, among other things.

This is the fourth consecutive year that DMC Harper University Hospital and the third consecutive year that DMC Detroit Receiving Hospital were selected as Leapfrog Top Hospitals based on their quality and safety scores. Last year, they were the only hospitals in Michigan to receive the recognition.

For more on the 2010 Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety ratings and methodology visit [www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org).

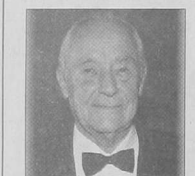


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**WALKER MORRIS BAGBY**

Age 86, of Bloomfield Hills, died Sunday, November 28th, 2010 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after a short illness. Born December 23, 1923 in Detroit, he graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham where he was on the track team. Upon graduation he enrolled at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. After his first semester he was drafted into the U. S. Army Corps. He was stationed at the Wendover, Utah base where he was a technical analyst in the building of the "Fat Boy" atomic bomb. After the war he returned to Kenyon College. He was a member of the Beta Theta Phi Fraternity. He graduated in 1949 with a B.A. in Economics. He worked for the family's commercial building and restoration company, Western Waterproofing Co., in Cleveland for 2 years before joining his brother John in their home office in Detroit. Mr. Bagby was predeceased by his wife of 14 years, Joanne Sexton Bagby, who died on March 17, 2005. Joanne was born in Detroit and raised in Highland Park, Michigan. She attended Highland Park High School and Michigan State University. Joanne loved to swim, bike and play bridge. Her passion was working in the garden at home. She was a member of the Junior League Garden Club, The Bloomfield Hills Garden Club and the Village Women's Club. Walker and Joanne are survived by their loving daughter Nancy and son Walker (Debbie) Bagby. They are the grandparents of Walker and Katie Bagby, Mr. Bagby was predeceased by his brother John Bagby. Contributions in memory of Walker and Joanne Bagby may be made to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or on line at <http://landtrust.org/Donations/memoriatpaychoiceTABLE.htm>

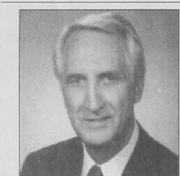


**SHIRLEY A. CRILLEY**

December 10, 2010, Age 83. Longtime resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield. Born in Cleveland, Ohio to Ava and Charles A. Tallinger, Sr. Loving wife of the late Dan. Beloved mother of Mark, Brian (Sharon) and Patrick (Elaine). Dear grandmother of Lauren, Kristina, Danielle and Shannon. Family will receive friends Sunday 4-7 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple & Big Beaver). Funeral Service Monday 1:00 p.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield. Visitation at church begins 12:30 p.m. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

**RHUE D. DATCHER**

December 6, 2010 age 104. Beloved wife of the late Homer A. Datcher. Mother of the late Merlin Datcher and Rita J. McCumpha. Grandmother of Hurd, McCumpha, Dyneese McCumpha, Amy Glenn and Natalie Finley. Also leaves 13 great grandchildren. Memorial services have been held. Contributions suggested to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Share your special thoughts and memories at [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



**ARTHUR GERISH**

Age 82 of Northville, December 4, 2010. Beloved husband of the Janet. Loving father of Bruce (Bridget), Susan, David and Amy (Steve) Katz. Dear brother of Evan C. (Susan). Dear brother-in-law of Edwin (Lena) Hancock and Joan (Donald) Clark. Proud grandfather of Kristin, Katerin, Evan, Kayla, Colin, Brianna and Hannah. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Founder and President of Gerish Building Co. Mr. Gerish was awarded the 2004 Developer of the Year Award by the SE Michigan Builders Assn. Long time youth baseball and basketball coach in the Plymouth/Canton community. Member of the Alma College Board of Trustees. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment at Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alma College Baseball Endowment fund or the charity/church of your choice. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).



