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The public is invited 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.

In addition to McLaughlin's presentation, the event features socializing, a treat from Carrabba's Italian Grill and a raffle to benefit a local charity.

The meeting takes place 7:15

p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford in Canton. To order a complimentary February newsletter, visit www.cantonnewcomers.org.

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

Super Bowl recipes

Super Bowl Sunday is still a couple of weeks away, but it's not too soon to begin planning party menus.

What will you serve for the big game on Sunday, Feb. 6? Do you have favorite recipe for appetizers, snacks or an entree that's perfect for hungry fans?

We're compiling Super Bowl recipes for an upcoming issue and we don't want to miss out on yours. Send recipe, your name, city of residence and a telephone number by e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Got a photo from last year's Super Bowl party that you organized or attended? Send it along, too, in jpg format attached to the e-mail. Identify individuals in the image by first and last name, as well as city of residence.

If mailing, send to Dargay at the Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. But hurry, deadline for submissions is today (Sunday).

Make hearts sing

If Cupid's arrow hit the mark, we'd like to hear about it.

Tell us in 200 words or less your favorite or most memorable love story and we'll share it with readers in an upcoming issue. Include a photo of yourself. You'll also be in the running to win dinner for two or movie tickets.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. Include your name, city of residence, telephone number and e-mail address and send to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photo is attached as a jpg. Or mail submissions to Dargay at the Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.



Teacher Ray Schepansky uses a small mirror to determine if soldiers directed by Ben Burkman, Matt Collingwood, Alex Watson and Adam Handley could fire on the enemy from their placement on the battlefield.

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Battle-tested

Students get practical test in military history

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

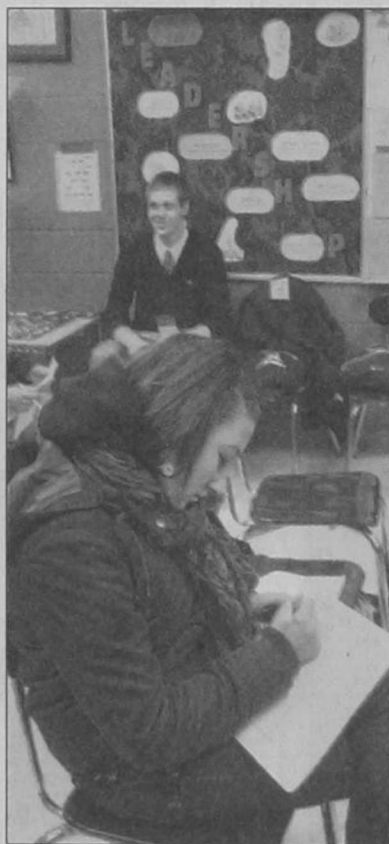
Matt Collingwood has learned in the last few weeks what it's like to chase the Taliban across the terrain and into the caves of Afghanistan in an effort to win individual battles and, more importantly, the war.

And he's never left Ray Schepansky's military history classroom at Plymouth High School.

Collingwood, a 17-year-old Salem High School senior, is among the students in Schepansky's military history class who are taking part in a simulated war as a means of approaching the final exam. Collingwood is commanding the American forces in Schepansky's simulation.

Collingwood said he's getting more out of the exercise than battle experience.

"It's a lot of strategy and planning, but it's not just about that," said Collingwood, a Canton resident. "It's about wars in the past, and about weapons used and about leadership. It's more than I thought



Alexis Calcaterra logs moves for the battle.

it would be when I signed up for the class."

It's what students have been signing on for the last nine years, since Schepansky, seeking a way to make history come alive rather than using the standard 10-page written exam, started using the simulation.

Using maps and other research items Schepansky maintains, students getting ready for the final take about a week to plan their strategy. Students are given ranks, commands and assignments — on both sides of the battle — and spend the week figuring out how to win the war.

The battlefield is laid out on a large tabletop, built to scale using Air Force aerial maps, information gleaned from acquaintances who've been there and other types of research. There are caves and weapons, vehicles and planes. Students use a variety of mathematical equations — and some rolls of the dice — to determine the effectiveness of their attacks.

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At right, teacher Ray Schepansky advises students during the simulation.

Canton leaders praise Snyder's vision for state

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rick Snyder's vision for Michigan captured what Canton political leaders and business owners say they sought long before he took office — a renewed push for jobs, a fair corporate tax structure, efforts to streamline state government and a bipartisan approach to achieve it all.

Though political battles could loom as the Republican governor continues to roll out specific details, local leaders say the tone of his first State of the State speech mirrored Canton's local game plan as he addressed a

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MBT repeal, A6. Michigan populace desperate for economic recovery.

"I think he approached it like a CEO would — like a business leader of a company," said Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who said he thought Snyder's focus on creating jobs "was right on."

LaJoy embraced Snyder's plan to develop a two-year budget proposal rather than, as Snyder put it, "kick the can down the road to the next year." Late last year, Canton adopted a two-year financial blueprint.

"What he said was exactly what we do," LaJoy said. "We vote on a two-year budget, and we always try to stay ahead of the game."

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, described herself as "very excited" by Snyder's pledge to create jobs, help small businesses and entrepreneurs, push for preventative health care and fine-tune education from preschool through post-high school. She indicated support for pro-

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Gov. Rick Snyder first pitched his vision for Michigan at a town hall meeting in Canton last year.

Dealers expect sales to surge after auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Moving the crowds from the displays to the showrooms will be the true test of the 2011 North American International Auto Show ending today.

Bob Faust, general sales manager at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, said the ripple effects from the auto show are already being felt in the showroom.

"We're already seeing the surge," he said Tuesday. "We sold 20 new cars yesterday, which is great. Sales have been strong since Friday."

Faust attributes the surge to extra exposure from the auto show, plus the new incentives offered by Ford.

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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/4/2011ApplicationScholarRotary.pdf>

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>



Chili winners

Officials at the VFW Post 6695 are thanking those who took part in, and the 100 people who came to watch, the first Chili Cookoff sponsored by the club's Ladies Auxiliary. Money raised in the event goes to help all veterans. Pictured are Patti Bielskis (Ladies Auxiliary President), Mike Smith, (third place), Julie Little (second place), Ruth Barnhill (first place) and Dave Reeves (Commander VFW Post 6695). The club plans to do it again next winter, and is also still collecting cell phones. For details, call (734) 459-6700.

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 consid-

ered 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. 5-6.

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.foreverafterproductions.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 desert afterglow. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day.

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

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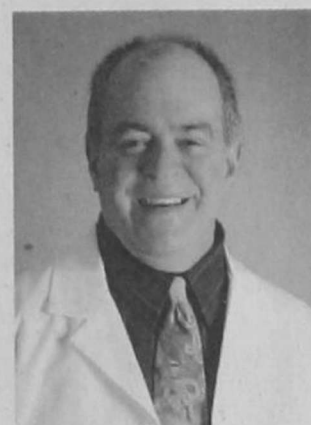
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Retirement ends 22-year reserve career

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard LeBlanc worked a Canton job for 22 years that paid just \$1 a year. Yet he didn't want to quit. Bittersweet isn't in his vocabulary as LeBlanc, 52, describes his feelings after stepping down this month as a Canton reserve police officer. "It's bitter," he said. LeBlanc grew to love Canton and his part-time job here. But he said he had an obligation to hang up his badge and uniform amid a burgeoning workload he faces as a fifth-year state House legislator representing his hometown of Westland. His widening role in the Democratic caucus and as vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee convinced him it was time to quit a part-time gig that, all these years, helped him live out a childhood dream of police work. LeBlanc documented 7,384 hours in the 22 years he



State Rep. Richard LeBlanc of Westland is stepping down as a Canton reserve police officer after 22 years on the job. He and other reserve officers receive \$1 a year for a job that is essentially volunteer.

worked for the Canton Police Department.

"It's a great place," he said, "and I truly enjoyed my service. If not for my primary responsibility as a legislator, I wouldn't be leaving."

LeBlanc's departure leaves only four Canton reserve officers — a number Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek

said has gradually declined over the years even though the part-timers certainly have left a mark on the community and its residents.

"They supplement the road officers by putting an extra set of hands, eyes and ears in the patrol cars," Nemecek said. "Richard has put a lot of effort and time into the job, and he has given a lot

to the Canton community. He's been around a long time, and we're very appreciative."

Reserve officers work a minimum of 16 hours a month at what is essentially a volunteer job.

LeBlanc was hired by Canton on Dec. 21, 1988, and he finished first in a police academy at Schoolcraft College. He had decided to pursue a reserve officer job after he saw an advertisement in the *Observer*.

During his tenure as a reserve officer, he carried a weapon, received most of the training as full-time officers and, under their supervision, had arrest powers.

One of LeBlanc's worst memories involves a house fire in 1990 that killed a Canton father and several children. He went to the scene.

"When you're in that police car, anything can happen," he

said, "and it usually does."

LeBlanc began his work as a reserve officer four years before his political career began as a Wayne-Westland school board member. He then moved on to the Westland City Council and the state House. He once waged an unsuccessful bid to become Westland's mayor.

As a child, though, he had dreamed of becoming a police officer — a career chosen by two of his uncles and a cousin. Yet fate seemed to intervene as he became a tool-and-die maker before working for General Motors Corp. and landing a lucrative job as a Ford Motor Co. staffer.

LeBlanc wanted to pursue a career as a full-time officer in the early 1990s, but he couldn't get a leave of absence from GM and needed a steady job to support his wife Cheryl and their two sons.

He settled for becoming a reserve officer, mostly under the leadership of former Public Safety Director John Santomauro. LeBlanc received training in firearms, defensive tactics, writing reports and searching buildings. As Canton witnessed a boom in residential and business growth, he also developed a street locator guide used by police, utility companies and township employees.

Even now, LeBlanc wonders how his life would have been as a full-time police officer. Yet, even for \$1 a year, he cherished the opportunity he had as a reserve officer.

"I got to do something I always wanted to do, and I received the finest training you can imagine," he said. "It's exhilarating when you're trying to help somebody or trying to prevent a crime. It's fascinating work."

Workshop to teach residents to go 'green'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton has rolled out a workshop intended to help residents and businesses trim their energy costs while becoming more environmentally friendly.

Lori Sullivan, representing Plymouth-based eco-conserving firm One Shade Greener, and DTE Energy employee Bill Clemens will offer energy-conservation tips during a workshop set for 7:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Summit on the Park's banquet center.

It's part of the ongoing Strategies of Success (SOS) series sponsored by Canton Township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce to help businesses thrive.

Kristen Thomas, Canton's economic development and marketing analyst, said the latest SOS workshop not only welcomes business representatives but also residents "who may want to learn how to save on their household budget."

Sullivan and Clemens will speak during the workshop, and Bruce Webb, a member of Canton's economic development committee, said several firms specializing in solar energy, window-tinting and other energy-related fields are expected to have representatives available for workshop participants.

"The main thing we're trying to do right now is provide resources for people both at home and at their businesses so they can basically go green,"

Webb said. "There are ways of saving money and helping the environment at the same time."

Webb said some residents or businesses may be losing money because their windows are allowing energy to escape or because their furnaces aren't working properly.

Vendors attending the workshop will showcase products they offer to help save on energy bills.

The workshop costs \$15 for Canton businesses, residents and Canton chamber members — and \$25 for others who want to attend. The price includes breakfast.

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Legos put Farrand kids in the driver's seat

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Alex Bartos, an 11-year-old fifth-grader from Plymouth, had a simple reason for staying after school one afternoon a week for four weeks at Farrand Elementary Schools.

"I love Legos," he said.

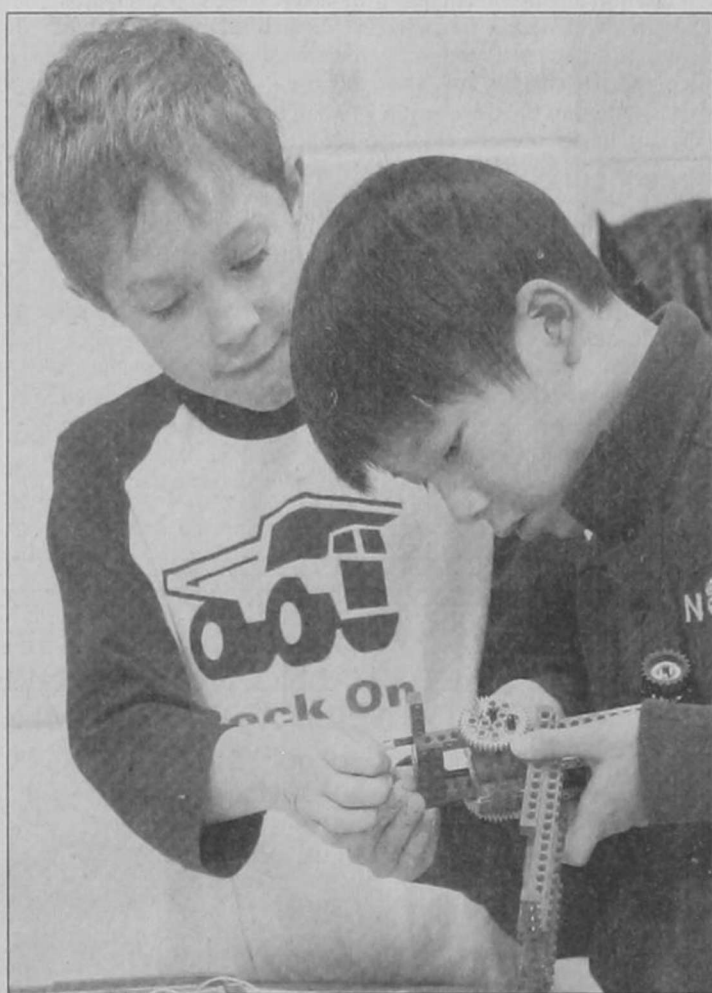
That's why Alex and nearly two dozen other Farrand students, were taking part in after-school Collision Cars engineering program. The class, being headed up by pre-school teacher Jill Cannon, is teaching elementary school students a variety of engineering concepts through the building of Lego cars.

The kids are creatively building and modifying their vehicles, including everyday cars, concept cars and construction machines using Lego kits through a program called All About Learning.

And, while elementary students are learning the engineering concepts, the college students doing the teaching — like Cannon — are getting experience as science teachers.

"In the first part of the class, the kids learn what works and what doesn't work," said Cannon, who is working on her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. "Then they get to put it all together in the final 'battle.'"

That final battle will occur next week, in the final week of the class, when kids "battle" their collision cars in a make-shift ring set up in the hallway. They've spent the first three weeks of the program pitting their machines against each other in preparation for the one final mega-battle.



Blake Donohoe and Taichi Aso build their winch bot.



The bot battles are on for Blake Donohoe, Jacob Kastner, Cody Bartos, Michael Caruso and Lorenzo Bucciarelli.

"We're making Legos battle cars and then we're going to battle to see who wins," Alex Bartos said. "You don't expect to win all the time. It happens if you're lucky enough."

Farrand Principal Dana Jones said the program was put together last year primarily to give the school's male students an after-school extra-curricular activity. The girls, she said, already had the popular running program, "Girls on the Run."

Other schools offer similar programs for boys, such as robotics, but Jones said Farrand settled on this one as the way to go.

"It's not exclusively for boys, but it gives boys in our school an after-school activity," Jones said. "The conversations they're having (after school) connect with what they're learning in the classroom. They're very engaged, and when you see that level of engagement, that's a great thing."

While Cannon monitors the third- through sixth-graders, college student Sarah Baldwin is helping the K-2 students build vehicles of their own. The younger kids don't get involved in the "battling."

"This one is all vehicles," Baldwin said. "We're building every-day vehicles, old-time cars. They'll drive them around, then figure out if they want to modify it."

Second-grader Theodores Brooks of Plymouth apparently digs the historic nature of the cars they're building.

"Old people, before we were born, made these cars," the 7-year-old Theodores said. "And they were cool."

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WSDP record show good place for old memories

One of the first albums I bought as a kid was Toto IV. Actually it was a cassette and my brother and I bought it back in 1982. We constantly heard "Africa" and "Rosanna" on the radio. I recently stopped at one of my favorite used CD stores and found a copy of the album on CD and had to relive my teen years by picking it up.

I love used record stores. I love the chance to sift through stacks and stacks of CD's and vinyl in search of that one special album. I especially enjoy the chance to check out record shows. Imagine a used record store on steroids and you'll have a picture of a record show.

Some of the most fun are the conversations you get into with record dealers and fellow scavengers. "Is Toto a rock band?" or "Which Van Halen is better, Dave or Sammy?" The debates can go on all day.

My love for the search and these arguments were part of the reasons I wanted to start the 88.1FM Record/CD and Music Memorabilia show. I actually stole the idea from WHFR in Dearborn. After attending their show I knew I wanted to create one for WSDP.

Our next record show is Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. The proceeds from the show will benefit WSDP, the student radio station for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Many of the dealers are veterans of the record show circuit. They travel from city to city purchasing tables and selling their treasures. Some will do multiple shows in one weekend and the diehards will



Bill Keith

travel across the country for that special show. Some of them make a living from shows and selling items on the internet and others just do it as a hobby.

One of my favorite dealers has crates and crates of vinyl from the 1980's, another specializes in progressive rock, and another sells "sweaty metal."

I'm especially excited because this year's 88.1FM show will feature several first-time dealers. They've decided to search their personal collections and part with some of their past favorites. I've thought about having my own table but I have a hard time deciding what CD's to part with.

