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hough it was received in 2010. Secretary of State Terri Lynn Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is also reminding customers all branch offices will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays. Closures take place Dec. 23-24, with SUPERICenters closed on Dec. 25. They will also be closed Dec. 30 through Jan.1. Visit the department website at www.Michtian.ow/sos.

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Holiday photos

HOHDAY PIOLOS Send us your favorite holiday photos for a chance to win a prize. Go to hometownlife.com (Get Published) and post your favorite holiday photo (or photos) with a short caption, then encourage friends and family to vole by click-ing recommend under the photo. The top vole-getter will receive tickets for two to Emagine Theater (Canton or Novi). The second- and third-place winners will receive a coupon for a free four-square cheese and one-topping Buddy's pizza.

The contest ends midnight Dec 31. Share your holiday spirit with others! Go to hometownlife.com.

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Open Door policy

FEEDING THE NEEDY

What: Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry Canton-based food pantry Who: Open Door serves people from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Beileville and Ypsilanti. How much: The ministry fed 65,000 people this year, a 30-percent hike from 2009 How to help: People who want ho volunteer or who need more How to help, respire who want to volunteer or who need more information about Open Door Ministry may go to www.open-doorfoodministry.org or call Connection Church at (734) 397 1777, Ext. 201.

Spike in demand keeps ministry serving the needy

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITEF

2009 levels

Steve Darr said requests made to Open Door Ministry for help have spiked some 30 percent over

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER Den Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry that has fed the area's hungry for a decade, saw a 30-percent spike in pleas for help this year compared to 2009, as economic recovery proved elusive for tens of thousands of people. To don't see recovery in the number of people needing food," Open Door Directors foteven Darr said, sitting inside the food party warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue. Den Door volunteers this year fed 65,000 people from communities such so Canton, Westland, Plymouth, Garden Guy, Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Belleville and Apsilanti. The pantry used. 1.5 million opunds of food it mostly received from Gleaners Community Food Bank and porgotten Harvest, which got its supplies

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sex charges BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER A 49-year-old Canton man and former Boy Scout leader has been convicted of charges he sexually abused two 16-year-old boys, gave alcohol to them and used his position of authority to coerce the victure.

gave alcohol to them and used his position of authority to coerce the victims. William Arther Hoefling, a married father of two teen source the victims was convicted of multiple charges with the source of the victim sou

reached for comment on the verdict. The jury made its decision for months after Hoefling, a nece-respected Scout leader, was charged with crimes authorities said dated back to August 2009. The allegations surfaced after ones to a counselor. Hoefling, who has been free on trail in August after 35th District dudge Michael Gerou heard testimony and cited "a pattern of scercey" involving a supposed position to the Scouts involved." The inry convicted Hoefling of one count of child sexually abusive activity; two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct; two counts of sup-communicate with another to communicate with another to

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Canton chamber picks new leader

BY DARRELL CLEM

After a decade of steady growth, the Canton Chamber of Commerce hopes to continue broadening its reach and boosting the local business community after naming a new president to replace retring leader Dianne Cojei.



ment with professional and civic associations, and a background in marketing and corporate

and a background in marketing and corporate communications. A chamber search team recommended Rettig after interviewing five candidates nar-rowed from a field of 13 applicants. "The search team feels that Tracey brings to the job the right combination of strategic vision and operational know-how," said Marty Heator, who will chair the chamber board starting in January. "She's been in the trenches in both business and nonprofit settings. She knows how to operate in a variety of business settings, and she experience with volun-



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"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@home-

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New Year celebration

New Year celebration Residents looking for a daytime New Year's Eve cel-ebration the whole family can enjoy can send out 2010 with an afternoon of fam-ily fun at the Summit on the Park. The day will feature entertaining carnival games in the gym, a family open-swim in the Aquatic Center, and a countdown to 2011 with a magical balloon drop. This family-Friendly New Year's Eve event will take place on Friday. Dec. 31, from 3-6 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Tickete are \$5 nep person

Canton. Tickets are \$5 per person and must be purchased in , advance at the Summit on the Park. All activities are included in the admission

The Summit on the Park will be open for business on Friday, Dec. 31, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the pool available from 7 a.m. to noon and an Interval Step & Sculpt class scheduled at 9:15 a.m. Summit hours for Saturday, Jan. 1, will be 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a Boot Camp class scheduled in the gym at 9:15 a.m. For more information about this family-friendly New Year's Eve event or any activities at the Summit on the Park, call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org. **Cheer Clinic**

Cheer clinic

The Canton High School cheerleaders host a "Kids Cheer Clinic" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Canton High School cafete-ria

ria. The clinic is open to potential cheerleaders from kindergarten to eighth-grade. Clinic goers should wear comfortable shorts and gym shoes. The \$30 cost covers the clinic, drink/

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snack and a Canton Cheer T-shirt. 10:30 a m and at noon T-shirt. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., and space is limited. For more information, call (734) 397-3766 or e-mail cindydruck@gmail.com **Financial advice**

Chef Jesse cooks

Chef Jesse Gales will offer a taste-testing opportunity at the Canton Township Weight Watchers center Thursday, Jan. 20. The meeting is open and free to the public so anyone who is interested in learn-ing more about Weight Watchers, without having to pay a meeting fee, is wel-come.

come. Chef Jesse, the official chef of Weight Watchers Group, will also share tips on healthful eating and cooking techniques, as well as answer questions about the new PointsPlus Program. The Canton Township Weight Watchers center is located inside the Willow Creek Plaza at 41814 Ford Road. Meetings will begin at

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New Hope seminar

New Hope semina Anyone who has recently suffered the loss of a loved one might want to check out asseminar being offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. On Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m., attorney Ron Platte will offer a legal perspective regarding the may issues someone might face when someone they loved disc. These include minimiz-ing at the onsequences, deal-ing with decedent's credi-tors, method's to best protect surviving family members and the issues involving updating wills and true. The free seminar will be offered at New Hope Center for Grief Support at Staffic on the substance of the substance of the substance of Substance of the substance of the substance of the sub-stance of the substance of the substan

Band auditions

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

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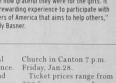
Rewarding delivery

This past week Indigo Salon, Spa & Boutique delivered holiday gifts to two local families through the Volunteers of America Adopt a Family Program. Through donations, the Indigo team was able to use \$700 toward the two families. Instead of participating in a secret Santa gift exchange, Indigo employees decided it would be rewarding to give back to the community. Indigo has participated in other community projects such as the Goodfellows Stuff a Bus but has never "adopted a family" for the holidays. "It was amazing to see all the smiles on the families' faces and to see how grateful they were for the gifts. It was an such a humbling and rewarding experience to participate with an organization like Volunteers of America that aims to help others," said marketing assistant Holly Basner.

Church in Canton 7 p.m. Briddy, Jan. 28. Ticket prices range from \$50 for non-reserved seat-front row seats. All tickets include a dessert afterglow. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day. Thild care will be pro-fided for a small donation. Tickets must be purchased in person with cash or check ta 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.

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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

LOCAL NEWS

It takes a village

Family display brings a bit of Dickens home

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Suzanne Zabowski always wanted a Christmas village when she was a little girl and, when she didn't get one, she owed she'd have one when

when she dron goe one when she grew up. Well, Zabowski is all grown up now, with daughters of her own and, over the last 15 years, she's gone about the business of fulfilling that vow. The result — a Dickensian village complete with wind-mills, a moving train and a ski lift — adorns an entire room in the Zabowski's Canton Township home. "I've been collecting pieces for about 15 years," Zabowski said. 'I try to create a real town."

Town. Zabowski, who sticks to the "St. Nicholas Square" brand of buildings, started her zest for the village with just a couple the vilage with just a couple of pieces some 15 years ago. Over the years, she's collected bundreds of pieces a few at a time. The display started on just a couple of glass-topped tables. Now it sits on a series of tables Zabowski sets up in one room.

one room. It's got mail boxes and stop signs, street lights and a radio station. It's got a ranger sta-tion and ice rinks, a town square and, of course, people — "My girls love placing the people," Zabowski said. Zabowski said she starts around Thanksgiving, and usually takes most of an

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The Christmas village in Suzanne Zabowski's Canton home has hundreds of pieces, collected over some 15 years.

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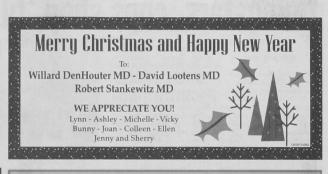
schoolwork. Her friends love it, and Kayla said she just likes to sit in a chair and

likes to sit in a chair and study. "I just love to sit here at the end of the day and watch it," Kayla said. "It brings a great vibe to the whole house." The girls, their mother said, try to convince her annually to leave the display up longer, which is something Zabowski always resists doing. But she loves doing the room for the time it's actually up. "TII always do it, even when the girls move away." Zabowski said of creating the village. "It's become a tradi-tion."

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Suzanne (left) and Kayla Zabowski make some adjustments to the Christmas village Suzanne sets up every year in their Canton Township home.



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Marcus McNutt, Darel Houatchessi and Zachary Theisen check out some gifts. Canton Officer Kennel Robinson keeps track of their choices.



Youngsters, cops shop 'til they drop

BY BRAD KADRICH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER Nearly 60 children who might otherwise not had much of a Christmas are going to be hap-pier this holiday season, thanks to the efforts of staffers at Canton Poice Department and Meijer and Walmart retailers. Canton police officers escorted to children through the two Canton Walmart stores – the long-standing store on Ford Road and the new location on Michigan oke. – plus the Canton Meijer Thursday night in the annual "Shop with a Cop" event the township sponsors. Officials at the Meijer store on Ford Road provided 18 young-stores with \$100 gift cards to shop

in their store. Meanwhile, staffers at each Walmart location did the some for 20 additional kids. The police officers went along for the spree to provide both guidance and some companionship. The kids are always so excited about shopping for themselves and family members ... having help from the uniformed officers adds another element of fun to the evening, 'said Canton Police Lt. Mark Schultz. 'It's one of our favorite programs, providing us with the opportunity to bond with some younger members of us some younger members of the some sources... Participants in the program

Participants in the program are chosen through outreach pro grams sponsored throughout the year by Canton Leisure Services.



Canton Officer Michael Kennedy leads the crowd into the entertainment department.

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CRIME WATCH

Truck stolen

A woman driving her father's truck reported the 2006 Ford F-350 was stolen after she parked it in the parking lot of IKEA, northwest of Ford and Haggerty, around 1 p.m. Saturday. The woman said she parked it near other trucks and found it missing when she left the store. She had the keys with her. The truck had bumper stickers including one of the University of Michigan and one for the University of Hawaii.

Intruder alert

Intruder alert Canton police arrested a suspected intruder amid alegations he entered a home on Leann, northwest of Hanford and Morton Taylor. A man had contacted police after his babysitter arrived at the home with his children and noticed bursday. Dec. 16. The babysitter picks the children up at school and stass with them until their mother arrives home. The babysitter called the homeowner and asked min fich had been working on an interior door of garage and learned the hadn't. The door had been suraged and learned he hadn't. The door had been suraged and learned he hadn't. The door had been surage and learned he hadn't. The door had been surage and learned he hadn't. The door had been surage and learned he hadn't the door the garage. The man came home and learned that someone mad gone into a second-floor master bedroom and strested as police to a neighbor who is arrested as police continued to probe the incident. **Tire slashed**

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A Canton man filed a police report after a tire of his girlfriend's Dodge Journey was slashed while it was parked 9 p.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. Sunday in the driveway of his home on Carlton, southeast of Warren and Beck. The man told police a similar incident had occurred earlier in the month involving his Ford Taurus.

Stolen iPod

A man who lives in Sherwood Village, a mobile home community southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, told police an iPod was stolen from the bedroom of his home after someone entered it while he was gone between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday. The man told police the door lock on his home doesn't work.

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



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LOCAL NEWS

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FROM PAGE AI The teers and fundraising." Heator also lauded Rettig for her vision for strategic plan-ning, which he said will be critical as the chamber builds on its past success. Rettig, a Berkley resident, has worked in marketing and orporate communications for manufacturing-sector firms, most recently as com-munications manager for Energy Conversion Devices and its subsidiary. United Solar Ovoric, in Rochester Hills. Her vittes included preparing the duties included preparing the duties included preparing the sector of the subsidiary. Solar Ovoric, in Rochester Hills. Her or early conversion Devices and its subsidiary. United Solar Ovoric, in Rochester Hills. Her or early conversion Devices and its ubsidiary. United Solar Ovoric, in Rochester Hills. Her or early conversion Devices and its ubsidiary. United Solar Ovoric, in Rochester Hills. Her Natures and the solar or Nature of the Comparison of the solar or early as immediate past presi-ent in 2011, said she believes at based fut log off tit log as at based fut log as fut log as and as at based fut log as a fut log as and as at based fut log as a fut log as a fut log as at based fut log as and as a fut log as a fut log as at based fut log as a fut log as a fut log as a fut log as at based fut log as a fut lo

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over the last decade, but Darr said the biggest one-year increase in pleas for help occurred this year. A typical Thursday evening brings 450 families to the pantry, but Darr said the number swelled to 527 prior to Thanksgiving. Darr, a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer who oversees Open Door Ministry with wife Jackie, said volunteers don't receive money for their efforts. "We're a bundred percent vol-unteer," he said. "Nobody gets paid." Open Door stores its perish-

unter," he said. "Nobody gets paid." Open Door stores its perish-able food in an array of freezers, including a large one donated by the Canton Community Foundation and Jim and Linda Demmer. The new Walmart on Michigan Avenue gave \$5,000 to the pantry, and volunteers come from organizations such as the YMCA, the National Honor Society and the town-ship's youth B.L.O.C.K. group, which stands for Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids. Containers of food placed in recipients' vehicles often con-

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tain biblical passages, which Darr said are meant to inspire and offer hope to those in need. Open Door also offers job counseling, skills training and referrals to other care groups for additional hep. Outside the warehouse, Darr pointed to a makeshift radio station that actually broadcasts spiritual programs Thursday evenings from a step van in the Open Door parking lot. Families who line up for food can tune in to 1630 AM or 105.7 FM on their car radios and actually receive the signal. "It only reaches across the parking lot," Darr said with a smile. Wolunteers pack some 200 poinds of food each minute into cars. As economic troubles worsened in Michigan, Darr said he noticed many families receiving help for the first time, including many middle-class people who lost their jobs amid the economic recession. "Our biggest number

People who fock their jobs and the economic recession. "Our biggest number (of recipients) comes from Westland, and Canton is No. 2," he said. "There are a lot of people hurting right here in Canton."

