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#### CONNECTION Safety first

The safety of students was foremost in the minds when the decision to close schools was made Tuesday morning, officials at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools said.

Despite temperatures that were up around 35 degrees, according to National Weather Service information, Deputy Supt. and Chief Operating Officer Ken Jacobs decided, in consultation with other district officials, to close schools around 5:30 a.m. Tuesday because many of the back roads in the district were too slippery to risk it.

The decision drew the ire of local parents, many troubled by child-care issues such a decision causes.

"A lot of the back roads are dirt roads, and they were slick," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We understand closing schools inconveniences some parents who don't have day care. We're sorry about that, but if we have even one accident, it's just not worth it."

Plymouth-Canton was the only local district to close, a factor administrators understood after talking to officials in surrounding districts. The decision was made to look more curious by the resulting weather, during which no real hazards occurred.

#### Irial date set

The relative of Detroit Lion Louis Delmas charged in a road rage incident in Canton last month goes to trial in Wayne County Circuit Court March 10.

Ravelle Sadler, 20, of Cincinnati faces three felony counts of assault with a dangerous weapon as well as a felony firearm

charge and

carrying a



concealed weapon, a five-year felony, after he pointed a gun owned by Delmas at another vehicle about 2:15

a.m. Dec. 21, according to police. Sadler was arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court Tuesday. He's scheduled for a Feb. 28 pretrial hearing.

Sadler and Delmas were driving west on Ford Road in Canton when three teens from Garden City and Canton drove up alongside them.

#### Army party

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, which serves Canton, Plymouth, Belleville and Northville, is thankful for the number of volunteers who help out, particularly during the hectic holiday season, and officials there are throwing a party to show their appreciation.

Anyone who volunteered for the Salvation Army, whether it was ringing bells during the Red Kettle Campaign or participating in some other program, is invited to the Corps office (9451 S. Main in Plymouth) 2-5 p.m. Sunday for a Volunteer Open House.

To RSVP (requested by Friday), call (734) 453-5464.

### Township expands awards to include artists

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first time, Canton's thriving arts community will be drawn into the fold as local leaders honor local residents who stand out for their efforts to boost the township's quality of life.

The first Canton Artist Award and Distinguished Service to the Arts Award will be given in April as local leaders, continuing a two-decade tradition, induct a winner into the Canton Hall of Fame and bestow honors for Community Supporter and Community Achiever awards.

We're so excited," Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin said

Wednesday. "It's a big step. It's really nice to have awards that are specifically for the arts, and it shows Canton's commitment to the arts, which already is evident in so many ways.

Tobin, who oversees the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, said the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage proposed the idea to honor local artists and those who support the arts community.

Pat Williams, a commission board member and township trustee, said a decision was made to bestow the arts honors on the same evening the other awards are given during an April 17 banquet at Summit on the Park.

"We wanted to do something to rec-

ognize those who have made significant contributions to the community through the arts, which are integral to our whole quality of life that we have in Canton," Williams said.

Rather than usher in a separate awards ceremony for the arts, Williams said a decision was made to trim costs by rolling all the honors into one program on one evening.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, already inducted into the Hall of Fame, said the winners are chosen by committees who weigh the merits of nominees and their contributions to

Deborah Zevalkink, the supervisor's assistant, said Hall of Fame honorees

typically have contributed to the community for a decade.

In the arts, the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage sought to recognize individuals and groups by considering nominees in art, drama, dance, literature, music, photography, architecture and film/video.

Specifically, the Canton Artist Award is meant to recognize the talent and accomplishments of a local individual artist for their support, production, promotion, management or teaching of the arts.

The Distinguished Service to the Arts Award is intended to recognize

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### In the shadow of pain



### With Tucson wounds still fresh, Canton honors King

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a nation shaken by a mass shooting in Tucson, Ariz., paused Monday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of peaceful protest, a Canton pastor reminded a large crowd that King - himself the victim of an assassin's bullet — sought to teach Americans to handle their difterences with dignity, grace and respect.

"He was a dreamer, but he wasn't just a dreamer," the Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church told a crowd that nearly packed the 400-seat Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

King, only 39 when he was slain April 4, 1968, outside the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., taught that love, not hate, could lead this nation beyond racial segregation and other societal ills to a promised land where everyone, regardless of their differences, could embrace a sense of "beloved community," Smith said.

King, the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize at age 35, "lived and died" believing deeply that nonviolence and peaceful protest should be the hallmarks of how this country settles political, economic and social differences, Smith said.

"He was a hero to all of us," Smith said during a stirring program titled "Building



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Ryan Baugh (above, from left), Angelo Yabes, William Kang and Mikey Doan, all members of the P-CEP Breakdancing Club, perform during Canton's Martin Luther King celebration Monday. Kayla Green (top) performed a solo with the P-CEP Festival Singers

Bridges: Canton Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

His keynote address Monday evening came as Canton, a community that prides itself on its diversity, observed a King holiday that — had the Atlanta-born pastor lived - would have marked his 82nd birthday.

Though most of Canton's celebration was upbeat, Smith paused to remember the six people killed and 13 wounded, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, when a gunman opened fire in Tucson on Jan.

This nation continues to weather tough times, much as it did when King urged nonviolence as he sought to dismantle racial discrimination, Smith said.

"We still need miracles in the hearts of men and women and boys and girls," he said.

As Smith spoke, a large, black-and-white image of King could be seen, along with quotes from the civil rights icon, on a screen draped from the ceiling.

Before the keynote address, ReGina Coles-Shamberger, member of Canton's Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Subcommittee and incoming chair of the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, stood alongside young Kaitlyn Rose Moore as they gave a short biography of King.

Darian Moore, another King subcommittee and cultural commission member, spoke of

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### Group targets school board election

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A group formed in the hope of saving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Craig Fiegel's job will likely turn its attention to defeating board members who ousted him when the next school election is held in November.

The Concerned PCCS District Residents Group, discouraged by what it perceives as a lack of collaboration among board members,

is considering options ranging from recall to campaigning in an effort to produce a Board of Education willing to work together in the best interest of the district.

That seems less likely to happen with the current makeup of the board, according to Mark Hutchins, one of the group's leaders. Hutchins, already distressed over the board's treatment of Fiegel, was further discouraged by the voting for board officers at the Jan. 11 board meeting.

At that meeting, John Jackson (president), Dianne Gonzalez (vice president), Judy Mardigian (treasurer) and Adrienne Davis (secretary) were elected to the board leadership positions. Three of the four were elected on 4-3 votes, with all of them voting for each other. Davis was the only officer elected on a unanimous vote.

Hutchins and members of his group say the board has

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#### Finances and Finest

The public is encouraged to join Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin for a discussion on Canton's finances along with Canton's finest gems at the monthly adult meeting of the Canton Newcomers, the community's social and charitable group, where you don't have to be "new."

In addition to McLaughlin's presentation, enjoy socializing, a treat from Carrabba's Italian Grill, a raffle to benefit a local charity, and the opportunity to sign up for Interest groups including: Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Scrapbooking, Chick Flick, Let's Do Dinner and many more.

The meeting takes place 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford Road in Canton. To order a complimentary February newsletter, visit www.cantonewcomers.org.

To RSVP or for more information, e-mail Noreen Rybar at nrybar@yahoo.com or at (734) 981-0486.

#### Raising money

Zap Zone hosts a fund-raiser for Women's Life Chapter 827 "Chicks 4 Charity" to benefit

the Relay for Life 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27.

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The \$20 wristband gets you unlimited laser tag, bumper cars and glo-golf. The Women's Life Insurance Society will match the first \$500 raised.

Zap Zone is located at 41953 Ford Road (west of Haggerty) in Canton. For tickets and more information, call Marie Everitt, (734) 657-5854.

#### Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity with its annual Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

Club officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship.

The award is named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio. To download an application, go to: http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/



**Daddies and daughters** 

Fathers and daughters are invited to put on their dancing shoes and step out together at Canton's annual Butterfly Ball Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Dances will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in the Summit's Grand Ballroom, and in the gymnasium 2-4 p.m. and again 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. "Attending these dances has become an annual tradition for some families, where little girls look forward to spending time with their Dads," said Jennifer Provenzano, Canton Recreation Specialist. "It really is a special occasion where both Dads and daughters get to create lasting memories." Semiformal/dressy casual attire is recommended. Pre-registration is required for this event and walk-ins will not be accepted. Ticket prices are \$9 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

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#### Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours on:

· Monday, Jan. 24, from

11 a.m. to noon at the Brown Bag Deli, 562 Main St. in Belleville.

· Monday, Feb. 7, from 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren

Township. If your business or organization is interested in hosting an event with Slavens, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www. house.mi.gov/dslavens.

#### Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with its annual awarding of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship.

To download an application, go to: http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/ 2011Damarisaward.pdf

#### Scholarships available

Community Financial Credit Union, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), will be awarding 11 scholarships worth \$1,000 each in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to http:// scholarships.egrant.org, creating an account and logging in. Follow the instructions carefully and read the guidelines for the "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships." Those who qualify can complete just one application to be considered for both scholarships.

One of the eligibility requirements is that the scholarship applicant must have had an account at Community Financial for at least six months. An application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be submitted online, and four copies of this information must be mailed to Community Financial, attention: Debbie Dunbar, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and received by March 4.

#### Open house

Plymouth Christian Preschool and Plymouth Christian Academy will host an open house for prospective families 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Parents can meet the teachers, explore the curriculum, and tour the facilities. Check the website at www. plymouthchristian.org for more information on academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton, between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

#### Hairspray on stage

Forever After Productions presents "Hairspray-The Broadway Musical" Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 4-6 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Hairspray-The Broadway Musical" features a pop/rock musical style. Audiences will recognize many familiar songs like "Good morning Baltimore," "Welcome to the 60's" and "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-20. Their production of "Hairspray" hits the stage 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and Sunday, Jan. 30; 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; and 2 and 7 p.m. Feb.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Purchase tickets at The Summit at the Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or at www.foreverafterrpoductions.com. Tickets cost \$15.

#### Nuns in charge

"Put the Nuns in Charge," a long-running comedy from the author of "Late Night Catechism," is coming to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

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

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



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### Annual festival partners ice, entertainment

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a lineup of blues, rock and top 40 acts, a forecast of below-freezing temperatures (keep your fingers crossed), plenty for kids to do and more than 100 ice sculptures, the Plymouth Ice Festival is ready to roll - make that glide - into downtown Plymouth.

The 29th annual festival begins at 3 p.m. Friday, with an opening ceremony scheduled for 7 p.m. at Kellogg Park, The opening will feature the cutting of an "ice ribbon" and a "fire and ice" display, a 20-foot torch sculpture that will be lighted upon kickoff.

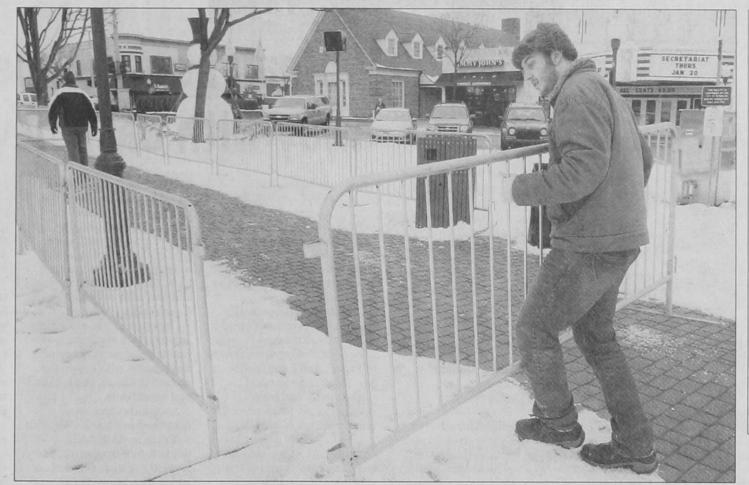
"We're looking forward to an awesome time, and people need to be ready to come down and see something cool," said festival producer Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group.

New this year will be a snow hill, Saturday and Sunday, on Ann Arbor Trail between Union and Main streets. Visitors, especially children, are invited to bring skis and snowboards and try out the hill.

The hill will be provided by the Otsego Club, a resort near Gaylord, and employees from Sun and Snow, a downtown sporting goods shop, will be on hand for demonstrations and performance and equipment maintenance tips.

Walton said the hill, made of snow that is to be trucked in, will be modest but, "for the kids especially, it's really going to be something cool."

Walton has also scheduled live entertainment for Saturday



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James Gietzen, Ice Festival manager, and Fred Eagle, assistant manager, set up barricades in Kellogg Park for the festival, which opens tomorrow and runs through Sunday.

Great stops at the festival, B6

and Sunday, downtown on both Forest and Penniman avenues.

On Saturday, the Shawn Riley Band, performing top 40, blues and Motown music, will appear on Forest between 1-6 p.m. The Bluescasters, a favorite during the summertime Friday concert

series at Kellogg Park, will take the stage on Penniman during the same hours.

On Sunday, Steve King and the Dittilies, an ice festival favorite, will appear on Penniman between 1-4 p.m. The Bluescasters are tentatively scheduled to return to the festival Sunday, this time on Forest, during the same hours.

Also on Forest, Saturday and Sunday, will be a scavenger hunt, a petting farm and pony rides for children. The festival will feature more than 100 ice sculptures in the downtown area, with 40-50 of them in the sculpture garden at Kellogg

Other festival highlights will include:

· The Hot Spot warming tent, at The Gathering on Penniman, with local vendors serving refreshments.