Sure, I haven't listened to that CD by the Alarm in years, but you never know when I will want to dig it out.

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You too can join our dedicated dealers. No experience is required and tables are only \$30. You can reserve one or multiple tables, whatever meets your needs.

If you're not ready to part with your collection then make a point to stop by on Feb. 26 and search for that special gem. You'll see me with the stack of CD's and vinyl that I have to sneak into the house. I know, I'll tell her it was supporting a good cause.

Bill Keith is the 20-year veteran general manager of 88.1, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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Suspect faces home invasion charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An Inkster man accused of fleeing from Canton police following a pair of home invasions is facing a court hearing Friday to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Marlo Darius Brown, 36, was arraigned Thursday on charges of first-degree home invasion, second-degree home invasion, third-degree fleeing and eluding Canton police, receiving and concealing \$200 to \$1,000 in stolen property and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

Brown was charged after Canton police captured a home invasion suspect accused of throwing a landscaping brick through a window of a home in the 1500 block of Morton Taylor about 7 p.m. Tuesday. The man fled the scene after a resident screamed and called 9-1-1 for help.

Brown, also charged in an earlier home invasion on Barchester near Lilley and



Brown

Warren, is accused of fleeing the Morton Taylor scene and leading police on a brief car chase that ended when he crashed at

Saltz, where he was captured after he tried to escape on foot, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

Authorities say they found in the car a 40-inch television Brown is accused of taking during the earlier home invasion on Barchester.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said the most serious charge against Brown — first-degree home invasion — carries penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison upon conviction. However, it's possible any penalties against the defendant could be enhanced, resulting in a lengthier sentence, due to Brown's status as a habitual offender.

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BATTLE

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Collingwood, who commands the Americans, said his "forces" spread out, with four platoons trying to attack from a variety of vantage points.

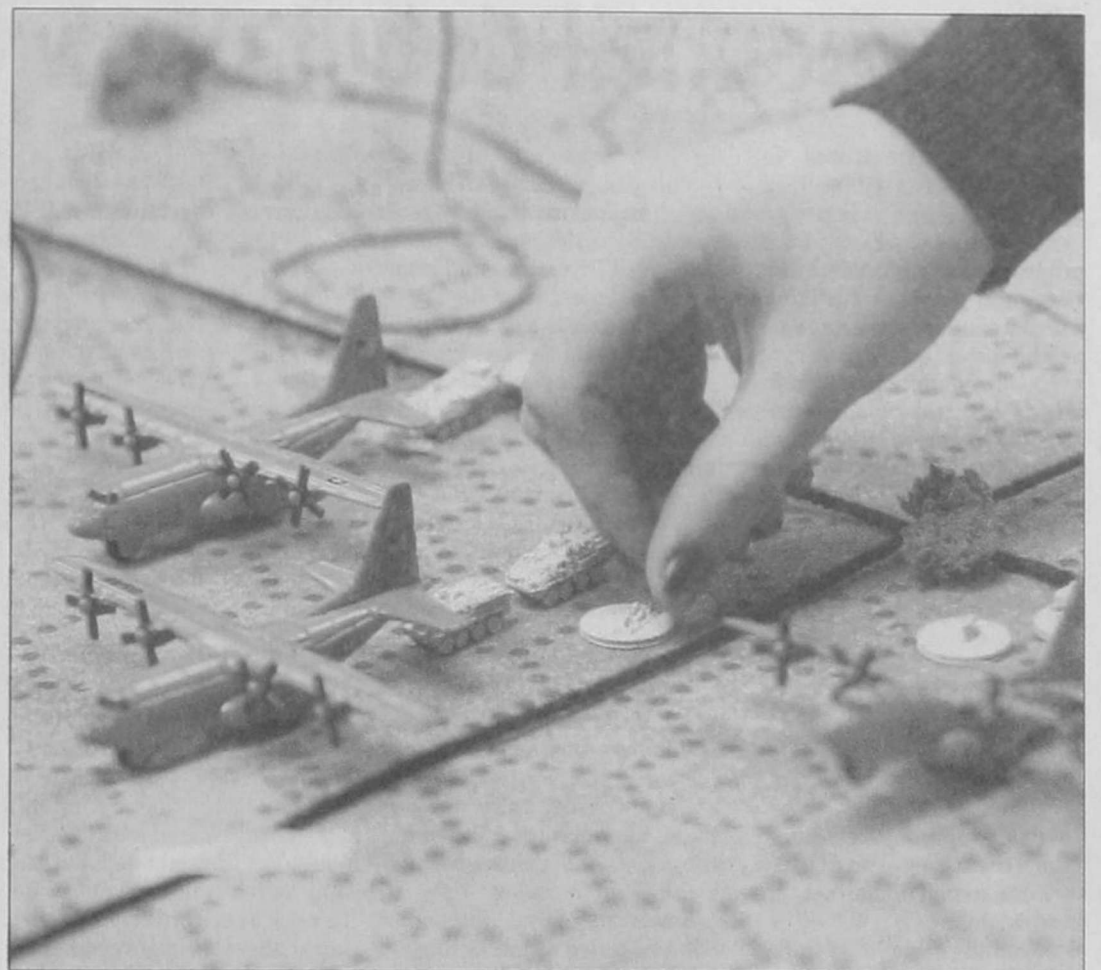
"We learned all-out attacks aren't always the best way to go," he said. "Direct attacks aren't always the best option. You can get surrounded by the enemy. We're trying not to let that happen."

The simulation has give 18-year-old Salem High School senior Luke Johnson, who is leading the Taliban forces, an inkling not only what it must be like for the Taliban trying to out-wit their American counterparts, but also for how difficult the mission is for the Americans.

"It's easy to stay hidden, out of sight," Johnson said. "(Americans) can't effectively take us out. It's a bit more complex than it looks."

On the other hand, Johnson said with a smile, there are aspects of leading the enemy forces that make it a little easier.

"They have an assigned mission, and our mission is to stop them from accomplishing their mission," he said. "We don't have as many rules as (the Americans) do. Whatever we think will work, we go with."



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Rolling dice determines the success of a move in the battle. Here, soldiers and tanks are airlifted near a skirmish.

Schepansky said he prefers this strategic method of testing to the more traditional written approach. The students, he said, have taken to it, as well.

"They've gone through the process of creating a military plan, and now we're testing the validity of that plan," Schepansky said. "We've been talking about military history

and leadership all year long. Rather than just testing them on it, we decided to put it to a practical test."

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Scoutmaster's sentencing on sex charges delayed

BY DARRELL CLEM
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The sentencing for a Canton man and former Boy Scout leader accused of criminal sexual conduct charges involving two teenage boys has been delayed until Thursday.

William Arther Hoefling, 49, had been scheduled for sentencing last Thursday, but a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said the sentencing was delayed for a week.

Hoefling, a married father of two, faces sentencing after he was convicted of charges that arose when he was scoutmaster for Plymouth-based Boy Scout Troop 781.

A jury convicted Hoefling in December of one count of child sexually abusive activity; two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct; two counts of using computers and the Internet to communicate with another to commit a crime; one count of distributing sexually explicit matter to children; and three counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

The jury found Hoefling not guilty of one count of using the Internet to commit a crime.

A jury convicted Hoefling after hearing testimony from the two accusers. He could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has said.

DEALERS

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"Our incentives are as good as I've ever seen," he said. "Ford is really working hard for its customers."

"Ford has come to the party," said Mike Schrieber, sales manager for Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. "We have the best incentives in leasing that we've had in years — and we have lots of inventory. I expect sales will be phenomenal between now and the end of the month."

Roy Williams, sales manager at Avis Ford in Southfield, shares that optimism.

"It helps to have a strong product, and right now the

cars and trucks at Ford speak for themselves," Williams said. "It gives us an edge. This week and throughout the rest of the month, I expect to see a really big push in sales."

Jim Bechtell, sales manager of Somerset Buick GMC in Troy, said the newly remodeled Buick Regal is selling fast in his showroom. He's also looking forward to the all-new Buick Verano luxury compact that's expected to arrive in the fall.

"I just came back from a dealer meeting at the auto show and the excitement down there is amazing," Bechtell said Tuesday. "It's packed elbow-to-elbow and you can just feel the electricity in the air."

Chris Jeannotte, sales manager of Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC in Plymouth, believes 2011 will be a strong year for all the auto makers — and GM in particular.

"The biggest thing I've noticed is how people are excited that GM turned the corner," he said. "They know we're back making vehicles that are superior in quality and design."

The Plymouth Township dealership is remodeling its showroom and offices, a task that should be complete in the next 12 months. Jeannotte also noted customers will see the Verano in the fall and the all-new mini Buick Enclave in 2012.

While Ford is pushing its

new leasing incentives, GM is offering a \$500 post-auto show rebate on all its cars and trucks, with the exception of the Terrain.

"The trend we see in January is we get people coming in to do some initial information gathering for the first part of the month, but they want to get to the auto show and see what is out there and what else is available to reinforce their decision," said James Schram, sales manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City. "It seems like they wait to see the auto show to confirm the color, options or vehicle selection. Then they're ready to make their purchase."

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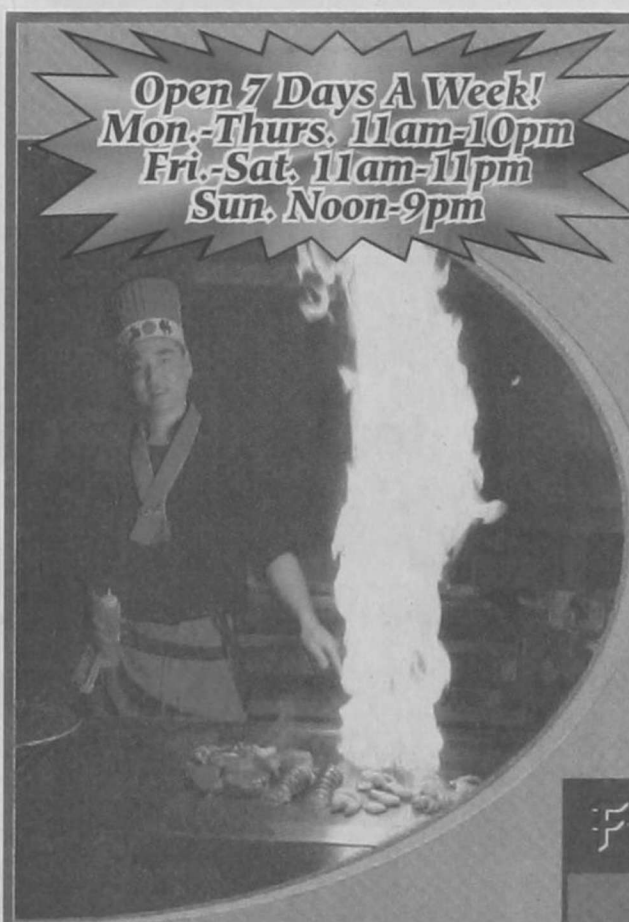
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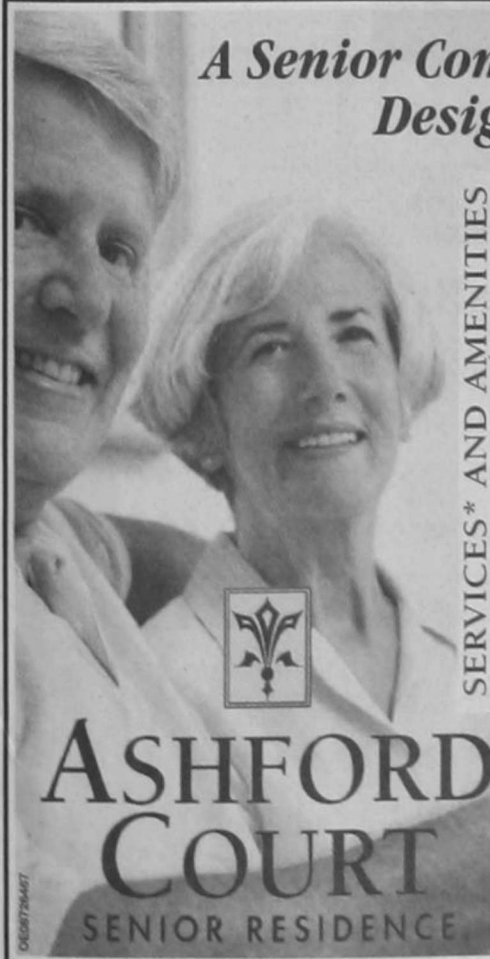
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Arts council debuts new Plymouth concert series

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The success of a local folk music program has prompted the Plymouth Community Arts Council to launch a series of concerts in its low-key, neighborhood setting.

The Plymouth-based PCAC will debut the Saturday Night Music Series at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, with the All Directions Band, a jazz and rhythm-and-blues ensemble with Detroit-area roots dating back more than 30 years. Guest performers will include Ralph McKee on steel guitar and African carimba and the duo Red Sky at Nite.

"We've kind of an interesting group, kind of an eclectic group of musicians," said Mike Ager of Canton Township, who plays keyboards with All Directions and is one of its original members.

Ager is also a PCAC board member. He said the arts group wants to give musicians a local space in which to stage concerts. The PCAC auditorium has a seating capacity of 110.

"It's a great venue for small concerts," Ager said. "It's kind of an intimate setting for an audience, a good way for musicians out in the community to build new audiences."

The concerts will be held periodically

at the PCAC on a space-available basis, and not necessarily limited to Saturday nights, Ager said. The PCAC is inviting musicians in all genres, including children's music, a capella singing, world music and chamber music, or any combination, to its site.

A nominal set-up fee will be charged for the auditorium, and performers can set a cover charge and keep all door receipts, said Deb Madonna, PCAC board president.

"We're kind of open. We're flexible. We're experimenting," Ager said. "We'd like to hear from as many musicians as possible."

Madonna said the venture was

inspired by the success of the BaseLine Folk Society, which adopted the PCAC as its home in September 2009.

BaseLine, dedicated to the performance of folk and traditional acoustic music, hosts concerts at the PCAC on the third Saturday of each month, September through May; the shows include an open-microphone segment.

"We hope to kind of replicate" BaseLine's success, Madonna said. "Through their efforts, they kind of brought a lot of people in."

Madonna said the PCAC board is open to making changes as the concert series moves along, in order to keep it sustainable. In difficult economic

times, she said, it's something that could benefit both the arts council and local musicians.

"We're always willing to tweak things to make it user-friendly, plus supportive of the PCAC," she said.

The PCAC's Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts is at 744 North Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14, Plymouth. The cover charge for the Feb. 5 All Directions concert will be \$5. Musicians interested in performing in the new series should call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278, or send an e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.

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SNYDER

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posals she said gained attention during the last legislative term, such as a second bridge over the Detroit River.

"It sounds like a lot of the vision the governor has are things we tried to get through this past term," Slavens said.

Yet she said Snyder, a businessman-turned-politician, seemed to look forward rather than trying to place blame.

"I didn't hear any digs, and I think he wants to work with both sides of the aisle," Slavens said.

Lori Levi, a Canton resident and small business owner who narrowly lost to Slavens in last November's 21st District state House race, welcomed Snyder's call for streamlining state government and making it more efficient. Much like LaJoy, she said Snyder spoke like a corporate leader.

"I thought his plan was very much like a corporate CEO would present it," Levi said. "There weren't a lot of theatrics and hype. It was more like 'This is our road map and these are the benchmarks we're going to set.'"

Snyder's proposal to replace what he called a "job-killing" Michigan Business Tax with a 6-percent corporate income tax drew support among local leaders, though Slavens said she still needs more details to determine if the plan would adequately replace the revenue.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, already has co-sponsored a bill aimed at eliminating the MBT. He said he "especially liked" Snyder's position on ending the tax and said it sends a message that Michigan "is finally getting serious about job growth."

Colbeck also supports Snyder's plans to make state government more efficient and his proposal to link state-shared revenue to local community

efforts to streamline services and adopt "best practices."

"I'm interested how we can put it together," Colbeck said. "It's something that, definitely, I encourage we all look at. We've got limited tax dollars, and we really need to put those to work as effectively as possible at all levels of government."

Snyder's plan for "economic gardening" — helping businesses already in Michigan to thrive — drew accolades from local officials.

"We need to have a good business environment," LaJoy said. "I like that approach very much."

Slavens welcomed Snyder's pledge to help small businesses and entrepreneurs get loans they need to grow and create new jobs.

"I'm excited to see he's pushing for that," she said.

Despite their hotly contested race last November, Slavens and Levi agreed Snyder scored points by not placing blame for Michigan's economic woes.

"I especially liked that not

one time did he blame anybody else," Levi said. "I think that's important for our state to move forward. How we got here is irrelevant at this point. Let's move forward with a solution-oriented plan."

Local officials said Snyder still has to share specific details about many of his proposals, but most appeared willing to give him a chance to prove himself following his first State of the State address.

"I thought it was very good," Colbeck said. "I think it got to the answers everyone was looking for."

Colbeck, like others, commended Snyder for urging residents as well as businesses and government leaders to do their part to help push Michigan forward.

"I like the positive tone that he took, and I think that's fantastic," Colbeck said, adding later, "I'm really excited to be part of this."

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this story.

Colbeck co-sponsors MBT repeal

The state Senate's first bill of the new session had a Canton flavor to it.