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Local author grounds stories in family

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brian Webster of Canton and his daughter, Hailey, were tough to miss Saturday at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth. The Websters manned a table near the coffee shop's front door, selling copies of Brian's recently published children's book, "Snowville."

The book was illustrated by Stephanie L. Wilkins and published by HMSI Publishing of Plymouth/David R. Haslam. Brian Webster is a Detroit Public Schools science teacher and screenwriter. "I always loved telling stories to my kids," he said during his week-end book signing at Panera. "All my stories are family based or holiday-based."

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He's written five scripts, all of them dealing with fam-ily and holiday themes. His agent had suggested adding children's books, with the sec-ond on Santa's Elf due out for used to the REAL Hailey - Newer let your dreams melt added To the REAL Hailey - Newer let your dreams melt studying education at Wayne State University. The family also includes sons Ryan and Christopher and two stepchil-dren, Michael and Sarab. Brian's wife, Cathy Webster, teaches second grade at Tonda Elementary in Canton. Tonowille' tells of a girl's journey to discover the truth about Santa Claus. She ends up in Snowville, a town of now peopl. "Today's our first day at Panera," the subor said Saturday. "It's been doing faturday. "It's been doing faturday." It's been doing faturday. "It's been doing faturday." It's been doing faturday. The book sells for size.5. There's a photo of Hailey

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There's a photo of Hailey and her dad on the dedication

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This photo of author Brian Webster and his daughter, Hailey, appears in Webster's book "Spowville"

page with a snowman. Among those perusing and buying this weekend was Sarah Gordon of Plymouth Township. Gordon liked that Webster teaches in Detroit, "which I admired immediately," she said. "I have two kids who are

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great believers. I thought it would be a nice addition to the stocking." Her kids are 7 and 10.

and 10. Webster's proud of a first-place award at the Moondance International Film Fest, for a story of a group of home-

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BY DARRELL CLEM

Canton churches team up for blood drive

As the American Red Cross blood supplies face as hort-age, two Canton churches are hoping holiday gift-givers will mark their calendars and give the greatest gift of all – life. St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church and St. John Neumann Parish have teamed up yet again for a blood drive set for 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Sunday, fan. 2, at St. John Neumann, 44:800 Warren Road west of Sheldon. "Everything is in a critical

Sheldon. "Everything is in a critical stage right now," Cathy Hulett, one of the organizers, said. Appointments may be made online by visiting www.red-crossblood.org and entering sponsor code CCU or by call-ing Hulett at (734) 981-1333, ext. 18

'It's the perfect gift to give

for the holidays. No receipt is needed, and it's a gift that keeps on giving, "Hulett said. "The blood banks are in a critical shortage status, and all blood types are needed." Donors also may call Diane Risko, an American Red Cross representative, at (313) 549-7052 for an appointment. Donors will receive T-shirts during the blood drive, one of four the two Canton churches plan to sponsor in 2011. Donor eligibility questions may be directed to (866) 236-3276.

3276. St. Thomas a'Becket and St. John Neumann organizers hope to collect 300 units of blood.

blood. "We need as many donors as we can get," Hulett said. "We'd like to meet our expectations or perhaps exceed it."

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A GIFT FROM A DIVINE LAND

THERE WAS A TIME long, long ago when China was known as *Shen Zhou*— The Land of the Divine. The arts and the culture there were considered so exquisite and so vibrant that they could only have been bestowed by the heav-ens. And thus the people of the land strove to hold themselves to a higher standard so as to be worthy of such gifts. Today, Shen Yun brings these gifts to you.

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. 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 Fes-

tival 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 com-pany. It is an experience you won't want to miss.

A PERFORMANCE 5,000 YEARS IN THE MAKING

A performance by Shen Yun is tradi-tional Chinese culture as it was meant to be a study in grace, wisdom, and all the virtues distilled from millennia of Chi-nese 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.

former, glorious state. Based in New York, Shen Yun Per-forming Arts is distinguished by its con-scious 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's can no longer be found in China today. As one well-traveled New Yorker noted: "Yve seen China before with my eyes, but this show had me experience China with my soul."

For those who find all things Chi-nese a little foreign, never fear. The show is based on Chinese culture, but the values it portrays belong to all of bumanity

ONE OF THE MOST DEMAND ING ART FORMS IN THE WORLD

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

In addition to the classical forms, Shen Yun features the distinctive col-ors and styles of ethnic and folk dance. Choreographers draw upon over 20 dy-nasties 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 of-ten deals with universal, thought-pro-voking 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, UNEX-PECTED SOUND

Some remarkable instruments such as the *pipa* or *whu* 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 dis-tinctly Chinese sounds in a rich sea

of Western strings, percussion, wood-winds, and brass. The result? A new and mesmerizing sound.

Each season, the composers cre-ate over 20 original scores. They work closely with the choreographers to enclosely with the choreographers to en-sure a seamless blending of the music with each and every dance.

EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTS

"There's just something about them,' audience members often remark.

At a time when the influence of Tao-ism, Buddhism, and Confucianism was strong in the Middle Kingdom, art was a means to explore the connection between mankind and the higher uni-verse. Poets and artists cultivated virtue and engaged in study and meditation because they believed that to create true art worthy of the heavens, there must first be inner beauty and purity.

Today, the artists of Shen Yun follow in that noble tradition. Their training regimen requires focus and a mindful lifestyle. Many draw inspiration from traditional cultivation practices such as Falun Dafa, which teaches truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance.

Among the company's artists are many winners of international compe-titions in dance, music, and singing, as well as accomplished choreographers and composers. No other Chinese per-forming arts group in the world can boast such a remarkable body of tal-ent

A BRAND NEW PRODUCTION FOR 2011

Months of training and preparation culminate each winter when Shen Yun debuts a spectacular original produc-tion with all new dances, costumes, and

Experience the extraordinary.



Thrift stores a boon as economic woes continue

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As economic woes continue to strain consumer budgets, metro Detroit shoppers are increasingly finding bargains at thrift stores and resale shops they might once have snubbed during more prosper-ous times when stretching their dollars seemed less criti-cal.

As bargain-hunting and ently used merchandise have genuy used merchandise have become more popular, area thrift stores are broadening their customer base and lur-ing shoppers from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Farmington and other com-munities.

Arring too and other com-farming too and other com-munites. And, more shoppers have meant more revenues for charity organizations — The Salvation Army, Goodwill hubstries of Greater Detroit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Disabled American Veterans and others — that use their income to provide food, clothing, children's pro-grams, shelter and jobs for a growing number of recession-weary residents. Thater than pay exorbitant prices for designer clothing, a name-brand espresso machine or a new sof, shoppers are finding slashed prices for quality merchandise, store official say, and consumers who need a new suit for a job search can find a deal without plunking down their charge cards.

CUSTOMER BASE EXPANDS "We've noticed a larger increase in our customer

base, because we've found that people have realized some of the fantastic values that are in a thrift store or second-hand retail shop," said Michael Saine, manager of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul store near the northwest corner of Wayne and Hunter in Westland. 'And you can use the cash in your hands to get what you need instead of charging it." St. Vincent de Paul, which marked its fifth year in Westland last August, uses its revenues for purposes such as food banks, children's camps and churches in need. Across town, the Disabled American Veterans thrift store at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail raises money to support

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Sadie Litton of Westland marks prices at the new Salvation Army Thrift Store in Cantor

drastic impact on our busi-ness, not only from those who are adversely affected and have limited incomes, but also from those who have an entrepreneurial approach to searching out products and flipping them on the Internet for a profit," Aren said. "And

there are those who shop with us for sport — they love to find vintage merchandise (at low cost)."

cost)." A new survey conducted by the National Retail Foundation found that 61.7 percent of shoppers this holiday season had said their

concerns about the economy would affect their spend-ing. Yet, according to the National Association of Resale Professionals, resale stores have reported consistent growth rates for the last five years, despite an otherwise-struggling retail environment. "The NFF survey shows that the recession is not over for the consumer," said Stew Murphy, president of fran-chising for Winmark Corp., a Minneapolis-based company that specializes in leasing and developing retail stores that buy, sell and trade new and used merchandise. "While we have begun to see some encour-aging (economic) improve-ments, consumers remain caa-tious about spending."

QUALITY GOODS

Even as the economy improves, some officials say consumers — many with reduced incomes — will continue to seek quality mer-chandise at thrift stores and resale shops, and charity org

hizations are tapping into the fundatices of Greater Detroit, which uses its revenues for job-creating programs, returned to the retail market after a decade-long absence by opening a store on Ford Road west of Haggerty in Canton. The store hopes to generate fit million in revenue dur-fundition in revenue dur-tis fob-creation and training programs, said Jeff Ukrainee, director of donated goods. Moreover, Goodwill Jens to hast Michigan counties within the next 10 years. Though the Goodwill shops forening came just two months after The Salvation Army store opened about three miles away. Ukrainee said he beleves the two locations will benefit one another rather than detract from each other. The typical resale shopper, he said, "will go from one place to the other."

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

flower seeds.

To Santa,

Dear Santa.

a necklace?

Aashna

Jayden

Love,

From

Love, Andre Broughton

boy. Can I have a

Cole Zame

Olivia Langley

rias.

Can I have a toy train? My mom wants a flwre. My dad wants a kvcev

I have been a good girl but some times I be bad but please bring

me toys still. Can I please have a

blizzard maker and can you please bring my brother a star wars Wii game. Thank you!

I have ban a good girl. Please giv jason a blizzrd makr. Please giv me a DS. Please giv my mom fimseown rins

I have been a good little girl. I have helped my dad a lot you can bring me any thing you want to give me. But you have to give me some thing girly. My Dad will like a tool

Can you pleese bring my mom a new DS? Will you pleese bring me

I have been such a good little girl!

I have helped my mom to clean the house. Could you please bring me a necklace? Could you bring my sister

I want Balsd Meakr. And for my

brother a game and for my dad bring a InDein move. My mom likes

I have ben such a good girl! Can you bring me a D-S-i and can you

bring my sister Caitlin Kozlowski 3 or 2 been bags?

I would please want a blizzard machine. My brothr ward like a

nother blizzard macher. My mon

wans a notty fooh. My dad would like

Love, Kaushal Dukkipati

From Khushi Samal

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From Lauren Rae

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Plymouth-Canton first-grad-Plymouth-Canton first-grad ers made sure to make their wishes known to Santa, and shared them with the *Observe* (reprinted as they appeared on the hand-written forms for cuteness sake):

Dear Santa.

I like you because you are the best boy. My mom wants a Snoman bell! My Dad wants a foot bll gam. My baby sister wants a baby dolhouse Love. Serenit

Dear Santa,

I like your songs. Will you bring me a Barbie? Yes I will bring you a Barbie. You are so kind. I'll leave you cookies. Will you bring my brother a train? Yes I will bring a train. Have a onderful trip.

Your friend, Zainab

Zack

Dear Santa.

How are you? Can you breng mom a car? I like my trak. I leve you Love, Rishi

Dear Santa.

l like you. Please bring my sister a pillow pet. Cen you git a cup for my mom. Cen you git a taos for the ois for my dad. I'll lev cookies.

Dear Santa.

How are you doing? Can you bring Riley a XBox360 and lego and can you give me a Xox360 too? I'll leave you cookie Love, Kai

Dear Santa,

Have a safe trip. I would like something for light for my sister becasue she is scared of the dark. Can you give me a monster high journal and key? Love,

Dear Santa.

I love you. You are awesome. You are the best. Would you bring my mom a dress. I would like a hamster. Have a good trip.

Dear Santa.

How are you? You are awesome Please bring a nerf gun for teddy. Can you get me a DS game? Love,

Dear Santa,

How are you? I bet you are doing good. I love you. You are awesome and cool. Can you giv my bruthr a tain. Cen you giv me a nirf gun.

Love.

Brader

Dear Santa,

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Hay, Santa, how you are awe-some? Can you bring an angel for Trisha? Santa you are a good Santa Can you bring a warm cot for neal Can you bring a jakt for Shreya? Can you bring makeup for me? I will give you ice cream. Love, Yesha

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, How are you? ready for the big trip? Can you bring my dad a coffee-maker. I would love a PS3. I like you Santa. I'll leave yo ucookie. Love,

Dear Santa.

How are you? Are you ready for the big trip? Could you bring a glass angel for mom? Pleae bring me a hat. I love you Santa. I'll leave you cookies

Dear Santa. How are you doing? What are you doing? Bring my mom a news book. I want water wall. I will give you cookies. Love, Ellen

Dear Santa.

how are you? Would you bring a horse thing for my sister? and a bag for my brother and for me a dog ... are you giting waete for your dig trip? and to my mom a how cwt and trip? and to my mom for my dad a egl pac? Sincerely,

Grace

How are you doing you are awe-some! Would you gt a cok bk for my mom. My sitr wild like sim clos from Aeropostal. Wd you gt my dad a choiklit bar? Wd you gt me a DSi. How is Miz KIs and your afs? Love.

Jeremy

Dear Santa,

how are you doowen? are you redey for your trip? can you beg me a papn jan? can you my mom a owen? are vou Elise dress? Have a safe trip Love.