**BETSY GOLDSMITH**

(nee. Moors)

November 23, 2010, Age 91 of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of the late Maj. James E. Goldsmith, US Army. Dear mother of James E. Goldsmith, Jr. and William K. M. Goldsmith (Shelley). Loving grandmother of Marisa Kate Goldsmith, Jake D. Gale and Genevieve M. Gale. Sister of the late Maj. William Key Moors, US Army. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, 380 Lone Pine Rd., P.O. 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 or the Village Worman's Club Foundation, P.O. Box 186, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

**MICHAEL "MIKE" MATTSON**

48, of Calumet, Mich., a former resident of Garden City, died Thursday, December 2, 2010, at his home. Mike worked as a cook, carpt installer and at Calumet Electronics. Mike loved his Rottweiler dogs, football, the seasons of fall and winter in the Upper Peninsula. Mike is survived by his mother, Laurel Johnson of Calumet; his four children, Michael, Jr. (April), Brandon, Dustin and Holly Noel; aunts, Carole (Lynn) Beerbower, Ella (Jim) Landini, Linda (Mike) Gotsdinski, and Kaye Mattson; uncles, Dennis (Sue) Mattson, Glen (Ann) Mattson, Clyde (Judy) Mattson, Dale (Linda) Mattson and Chris Mattson; cousins, friends and Cassie Johnson. A private family service will be held at a later date for all those who loved Mike. Arrangements were handled by the Jukuri-Antila Funeral Home of Hancock. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [antilfuneral.com](http://antilfuneral.com).

**CHARLENE H. OWINGS**

Age 71, December 9, 2010. Cherished wife of Dale for 44 years. Loving mother of Kevin of Canton, MI, Kimberly (Keith) Sandum of Harrisonburg, VA and Keith E. (Joanne) of Wassenaar, Netherlands. Beloved grandmother of Ian Sandum. Visitation Monday 4:30pm-8:30pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI. Instate Tuesday 11am until time of service noon at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard St., Livonia, MI. Private interment. Please share a message with the family at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**EILEEN WARD**

Peacefully on 12/4/10, age 86. Beloved wife of the late Frederic for 37 years. Dearest mother of Connie (Jim) Kennedy and Fred (Jenece) Ward, Jr. Grandmother of Katie and Jamie Kennedy, great-grandmother of Dan and Chaz. A graduate of Wayne State, Eileen was an elementary school teacher for 35 years in Detroit and South Redford. Eileen will be deeply missed by many long-time friends, especially Betty, Nina, Dottie, Ruth and Bernita. Eileen's family thanks the wonderful staff members at Oakmont-Livonia and Angela Hospice. A celebration of Eileen's life will be held later. Contributions to Salvation Army or Michigan Humane Society will be greatly appreciated by her family.

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## Shop class is missing in Michigan

I recently found a story on the Internet that reminds me of days gone by. It comes from the eastern part of the country where they eat a lot of fish, making them very intelligent. In simple terms, they've got it and we don't.

Fourteen students at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School have earned national certification as service technicians in major appliance repair. The students, one senior and 13 juniors, are majoring in HVAC-R/appliance technology at GNB Voc-Tech. To earn national certification, the students needed to pass eight different comprehensive examinations, which measure their skills in consumer relations, diagnostic techniques and repair ability for all types of domestic major appliances. The students took the exams late last spring and got the results over the summer.

The students are among a select group of major appliance service technicians in the United States to be certified as certified appliance professionals with a graduate technician rating. The graduate technician rating is the highest available level of recognition for technical expertise given by the major home appliance industry to high school students. Certification is strictly voluntary and only those who possess extraordinary skills in the field of appliance repair will attempt the rigorous testing procedure. Teachers Stephen Ellis and Robert Enos are certified as master technicians. The Professional Service



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Association, (PSA) the group that offers the certification, is a not-for-profit trade association representing independent appliance and electronic service centers. The certification programs developed by PSA are designed to encourage excellence and pride in the industry. Diagnosing and repairing sophisticated appliances requires special skills and constant training to keep abreast of changing technologies. Technicians that make the effort to maintain the high level excellence necessary to become a certified appliance professional are proud of their skills and deserve to be recognized by their profession. The students' two-year graduate certificate may be upgraded to a master technician rating after two years, providing the individual has obtained at least two years of field experience.