The bill (SB 1), designed to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, was co-sponsored by Sen. Pat Colbeck, R-Canton. The bill has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

"The Senate has demonstrated its commitment to moving forward with policies that will promote job creation and draw job providers to the state by introducing as its first bill the elimination of the MBT," said Colbeck, whose 7th District represents Plymouth and Canton. "The money freed up by the elimination of the MBT will allow job providers to hire more workers. This tax has proved to be a major obstacle to job growth and economic development and its elimination will be the start of a new, welcoming business environment in Michigan."

Gov. Rick Snyder called for repeal of the MBT in his first State of the State speech Wednesday. He said he'd replace it with a 6-percent corporate business tax.


The MBT was originally designed as a replacement for the Single Business Tax. Republicans have said the MBT "proved to be too complicated and burdensome for businesses" and has remained an obstacle in drawing new businesses to the state.

Elimination of the MBT, they say, will be the first step in redefining Michigan's business environment and enabling businesses to create new jobs.

Colbeck sees the bill as an opportunity not only to lower the costs on job providers but to restructure state government spending and bring it in line with revenues. SB 1 highlights the need to reevaluate how revenue is collected by the state. In addition to that, Colbeck wants to see a renewed focus on how government is spending that revenue.




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EMU taps Canton woman for MLK Humanitarian Award

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Johnson looks at Molly Funk and sees someone who will someday be "an international leader and humanitarian for children in peril."

She describes the Canton resident as "a highly ethical and zealous servant leader who nourishes the souls of every child, parent and staff member" at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland, where Funk is the principal.

"She creates an exemplary learning environment by educating the whole child in concert with their many, seemingly insurmountable, challenges," said Johnson, a professor of teacher education at Eastern Michigan University. "I have, in my 38 years as an educator, never seen a young principal whose work transforms, restores and provides a life plan well beyond 'hope.'"

Funk, 33, was among six honorees recognized for exemplifying the spirit and values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at EMU's 25th annual President's Luncheon Jan. 17. Nominated by Johnson, Funk received the university's Martin Luther King Jr. Student Humanitarian Award.

"It was such a surprise, it was so cool," said Funk, who is a doctoral student in EMU's educational leadership program. "I didn't know she nominated me until after the fact."

The purpose of the award is to recognize an EMU student who has demonstrated a com-



Hamilton Elementary Principal Molly Funk shows off the 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award she received from Eastern Michigan University.

mitment to promoting respect and improving the quality of life of all people consistent with the ideas of King and demonstrated service to EMU and/or the southeast Michigan community.

'HUMBLED, HONORED'

In accepting the award, Funk said she was "humbled and honored to be recognized for continuing the legacy that Dr. King left."

"I, too, have a dream. That my four little children say I not only had a hope for making a difference, but that I had a plan," she said.

Funk has been with the Wayne-Westland Community

Schools since 1999. She was a first-grade teacher, Reading Recovery Program teacher and professional development coach before being appointed a principal at Vandenberg Elementary in Wayne in 2004. She also was principal of Patchin Elementary for four years until it closed last June.

Johnson said Funk's commitment to disenfranchised children is exemplified in her professional motto, "Hope is not a plan."

"She constantly creates opportunities for students by obtaining alternative resources and through intervention," Johnson said. "She is undeterred, first in meeting basic

human needs for her students and their families, and then in creating mechanisms to find resources to help them not only survive, but thrive."

"This phrase often means that she is expecting others and herself to do the right thing in the education of all students," school social worker Jennifer McCulloch wrote in a letter supporting Funk's nomination. "This might mean going above and beyond the duties of the job to provide food to families in need, find transportation for a family to a necessary medical appointment or just spend time during the busy school day to sit and talk to a distraught student.

"Molly certainly shows us all how to 'walk the walk' by caring for others and encouraging others to do what is right for kids," she wrote.

HER MISSION

"Hope is not a plan" is only one of many quotes that are displayed on the walls of her office, several of them from King. The quotes give Funk "a small vision of my mission."

"They make it clear what the perception is at that moment in time," she said. "Hope is not a plan" is my passion. I want to be a voice for the kids who can't speak for themselves and who live in poverty. With 15 million people homeless last year, someone has to do something and maybe that someone is me."

Her concern for the less fortunate dates back to her years at Plymouth Salem High School, when she befriended a mentally impaired student. While classmates made fun of him, she remembered to be nice. She even pulled him off the stage where he would go and dance for the amusement of the other students. She still gets letters from him at her parents' house.

That concern has spilled

over into her family and professional lives. Her children are learning to care about the less fortunate. At the grocery store, if the family sees a person in a motorized cart, they offer to shop with them so than can get the groceries that are out of reach.

"I want my kids to see me go the extra mile to make a difference," said Funk, whose husband, two of her four children and her mother were with her when she received the award. "At the end of the day, you need to take care of the human condition. Kids matter, family matters, marginal kids matter."

Funk admits she lives for service and stands up for every child as if they are her own. Without hope, there can't be change, but there has to be a plan for change to happen, she said.

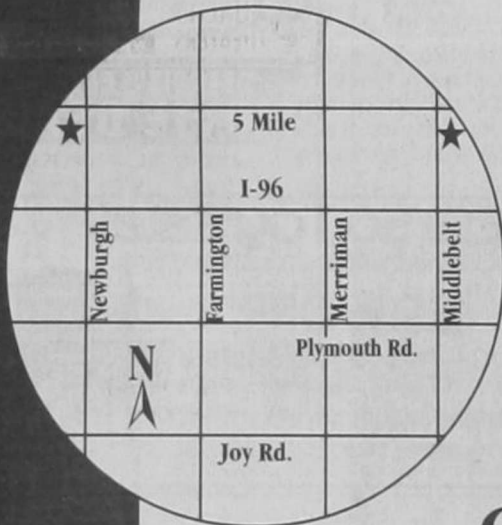
"That's what makes Martin Luther King different than the others before him. He had a plan," she said. "Real change can't happen if you sit by and hope. What I do may not be easy, but it's not as hard as what Martin Luther King did. If he can do it, I can, too."

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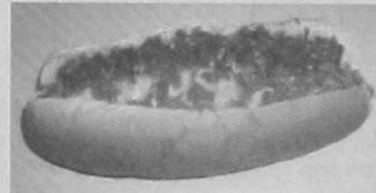
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Thousands mourn slain officer

‘He died saving our way of life’

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of mourners lined the pews Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth for the funeral of Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil.

Nehasil, 48, died Monday after he was shot while pursuing a home invasion suspect.

Police officers and officials from law enforcement agencies from Michigan and across the country gathered to pay respects to Nehasil, a 20-year veteran of the Livonia Police Department.

The 100-car procession of family members and Livonia police officers drove from the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Six Mile Road to Farmington Road past police headquarters.

Fire trucks from Livonia and Farmington Hills flew a giant American flag, which spanned the northbound lanes of Farmington Road. The hearse stopped underneath the flag for a few moments, while Livonia and Farmington Hills firefighters saluted.

Onlookers from buildings and businesses along Farmington Road gathered to pay their respects and watch the procession go by.

Traffic was rerouted for the procession with closures on Six Mile Road, Farmington, I-96 entrance and exit ramps, Beck Road and North Territorial Road.

During the eulogy, Police Chief Robert Stevenson spoke of the dedication of all police officers that citizens may not understand: the willingness to die to protect the public.

“Larry didn’t die arresting a burglar, he died saving our way of life,” Stevenson said. “He died serving our community and he died for the children walking the streets.”

‘A KIND AND LOVING MAN’
Sons Aaron and Adam



The family of Officer Larry Nehasil leaves the church.



Donna McDowell and Mitzi Castelli are part of the crowd of Livonia Public Schools employees standing in 10-degree temperatures to pay their respects to the fallen officer.

Nehasil talked about the values their father taught them, their love for their father and how much they will miss their father.

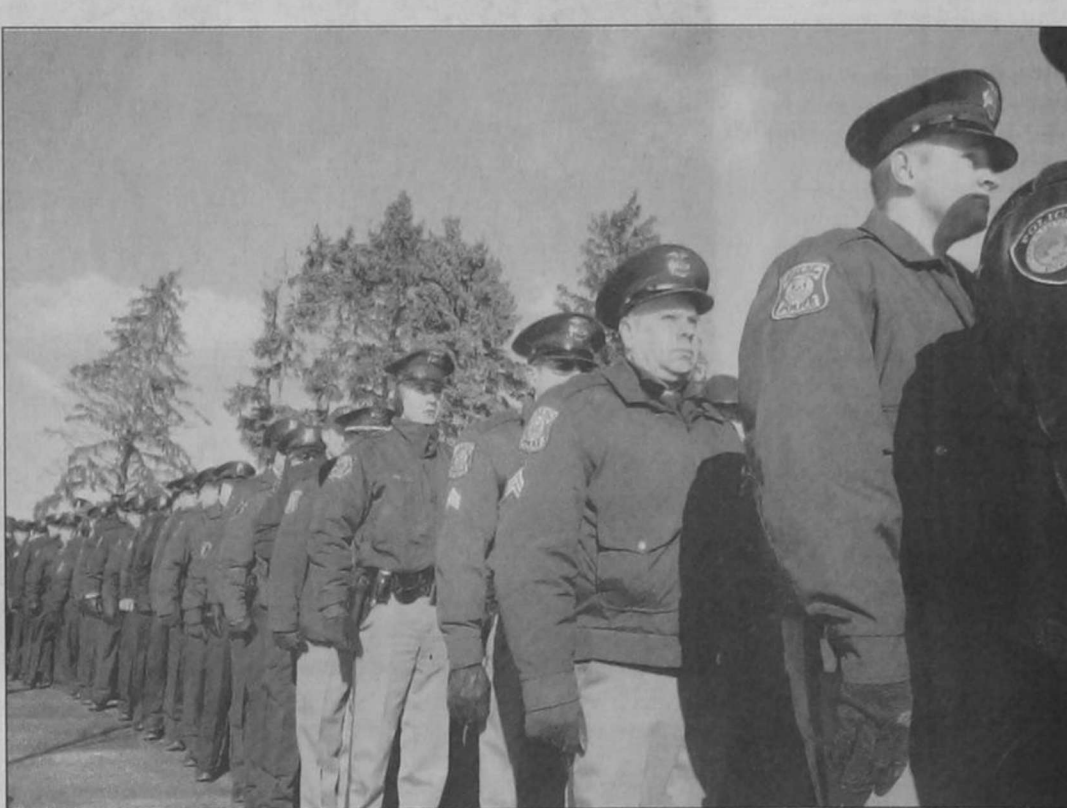
The Rev. William Tindall spoke of Nehasil’s life, pulling words from the Gospel reading describing Jesus Christ. “He (Jesus) is the truth, the way and the life,” Tindall said. Nehasil was “an example for us.”

Tindall spoke of Nehasil’s devotion to family. “This is a family that really truly came together, they have fun together and they spend a lot of time

together,” Tindall said. “He was a great husband, father and a kind and loving man.”

Nehasil was a social person and very strong man, taking pride in his appearance, yet he also enjoyed cooking and working in his garden, Tindall said. “You know how much your dad loves you and he was so very proud of you,” Tindall said to Adam and Aaron Nehasil.

“You are fortunate to have a good dad. He cared about you and wanted to be a part of your lives. He’s given you a tremendous legacy in what



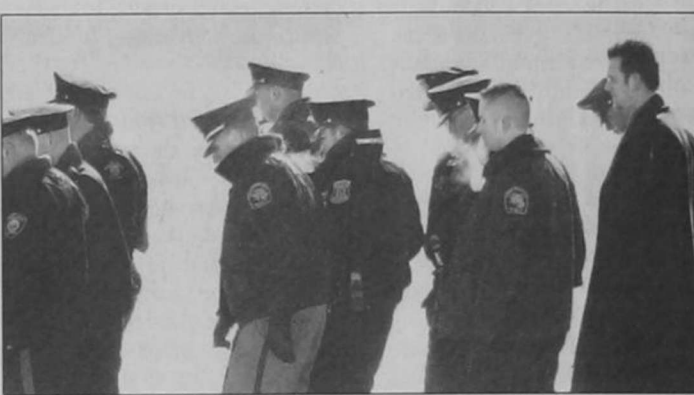
Farmington officers enter the church.



Redford Township officers wait to enter Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township for the funeral.

it means to be a man, to be a husband and to be a dad.” Tindall told them to hold their father alive in their hearts, whether they are playing sports to the day when they have children of their own.

Nehasil was “always smiling, always happy and always willing to give of himself,” Tindall



Officers filled the sanctuary of the church and the lower level gathering space where a video screen showed the service.

said. Tindall also spoke to the hundreds of police officers, expressing his sympathy and condolences to the Livonia Police Department. “I thank you for what you have done,” Tindall said. “And to all who protect and serve, I thank you. I thank you for sharing in this ministry.”

Tindall ended his homily by asking the family to trust in Christ’s resurrection during this time of great pain and sorrow.

‘A COP’S COP’
During his eulogy,

Stevenson pointed at Nehasil’s photograph and reiterated what he had said earlier that week about how Nehasil was always smiling.

Stevenson thanked all of the officers, police departments and law enforcement agencies that offered support during the week and who attended the funeral home. Departments from as far away as California and Texas came into town to pay respects, Stevenson said. Officers were seen from Toronto and Chicago,

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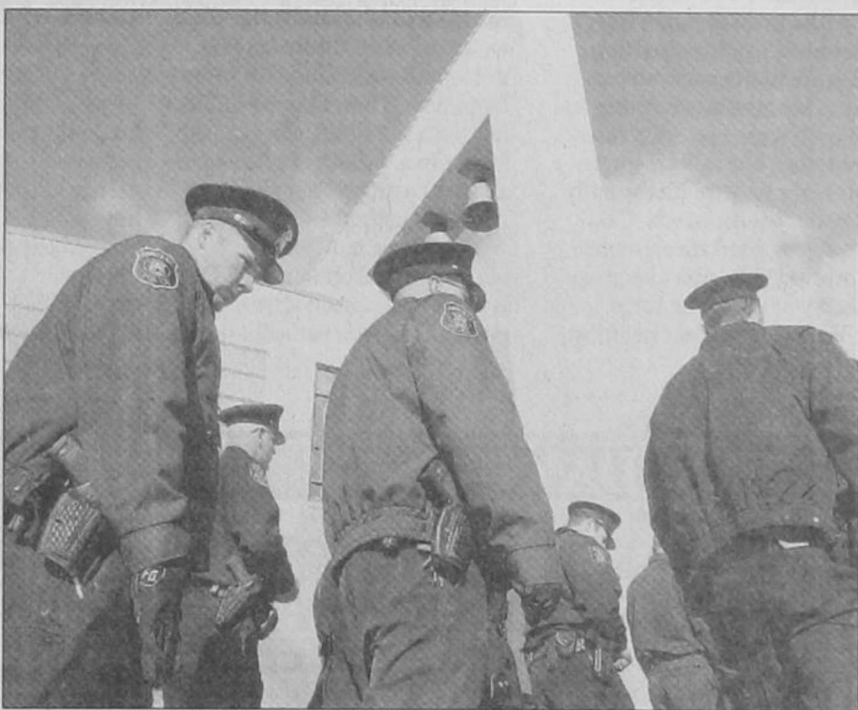


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The hearse carrying the body of Officer Larry Nehasil passes in front of the Police and Fire Departments.



Police officers from local departments along with others including Chicago and Toronto gathered at Our Lady of Good Council Church in Plymouth Township to honor Officer Larry Nehasil.



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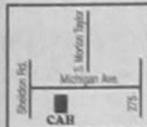
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A: The first issue to explore is risk. You are a conservative investor and that is why you like investing in CDs. However, in your situation, CDs are not conservative. My reasoning has nothing to do with where interest rates are today, but rather, where interest rates are historically. For short-term needs, CDs are a very good investment. However, they don't keep up when you look long term.

When looking at risk, most



Money Matters

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people only consider principal fluctuation. I suggest that a risk too many investors forget about, and one that is just as important as principal risk, is the risk of not keeping up with the increased

cost of living.

In regards to your \$100,000 CD, the key is to make it grow in real dollar terms. After all, we know \$100,000 today is not worth \$100,000 five years from now. Therefore, in establishing a portfolio, the key is to factor in a variety of risks such as purchasing power risk, and risk of principal.

There are a number of different investment options. The first is to set up a conservative growth portfolio. My recommendation is

to initially allocate 55-60 percent in equities, the rest in bonds. The 55-60 percent in equities does not get invested in one fund or one investment, but rather is spread out into a variety of different investment vehicles. At the same time, the remaining 40-45 percent of the portfolio would be invested in fixed-income investments such as U.S. Treasuries and investment-grade corporate bonds.

If you have a portfolio that is investing in equities, there will be principal fluctuations. Stock funds go up and down. However, don't look day to day, or even year to year — focus on 15 years down the road. I have no doubt that equities will be higher in the future.

In addition, the only way to have a rising income throughout your lifetime is to have a portion of the portfolio invested in stocks.

I don't have the space to list all

the funds I would use. However, there are probably 10-15 different funds and, of course, they would all be commission-free.

In making your decision, keep in mind that the goal in saving for retirement is to make sure that the purchasing power of your money grows into the future. When you factor taxes and increased costs of living into the mix, the very low rates of return you receive at a bank just don't make it. Purchasing power risk is important to consider. Investors that play it too close to the vest, particularly long-term investors who fail to take purchasing power risk into consideration, generally get burned.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



BeckRidge Chorale music director Mike Gross conducts a rehearsal.

Choirs conducting open auditions

The BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers are looking for new voices, and they've announced open rehearsals in an attempt to find them.