Ravon

Dear Santa,

How are you? can you bring a tran wiosl for Nichlas? I would like a toy waterpark, little jam set, little Bryce huskes and a fire sash in lego set. Have a safe trip.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Are you makeing toys for the children? Can you get my dad a bakskrachr? can you get Grace laguna blue? Can you get me a nice nice nice gift cus I do not like gifs. I will send you my Grimas list. I will put randear food out for the randear. and I will lev out milk and cookies for you. Love,

Dear Santa.

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How are you doing? Are you sick? Maybe you can give Ben a DSi? And you cod give me some Bay Blades? do you think you cod gat me a new biyk? I will lev you milk?

Hi Santa!

HI Santa: Have a saf trip. can I get a necklis for my mom? I want a Lego fiyr stashone for me and a tedue bar a transformer for Evan and a toolbox for my Dad. You have a nis trip. Love. Grant

Dear Santa,

Jerer

I love you becase you give me a jolrey. Santa you gave me the bal of the world. Santa tank you for lating me do cresmos in the car. Santa tak you for giving Andrew a blue bakar. Have a safe trip Angelina

Love, Dear Santa,

You are awesome. My mom wants some mittens. My dad nees mittens too. I wat a new playset. You are the too, i wat a new prayset, fou are to best. How are you? are you ready for the big trip? Could you bring Haley a new dog snuggie. I would love a new fish. I'll leve you cokies Love. Emm

Dear Santa,

Can you please bring my dad a prasnt XBox. Can you bring my mommyi Princess Play game. Plese bring my brother a game. Please bring Andrea a XBox Love

Mohame

Dear Santa,

Can you please bring my dad a gun? Pleae bring my mom a dress? Please bring my brother Brendan a toy gun? Please bring y broter Zachary a toy gun. Please bring me a toy gun. Please bring me mrbls. lease bring me a number chart Love. Xavier

Dear Santa,

Can you please bring my mom a dress? Please bring my dad a new car. Please bring my brother Eric a star horse force of eli. Please bring me a bello bitt.

me a hello kitty. Carmen

Dear Santa,

Love, Zachary Dear Santa,

a new phone. Can you please bring my brother a wrestler. May I have a

Dear Santa.

Can you please bring my dad a new toy helicopter? Can you please bring my mom som money? can you

please bring my sister Claudia a new American girl doll? May I have a Santa hat? May I have a DS game sonic colors?

Dear Santa,

Can you bring my mom a recipe in a box? Can you please give my dad a new automatic water filling add a new automatic water mining machine? Will you please give my brother a Wii video game? Can you please bring me a new set of Hot Wheels toy cars? Will you please give me a LEGO universe toys? Can you please bring me a cool Lego computer game? From

Alex

Dear Santa, Can you please bring my mom some make-up and can you please bring my dad a brand new Wii gam Can you please bring my baby siste Katie some dolls. Can you please bring me a brand new mane Can bring me a brand new game. Can you please bring me a XBox. Can you please bring me a Wii. Can you please bring me some Wii games.

Dear Santa.

Can you please bring my baby brother Ethana acin tigr? Please bring my mommy som money? Please bring my daddy a zeba! Please bring me a an American girl doll and a sach book? Izabella

Dear Santa,

Can you please bring my papa a airplane remote control. Please bring my mama rings. Please bring my sister Petia a soso pet. Please bring me a DS game.

Dear Santa,

Can you please bring my dad a Wii game? Please bring my mom a flower that is pink flowers. Please bring my brother a car. Please bring Emma a SooSoo pet and Brittany a dog. Please bring me a cat.

Dear Santa,

Can you bring my brother a race car? Can you bring my mom a pink flower? Can you bring my dad games? Can you bring me a Super

Mario game?

Dear Santa.

Can you bring my mom a purple and blue presents and can you bring my dad a tatoo kit and can you bring my sister a pink and blue and purple stuffed animal and can you bring me a purple and pink dress and a pink heart hecklace and outfit from Justice. Rilev

Please bring my mom jewelry. Please bring my sister a Wii game. Please bring my dad a new car. Can you please bring me make-up? Please bring me a drass? Please bring me a tato? Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Can you bring my mommy a dress please? Can you bring my dad a

money please? can you bring my sis-ter a pink heart necklace? Can you bring me a coloring backpack?

Dear Santa, Can you please bring my mom a new computer? Can you please

Can you get my momy a mat-tress? Can you please bring my dad an X-box? Can you please bring me an American girl doll?

Can you please bring my mom a jewels. Can you please bring my dad video camera. Can you please bring my cats a cat toye. May I have a toy? Sarah Wells

Bridget

bring my dad a wallet? can you pleae bring my brother Blake a toy Can you bring a toy for me. Delon DSi. Wil you pes gif my bit a DS

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Dear Santa.

Dear Santa, Can you please get my mom a nelist and eer rings? Can you please get my mom som flowrs? can you please get my mom a candie tat smiles? Can you please get my dad hony? can you please get my dad a bak skrasher? Can you please get my dad a penut maker? Can you please get my dad a wat thing? Can you please get my sister a kity pin? can you please get my sister purple flowers? Can you please get my sister purple flowers? Can you please get my sis-ter a anamal pin clashn? Can you get y sister iysc reem?

my dad a new laptop? Can you me

a transformer? Can you bring me a action figure? Can you bring both of my sis a soccer ball?

Can you bring my mom a necklace please? Bring my dad a computer

please. Bring my brother a toy car please. Bring my sister a heart box please? Can you bring me a tele-

can you please bring my mom a pink necklace? Can you please bring my dad a new office bag? Can you please bring my nani a new purse? can you please bring my dadi a new

set of bangles? Can you please bring me a new Haloween basket? Can you please bring me a new hello kitty necklace? can you please bring me ballet stocking?

Can you please bring my mom a new purse? Can you please bring my dad a new wallet? Can you please bring my brother Jordan a DS? Can

gi-oh cards? can you please bring me yu-gi-oh cards? Can you please bring me a nerf gun? Can you please

Dear Santa, I am beeng good. My mom wants a necklace ples. My dad wants a new shrt ples. I want a Amkin Girl doll.

Will you please giv my brother a Nrf gun please please! Giv him theat pleeas and I wot a tran. Please

Dear Santa, Thave been a boy. Please bring my mom a flower. My dad wants a dracei dits. I want a car. Love,

I want a toy sonic and a DES please. My mom wants flors please. My dad wants toys please. Aaron wants a toe car. mycol wants games please.

Evan Lemanek

you please bring my brother yu

From,

Owen

Heather

Dear Santa, Please bring my mom a new computer? Can you bring my mom a new TV? Can you bring my brother William baseball bat? Can you bring

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

ballet stockings?

Dear Santa,

bring me a Kunzhu?

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa.

scope?

Amey

James

Dorian

Audrey

Taiyo

Lina

Love,

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS OSA Reindeer has a nose for the job, head for the business

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature? Rudolph: I lead sleighs. Most of the time, I have an exclusive client an older gentleman in a red suit with a bushy white beard who delivers toys to all the good little girls and boys. Occasionally, he lets me moonlight for high school graduations, proms and other events. The kids think it's cool. Observer: How did you first

me moonlight for high school graduations, proms and other events. The kids think it's cool. **Observer: How did you first decide to open your business? Rudolph: I first got into the** leading-a-sleigh business when the reindeer around here wouldn't let me join in any reindeer games. My dad used this huge hunk of black stuff to cover up my shiny nose. When it came off, I was shunned. I decided not to let it get me down, and to use it for good. When Santa realized what an advantage it gives him in the night sky, especially when the weather's bad, he and I hooked up. **Observer: What makes your business unjue?**

unique? Rudolph: Well ... umm ... how

Rudolph specializes in leading sleighs through inclement weather, using his shiny red nose to guide the way.

many other shiny-nosed, flying reindeer do you know? It takes some special qualities to be able to lead a huge sleigh and command the respec of eight grown-ups who've been doin it a lot longer. I hear there's a penguin at the South Pole everybody likes with kind of a shiny bald

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ended up in Turkey. Observer: How has the recent economy

Observer: Now has the recent economy affected your business? Rudolph: It hasn't had too much of an effect. After all, the economy isn't in the same sad shape all over the world. There was a time when Santa thought he was going to lay off a reindeer or two, but we don't have a union, and he couldn't decide between Prancer and Vixen. Santa doesn't care about conomics anyway. Santa cares about children being bad or good, so he just wants them to be good, for goodness



SLEIGH MASTER

Business name: Rudolph the Red-Nosed

Your hometown: North Pole Hours of operation: 24 hours, Dec. 24-25 Your business specialty: Leading sleighs through inclement weather Website: www.rudolphrules.com

sakes. If they do that, they get toys,

standing is. Observer: Any advice for other small business owners?

Rudolph: Yes, they should diversify, know

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as many aspects of their business as possible. Look at me, for example. Where would i be if the only thing i knew how to lead was a sleigh? Truthfully, there isn't all that much calling for that. So I earned other forms of transportation, too. On my down time from the North Pole, I drive a mean cab in New York City. Observer: What's in store for the future of your business? Rudolph: Well, as technology continues to improve, I think radar and computers will become more of a standard in the sleigh-leading industry. Right now, we sort of go by much more efficient. We could use another sleigh, but there'd be no one to drive it anyway, so we make do with what we've got.

Managing debt key lesson of financial crisis of recent years

t's hard to believe how fast time goes. Looking back at 2010, I think everyone would agree that it certainly was an interesting year. Whether it was the rebirth of General Motors and Chrysler, the change in Washington, D.C. due to the outcome of C. due to the outcome of the intermediate of the term election, or the financial crisis in Europe, this certainly has been a notable year.



Rick Bloom

The issue is what you and I should have learned from the events that shaped 2010. Throughout Throughout the year there were numer-ous stories about the debt crisis in Europe. Whether it was the recent economic bailout of Ireland or the prob-lems in Greece last summer, we saw what happens when debts eventually become due. Unlike governments that can print money and have other mechanisms for a bailout, we are not so fortunate. When our bills become due, we must pay them.

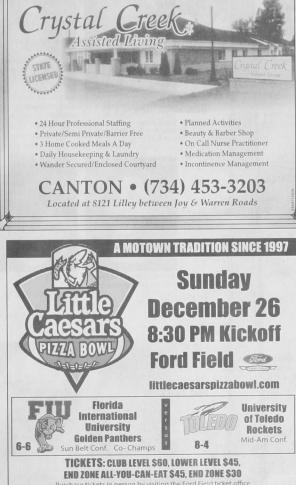
our bills become use, may them. Thelieve the lesson to learn from the European debt crisis is the importance of manag-ing debt. One of the key les-sons of 2010 is to be mindful of the amount of debt we take on. Before incurring any debt, have a game plan as to

how to pay the debt off. Another lesson investors should learn from this past year is that there is a differ-ence between the U.S. econ-omy and the stock market. It used to be that if the stock market was doing well one generally assumed that the U.S. economy was also doing well. This year that wasn't the case. The stock market did well, but the U.S. economy continued to struggle. In the not-so-distant past, the great majority of pub-licly held U.S. corporations depended upon the U.S. econ-omy for the great majority of their revenues. That is no lon-ger the case. Over the last few versend to U.S. businesses. Corporations such as McDonald's and Coca-Cola do the great majority of their business abroad. Ford has more employees outside the United States than inside thuited States than inside that U.S. corporations are multi-national and no lon-ger depend upon the United States economy as they did in the past. As investors, we may not like this; however, we have to accept it. Accepting this information why the stock market has had a good year while at the same time to U.S. economy contin-ues to struggle.

There is no doubt that we are going through an incred-ible change in our economy and as investors there is no other choice but to accept and embrace these changes. If you put your head in the sand and ignore what is happening, eventually it will catch up to you. I am sure there are many other lessons to learn from the last year, however, debt management and accepting the new economic reality are key issues.

management and accepting the new economic reality are key issues. As a side note, I've read articles and listened to com-mentators discuss their belief that we are witnessing the decline of America as the predominant world power. I do not subscribe to this think-ing. Despite everything, our economy is still the largest and the most robust economy in the world. We are going through a difficult time, how-ever, I believe when you look into the future you will still see the American economy as the perdominant economy, and the envy of the world. I wish you and yours a very happy, healthy holiday season. Thank you for allowing me the your personal financial affairs. Good luck!

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TREAT YOURSELF TO AN EARLY HOLIDAY GIFT

Botsford staffer Joseph Weiss, M.D., has joined the medi-cal staff at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Board-certified in internal medicine and rheumatology, Weiss is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is the editor and chief of the Detroit Medical News and chair-man of the Michigan Rheumatism Society's Educational Committee. Weiss has a practice at 18829 Farmington

Road, Livonia. He received his medical education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He completed his training including a rheumatology fellows ship at Wayne County Hospital in Westland.