• The Dueling Chainsaws speed-carving event, a contest between four professional carvers, at 7 p.m. Saturday at Kellogg Park. The idea is to get the crowd involved; the audience picks the types of

#### **FESTIVAL FACTS**

What: Plymouth Ice Festival When: Friday-Sunday; opening ceremony is 7 p.m. Friday in Kellogg Park

Where: Downtown Plymouth Streets: Streets around downtown Plymouth will close due to the Ice Festival. They include northbound Main from Ann Arbor Trail to Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail from Union/Deer to Main and southbound Union from Roe to Ann Arbor Trail, all closed from 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday morning. Penniman from Main to Union will be closed Tuesday and will reopen Monday. Penniman from Harvey to Main will be closed Friday through Monday. Information: www.plymouthicefestival.org or call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 455-1540.

sculptures the contestants are to carve and votes, with their cheering, for their favorite.

 A Kids Zone, with activities for children sponsored by Home Depot, beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hot Spot. · Ice-carving demonstrations

by professional carvers.

Festival hours, expanded this year, are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The ice sculptures will be on view around the clock throughout the festival.

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### Youngsters face Canton 'lockup'

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Potentially hundreds of Canton youngsters are facing

the lockup in February. Actually, they'll be locked in

 but not for causing a ruckus or getting into trouble. Boys and girls ages 9 to 15

can swim, play basketball and floor hockey, listen to live music, compete in gameshow style competitions and, perhaps more importantly, make new friends during an eight-hour lock-in at Summit on the Park, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, to 6 a.m. Saturday,

The lock-in includes movies, wallyball, game rooms, Wii activities, karaoke, food and portable bowling lanes, among other activities, during an event chaperoned by adults, said Shane Fritz, director of Canton-based Common

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According to Canton Township, 250 slots are avail-

"The idea is to give youth a safe and fun place to meet new people and have a cross-culture experience," Fritz said.

Cost is \$15 for Canton residents and \$20 for non-residents, and Fritz said sponsors are being sought to help offset expenses for youngsters who want to attend. To help, call

Fritz at (734) 812-2798.

"The more sponsors we get," he said, "the more kids we can sponsor for free."

Advance registration is required by Feb. 10 at the Summit or online at www.cantonfun.org. Look for the online registration tab.

No registration will be accepted the day of the event.

Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, northwest of Canton Center and Palmer roads. Youngsters attending the lock-in may check in starting at 9:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

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#### CRIME WATCH

#### Plow plundered

Canton police are investigating the theft of a plow truck that was stolen from Bainbridge Apartments on Foxthorn, southwest of Warren and Lilley, between 2:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. Monday.

A female office employee noticed the plow truck missing from its parking space when she arrived for work in the morning. According to a police report, the woman was told by a maintenance worker that the truck had last been seen around 2:30 a.m. Monday.

The truck hadn't been driven for a couple days and was believed to have been locked. The only known set of keys was in the office.

#### Glock gone

2 A woman who lives at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of I-275 and Joy Road, reported to police that a gun was stolen from her apartment sometime prior to

The woman told police she owns a Glock 29 semiautomatic pistol that was stolen from a duffel bag she keeps inside her closet. However, she later told police she has two guns and the one missing was a different caliber pistol.

The woman told police several friends and relatives had been in her apartment during the past few weeks, but she said she didn't know anyone who might have taken the gun.

#### Tracer taken

3 A woman contacted Canton police after someone stole her 1993 Mercury Tracer between midnight and noon Saturday.

She told police she had parked her car in front of her residence on Cornell Street, southeast of Cherry Hill and Sheldon. She said only she and her son have keys to the vehicle. Neither of them said they had reason to suspect anyone for taking the vehicle.

#### Internet threat

A Canton man contacted police after his son was threatened over the Internet by another boy who attends school with him at Discovery Middle School, a police report said.

The father and son live on Franklin Drive East, southwest of Ford and Sheldon.

The father told police his son was on Facebook when another boy made threats he was going to be beaten up. The father also contacted the school to report the incident, but he also filed a police report to have the threat



placed on the record with law-enforcement authorities.

#### Warrant arrest.

A driver wanted in Westland for an outstanding traffic warrant was arrested and turned over to Westland police after he was involved in a two-car accident around 8:20 a.m. Jan. 11 in the intersection of Canton Center and Ford roads.

A Canton police officer on patrol heard a loud crash and saw that the two vehicles had collided in the intersection. An investigation revealed that one of the drivers was wanted in Westland.

Canton police contacted Westland authorities and arranged to turn the man over to them at Ford and Lotz roads.

#### Rims boosted

6 A man told police he saw a suspect stealing auto rims from the rear lot of Independent Test Services, a business on Ronda south of Joy, around 1 p.m. Friday.

The suspect was seen putting rims into an older Mitsubishi Eclipse. When approached by an employee, the man said he had been told by a friend that the rims were "free for the taking," according to a police report.

Even though he was told the rims weren't free, the man still left the scene with two rims

in his vehicle, police said. A representative for the business said there had been two earlier incidents of rims being stolen.

### Woman bound, thieves get away with cash, jewelry

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Two home invasion suspects tied a 38-year-old Canton woman's hands behind her back, ransacked her house and escaped with cash and jewelry, police said.

The incident happened about 12:45 p.m. last Thursday in the 43000 block of Londonderry Court, southwest of Palmer and Lilley, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The victim had been upstairs in her home when the home invasion occurred.

"She heard the doorbell ring three or four times, and she went downstairs to see who was there," Gajeski said.

The suspects already had entered the front door, which the woman told police may have been left unlocked.

"She tried to walk into the kitchen to call 9-1-1, but they tied her up and ransacked the house," Gajeski said.

The intruders used some type of cloth and bound the woman's hands behind her back, then ransacked the home and fled with cash and jewelry, Gajeski said.

One suspect was described as a heavyset black male, 5foot-8 to 5-foot-10, wearing a black jacket with brown fur around the hood, black jeans and black boots.

A second suspect was described as a black male with a slim to medium build, 6 feet tall to 6-foot-2, wearing similar clothing including a black jacket with brown fur around the hood.

The intruders fled in an older model, black, two-door car, though no further description was given.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward may be made to Crime Stoppers of Michigan by calling (800) SPEAK-UP, by logging on to www.1800speakup.org or by sending a text to 274637 or CRIMES.

Canton police have repeatedly advised residents to make sure their homes and other property, including vehicles, are locked to try to thwart would-be intruders.

During the home invasion, Gajeski said, police found no signs of forced entry, and the victim "advised she may have left the door unlocked."

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### Canton cops nab break-in suspect

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton police nabbed a home invasion suspect Tuesday evening following allegations he threw a landscaping brick through a window of a home on Morton Taylor, startling a resident and then fleeing in a car he crashed at Saltz before he was captured, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The suspect, a 36-year-old Inkster man, is facing criminal - Compiled by Darrell Clem from charges following an incident Canton Police Department reports. that occurred about 7 p.m.

Tuesday in the 1500 block of Morton Taylor.

Police received a 9-1-1 call that a landscaping brick had been thrown into the residence by a suspect who fled the scene after he startled a resident who yelled from inside the house, Gajeski said.

Police rushed to the scene, spotted a suspicious vehicle fleeing the area and tried to stop it, but the driver sped off, the sergeant said.

The driver led police on a brief chase before he was involved in a one-car crash where Morton Taylor deadends at Saltz, and he tried to escape on foot, Gajeski said.

"There was a short foot pursuit and the suspect was taken into custody" Gajeski said. Authorities took the suspect

into custody and found a 40inch television Gajeski said had been reportedly stolen earlier during a home invasion in the 42000 block of Barchester, near Lilley and Warren.

Canton police had the suspect in custody Wednesday awaiting word on charges from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

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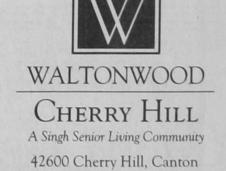
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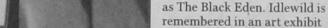
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ReGina Coles-Shamberger and Darian Moore are co-chairs for the Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. subcommittee for the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King.



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In a stirring tribute to King, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Festival Singers performed several inspirational songs that drew applause from the crowd, as did a beat-driven, streetsavvy performance by P-CEP Breakdancing Club members who wowed the audience with their limber moves.

Coles-Shamberger called the musical performances "awesome" and said Tim Schoenherr, the school district's performing and visual arts coordinator, also worked on the King subcommittee to prepare for Monday's event.

Another musical group, Forever After Productions, also impressed the crowd.

Canton parents Eric and LaTara Brown brought their son Jalen, 14, and daughter Jocelyn, 9, to the King celebration, just as they have in years past. Eric Brown, a human resources representative for Blue Cross Blue Shield, said King's efforts helped open the door to opportunities for African-Americans who once were shut out.

LaTara Brown called it important for her family to honor King.

"We definitely feel it's a day of reflection and celebration," she said. "It's a good way to honor him."

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to stop that kind of partisan, divisive behavior.

We're going to be advocating they make a solid, concrete and valid attempt to work together," Hutchins said of the board, divided 4-3 on most key issues recently. "We realize they don't have to agree on everything, but there's a clear division and that's got to stop.'

The group has considered attempting to recall the four board members - Mardigian, Gonzalez, Davis and Jackson - who voted not only not to renew Fiegel's contract, but to strip him of most of his duties and install Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs as chief operating officer. However, Gonzalez and Jackson can't be targeted in that fashion because they're up for election this year anyway. Mardigian and Davis are in the middle of four-year terms.

Instead, Hutchins said, the group will try to find

highly qualified candidates to run for the board election in November. Seats held by Jackson, Gonzalez and Trustees Steven Sneideman and Nancy Eggenberger are up for grabs. None has said yet whether they'll seek re-elec-

"The group will be looking as a whole, and I will be looking individually, for people to run for the board," said Hutchins, who acknowledged he's been considering such a run himself since summer. "We had a meeting to clarify what we want to accomplish, and we decided we've got to quit talking about it and start doing something."

Hutchins said the idea of a recall is still out there, though "nothing concrete" has been done about it. The group last met Saturday.

"The recall issue is still out there, and information has been collected," Hutchins said. "No action has been taken as far as filing or actual verbiage (for a recall petition)."

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Nominations for other awards are available at the same locations, but should be returned to the supervisor's office, 1150 S. Canton Center, by March 4.

The Canton Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made a long-time, longlasting contribution to the Canton community. Recent winners include Canton attorney Bryan Amann, former Supervisor Tom Yack, longtime Planning Commissioner Vic Gustafson and 35th District Judge Mike Gerou.

The Community Achiever Award goes to individuals who brought attention to Canton as a result of a special or outstanding achievement in 2010.

The Community Supporter Award is earned by individuals or groups who continue to make a regular contribution to the community. The achievements or contributions cannot be the result of someone's employment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### TWO GREAT CLASSICAL MUSIC TRADITIONS ONE FRESH, UNEX-PECTED SOUND

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#### EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTS

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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 competitions in dance, music, and singing, as well as accomplished choreographers and composers. No other Chinese performing arts group in the world can boast such a remarkable body of talent.

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# ZF Group highlights focus on fuel efficiency

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The ZF Group has been a sponsor of the North American International Auto Show for the last 10 years.

But for the first time, the German company, with its North American headquarters in Northville Township, decided to come out of its private suite and join the automakers on the main Cobo Center floor.

"We wanted to increase the awareness of the company, products and what we are bringing into the market," said Bryan Johnson, Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the ZF Group.

And what the company is bringing into the market is something at the forefront of everyone in the car industry's minds — increased fuel efficiency.

At the auto show, ZF unveiled a nine-speed automatic transmission that will improve the fuel efficiency of front-wheel drive cars.

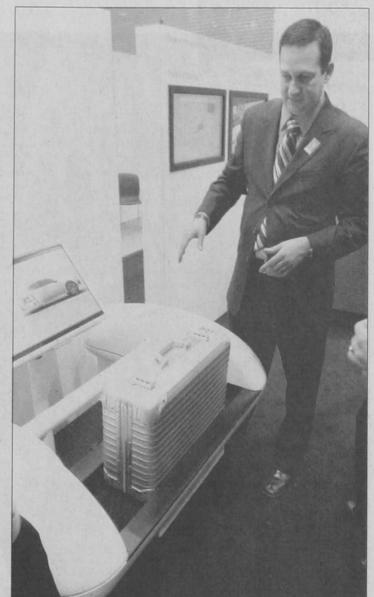
The company's first customer is Chrysler, and production is expected to begin in 2012.

Johnson said the new transmission will translate into a double-digit increase in fuel efficiency percentage.

According to the company's website, ZF Group develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery.

The Northville Township headquarters also is the technical center, and roughly 300 employees work out of that facility. The company also plans on adding 3,000 jobs worldwide in the coming

Some of the vehicles at the 2011 NAIAS that contained



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Canton resident Bryan Johnson of Z.F. Group N.A. out of Northville Township describes his engineering firm's suspension-adjusting mechanisms for trunk loads on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the auto show in Detroit.

components from ZF include the Audi A6, Audi A7, Audi A8, Chevrolet Volt, Dodge

Durango and several others.
Paul Olexa, Northville
resident and vice president of
driveline sales and marketing,
said the industry's continued
emphasis on improving gas
mileage is not new to ZF.

"Fuel efficiency was never

out of fashion with us," he said. Olexa, who has attended the NAIAS for several years and is a "car enthusiast," also said he noticed "definite change" in the mood at the auto show

this year.
"There is a significant improvement," he said.