"We want to give people an opportunity to experience either Cherry Hill Singers or BeckRidge Chorale without making a commitment," said Michael Gross, Artistic Director of both choirs. "Cherry Hill Singers is a non-auditioned choir. We welcome everyone looking for an opportunity to develop or brush up his or her vocal skills. The BeckRidge Chorale is an auditioned choir and exists for more experienced singers."

Cherry Hill Singers will hold their Open Rehearsal on Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The theatre is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

The BeckRidge Chorale Open Rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

"Our rehearsals run two hours and while we work hard, we also have a great deal of fun," Gross said. "We thought January would be the perfect month. Most of us are starting to get cabin fever and singing helps get us through to spring. Obviously, we hope people will enjoy the experience and want to join us in making some great music."

Cherry Hill Singers will present "Summer Fun" on April 29 at the Village Theater in Canton. The BeckRidge Chorale is preparing for an "Evening with Composer/Arranger and Pianist Mark Hayes" at Northville High School May 14-15. Mark Hayes is a Dove Award-winning composer and is known worldwide for his incredible talents. Hayes will lead the BeckRidge Chorale in his own arrangements and original compositions.

More information about both organizations can be found at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (888) 459-4887.

Livonia mother missing since Christmas

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

The location of a Livonia mother of three remains a mystery. Gina Marie Jasmund disappeared Dec. 23, after leaving a note saying she would be gone overnight and return Christmas Eve.

Jasmund has had no contact with her children since then. The family waited to file a missing person's report with Livonia Police because the 42-year-old woman has a history of substance abuse. She has been sober since April 2010.

"We think she's being held against her will," said Colleen Collins-Reyes, Jasmund's sister.

Collins-Reyes and Jasmund's children have put out 1,500 fliers in addition to making a plea for her safe return on



This photo was of Gina Marie Jasmund taken about two months ago.

Facebook. They have reason to believe she is with Michael Flanagan, her ex-boyfriend from Pinckney.

Jasmund is 5 feet, 4 inches tall with dark brown hair, olive skin and brown eyes, and weighs approximately 110 pounds. Her children, Jessica, 21, Danielle, 19, and Zachary, 17, are devastated by the disappearance of their mother.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Gina Marie Jasmund or Michael Flanagan is asked to contact Livonia Police or the Detroit Police Department's Eighth Precinct.

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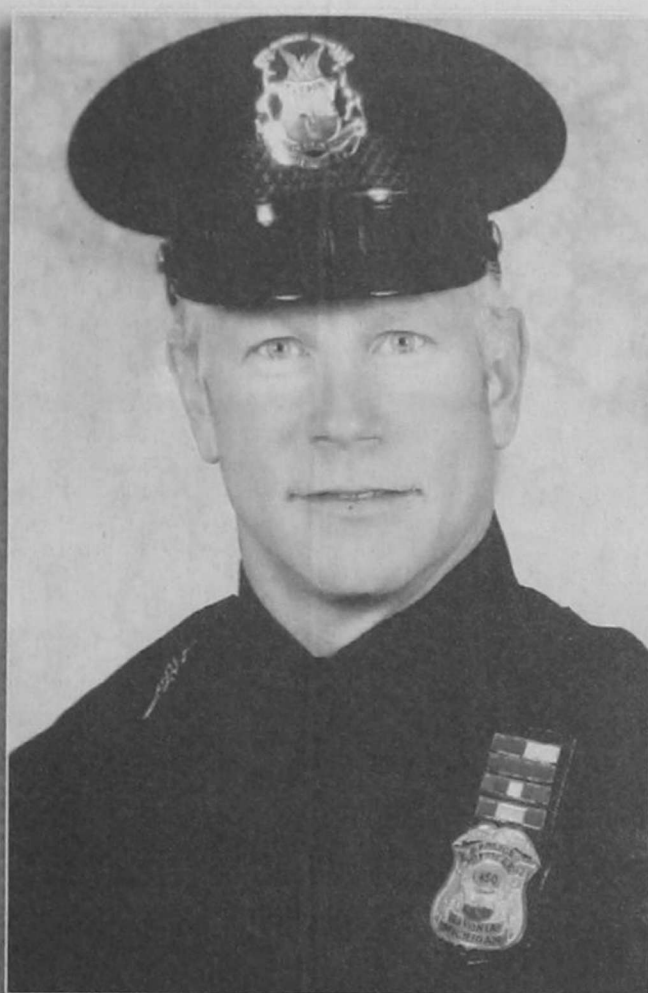
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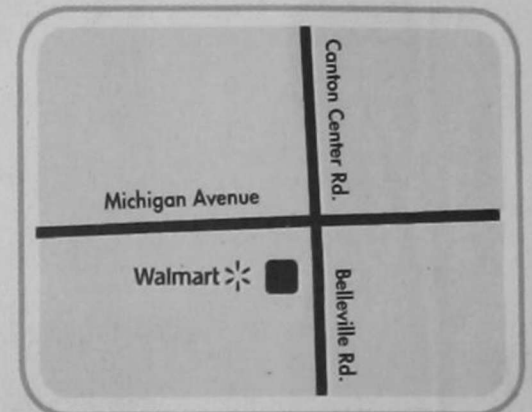
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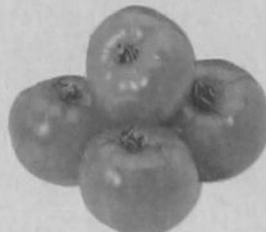
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Chiefs' 'D' stymies Chargers

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Step aside Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin Moore, the Canton girls basketball team knows a thing or two about paint, too.

The Chiefs certainly provided the primer in Friday night's KLAA South Division showdown against host Westland John Glenn as they made layup after layup en route to a convincing 52-34 triumph.

Senior forward Kari Schmitt was the main recipient as she scored 14 of her game-high 20 points in the opening half as Canton built a 34-15 advantage.

The Chiefs smothering defense also held Glenn's vaunted transfer tandem of 6-foot Erica Covile and 6-1 Joslyn Massey to a combined six points.

Only freshman point-guard Kaira Barnes was able to score with any regularity for the Rockets' as she scored 19 of her team's 34 points.

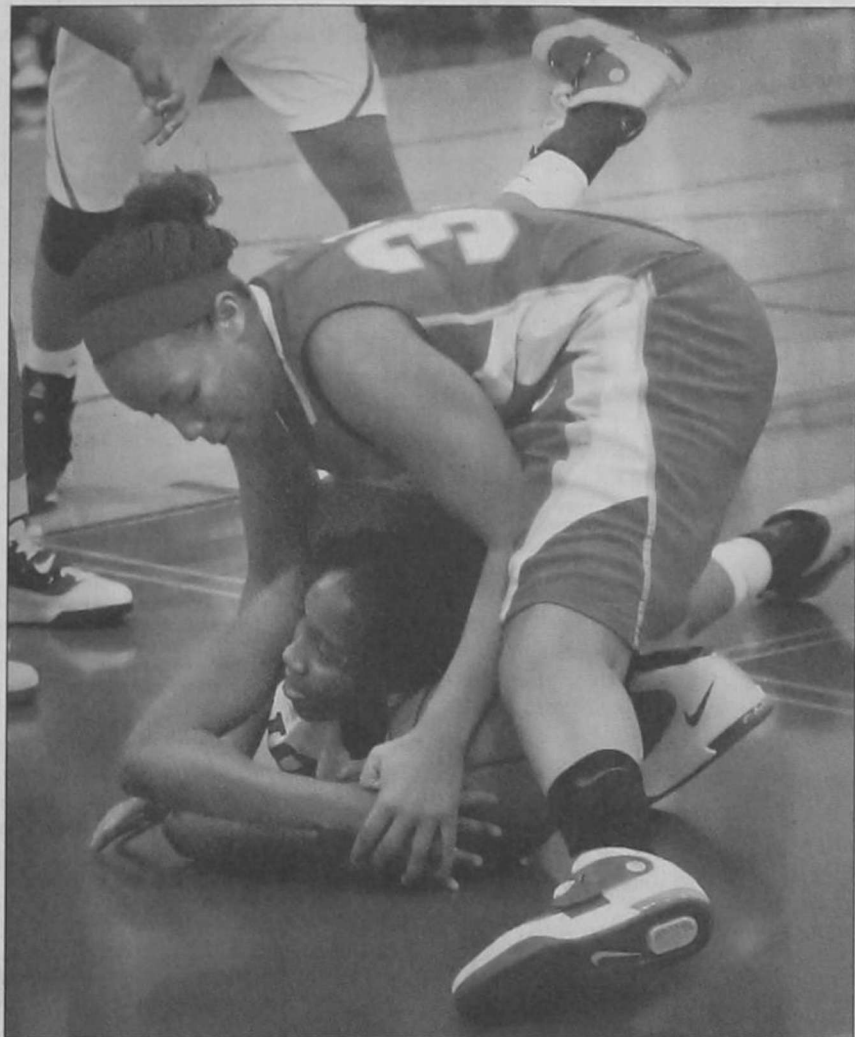
"We wanted to attack their pressure," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose team improved to 9-2 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South. "We didn't want have them to dictate the way the game was going to be played. We knew they were going to come out and get after us, so we wanted to attack, and get the ball to the middle, push and attack, and see if we could get to the rim. For the most part I thought we did a good job with that."

ON TARGET

Canton shot 50 percent from the floor during the first half (12-of-24) to build the commanding 19-point advantage.

"He (Samulski) jumped everything we did," said Glenn coach Mark Anderson, whose team fell to 9-1 overall and 4-1 in the division. He did a helluva job scouting us – he really did.

"I thought our effort wasn't there, but I'm going to attest that to Samulski's game plan. We had some mental breakdowns more so than anything. I really thought we were prepared for this. At times we were just a step slow. Again, I take my hat off to Samulski. He's a helluva coach. And you've got Bob Blohm on



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kayla Bridges (top) and John Glenn's Erica Covile wrestle for the loose ball during Friday's KLAA South Division clash

his staff... that's a helluva coaching tandem."

Many of Canton's converted shots in the paint came off back door cuts.

"We were trying to play the passing lane, because when I scouted them, I thought they were slow in reacting," Anderson said.

Robyn Mack added 10 points for the Chiefs, while Sara Schmitt contributed six.

Glenn committed a total of 20 turnovers, including 15 in the opening half and shot only 33 percent from the field (12-of-36) for the game.

On the defensive side, Bridges and the Schmitt twins rotated on putting

the clamps on Glenn's potent duo of Covile and Massey.

"I thought 'Bridge' and the rest of the kids did a great job keeping Massey off the glass and Erica (Covile) off the glass," Samulski said. "Overall I thought it was a great team defensive effort."

Canton, meanwhile, scored a majority of its points in the paint and committed only nine turnovers on the night.

"They're a good team," Samulski said of Glenn. "They're an aggressive defensive team. Those are some of the things you've got to do to attack

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Power source

Czarnik's strong faith keeps him going

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Robbie Czarnik of the Plymouth Whalers is quiet and reserved and isn't about to crush an opponent through the boards.

But the Whalers center from Washington, Mich., lets two things in his life do the talking for him — his strong faith in Christianity and considerable talent as a playmaker and goal scorer.

As far as Czarnik is concerned, the two are woven together, with it being up to God more than himself or anybody else whether his path leads to the National Hockey League.

"I just know if it's meant to be, if it's gonna happen, there's a plan set for me," said Czarnik, whose NHL rights belong (appropriately, for a believer) to the Los Angeles Kings. "If I'm going to sign and play, get an NHL contract, I will get one and I just have to continue to play hard and believe it will happen."

L.A. scouts likely have been impressed with former University of Michigan player Czarnik so far this season. In 37 OHL games, he has 24 goals and 50 points.

The future will take care of itself. But for Czarnik, the convergence of slap shots and Scripture will be there to see Friday night, at the Whalers' first "Faith & Family Night."

Czarnik and the rest of the Whalers will host Niagara at 7 p.m., where he will flash the skills that have flourished recently — he has totaled nine goals and 15 points in eight January games.

Following the game at Compuware Arena, all who attend are invited to enjoy Christian rock's The Mark White Band and renowned youth speaker Jack Janigan.

"I think it's a great event, it's going to be good," Czarnik, who turns 21 Tuesday, said following a practice last week. "It will be a nice game and ... it's going to be pretty cool to have a concert after."



Robbie Czarnik of the Plymouth Whalers is enthused about 'Faith & Family Night.'

STEPPING OUT

All of the Whalers' promotions for the event feature Czarnik, and he is likely to get out of his comfort zone and say a few words to youth church groups and individuals who attend.

"It's really great to have somebody that is going to step up and be a part of it (the event)," said Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for the Whalers. "I give him a lot of credit for being a young athlete, being a successful young athlete, and being very straightforward and just saying 'I didn't get here by myself.'"

Ronayne said all church groups within a 45-mile radius have been invited to the event.

Tickets (\$9 each) are still on sale for youth ministry and church groups and their families, although anybody who buys a ticket will be able to hear the concert and message.

Brought up in a religious family (his uncle Mike is a pastor, for example), Czarnik's beliefs helped him decide in 2009-10 to leave the

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Penguins want girls to check out hockey

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Girls will be taking over Canton Arctic Edge for Saturday's "Hockey Night in Canton."

Hosted by the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls varsity hockey team, the event (which begins at 6 p.m. and culminates with the Penguins-Grosse Pointe South game at 8 p.m.) is a two-pronged affair:

- The Penguins coed team is looking to attract future players who might not even know the program exists.

- Arctic Edge is building its girls hockey program, and is targeting girls of all ages who have never skated or played the game.

"Basically, it's a girls event where girls of all ages can come out, learn about the game of hockey," Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson said. "They'll be able to meet some of the players



Last season, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins won the Division 2 girls hockey championship. Coach Mary Beth Johnson is looking to build awareness about the team and interest in girls hockey itself.

and tour the locker room. Whether you have no hockey experience or you've been playing for a while it's a good chance to come out and see

what the high school (team) is all about."

For just \$5 per girl, the package includes pizza, beverage, one hour of open

skating (beginning at 7 p.m.) and admission to the game. Helmets (bike helmets are OK) are mandatory and the arena has rental skates for those who do not have them.

There also will be a "meet the team" and tour of the rink and Penguins locker room, from 6-6:45 p.m.

RSVP BY FRIDAY

Because Johnson said the Penguins want to get an estimate of how many girls will be meeting the team, having refreshments and skating before the game, interested participants are asked to RSVP.

To do so, call (734) 546-2374 or e-mail campbellhouse5@att.net by Friday, Jan. 28. Second-year coach Johnson said the Penguins made a promotional splash about "Hockey Night in Canton," sending out 10,000 fliers to

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NICK HAYES



Who: Nick Hayes, captain for Salem varsity boys hockey team. He is a forward for the Rocks.

Miscellany: The 17-year-old Hayes carries a 3.5 grade-point average. His parents are David and Holly.

Captain's job: "I think the job of a captain is to be a vocal leader who doesn't get down on people. He has to lead by example and he has to be a really hard worker."

Leadership style: "I try leading by example. I also try being the hardest working guy on the ice and showing the younger guys with hard work good things come to you."

Why him? "I feel my teammates chose me because I'm vocal and I also try working my hardest."

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Detroit Moose VS Red Wings Alumni



The Detroit Red Wings Alumni and Canton-based Detroit Moose senior recreational hockey team pose together after playing a charity game on Dec. 11 at Canton Arctic Edge. The game raised more than \$16,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

Charity-minded Moose, DRW alums aid good cause

A sellout crowd of more than 1,200 came out on Dec. 11 to watch the philanthropic Detroit Moose take on the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team at Canton Arctic Edge. The former Wings won 14-6.

Canton resident Derek Fowler, president and captain of the senior recreational Moose program, said \$28,000 in gross revenue was generated with \$16,139 of that money going to the Epilepsy

Foundation of Michigan.

Former Red Wings who played to help the worthy cause included Joe Kocur, Brent Fedyk, Darren McCarty, goalie Eddie Mio and Shawn Burr.

Members of the Moose are Fowler, Mark Auger, Dan Anger, Tim Bailey, Bob Boltier, Steve Cloutier, Rudy Dauncey, Brendan Farren, Brian Harlow, Frank Hirdrel, Charlie Jones, Ryan King, Dave

Lakatos, Brandon Malinowski, Tom Petit, Ryan Renner and Tony SantAngelo.

Fowler joked that the Moose never had a chance against players who were among the best in the world at one time, but that didn't keep them from having a blast.

"We might have lost the game but together we won, raising money and awareness for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan," Fowler said.

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that defense. The kids were ready. They were focused and they came out hard. Got after it. I thought we defended well."

Plymouth prevails

In a game where both teams went scoreless in the third quarter, host Plymouth defeated Livonia Churchill 24-12 Friday night in a KLAAs South girls basketball tilt.

The Wildcats, however, could afford a cold snap. They led 20-6 at halftime.

"We were very active on defense and crashed the boards," said Plymouth head coach Bob deBear, whose team improved to 5-5 overall and 3-2 in the division. "They played harder than they have all season on defense."

Top Plymouth scorers were Kate Watson (6 points) and Isis Haywood (5 points), with Alex Roberts and Kylie Robb each chipping in with four points.

Churchill dropped to 2-8 and 1-4 with the defeat.

Struggle for Salem

Visiting Salem dropped a 32-17 matchup Friday night against KLAAs Central rival Northville.

The Rocks (4-7 overall, 3-2 in the Central) got off to a slow start and things didn't improve much all night.