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OUR VIEWS Holiday season brings out the best in Observer communities

As we sit with our families and friends and celebrate another Orisitmas and holiday season, most of us can be thankful for the ability to enjoy the trappings of the season — the food, the pres-ters, the family. This our nature to want our families gathered around us, like warm blanket of love, especial-dy at the holidays. However, not you have that luxury. Whether or medical reasons or through economic strife, many don't have the shate what they can — be their money, their toys, their belongings, their homes, their belongings, their homes, their

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a happy holiday season. There are many examples of which we know, including civic groups of all kinds, bell ringers at Salvation Army work the shelters and food lines, tocal Jewish and Muslim orga-tions uniting to relieve their christian brethren on Christmas the and Christmas Day. Monthes stories crop up every ear of these good-deed doers. And there are countless more spt, folks who help simply because the homeless, donate anonymous-ty to charities, help charitable you to harities, help charitable you be fuel to gather will do so with love and gratitude, as

COMMUNITY VOICE

It is our nature to want our families gathered around us, like a warm blanket of love, especially at the holidays.

befits the season. Sure, there will be plenty of food and presents, as the commercialization of the sea-son comes to a close, but that's not really the reason we get together. We do so in the spirit of love and togetherness. It won't be that way for every-one, of course. Local chari-ties again report a decline, for the most part, in giving, but an

increase in requests for assis-tance. Everyone gives what they can, but with an economy still struggling to show signs of recov-ering, that hasn't been easy. Each year, we rouse ourselves during the holiday season to listen to the better angels of our nature. We reach out to others during this special time and promise to carry our concern forward into the new year. vear

year. Sometimes we do and some-times we get too caught up in the frenzy of our own too-busy lives to make good on the promise. We do the best we can and then, when the season rolls around again, we make the promise one more time. The commercial aspect is omni-present, but once we get past that,

Christmas and the holiday sea-son (including Hanukkah and kwanzaa) are for most of us about home and hope, about family and you want and hope about family and how we all long to be together, but in today's fast-paced, too tast-out always allow that. Separations come, an asser-tion all too clear especially to the women serving in wars on two of this holiday season. Until we you has how that perfect Christmas, this holiday season. Until we you hal simply have to mudde. Sometimes merry little We hope your holiday season ful-tils your every hope and dream.

What is the best gift you ever received?



go hunting." Josh DeLuca







"A DSi. It's a game system where you can take pictures, download games and go onto the Internet." games and go onto the In Ally Coumoundouros, 11



"A Wii, last year." Madison Holcomb



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"A pretty dress and a black jacket with flowers from m Layla Krayen



"A dress and a purse from my grandma. The purse had jewels, and the dress was really pretty with spaghetti strings." Jeneen Krayen



"(The Play-Doh) Martian Matter, but if you don't take care of it, it Jacob Quattro



Ashley Whaley



"My iPod. I really wanted one because it can hold all my music **Emily Proctor**



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"I hope I get a DSI." **Tony Buscemi** Mind grader from St. Valentine in



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An Xbox 360. I've Nathan Rearick, 9



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"A Play Station Portable. It can play movies and games, and I really wanted it for a long time." Chicke Morgan, 10



Leah Medley, 9 Isbister Elementary student

Annual Mitzvah Day inspires innovation, cooperation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Once again, the desire to work together and overcome obstacles is saving the day — in this case, Christmas day. Christmas falls on Saturday this year, the Jewish Sabbath, and creates a problem for hundreds of Jews who volun-teer in place of Christians so they can celebrate the birth of Jesus with their families and friends. The Jewish Federation of

friends. The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and Jewish Community Relations Council are not canceling the annual Mitzvah Day, however

Gouncil are not canceling the anual Mitzvah Day, however, only moving it. The conflict in timing is leading to new ways for Jews and Muslims to per-form good deeds. The two religious communi-ties came together to relieve Christians at four dozen orga-nizations. This year, instead of volunteering Christmas day, Jews will offer a helping hand Christmas Eve and throughout the entire month, and Muslims on Christmas day as part of the first Council of Islamic Organizations Volunteer Day. Since Friday is a work day, Muslew with several hundred were participants than the 900 last year. The dat that we were able to work it out, to still do mitz-vahs and respect our Sabbath. Vere going to have 25 or 27 different places for volunteers of deliver — Meals on Wheels, joinsettias to seniors," said Micki Grossman of Farmington Hills. Grossman is co-chairwoman with Freya Wereman.

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PARTNERING

PARTNERING "We're going to be at sev-eral sites partnering with the Muslim community again this year. Last year it created new bonds of friendship. The goals and tradition aren't that unlike," Grossman said. Todd Mendel and bis wife, Soozan, and their three chil-dren will be volunteering

Muzammij Ahmed of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan (third from left) and Rabbi Norman T. Roman (right) of Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield are shown with volunteers from the Musim and Jewish communities at last year's Volunteer Day at Gleaners Food Bank in Detroit

at the Village of Redford. Mendel, a lawyer, is past presi-dent of the Jewish Community Relations Council and an offi-cer for the American Jewish Commutitee. Last year Sophie, 16, Rebecca, 13, and Henry, 11, separated food and packed boxes at Geners Community Food Bank. "We've served meals at St. Hugo's and the kids have seen people are homeless and what that means that they don't have food," said Mendel of Birmingham. "It's great life lessons for them, for me." Sarah Crane, 23, of Farmington Hills was able to learn from her experience serving lunch to the homeless at Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton Township. Crane is community relations associate for JCRC. "It makes the idea of home-lessness more real because we talked with individuals there," said Crane, who volunteered with her mother, Stacey of Birmingham. "I think volunteering is

with her mother, Stacey of Birmingham. "I think volunteering is important. Mitzvah Day allows all of us to come togeth er and do good," Sarah said.

VOLUNTEERING AT 80

Ilene Dunn began volun-teering about 20 years ago. She's still helping out at age 80 and has already deliv-ered Hanukkah packages to seniors at Menorah House in Southfield this year. Her

ay at Gleaners Food Bank in Detroit. friends Barbara Schwartz of Farmington Hills and Ilene Gretchko of West Bloomfield lend a helping hand as well. "I think it's a very good cause and helps Christian people to take a break and go to church," said Dunn, who volunters with her sister, Marlene Nessel of Farmington Hills. "The elderly really appreciate the company. We usually do a singa-long and my sister plays piano. A lot of residents don't have families and friends. They really love it and we get such a kick out of it." Hy Safran enjoyed the expe-rience so much last year, he's organizing a group of young leaders in the Jewish com-munity. Safran, 26, is senior adviser

munity. Safran, 26, is senior adviser to Congressman Gary Peters. Last year, Safran served the poor at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen

in Detroit. "My family, the Safrans, have been very involved in the Jewish community — Shaarey Zedek with lay lead roles as well as the Jewish Federation," said Safran, who lives in Franklin and grew up in Birmingham.

JEWISH TRADITION

"The important part of being Jewish is giving back to the community and social justice, being a light unto the nations," he said. "It's absolut ly important to get involved and grab the microphone and

be a leader to encourage others. It's a great way to meet friends, to do a good deed not only for Jews, but all people." Gail Greenberg is overseeing the volunteer opportunities for Mitzvah Month as senior staff associate at the Federation's Allance for Jewish Education. "As part of the month, were having a challenge to the community to collectively do 1,800 hours of volunteer service," Greenberg said. "We have some planned activities, as well as some activities, people are going on their own to volunteer toward a common goal of reaching a community milestome."

milestone." On the web at www.jew-ishdetroit.org/mitzvah, is a listing of different places to volunteer.

volunteer. "People are excited. People are learning about places in the community they might not known about that need help," Greenberg said. "Last year, Mitzvah Day was incredible. We had a rabbi and imam working together with groups of families. Everyone was focused on helping others."

BUILDING PEACE

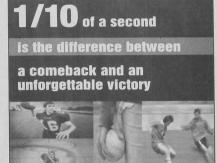
BUILDING PEACE Victor Begg couldn't agree more about the suc-cess. Last year, as chairman of the Council of Islamic Organizations, he gathered members of Muslim congrega-tions to assist in the project. This year, with the conflict of Christmas falling on the Jewish Sabbath, the Council is organizing a volunteer day Dec. 25.

We so to keep working a volunteer day be. 25. We ve got to keep working at it, to continue our actions to build peace, relationships and hope-fully more and more people will join, "said Begg, senior adviser for the Council and a Bloomfield Hills resident. This year we're volunteer-ing two days, Christmas Eve day and Christmas day when the Council is relieving the Christians and Jews. Now we're helping the Jews, too, and allowing them to observe the Sabbath because their

Muslim cousins stepped in." Like Begg, Dr. Muzammil Ahmed is looking forward to working with the Jewish com-munity again. This year, in addition to coordinating stu-dents from Crescent Academy International in Canton and members of the Canton mosque Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Ahmed is seeking the help of students from the three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton district. "In the spirit of interfaith

cooperation, we're planning to meet at their sites, but we're inspired by them and having our own volunteer day. We're expecting several hundred volunteers, students as well as families," said Ahmed, a urolo gist with offices in Westland and Dearborn. "We want to emphasize it's a good family activity." To offer a lending hand to Christians on Christmas day, visit www.ciomvolunteerday. eventbrite.com.

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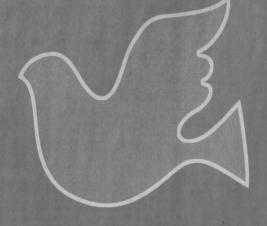
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THURSDAY, December 23, 2010

Icy hot Spartans nip CC for 8th straight

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's no hockey team hotter going into the Christmas break than Livonia Stevenson. The Spartans, who lost their season opener to Farmington, have now won eight straight following a 4-3 triumph Saturday night at Edgar Arena over defending Division 1 state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. The Humitz connection for the Spartans fac-tored heavily in the win as sophomore CC, whether they're my alma mater or not. They're a storied program and if's

alma mater or not. They're a storied program and it's a huge win for us.' BUTTON Streamson coach and a CC graduate a Streamson coach and a CC graduate a CC graduate a Streamson coach and a CC graduate a CC graduate a Streamson Streamson Streamson Tetra ince, but for us it's a win, and we move on to the next game.'' said Vento, whose team doesn't return to action until Jan. 5. Tit's always great beating CC, whether they're my alma mater or not. They're a storied program and it's a huge win for us.'

us." It was 2-2 after one period with Stevenson getting on the board first at 3:57 when Andrew Palushaj banged home a rebound off assists from Ryan Urso and Nick Barr. CC's Ryan Keller made it 1-1 on a backhand from Nolan Gluchowski at 5:45 and the Shamrocks scored again to go up 2-1 just 42 seconds later on a quick wrist shot by Charlie Green after a pinpoint pass from Carson Gatt. (Sean Gaffney also drew an assist).

pass from Carson carson assist). At the 10:44 mark of the same period, Stevens scored on a four-and-four when Josh Pettersson scored his fourth of the year from Brendan Hay. Stevenson then enjoyed a five-on-three advan tage early in the second period when CC took ba to-back penalties during an II-second span. The power play, however, backfired when a

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Falcons' senior Matt Allemang put the puck past Flyers' goalie Keith Ladouceur for a 5-1 score early in the second period.

Falcons crank up power

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Armington's power play was ... well, not very powerful at the start of the hockey season. It was weak in fact. But that has changed in a month's time. The revitalized Falcons scored four power-plays goals Saturday night in their 7-3 rout of intra-city rival Farmington Hills Unified. We've been working on our power play," coach. Mark Vellucci said. "Our power play was awful the first four or five games. Then, we started to get it working. We knew we were capable of doing that."

Farmington also reached the end of the 2010 portion of its schedule without a loss in mine sames. The Falcons also are 3-0-1 in the Oakland Activities Association's top division. The mashappy as can be that we're 9-0, Vellucci said. "Did expect it? No. But am I sur-prised? Not really, either." The rematch with the Flyers - Farmington rallied from two goals down for a 5-4 win in late November — was all but over in the first period as the Falcons scored on two late power plays to take a 4-1 lead. Nick Elliott, who had a goal and two assists to raise his team-

high point total to 19, broke a 1-1

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Ingin point out of 5, block a PT tie at 8:17. The Falcons took command of the scoreboard when Danny Prokes and Alex Schmitt, who had his second-straight, two-goal game, netted power-play goals with 5:51 and 2:59 remaining. Flyers coach Ken Anderson said his young team (3-5, 0-2) didn't compete well in the first period and played as if it was in awe.

awe. "They brought it to us pretty good," he said. "We had too many mental breakdowns like we've been having so far this year.

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ROUNDBALL CLASSIC Glenn 'rockets' past Willow Run

NORTH FARMINGTON 52, CLARENCEVILLE 37: North

2). PIYMOUTH 65, FERNDALE 57: Also at the Glenn Roundball Classic, Plymouth senior guard Mike Nadratowski poured in 28 points and pulled down 12 rebounds as the Wildcats knocked off Ferndale. Other big contributors for Plymouth (2-3) included senior forwards Pat Salo (12 points, seven rebounds) and Brennen Beyer (10 points, eight rebounds). According to Plymouth head coach Mike Soukun, a key factor to the win was the way his

SIDELINES

Canton stings 'Stangs In the final game before the holiday break, the visit-ing Canton Chiefs blanked Northville 3-0 Friday in a van Northville 3-0 Friday in a var-sity boys hockey matchup. For Canton (6-11), seniors Jimmy LaFontaine, Garrett Bryden and AJ Rosales scored goals while junior netminder Spencer Craig stopped all 26 Mustang shots. The loss dropped Northville to 3-5-1 overall.

County mat champ

County mat champ. James Roberts of Farmington Hills Harrison won the Oakland County championship at 140 pounds on Saturday. He becomes the third Hawk in history to win the prestigious title and the first since Pat Palajac took home the title in 1979. The other Hawk champion was Damien Crudele in 1976. In the finals, Roberts entered the second period down 2-1 against Division 1 No. 4-ranked Riley Hanson of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. As Hanson stood up to escape, the cradlemeister clamped down to lock in the cradle again to notch his fifth pin of the tournament and the title of Oakland County Champion.

The title of Oakland County Champion. Roberts pinned his way to the championship. He started out with a second period pin over James Huang of North Farmington, then caught Sam Hier of South Lyon in a cradle for this second win. He defeated Mitchell Sable of West Bloomfield in the first period. Next up was Division 1No. 9-ranked Diego Camp of Rochester and Roberts was awarded a controversial pin Alumni become

Alumni hoops

Autmnt noops The Garden City High School girls baskeball program will be holding its annual alumni game on Thursday, Dec. 30, inside the school gymnasium, 6500 Middlebelt. All former Garden City girls basketball players are welcome and encouraged to attend. The alumni from 6-7 p.m. and the varsity from 7-8:30 p.m. If you have any further ques-

If you have any further ques-tions, contact Barry Patterson at (734) 635-2388 or Michele Tyree at (734) 306-8763.

