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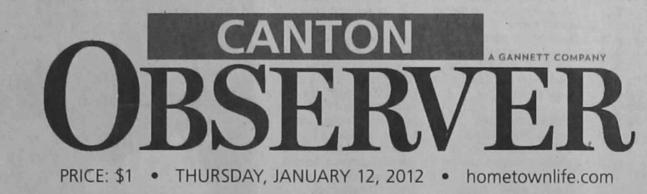
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# Book ban draws huge board crowd

#### **By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer**

When Plymouth-Canton Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes decided last month to remove Graham Swift's Waterland from the curriculum at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the decision was made after a complaint by one parent.

Toni Morrison's Beloved was likewise placed on the review list due to parental complaints.

So far, no one has really asked the students what they think, and Jessie Long, who is currently taking the AP English class in which those books are used,

told a crowded Board of Education meeting Tuesday night that should change.

"There are a lot of parents here, but maybe you should ask the students," Long said. She was among more than 100

people who filled not only the board meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, but also spilled into the hallways and peeked around door jams to get a look at the proceedings. Some were there to protest the use of the books, which detractors say contain what they call "pornographic" material. But a good number were also on hand to protest the banning of Water-

land and the potential removal of Beloved, which faced the review committee Wednesday (the results of that meeting weren't available at press time).

#### **Content question**

The charge against both books is being spearheaded by a group of parents led by Matt Dame, who ran for the school board last year and lost, and his wife, Barb, who believe both books should be banned because they contain sexual content inappropriate for high school students.

It was Barb Dame's complaint that led Hughes to initially ban Waterland, before relenting to

pressure applied by others for not using the district's process for such reviews and agreeing to put Waterland before the committee.

Matt Dame said pulling Waterland was the right decision, as was placing Beloved up for review. He said neither book was approved under district pol-

He pointed out that the objectionable parts of Waterland had, in the past, been omitted by an "inappropriate" label, but that the practice was not done with the newest texts.

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## How she rolls



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Canton takes Ford Road fight to governor

> By Darrell Clem **Observer Staff Writer**

Refusing to halt their fight for funding to reshape the traffic-clogged I-275/ Ford Road area, Canton officials made a renewed pitch Monday during talks with Gov. Rick Snyder and his legislative aides.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, spent a 30-minute session in Snyder's Lansing office amid hopes of amassing key support for a solution to Ford Road traffic woes that make it one of the state's most accident-plagued thoroughfares.

Colbeck arranged the meeting, also attended by Dick Posthumus, the gov-

native composer Andre Myers at its chamber concert Sunday, Jan. 15, at St. John's in Plymouth.

The premier of Myers' new work, Changes, will be performed as part of a concert of chamber works by the Philharmonic called "Miniature Masterpieces" at 2 p.m. at St. John's Chapel at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students and are available by calling (734) 451-2112 or online atmichiganphil.org.

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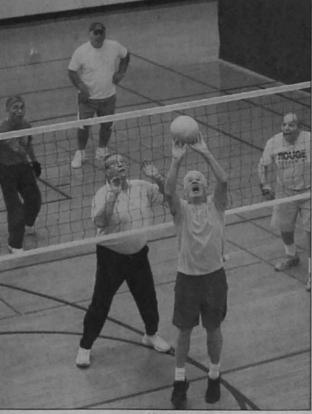
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Plymouth Township resident Lauren Halpin worked the Lincoln exhibit at the North American International Auto Show Tuesday. Halpin is a Plymouth High School grad and a senior at Madonna University in Livonia. For more stories and photos on the show, see pages A8 and B4.

# Canton kicks off 10th health season



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A late morning volleyball game draws a crowd of participants.

**By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer** 

After shedding 15 pounds since last January, retiree Melva Parks has good reason to return for a second time to Canton's 100 Days to Health.

"It helped me to lose weight," Parks, 72, said, smiling as she stood inside Canton's premier fitness center, Summit on the Park. "It started me using the walking track here, and now I use it all the time."

Parks also has embraced African and Latin dance-inspired exercise routines called Zumba, and she wants to use Canton's new 100 Days to Health to learn healthier cooking and maybe even a little yoga.