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Westland John Glenn defender Andrea Gordon-McClain (No. 24, left) tries to put the clamps on Canton senior forward Kari Schmitt (No. 25) during Friday night's KLAAs South girls basketball matchup.

Northville (5-5, 3-2) took an 11-3 lead after one frame and made it 17-5 at halftime. It was 29-9 after three.

"We really struggled tonight," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "We

didn't make enough shots."

Brianna Berberet tallied five points to lead the Rocks. Other top Salem players included Breanne Beaver (4 points, 11 rebounds) and Heidi Schmidt (6 rebounds).

Canton still undefeated

GYMNASTICS

Canton's girls gymnastics team defeated campus rival Plymouth 139.325-131.725 to improve to 6-0 overall.

The Wildcats, meanwhile, came within .025 of equaling their school record.

Victorious in their events for Canton were Robyn Piwowar (9.35 on vault; 9.35 on floor exercise) and Ayana Lewis (9.1 on uneven bars and 9.15 on balance beam).

Meanwhile, Melissa Green tallied an all-around of 35.175 for the top spot. She had her best meet in the year with personal bests of bars (8.775, second), beam (8.75, second), floor (9.25, second) and vault (8.4, fifth).

Erica Lucas placed second on bars (7.875) and 33.9 in all-around, good for the runner-up spot.

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Chiefs answer halftime challenge

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At halftime Friday night, the host Canton Chiefs were struggling mightily against Westland John Glenn and trailed 27-19.

Unable to mount much offense and with 6-7 junior power forward Paul Baumgart forced to sit most of the first half, the Chiefs needed some kind of spark to rally in the KLAAs South boys basketball matchup.

They did, coming out of the locker room a different team, turning steals and blocks into fast-break points en route to a 20-4 spurt (it was 39-31 with six minutes to go in the game) that set the table for Canton's 51-43 victory.

The win lifted Canton's record to 6-4 overall and 4-1 in the division, one game back of Plymouth. John Glenn lost for the third straight game and now are 6-4, 3-2.

"We got a pep talk in the team room," Canton senior point guard Dietrich Lever II said. "And when we came out in the second half, our defense played incredible."

"... We just had to get steals, box out and get the ball back."

Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy acknowledged that his team wasn't very good in the first half. But he did note not having Baumgart for much of the first 16 minutes made it easier for the Rockets to pack it in defensively on Lever.

Baumgart returned for the second half and that seemed to immediately open up Canton's offense. He scored six second-half points and chipped in with six boards and three blocks.

"At halftime, we challenged them," Reddy said. "And with Paul playing the whole second half we just did a lot better job of defending and rebounding and making them take a contested two" instead of setting up for treys.

Conversely, John Glenn head coach Paul Young was almost flabbergasted at how the game beginning with the start of the third.

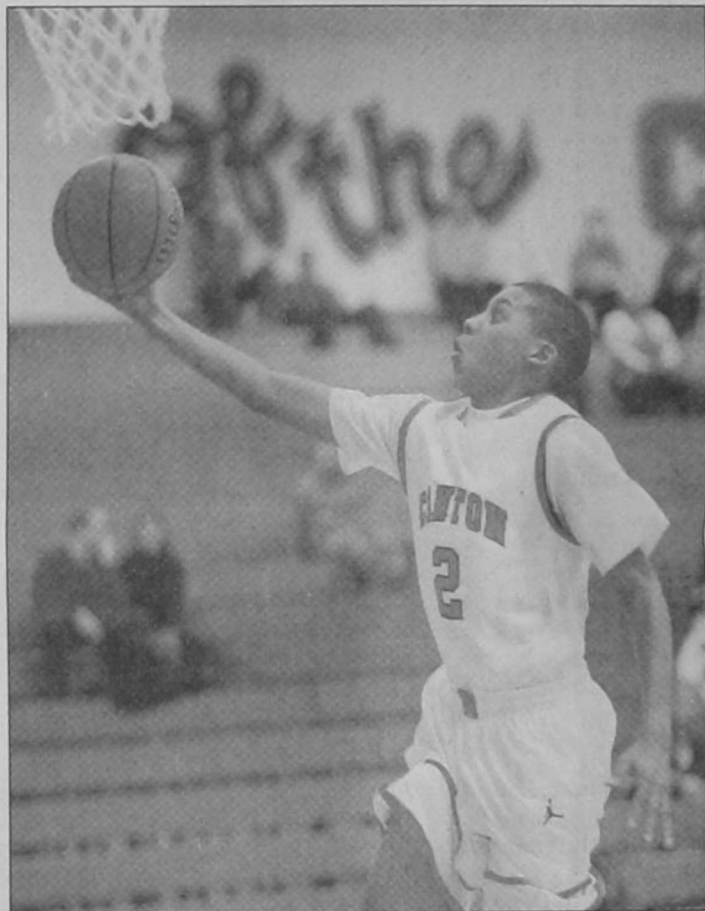
"Give Jim Reddy and his staff credit," Young said. "They took us out of everything we were trying to do offensively and took us right out of the game."

"We turned it over a lot and they outrebounded us and we got in foul trouble again. Now we just have to get back in the gym and try to get better."

TRANSITION POINTS

Midway through the third, the Chiefs forced a pair of turnovers at their own end. Both times, Lever then got the ball and dribbled in for easy layups that gave Canton a 31-29 lead.

If not for some poor shots by Canton in the final stages of



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Canton sophomore guard Josh Mayberry scores a layup during a recent KLAAs boys basketball contest.

the frame, the Chiefs probably would have enjoyed more than a 33-31 lead going into the fourth.

Marcus Mecks scored 11 points to lead the Rockets. Adding nine and eight points, respectively, were Christian Covile and Desmond Cervera.

As for the foul trouble cited by Young, starting forward Eric Covile (4 points) fouled out with seven minutes remaining in the contest.

Perhaps summing up how the second half went, Mecks sprinted in for an apparent breakaway layup with 2:35 to go. But out of nowhere, Spreitzer blocked the shot at the glass.

Young thought it might have been a goaltending infraction and was whistled for a technical foul. Instead of cutting the Canton lead to 41-36, Lever sank two free throws to open up an eight-point edge.

"I think we were focused," Young continued. "I can't explain the second half. We just never could get into a flow and, obviously, that has to do with them."

The teams were tied 10-10 after one, but the Rockets enjoyed a 17-9 second.

Lever scored 12 of Canton's 19 first-half points and finished with 27 for the night.

Playing a solid game up front was 6-5 junior forward Terrell Sewell (8 points, 5 rebounds) while senior guard Ben Spreitzer (5 points, 4 boards) was a catalyst.

Salem wins with 'D'

Friday night at Salem, the Rocks defeated Northville

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 25
Garden City at Salem, 7 p.m.
Novi at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Seaholm at Canton, 7 p.m.
St. Field Christian at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Det. Community, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 8 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Lutheran N. West, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 25
Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Sfld. Christian, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m.
Univ.-Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Lutheran N. West, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Chandler Park at Ply. Christian, 2:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 24

Canton at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Northville vs. PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.

Salem vs. Plymouth at Compuware, 6:40 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

Plymouth at Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30 p.m.

Salem vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Plymouth at Sault Ste. Marie, 3:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Regina at Fraser, 4:30 p.m.

G. Pt. North vs. PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Canton, Plymouth at Glenn Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Salem at Northville Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Luth. N. West, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28

Observerland Inv. at Churchill, 9 a.m.

Annapolis Tournament, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Plymouth vs. Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson, Salem at A.A. Pioneer, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASICS

Monday, Jan. 24

Farmington vs. Canton at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Livonia Red vs. Plymouth at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Livonia Blue vs. Salem at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Canton at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Troy Athens Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

PREP BOWLING

Monday, Jan. 24

Clarenceville vs. Canton, Plymouth vs. Salem

at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Regina at Oak Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Salem vs. Canton, Plymouth vs. Northville

at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Clarenceville Doubles Tourney at Merri-Bowl Lanes, TBO.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Cornerstone at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.

Madonna at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Jan. 27

Plymouth Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

Niagara vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware (Faith & Family Night), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Oshawa vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware, 7 p.m.



Robbie Czarnik of the Plymouth Whalers points to his strong religious faith as being a big reason for his emergence on and off the ice.

FAITH ON ICE

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University of Michigan hockey team and join the Whalers. (He still is a student at U-M.) "Yeah, I prayed about it and then decided what I wanted to do," Czarnik said. "When it came down to it, after praying, thinking about it and talking to family ... I felt strong about it and I didn't have any regrets. "And I still don't regret it at all to this day." With the Whalers, in a league considered a pipeline to the NHL, scouts from the Kings have watched him "more times than they ever did when I was at Michigan." "And I've also developed

better here," he said. "It's just more of a developmental league and I've become a better player just coming here, coming to this path."

QUIETLY ASSERTIVE

Czarnik the hockey player lets his stickwork make noise for him. What does that job when it comes to Czarnik the person is a tattoo emblazoned on his upper body. It serves as a welcome mat for anybody who decides to step onto it and discuss Christianity. "It's not a huge thing that people talk to me about, it's not brought up that often," he noted. "But ... conversations do come up in the locker room randomly, there will be a (discussion) about church and God and people believing or not

FAITH & FAMILY FACTS

What: Faith & Family Night.

When: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

Where: Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

On tap: The Plymouth Whalers and Niagara IceDogs will play an Ontario Hockey League game at 7 p.m., followed by a concert and motivational talk.

Concert: Following the hockey game, The Mark White Band, from Detroit, will perform Christian rock music while Jack Janigian (youth pastor for Novi-based Oak Pointe Church) will provide a special message.

Extra value: Church groups and youth ministries and their families can buy tickets for \$9 each. But all fans who attend the game, whether affiliated or not, are eligible to enjoy the postgame festivities.

Info: Call the Whalers at (734) 453-8400 or go to www.plymouthwhalers.com.

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Whalers relish community ties

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The upcoming "Faith & Family Night" at Compuware Arena is just the latest example of the Plymouth Whalers' bond with the community.

According to Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for the team, the Friday night program is the "perfect fit" for what the Whalers are all about.

"We already do things that are more important to families and kids that want a great environment," Ronayne said. "(This) is a natural next step and a kind of to reward those groups for coming here as well as try to make new friends, by offering something that's right up their alley."

Other community-minded events hosted by the Whalers have included a Boy Scouts night and annual "Pink Out" to raise awareness about breast cancer.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Westland Bowl, the

team is scheduled to knock pins down with the public — participating in the "Bowl with the Whalers" event, from 6:30-9 p.m.

And don't forget all the youth groups that visit the players in the locker room immediately after every home game. Kids march in, meet the players and have their posters autographed.

As for Friday, the Plymouth-Niagara game will be followed with music by The Mark White Band, a Christian rock group from the Detroit area.

Ronayne said the Whalers "wanted a band that people would recognize as being sort of that hometown hero, which is kind of what we are."

There won't be a long delay between the final buzzer and first guitar chords.

While the game is still going on, the band will be gearing up under the stands by setting everything up on a truck flat bed.

That flat bed will be wheeled out onto the ice after it is resurfaced.

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PENGUINS

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area elementary and middle schools. "We're hoping for a good turnout and help build some interest in girls hockey," she said.

Although there have been an estimated 12-16 players each of the team's nine seasons, Johnson wants to see more teenage girls think about lacing up the skates.

"A lot of people still don't know that Plymouth-Canton-Salem has a united girls hockey team," Johnson said. "We're just trying to get the word out and trying to start young."

Potential players could someday join a top-quality team, too. The Penguins have been very competitive in their league and are the defending Division 2 champions.

MORE OPTIONS

Another encouraging gauge of interest, she noted, is a summer league at the arena.



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Celebrating a goal are Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins players Ellexus Montoya (No. 36) and Rebecca Majszak (No. 12). Both were on last season's Division 2 champions.

Over the past few years, there has been "an overwhelming amount of people that wanted to play." In 2010, about 25 girls signed up for 20 roster spots.

Meanwhile, Arctic Edge is promoting its "No Cuts! Boys!" Saturday morning girls drop-in hockey program. For \$5, participants can play from 8-8:50 a.m. Saturdays, provided they have full equipment (the

arena has rental equipment, albeit with limited availability).

For more information about that and all arena programs, go to www.arcticarenas.com or call (734) 487-7777.

Arctic Edge is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. (south side), west of Canton Center Road in Canton.

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Chiefs rally for tie against Stevenson

State-ranked Livonia Stevenson yielded a pair of goals during the final period and settled for a 2-2 boys hockey tie Wednesday night at Edgar Arena against Canton.

Stevenson is now 11-2-1 overall and 7-1-1 in the KLAA's Central Division, while Canton stands 8-5-2 overall and 4-1-2 in the KLAA South.

The Spartans took a 2-0 lead at 3:52 of the final period on Tommy Ross' fifth goal of the season from Justin Shureb and Tim Pruchnik.

But Canton stormed back on a pair of goals from A.J. Rosales including a breakaway effort at 7:51. With only 3:17 remaining, Rosales struck again from Jimmy LaFontaine and Phil Baciak to deadlock

the game at 2-all.

After a scoreless opening period, Stevenson's Max Humitz scored his sixth of the year on a four-on-four, breakaway effort from Nick Barr and goaltender Connor Humitz to make it 1-0 at 8:53 of the second.

Canton goaltender Spencer Craig was stellar in the nets, stopping 34-of-36 Stevenson shots, while the Spartans' Connor Humitz made 21 saves.

Salem coasts to win

The state-ranked Salem varsity boys hockey team (No. 5 in Division 1) romped to a 9-3 victory over South Lyon Thursday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

With strong defense leading

to numerous chances in the Lions end of the ice, six different Salem players lit the lamp for the Rocks (10-3-1 overall, 6-2-0, first in the KLAA South).

Tallying two markers each for Salem were Wes Carr and Connor Berlin.

Stopping 26 of 29 South Lyon shots to earn the victory was Salem goalie Brandon Price. The Rocks ripped 41 shots toward the Lions net-minder.

"It was a solid effort against a quality opponent," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "The team worked harder in the defensive zone than our previous few games, resulting in more time in the offensive zone."

Lady Ocelots win road test at Macomb, 63-54

Diamond Tolliver sparked Wednesday as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team maintained its grip on first place with a 63-54 triumph at Macomb Community College.

Tolliver poured in a game-high 21 points while hitting 6-of-9 shots from the floor and 7-of-9 from the foul stripe as Schoolcraft improved to 16-3 overall and 6-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference.

The Lady Ocelots, who captured their eighth straight, trailed briefly, 39-38, with 11:18 remaining but was able to forge a five-point spread the rest of the way and hang on for the win.

Tolliver, Amber Sammons and Shealica Grandberry combined to make six straight free throws during the final 43 seconds to seal the victory for the eight-ranked Lady Ocelots.

Kimberly Bee added 13 points and 14 rebounds, while Grandberry chipped in with 10 points. Shanequa Braggs added 12 rebounds.

Macomb (15-2, 6-2) got 13 points apiece from

Chanequa Hills and Jackie Highstreet, while Precious Allen added a game-high 16 rebounds.

AQUINAS 54, MADONNA 47: A cold shooting night spelled doom Wednesday for Madonna University (7-9, 3-5) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setback to host Aquinas College (7-14, 4-4) in Grand Rapids.

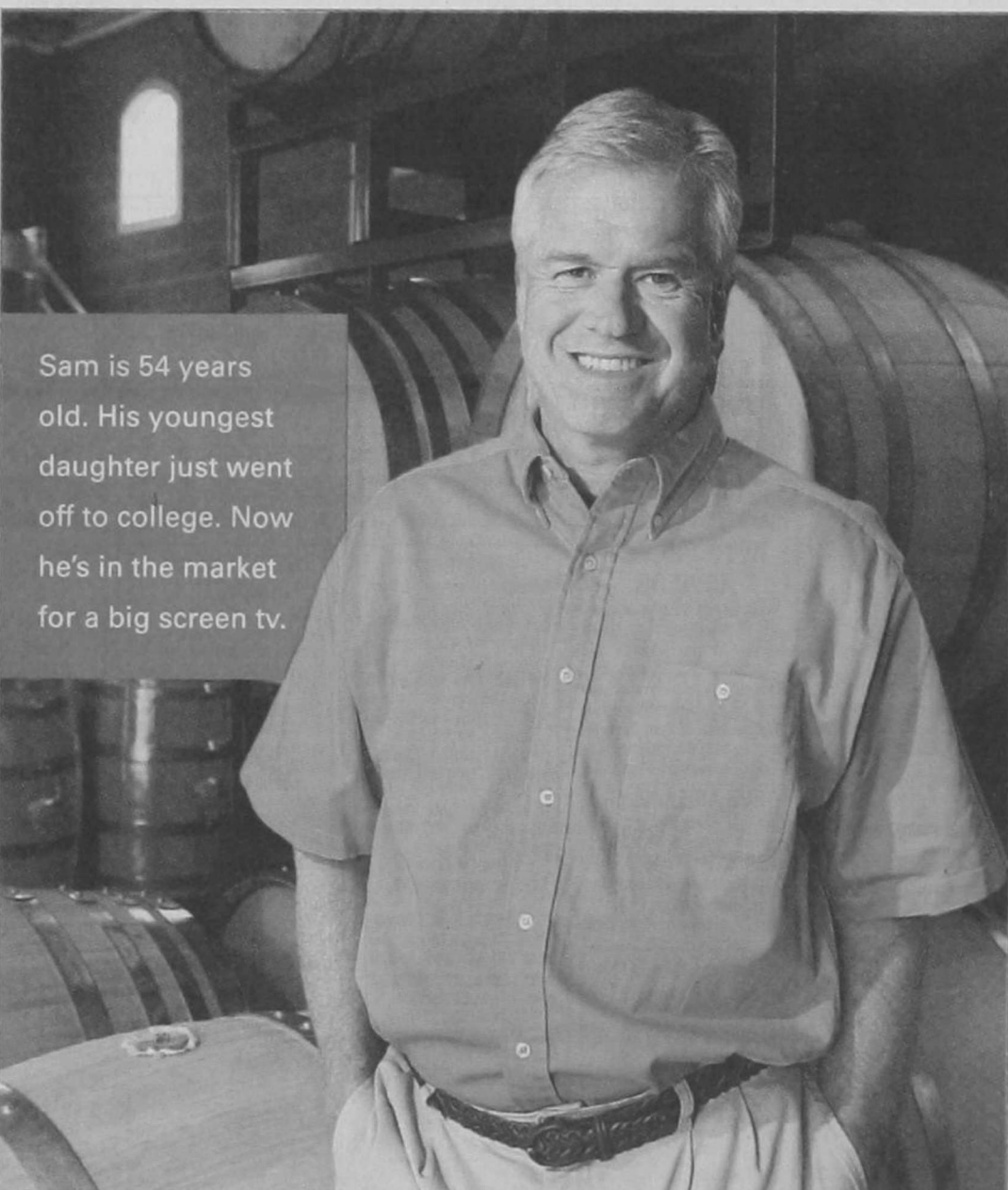
The Crusaders, who shot only 34 percent from the floor (17-of-50), got 12 points and six rebounds from sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson).