Rankin pins down title

Rankin pins down title Redford Union sophomore Colin Rankin reigned supreme in the 171-pound weight class Saturday at the Franklin Invitational Hed in Livonia. The Panther grappler was pretty dominant in defeating his foes in the early rounds and concluded his march toward capturing the crown with a 5-2 decision over Alex O'Conner of the host Patriols. "It was a tightly contested match," RU head coach Rob Rankin said. "There wasn t a whole lot of room for mis-takes."

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takes: In addition to Rankin's hero-ics, the Panthers received strong performances from senior Josh Hall at 135 and senior Josh Hall at Jos and classmate Christian Colon at heavyweight. Hall settled for second after dropping a heart-breaking one-point defeat to his Franklin opponent in the final, while Colon took third after pinning his Garden City fre

"All three have been rock solid all year," Rankin said. "I was very pleased and the effort was there from every.

Pratt sparks MU

Playing the first time follow-ing a nine-day layoff for final exams, the Madonna University women's basketball team showed little rust with a 65-60 nonconference victory Monday Please see SIDELINES, B3

Sophomore Cameron Earls of the Plymouth Wildcats is ready to swim one of the events he competed in during Friday's Wildcat Holiday Relays.



The annual Wildcat Holiday Relays combin cheers of the season with cheers for the swim mers, as nine high schools put on a splendid showing.

showing. Capturing first place at the Plymouth-hosted event, actually held at Salem High School, was Monroe with 352 points. Howell trailed with 338, followed by Walled Lake Northern (296) and Park teams Canton and Plymouth. The Chiefs took fourth with 293 points, while the Wildcats and Dearborn Edsel Ford shared the No. 5 spot with 253 points each. Rounding out the standings were Tecumseh (seventh, 239) Woodhaven (eighth, 232) and Redford Union (ninth, 114). "It was a good meet for us," Wildcats head

Woodhaven (eighth, 232) and Redford Union (nith, 114). "It was a good meet for us," Wildcats head coach Doug Schade said. "It was a nice start to see where we stand right now. The highlight of the meet for us was our 200 butterfly relay that took first place." That relay team finished with a time of 1:45.22 and included seniors Alex Jouney, Ethan Christensen, Zach Koch and sophomore Cameron Earls. Meanwhile, Canton won several of the 10 events, including the 400 free relay (juniors Victor Zhang, Adrian Simion, Jay Jin and soph-omore Mike Carlson, 3:27,19; and 200 medley relay (Jin, Zhang, Carlson and senior Jacob Dillon, 1:45.38).

Please see RELAYS, B3

Westland John Glenn concluded play in the Glenn Roundball Classic in sterling fashion tuesday night as the Rockets blasted visiting Ypsilanti Willow Run, 69-48. Senior Marcus Mecks led three Rocket players in double figures with 16 points. Junior Abeon Simmons followed with 13 points and senior Christian Cobile added 11. Senior Chris Jones chipped in with eight points. For Willow Run (2-4), Aaron Richmond topped the scoring chart with 14 points and teammate Dequantis Henderson twined 10. Glenn burst out to a 7-9 lead after one quar-ter, moved the margin to 36-19 at halftime and coasted to its second win in three tries this season by outscoring the Flyers 33-29 over the final two frames.

NORTH FARMINGTON 52, CLARENCEVILLE 37: North Farmington improved to 3-1 on the season by rac-ing past Livonia Clarenceville Tuesday night in play at the Glenn Roundball Classie. Urbane Bingham tossed in a game-high 18 points and Caleb Hogans netted 11 as the Raiders took control in the first two frames by outscoring their foes 25-14. Sam Brown bagged 15 to pace Clarenceville (2-2)

Recording to Plymouth head coach Mike Sacording to Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, a key factor to the win was the way his earn warded off Ferndale's defensive pressure.
Our team did a good job of handling that pres-sure and not succumbing to it, 'Soukup said. 'And we ere able to make them pay in most cases.'
FARMINGTON 54, FRANKLIN 40: Farmington evened fits record at 1-1 on the year with this lopsided vic-tory Tuesday night over Livonia Franklin.
Benior Anthony Rutledge tossed in 11 points, classmate Tyler Johnson twined 10 and junior Chris Hare bagged nine to pace a balanced Farmington attack.
Max Shamus scored 13 and Mike Sharp added it to lead Franklin (0-3).
The Falcons broke open a tight game in the sec-ond half by outscoring the Patriots 35-23.

n's Bryan Tolinski handles the anchor leg of the 200 yard backstroke relay during Friday's Wildcat Holiday Re

LOCAL SPORTS



Franklin players celebrate after back-to-back mercy rule wins during last weekend's Taylor SportsPlex Holiday Tournament conquest

Barnes MVP as Pats roll in holiday tourney

Franklin scored four more times in the cond period including power play goals -Adam Michael and Aaron Hoffmeyer. Kevin Webb (unassisted) and Barnes by Ada

STEVENSON

Stevenson defenseman fall down at the blue line while trying to keep the puck in and Green took advantage an unassisted goal at 5:14 to make it 3-2. Stevenson then found itself short a man after taking a penalty at the 7:15 mark. But the Spartans returned the favor a shorthanded goal of their own when Palushaj notched his 11th of the season on a nifty passing play from

notched his 11th of the season on a nifty passing play from Urso and John Mandryk. That set the stage for Michael Humitz, who beat CC netminder Connor Pankow with 14:48 left for what proved to be the deciding goal off assists from Pettersson and Cam Humitz (Michael's brother and Connor's cousin). "That was a back breaker,

also scored during the period with assists going to Tyler Dewhirst, Danny Donahue Josh Leonard, Stadler and Andrew

Pearson. Wiacek's shorthanded goal just 4:22 in final period ended the game in a eight-

it's not something you want to do," Vento said of giving up a goal on a five-on-three man advantage. "But our guys kind of sucked it up and found a way and came back with a big shorthanded goal of our own, so credit to them."

PROTECTING THE LEAD

PROTECTING THE LEAD Common Humitz them kept the Shamrocks off the board, including a furious last 1:35 when CC pulled its goalie for the sixth attacker. Think we got some great oaltending when we needed it, "Vento said. "The guys just sacrificed. When they pulled that goalie at the end, our gys were getting in front of shots and doing whatever, they had to do to clear that puck out of our zone. "We got little undisci-lined early, but they settled down and played a pretty

good hockey game." Connor Humitz seemed to get stronger and gain confi-dence as the game wore on. "He did have a shaky start," Vento said. "But you know what, he's a sophomore play-ing against a powerhouse like CC, and he had two that he probably wanted back, but I tell you what, he came up with some monster saves for us and was a big part of this win."

us and was a big part of this win." The loss dropped CC to an uncharacteristic 4-3 overall. "It was kind of a crazy start to the second period with all those penalites back-and-forth," Catholic Central coach Todd Johnson said. "It went to the third period tied and they (Stevenson) made the play to win the game. "We've got a young team and they have 15 seniors, so it was a good experience for us

atter übe period and invoked a running dock /33 into the second period. Other Franklin goal scorers included Adam Michael, Tyler Dewhirst, Richie Wieczorek, Travis Barnes, Kevin Webb and Aaron Hoffmeyer. Chipping in with two assists apiece were Josh Leonard, Danny Donahue, Webb, Wieczorek and Michael.

Stadler. Franklin used two goaltenders – Matt Slinder, who played the first period, and Travis Ferrier. Tyler Stireman had the lone Lincoln Park goal from Adam Bussell to make it 1-1 at 2:25 of the first period.

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Super Bowl in Canton hosted a high school bowling matchup wor-thy of the facility's name. Last Thursday, the Canton and Salem squads got together and turned in some close and exciting games, with the Chiefs prevailing in the varsity boys and varsity girls context:

Scoring Leaders

Scoring Leaders Name Mike Beatty Chris Shepard Wes Hicks Brandon Daniels Andre Johnson Lance Wesson Kevin Davis Darien Bynum Dan Kurtanitis Mike Reinbt

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Anthony Rutledge Terrence Coker Drew Bradford Jason Allen Terrence Whitehead TC Martez Corey Terrant Jay Scagg Donald Tinsley Linzee Bennett Dede Smith Ed Browder David Klein

Tyrone Temple

gaines, with the closes providing the variety boys and variety girls contests. The Canton variety boys came from behind to win 19-11, while the girls matchup was a nailbiter – won 77-31 by the Chiefs. Salem's boys got off to a fast start, however, winning 213-209 in the first Baker game, although the Chiefs won 201-183 in the second Baker game. In the opening match game, the Rocks similarly started strong and won behind David Nikkila (277, Kevin Williams (248) and Ryan Clark (199). Canton's Alex Champagne rolled a 269 while Kurt Kowalski and Ryan Washburn had strong games of 235 and 199, respectively, but to no avail.

of 235 and 199, respectively, but to no avail. In Game 2, the Chiefs came out firing and erased a 28-pin deficit to ultimately win going away. Top bowlers for Canton were Ross Terrasi (245) and Josh Pozan (217). Pacing Salem were Clark (242) and Tyler Foley (204). The girls match came down to the final two bowlers, with Canton's late comeback doing the trick for the Chiefs. Ashley Cade and Charlotte Zimmer tallied scores of 171 and 157 in the clincher, while Salem shooters included Kristen Larkin's execution of the score of 171 and 157 in the clincher, while Salem

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Franklin baseball camp

The fifth annual Franklin Future Stars spring baseball camp for boys and girls in grades 3-6 will be Saturday, Feb 12 at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road, Lixonia. Session 1, consisting of hitting, base running skills and infield work, will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Session 2, consisting of pitching, catching, outfield and defensive

kills, will be from 12:15-2:45 p.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Each camper will bring his or her sack lunch. Campers and instructors will eat a supervised sack lunch together in the bleach-ers of the fieldhouse. The cost for each session is \$25, or \$45 for both sessions. E-mail Franklin varsity baseball oach Matt Fournier at mfour-nie2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.

Sweep for Wildcats Plymouth's bowling squads all came away victorious last thursday against Northville, with the matches also at Super Bowl. The varsity boys won 20-1, led by Kyle Webb (247-198-445), Justin Thompson (227-185-412), Brandon Congdon (202-207-409) and Eric thompson (205-194-399). It was much closer in the varsity girls contest, although the Wildcats earned a 16-14 win. Top Plymouth Ollers inchded MacKenzie Carlson (186-288-474), Catilyn Webb (202-160-362), Tiffan Jeatterson (128-189-317) and Jeastic Cullen (132-102-234). In the JV boys matchup, Plymouth won 28-2. Eric Combee bowled a 210 in the second match game for the Wildcats.

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PREP BOWLING

Maul's 158. In the opening match game, Cade tallied a 187 while Ashley Kretschmer (190) and Larkin (158) also had solid showings. Baker games were divided, with Canton falling 152-153 to Salem in the opener before turning the tables (142-127) in the second game.

tables (H2-12/) in the second game. Canton's JV teams also were vic-torious. The boys won 20-10 (top scores: Canton, Gary Barnett, 213; Salem, Brandon Allison, 203) and the girls won 21.5-8.5 (top scorers: Canton, Beth Stark, 146, Salem, Ashley Mikolaiczik, 141).

Sweep for Wildcats

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RECREATION BASKETBALL

Tournament MVP Travis Barnes scored four times Saturday night as Livonia Franklin rolled past host Taylor Unified, 8-0, to capture the Taylor SportsPlex Holiday boys hockey tile. The Patriots, who improved to 4-6 over-all, led 3-0 after one period as Barnes, a sophomore, notched a natural hat trick. Mike Diaz drew two of the assists on Barnes' three goals, while Tyler Satkowiak, Adam Stadler and Zach Wiacek each added one. Franklin scored four more times in the Intal period ended the game in a eight-goal mercy. Franklin, which beat Taylor Unified for the second time this season, outshot the hosts 33-14. "The team is finally coming together and playing with confidence and control," Franklin coach Scott Wirgau said. FRAMKLIN 10, LINCOLN PARK 1: Sophomores Adam Stadler and Mike Diaz each scored twice as Livonia Franklin (3-6) snapped a six-game losing skid Friday in a victory over the Railsplitters in ichael. Adding one assist each were Tyler Satkowiak, ome Schlaff, Zach Wiacek, Dewhirst and



Senior goalie Tim Rogers stopped 25 shots for the Falcons, who continue to roll early in the 2010-11 season.

games except for this one," Anderson said. "With the playoff system in the league now, as long as we're playing well in February, there isn't much to worry about now. "Our leaders are trying, but we haven't had any good con-tinuity yet from shift to shift. Until that happens, we're going to have inconsistent games like this." Farmington's Ethan Baker,

Zac Massa and Prokes and Wood also had two assists each. Winning goalie Tim Rogers faced 28 shots, Keith Ladouceur of the Flyers 34. "We have great senior leadership, great captains," Vellucci said. "All 21 guys are focused on competing and winning. Honestly, the only thing that's going hurt us is ourselves.

ourselves. "Taking those penalties in

the second period and being undisciplined, that's going to hurt us down the road, because we're going to get tired out from killing penal-ties over and over. "But we have a lot of depth up front and with the D. We can put a lot of combinations out there for the penalty-kill. I think our depth has really shown in the first nine games."

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"We're still relatively young on defense. As we go along, we'll get more confident, stronger on the puck and be oken?"

FALCONS

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the Taylor SportsPlex Holiday Tourney. The Patriots, outshot Lincoln Park 38-8, led 8-1 after one period and invoked a running clock 7:53

to play on the road in a tough environment - we'll be fine. Stevenson's got a great team." CC had the advantage in shots (33-21), but took seven penalties including three in the final period. (Stevenson also had a total of seven.) "We were a little undisci-plined and I didn't like that at all." Johnson said. "Til take a look at some of those penalties on tape and see what's going on. But outside of that of being undisci-plined, I thought we had a lot of good chances. Their goalie (Humitz) played fantastic tonight. Obviously they were diving and blocking a few shots. It's one of those things. It's a good rivalry, so we'l take a lot of positives out of the game."