When I wrote something like this just a few years ago there was a need in the United States for some 10,000 qualified appliance repair technicians. That number has not diminished because the industry has so little educational opportunities offered anywhere. From what I read and hear, the school system in Michigan falls far short of what is required in many respects. It would be a tremendous boost for the city of Detroit to implement such a program for students. They could be guaranteed a job anywhere in this country, taken off the streets, and have goals that are within their fingertips. There has to be someone out there that can make this happen. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [apprd@twi1.r.com](mailto:apprd@twi1.r.com)

## MILESTONES



**Aria Giovanna Masters**

## TWINS BORN

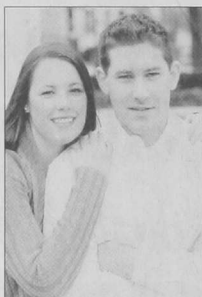
Twins Emory Agosto Masters and Aria Giovanna were born Nov. 1, 2010 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia.

Emory and Aria join their parents, Che and April Masters, and older sister, Alyson, 20 months, at home in Westland.



**Emory Agosto Masters**

## DECEMBER WEDDING



**Twins, Lily Mae and Sawyer Christopher Boran**

## BORAN TWINS

Lily Mae and Sawyer Christopher Boran were born Aug. 31, 2010 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital - Prentice Women's Hospital, in Chicago, Ill.

Proud parents are Heather and Christopher Boran of Chicago. Grandparents are Steve and Carol Bruce of Farmington Hills and Jerry and Colleen Boran of Forest City, Iowa.

Great-grandparents are Paul and Genevieve Kramarz of Hartland, Doris Davis of Orange, Calif. and Ronald Bruce of Fullerton, Calif.

## CONNER LIAM BATTLE

Conner Liam Battle was born Sept. 23, 2010 Clarion North Hospital, Carmel, Ind. He joins his parents, Bob and Ginger Battle, and siblings, Delaney, 9 and Collin, 4, at home in Westfield, Ind.

Proud grandparents are Bob and Peg Battle of Livonia, and Pat and John Krawczynski of Lansing.



**Conner Liam Battle**

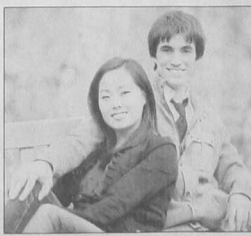
## AUGUST 2011 WEDDING

Grace Shin and Andrew Varilone announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Hyoung Bok and Robert Kalmanir of Livonia. She is a graduate of Albion College and is a graduate student in the physician's assistant program at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Her fiancé, son of Kathy and Jeff Varilone, graduated from the University of Michigan - Dearborn and is an electrical engineer at an architectural engineering firm in Detroit.

The couple will wed in August 2011 in Ann Arbor.



**Shin-Varilone**



# FOOD

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## Easy family meals

From packing lunches, to after-school snacks to dinnertime, many parents face obstacles in getting their families to eat food made with real simple ingredients that everyone can enjoy.

According to a recent survey commissioned by Hellmann's®, nearly half of all moms surveyed say they make a family meal every day and more than a third of moms surveyed say cooking dinner takes too much time.

Chef Bobby Flay has teamed up with Hellmann's and Best Foods Mayonnaise to provide tasty, convenient recipes and tips to serving great family meals even during the active school season.

"Many parents I know agree that at the end of a busy day, the thought of spending an hour cooking is not so appealing," said Flay. "I've created some recipes that please even the picky palates in your family. The recipes are easy to prepare and incorporate bold flavors with real, simple ingredients, like Hellmann's or Best Foods Mayonnaise — made with eggs, oil and vinegar."

For videos, tips and recipes go to [www.Hellmanns.com](http://www.Hellmanns.com) or [www.BestFoods.com](http://www.BestFoods.com).



### MINI FISH TACOS

A Bobby Flay Recipe

2 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 4 minutes

1/2 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise

1/2 cup prepared salsa

1 tablespoon lime juice

1 can (6 ounces) tuna, drained and flaked

1 large green onion, thinly sliced

12 large corn tortilla chips

3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese (about 3 ounces)

Combine mayonnaise, salsa and lime juice in medium bowl; reserve 1/2 cup. Stir tuna and green onion into remaining mayonnaise mixture just until combined. Season, if desired, with salt and pepper.