More than 1,000 people are expected to join the program and shrug off unhealthy habits that are so last year, so forgotten, as they vow to live better in 2012.

Milestone year Canton's 100 Days to Health kicks off its milestone 10th season from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, inside the Summit with a flurry of exercise programs, fitness instruc-

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ernor's senior adviser; Darin Ackerman, Snyder's legislative affairs aide; Kirk Steudle, the Michigan Department of Transportation director; and Kelly Bartlett, MDOT's governmental affairs office director.

"We're going to keep pushing until we get this across the finish line," Colbeck said.

#### **Hopeful talk**

Colbeck and LaJoy appeared optimistic that Snyder and his aides had a clear understanding of I-275/Ford Road traffic problems and a possible solution that already has drawn bipartisan support.

"We've got an issue here without (political) division," Colbeck said. "We have overwhelming bipartisan support. It's going to come down to how to pay for it. I feel much more confident of where we are (after Monday's talks). The problem is funding."

Three efforts have been made - and rejected - to secure \$20.3 million from a federal program dubbed TIGER, or **Transportation Investment Generating** Economic Recovery. TIGER has allocated money across the nation to spur jobs and pay for road projects.

Canton and MDOT officials have indicated they will continue to seek any federal money that might be up for grabs, possibly even a fourth round of TIGER grants.

#### **Project push**

Yet, Monday's talks with Snyder, his legislative aides and high-ranking MDOT officials underscored a shift

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"The way I see it ... the language is obscene," said Dame, who took his complaint to the review committee Wednesday. "I think parents should have the right to choose what's right for their kids to read. We think (teachers) will be picking relatively safe (books) to begin with, then we find out this stuff is in it."

#### Porn or proper?

"Why aren't teachers forthright?" he asked. "Why not say, 'Here are some excerpts?' I think parents need to know up front. I don't need my kids to read that."

Several others disagreed. Steve Barnaby, a former journalist whose son is a Plymouth-Canton graduate, cautioned the board that resorting to eliminating books could be a step down a slippery slope.

"Taking the book out of the classroom really violates trust and divides the community," Barnaby said. "Banning books should be the exception and not the rule. It's a very dangerous precedent to set."

Many students, past and present, seem to agree. Samantha Oliver of Canton, a 2008 graduate who studied in the AP English program, she said she found *Waterland* a "challenging, enriching (book) that greatly contributed to my education." The sexual passages are "not the main focus" of the book, she said, instead calling them "plot devices to advance broader themes."

She said the material isn't anything juniors and seniors in high school haven't encountered in other venues.

"AP English classes are comprised mostly of juniors and seniors who will soon be leaving the safe halls of PCEP to enter the 'real world," Oliver said.

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"They are young adults who deserve the right to make their own decisions about what they do or do not read. Students have a right to excuse themselves from material they find offensive. Mr. Hughes should not be allowed to deprive other students of educational opportunities based on his and a single parent's opinion."

#### First complaint

Salem High School English teacher Gretchen Miller has been using *Waterland*, in the AP class she's been teaching for two years, without ever hearing a complaint.

"The book is beautiful," Miller said. "It's very scholarly, it fits into our themes of reaction to trauma and post-modernism and new historicism beautifully."

Miller admits the book is "difficult," and knows the content is more mature than most high school material. But, she points out, the class is listed as an advanced placement class, and the syllabus points out it's a college-level course with material that is "more mature and provocative."

"It should be a course that's selected by people whose kids are ready for that," Miller said shortly after Hughes banned *Waterland.* "There aren't a lot of books that teach post-modern narrative structure, and this is great because it's a teacher describing the theory to his students. It's a great teaching tool."

Giving parents a list of books isn't enough, according to Dame. "Because you get sent

a list of these books ... we as parents had no idea this kind of subject matter would be given to kids at the high school level, AP English or not," Dame said. "The onus should not be on the parents."

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# Barrett picked to lead school board

#### By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Following a tumultuous year that featured a fracture among the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members, the new board put together a harmonious night while taking care of its first order of business: Electing the leaders who will press on with the issues facing the district.