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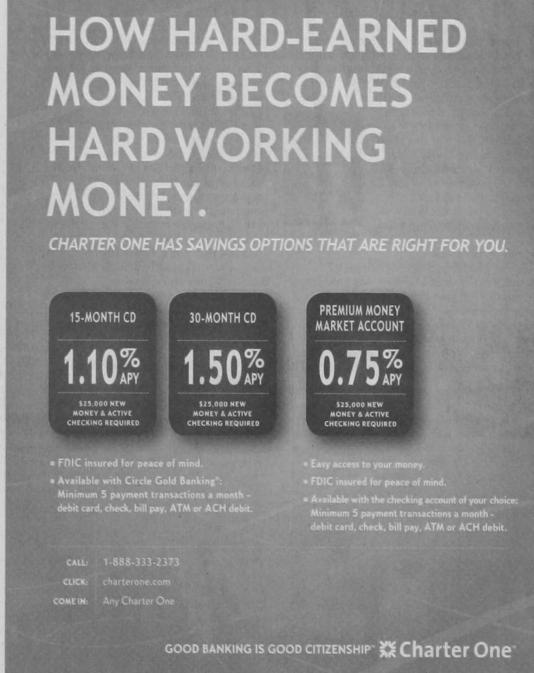
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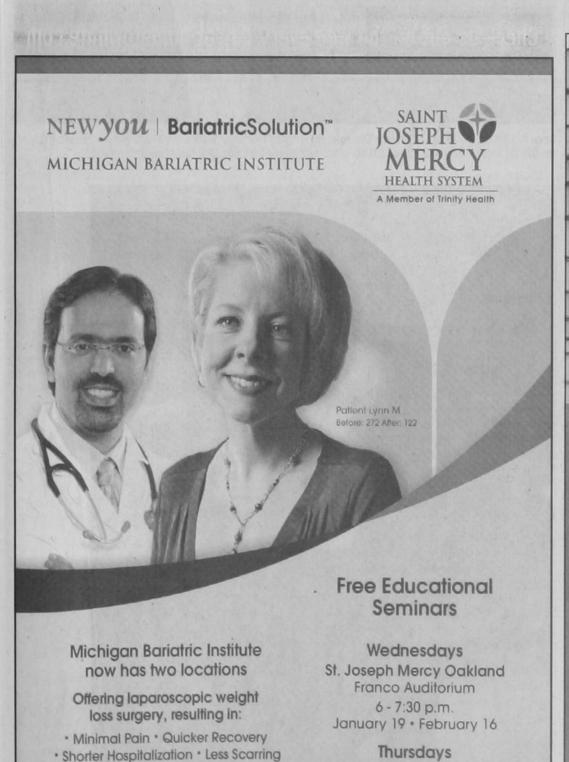
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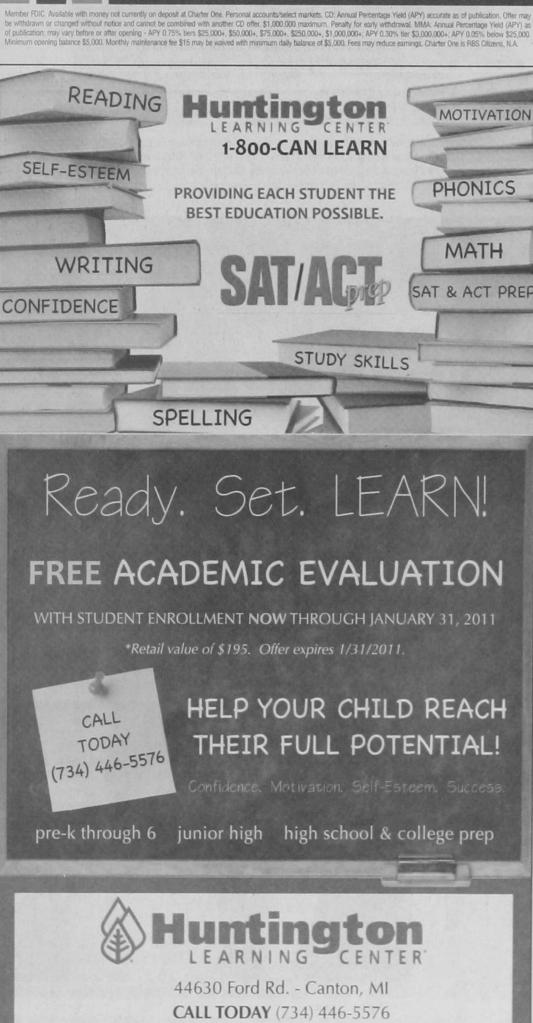
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# Dancing with the cars

### at auto show charity gala

he 35th annual North American International Auto Show Charity Preview black-tie gala brought in \$2.6 million this year. One of the top single-night fund-raising events in the country, the Charity Preview benefits nine local children's charities. In the last

seven years alone, the Charity Preview has raised more than \$37 million. Since its inception in 1976, Charity Preview has brought in nearly \$82 million. For the second year, ticket

prices remained at \$250, down from \$400 per ticket in previous years. Attendance was also up — 10,500 patrons, all decked out and revvin' to go.

"I'm here to tell you that we are back," boasted Paul W. Smith of WJR-AM (760), who emceed the exclusive ribbon-cutting ceremony, just prior to the opening of the Charity Preview and the North American International Auto Show, where 55 new vehicles were launched. "We're proud. We have the best product in the world and we're leading the economy back to health."

With every CEO from the auto companies gracing the stage, along with Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, 8-year-old Myles Parks was lookin' quite dapper in his tux as he welcomed the Charity Preview patrons. Parks was this year's youth ambassador, representing the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan — and all the nine recipient charities.

Following the brand new launch of the new "I'm a Believer" advertising campaign, which promotes volunteerism in Detroit, Snyder told the sequined and tuxed crowd: "This is truly a great showcase for our state that we should be proud of. The state of Michigan is the leader of the automotive industry. We are the world's leader in innovation."

But for that night, it was all about the children, where all but \$10 of each \$250 ticket was donated to one of the causes.

"We've exceeded our goal," 2011 NAIAS Chairman Barron Meade of Birmingham said. "These children are the compass of our future direction."

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Kat Slaughter and her father, (left) Sam Slaughter, owner of Sellers Buick GMC in Farmington Hills and Brian Sweeney, Buick GMC U.S. vice president, sales and service in front of a 2012 Buick Regal GS at the Auto Show. Slaughter's dealership was named the 2010 Buick Dealer of the Year. He is also a co-chair of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation's Heart & Soul Gala on Feb. 5.



Dawn and Scott LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township. Scott LaRiche is the treasurer/secretary of the Detroit Area Dealers Association (DADA) which established the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund.



(From left) Terri Manduzzi of Troy, Joanie Helgesen of Farmigton Hills and Elke Kroenung of Bloomfield Township attended the Charity Preview and the sold-out AutoGlow at the Westin Book Cadillac, sponsored by Ford Motor Company.





Northville residents Bill and Jackie Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne are all smiles at Friday's auto gala.



It was a redletter day at the Charity Preview for Livonia residents Steven Schmidt and his son, Erik.

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#### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Donna and Joe Napolitano opened Mechanical Energy Systems on Canton Center in 1985.

### Canton energy firm goes solar

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

feature? Mechanical Energy: Mechanical Energy Systems Inc. specializes in solar energy, natural daylighting and high efficiency heating and cooling systems. After installing and servicing solar thermal, water and space heating, systems here in Michigan for over 30 years, Joe and Donna have seen which products perform well. Solar thermal systems used for water and air heating have improved over the years and have become more suited to our Michigan climate. Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Mechanical Energy: Thirty years ago a mass exodus from the solar industry occurred due to the OPEC oil price manipulation, forcing virtually every solar company in the country to close. Joe and Donna Napolitano were working for a Fortune 500 solar company in southeastern Michigan and suddenly found themselves out of a job. They used their experience, bought customer lists from defunct companies, serviced the orphaned solar customers, and grew their business by providing solid reliable, quality service.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

business unique?

Mechanical Energy: Canton is our hometown.

Observer: What makes your

Mechanical Energy: Aside from supplying Southeastern Michigan with renewable energy appliances, Mechanical Energy Systems holds public workshops regularly, annually participates in the National Solar Tour, and participates in local green fairs and home improvements shows. We also

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Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Mechanical Energy: We use everything we sell in the office and one of our favorite items is the natural daylighting we use to light the office. Rarely have we ever had to turn on the overhead lights during regular hours. Customers who install these in their home often come back for a few more. One couple liked them so much in the home they decided to install a couple in their cottage as well. When they came to pick them up, they talked about how much

they liked the rainbows that dance on the walls in bright sunlight and they lie on the kitchen floor and watch the lightning storms through the light tubes in stormy weather. I've never been able to look at the tubes without thinking of them since.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Mechanical Energy:
Actually, we have done well
this year. There is much more
information, understanding
and faith in solar energy than
there has been for a while.
People seem to be very eager to
start to wean themselves off of
fossil fuels and slow down the
always-increasing utility bills
and the solar sales have been
steadily increasing.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Mechanical Energy: We are still new in the business and we can't give them advice. Instead, we need to learn more from them.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Mechanical Energy: Today MES is moving toward manufacturing their own solar thermal panels, building a large distribution and dealership network, and expanding commercial applications.

# IRS audit can cause concern, but be vigilant

recently received a call from an individual who had just gotten that dreaded letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that their 2009 tax return was selected for an audit.

The caller was concerned because his preparer had been aggressive when completing the return. During our conversation, we discussed a number of issues regarding the audit that I thought would be helpful to my readers.

The first issue discussed was who was responsible for his return. I explained that although the preparer has some responsibility, ultimately it is the taxpayer's responsibility to file an accurate and complete tax return. In some rare cases, taxpayers who use unqualified preparers may be able to get some relief when it comes to penalties, however, it does not reduce the amount of taxes owed or interest that may be due as a result of the audit.

One of the most important issues regarding taxes is to make the decision regarding how your return is going to be prepared. For many people, preparing it on their own is still a viable alternative. There are many good software programs available for filers with straightforward tax situations. Keep in mind that if you prepare your own return, you cannot just blindly input numbers.



**Money Matters** 

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one to do your return, you want someone who is qualified. You want to hire someone who has a commitment to staying current with the tax laws, and who will stand behind you if you are contacted by the IRS.

Hiring someone to do you tax return is no different that hiring an attorney or other professional. Don't be afraid to ask questions, and be sure to talk about fees.

The other issue I discussed with the caller is what causes audits. On a year-by-year basis, about 1 percent of taxpayers are audited. Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason why a return was selected. Yearly, the IRS selects at random a number of returns for audit. However, there are returns that are selected because of other factors. One of those is mathematical errors.

Another audit trigger is excessive deductions — taking deductions that are dispropor-

tionately high in comparison to your income.

That doesn't mean that legitimate deductions should not be taken. However, it does increase your audit risk and therefore it is important to have backup documentation.

Other items that increase the chance of audit are hobby losses. Even though as taxpayers we must pay income tax on what we may earn from our hobbies, it doesn't necessarily mean we can deduct any losses.

Another audit trigger is the home office deduction. The IRS has always been very skeptical of this deduction. Taxpayers entitled to a home office deduction should take it. However, look at what the deduction actually saves. It may be a more prudent decision to not take the deduction.

As tax season moves forward, it is important to think about how to prepare your return. Just because you did something last year doesn't mean you should do it this year. Take some time, think about it, and if you decide to hire someone, make sure you hire the right person.

Good luck.

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### Porn patrol Library staff solid in protecting patrons

The Canton Public Library's method of providing filtered Internet access for children and teens, and unfiltered access for adults in a separate, restricted setting offers the best of both worlds.

That's particularly true in the wake of a 2001 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld the Children's Internet Protection Act, signed into law by former President Bill Clinton in 2000.

The law requires public libraries that receive certain types of federal money to install filtering software to prevent access by minors to "inappropriate matter" on the Internet. In other words, the federal government

says: Do what we think best or you won't get the money.
Without a doubt, the Board of Trustees for the Canton library and Library Director Eva Davis believe in the need to protect children and teens from life's ugly underbelly. Computers used by kids and teens and those in public areas where the younger generation may pass are

Adults are another matter. Refusing adults access to whatever site they wish to access puts the library on the slipper slope to censorship.

It's a tricky path to walk. Libraries are about the free flow of information. Whether that information is considered good or bad for the general adult population is not the issue. To ban certain websites from adult viewing is the same as banning certain books. Both fly in the face of the First Amendment, and an act like this is abhorrent to democracy and the freedom of thought and expression.

True, the Canton library does not have a special aisle filled with pornographic materials, nor are they likely to do that. To the contrary, library staffers take every precaution under the law to protect children and unsuspecting adults from being exposed to such materials.

Apparently, library patrons largely believe the library staff is doing a good job of protecting its children and other patrons; user numbers continue to skyrocket. And the complaints that spawned our Sunday story are the first two we've heard in years, so apparently there aren't purveyors of porn patrolling the library aisles.

Allowing adults unfiltered use of the computers assigned in a separate room — where those under 18 are not allowed — also doesn't mean adults are traipsing in and out for their daily dose of pornography.

The issue is freedom. Freedom of thought. Freedom of choice. These are rights that come along with being an adult, a citizen, a taxpayer.

Davis and library trustees should be lauded for hanging tough on their position to protect kids and teens, yet provide adults unrestricted access to the Internet. In a second reading of the court ruling, library officials found the only thing the library loses is its ability to apply for federal grants, something that the library does not often do because of cumbersome applications and slim chances of success.

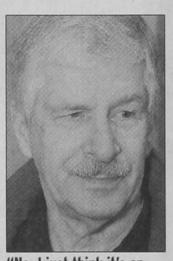
Big Brother often wants to tell us what is right and what is good. That's not unusual. In our world of big government, however, libraries, like townships, are the institutions and forms of government closest to the people. And that is where they should remain.

Whether computers should be filtered is a decision that rests in the community where the library director and its elected Board of Trustees live and work, and in which they know the standards its residents want fol-

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

Will the shootings of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and others in Arizona make you more likely to stay away from political events?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"No. I just think it's an isolated incident." **Bob Butzlaff** 



"No. You can't let people scare you from going about your business."

Jennifer Moore



"Absolutely not. That was a stand-alone incident that has nothing to do with anything but one idiot."

Gordon Andersen



"No. I'm just not worried about it, I guess."

**Brad Jones** Belleville

#### **LETTERS**

#### Wrong 'porn' impression

The recent article about porn availability in the Canton library may have given the wrong impression to readers.