Arrange chips on baking pan. Top with tuna mixture, then sprinkle with cheese. Broil 1 minute or until cheese is melted. Dollop with reserved mayonnaise mixture. Garnish, if desired, with additional green onions.

Also terrific served in individual scoops for a great hand-held snack.

### CHICKEN OR TURKEY GYROS

A Bobby Flay Recipe

4 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Chill Time: 30 minutes

1/4 cup coarsely grated seedless cucumber

3/4 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Light Mayonnaise

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon fresh grated lemon peel

4 whole wheat pita breads, split

1 pound sliced rotisserie or grilled chicken or turkey

Place grated cucumber on paper towel and gently squeeze dry. (Do not skip this step or you will have a watery dressing.) Combine drained cucumbers, mayonnaise, garlic, lemon juice and peel in small bowl. Season, if desired, with salt and black pepper. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.

Spread a few tablespoons dressing inside each pita, add spinach leaves, tomatoes and chicken, then drizzle with additional dressing.

### EGG AND SHRIMP SALAD WITH POPPY SEEDS

A Bobby Flay Recipe

4 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

1/2 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise

2 medium green onions

Juice of 1 lemon

3 tablespoons snipped fresh dill

2 tablespoons poppy seeds

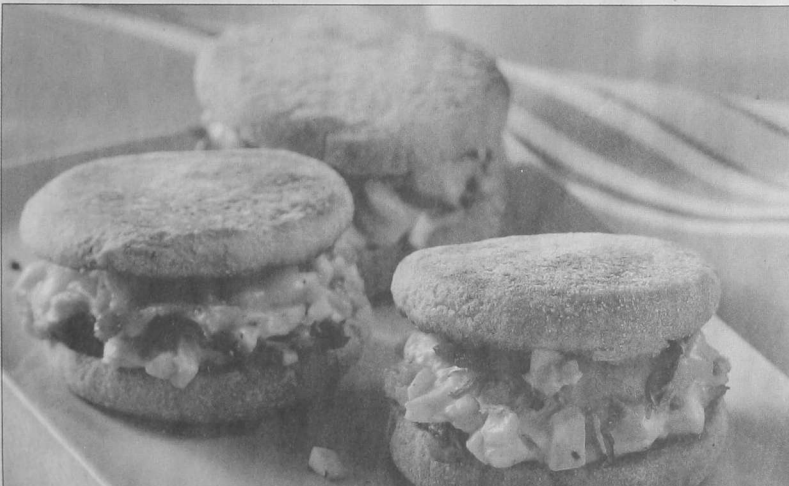
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

8 medium hard-cooked eggs, peeled and coarsely chopped

6 ounces cooked large shrimp or crabmeat

Combine mayonnaise, green onions, lemon juice, dill, poppy seeds and mustard in large bowl with wire whisk. Stir in eggs. Gently fold in shrimp. Season, if desired, with salt and black pepper. Serve, if desired, over salad greens or on English muffins.

NOTE: If serving over greens, toss greens with fresh lemon juice, a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and season with salt and pepper. If serving on bread, serve as an open-faced sandwich. Mound some salad on top of toasted bread and garnish with more fresh dill and sliced green onions.



# HEALTH

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## Make healthy food choices during the holiday season

For many people, the holiday season brings more than joy – it also can bring unwanted pounds. Whether it's your mom's eggnog or Aunt Judy's signature holiday cookies, it can be tough to pass up those favorite holiday foods you only taste once a year.

But before you reach for that next gingerbread cookie, think about this: Extra pounds can affect more than your ability to fit into your holiday party apparel. Being overweight also can increase your risk for cancer and other diseases.

The American Cancer Society recommends you make your health a holiday priority. That includes maintaining a healthy weight and staying active with at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity on five or more days of the week, eating a healthy diet emphasizing fruits and vegetables, and limiting the amount of alcohol you drink.