In the first of four unanimous votes for board offices, first-time board member John Barrett was elected president. Barrett, who gave up his seat on the Plymouth City Commission to run for school board, said the election caught him by surprise.

"I feel honored," said Barrett, who spent more than 40 years in education. "It's going to be a major task looking at all the issues we'll face. But I was in public education for 42 years, and on the city commission, so I'm used to public service."



Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members Mark Horvath, Barry Simescu and Judy Mardigian get to work at the board's first meeting Tuesday. Simescu was elected treasurer, while Mardigian was elected secretary.

Barrett acknowledged the previous board had developed a reputation for being unable to work together, something the new board has worked on since the November election. He said a December seminar at Schoolcraft College, and subsequent conversations among board members, gave them "a great chance to talk about the situation."

"That has been a major

topic for all of us, how do we move forward and put all that behind us?" Barrett said. "That's the goal of all of us. Right now, we're all on the same page."

In the other unanimous votes, Adrienne Davis, who had been secretary on last year's board, was named vice president. Judy Mardigian, who had been the treasurer, was named secretary and Barry Simescu, a former vice president, was elected treasurer.

Davis said the vice president's position is something she's ready to assume in her third year on the board.

"It's actually something I sought out over a year ago," she said. "Board development is an area I've honed in on for two years. ... I think as vice president I can play an active role in that. Developing roles is something I could work on with the president."

Simescu, a former vice president some had thought might be in line to lead the board, nominated Barrett and said he thought the former city commissioner would "do a great job."

"He's got a nice manner, he's calm under pressure," Simescu said of Barrett. "I think he's very intelligent and motivated, and he'll do a great job."

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Taj rolls out open house for campaign office

#### By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

U.S. House candidate Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton Democrat who hopes to unseat 11th District Republican incumbent Thaddeus McCotter, has announced an open house to celebrate the formal opening of his campaign office in Novi.

Taj has issued a no-cost invitation to the event, scheduled for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at his campaign headquarters, 24293 Novi Road, at the corner of Novi and Ten Mile roads.

Taj, who hopes to topple McCotter after forgoing a



Novi because it is centrally located in the 11th district.

"I wanted the office to be as close to the center of the new 11th District as possible," Taj said in a statement.

Taj announced late last year his intention to seek the U.S. House seat. McCotter, who dropped

his one-time presiden-

tial campaign, has continued his criticism of President Barack Obama, saying Obama has failed to do enough to reduce the unemployment rate.

McCotter, who had opened a Plymouth campaign office before dropping out of the presidential race, issued an earlier statement saying that "only by reducing government's tightening grip on regulations and allowing the entrepreneurial spirit which helped build our great nation to flourish will we be able to get our friends, neighbors and loved ones back to work." Taj, however, has

blamed McCotter and others in Congress for fostering many of the nation's problems. Taj said he believes he has a chance to unseat McCotter.

"This is the year of antiincumbency," Taj told the Observer. "The people are fed up with what I call the paralysis of the Congress. It's a do-nothing Congress."

Taj said he expects to draw support not only from Democrats, but also independent voters and moderate Republicans. Taj's website is www.

tajforcongress.com. McCotter's is www. mccotter2012.com.



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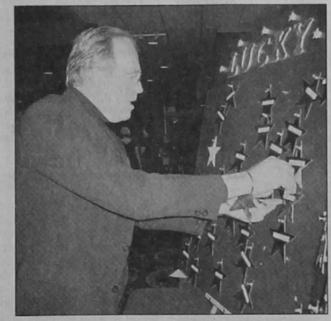
# **Event promises retro Hollywood evening**

First-run movies, a cocktail reception and a strolling dinner are in store for Canton Community Foundation guests who attend the fourth annual Magical Night with the Stars, coming Jan. 29 to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

The retro Hollywood celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Emagine Theatre, southeast of Ford and Lotz, in Canton. Guests will enter the event with a walk on a Hollywood-style red carpet.

"We had a sell-out crowd at last year's Magical Night event and we are hoping for the same this year," CCF President Joan Noricks. "Guests will be entertained by the retro Hollywood theme. **Emagine Canton makes** this night very special for the foundation and its guests.'