Heather Pratt added 11 points for MU, which was tied 18-all at the half.

Shelby Carter paced the Saints with 15 points.

Nine straight points from Aquinas staked the home side to a 42-33 lead with 9:11 left in regulation before a 10-4 MU run pulled the Crusaders back to within three, 46-43, with 4:57 to go.

But MU could not get any closer the rest of the way, committing four turnovers and missing four of its final five shots from the floor.



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Shown from a meet last season, Salem senior Matt Collingwood was part of two winning relays and won two individual events Thursday against Walled Lake Central.

Deep, talented Salem tankers win big

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Strong depth continues to yield results for Salem's boys swimming and diving team as the Rocks pounded Walled Lake Central, 131-55 in Thursday's KLAAC crossover dual meet.

Both Eric Li and Matt Collingwood were part of two first-place relays and took top honors in two individual events.

Four other Rocks won or shared multiple events (Jason Zhang, Jerry Bai, Jeremy Wellman and Max Mills) and Salem took 1-2 in all three relays.

Extra points came their way in the 200 IM, 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke thanks to placing 1-2 in each of those events.

Even in an event Salem did not win (100-yard breaststroke), the Rocks fared pretty well by taking the 2-4 slots: Smaran Bhaktawara (1:07.63), Turner Solterman (1:08.56) and Akshay Bhaktawara (1:10.62).

BREAKING IT DOWN

Following is a breakdown of Salem's dominance against the Vikings:

- **200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Wellman, Solterman, Zhang, Collingwood), 1:45.62; 2. Salem (Steven Clagg, Bhaktawara, Patrick Huls, Daniel Lynch), 1:53.71.
- **200 free:** 1. Mills, 1:53.88; 3. Aaron Micek, 1:59.55.
- **200 IM:** 1. Li, 2:08.71; 2. Bai, 2:14.97; 4. Bhaktawara, 2:17.91.
- **50 free:** 1. Collingwood, 22.66; 3. William Long, 24.76; 4. Kyle Stokfisz, 25.15.
- **1-meter diving:** 1. Nick Griwicki, 241.75 points; 3. Joey Rudelic, 214.40; 4. Charlie Dillon, 203.75.
- **100 fly:** 1. Zhang, 58.07; 3. Huls, 1:02.33.
- **100 free:** 1. Collingwood, 51.69; 2. Bai, 54.44; 4. Scott Carpenter, 57.95.
- **500 free:** 1. Li, 5:06.51; 4. Micek, 5:30.71.
- **200 free relay:** 1. Salem (Zhang, Bai, Li,

Collingwood), 1:33.17; 2. Salem (Stokfisz, Long, Lynch, Huls), 1:34.88.

• **100 back:** 1. Wellman, 59.27; 2. Mills, 1:00.31.

• **100 breast:** 2. Bhaktawara, 1:07.63; 3. Solterman, 1:08.56; 4. Bhaktawara, 1:10.62.

• **400 free relay:** 1. Salem (Li, Zhang, Bai, Mills), 3:33.43; 2. Salem (Huls, Long, Micek, Wellman), 3:42.39.

NORTHVILLE 95, SALEM 90: Meanwhile, on Tuesday, the Rocks fell just short against the Mustangs.

Collingwood earned two wins for Salem, taking the 200 free (1:48.36) and 100 free (49.93).

Other Salem highlights included the following wins: Adam Seroka (500 free, 4:59.49); the 200-free relay team of Collingwood, Noah Santer, Mills and Seroka (1:32.56); Li in the 100 backstroke (57.11) and the 400-free relay team of Santer, Mills, Wellman and Seroka (3:24.90).

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bowl with the Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League will participate in "Bowl with the Whalers," from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road.

It should be a fun night as players will try to knock those pins down along with members of the community.

Information is available during Whalers games at Compuware Arena, at the Whalers Booster Club table or by calling (734) 453-8400.

The cost is \$15 for members of the Booster Club and Kids Club (and chaperones) and \$25 for non-members.

Salem 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.

Those interested should bring current physical and medical insurance information.

Also, uniforms will be ordered that evening and it will be the only opportunity to order them for 2011. Bring a check for the uniform, made out to Salem Girls Tennis. Additional optional clothing will be available for purchase.

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

GCYBSA signups

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association is holding its registration for spring programs for baseball and softball for ages 4-18 girls and boys.

Information and registration can be found at www.gcybsa.com. Registration is open until March 15. Programs include, small ball, T-ball, coach pitch, baseball, softball, competitive and travel leagues.

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

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 Road, 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.

MU softball camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White and his staff will hold two sessions of winter camps, specializing in individual instruction, including:

Fundamental Camp No. 1 - 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the MU Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia; Fundamental Camp No. 2 - noon-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13, 22 and 27, at the MU Activities Center. The cost is \$150 for each camp.

For more information, call White at (734) 432-5783; or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail awhite@madonna.edu.



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Type O-negative blood donors needed

The supply of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels in recent days, as winter weather across the country has canceled blood drives and prevented potential donors from safely traveling to give blood. The Red Cross needs eligible donors with type O-negative blood to make a blood donation appointment now.

In Southeastern Michigan, approximately 100 pints of O-negative blood are used daily for patients at 43 area hospitals. Type O-negative blood is always in high demand because it is the universal type, and it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations. Since the beginning of December 2010 winter weather has negatively affected blood donations despite many donor recruitment efforts.

"While all blood types are needed on an ongoing basis, we urge those who know they are type O-negative to make and keep appointments to give blood as soon as possible," stated Dr. Bruce Newman, medical director of the American Red



The American Red Cross needs blood donors of every type, but especially Type O-negative.

Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "Your donation could help save the life of someone's child, mother, brother or friend. When you come to give, you help make everyday medical treatments possible."

Cancelled blood drives across the Midwest and Eastern parts of the country have caused a shortfall of more than

8,000 blood donations. In Southeastern Michigan alone since the beginning of last month, collections have been down more than 2,500 units.

The Red Cross is working to boost type O-negative donations by alerting current donors in their system through e-mails, phone calls and post cards. Donors of all types are needed year-round. Individuals who don't know their type can find out by giving blood.

In Michigan 16-year-olds are eligible to donate blood with parental consent. Information and the consent form for 16-year-old donors are available at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen>.

Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds based on height and in good health.

Blood donor centers are located at 36650 Five Mile in Livonia and at 31150 Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

To find out about blood drives and to schedule a donation appointment, call (800) REDCROSS (733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Study to develop test for pancreatic cancer

A clinical research study to develop a rapid and inexpensive blood screening test for the early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer has been launched by Henry Ford Health System and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The Sky Foundation, Inc., a local non-profit dedicated to raising awareness and money for the early detection of pancreatic cancer, is funding the study.

Henry Ford held a blood draw event Saturday to recruit some of the 300 patients needed for the study.

"Currently there is no available blood test for pancreatic cancer that is either sensitive or specific enough for early diagnosis," stated Dr. Ann Silverman, of the Henry Ford's Department of Gastroenterology, and lead study investigator for Henry Ford.

"The objective of this research study is to develop such a diagnostic test by identifying useful markers of cancer in the blood of high risk individuals and cancer patients."

According to the National Cancer Institute, 36,800 people died of pancreatic cancer annually and more than 43,000 new cases of the disease were diagnosed last year.

"Patients with pancreatic cancer usually lack signs and symptoms in the early course of the disease and even when malignancy is suspected, differential diagnosis between benign and malignant pancreatic disorders may be difficult with current methods," Silverman said. "Therefore, pancreatic cancer largely remains undetected and is often diagnosed at an advanced stage when surgical intervention is not possible."

Current diagnostic methods include CT scan, ultrasound, MRI, a needle biopsy or an endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) test that uses an ultrasound machine on the end of an endoscope that is inserted into the stomach to directly evaluate the pancreas and remove tissue or fluid to be tested for cancer. These tests are expensive and are not considered practical screening tests.

The study is being done in collaboration with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, where blood samples will undergo biomarker analysis. Researchers at Karmanos are leaders in the identification of circulation biomarkers for cancer in serum samples.

Participants must be at a high risk for pancreatic cancer or must have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer to be eligible for the study. Individuals are considered at high risk for pancreatic cancer if they have one or more family members with pancreatic cancer, have hereditary pancreatitis or BRCA 2 gene mutation.

Participation in the study requires a single blood draw for those at high risk for pancreatic cancer

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Grief recovery

A grief support series will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3-March 3,

at Washtenaw Medical Arts Building, 3075 Clark, Suite 200, Ypsilanti. Support group members will learn how grief affects them physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually and how to deal with difficult emotions. They'll receive and give support and learn how to take steps to reconcile with grief. To register call (734) 327-3224 or (734) 327-3409.

Baby Basics

Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. This class is designed for first time parents to learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. New parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. Participants should

bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. There will be a 45-minute lunch break during the class. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Ladies' Night

Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is

requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadowetroit.org.

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Patricia Lyden is praising her staff for earning the citation-free Certificate of Achievement from the Health Care Association of Michigan. The framed accomplishment will soon be hung in the lobby. Surveyors from the Michigan Department of Community Health showed up unannounced before Thanksgiving for the annual survey. Every nursing home is surveyed annually for licensing and certification. During the four days, six surveyors looked for infractions of federal and Michigan Public Health Code regulations used as guidelines for all aspects of resident care. Throughout the year Four Seasons' Quality Assurance Committee meets with the medical director to address concerns.

"It's not easy to get through the survey," said Lyden, Four Seasons' Administrator and an RN. "I'm very proud of the staff from admissions to maintenance, nursing to dietary. The surveyors get everybody involved in the survey process and are here 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., sometimes through the dinner hour, and meet with family and residents."

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Lyden recommends touring a facility when searching for a nursing home. Survey results are required to be posted at the reception desk.

"Ask to see survey reports, find out who the physicians are, look at which buildings in the area are available," said Lyden. "You make the choice. Don't let hospital staff make the decision. It's important for resident families to tour the nursing home and ask questions. Don't always rely on what you're reading on the Internet."

At the time the survey was conducted there were 153 residents at Four Seasons. Surveyors looked not only at the care received from physicians and staff, but if the facility was clean, comfortable and home-like.

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'Mother Superior' takes a humorous look at modern sin

 BY SHARON DARGAY
 O&E STAFF WRITER


Vickie Quade, playwright, will attend a Jan. 28 performance of "Put the Nuns in Charge!" at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

Vicki Quade will sit in a back pew and take notes next weekend at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

She'll make sure the jokes are fresh and that the audience is connecting with her one-woman comedy, *Put the Nuns in Charge!*, in which "Mother Superior," played by Manchester actress Breeda Miller, gives her take on the "Golden Rule."

"It's a play about modern sin, a look at modern behavior and bad behavior," said Quade, from Chicago, Ill., where she lives, writes and produces for the stage. Quade's *Late Night Catechism*, was her first in a series of nun-themed shows, and has been running since 1993 in Chicago. It featured a character much like the nuns who taught Quade in Catholic grade school.

"I had the old fashioned nuns, but in the middle of my education they turned into modern nuns. They had the option to switch out of their habits and a lot of them did. It was right around the seventh grade," Quade said. "I remember those nuns changing from their habits. It was the first time you could see their hair. It was like seeing them naked. You almost had to divert your eyes."

"*Put the Nuns in Charge!* features that more modern post-Vatican II nun. She's the youngest in the convent. They voted her to be Mother Superior," Quade said.

With an opinion on everything from "lipstick to the

penning plays, pays attention to their responses as she jots notes while watching selected performances.

Ticket-holders in the \$50 and \$75 seats at the Jan. 28 performance at St. Thomas a' Becket, also will get a chance to meet Quade and Miller. Unreserved seating costs \$20 and lesser-priced reserved seating is \$35.

FUND-RAISER

"We are thrilled to have her come out to the show. It is exciting for us," said Georgette Stubin, a member of the committee that organized the event. "A couple of years ago we put on *Late Night Catechism* and that was quite a success."

Put the Nuns in Charge! will raise funds to send members of the church youth group to Spain in August for the Catholic Church's World Youth Day. Half of the proceeds also will go to the St. Patrick food pantry in Detroit.

"When we throw something like this show, it's always in the form of a fundraiser. We've always had a partnership with St. Pat's, raising funds or holding a food drive," Stubin said. "We give back to the community in some way and we give to something in the parish. World Youth Day will be a pricey trip but a lot of people who went in the past called it life-changing."

Quade uses her shows to help make a difference in the lives of retired nuns by taking a collection at each performance. Donations given at St. Thomas a' Becket will go to the Dominican Sisters

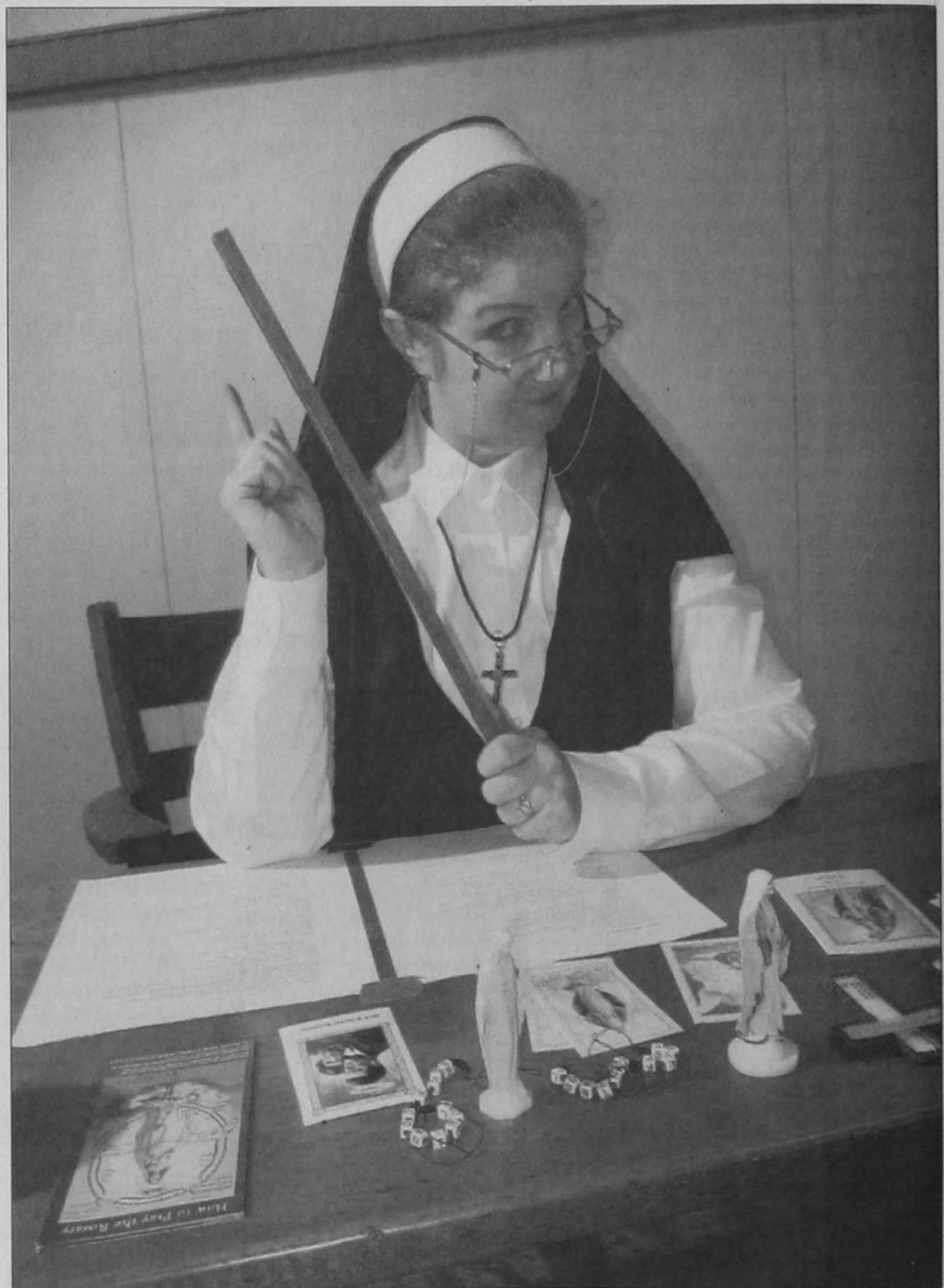
I-Pod in your pocket" Mother Superior has been preaching about the need for civility since the play opened in 2005 at the Royal George Theatre, in Chicago.