"Legally I can't do anything about it," noted library Director Eva Davis. That is not true. "Library officials decided years ago to adopt a policy that complies with Michigan Public Law 212 and gives adults freedom to use the internet, including viewing sexually explicit sites, in a library area."

That is true, but the operative word in her statement is "decided." The state law does not mandate that porn be made available in libraries. In fact, as the article noted, "some federally funded libraries may have broader content-filtering procedures, but the Canton facility doesn't receive federal dollars." That also is true, because Canton chooses not to accept available federal dollars because they require porn filters on computers.

There was an article a few years back in the Observer noting that the Canton library rejected those available federal dollars to "protect our First Amendment rights." As I noted then and again last month in a letter to library Trustee Colleen Van Auken, who was asking for donations to the library: I do not want them to act on MY behalf to protect

The Canton library is not a federal library, nor is it a state library, it is a community library. If this community really wants to fund porn availability, then I will reluctantly support my community neighbors, but I believe this is only the will of a few PC library trustees, who are acting in their own behalf and views, not that of the community.

Just take a poll: Do you want our library to make porn available in the community? That's all I ask.

Tom Salapatek

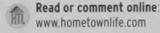
#### Column hit mark

Just finished your outstanding article on healing school board ("Healing school board may take some time," Observer, Jan. 16) and I agree with you that it will take some time, if ever, to heal and

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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forgive the actions of what appears to be a "dysfunctional board."

Your observations and your informative and easy-to-read reporting is great.

The board members need to get their act together and think about the children, parents and community that they represent. Their agendas are not in the best interests of this wonderful community and could be served with distinction, instead of their amateur political and selfish grandstanding.

The board members should think about the children, parents, and in my case, grandparents, and great-grandparents.

**Bud Boyce** Canton

#### Dream world? What kind of "dream world" is the Plymouth-

Canton teachers union living in ("Teachers, district still waiting on new pact," Sunday, Jan. 16). The statement that teachers are beginning "to bristle" at the suggestion it's "their turn" to give back to the district, in the form of concessions is far off

Fact 1 - The State of Michigan has been in an economic downward spiral for several consecutive years. The money simply isn't there like in the past.

Fact 2 - Everyone I personally know has tightened their belts. Why are teachers exempt from any belt tightening?

Fact 3 - If concessions from the teachers cannot be obtained, the Board of Education will play the layoff card, which will result in an increase of class

My belief is that the school board's position must be to save money in their negotiations with the teacher's union this time around in order to be both frugal and prudent. I believe the majority of residents within the Plymouth and Canton communities have a similar belief.

Roger L. Kehrier Plymouth

#### Heise plan no fix

While the indictment of former Detroit Water and Sewer Department Director Victor Mercado has made the need for greater transparency within the department abundantly clear ("Incoming Rep. Heise to offer bill for DWSD fix," Dec. 26), hiring a private company to operate the system is not the

Privatizing Detroit's water will not fix the DWSD's transparency or fiscal issues. In fact, publicly operated systems are, on average, 21 percent cheaper than those run by private entities. Additionally, a recent Food & Water Watch review of the 10 largest water system sales and concessions found that water rates for customers increased an average of 15 percent per year after privatization.

Although most DWSD customers would agree that the system needs revamping, we need one that increases transparency while keeping costs reasonable for consumers. Hiring a private company to operate the system would not solve these problems and would most likely exacerbate them.

DWSD customers should write their state lawmakers today and encourage them to maintain public control of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

> Lynna Kaucheck Food & Water Watch

#### **ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS**



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

 In response to the story, "Library computer policies follow state law:"

What's the deal with "a Canton woman who also didn't want her name used" and other anonymous references to people they interviewed? And why did they use the "shame" quote twice?

This poor newswriting makes me feel like Davis had a lot more to say that was cut out in favor of pushing the sensationalism of the subject matter. I suspect the Library IS anti-porn but tries to have some unfiltered computers available (in an adultsonly area, natch) so that patrons who need to look up certain medical conditions or controversial articles/artworks/etc. for college classes are able to do so without having their internet searches blocked.

"Just because you saw the guy next to you looking at kooch doesn't mean the Library said, "Free porn for everybody." And librarians can't be looking over everybody's shoulder 60 minutes of every hour (and you probably wouldn't want them doing that to you regardless of what you were looking at).

DeweyDecimal

#### **GUEST COLUMN**

### We didn't give up on auto industry

ec. 11, 2008, was the darkest night of my career. The Senate had just failed to pass critical legislation authorizing bridge loans for our automakers.

I went to the floor and gave a speech urging our country not to



Sen. Debbie

Stabenow

give up on the Big Three. Demand was down, jobs were being shipped overseas, gas prices were up and then we were hit by a global financial crisis that put our automakers in serious jeopardy. Some of my friends

on the right wanted to blame the labor unions. Some of my friends on

the left wanted to blame the companies for building too many SUVs. Too many politicians were too busy pointing fingers and scoring political points to bother considering what would happen if millions of manufacturing jobs in this country disappeared.

Thankfully, we in the Michigan delegation understood that the survival of the auto industry was about saving American manufacturing, and we worked together with two administrations to make sure that our country wouldn't walk away from our American

The Obama administration took a careful and responsible approach to the restructuring. In exchange for federal support, it decided that GM and Chrysler would need to go through a structured bankruptcy proceeding. When President Obama called our delegation with the news, I told him that if this was the course of action, we needed to show that the country was going to stand behind our companies. He agreed, and we immediately got to work.

I had already started some of this work by passing a retooling loan program in 2007 when gas prices were soaring. This program has helped Ford retool their Wayne plant, which has resulted in jobs coming back from Mexico to

We also invested \$2 billion in advanced battery manufacturing. I'm proud to say that Michigan has received over half of the funds, making us the undisputed leader in battery technology

in America. A year ago, only 2 percent of the world's batteries were made in this country; in four years, we will be building 40 percent of those batteries.

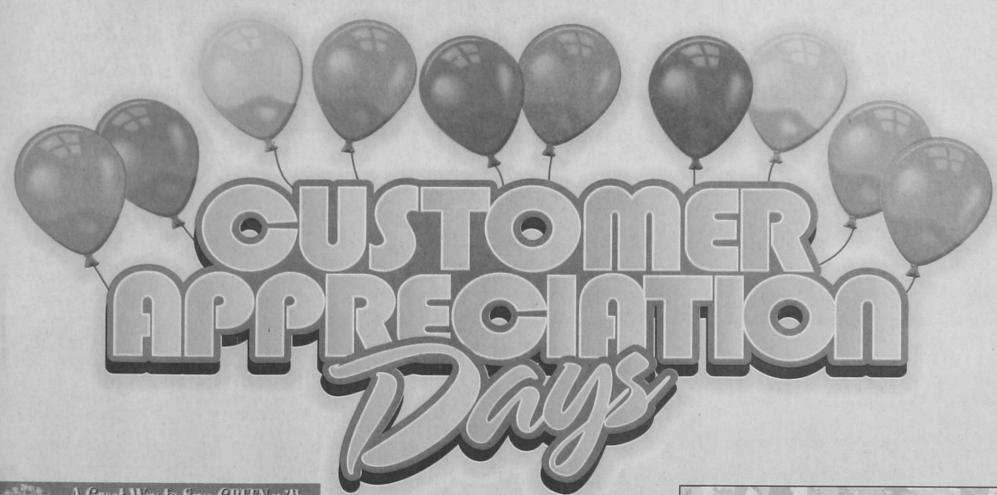
Then in June of 2009, we passed "cash for clunkers," which I was proud to author in the Senate. For weeks, I twisted arms in the Senate to convince my colleagues this would work. It did.

'Cash for clunkers" helped 700,000 cars fly off dealer lots, created 60,000 jobs as auto plants opened second shifts and then third shifts.

This week, our companies are showing off their fantastic new products at the Detroit auto show. I was proud to be there when the Chevy Volt won North American Car of the Year, and to hear that Detroit automakers owned the truck category. Of the three finalists, Chrysler had two nominations and the Ford Explorer took home the award.

We should all be proud that all three of our automakers are profitable, growing and creating jobs. Our country stood by them, and it worked.

U.S. Sen. Debble Stabenow is a Democrat who represents Michigan.





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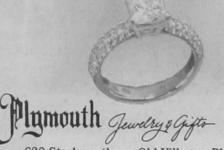
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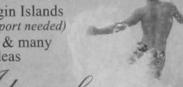


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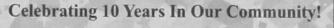
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### SPORTS

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# 'Cats win at buzzer

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The more dramatic the better seems to be the recipe for success that Plymouth's 2010-11 varsity boys basketball team is subscribing to.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats nipped Westland John Glenn 53-51 on a last-second spinning layup by senior forward Brennen Beyer. That followed Friday's win over Canton, when Mike Nadratowski scored at the buzzer.

Beyer (18 points, nine rebounds) and Nadratowski (20 points, seven boards) keyed the

BOYS BASKETBALL KLAA

Central victory between two teams at the top of the division. Adding nine points was Pat Salo.

Aveon Simmons scored 17 points for John Glenn while Nick Daniels added 11.

"We were able to battle back throughout the game," Soukup said. "It was nip-and-tuck, back-and-forth into the fourth quarter and into the last minute. But we were able to make enough plays to pull out a hard-fought victory."

Soukup said Plymouth didn't come out clicking on all cylinders in the team's home opener and he wasn't sure why.

One possibility, he noted, was Tuesday's "snow day" at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "It was not an aggressive start."

But the ending was enough to lift the Wildcats into a tie with the Rockets on top of the division. Both are 6-3 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South.

INTER-CITY BAPTIST 67,
PCA 61: A late surge by host
Plymouth Christian Academy
wasn't enough Tuesday night,
as the Eagles dropped this
Michigan Independent Athletic
Conference contest.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Getting Tuesday's game off to a good start for Salem is forward Michael Manser (No. 19), snapping a shot past Northville goaltender David Ketelhut in the first period. Trying to check Manser is Connor Brown (No. 6).

### Salem's Price is right in shutout

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brandon Price watched longtime hockey rivals Northville and Salem from a seat in the stands the past three years, when he played travel hockey instead of suiting up for the Rocks.

But Tuesday, the Rocks' first-year goalie was right in the middle of the action — stopping all 31 Northville shots he faced in Salem's 4-0 victory at Plymouth Cultural Center. It was his second shutout of the year and first against a KLAA opponent.

"This is my first year (with the Rocks) but I've known about the rivalry with Northville," said the senior, following his stellar performance. "I've been to the games before. It's always been a good, clean matchup but this year I think we did a little bit better out there than them and came away with the victory."

Price was at his best during the second period, with the Rocks nursing a 1-0 lead (on a first-period goal by junior forward Michael Manser, set up by junior forward Austin Sartorius).

The 5-10, 165-pound goalie began a

scorching-hot stretch when he stopped a shot from between the circles by Mustangs forward Cole Brown, with about 13 minutes left in the frame.

#### LEATHER LARCENY

He flashed his trapper to rob forward Robbie Thornburg twice within a minute later in the period and enabled Salem to still lead 1-0 after the second thanks to a last-minute stop on forward Stephen Champagne.

Price — who said he was "definitely in the zone tonight" — and his defense then killed off a 5-on-3 disadvantage early in the third period and the offense responded with two insurance goals.

"Again, he was the best player on the ice for us," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "Anytime a goalie can get a shutout against a quality opponent like Northville you know he's playing well.

"Also the guys up front did a good job limiting second opportunities."

Price, meanwhile, said he relished the challenge of killing off the two-man disadvantage.

"I loved every second of it, I love see-

ing those 5-on-3s," said Price, exuding confidence. "We only got three guys out there so I know I'm just going to get peppered with shots.

"And that's what I love about the game."

#### **BREATHING ROOM**

Salem (9-3-1 overall) was up 2-0 at the time of the 5-on-3, thanks to a timely goal by senior forward Ryan Quigley (coming off a hat trick Saturday against Livonia Churchill).

Just 28 seconds into the period, Quigley tucked a backhander past Northville senior goalie David Ketelhut (27 saves).

Quigley, jumping onto the ice to replace a teammate who broke his stick, took a feed from senior blueliner Michael Hochkins (two assists), skated in all alone on Ketelhut and scored after deking the netminder.

"That was huge. The difference between a one-goal lead and a twogoal lead, especially at that point in the game," said Ossenmacher, noting that

Please see SALEM, B2

## Canton gymnasts second by eyelash

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Cunningham figured correctly when he predicted one of the big obstacles for his Canton gymnastics team this season is the Farmington Unified squad.

At Saturday's Farmington Invitational at Hartland Bounce Sports Center, the Chiefs finished second by a half-point (145.175) to the Farmington team's 145.675.

The teams soon will have another go at it Monday, Jan. 24, when the Chiefs host Farmington (at Plymouth High School).

And Farmington and Canton finished 3-4 at the recent Rockford Invitational, although Chiefs senior stalwart Robyn Piwowar was unavailable.

"We went home happy with our performance and knowing we had lots of ways to improve," Cunningham said.

He said his team "had a great meet" with five scores of 9.0 on floor exercise, three on vault and three on balance beam.

Top performers included Piwowar, who finished first in Division 1 on floor and in all-around with respective tallies of 9.65 and 37.225 points.

Also strong in D1 competition was sophomore Alex Fideler. She placed second on beam with a mark of 9.625, which was one-quarter point off her personal best. Fideler scored 9.4 on floor, good for fourth place.

Meanwhile, freshman Melissa Green scored a personal best on floor. Her mark of 9.5 earned third-place honors. Outstanding in Division 2 was junior Ayana Lewis capturing four of the five events. Lewis won vault (9.5).

uneven bars (9.25), beam (9.5) and all-around (37.3). Also in D2, freshman Erica Lucas registered a third place on vault (9.05) and fifth on bars (8.3). Senior Kali Pierce finished sixth on floor (9.05).

In Division 2 events, the 10 best showings earn medals, while D1 medals are awarded to the top five in each event.

Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer acknowledged that Canton will be a tough competitor all season.

"Canton had one of its better girls back," Dwyer said.
"She wasn't at the Rockford Invitational (Jan. 8), so that
makes a big difference. (Cunningham) has been aiming
for us. I think we're going to be neck and neck the whole
season."

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RENA LAVER

Robbie Czarnik (No. 27, left) bats a rebound past Saginaw goalie Mavric Parks to give the Plymouth Whalers a 4-3 lead during Monday afternoon's game. Czarnik's goal proved to be the game-winner. At right for Saginaw is defenseman Dalton Prout.

### Matinee magic

#### Third-period surge sparks Whalers to comeback victory

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Forget Windsor, there's a new rivalry in town

between the Plymouth Whalers and Saginaw.

Plymouth rallied in spectrouler fashion.

Plymouth rallied in spectacular fashion Monday afternoon before 2,581 at Compuware Arena. The Whalers scored three times in the third period to nab a 4-3 victory over the Western Conference-leading Spirit.

It was the first time this season that Saginaw coughed up a game in regulation after carrying a lead into the final period.

"It's a rivalry," Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci said. "They're at the top of the league and we're trying to measure ourselves up to them."

Swift-skating forward Tyler Brown, who played a strong forechecking game, added that the Whalers "knew what we had to do" in the third period, which began with the Spirit leading 3-1

"Getting two points on these guys is big," Brown said. "Every point counts. We have a tight race in our conference."

One of the catalysts for the comeback was forward James Livingston. He got into a fight in the second period (with Anthony Camara), delivered some crunching hits and scored the tying goal in the third.

"I just tried to go out there as hard as I can and shake things up in the second period (with the fight)," Livingston said. "I was trying to get the boys fired up, and we turned it around and we had a great third period. It was really good for us."

#### TURNING TIDE

Saginaw fell to 30-9-3-1 with the defeat, while the Whalers improved to 24-18-1-1 with their

Please see WHALERS, B2

### SIDELINES

Best so far

Salem grad Brett deBear tallied 12 points Saturday to lift Albion College to a 71-57 victory over Kalamazoo College in a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's basketball game.

It was the first time in deBear's collegiate career that she scored in double figures. She connected on six-of-eight shots from the field and she grabbed three rebounds in 26 minutes of action.

This season, she has played all 15 games (including four starts) and is averaging 3.5 points and 1.5 rebounds per game.

The win improved Albion's record to 7-8 overall and 5-1 in the MIAA.

#### Tennis meeting

If you are a Salem High School girls tennis player, or are interested in playing in the 2011 season, there is an important meeting slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in the school library.

For more info, visit www. salemrockstennis.com. Coach Lin Ware can be reached at (734) 453-0669 to answer any questions.

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GCYBSA partners with Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth Canton Community Schools to provide developmental skill building baseball and softball leagues.

#### YMCA winter fun

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs this winter – designed for individuals of all ability levels to give kids a chance to learn or improve on life and sports skills.

In each lesson, staff and volunteers will focus on youth development elements such as teamwork and dribbling, as well as healthy living components such as exercise and making good decisions.

The programs include Fun and Fitness Clinic (ages 3-5), Preschool School Clinic (ages 3-5) and Club Kickball (ages 6-8) and run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www. ymcadetroit.org.

#### Free throw contest

The 2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls (ages 9-14) will be Sunday, Jan. 30, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Registration starts at 2 p.m., followed by competition at 2:30 p.m.

Winners will advance through local, district and state competition. International champions are announced at the K of C international headquarters base on scores from the state level competitions. For more information, call David Lengel at (734) 516-4930.

### Plymouth earns 1-1 tie vs. St. Mary

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having acquitted themselves well in recent non-conference games against tough opponents, Plymouth is ready for a busy stretch of important KLAA varsity boys hockey

The Wildcats (3-5-4) battled to a 1-1 overtime tie Monday against Monroe St. Marys in a makeup game at Compuware Arena, blistering 41 shots at Falcons goaltender Zacory Cherney.

After two scoreless periods, St. Mary's took a 1-0 lead early in the third on a goal by Andre Lewis. His shot was the only one all day to get past Plymouth senior netminder

Mike Justus (14 saves).

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The equalizer came about four minutes later (with 8:30 left in the period). Defenseman Tyler Lazorka pinched in and punched a rebound behind Cherney. Forwards Jordan Lopetrone and Zach Gambrell assisted.

Plymouth had several chances to win late in regulation and in overtime, especially on the power play. But Cherney held his ground against in-close tries by forward Cody Staub, Gambrell and Lazorka.

We carried the play, did a lot of the things we talked about," said Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender. "We're playing strong these last couple games."

Although crediting Cherney

for his play, Fassbender said Plymouth's shot selection could have been better during parts of the game.

"We put a lot of shots into his chest," Fassbender said. "But he made a lot of big saves for them, too."

Another strong effort that did not end up in the 'W' column was Saturday against always-tough Muskegon Mona Shores.

The Wildcats lost 3-2 in overtime. Scoring against Mona Shores were defenseman Justin Bauer (1 goal, 1 assist) and Gambrell (1 goal, 1 assist).

Single assists were picked up by defenseman Kevin Matusiak and forward Mitch Claggett.

Now, the Wildcats will

go up against Northville on Wednesday, South Lyon on Saturday and Salem at 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 - with the latter game also at Compuware.

"They're league games," Fassbender said. "I think we've had five in a row that were not league games. We've turned our game around and we're starting to play stronger and better.'

The schedule doesn't ease up after the Salem game. Plymouth will become the third Park team to take a road trip to northern Michigan when they travel for weekend games Jan. 28-29 against Sault Ste. Marie.

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The sixth grade Plymouth Canton Force red basketball team won the New Year's Tournament in Saline on Jan. 8-9. The team (7-0 overall) went 4-0 and outscored opponents 215-113. Next for the Force is a tournament on Sunday in Swartz Creek. Pictured are the victorious team members: (back row from left) Jackson Sartain, Justin Dolney, Jack Smith, Blake Preston and Jason Arnold; (front row from left) Zack Gruczelak, Kyle Burnette, Jake Cesarz and Camren Barden.

#### **PC Force is tops**

### Chiefs split pair of games in Sault Ste. Marie

Canton's varsity boys hockey team divided a two-game set in Sault Ste. Marie, as part of

the "Showcase in the Soo." After defeating the Escanaba Eskymoes 1-0 on Friday (a shutout by Canton goalie Spencer Craig), the Chiefs lost 6-4 to the Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils at Pullar

Quigley was able to "use his

Mustangs head coach Jeff

Hatley said "it was a momen-

tum-changing goal, for sure."

With 9:25 remaining,

Salem added another goal.

Sophomore forward Alek

rebound, finishing a play

started when sophomore for-

ward Jake Fedel flicked the

puck from the side of the net.

Earning the second assist was

About three minutes later,

Downey roofed a shot from in

and sophomore defenseman

Senior forward Wesley Carr

sophomore forward Kyle

front of Ketelhut.

Zultowski chipped in a

Hochkins.

speed and capitalize."

Stadium.

Scoring for Canton in the penalty filled game, which saw the Chiefs facing a number of shorthanded situations, were seniors Matt Rodgers (from Trevor Moore), Parker Pakula (from Shawn May), Garrett Bryden (from Craig) and

LaFontaine and Phil Baciak).

Canton (8-5-1 overall) gave up four power play goals and still killed off more than 75 percent of the Soo power plays.

"It was very encouraging to see our boys not give up under these circumstances," Chiefs head coach Jeremy Majszak

when the ice is tilted with such a steep slope. This team really stepped up to the challenge."

In Friday's victory, Craig stopped 20 shots for his second shutout of the season.

Scoring an unassisted goal in the third period, the only marker of the game, was senior Martin Sisolak.

third win in four days, tying Windsor for fourth place in the conference.

Vellucci said the penalty kill, in tandem with a shorthanded goal by forward Stefan Noesen at 1:46 of the third period, fueled the turnaround.

When the third period started, the Whalers faced the danger of falling further behind as Saginaw enjoyed a five-on-three power play for 46 seconds.

Plus, Saginaw's potent power play is tops in the OHL and the Spirit scored two more powerplay goals Monday - by forwards Vincent Trocheck and Jordan Szwarz.

But the Whalers killed off the first penalty of the twoman disadvantage.

Still down a man, the Whalers cut the deficit to 3-2

to set up an electric finish. Noesen fielded forward RJ Mahalak's clearing pass near center ice, skated in and beat Saginaw netminder Mavric Parks with a high shot on the glove side for his 21st goal of the season.

The noise level continued to escalate when Livingston blasted a shot into the Spirit net to make it 3-3 with 14:50 remaining.

"He (Livingston) has been great," Vellucci said. "When he moves his feet, he's a fast skater. And he's been great for us the last two months."

The tying goal developed in similar fashion to the Noesen goal.

This time, it was center Mitch Heard who banked the puck out of Plymouth's zone.

Livingston then took it in the neutral zone, sped into the Saginaw end and drove a shot from the right circle that clanked off the back bar inside

the cage. "Mitch Heard (his center), he had a great chip off the glass," Livingston said. "I was able to get behind the defenseman and I just shot it and it

#### was lucky to go in." THE WINNER

With 9:58 to play in the eriod, Plymouth scored the eventual game-winning goal.

Center Robbie Czarnik, standing near the left post, backhanded the rebound of a shot by forward Jamie Devane past Parks. It was his teamleading 24th tally.

Saginaw tried to tie the game in the final minute, pulling Parks for the extra attacker. But the Spirit couldn't crack the determined Plymouth defense.

"It (the win) shows we can beat anyone ... it gets a little monkey off our backs," Livingston said. "We're really thrilled and it's going to really help in the standings as well.

The Whalers started the game strong and had an 11-4 edge in shots on goal, but still trailed 2-1 heading into the second period.

Saginaw took an early 1-0 lead when Trocheck scored, wiring a one-timer from the left circle past Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood (30

saves). It was 1-1 with 11:11 to go in the period after Whalers center Rickard Rakell scored his sixth goal over the past three contests.

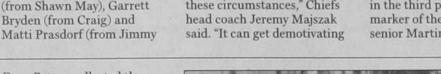
Shalla (at 13:28 of the first) and Brandon Archibald then notched goals to make it 3-1 Saginaw with 19:07 left in the middle period.

Wedgewood struggled in the opening period, giving up a shaky goal to Shalla. But he settled down from that point on, making a number of clutch stops that kept the Whalers close.

"He's bailed us out a lot more than we've had to bail him out," Vellucci said about Wedgewood. "And tonight the team did it for him.'

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Evan Patton collected the According to Ossenmacher,

it was a milestone victory.

"This was a team that nobody in this locker room, including myself, has beaten before," he said. "We have four-year seniors on this team and I've been here for four years, and up to this point we hadn't won a game against

Despite the loss, which dropped Northville to 4-8-1, Hatley praised the effort of his injury-depleted squad.

They're a good team," Hatley said. "(But) we're down five players right now, five regular guys. So we have a lot of young guys stepping in, and they're playing well, playing

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Salem forward Austin Sartorius (No. 14) wheels around fallen Northville forward Brady Marotta during Tuesday's hockey matchup at Plymouth Cultural Center.

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#### Quigley nets three in Salem win

BY BRAD EMUNS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A high percentage of pucks found the back of the net Saturday afternoon for the Salem boys hockey team as the Rocks skated to a 7-5 victory over Livonia Churchill at Arctic Edge Arena in Plymouth.

The Rocks took just 20 shots to get their seven goals in raising their record to 8-3-1 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Churchill, meanwhile, falls to 6-5 overall and 3-4 in KLAA's South Division.

Despite giving up five goals, Salem senior netminder Brandon Price might have been the first star as he stopped 33rebound off an assist from Garrett Berg with only 22 seconds left.

Ryan Quigley, who finished the day with a hat trick, then quickly followed with another Salem goal with only two seconds to go in the same period off assists from Mark McGee and Michael Manser.

Salem took control in the second period outscoring Churchill 4-2 to take a 6-3 advantage.

Off the opening faceoff, Manser scored just five seconds into the second period from Austin Sartorius to make it 3-1.

pair of power play goals just 25 seconds apart - Steven Klisz (from Jake Otto and Williams) at 4:18 and Otto (from Klisz and Williams) at 4:43.

Churchill starting goalie Alex Estes with two goals - Quigley on a laser shot from just inside the circle (from Manser) at 6:42 and Sartorius on a power play goal (from Berg) at 8:00.





### PCS tourney spawns solid efforts by area bowlers

The hosts didn't win any trophies at Saturday's Plymouth-Canton-Salem bowling tournament at Super Bowl in Canton.

But boys and girls bowling teams from the three Park high schools still had their moments.

Westland John Glenn nipped Wayne Memorial to win the boys tourney, 3,783-3.782.

Finishing sixth was Salem (3,463), followed by seventhplace Plymouth (3,328) and Canton, eighth with 3,228 pins. There were 13 schools at the tournament.

Individually, one of the top performers in the boys tournament was Salem's Ryan Clark. He finished fourth overall, with a 210-223-221-654 series

with a 210-223-221-654 series. Other Salem boys in the top-30 included David Nikkila (19th, 548), Tyler Foley (25th, 531) and Kevin Williams (27th,

For Plymouth, the top bowler among the boys was Eric Thompson. His 562 series was 14th best.

Plymouth's Justin Thompson placed 29th with a 524 series.

Canton's Andrew Klein (18th, 550), Alex Champagne (22nd, 543) and Casey Bindas

PCA trailed 28-23 at half-

offensive assault in the fourth.

However, the Eagles (2-6, 2-

4) couldn't overcome a number

of turnovers earlier in the ball-

game, said head coach Keith

"We shot the ball well and

offense," Anleitner said. "But

Anleitner said his team's

comeback bid in the fourth

was "a valiant effort" that he

made some good plays on

we turned it over time and

Anleitner.

time again.