Making healthy choices doesn't have to make you the Grinch of holiday parties. Keep in mind these tips from the American Cancer Society:

- Get off to a good start. Don't go to a party hungry. Snack on healthy, filling foods before you leave the house. You'll be less tempted by high-calorie options if your stomach isn't growling. Good pre-party bets include a handful of nuts, an apple, or a half a turkey sandwich.

- Once you arrive, ask for a glass of water to help you feel full and avoid overindulging. And don't head straight for the

food – make a point of greeting friends or introducing yourself to new people.

- Think small. When it does come time to indulge, use a small, appetizer- or dessert-sized plate and fill it first with healthy choices such as fresh fruit and veggies (go easy on the dip). Leave just a little space for a small sample of whatever decadent treat you're craving, but eat that last, after you're filled up on the more nutritious offerings.

- Position yourself for success. If you're standing by the buffet table or facing the food while seated, you'll be tempted to "graze." Turn your back to the table, and focus on having fun, not having food.

- Avoid alcohol. Not only are alcoholic beverages loaded with calories, but drinking them tends to weaken your resolve to eat better. However, if you decide to indulge, avoid heavy holiday drinks and stick with light beer or a glass of wine instead.

In addition to making healthy eating choices this season, don't forget to make time to exercise regularly. The flip side of eating more or indulging at parties is that, to avoid weight gain, you need to move more to burn those extra calories.

For more tips on making healthy food choices, staying active year-round, and reducing your risk for cancer, visit ChooseYou.com or call (800) 227-2345.

### 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; 1-1:45 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.ymcadeloit.com](http://www.ymcadeloit.com).

### Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, 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](mailto: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](http://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 [afterack@comcast.net](mailto:afterack@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 1. 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.oa.org](http://www.oa.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](http://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 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

### 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

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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

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# I'm Experiencing Job-search Burnout

**How to handle the frustration of a long-term job hunt**

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder Writer

If life were a movie and you had just been laid off, you would buy a one-way ticket to some serene location and spend weeks or even months relaxing. You would unwind and examine your personal goals and return when you want. You might spend your days eating, praying and loving.

For most of us, getting laid off or quitting a job is immediately followed by a fast-paced job hunt. Even workers who are fortunate enough to have savings accounts to live off of for a while don't have enough money to pretend like unemployment is a vacation. Instead, most jobs seekers attack their job searches aggressively and don't relent until they hear the words, "We'd like to offer you the position."

The problem with such a steadfast approach is that you can grow frustrated quickly. After a few weeks of constantly browsing job postings, writing cover letters, sending them off, and repeating, your don't have the energy to keep going. You can't stop, however, because you do need a job. So how do you avoid getting burnt out? And if you realize you're in the midst of a job-search burnout, how should you get over it?

We asked people who have been there themselves or who have helped others get through it. Here's how they suggest job seekers handle burnout:

"Rejection is humbling and much of our self-worth has been defined by our income. To avoid burnout:

- Date your next job application and interview. See it as distinct and different from all the rest, a new opportunity. You only need one job success.
- Keep up energy levels with exercise.

You will shed stress and release endorphins. Your focus will improve.

• Socialize with friends and talk about other things. Have fun and laugh!

• Learn from failed interviews to tweak your resume, presentation and skills. Hone up on what you are lacking."

- Debbie Mandel, author of "Addicted to Stress"

"Burnout is subtle, and can strike at lots of stages of the job hunt. Here are a few ways I advise my clients to avoid that low down burnout experience:

1. Regard your job hunt as a job and organize your job hunt day like any other business. Set a goal of the number of calls you'll make, and resumes you'll send out each day, and be sure to reach that.
2. Create a job hunt team or group with whom you keep in contact on a regular basis. This can help in many ways to give encouragement, and even job leads.
3. Make sure to network through alumni, colleagues, professional associations, online groups, and even relative and friends.
4. Be sure to maintain a routine of physical fitness and exercise. At least a brisk walk every day can supply exercise and sunshine necessary to keep your mood elevated.
5. Get up, get dressed and go to your office every day, just like you would if you were employed. - Sandra Lamb, career,

lifestyle and etiquette expert

"I always say you get more than you give with volunteering and job seekers definitely do. This is a great way to keep your skills sharp (think teamwork, client relations, fundraising, etc) and your mind energized. I have to remind all job seekers

that volunteering is a fun and easy way to network which makes it a win-win-win. You're networking, helping out an organization and avoiding burn-out."