TOPICAL SHOW

Although the play's underlying message has remained the same, the comedy that describes anger, sloth, lust and the other deadly sins, has kept pace with current events and changes in life-style.

"It's a very topical script. A modern sin that we used to have when the show opened in '05 was coming to trial in your pajamas — sloth," Quade said, recalling a court appearance by the late pop singer, Michael Jackson. "After a year we had to change that. (Actor) Russell Crowe threw a telephone at someone — that was the sin of anger. Any time there's a good scandal that sticks, we're always happy when people bring that up."

The audience gets a chance to vent about modern sins and bad behavior during the interactive show. Quade, who worked as a journalist in Chicago for years before



Breeda Kelly Miller plays Mother Superior in "Put the Nuns in Charge," Jan. 28, at St. Thomas a' Becket, in Canton.

in Adrian.

"We ask them to use it for retirement needs," Quade said, adding that the recipients can spend the money on anything they want as long

as it benefits them. In the past, donations have bought a handicap-accessible van, purchased convent television sets and upgraded bathrooms.

She tells the sisters, "You can establish a Hagen Daz fund ... you can get Netflix ... we don't care. We want it to go to you. Do something nice for you."

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Rescue sets fund-raisers to offset vet bills

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue (GAAR) will hold a can and bottle drive in conjunction with its weekly adoption event, noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.

The Livonia-based animal rescue desperately needs funds to pay down a \$4,000 vet bill that accumulated because of an unusually high number of emergency rescues last month.

- Among them:
- 30 cats — many which needed to be treated for upper respiratory infection, mites and parasites — taken from a hoarding situation
 - An abandoned cat that appeared to have been burned had her tail amputated
 - A dog found starving at a bus stop in Detroit that has been nursed back to health
 - Animals rescued from abandoned buildings in Detroit suffering from frostbite and other medical problems

"We are slowing working away at this bill, it is less than \$4,000 at this time, but as fast as the animals come in it is hard to keep up," said Sandra Mezza of Westland, GAAR president. "If an animal needs medical care we provide it."

Members open their own wallets if needed to pay for vet visits. Or the group holds special fund-raisers such as the bottle drive and upcoming "Comedy for the Love of Animals" Feb. 14 at Joey's Comedy Club, 3602 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Similar to the group's first comedy fund-raiser held last fall, the Valentine's Day show will start at 8 p.m. and feature several stand-up comedians. Tickets are \$10 available at the door or by calling Mezza at (734) 788-6857.

"Guardian Angel is a great group of volunteers," Mezza said, "We pull together to get what needs to be done no matter how hard or expensive it may be. We have had a rough two years, helping with the



Some of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's volunteers help with an adoption event.



This dog, chained, subjected to cold weather and poor living conditions, could face frostbite, hypothermia and possibly death. Michigan Humane Society urges pet owners to take their animals inside during frigid weather.

Livingston County Animal Control, a very high kill shelter, the Detroit animals and all the calls on our hotline. But we all have faith and believe in our mission and all the people who support us."

This month the organization has rescued five cats and three dogs. It responds to rescue calls through its hotline, (734) 516-2171 and gives pet food to several families in Detroit that feed animals in abandoned

buildings.

"Food and litter alone cost us over \$1,000 a month."

GAAR's foster families have 18 dogs and 100 cats available for adoption.

"We also have many special need animals that are looking for forever, loving homes"

Mezza said the organization needs more foster families, especially someone who can foster puppies and/or pregnant dogs.



PET PROJECTS

GAAR also accepts donations at GAAR, P.O. Box 511309, Livonia, MI 48151 or by PayPal at www.gaarmichigan.org.

FROSTBITE WEATHER

With temperatures dropping into single digits at night, the Michigan Humane Society reminds dog owners to bring their furry companions inside. Even large, thick-coated dogs may be unable to withstand low temperatures.

According to MHS, a dog that is shivering, trying to curl up into a small tight ball, or attempting to dig a "bed" in the snow, is too cold to remain outdoors. If he is extremely cold to the touch or his paws, ears or tail tip have turned bright red, he may be showing signs of frostbite. Move the pet to a warmer area and contact your veterinarian immediately.

Other cold weather tips from MHS:

- Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so be sure to knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car to startle them and give them a chance to escape.
 - Increase the amount of food by 10-20 percent for dogs kept outside during the winter months. The extra calories are needed to help an animal to stay warm.
 - Regular access to clean, unfrozen water is critical. Check drinking water frequently to ensure that it is unfrozen.
- For more information, visit www.michiganhumane.org.



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Rusty is a reddish colored Greyhound and is a well-behaved boy. He's 2 years old and a real "head-turner."

For more information about Chica and Rusty, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption at (866) 438-4739 and visit the organization's Web site for more photos of the dogs. www.greyheart.org.



Rusty is 2 years old and behaves well.

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ACHIEVING A STRONG BACK

Patients with back pain have reason to ask their doctor for advice on exercises to help strengthen the lumbar or neck muscles.

Devising a technique to strengthen back muscles is difficult because of the interweaving and layering of these muscles. Most physicians take a different view. They ask the patient to consider the back as a "precious resource," a part of the body to preserve and use with care.

The first way to save strain on the back is by one's gait and posture. The proper way to stand and walk is to keep the ears even with the collar bone and the stomach even with the chest. This type of posture is what one sees in ballet dancers. The ability to balance a book on the head while walking depends on the same principle of walking.

The effect is to use abdominal pressure to maintain a straight posture rather than placing the responsibility and strain on back muscles.

The second way to reduce stress on the back is to bend down not over. When stooping down to pick up papers or small objects from the floor, one should bend at the knees and arise from the squatted position. Of course, when lifting heavy objects off the floor, one needs to lift using the calves and thighs, not the back.

The third way to spare the back is to sleep on the back rather than the stomach. Sleeping on the stomach puts strain on the lordotic curve of the lumbar spine with secondary stress on the longissimus and iliocostalis muscles.

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The drop-off time and day for exhibit consideration is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 28. Pure Art of Michigan runs from April 1-30.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. For more information, contact Nancy Pilon at (734) 455-4681 or e-mail to nanpilon@yahoo.com. Or call Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Belleville High School Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more

information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734) 595-4927 or Nancy at woonl@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki

Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

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Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

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JAN. 23-26

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 \$25 for families
Contact: (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16
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,

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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 discussion.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org
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 high-school 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 arrangement at childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org
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Widowed Friends
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

JAN. 27-FEB. 2

ENDOW
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, beginning Jan. 27, for 10 sessions
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 \$60
Contact: To register call (303) 715-3224 or visit www.endowonline.com; for facilitator Michele Schmidt, call (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to

mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net
Open house
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30
Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, between Beck and Ridge, Canton
Details: School open house
Contact: (734) 459-2490 or www.allsaintscs.com

FEB. 3-9

Dance
Time/Date: Doors open at 7 p.m., dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Feb. 5
Location: St. Robert Bellarmine, 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Monthly dance of Bethany Suburban West. Fred Coogan is the dance instructor from 7:15-8:15 p.m.; dance admission is \$10
Contact: Diane K. at (734) 261-5716

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Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

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Pat Krueger, a member of the Michigan Orchid Society, will talk about growing and caring for orchids at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club. It starts at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome.

FARMINGTON CLUB
David Sharpe, an avid supporter of preserving natural habitats, is the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Farmington Garden Club, noon, Monday, Feb. 7, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Guests are welcome. For more information call Joann at (248) 474-0866 or visit www.farmingtongardenclub.com

GARDEN TRIP
Party Animal Travel is accepting registration now for the The

Garden Club of Wayne County trip to the North American Flower and Garden Show, Friday, March 4 in Chicago, Ill. Cost is \$88 and includes motor-coach transportation, time for shopping and admission to the show, which will include garden displays, Master Gardeners and more than 100 informational booths. For more information call (734) 525-9777.

AT ENGLISH GARDENS
Learn to attract birds and wildlife to your yard through a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.
Youngsters also can choose between a pine cone or orange cup bird feeder in a Make it & Take it workshop at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29. Cost is \$5. Sign up online.
Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 11-01 670 S. Evergreen
Non-Use Variance Requested
Fence Height
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Joshua and Michelle Macy

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011 - 7:00 PM
(734) 453-1234

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:
ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION FOR:

Article IX, B-1 Local Business District and Article X, B-2 Central Business Districts and Article XI, B-3 General Business Districts Revisions

Restaurant/Bistro Use to Central Business District

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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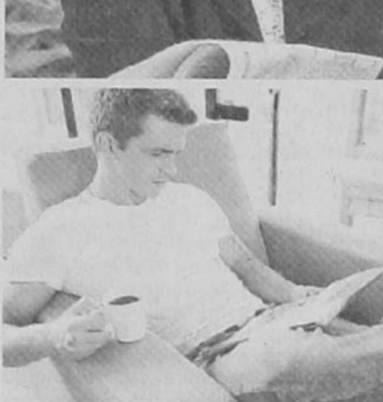
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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD BY-LAWS**

By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except the July meeting will be on the third Tuesday and there will be no meeting on the fourth Tuesday in February, July, November and December) at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

E. J. McClendon Educational Center
454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.

Service of the notice shall be by:

1. Delivering the notices to the members personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
2. Leaving the notice at the member's residence with a person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
3. Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Services as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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MILESTONES

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Walter "Bud" and Suzan (Turkman) Becker of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Jan. 21. The couple married in 1961 in New York, N.Y.

Walter has been retired from Ford Motor Company for 25 years and the couple has lived in the area for 50 years.

They have two children, Matt Becker and Melissa Nowak, and five grandchildren.



Walter and Suzan Becker of Livonia on their wedding day in 1961.

JUNE WEDDING

Jillian Sellers and Andrew Sergison announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ken and Patty Sellers of Brownstown, attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Her fiancé, son of Charlie and Denise Sergison of Livonia, attended Madonna University. He is employed by First Centennial Title Agency.

A June 2011 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Livonia.



Sellers-Sergison

OCTOBER WEDDING

Jessica Anne Petriches and Christopher Michael Latimer announce their engagement.

Jessica, the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Petriches of Redford, graduated from Redford Union High School in 2006 and currently attends Schoolcraft College part time while working full time.

Christopher is the son of Emmett Latimer of Grand Island, Fla., and Jan Hubert-Ward of Livonia. He graduated from Lutheran High School Westland in 1998 and currently attends Eastern Michigan University part time while working full time.



Petriches-Latimer

An October 2011 wedding is planned in Redford followed by a reception in Livonia.

MAY WEDDING

Dean Jabara of Plymouth announces the engagement of his daughter, Brooke, to Nicholas Hammons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammons of Dexter.

The bride-to-be graduated in 2001 from Plymouth Christian Academy and in 2006 from Madonna University. She is completing a second degree in veterinary technology from Wayne County Community College District and is interning at a local veterinary clinic.

Her fiancé graduated in 2002 from Ann Arbor Academy and currently serves in the United States Navy, where he works as an aviation machinist.

A May 2011 wedding is planned at Mill Race Village in Northville.



BETTY L. STEINKE

Age 89, formerly of Farmington, MI, more recently of Charlottesville, died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at her residence. She was born on December 7, 1921 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur Steinke, her parents Agnes Peekstok Rynbrand and Abraham Rynbrand, and her brothers Lee and Lawrence Rynbrand. Betty grew up in a loving family surrounded by many relatives. She was proud of her Dutch heritage. She graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in Medical Technology. Betty married Wilbur Steinke after WWII ended and moved to Farmington, Michigan. She was a charter member of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and was very active in the church through the years, serving as a deacon, elder, president of Presbyterian women and circle leader. She was also active in many committees. She tried to live a life of service to her church and community through activities. Betty delivered Meals on Wheels for 20 years and was an active member of AAUW. She made many friends in the Farmington community through the years. Betty moved to Charlottesville, Virginia in 2001 to be closer to her daughters. She enjoyed life at the Colonnades and Meadows Presbyterian Church, playing bridge, being active in women's circle and making many new friends. Betty felt that God had guided her in this life. She was very proud of her family and was thankful for her life on earth. Betty is survived by her children, Janet Ciarkowski and her husband Art, of Frederick, Maryland, Daniel Steinke and his wife Beth, of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, Carol Atchison and her husband Mike, of Charlottesville, Virginia and Pamela Steinke and her husband George Dowdle, of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; twelve grandchildren, Leigh Ciarkowski and her fiancé Jason Prieco, Claire, Arthur and Michael Ciarkowski, Hillary Caruso and her husband Joe, Heather Evans and husband Tom, Jeff Steinke, Chris Steinke, James Atchison and his wife Cheryl, Drew Atchison and his fiancée Jamie DiGiacomo, Casey and Erin Dowdle; and five great-grandchildren, Jack Caruso, Griffin Caruso, Lauren Kelly Caruso, Noah Thomas Evans and Elena Claire Atchison. She is also survived by nieces Joyce Parker, Marcia Swanson and nephew Donald Rynbrand. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Meadows Presbyterian Church with Pastor Tom Goodrich officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, 26165 Farmington Road, MI 48334 or to Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2200 Angus Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901. Friends may send condolences to the family at www.hillandwood.com.

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ANNA MAE FRASER

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

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



EDITH MAY (JOHNSON) BALMAN

Farmington Hills, MI - Edith Balman, 94, died January 18, 2011 at Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia, MI. She was born July 4, 1916 in Larned, Kansas and was a grade school teacher, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Edith is the beloved wife of the late Floyd for 64 years. Survivors include three children: Carolyn (Terry) Wik, Marshall (Gail) Balman, and Jo Lynn (Alan) Kinnely, three grandchildren: Lawrence (Jennifer) Wik, Kathryn (Gary) Kaczor, John (Abby Trauth) Wik, and six great-grandchildren, James, Aaron, Alissa, Sarah, Emma, and Andrew, and her sister, Evelyn Boettger. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, January 25th, 11 AM (in state 10 AM) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI 48336. Rev. Robert D. Brenner will officiate. Visitation Monday 2-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd). Private Burial will be in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 38, Farmington, MI 48332, or Angela Hospice. www.thayer-rock.com

FRANCIS GERARD "PAT" HOFFMAN

93, of Rock Hill, passed away December 6, 2010 at Piedmont Medical Center. A native of Farmington Hills, MI. Mr. Hoffman was born October 3, 1917 a son of the late Michael and Helen Zielinska Hoffman. He was a self-employed builder, a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Rock Hill and was a former member of Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic Church and a U.S. Army Air Forces veteran of W.W. II as a Technical Sergeant with the 146th AAF Base Unit. Mr. Hoffman was a lifetime member of the Groves-Walker Post 346 American Legion in Farmington Hills, MI where he served as Commander and was a member of the Y.M.C.A. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Norma Fuhr Hoffman and a brother Michael Hoffman. Surviving are his daughter Dr. Patricia Kostell and her husband George of Rock Hill; two grandchildren Sharon Kostell Braun and her husband Donald of Atlanta, GA; Patrick J. Kostell and wife Suzanne of Dallas, TX; four great grandchildren Eric and Madelyn Braun, David and Katherine Kostell. The family and friends visitation will be held from 9:00am until the hour of service in the Gathering Space at the entrance to St. Anne's Catholic Church, A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10:00am at St. Anne Catholic Church with Father Joseph Wahl officiating. Interment will follow at Rock Hill Memorial Gardens with Full Military Honors by The American Legion Frank Roach Post 34 Honor Guard. The family suggests that those who wish may make donations to The Oratory, PO Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731. Condolences can be emailed to the family online at www.basscauthenfuneralhome.com Bass-Cauthen Funeral Home is serving the family, 700 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC.

DANIEL RICHTER

Age 63, January 14, 2011. Only son of Bob (deceased) and Betty Richter of Plymouth. Dear brother of Jill Vernal of Plymouth and Nan Tribble (Dan) of Whitmore Lake. Loving father of Cammie Richter and Maryann Richter. Grandfather of Glynna, Chandler and Cherish. Uncle of Jenny, Amy and Darren. There will be a memorial service at the American Legion in St. Helen, Michigan on February 12 at 1pm.