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time and 48-38 after three

before mounting a 23-point

(24th, 537) all were among the top-30.

#### GIRLS RECAP

In the girls tournament, the highlight among Park teams was Canton's Charlotte Zimmer. She rolled a 181-209-235-625 series to finish first overall.

Zimmer's 235 game also was the best among girls in the tourney.

Her performance helped the Chiefs place third overall in the team standings, with 2,379 pins. They trailed Wayne Memorial (3,051) and Garber (3,003).

Salem (2,306) came in fifth while Plymouth's 2,077 was good for 11th place.

The only other top-10 finisher among individual PCEP bowlers was Salem's Kristin Larkins. She took seventh with a 511 series.

Finishing in the top-20 were: Salem's Meaghan Eldridge (11th, 485) and Ashley Kretschmer (17th, 473); Canton's Ashley Cade (12th, 480) and Allison Fries (20th, 469); Plymouth's Mackenzie Carlson (14th, 478), Tiffani Patterson (16th, 473) and Caitlyn Webb (19th, 470).

For the Eagles, Mick Noel tallied 21 points — including 16-of-16 at the free-throw line. Chipping in with 18 points was Alex Huber, while Eric Jipping tallied nine points and seven

For Inter-City Baptist (6-2, 4-2), Bill Draper led the way with 23 points.

rebounds.

CANTOÑ 48, FRANKLIN 36: On Tuesday, Dietrich Lever and Paul Baumgart each scored 19 points to propel the Chiefs (5-4, 3-1) past host Livonia Franklin (1-8, 1-3) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

Tino Thomas scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Patriots, who led 18-17 at halftime.

Canton took control with a 10-3 edge in the third.



Plymouth native Josh Gatt (left) is shown playing against FC Lustenau in his last game before the winter break. Gatt played at Detroit Catholic Central during high school.

## Gatt on the rise on world soccer stage

The United States Football Club, the parent company of the Orange County Blue Star, is proud to announce that rising American soccer star Josh Gatt of Plymouth has officially joined Norwegian Division One professional club Molde FK.

Gatt, 19, who signed his first professional contract to play with Austrian club SCR Altach in January 2010, has emerged this past year as one of the premier young talents in the United States. His transfer to Norway is the latest step forward in the ascension of his career.

"This is a great step in my career and I'm really excited to be joining Molde FK," Gatt said. "It was a lifelong dream to become a professional player, and the training and experience I earned with SCR Altach was invaluable.

"I would like to thank SCR Altach for everything they've done and specifically my coach Adi Huetter, U.S.F.C and my management team Sporteo International. Now I am progressing forward, and my family and I could not be more

pleased."

Gatt reportedly received a three-year contract with Molde FK

Revered for his exceptional speed and attacking ability, the former Detroit Catholic Central player has earned an international buzz in a very short span of time.

After earning a starting role with SCR Altach in October, Gatt produced four league goals and countless highlights. Gatt further cemented his domestic reputation in December when he was invited to U.S. U20 National Camp and tallied two goals and three assists in a 5-0 win over Canada.

Gatt honed his early potential in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy as well as in the Orange County Blue Star's SuperElite system, a program designed to help players reach the world-class level.

As part of the program's initiative, Gatt was sent along with 17 American players to the All-American Showcase that features matches against world renowned European clubs.

### Rocks strong in fourth

A 14-point fourth quarter Tuesday night lifted visiting Salem to a 36-32 victory over South Lyon in a KLAA Central girls basketball contest.

Salem head coach Fred
Thomann said it was a see-saw
battle all night, with the Lions
up 14-13 at halftime and the
game tied 22-22 after three
frames. In the fourth, with
Heidi Schmidt and Breanne
Beaver each scoring four
points, the Rocks were finally
able to pull away.

Thomann also said Salem received a late boost from freshman Hannah Nowaske (three free throws in the fourth), junior Jennifer First (a bucket) and junior Brianna Berberet, who scored two of her six points in the final stanza.

Schmidt led the Rocks (4-6 overall, 3-1 in the KLAA Central) with 15 points. Beaver tallied five points along with nine rebounds. South Lyon's record dipped to 4-5 and 1-3.

CANTON 60, FRANKLIN 13: The host Chiefs dismantled Livonia Franklin in a KLAA South matchup.

Canton jumped out to a 23-6 lead after one quarter and didn't let up, with a 38-7 half-time advantage.

Kari Schmitt (14 points), Sara Schmitt (13 points), Kayla Bridges (9 points), Kiara Schneider (7 points) and Robyn Mack (7 points) all chipped in offensively for the state-ranked Chiefs (8-2, 4-0). Meanwhile, Melanie Pickert and CarolAnn Sexauer led

the defense with five and four steals, respectively. Franklin fell to 3-5 and 1-3

with the loss.

JOHN GLENN 60, PLYMOUTH 13:
The speed of host Westland
John Glenn contributed to 30
turnovers by the Wildcats in
this KLAA South game.

The Rockets (6-1, 4-0) were up 19-5 after the first quarter and 36-8 at halftime and then outscored Plymouth 24-5 in the second half.

"I give John Glenn credit," said Plymouth head coach Bob deBear. "They have some nice players and they get after it on defense."

Plymouth (4-5, 2-2) only made three of 14 free-throw tries.

PCA 46, INTER-CITY BAPTIST
41: Host Plymouth Christian
Academy overcame a so-so
first half to overtake Allen
Park Inter-City Baptist in
a Michigan Independent
Athletic Conference tilt.

Bethany Hale paced the Eagles (7-1, 3-0) with 14 points and seven rebounds. Other contributors were Karen Windle (9 points, 6 boards, 6 steals) and Rachel Smith (8 points, 8 boards).

"The kids came out focused after halftime and we competed and played hard and were able to win the game," said PCA head coach Carol Gerulis.

#### Moore's 31 fuels SC victory

Karl Moore poured in a gamehigh 31 points and freshman forward Daniel Hill grabbed 18 rebounds as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team notched its first conference win with an 87-72 triumph at home of Alpena Community College.

Schoolcraft overcame 36 percent shooting from the field by making 30-of-35 free throws (87.5 percent).

Moore, a 6-foot-6 freshman from Academy of Oak Park, got plenty of scoring support as five other Ocelots notched double figures in scoring. Anthony Nash added 12

points, while Mohamed Elhaj and Lydell Mason each added 11. Davonte Broden and Hill (Wayne Memorial) tallied 10 apiece.

Elhaj also dished out seven assists.

Alpena (7-10, 1-7) got 17 points from Lavario Smith and 12 each from Michael Alden and Lucas Wickert.

The Lumberjacks, who trailed 41-35 at halftime, shot 14-of-22 from the foul line.

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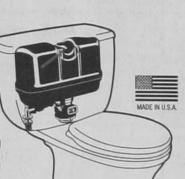
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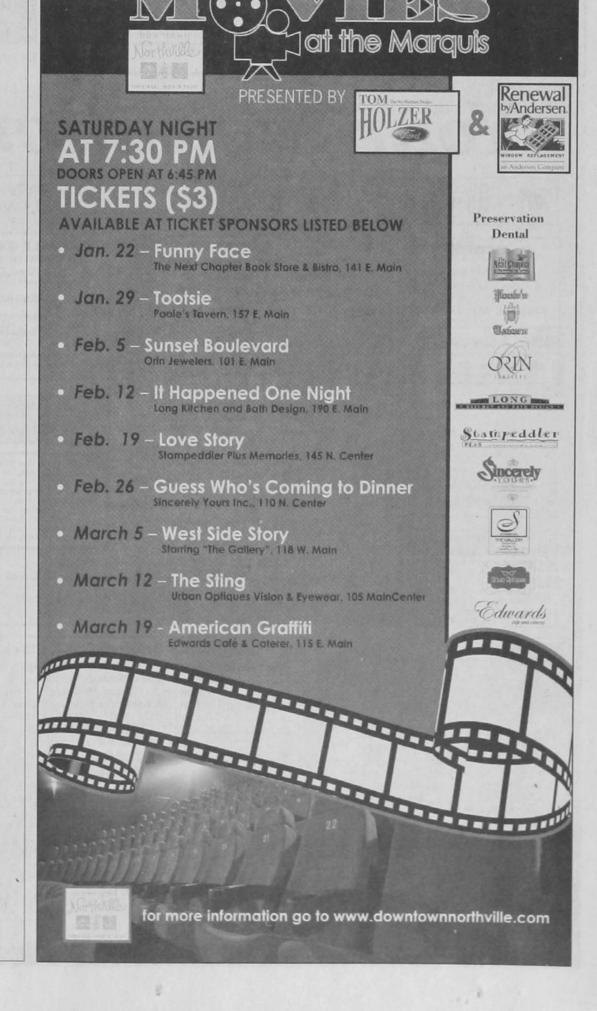
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#### **New pastor**

The Rev. Michelle Werner will be installed as associate pastor Sunday, Jan. 23, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, where she'll focus on youth and family ministries. Werner studied economics and religion at University of Michigan and earned a bachelor's degree in 2004. While managing local restaurants in Ann Arbor and East Lansing for two years, her call to the ministry became apparent. She began seminary studies in 2006 at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, III., and spent a year in a parish internship at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jackson, before graduating in May 2010 with a master of divinity Degree. She will be ordained at 2 p.m. Jan. 22 in her home congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Lansing. She and her husband, Kurt, live in Novi.

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#### DON ATKINSON

Age 82. Dear husband of Elizabeth Loving father of Gary and David. Proud grandpa of the late Nora Jean, the late Kathryn Jean, Shane and Jacob Atkinson. Don was laid to rest in Indiana. Arrangements were handled by Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Memorial Contributions may be made to Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 734-425-7280 Livonia, MI 48150

#### ANNA MAE FRASER

Age 93, of Farmington, MI. Passed away January 18, 2011. Arrang-ements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

#### JANICE I. RUDICK

January 14, 2011, age 61. Beloved daughter of Bernice L. Rudick and the late William A. Rudick. Dear sisof Frances (Gary) Dunbar, (Michael) Ciarrocchi and Barbara (Loren) Roberts. Also leaves nieces and nephews. Services have been held. Contributions suggested to Plymouth Elks, #1780. Share your special thoughts and memories at: ww.schrader-howell.com



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**CLARA SINTA** 

15, 2011, age 95, of Loving mother of Leroy (Sophie) McGarry. Dear grandmother of Marsha (Michael) Maxey, Rick (Bonnie) McGarry, Darryl McGarry and Wendy (Mark) Grimm. Also leaves 16 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, one brother Herman Arnoldink and one sister Mary Nycamp. Her family meant the world to her and in their company she smiled. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 PM and Wednesday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Thursday 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). Interment United Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary

Baptist Church, Canton. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### ROBERT H. UPFOLD

Age 63 of Redford Twp. December 18. Son of the late Harry & Sue. Proud sergeant in the U.S. Marines serving two tours during Vietnam

War. Receiving friends at the Fisher Funeral Home 24501 Five Mile Rd. (btw. Beech Daly & Telegraph) Redford Twp 313-535-3030, January 27, 2011 from 1 until time of memorial service at 3pm. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

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#### JAN. 20-31

Concert

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon

Road in Plymouth

Details: The church's Resounding Art in a Sacred Space concert series features the Detroit Handbell Ensemble. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and

Contact: (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, beginning Jan. 27, for 10

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The series, designed for women, will explore such topics as society and the moral law, the teaching authority of the church, the difference between contraception and natural family planning, and more. Cost is

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#### **Exodus and liturgy**

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Jan. 23

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Presenter is David J. Conrad. A potluck dinner will be held after the presentation. The parish provides the main course. Participants provide appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts

Contact: RSVP to Conrad at (734) 425-5950 Ext. 203

#### Former Catholics

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 25

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Six-week series, "Catholics Returning Home," is designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the possibility of returning to the Church. The sessions will be conducted by former lapsed Catholics in a casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for questions and

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.

#### Why Be Catholic

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441

Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The popular series, Why Be Catholic, returns from hiatus with the Rev. Ed Fride pastor of Christ the King parish in Ann Arbor, sharing the story of his journey from Protestantism to teen-age agnostic to highschool convert to Catholicism. He'll explain why he gave up plans to be a nuclear physicist to become a parish priest. The evening is open to all, regardless of religion preference. A children's' ministry is available by prior

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Time/Date: 2:15 p.m. check in; 2:30 p.m. Mass, Jan. 23 Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton Details: Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

#### FEB. 1-10

Fellowship

Time/Date: 11 a.m., following Sunday worship, Feb. 6 Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy, Livonia

Details: A fellowship hour of soups to raise attention to the fact that many Americans can't afford even a bowl of soup, while others will spend freely on food for Super Bowl Sunday. A \$1 offering is suggested to raise money for the Wayne Co. Family Shelter

Contact: Jean Coleman at (734) 422-8855

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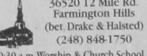
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# Tail-wagging fun

### Livonia Kennel Club stages four-day dog show in Novi

BY SHARON DARGAY OSE STAFF WRITER

At age 5 months, Celine and Walker are too young to compete with adult dogs in the show ring.

But the Livonia brother and sister poodle puppies will debut in a new puppy event Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic in Novi.

"They're just babies," said owner and handler Barb Gallagher of Rosebar Standard Poodles in Livonia. "But I'm always looking for something to get my puppies into. The event I entered them in is brand new. It's a step we can take before we can actually enter AKC shows for points. It's kind of nice. It's good exposure for them. They've never been in a huge building before, with barking dogs. I plan to get there pretty early.'

Celine and Walker will be among approximately 80 puppies involved in the new event at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, which spans four days and will include more than 6,000 dogs involved in conformation, agility and obedience

Judges will select a "best in show" dog each day.

The Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club sponsor the show, which is in its second year at Suburban Collection



Drizzle, a member of Dog Scouts of America, and a Wayne resident is the poster dog for the Michigan Winter Dog

Showplace, (formerly Rock Financial Showplace). Lee Patten, secretary of the Livonia Club, says the organization has run dog shows "for years," starting at Schoolcraft College and then moving from Belleville to Dearborn

to Chelsea to Detroit after the college began expanding and the group lost its outdoor show

"We've been all over the place. Now we're at Rock Financial (Suburban Collection) and it's a wonderful place," Patten said, adding that dog owners and handlers from across the Midwest participate in the show.

#### **VETERAN MEMBERS**

She and her husband, Mike, the Club's vice president, have

Jon Provost, who played Timmy in the original "Lassie" television

series will be on hand, selling copies of his book and greeting fans at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, presented by the Livonia and Oakland County kennel clubs.



Provost

in 1955, at a time when there were more people in Livonia breeding dogs and

been involved

for 30 years. It

was organized

in the group

showing them, Patten said. "In those days you didn't have a lot of dog shows. A group of people got together

and started the Club. It had 35-40 people back then." Today, a handful of members meet on a regular basis

and help organize the annual

Michigan Winter Dog Classic. Patten advises purebred dog owners to join a local breed club and then apply to an allbreed kennel club.

"You can learn more that way," she said.

#### **OWNING COLLIES**

She was a member of a local collie group before joining the Livonia Kennel Club and has bred and shown collies through the years.

"I always wanted a collie, but I started out with a German Shepherd. My husband owned a Shepherd," she said. "I just love the look of Collies. I just like them."

To her delight, Jon Provost, the actor who played Timmy in the original television series, Lassie will greet fans and sell his book, Timmy's in the Well, at the show.

The 11th generation descendant of "Lassie," the collie that starred in the 1941 MGM movie, also will be on

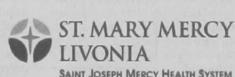
Eye clinics will be held Thursday and Saturday and a cardiac clinic is planned for Saturday. Canine Good Citizenship testing will be held Thursday and Saturday. The clinics are open to the general public and are held in a different section of the building. Only those dogs that are entered in the Michigan Winter Dog Classic are allowed in the show area.

#### **MICHIGAN WINTER DOG CLASSIC**

What: More than 6,000 dogs representing 167 breeds will compete at the four-day dog show When: Noon-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 20-21 and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23 Where: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi and Beck Roads in Novi **Details**: The 11th generation Lassie will be on hand along with Jon Proyost, who played Timmy in the original "Lassie" television series. Provost will have his book available for purchase and will greet fans. Demonstrations and performances include the Rock n roll K9 Performance Team, Dog Scouts of America, Alaskan Malamute weight pull, Border Collie duck herding and Macomb County Sheriff Department K-9 team. The show will include daily judging, "Rescue Row" featuring rescue organizations, health clinics, obedience tips and a vendor marketplace. An all-new Puppy Special Attraction, designed to help puppies, 4-6 months. get acclimated to the judging ring, starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22. Eighty puppies have been registered in the event. The show is presented by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and children, 7-12. Children, 6 and under enter for free. A discounted family pack is \$35 and includes admission for two adults and three children. Group tickets are \$4

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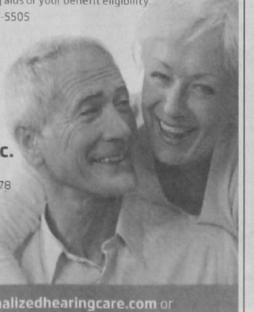
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ARCHIVE PHOTO

A carver works on a sculpture at a previous Plymouth Ice Festival. Visitors to this year's show who feel as cold as this artist looks, can warm up with hot drinks and comfort foods at area restaurants.

# Grab a warm drink, a quick bite during Plymouth Ice Festival

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Krista Diamond and her crew at Kilwin's served so many hot chocolates during last year's Plymouth Ice Festival, they broke their beverage-making machine.

If temperatures stay in the teens this weekend as predicted, she's likely to face another rush on warm drinks, but says the store is ready for a potential onslaught of hot chocolate-seeking customers. And she says the machine won't break again.

"This year, we're making the hot chocolate on the fudge stove. It's made in a copper pot and we will store it, to keep it hot," said Diamond, store manager.

Kilwin's is among stores and restaurants in downtown Plymouth that are gearing up for the 29th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, which runs Friday-Sunday, Jan. 21-23 in Kellogg Park. Event demonstration and activity times are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. More than 100 ice sculptures will be on view 24 hours a day.

The events's "Hot Spot" will offer a warm area to grab a quick snack or drink, but visitors who want to get out of the crowd will find many nearby restaurants and stores catering to festival-goers.

"Last year we were very busy," said Joe Walters of Liberty Street Brewing Company. "We don't normally serve a bunch of food here. We do have a special on homemade beef stew and a bread bowl. I figured it was good, stick-to-the-ribs."

A folk-rock group, Northern Skies, will entertain on Friday night and Bebe and the Bluesmasters take the state on Saturday. Both shows start at 6 p.m. and are free of charge.

Walters won't have any hot drinks on hand, other than coffee, but festival visitors might want to try the brewery's Punkin Pie Ale or a German bock beer.

He tried a special hot drink for the festival last year, but didn't like the result.

"I tried mulled ale. It was hot beer.

I used a barley wine-style beer and all

I used a barley wine-style beer and all you could taste was the alcohol. It was not enjoyable, although it was quite the warmer," Walters said.

#### SNOWBALL CONFECTIONS

In addition to hot chocolate, made with melted dark chocolate and steamed milk, Kilwin's will serve "drinking chocolate." That's the same melted chocolate, but with only two ounces of milk.

"It's a strong shot of chocolate in a 4ounce cup," Diamond explained.

Kilwin's speciality item for the ice festival consists of a caramel apple coated in white chocolate and white pear sprinkles. "It looks like a big snowball. They really

are fun."

Customers can eat the confection off a stick or request it be sliced into pieces. Diamond also will have new items, including chocolate-dipped maraschino cherries and dark chocolate sea salt caramels, ready for the weekend crowd.

"When ice fest people come to town we get requests for a lot of custom assortments," she said.

#### SNACKING AL FRESCO

Janice Kraft, manager of the Burger Spot, plans to serve a variety of easy-tohandle foods from the restaurant's portable grill and hot dog cart, which will be stationed on the sidewalk. She said the outdoor fare is likely to include hot chocolate, coffee, hot dogs, tofu hot dogs, hamburgers, and possibly chili or soup and chicken sandwiches.

"We'll have our regular menu going inside," she said. "Our chili is vegan. It's a quinoa chili and it has become our house chili because it's a huge seller." Black bean burgers and a Greek burger are two of the restaurant's vegetarian selections.

Cupcake Station will offer a special flavor in conjunction with ice festival, but Rob Stolerow, store manager, said exactly what kind of cupcake is still under debate. The store also will offer a "buy one and get one free" special and will sell tea, hot chocolate, specialty regular coffee.

Last year Station 885 served up a world record-breaking 5,714-pound snow cone to festival-goers last year. This year, the restaurant is leaning toward light and healthy foods, especially for young diners. It's launching a new children's menu with healthful sides such as apples, vegetables and cottage cheese instead of fries, and grilled cheese, turkey or peanut butter and jelly skewers. Adult festival visitors can't go wrong with the restaurant's pot roast or French onion soup. Try Spanish coffee as a dessert drink.

Nico & Valli won't run a special promotion for the ice festival, but owner Paul Depalma, recommends that guests warm up with comfort foods, such as lasagna, and homemade soups.

"Are coffees are excellent, too. We us a micro roaster. They are 100 percent organic and they are delicious."

#### GET OUT!

#### ART

Art & Ideas
Time/Date: Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through

Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between eastbound and westbound 5 Mile intersections Details: "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free Contact: (734) 420-0775 or visit www.

Northville Art House Time/Date: Through Jan. 29 Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown

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Time/Date: Various show times
Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star
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Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticket-

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8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. &
10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Kurt Metzger, through Jan. 22:

John Roy, Jan. 26-29 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Tom Segura, Jan. 20-22; Ken Rogerson, Jan. 27-29; Louis Ramey,

Feb. 3-5 Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-

#### CONCERTS

Baseline Folk Society

**Time/Date**: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts
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#### CITY BITES

Wine dinner

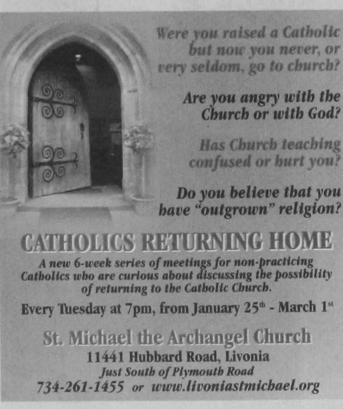
Livonia - Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar will offer a Celani Napa Valley wine dinner with Tom Celani, Celani Family Vineyards proprietor, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. Tickets are \$125 per person and include tasting of four Celani wines and five-course dinner. Call (734) 542-WINE (9463) to reserve. The restaurant is located at 17400 Haggerty.

#### 5th annual Steak Fry

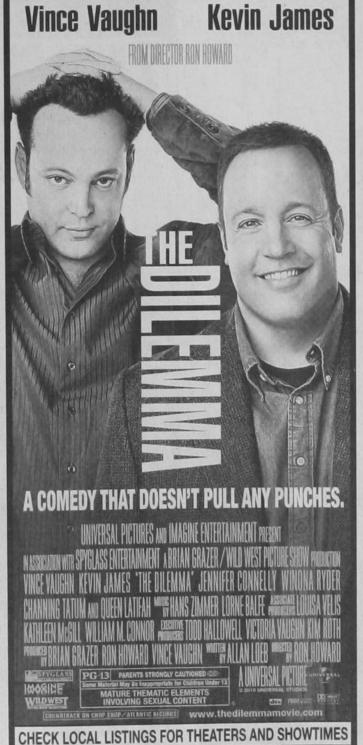
Livonia - American Legion Riders Post 32 holds its Polar Bear Steak Fry from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 22, at 9318 Newburg, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 per person and include an 8 ounce New York Strip, baked potatoes and hot creamed corn and a side salad. Guests can cook their own steak or the post's chefs will do it for them. The event will include a 50/50 raffle, Chinese Auction, and DJ. (734) 427-5630.

#### Cooking at Longacre

Farmington Hills - Tickets are available now for cooking classes, lunch shows and dinner at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road. Two Dining & Wine dinners are available. Both run from 6:30-8 p.m. and include a three-course meal and wine sampling. Chef Anne-Marie will make pasta with homemade tomato sauce, Mediterranean salad, pastry pinwheels, braciola and chocolate cake on Jan. 26 and cheese-stuffed chicken, salad, rice pilaf, and cheesecake on Feb. 18. The fee for each meal is \$35 and includes drinks, tip and demonstration. Chef Anne-Marie will demonstrate how to prepare Shephard's Pie, salad, and a chocolate peanut butter cake at a lunch show, noon-1 p.m. Feb. 3. Guests will eat the lunch and take home the recipes. Cost is \$13 and includes the meal, drinks, tip and demonstration. Participants will learn how to makes several different frostings and icings at a cooking class, Feb. 12. They'll also frost a cake, taste their finished products and take home leftovers. The fee is \$45 and includes all ingredients and the demonstration. Buy tickets at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or call (248) 473-1800.







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# Pizzazz on a plate

f you're hungering for something new to eat, or it's time to put some zip into the same old menus, take heart. These recipes bring two great ingredients together — Texas Rio Star Grapefruit and USA peanuts - perking up meal time with fresh and flavorful dishes.

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#### GRAPEFRUIT AND PEANUT SALAD FLATBREAD

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 8 to 10 minutes

1 pound whole wheat pizza dough (or ready-made whole wheat lavash, naan, or flatbread)

Flour for dusting

Olive oil cooking spray

8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced thin

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil 1 teaspoon aged balsamic vinegar

3 cups baby arugula

¼ cup red onion, sliced thin

4 cup snipped fresh basil

1/4 teaspoon sea salt Freshly ground pepper to taste 2 Texas Rio Star grapefruit, peeled and segmented

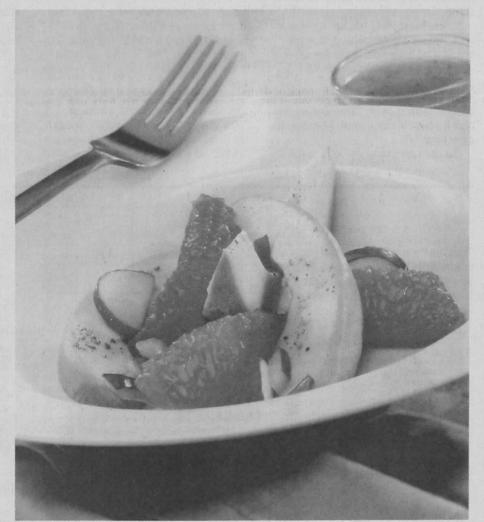
¼ cup roasted, salted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 450°F and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. If using pizza dough, divide into 2 equal portions and roll each into a thin oval on a lightly floured board (about 9 x 13 inches). Place on prepared baking sheets and spray with cooking spray. Top with equal amounts of cheese and bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until crusts are golden brown.

In large bowl, whisk together olive oil and balsamic vinegar; add arugula, onion, and basil, tossing gently to coat. Season with salt and pepper.