While guests enjoy the atmosphere, food and



Jim Demmer takes his chance with the 'Name the Star' raffle game at Magical Night of the Stars last year.

camaraderie, the purpose of the celebration is to benefit the 34-yearold Gleaners and the area food pantries it supplies with food.

"This is such an important event for us and for the food pantries, especially when the economy has created such a need for struggling families," Noricks said. "Our local **Open Door Ministry food** pantry (on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue) typi-

for a public hearing on

LaJoy said Snyder's

support could become

crucial if local officials

ever need him to sign a

bill related to I-275/Ford.

Since the Senate pan-

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Transportation Commit-

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resolutions supporting

efforts to reshape the I-

MDOT also has start-

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study of the project area,

while the Southeast Mich-

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project by placing it on

a revised priority list for

transportation projects.

Colbeck, meanwhile,

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cally serves 1,300 people each week.'

Gleaners, which supplies more than 500 area food banks including Open Door, has been the beneficiary of the Magical Night since the event's beginning. Over the years CCF has provided some \$20,000 to help the large food bank support smaller, local distribution centers.

While helping Gleaners, guests will be treated to some fun activities, including a retro photo booth that provides a strip of at least four photographs for those who choose to pull the curtain and take a seat. A "Name the Star" raffle - first introduced at last year's event - will entertain guests on Hollywood's who's who.

"Last year, 'Name the Star' really got a lot of attention," Noricks said. "This year, we will have a lot more stars for our guests to choose from

has made a pitch for the project to the Senate Appropriations Committee. He serves on a transportation subcommittee.

Local officials have said traffic congestion has only worsened during the last decade, when Canton's population spiked 18.1 percent to 90,173. They also have underscored the regional significance for communities such as Westland and Plymouth Township, among others.

As the scramble to find project funding continues, local officials vowed the fight will continue. "We're not going to give up," LaJoy said.

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and more chances to win a prize.'

Guests will be treated to the gourmet dinner with a variety of food stations, followed by a dessert bar for sweet tooths. This year, CCF will introduce a special non-alcoholic drink. At about 8:15 p.m. guests will begin making their way to the first-run movie of their choice to complete the

evening.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include dinner, dessert, beverages, popcorn, entertainment and a movie. Sponsorships are available for the event. To reserve tickets, please regis-ter on CCF's website at www.cantonfoundation. org. For more information, contact CCF at (734) 495-1200.

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toward Lansing as Canton officials push to get the I-275/Ford project listed as a high state priority.

Colbeck and LaJoy said Snyder has had his share of Ford Road travels.

"We had a real good meeting," LaJoy said. "I think this was absolutely another step in the right direction. I think he listened. He knows Ford Road, and he seemed to understand the problems.

LaJoy, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas and others, armed with studies showing high traffic volumes and numerous crashes along Ford Road near I-275,

have for a decade sought a solution.

One regional study has indicated traffic congestion could be eased by building two new ramps, or slips, allowing drivers exiting southbound I-275 to access Haggerty Road in either direction without using Ford Road. The same study has suggested a service drive along the east side of the interstate, from Cherry Hill north past Ford Road.

#### Support crucial

On Monday, LaJoy and Colbeck gave Snyder and other officials a shorter version of an elaborate presentation that occurred in November, when the Michigan Senate Transportation Committee came to Canton

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tors and Oakwood Healthcare System employees offering health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose, or blood sugar, levels.

Canton's 100 Days to Health started a decade ago with some 300 participants and has grown to more than 1,000 a year.

"It's a way for people to kick-start their fitness program," said Kathy McCarthy, Canton Leisure Services health and wellness coordinator.

Organizers say 100 Days to Health is a perfect way for families or single people to greet a new year with a new attitude, whether they're learning Tai Chi, Zumba, weight training, healthy cooking, kettlebell exercises, seated Pilates or even belly-dancing.