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



HENRY (HANK) BURDICK O'NEAL

Passed away at age 72. He was known by his listeners as "Hank O'Neal" died at La Conte medical center near Pigeon Forge, Tennessee while vacationing with friends. A resident of Winter Haven, Florida; Hank died January 15th, 2011 from complications related to congestive heart failure. Hank was born September 13th, 1938 at Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan he joined the Marine and served for 3 years before being discharged. His career behind the microphone started in 1967 at WPGC, Washington DC followed by several radio stations in the Detroit area including WJBK, CKLW, WHND and WWW. His last stint on the air was in 1992 in Traverse City, Michigan at WCCW where he retired before moving to Winter Haven. Henry Hagamen Burdick is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Burdick) Bunch and granddaughter, Erica of Tulsa, Oklahoma; daughter, Jodi (Burdick) Collier of Paris, Texas; son, Scott Burdick of Auburn Hills, Michigan; son, Matthew Burdick of Waterford, Michigan; daughter, Jennifer (Burdick) Olson, grandson, Jacob and granddaughter, Isabel of Buckley, Michigan. He is also survived by sister Joanne Groves and brother Thomas Burdick. A memorial service is being planned for April 2011, near Traverse City, Michigan. Contact Jodi Collier for details at jodi.collier@rocketemail.com



MARIE J. GASTON

Of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away January 1, 2011, at home with her husband and sons by her side. Born March 3, 1956, in Evanston, Illinois, Marie was raised in Southfield attending Angling Road, Levey, and Southfield HS schools. Further studies took her to Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. A prolific artist specializing in fibre arts, she was active in Ann Arbor for 30 years. Her work has been available in boutiques and art shows. Her quilts can be seen at arbormap.com/quilts.htm Marie is survived by her husband, Kevin Duke, two sons, Carl, Rune, and Rune's fiancée, Xin Yuen; her mother, Doris Gaston, Southfield; brother, Peter (Robin) Gaston, nephew Spencer, niece Leila, Gloucester, MA; and uncle David (Deane) Gaston, Williamsburg, VA. A memorial service is planned for the coming Spring.

GENEVIEVE T. ROMAIN

Age 77, previously of Livonia, passed away Jan. 18, 2011. A funeral mass will be held Fri., 10am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, of Northville. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

JOAN PERRY SNYDER

Age 84, passed on January 11, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Robert; dear mother of Carol (William) Jarocha, Susan (Mike) Keller, and the late Robert Jr.; dearest grandmother of Stacey and Heather Jarocha, Amy, Jeffrey, Julie, and Tommy Keller and Ashley, Steven, Matthew, and Andrew Snyder; loving sister of Ray (Betty) Perry. Family will have a visitation Thursday 6pm until the time of their memorial service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



MARY E. (MANBY) SPEAR

Died December 22, 2010. Age 91. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Kenneth. Dear mother of Susan Giles, John (Ann) Spear, Martha Spear (Robert Holley), and Mary Ann (Dale) Burch. Loving grandmother of Kathy Giles Diaz, Mark Giles, Erin Spear, Andrew Spear, Kelley Burch, Ryan Gilpatrick and David Burch. Proud great grandmother to Norah, Elena, and Amaya. Mary was a native Detroit and a life-long resident of SE Michigan. She graduated from Wayne State University in 1940. She was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and many civic and women's organizations. She loved square dancing, travel, Bridge, and classical music. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Anne's Mead Assisted Living and Nursing Care, 16106 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076. The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to The [Presbyterian] Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48186. There will be a memorial service celebrating Mary's life on Saturday, January 29 at eleven a.m., at St. Anne's Mead (address above).



MICHAEL BARRIE SMITH

Age 70, passed away on December 27, 2010 in Boca Raton, FL. Born in Detroit, Michigan, son of William A. and Georgeina F. Smith. Michael graduated from Michigan State University where he was a member of Triangle Fraternity. He followed his father as President of the family companies, Machining Enterprises and Machining Industries. He was an active supporter of MSU and a member of Young Presidents Organization. He was also an active Board Member and instrumental in the building of Renaissance Unity Church in Warren, MI. In 1990 he left the company to study and received his Ministerial Ordination from Unity School of Christianity in 1992. He has served churches in Bremerton, Washington, Fort Lauderdale, and of recent, Miami, Florida. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Christopher Michael Smith. He is survived by his sister, Judith Crooks and husband, nephews William and Robert Clink, and nieces, Donna Studebaker and Nancy Miller and their families. A Memorial Celebration Service will be held at Renaissance Unity Church in Warren Michigan on February 5, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

JANICE I. RUDICK

January 14, 2011, age 61. Beloved daughter of Bernice L. Rudick and the late William A. Rudick. Dear sister of Frances (Gary) Dunbar, Darlene (Michael) Ciarocchi 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: www.schrader-howell.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.

ROBERT W. MARTEN

Age 85, January 19, 2011. Beloved and cherished husband of Elaine. Dearest father of Patricia (Joseph) Kolet, and the late Robert H. Dearest father in law of Margaret. Loving grandfather of 6, and great grandfather of 3. Dear brother of Delberta Bridgeman and Diana Bridgeman. Dear son in law of Aldo and Ernestine Franco. Dear brother in law of Carol (Michael) Rourk, Linda (John) Clark, and Robert Franco. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Mr. Marten retired from the VA Medical Center in Detroit as the Director of Pharmacy Services. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-9pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Rosary Sunday 7:00pm. In State Monday 10:00 am until time of Service 10:30 am at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the U.S. Navy Memorial Fund, or St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

WILLIAM J. HUNTER

Age 93, died January 15, 2011. Services will be held 2 PM Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford. Those desiring may make contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund at Canterbury on the Lake. William was born September 11, 1917 in Detroit, the son of Ralph C. and Beatrice (Busby) Hunter. Mr. Hunter was a graduate of Detroit Public School and attended Wayne State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was married to Helen Curtis in 1946. Mr. Hunter lived in Birmingham most of his life. He worked at a manufacturers representative. He was a community activist, a life member of Ferndale Rotary Club, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Birmingham Senior Mens Club and Birmingham Masonic Temple. Surviving are: children, John Curtis Hunter, Judith Hunter, Barbara (John) Hunter-Fox; grandchildren, Jennifer (David) Hoogenes, Desiree (Sean) Metcalfe, Jeremy (Lauren) Deuel, Katie Fox, Amy Usher; great-grandchildren, Emily, Brie, Evie and Davis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; sister-in-law, Catherine Derr; brother-in-law, William J. Derr; sister, Katherine Hart; brother, Donald Hunter; son-in-law, Gary Mangrum. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Natalie Lynn Johns

NATALIE LYNN JOHNS

Natalie Lynn Johns was born Dec. 4, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Proud parents are Nate and Shelley Johns of Plymouth. Grandparents are Tom and Randa Williams of Plymouth and Carl and Elaine Johns of Ann Arbor.



Logan Edward Hansen

FIRST BABY OF 2011

Logan Edward Hansen was the first baby born in 2011 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. He was born at 2:10 a.m. Jan. 1.

Logan weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces at birth and measured 20 inches long.

His parents are Dan and Megan Hansen of Livonia.

Grandparents are Terri L. Luter and Bob Maddaford of Northville and Rick and Dara Hansen of Livonia.

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Go big for the big game

Kick off your Super Bowl party right

Classic commercials, historic plays and close company are all quintessential elements to the perfect game-day get-together. The biggest obstacle for many Super Bowl shindigs is how to best tackle the menu. Ideal dishes need to be finger-friendly, universally appealing and well suited to feeding hungry groups. Here are six vital tips for sidelining game day stress, as well as a sumptuous all-American recipe guaranteed to be the MVP of your party planning playbook:

Game Plan Greatness: Plan ahead and prepare as much of the food as possible before the blitzing begins, so you don't have to miss any of the pre-game fun shut-out in the kitchen.

Supe-up Team Spirit: Use colorful team jerseys, posters and pennants to create a festive field of decorations. Build a little friendly rivalry by decorating one side of the room for each team, or line table tops with green turf in place of coasters and table clothes.

Stock Your Roster With Reserves: Game day parties bring hungry crowds, so when planning for food quan-

ties, think big to avoid a grocery store rush at fourth quarter. In addition to your starting line-up of dishes, you may also want to consider preparing items that you don't bring out until half-time.

Avoid Penalties, Safety First: Make sure to offer a variety of "mocktails" (non-alcoholic beverages) for kids and designated drivers.

Be Replay Ready: Set up your digital video recorder (DVR) the night before the Big Game so you can be sure to capture close calls and commercials for a second look or laugh.

Simplify the Sideline Set-up: To save time and money, choose shareable favorites like pitchers and punches (rather than complicated cocktails) and bowl dips and finger foods like this hearty Cheeseburger Bowl Dip, provided courtesy of King's Hawaiian Bakery:

CHEESEBURGER BOWL DIP

Makes 8-10 servings

- 2 16-ounce loaves King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Bread
- 1 pound ground beef, cooked and drained
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 24 ounces American processed cheese
- 7 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1 cup peeled cooked tomatoes, diced
- ¼ cup red onion, chopped
- ½ cup hamburger dill slices, chopped
- Thousand Island salad dressing
- Carve out center core of bread within two inches of bottom and sides, keeping bread intact.
- Cut reserved bread and other loaf into 1-inch cubes for dipping.
- Cook ground beef, season with seasoning salt and pepper to taste.
- Cut American cheese into chunks and add to cooked beef and stir until melted.
- Add crumbled bacon and diced tomatoes, stir to mix well.
- Spoon warm mixture into carved bread bowl.
- Top with red onion and pickles (to taste).
- Drizzle with Thousand Island dressing (if desired).
- **Options:**
 - Ground turkey can be substituted for ground beef.
 - Bowl dip mixture can be spooned onto King's Hawaiian rolls for a group meal alternative.

For more bowl dip recipes, visit www.kingshawaiian.com/recipes.

- Courtesy Family Features

MINI MEATBALL HAMBURGERS

Makes 26 appetizers

- 26 frozen Casa Di Bertacchi fully cooked meatballs (1 pound)
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3 tablespoons Dijon honey mustard
- 26 2-inch rolls, sliced in half horizontally
- 1½ cups sweet pickle relish
- Preheat oven to 400°F.
- Place meatballs in 8 x 8 or 9 x 9-inch pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until thoroughly heated.
- In a small bowl, combine ketchup and mustard. Place a heaping teaspoon of ketchup mixture on the bottom of roll.
- Place a meatball on top. Follow with a rounded teaspoon of pickle relish. Place top half of roll over top. Repeat for remaining meatballs and rolls. Serve immediately on a large platter.
- Cheeseburger Variation: Place a small slice of cheddar cheese over each meatball.

BBQ NACHOS

Serves 4

Byron's BBQ

- 1 cup shredded Monterrey Jack cheese
- ½ cup red onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- Tortilla chips



Mini Meatball Hamburgers

Whole kernel corn
Sliced jalapeño
Fresh guacamole
Sour cream

On a large oven safe serving plate, arrange a layer of tortilla chips; top with BBQ. Sprinkle with cheese, onions, bell peppers, diced tomato and black beans. Heat in microwave (or in oven) until cheese is melted. Garnish with whole kernel corn, sliced jalapeño, fresh guacamole, and sour cream.

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Résumé 101

Kate Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com Editor

There are many rites of passage in every young person's life. Getting your driver's license, graduation day and turning 21 are just a few. But another rite of passage can be even more important to your future -- writing your first résumé. While it's not as exciting as learning to drive, creating your first résumé is a vital step in launching your career. The process may seem daunting. You have to put all of your best qualities on paper, make yourself look more attractive than the next person and completely sell yourself, all on one sheet of paper. "You have only a few seconds to snag the employer's attention," writes Seattle-based career coach Robin Ryan in *Winning Résumés*, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.). "You must sell the employer within 15 seconds of looking at your résumé, or you'll lose the job." Here are seven tips to help you catch an employer's attention.

1. Start with the basics.

It sounds obvious, but your résumé must include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Be mindful of the address you include. College students, in particular, tend to move often, so include a permanent address, such as your parent's address. Take care with your e-mail address too. "Make your user ID related to your name, not any nickname attributions," Ryan says. If you want to appear professional to an employer, a user ID like

"sexylegs2000" will not work. If your personal e-mail address is not appropriate, set up a new account just for job searches.

2. Include an objective and summary of skills.

These sections come right after your personal information and, for a first-time job seeker, should be concise. For example: Objective: Editing Position
Summary of Skills: Excellent writer proficient in copy editing and familiar with AP style. Extremely organized, with ample experience meeting deadlines and working in high-pressure situations. Your "summary of skills" should highlight experiences and qualifications that the employer is seeking. Remember, Ryan says, "a résumé is not about what you want. It's about what you offer an employer."

3. Choose the right résumé style.

There are three basic types of résumés: chronological, functional and combination. Chronological résumés focus on work experience, and list professional experience in order from most to least recent. Functional résumés concentrate more on skills. A combination style works well for first-time job seekers.

You can point out professional experience, but also draw more attention to your skills, since your work experience is probably limited. Ryan suggests that first-time résumé writers divide their résumé into these categories: work experience, academic experience and community service/extracurricular experience.

4. Brainstorm your experience and skills.

While you may be struggling to think of pertinent work experience, Ryan says that you have more than you realize. For example, if you have worked in a retail operation, your skills and qualifications include customer service skills, dependability, accountability, the ability to work as a part of a team and experience in managing money. Were you a full-time summer babysitter? This means you coordinated schedules, handled finances, and were extremely responsible. Many skills learned in part-time positions are quite relevant to the corporate world. Don't underestimate the skills you have gained.

5. Your academic and volunteer experience is relevant.

Don't think that your schooling means nothing to an employer. Your

computer skills will be particularly attractive and should be highlighted. You can also demonstrate your aptitude and strengths by project-specific examples of class work you have done. For example, if you were a journalism major in college, tell the employer about major articles you wrote and the legwork you did to complete those projects. Also consider your volunteer and extracurricular experience. If you held an officer position in a club or fraternity/sorority, were an athlete, volunteered or took a leadership role in any other extracurricular organization, you have valuable experience to list.

6. Know the cardinal rules of résumé writing.

First, use strong action verbs and leave out the word "I." Words like created, developed, organized, motivated, and produced all say much more than "did." Next, remember that your résumé should be one page only -- no exceptions. And, finally, never send a résumé without proper proofreading.

7. Never, ever lie.

So you were just two courses short of your college degree and think the company won't figure out that you didn't actually get it? Think again. If you lie on your résumé, you will be caught. Don't misrepresent your past -- it will come back to haunt you.

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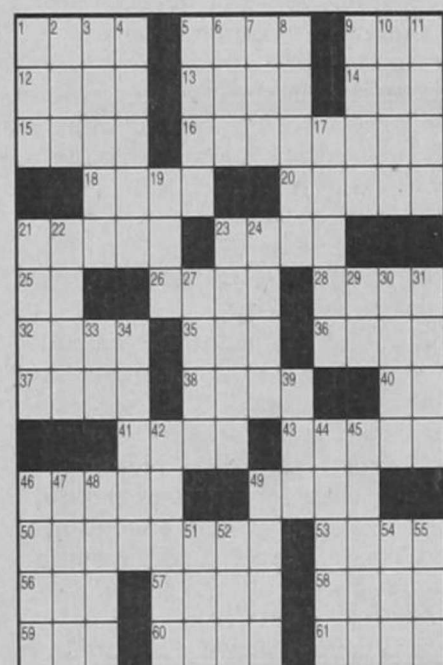
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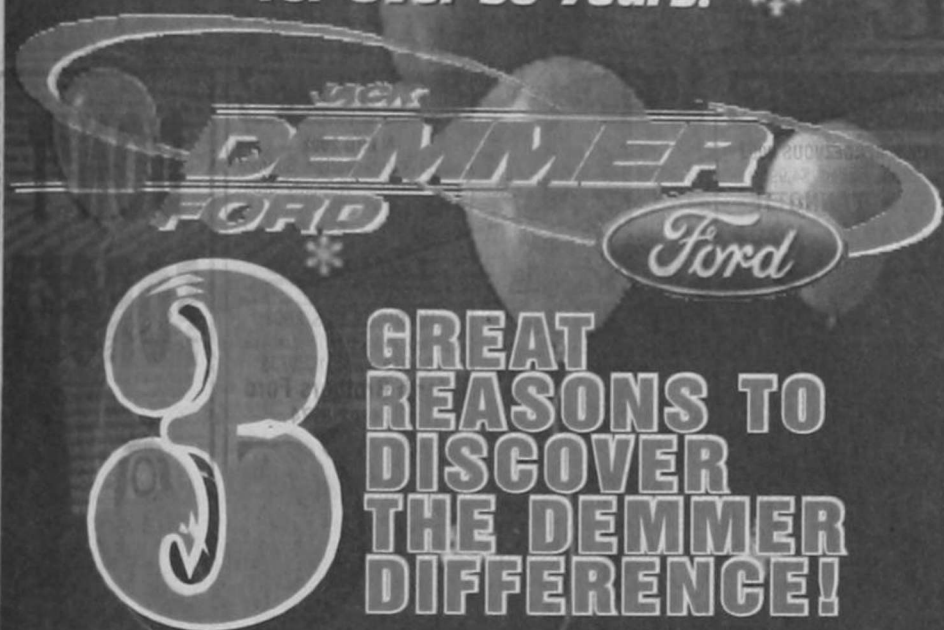
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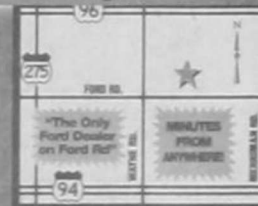
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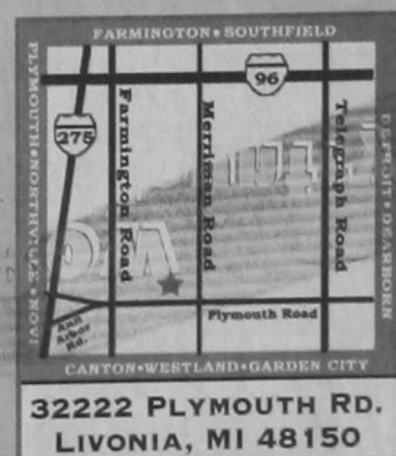
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