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Canton's Evan Champine gets set to jump into the water during Friday's Wildcat Holiday Relays

RELAYS M PAGE BI

LOCAL RESULTS

Observer-area

Results from Observer-area teams are as follows: **400** yard freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Victor Zhang, Mike Carlson, Adrian Simon, Jay Jin), 3:21.75; 3. Plymouth (Ethan Christensen, Alex Jouney, Cameron Earls, Adam Liakos), 3:35.57; 9. Redford Union (names not available), 5:14:15.

Luonion (names and 5:14:15. **400 medley:** 6. Canton (Jonathan Marceau, Jacob Dillon, Christopher Krebs, Evan Champine), 4:20:83; 8. Plymouth (Nick Weber, Todd

Maslyk, DeLeon Morris, Kyle Strobel), 4:39,19; 9. Redford Union (n/a), 4:58.55. **200 butterfly**: 1. Plymouth (Jouney, Christensen, Earls, Zach Koch), 1:45.22; 8. Canton (Champine, Michael Fluegemann, Kyle Bindas, Souvik Roy), 2:12.11. 1-meter divlng: 3. Connor McManus (Plymouth), 173.80; 7. Ryan Kilgore (Canton), 130.90; 10. Alex Sogge (Canton), 87,75.

130.90; 10. Alex Sogge (Canton), 87,75. 400 medley: 1. Canton (Jin, Krebs, Simion, Zhang), 3:57,19; 6. Plymouth (Strobel, Maslyk, Weber, Liakos), 4:27,77. 200 breaststroke: 4. Canton (Fluegemann, Nick Lacich, Michael Wilyard, Jay Akolkar), 2:13.28; 8. Redford Union (n/a), 2:21.80; 9. Plymouth

(Morris, Weber, Maslyk, Strobel), 2:25,70. **200 backstroke**: 2. Plymouth (Earls, Jouney, Liakos, Christensen), 1:54-11; 6. Canton (Nathan Benjamin, Bindas, Saul Park, Bryan Tolineki) - 20:2 57 Bindas, Saul Park, Bryan Tolinski), 2:22.57. 500 freestyle: 7. Canton (Drew Wade, Marceau, Carlson, Krebs), 4:57.31; 8. Redford Union (n/a), 5:18.45; 9. Plymouth (Zoch, Gunnar Savalox, Strobel, Mike Pool), 5:32.92.

5:32:92. **200 medley:** 1. Canton (Jin, Dillon, Zhang, Carlson), 1:45:38; 8. Redford Union (n/a), 1:59:60; 9. Plymouth (Weber, Maslyk, Zoch, Morris), 2:02.17.

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Not quite enough Spring Arbor staves off MU in Crusader Classic MENS BASKETBALL

BY BRAD EMONS

It seems to be a rhetorical theme. The Madonna University men's basketball hit another rough second-half patch Saturday and it proved costly – this time in the finals of the Crusader Classic. Spring Arbor rallied from a five-point halftime deficit to go up by 11 and later held off a last-ditch MU comeback from 67-62 win and the

point halftime deficit to go up by 11 and later held off a last-ditch MU comeback for a 67-62 win and the tournament title. D.J. Baisen came off the bench while tournament MVP Willie Pickvet adde L3, including three oussecutive three-pointers to space to second-half surge. The Cougars, who improved to 9-7 overall, made 8-016 shots form beyond the arc. The second half we were slower on our (defensive) rotations," said MU coach Noel Emenhiser, whose was usinghed to 4-10. "The first half who half be to 4-10. "The first half who half be to 4-10. "The first half who half be to close back out on shoters. The second half we let them get deeper. And then it was a lot longer to run from the help side and get to the shoter. But give hen credit, they hit some tough shots, albeit too many were wide open."

MU led 29-24 at halftime, but Spring Arbor went on a 10-2 sury to take a 34-31 lead at the 17:37

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mark. The Crussaders then tied it at 41-41, but Spring Arbor opened up 45-41, but Spring Arbor opened up 45-41 advantage on a 14-3 run More Rey statistic revealed that spring Arbor capitalized on 20 points of turnovers. The environment of the statistic revealed that spring Arbor capitalized on 20 points of the game, and we left we pust have the done it throughout the course of the game, and we left the game and the statistic revealed that got within four, 58-54 with 4:30 to go on a three pointer by the statistic revealed to the game, and we left the dift arms with turnovers. Mode and got within four, 58-54 with 4:30 to go on a three pointer by the Arbor charging to a fact on a statistic spring that and got with just under 36 seconds left, both Bryant Slaughter Wissel three-point opportunities to it if for the Crussaders. The understanding on how tion in we we put ourself in position and fortunately lost two of them,"

what I say on simple mistakes that lead to really big things. The turnovers in the second half that led to easy backets for them were huge. Little plays that Spring Arbor made, we're are still not making on a day-to-day basis is really the difference."

on a day-to-day basis is really the difference." Naubert, named to the All-Tournament squad, finished with a team-high 15 points. Senior center Ryan Waidmann (Canton) and Slaughter each added 12. Waidmann also grabbed a team-best eight rebounds. Freshman guard Rob Hogans (North Farmington) and sopho-more guard Chris Bellamy (Novi) contributed 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Cougars. Also named to the All-Tourney team were Baisden, Marygrove College's Brandon Carlson and East-West (III) International's Derrick Reaves.

East-West (III) International's Derrick Reaves. MU doesn't return to action until Wechnesday, Dec. 29 when they face Malone (Ohio) in the opening round of the Hope College Russ DeVette Classic. And Emenhiser is looking for just one thing when his team returns to practice on Dec. 26. "Iwant to see that they're really hungry to improve, to learn and get better at the game," he said.

Canton girls stumble, 35-29 seven of 42 field-goal attempts and connected on 15 of 25 free

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton might yet be a prime-time player in the KLAA and state playoffs before all is said and done. But the Chief's varsity girls bas-ketball team won't go undefeated in 2010-11, thanks to Tuesday might's 35-29 loss to visiting Inkster.

Canton (3-1) managed just six points in the first and third quar points in the first and third quar-ters, never quite getting untracked against the now 2-O Vikings — who were led by Crystal Bradford's 16-point performance. "Early on in the game I thought we let Inkster get to the rim too

Livonia Ladywood dressed only seven players, but those seven got the job done as the Blazers remained undefeated with a 62-43 girls basketball triumph Monday night at Macomb L'Anse Creuse North. Junior guard Briana Combs mailed four 3-pointers en route to a game-high 19 points as the Blazers improved to 5-0 overall. Sophomore forward Kiley Gorski and sophomore guard Andrea Anastos added 14 and 12, respectively, while senior forward Teresa Wojnarowski chipped in with 10.

SIDELINES

at Spring Arbor University. Heather Pratt came off the bench to knock down four 3-pointers to spark the victorious Crusaders, now 4-6 overall, with 14 points. Sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added 13 points and seven rebounds, while senior forward Tabatha Wydryck contributed 10 noints and seven hoards.

10 points and seven boards. MU led 34-31 at halftime and extended its lead to 55-47 with 8:49 left on a pair of triples by Pratt. Spring Arbor (7-8) pulled within two

often in transition and we gave them too many second chances," lamented Chiefs' head coach Brian Samulski. "That is my fault for not getting us ready." Samulski added that the " team would have to learn quickly from the loss. "We play (Detroit) Country Day tomorrow (Wednesday) and they are just as good." nod'

good." Poor shooting early in the con-test put the Chiefs in an 11-6 hole after the first frame, but things didn't improve much the rest of the way. It was 22-15 Inkster at halftime and 27-21 Vikes after

. nton finished making just

There were some bright spots, however. Kari Schmitt had another all-around game, with nine points, 11 rebounds and four steals. Chipping in with eight points and eight boards was Kayla Bridges, while other contribu-tors included Sara Schmitt (eight rebounds) and Robyn Mack (five points, three steals). Lamine Bracey and Kelsey points, three steals). Jasmine Bracey and Kelsey Mitchell each scored six points for

throw tries. There were some bright spots,

Blazers 5-0 after drubbing Crusaders

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Two key reserves missed the game because of injuries includ-ing sophomore guard Shelby Walsh (ankle) and senior center Katy Rooney (wisdom teeth pulled). "All of our kids battled and competed, everyone contrib-uted" said Ladywood first-year coach Anthony Coratti, whose team led 33-17 at halftime. Center Jazmine Brown led LAnse Creuse North (1-3) with

in the final minute, 61-59, on a shot by Megan Bement, but the Crusaders iced the victory on a runner down the lane by Rachel Melcher and a pair of free throws by Wydryck. April Adams led the Cougars with 12 points, while Kelly Bruggeman added 11 points and nine rebounds. Melissa Tejkl contributed 10 points. MU was outrebounded 43-32. but

MU was outrebounded 43-32, but won the turnover battle, 23-11. Lady Ocelots win rout

Sophomore center Kimberly Bee scored 27 points and grabbed 16 rebounds Saturday to lift Schoolcraft College to an 85-48 victory over Marygrove College JV.

2 points. Ladywood made 12-of-15 free throw, while the Crusaders hit

oly 1-of-7. Clarenceville 55, hazel park 43: CLARENCEVILLE 35, MALLE PARK 43: Senior guard Jenna Burgeses poured in a game-high 23 points Monday as host Livonia Clarenceville (2-3) turned back the Vikings (0-4). Brittany Tallman and Jodi Ankiel added eight and six, respectively, for the victorious Trojans, who led 24-11 at halfitms and 43-23 after three quarters. Courtney Coombs led Hazel Park with 14 points. Clarenceville was 17-0f-32 from

Clarenceville was 17-of-32 from the foul line, while Hazel Park made 13-of-24.

Amber Sammons added 14 points and eight rebounds for the 13th-ranked Lady Ocelots (10-3). Other contributions for Schoolcraft, which led 37-23 at halftime, came from Charlise Slater (12 points, five assists) Diamond Tolliver (six assists) and Shanequa Brags (nine rebounds). Schoolcraft shot 53 percent from the floor (35-of-65) and outrebounded Marygrove (62-51)

Marygrove (62-51) Keara Marks and Loletta Laster tallied 10 points each for the 0-4

Mustangs. The Lady Ocelots return to MCCAA

Eastern Conference action at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Delta College.

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The Patriots found their home mats to their liking Saturday as they captured a highly competi-tive 12-team Livonia Franklin Invitational wrestling tourna-

ment. Franklin, boasting six indi-vidual weight class winners, scored a team-high 286 points, edging out Allen Park (247.5), Northville (239) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (229) for the team title.

Heights Crestwood (229) for the team title. Individual winners for the Patriots included Gabe Martinez (125 pounds), Jordan Atienza (130), Steve Tuyo (135), Jordan McGuire (140), Matt Roso (189) and Omar Haymour (285). Josh Hatfield (145) and Alex O'Connor (17) added a runner-up finishes for Franklin, while teammates Dan Martinez (119) and Allen Steele (160) each took thirds. "We had a great final round

and Anich beer (1960) dark toos thirds. "We had a great final round that won it for us," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "It was a good tournament with some great final matches." Redford Union's Collin Rankin emerged the winner at 171 pounds with a 5-2 decision over O'Connor. Other individual winners included Brandon Washington (103) and Jake Sanders (152),

Carlson; Joey Golani (112) and Danny Muzyla (145), Crestwood; Ian Stirton (119) and John Montgomery (160), Northville; and Lucas Luchonok (215), Dearborn Edsel Ford.

PATRIOT INVITATIONAL Dec. 18 at Livonia Franklin H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: L. Livonia Franklin earborn Heights Crestwood, 229: S. en-rifson, 18.5. 5. Garden en-meter Jone

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DEC. 23-29

Christmas Eve

Time/Date: Friday, Dec. 24 Location: Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills Details: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. family services; 10 p.m. traditional candlelight service Contact: (248) 626-3620

Christmas Eve

CliftStillas Eve Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dec. 24 Location: Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Worship service Contact: (734) 421-0749

Christmas Eve/Day Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. Dec. 25 Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch,

Details: Worship services Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 986-3523

Christmas Eve/Day

Christmas Eve/Juay Time/Date: 5 p.m. family worship with candlelight and 7:30 p.m. fraditional candlelight with communion, Dec. 24:10 a.m. bell ringing with worship and communion, Dec. 25:10 a.m. worship, Dec. 26 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Holiday worship services Contact: www.poplcms.org

Christmas play, worship Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 21 Location: Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford Details: Worship service includes "Shopping Cart Christmas" play

Other services: Noon, Dec. 21; 5:30 p.m. family worship with the Christmas story told by children and youth, and 8 p.m. carols, candlelight and communion, Dec. 24; and 10 a.m. Dec. 26 a.m. Dec. 26 Contact: (313) 937-3170

DEC. 30-JAN. 15, 2011 Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 15, 2011 Location: St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Highway, Southfield Details: Oakland Choral Society presents "Rachmaninoff's "Vespers" in Church Slavonic. Carols and an original com-position will be included in the program; tickets are \$15 and \$25, available in advance or at the door Contact: (248) 391-0184

Lecture

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 West Maple, West

Defails: Howard N. Lupovitch launches a new three-part lecture series about the Talmudic sage, Hillel. The series is continue Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 and Wednesday, Jan. 19, 20 Both begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a question and continue Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 and Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011. Both begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a question-and-answer session with Lupovitch. Each lecture will be self-contained and can be attended independently. Students are encouraged to read the book "Hille!S World" by Joseph Teulskin. The series is based on the book. Tuition for the series is \$40 or \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is encouraged but not required. Students may pay at the door **Coming up.** An "Extended Atternoon Edition" of Shabbat Limud, featuring singing, learning, prayer and camaraderie will start with a light Kiddush lunch at noon and end with havdalah to mark the end of Shabbat, just before 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. There is no charge, but donations for the program will be accepted. No reservations are required. Participants can also feel free to skip lunch and come just for the learning and other after-lunch activities. Drop-ins are welcome throughout the afternoon. Sessions for teens and aduts will be taught by Beth Ahm member Jeff Silver, a law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and Howard N. Lupovitch, who holds the Waks Family Chair in Jewish History at the University of Western Ontario. Sessions include "The Nature of Judicial Decision-Making in Jewish and American Law" and "Should Israel Have a Constat' (248) 451-6480.