- Adriana Llamas, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways to Win the Job Search Game"

"I've been looking for a job since about February or March. I just landed a part-time, telecommuting job, and as busy as I've been I know I'm not as fast or productive as I once was because of how long it took me to find a job. I was sending out my résumés, interviewing, networking, applying online to the high heavens. Sitting at home while everyone else was finding a job I started feeling unproductive, and, frankly, like a loser. But things are looking up, and to anyone who starts to feel the same way I did, I'd tell them to just pull through it. Sometimes just taking a walk or a day at the park can help your mood a lot."

- Akua Harris

"There are several things we suggest when a person has stayed active in a job search, and nothing seems to be happening:

1. Take a few days off. Think of something you enjoy doing that doesn't

cost any money and go and enjoy.

Sometimes just a few days off is enough to refresh a person.

2. Get physical: When a person exercises for at least 20 minutes, endorphins are released that make the person feel good. Exercise several times in a day if possible. If [you are] a runner, then run for 30 minutes longer than usual. Do something physical -- paint a room, wash the car, clean the garage. Then energy can return.

3. Our experience is people get burned out when all they are doing is answering want ads or Internet listings. We project a 2-4 percent response on mailing out résumés or following up on Internet postings -- that's not a very good response. Instead, we ask our job-seeking clients to take a more pro-active approach: Contact the decision-maker (usually the person who supervises the position, not HR) and ask what the job involves and be ready to talk about one's experiences and accomplishment, [and] research the organization to see if it's one a person would like to work in. Continue researching the position; if you want the job contact the decision-maker again and say, "I've thought a lot about what we've talked about, and what you need doing involves some of the things I do best -- and I want to be your top candidate." (You don't want to be anything other than their top candidate, do you?) Ask the decision-maker what you can bring to her or him to help the person make a decision. And then do it."

- Richard S. Deems, co-author of "Make Job Loss Work For You," with Terri A. Deems  
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- 5 Paper source
- 9 Meadow
- 12 PC system
- 13 By Jovel (2 wds.)
- 14 Out — limb
- 15 Diamond ploy
- 16 Experiment
- 17 Grassy field
- 18 Short distance (2 wds.)
- 21 London law
- 22 Worthless coin
- 23 Pelt
- 26 Name a knight
- 28 Firm refusal
- 32 And others (abbr.)
- 34 Stockholm carrier
- 36 Extinct bird
- 37 Highly significant
- 39 Formal wear, familiarly
- 41 Romance

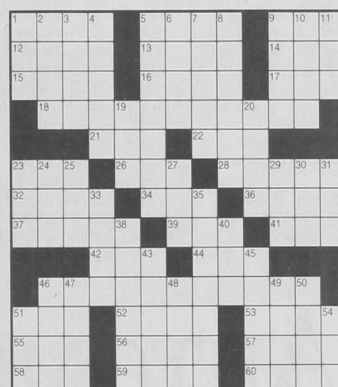
### DOWN

- 42 Sleep phase, briefly
- 44 Campers
- 46 False clues (2 wds.)
- 51 Mousse alterna-tive
- 52 That's —! (3 wds.)
- 53 Arm bone
- 55 — standstill
- 56 — carotene
- 57 Channel marker
- 58 Rec room
- 59 Lack an enve-lope
- 60 Basted together
- 1 Young grizzly
- 2 Disagreeable necessity
- 3 Shade
- 4 Laud
- 5 Heart-wrench-ing
- 6 Makes the most of
- 7 Holds up

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GRACKLES ARAB  
SORRY STEM  
EOS VOLVO  
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- 29 Pledge
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- 35 Dreamlike
- 38 Fixes up
- 40 IV squared
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- 45 Put-downs
- 46 Solar plexus
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- 48 Coolidge or Gam
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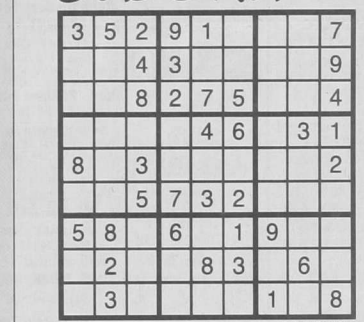
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# If you can find a Vue, it's luxury on wheels

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## CAReport



By Kevin Koloian  
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There are no more Saturn dealerships around to buy the Saturn Vue, but you can still find them on GM lots here and there.