Divide arugula mixture among flatbread and top with grapefruit segments and peanuts; serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 280, Fat: 13g, Saturated Fat: 4.5g, Cholesterol: 20mg, Sodium: 420mg, Carbohydrates: 33g, Fiber: 2g, Sugar: 3g, Protein: 12g, Vitamin A: 15%, Vitamin C: 45%, Calcium: 20%, Iron:



Grapefruit, Avocado and Radish Salad

#### CRUNCHY PEANUT CHICKEN STRIPS WITH SPINACH SALAD

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: about 30 minutes Makes 4 to 6 servings

1 cup finely crushed baked tortilla 6 tablespoons peanut flour, divided

(available at supermarkets nationwide 1/2 cup roasted, unsalted peanuts, finely chopped

1 teaspoon Mexican seasoning blend ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

1 pound chicken tenders, or boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch strips

2 beaten egg whites Olive oil nonstick cooking spray

#### Peanut Dressing:

2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil I teaspoon hot chili sauce (such as Sriracha)

1 teaspoon honey

¼ cup canola or vegetable oil

Salad: 5 cups baby spinach, washed and 1 red bell pepper, sliced thin 1/2 medium red onion, sliced thin

Preheat oven to 425°F. Stir together tortilla chips, 2 tablespoons peanut flour, chopped peanuts, Mexican seasoning and garlic powder in a shallow dish.

Dip chicken into remaining peanut flour, then in egg whites, then into tortilla chip mixture, pressing to evenly coat. Place on a baking sheet and sprinkle any remaining crumb mixture over chicken. Coat liberally with cooking spray and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until chicken is golden brown, coating with nonstick cooking spray several times during cooking.

While chicken is cooking, in large bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients until smooth. Gently toss spinach, red pepper and onion in dressing. To serve, divide dressed salad among plates and top with 2 to 3 chicken strips.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 500, Fat: 32g, Saturated Fat: 5g, Cholesterol: 30mg, Sodium: 770mg, Carbohydrates: 32g, Fiber: 6g, Sugar: 4g, Protein: 25g, Vitamin A: 25 %, Vitamin C: 50%, Calcium: 6%, Iron: 15%



Crunch Peanut Chicken Strips with Spinach Salad

#### FRESH GRAPEFRUIT, AVOCADO AND RADISH

Prep time: 15 minutes

Makes 8 servings Make sure all ingredients are chilled before

assembling this salad. 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed Texas Rio Star

grapefruit juice 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar

4 teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

5 radishes, thinly sliced 2 tablespoons minced red onion

4 Texas Rio Star grapefruit, peeled, and seg-

2 large firm but ripe avocados, peeled, pitted

In medium bowl, whisk together

grapefruit juice, olive oil, sugar, salt and pepper. Add radish and onion, toss to coat and set aside. On a large platter, layer grapefruit and avocado slices, top with radish mixture. Serve immediately. Nutritional analysis per serving:

Calories: 140, Fat: 9g, Saturated Fat: 1.5g, Cholesterol: Omg, Sodium: 80mg, Carbohydrates: 17g, Fiber: 5g, Sugar: 1g, Protein: 2g, Vitamin A: 8%, Vitamin C: 90%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 2%

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### Upgrades can boost home's curb appeal

BY JULIE BROWN OSE STAFF WRITER

Exterior replacement projects continue to be the most cost-effective home improvement projects, according to the 2010-11 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report. This year, nine out of the 10 projects that return the most for spending are

improvements to a home's exterior, according to information from the National Association of Realtors.

A steel entry door took the top spot with an estimated 102.1 percent of cost recouped upon resale. That was the only project in this year's report expected to return more than the cost. A new addition to the report — the midrange garage door replacement - is expected to recoup 83.9 percent of its cost.

Both projects are relatively small, costing around \$1,200 each, on average. The report also found that replacement projects usually out-

perform remodel and addition projects in resale value due to their inexpensiveness and positive impact on curb appeal.

The third project listed was siding replacement, followed by No. 4, minor kitchen remodeling, and No. 5, deck addition (wood). Local pros have thoughts on what projects are most useful when selling in this market.

Realtor Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Realty, Ann Arbor, serves western Wayne and south Oakland counties. She focuses on Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Farmington Hills and Belleville.

"It always seems to narrow down to kitchens, bathrooms, windows," said Austin, a Canton resident. "Window replacement's big. People don't want to deal with those old aluminum win-

Kitchen cabinets too are a popular item in this market, she said, with many who have homes on the market going for new cabinets to boost sales

"A fresh coat of paint is always preferable," Austin said. Clean carpet too and it's best if that's neutral so buyers

aren't put off. "In the more upscale homes, fin-



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NANCY AUSTIN OF CANTON, Keller Williams Realty

ished basements are more important, more important than they used to be," she said. "They have the big entertainment centers. They want a place for their kids, particularly if they're teen-

Some of those finished basement areas are complete with kitchens. "They're just whole habitable places on their own. They'll often choose a theme for that area." One she recalled had a 1950s theme with chrome, neon, and jukebox.

"It was fun," she said.

"There's always things you can do even if you have no money to spend. There's always cleanup." She tries to be sensitive to that when working with

"Decluttering and soap and water doesn't cost anything," Austin said.

"Keeping spaces open, that's part of staging. Keeping spaces open, airy is also important." She says to take down heavy draperies.

"They've heavy looking. There's a more light and airy appeal to a window that isn't loaded down with heavy

Updated window treatments are good, if possible, Austin said, along with light fixtures.

Nicki Wilson of Decorating Den

Interiors, which serves Plymouth, Canton and other surrounding areas, also has some thoughts on curb appeal indoor and out.

The key things would be to declutter and to neutralize it color-wise," said Wilson, a Pittsfield Township resident who formerly lived in Canton. "If you had a purple room you might want to change it to a beige."

Wilson also recommends a good cleaning "so it shines. You get used to your own dirt, I guess, so you don't notice little things other people would notice. That makes a huge difference too." Cobwebs in corner or spots on faucets are no-nos for home sellers.

If showing your house, you can bake cookies or burn a scented candles, especially if you have a pet. "You want something to kind of hide that," Wilson said of odors.

### Fort Myers broker can help

Q: I am thinking about buying a condominium in Fort Myers and I understand that the market is very soft. Do you have any information?

A: A number of major developers have gone belly up and



Robert Meisner

have been appointed to sell the units in the Fort Myers area on behalf of the lenders. You are able, therefore, to negotiate

a good purchase price for a unit, but it is imperative that you have a knowledgeable and experienced real estate broker assisting you in the process. It is also important that you retain a knowledgeable attorney to evaluate the propriety and success of the condominium and/or homeowner association project as a whole and the association.

Q: The owner of the property next to me deeded to me access to use a strip as a dirt road, which I later improved with a layer of gravel. The neighbor next to me acquired some property and began using the strip for access to their tract. They are now claiming a prescriptive easement. We as the owners conceded that the neighbor had used the road in an open and continuous way, but their use, in our opinion, was not adverse for the entire prescriptive period of 10 years. Do we have any argument?

A: In a similar case out of Oregon, the court explained that normally use of a road over a neighbor's property is presumed to be adverse to the owners use, but a different rule applies when the servient owners constructed the road for their own use. In that case, then there is an inference, if not a presumption, that the neighbor's use was with permission. This meant that the neighbors could demonstrate adverseness only by showing that their use significantly interfered with the owner's use.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 4-8, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

	Canton	
43119 Applewood Rd		\$168,000
2293 Brookhaven Rd		\$174,000
556 Buchanan St		\$250,000
338 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr		\$136,000
249 Coronation Ct		\$140,000
49859 Courtyard Ln		\$160,000
48212 Deer Trail Dr		\$320,000
49275 Hanford Rd		\$165,000
6809 Kings Mill Dr		\$315,000
45573 Morningside Rd		\$250,000
45657 N Stonewood Rd		\$129,000
8427 Orhan St		\$109,000

351 Robyn Dr 2171 S Cavalier Dr	
43901 S Umberland Cir	
44162 Vassar St	
1229 W Crystal Cir	
7095 Weatherfield Way	
	Garden City
32656 Florence St	
30630 John Hauk St	
32737 John Hauk St	
	Livonia
29518 Bentley St	
14746 Berwick St	
11033 Blackburn St	
37494 Eagle Dr	
11750 Farmington Rd	
28591 Five Mile Rd	
16522 Golfview St	
18945 Harrison Ave	
16017 Houghton Dr	
11031 Hubbard St	
20685 Josie Ct	

18336 Levan Rd 32260 Lyndon St 27719 Perth St 34083 Roycroft St 33670 S Hampshire St	\$175,000 \$105,000 \$109,000 \$142,000 \$150,000
Northville	
44854 Broadmoor Cir S 39464 Edgewater Dr 42146 Farragut Ct 16162 Jupiter Hills Dr 19856 Meadowbrook Rd 19631 Northridge Dr 15841 Spyglass Dr 48575 Stoneridge Dr 39547 Village Run Dr	\$332,000 \$190,000 \$60,000 \$120,000 \$255,000 \$526,000 \$549,000 \$240,000
20507 Woodbend Dr	\$320,000
Plymouth	
48750 Beaver Creek Dr 11439 Eastside Dr 44445 Governor Bradford Rd 40674 Newport Dr 202 Pinewood Cir	\$300,000 \$150,000 \$252,000 \$85,000 \$50,000

9009 Rocker Ave 9029 Rocker Ave 9375 Saddlebrook Crk 971 Sutherland St 1010 Sutherland St		\$218,000 \$205,000 \$399,000 \$104,000 \$245,000
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	Westland	620.000
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7390 Woodview St 7630 Woodview St		\$19,000 \$18,000

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	Beverly Hills	
32461 Beaconsfield St		\$350,000
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20015 Old Coach Rd	P1 1 1	\$229,000
	Birmingham	
536 Graten St		\$207,000
591 Henrietta St		\$299,000
1457 Southfield Rd		\$110,000
1408 Villa Rd		\$192.000
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29405 Candlewood Ln	\$70,000
28569 Everett St	\$36,000
25776 Grand Concourse St	\$67,000
27405 Pierce St	\$60,000
20701 Secluded Ln	\$61,000
25012 Sherwood Cir	\$40,000
21394 Wallace Dr	\$35,000
8 Woodbridge Towne St	\$45,000
White Lake	
1194 Clearwater St	\$146,000
9914 Highland Rd	\$190,000
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420 Lakeview Dr	\$120,000
531 N Ponchartrain St	\$343,000
9987 Sedlock St	\$113,000

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#### **CREW leaders**

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Detroit, an organization influencing the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women, announced its new board members for 2011 as it prepares to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Detroit chapter's founding. According to CREW Detroit's incoming President Marilyn P. Nix, 2011 will be a year of celebration and growth for the

"There are 73 chapters in the CREW Network throughout the U.S. and Canada; CREW Detroit, as a founding chapter,

has always been among the strongest in terms of membership numbers, advocacy, education and charitable efforts," said Nix. "We will be celebrating our ongoing successes in a variety of ways in 2011, including the expansion of our prestigious IMPACT real estate awards beyond Southeast Michigan to all new and redeveloped commercial Michigan properties, the creation of an advisory board of influential women business leaders, a 25th anniversary charitable project, and a to-beannounced anniversary event.

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"All in all, 2011 is going to be a momentous year for CREW Detroit and we anticipate

increased membership as commercial real estate professionals learn more about why we have been able to grow and sustain such a large, active chapter of career-oriented women," Nix

The following members will serve on the 2011 CREW Detroit Board of Directors:

President: Marilyn Nix; principal, Marilyn P. Nix & Associates, LLC (Bloomfield Hills). Nix is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

•President-elect: Jan Purcell; director of Marketing and Communications, eTitle (Troy). Purcell is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

•Immediate past president: Rachele Downs; director, Corporate Relations, United Way for Southeastern Michigan (Detroit). Downs is a resident of Farmington Hills.

·Treasurer: Donna Hanson, CPA; partner, Plante & Moran, PLLC, Auburn Hills. Hanson is a resident of Lake Orion.

Secretary/ Communications Director: Nicole Dombrowski; vice president, Luna Tech Designs, LLC (Plymouth). Dombrowski is a resident of Sterling Heights.

 Membership director: Alicia E. Buisst; president, Next Level Consulting (Brighton). Buisst is a resident of Brighton.

•Programs director: Mary LeFevre; manager of Business Development, Turner Construction Company (Detroit). LeFevre is a resident of Livonia.

·Outreach director: Janet Gekiere, Business Development and Marketing manager, Ronnisch Construction Group (Royal Oak). Gekiere is a resident of West Bloomfield.

•Golf director: Leslie Zawada P.E.; Senior Project manager, Giffels-Webster Engineers (Rochester Hills). Zawada is a resident of Attica Township in Lapeer County.

•IMPACT Real Estate Awards Director: Toni Gasperoni; sales

representative, Landscape Forms, Inc. (Kalamazoo). Gasperoni is a resident of Shelby Township.

CREW Detroit (www.crewdetroit.org), founded in 1986, influences the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women.

It is a founding chapter, and one of the largest local chapters, of CREW Network, a professional organization of more than 8,000 women and men in commercial real estate women in the U.S. and Canada that serves as a resource to CREW chapter members and the commercial real estate industry.

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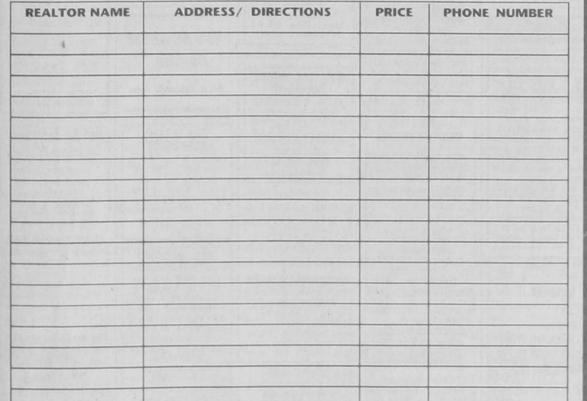
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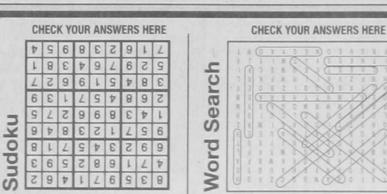
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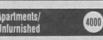
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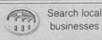
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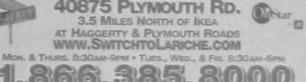
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