Constitution?" Contact: (248) 851-6880

New Year's worship

Inter teal's worship Time/Date: 730 pm, Dec. 31 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Details: Worship with communion Contact: www.poplcms.org

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7:8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with develop-mental disabilities and special needs, Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

run. Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.;

Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese ener-getic medicine – rid the body of toxic pathogens and pain Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491 New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading pro-gram for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruct tion, both at 10 am., Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information Contact: (734) 846-4615 for imformation Nicole's Revival Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer Contact: (313) 531-1234

Contact: (313) 531-1234 Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 630-730 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held Contact: (248) 374-5900 Clothion bank

Clothing bank Canton Christian Fellowship Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., tourth saturday and super-p.m., second Wednesday Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner

FEIIOWSIIp dimer St. James Presbyterian Time/Date 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and des-sert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) \$24,7720

Food Bank

Toub pain New Hope Church Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appoint-ment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs

pant, miss and unit of missay, wor snext, both programs run through May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of rindnats through kindergartners: MOPSnext supports moth ers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS

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

Pet-friendly service

The United by Service Time/Date 1: pum, Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are avail-able after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs Contact: (313) 563-0162

Prayer Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 nm. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile; Farmington Hills Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

or the church Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906 St. Michael's Church of Livonia Time/Date: IO am. to 7 p.m. hird Wednesday Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia Detaile: Bacter orage and Einvastific Advantin. **Details**: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social inter

Contact: (734) 464-0990

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Singles First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 6:-9 p.m. program Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is S5 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Explore questions about liturgy at Exodus lecture on Jan. 23

RELIGION

Is the celebration of liturgy an effort of enter-tainment and the experience of an emotional ligh? Or, is liturgy a response to an invitation orst extended by God? David J. Conrad, an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary will consider those questions and more at 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at St. Aidan, Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, in Livonia. The program will look at the liturgy and the Biblical Exodus story. The program will include reflection offreed within the context of evening prayer with expo-sition of the Blessed Sacrament. A potluck dim-ner will be held after the lecture. The parish will provide the main course. Participants can drop off their potluck contributions in Bixman Hall before 5 p.m. Those with last names start-ing with the letters a-f, may bring an appetizer; gan should bring salads; n-t provide vegetables and u-z, the desserts. Conrad holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of St. Thomas and a Master of Arts degree in theology from Sacred Heart Zemary. RSVP to David J. Conrad at (734) 425-5950,

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David J. Conrad will lecture on the biblical story of Exodus at St. Aidan in Livonia.

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NANCY (DAVIS) HURD

NANCY (DAVIS) HURD Of Livonia, ML Age 78, died Thursday, December 16, 2010 at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia of complications from Parkinson's Disease. Nancy was born June 20, 1932 in Ann Arbor, Michigan the daughter of Harold and Louise A. (Pielemeier) Davis. A brillinat artist, Nancy attended the University of Michigan, graduating with a Bachelor's in Fine Art. Working in a extraordinary body of fine artwork, which was widely exhibited and won numerous awards. She was active in the FararNeyton Artitiss Cluba dus Andre her faheris as a continuing edu-ation internet even as the bartled avid concert-goer. She alsi re: walking in the wood orite pastime. A devote e is survived by four chil-non (Mark Nesbit) Hurd o OH, Cilff (Katerina) Hurd o I Hills, Leslie Oetzman o ve granddaughters, Olivia Nesbit, Rachel Oetzman and Emerson Hurd. e Michael J. Fe

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LUNDSTEN (NEE GOFF) Age 50, December 19, 2010. Laving wife of Geoff. Beloved mother of Amber and Ryan (Erin). Dearest Nami of Tyler. Visitation Sunday 1-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Instate Monday at Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington, Farmington Hills from 11 am until her funeral at 12 pm.

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RELIGION

U-M study: Imams may improve Muslim health at hospitals

A new study by the University of Michigan Health system finds that doctors may be able to improve American Muslims' health by building and strengthening part-nerships with Muslim religious leaders. Proving

leaders. Previous studies show health sys-tems have established partnerships with priests and rabbis to improve Christian and Jewish health, and included these religious leaders in

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hospital chaplaincy programs. But few imams, the Muslim reli-gious leaders who hold various roles within the community, are included in these initiatives, says Aasim I. Padela, M.D., an emer-gency physician, instructor in the U-M Department of Emergency Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the U-M Health System. "Imams play key roles in American

Muslim community health and part-nerships with them may be a means to improve community health and deliver culturally sensitive, high quality care to American Muslims," Padela astated. Padela astated. Padela and his colleagues inter-viewed 12 Muslim community lead-ers in southeast Michigan, including two imams, to see how each per-ceives the imam's role in community health.

Participants identified four cen-tral roles: • Encouraging healthy behaviors through scripture-based messages in

through scripture-based messages in sermons • Performing religious rituals around life events and illnesses • Advocating for Muslim patients and delivering cultural sensitivity training in hospitals • Assisting Muslims in health care decisions

But researchers say several barri-ers, such as hospitals' required chap-laincy credentials and imams' lack of availability, could prevent partner-ships between imams and health care systems. $\mathbf{p}_{n,d}$

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Local places to celebrate New Year's Eve

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASS

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If you haven't already anned something for New If you naver can for New Year's Eve there is plenty to do close to home. Many area bars, restaurants, banque thalls and even recreation and commu-nity centers have something to offer for this special night. Here's a sampling of what's happening on New Year's Eve in the area.

Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft Road (734) 462-0770

Livenia (734) 462-0770 Livenia's Laurel Manor has been hosting a New Year's Eve party for 24 years. Cost is \$85 per person, which includes a premium bar, wine at the tables with dinner served. Dispetizers, a dessert afterglow, appetizers, appetizers, appetizers, appetizers, appetizers, appetizers

Italian American Banquet Hall 39200 Five Mile Road

Livonia (734) 953-9724 "New Year's Eve Gala Celebration, Starry, Starry Night" is the theme of this

party Dec. 31. Party guests do not have to be a member to attend. Fantasia will provide enter-tainment. Cost is \$85 a person and will include antipasto at 7 p.m., dinner featuring filet mignon, a chicken entree, salad, vegetable, potatoes and dessert, a deluxe bar, red wine at each table, a coffee bar with espresso and cappuccino and a champagne toast at midnight. Reservations will be taken through Dec. 29.

1 Under Banquet & Catering 35780 Five Mile Livonia (734) 464-5555

Livenia (734) 464-5555 Ring in the New Year with "The Ultimate New Year's Experience," 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31. The buffet menu includes carved prime rib, turkey, pork loin, chicken piccatta, vegetable medley, mashed sweet potatoes, twice-baked potatoes, Basamati rice, cold bar with shrinp cocktail, smoked salmon and oysters, assorted salads, fruits, vegeta-bles and cheeses and assorted desserts. Cost is \$45.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. It includes two complimentary drink tickets, a champagne toast, party favors, live DJ, pizza and sliders at 12:30 a.m., open seating for small groups and reserved seating for groups of eight or more.

Sean O'Callaghan's 821 Penniman Avenue Plymouth (734) 459-6666 A New Year's Eve din-ner with a limited menu RESERVED

mentary champagne toast, free party favors and "plenty of good cheer to go around," according to Robert Costanza,

owner. "We are accepting reserva-tions now," he said. "We will probably sell out, so make res ervations early."

O'Tooles 32350 West Eight Mile,

(248) 426-6454

A New Year's Eve bash will include a deejay, dancing and champagne at midnight, as well as food and drink specials

cials. Reservations aren't required for parties of under eight people. The party is hosted by owner Ron Sarcevich and bar-tender Shelly Reed.

Malarkey's Irish Pub 35750 Warren Road Westland (734) 421-0746

1:54) 421-0746 There is no cover charge on New Year's Eve. A cham-pagne toast will be provided at midnight. The dinner menu includes a 14-ounce New York strip steak dinner with two drinks for \$19.99. A deejay will provide dance music all night.

will provide dance music all night. "We do a party every year and we usually get a great crowd," explained Anthony Crowley, manager. Reservations aren't required, but they will be accepted.

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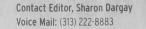
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Canton Leisure Services 46000 Summit Parkway

46000 summit Parkway Canton (734) 394-5460 A New Year's Eve family event is planned at the Summit Community Center from 3-6 pm. Dec. 31. The cost is \$5 per person and will include open swim, a carnival setup with games in the gym, a countdown and balloon drop at the end of the event the event.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hil 50400 Cherry Hill (west of Beck Road)

Road) Canton (734) 394-5460 Kickers on Michigan in Canton is presenting comedi-ans at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The event offers two packages, \$65 per person for dinner, show and after party and \$35 per person for just the show and after party. Reservations are required.

Livonia Community Recreation Center 15100 Hubbard

Livonia (734) 466-2900

(734) 466-2900 A New Year's Eve family party is planned 4-7 p.m. Dec. 31. Events include swimming, playing on a giant inflatable, climbing the rock, holiday crafts and face painting for kids. Dodge ball, music and a surprise entertainer will also be available. Children 1 and under are free; recre-ation center members will be charged \$6; Livonia residents \$7.25 and nonresidents \$8.50. Reservations are required and will be taken through Monday, Dec. 27. Dec. 27

Roma Banquets 32550 Cherry Hill Garden City (734) 422-4550

(734) 422-4550 www.romabanquets.com The cost is \$99 per couple which includes a prime rib buf-fet style dinner, open deluxe bar, wine and soft drinks. Entertainment will be provided by Channel Six, which plays top 40 music. Dressy attre is requested, according to Joyce Zimba, sales manager. Tickets will be sold up to that night if they are available but last year's event sold out, added Zimba.

Grand Celebrations 32305 Grand River

(248) 426-7388
 In an effort to keep costs down, management is provid-ing dinner for \$25 per person;
 \$40 per couple. A decjay will play music and dancing will be available.

available. Dinner includes three entrees, appetizers, a cham-pagne toast at midnight and

party favors. "Come have a great time at a low price," said Cliff Donovan,

Reservations will be accept-ed, however, tickets will be available at the door until they are sold out.

Farmington Hills Manor 23666 Orchard Lake Road

Farmington Hills (248) 888-8000 The cost is \$100 per person, which includes appetizers and

dinner including filet mignon, chicken and other items. A premium bar will be available and dessert will be served. Breakfast food will be offered

Breakfast food will be offered after 1 a.m. Party favors and a cham-pagne toast at midnight are also included. A live band featuring three singers, with American and Middle East music, will be provided. Call for reservations.

Bailey's 1777 N. Canton Center Road

(734) 844-1137 (734) 844-1137 A disc jockey will play music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and a champagne toast will be served at midnight. There is no cover or more should contact Mary Beth Grunow, event coordina-tor, for reservations. Drink specials will be avail-able. Staff also dresses in holi-day outfits.

Timberwolf Tavern 25641 Plymouth Road

Redford (313) 937-1218

www.timberwolftavern.com

ww.timberwolftavern.com There is no cover charge on New Year's Eve. Guests will receive party favors, pizza and free champagne at midnight. The band, KDS Albib, will pro-vide a variety of music. "Last year was the first year I did New Year's Eve and it went really well," according to owner Ron Jean.

Corsi's Restaurant and Pizzeria 27910 West Seven Mile Road

27910 West Seven Mile Road Livonia (249) 177-4960 Aspecial buffet will include minestrone and chicken soups, salad and dessert bar, three types of pasta, two types of meat, roasted potato, assorted vegetables, assorted pizza, homemade rolls and bread, coffee and pop from 4:30-8:30 p.m. A cash bar is available. The cost is \$10 per adult and children 5-10 \$6.50. Reservations are requested.

Fiamma Grill 380 S. Main St. Plymouth (734) 416-9340 Compari's on the Park 350 S. Main St. Plymouth (734) 416-0100

Both restaurants will pro-vide regular dinner service and patrons still on the premises at midnight will be given party favors and a champagene toast. Reservations are recom-mended.

Ironwood Grill 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth (734) 667-5614

See 3-D films for free at Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoological Society is wish-ing Detroit Zoo visitors a wild holiday season by offering free admission to the Wild Adventure 3-D/A-D Theater with paid admission to the Zoo. The 10-min-ute wildlife adventure film *Wild World Africa*, presented by Kroger, will be shown free every half-hour from 10:30 am. to 3:30 pm. Dec. 20-31. "The 3-D/4-D experience is visually stunning and wonderfully fum... and it's a lot less costly than going to Kenya to experience it firsthand," stated Executive

Director Ron Kagan. "We're glad to be able to add some free fun over the holi-days." Decated in the Ford Education Center, the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater delivers a high-definition viewing experi-ence in 3-D with 7.1 digital audio sur-round sound, enhanced with full-sensory 4-D special effects such as wind, mist and scents. "Wild World Africa" contains a few graphic images and may not be suitable or children under 5 years old; parental discretion is advised.

The experience will cost \$4 with Zoo admission for visitors 2 years and older, beginning Jan. 2, 2011. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$11 for adults, 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens, 62 and older, and \$7 for children, ages 2 to 14. Children under 2 are admitted free. The Zoo is located on the 1-696 service drive at Woodward, in Royal Oak. Call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.or, for more information.