Last redesigned in 2008, the Vue is an awesome set of wheels based on a European-designed model from Opel called the Antara.

As for the exterior, the Vue's front end is sleek and the roofline arcs downward slightly toward the rear. **It has the aggressive look of an SUV and less resembles a minivan.**

Saturn dropped the Vue's dent-proof and rustproof plastic body panels in favor of steel. The change makes for easier operation on the assembly line and allows the vehicle to be built along with other, metal-bodied GM cars.

This process also ensures smaller gaps between body panels because steel doesn't expand and contract with temperature changes as much as the plastic did.

The last Vue comes in three trim levels: base XE, XR and sporty Red Line. All can be had in either front- or all-wheel-drive.

The XE comes with 16-inch alloy wheels, air-conditioning, keyless entry, full power accessories, OnStar telematics, steering-wheel audio

controls, cruise control, a tilt steering wheel, a height-adjustable driver seat and a CD/MP3 stereo with satellite radio and an auxiliary jack.

The XR adds 17-inch alloy wheels, luggage rack rails, automatic climate control, a power driver seat, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, heated mirrors and heated vanity mirrors.

The Red Line features a lowered, sport-tuned suspension, rear spoiler, chrome exhaust outlets, 18-inch alloy wheels, heated front sport seats, leather and suede upholstery and unique instrumentation.

Standalone options include a premium audio system and CD changer, a navigation system, rain-sensing wipers and a remote vehicle starter.

The Vue XE has a 2.4-liter inline-4 that puts out 164 horsepower and is mated to a four-speed automatic transmission. The XE is also available with a 3.5-liter V6 good for 215 hp and is tied to a six-speed automatic transmission. Both the XR and Red Line trims feature a powerful 257-horsepower 3.6-liter V6 matched to a six-speed automatic. A manual-shift feature, called "TAPshift" is standard on the Red Line and optional on the XR.

The Vue XE gets 19 miles per



The Vue was last redesigned two model years ago to make it wider, providing extra elbow room.

gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway.

Fuel economy ratings for the 3.6-liter engine are 16 mpg city / 22 mpg highway, and are 15 city and 22 highway for the 3.5-liter engine.

On the road, the Vue's ride is firm and controlled. The steering is responsive and quick without much feedback.

The ride is quiet, too. Interior sound levels are at a minimum, with just a little wind and tire noise, both are maintained well.

With real metal trim on the inside door handles and steering wheel and fully-lined storage bins in the center console, the Vue's interior is classy.

The back seat provides plenty of leg room for tall passengers. Although Saturn is listing the Vue as a five-seater, fitting three people in the back would be too tight, unless they are small kids.

The reclining seatbacks allow for the front passenger seat to fold down to carry long cargo and the second row split-folds quickly and easily to accommodate long objects as well. There's also plenty of space behind the

second row of seats to store stuff.

A pair of adjustable cargo nets keep items in place. The Vue's maximum cargo capacity is just 56 cubic feet, which is small compared to some rivals that offer nearly 20 more cubes.

Standard safety features on all Vue models include anti-lock brakes, stability control, traction control, front seat side airbags, side curtain airbags and active head restraints.

Although there are a few weaknesses like less cargo space than its competitors, the Vue still has many positives, including sleek European styling, good cabin quality and refined handling. If you can find one, it's a good value.

*Kevin Koloian writes about new cars for the Fracassa News Group.*

### Saturn Vue

**Vehicle class:** Crossover SUV.

**Power:** 4-cylinder and V6 engines.

**Mileage:** 19 city / 26 highway for 4 cylinder

**Where built:** Ramos Arizpe, Mexico.

**As tested:** \$24,515.

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