Take an adventure with museum pass

which museums have passes available. Over the past three years since its launch, more than 200,000 visitors have attended the participating museums. The passes are sponsored by Macy's, the Library of Michigan Foundation and Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan

and Cultural Annace of Michigan. New local participants include The Holocaust Memorial Center, Detroit Children's Museum and Michigan Youth Theater. Among the returning organiza-tions are the Arab American National

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Museum, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Howell Nature Center, Pewabic Pottery, University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History and University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. The Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan is a professional association comprised of more than 100 nonprofit arts and culture organizations. For more information visit www.culturalalliances-emi.org or phone (313) 831-1151.



Emerson String Quartet will perform works of Mozart, Debussy and Mendelssohn Jan. 8, 2011 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills.

Contact: (734) 763-8587: www.theark.org

Seligman Performing Arts Center Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 Location: On the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Details: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents The Emerson String Quartet: Tickets cost \$43-\$75; students pay \$25 Contact: (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org

Jazz @ The Elks

JaZZ @ IRE LIKS Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Details: Just Jazz Trio with Jerry McKenzie on drums, Matt Michaels on piano and Dan Jordan on bass; no cover, but donations accepted Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com





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After the gifts have been opened and the festivities are past, families still have time to spend together over winter break. The Museum Adventure Pass (MAP) of the particulation of the state of the together at a local museum or cultural center at no cost. Library partons can pick up a pass that provides free admission for up to two of four people at dozens of cultural institu-tions in southeastern Michigan. Visitors an check the MAP Web site at www. detroitadventurepass.org to find out

ART Art & Ideas

Art & Ideas Time/Date: Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29, 2011 Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between eastbound and westbound 5 Mile intersections Details: "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retro-spective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free Contact: (734) 420-0775 or visit www.artandideasgallery.com

Detroit Artist Market

UETOTI ATUSE Market Time/Date: 11 am. 6 pm. today, Dec. 23 Location: 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit Details: Annual Art for the Holiday Show includes jewelry, glass, metal, ceramic, photography, accessories, paintings, drawings, sculpture, books, cards, framed prints and more for sale. Contact: (313) 832-8540

Northville Art House

NO LIWINE ALL HOUSE Time/Date. Jan. 729, 2011; artist reception 6-9 p.m. Jan, 7 Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville Details: Crik Olson shows oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair in a show called "An Outside View" Contact: (248) 344-0497

The Gallery@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Jan. 2, 2011 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton Details: Photos, including black and white still life and flower images, by

Contact: (734) 394-5300

CONCERTS The Ark

Time/Date: Fred Faglesmith, Dec. 31: Michael Smith, Jan. 6, 2011: Mountain HTTME/Vare Fred Cagleshith, Dec. 31, Michael Shithi, Jan. 6, 201, Mountain Heart, Jan. 7, 2011; Jill Jack Birthday Bash, Jan. 8, 2011; Mississippi Heat, Jan. 9, 2011; Bourd Francey & Craig Werth & Amelia Curran, Jan. 12, 2011; The Red Sea Pedestrians, Jan. 13, 2011; The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 14, 2011; The RFD Boys, Jan. 15, 2011, BeauSoleil Avec Michael Doucet, Jan. 16, 2011

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Location: 316 South Main. Ann Arbor

(734) 667-5614 A full menu will be offered and a deejay will provide music from 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. A complimentary champagne toast and appetizers will be served at midnight. There is no cover, however, reservations are recommended.

Plymouth Crossing 340 N. Main St. Plymouth (734) 455-3700

A party is planned. Free champagne will be provided at midnight. Call in advance for reserva-

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FOOD

Happy holidays: Classic eggnog is back

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CLASSIC EGGNOG

Preparation time: 30 minutes Chilling time: 4 hours or overnight 12 pasteurized shell eggs, separated

1½ cups granulated sugar

1 quart (4 cups) heavy cream 2 cups whole milk 2 to 3 cups dark rum, bourbon or brandy (optional) 2 tablespoons vanilla extract (optional

2 tablespoons vanilla extract (optional) Ground nutmeg or cinnamon 1. Place egg volks in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer until combined. Gradually add sugar, beating until mixture is think and pale yellow. Stri in cream and milk, then rum and vanilla, if desired. Cover and refrigerate until chilled or as long as overnight. 2. Just before serving, beat room temperature egg whites with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Stir custard mixture. Gently fold in beaten egg whites. Pour eggnog into punch bowl. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes 20 servings.

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Nutrition information (I/20 of recipe): 279 calories*; 21g total fat; 12 g saturated fat; 197 mg cholesterol; 68 mg sodium; 18 g total carbohydrates; 5 g protein.

*With alcohol, calories increase to 330/serving; other nutrition information remains the same as above.

- Family Features

Holiday entertaining made easy as A-B-C!

The holidays may be the most wonderful time of the year, but it can certainly become one of the most stressful times of the year. With holiday dinners and family gatherings, the thought of entertaining all your loved ones may be a bit overwhelming. Boar's Head style expert Jackie Rogers shares party tips that will impress your guests, while making hosting a get together as easy as A-B-C.

Rogers explains that when it comes to a successful holiday din-ner or gathering, it's all about the A-B-Cs: ambiance, beverages and cuisine.

A: Ambiance The dinner table is usually the main gathering place. This makes it a great focal point to set the mood for your get-together. Start with an elegant tablecloth in a rich ivory, crimson red, sil-ver or gold. Add depth and texture by using a coordinating table runner and napkins for a stylish touch. For centerpieces, flowers work for almost any occasion, but if you're feeling a little more inventive, play with candles, pinecones, greenery and ribbon for a centerpiece that really reflects the season.

B: Beverages When it comes to drinks, keep it simple. Make one sig-nature drink for your party. This will allow you to keep things fun and festive without having to spend the entire night taking drink orders. Create an even more memorable occasion by giv-ing your signature drink a signature name – say Santa Sangria Mistletoe Martini?

C: Convenient cuisine The holiday season is about mixing and mingling. Don't isolate yourself in the kitchen. Save hours of preparation time by taking advantage of the many dishes that come prepared. A fully cooked, ready to heat and serve ham or turkey like Boar's Head Sweet Slice Ham and Oven Roasted Turkey Breast is a great way to ensure a delicious dinner without any mishaps. Never overcooked and seasoned to perfection, these Boar's Head items are great options for a delicious dinner that's stress-free. And, instead of covering the table in sides, keep it simple with a starch and two vegetables. These steps will provide an impressive, has-sle-free meal, while allowing you to spend more time with family and friends.

Here is a recipe to serve as an accompaniment for your holiday ham!

SWEET SLICE HAM WITH CRANBERRY CHUTNEY Boar's Head Sweet Slice Smoked Ham & cup Cranberry-pomegranate juice 1 tbsp. Red wine vinegar 2 tbsp. Dried cranberries & tsp. Ground cinnamon & tec. Created cinese

- % tsp Ground ginger % cup Boar's Head Vidalia Onion Relish
- 2 tsp Head Honey Mustard

To make the Cranberry Chutney: Heat the cranberry pomegranate juice in a small saucepan and then add the red wine vinegar. Next, add the dried cranberries, cover and let steep for 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in the spices, onion sauce, and mustard. The chutney can be cut into smaller pieces if desired. Serve sightly warm or store in the fridge until ready to use.

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Sweet Slice ham platter application with Vidalia onion cranberry chutney

Guess who's coming to dinner? A little communication goes a long way when planning for special diets

Cousin Sarah's a vegan wh

Cousin Sarah's a vegan who sensitive to wheat. Uncle Bob is allergic to nuts. Your daughter's new boy-friend's a vegetarian who can't stomach gluten. And they're all invited to Obcietmes dinner

And they're all invited to Christmas dinner. What's a hostess to do? 'Tve been at both ends of this, being the hostess and the guest, 'said Caroline Trapp, a Farmington Hills resident, nurse practitioner and diabetes educa-tor. Tk's such a caring question when someone says 'do you have any special diet concerns?' The fimmy thing is, when I'm asked it's usually by someone who doesn't know me at all, so I know they ask all their guests that. Most people who know me know how I eat."

Most people who know me know how I eat." Trapp and her husband both follow a vegan diet, which excludes meat and dairy prod-uets. As a dinner hostess, she asks guests about special diet needs while planning an event and offers a variety of foods on the big day. As a guest, she mentions her diet restrictions when she responds to an invitation and offers to bring a dish to pass. She didn't always speak up, but learned the hard way at a dinner party.

"My husband and I were in an awkward situation," she said, recalling a four-course dinner the couple attended. "All of the the couple attended. "All of the courses contained meat or dairy. Our diet became the topic of conversation. You never want to talk about the reasons for not eating animals during someone's carefully-planned meal. The hostess had put so much work into it, it ended up almost wast-ing food. In retrospect it would have been much better to say something ahead of time."

BRING A DISH

BRING A DISH Val Wilson of Westland trained as a macrobiotic chef, teaches cooking classes and also follows a vegan diet. She says it's

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can eat everything on the menu. Diabetics also carefully regulate how many carbohydrates they consume. Wilson suggests serving rice, squash or sweet potato – a hearty vegetable or grain – rather than a processed "fake meat" product to a vegen or veg-etarian guest. "Sometimes people go out

meat" product to a vegan or veg-ename of the second of th

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GOLDEN FRUIT SOUP

arge (46 ounce) can pineapple juice.

cup Minute tapioca cup golden raisin:

A cup golden raisins 1 package Raspberry Danish Dessert 1 large (46 punce) can sliced peaches 1 large can pineapple tidbits 1 (15 punce) can apricot halves 1 (10 punce) package frozen raspber-

I small frozen orange juice concen-tate Cook pine apple juice with the tapicoa until smooth, add raisins and Danish Dessert while stir-ring constantly for an additional 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add all fruits along with their juices and frozen orange juice concentrate and any addi-tional sweetener according to taste. Other dried fruits may also be added if you so choose. This fruit soup may be served either hot or cold over sliced bananas. May also be used as topping for pound cake or toast. May be topped with a dash of soy cream or whipped topping. Find the Danish Dessert in the pud-ding isle of your grocery store.

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PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM STEAKS (VEGAN AND GLUTEN-FREE) (bmitted by Caroline Trapp % cup ketchup 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar % hanceen suched partie

- ½ teaspoon crushed garlic 4 medium Portobello mushrooms

Salt and pepper

Olive oil, as needed Salt and pepper Mined fresh parsley, chives or scal-tors for garnish (optional) To make the star share of the source of the final set as the set of the source of the particular of the surface to remove any dirt. Place a thin layer of olive oil in a large skillet and heat over medium-high heat. If you do not have a skillet large fought to comfortably bold all our mushrooms at once, cook them in two batches or use two skillets, stem-side up. Cover and skillets, stem-side up. Cover and sook about 5 minutes. Turry over and continue to cook until dirk-tender in the center, about shilt and peper. Spoon reserved ato mushrooms on the bias (with ken kinfe held at an angle).

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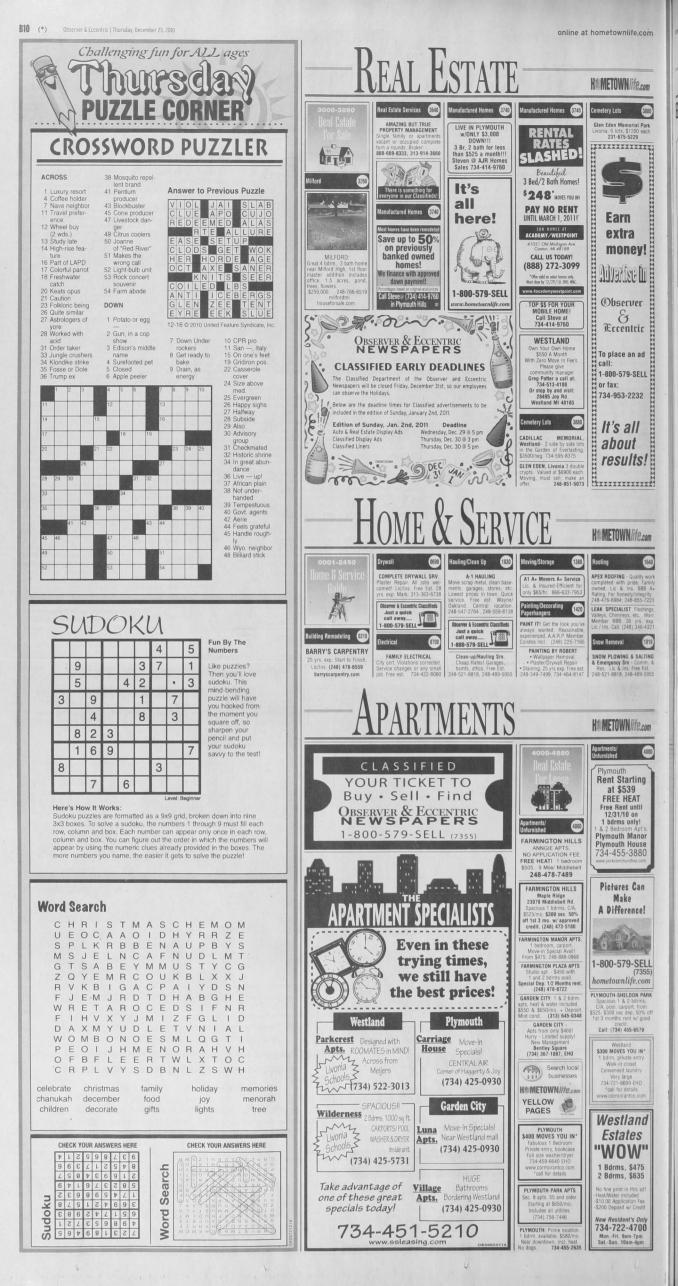
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