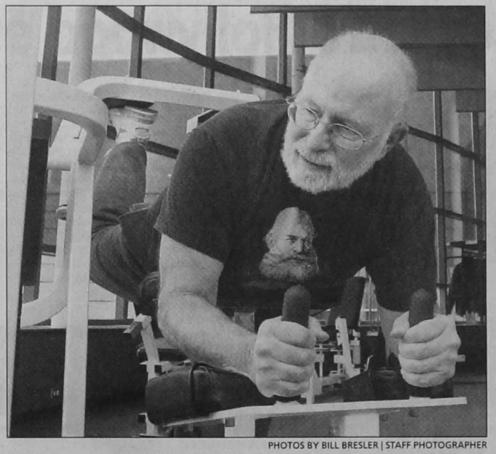
#### Worth the price

It costs just \$15 for Canton adults 16 and older, \$25 for non-residents. All youngsters ages 4 and older pay just \$5; the event is free for younger children.

Register by visiting www.cantonfun.org, the Summit's front desk or by showing up at Saturday's kickoff event. A 100 Days to Fitness hotline is available at (734) 394-5496.

Participants can enjoy any classes or events on the 100 Days calendar, available at www.cantonfun.org, Canton recreation specialist Jeanette Williams said.

Organizers only ask that participants register in advance for classes and other offerings to help provide a count. Moreover, 100 Days participants get five free visits to the Summit any day they choose, and children 3 months to 9 years old get four Summit-based



Martin Reese works out on the glute machine.



Bob Garrett places 185 pounds of weight back on the rack of the inclined bench.

Kids Corner visits, Williams said.

Also, those who lag behind getting their 2012 health routines started needn't worry. They can join 100 Days to Health anytime as it continues through April 21.

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#### **Popular program**

McCarthy said other activities will include non-Summit outings such as a family soccer night at High Velocity Sports and a family ice skating night at the Arctic Edge. Both facilities are on

Michigan Avenue.

Canton Leisure Services also will partner with the Canton Public Library for belly-dancing and Zumba classes.

Separate cooking classes for teens and adults with local Chef Paul make several appearances during 100 Days to Health.

"Those are always popular," Williams said.

Melva Parks, meanwhile, seemed eager for her second round of 100 Days to Health. The 15 pounds of weight she lost during the last year inspired her to want to lose more, and she's confident she has found a program to keep her motivated.

"It's a great program," she said.

The 95,000-square-foot Summit opened in 1996 and has about 5,000 members. It is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center.

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CRIME WATCH

#### Mustang found

A yellow 1999 Ford Mustang convertible belonging to a slain Romulus man was found Sunday morning by Canton police in the Walmart parking lot on Ford Road east of Lotz.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said local authorities made their finding known to Romulus police, who are investigating the death of 57-year-old Frank Jones.

Jones, who apparently died from blunt force trauma, was found Saturday in his home, with a plastic bag over his head and his hands tied behind his back. Schreiner said the finding of Jones' car was the only known to Canton.

#### Interpol interaction

A traffic stop by Canton police led them to a man who was wanted in Albania for a fraud charge.

The incident happened about 1 a.m. Jan. 3 when police noticed a Pontiac Grand Am make an improper turn at a red light at Haggerty and Warren.

Canton police contacted Interpol, an international law-enforcement agency, which advised local authorities to gather information on the man and to release him. The 41-year-old man had been staying in Sterling Heights and working for FedEx in Toledo.

#### Wrong spot

An intoxicated man apparently was trying to force his way into a wrong home in the 1900 block of Roundtable Drive, southwest of Palmer and Lilley, about 1:20 a.m. Jan. 5

Canton police went to the home following reports of a breaking and entering. By then, the man had fled to another house, where he was later questioned.

The 25-year-old suspect had been banging on and kicking the door of a home where occupants said he didn't belong. He was advised he was at the wrong house and to get off the porch.

The suspect finally got into the house but an occupant pushed him back out and held the door until police arrived. He was taken into custody for malicious destruction of property, unlawful entry and being disorderly.

#### **Cocaine bust**

Police arrested a pair for having cocaine after stopping a vehicle in which a passenger was not wearing a seatbelt.

The incident happened Jan. 8 at Joy and Brookepark, west of I-275, and involved a female driver and a male passenger.

Police said the driver didn't have identification. Police also smelled what appeared to have been marijuana.

However, a subsequent search of the vehicle revealed small baggies containing cocaine and a black digital scale, the kind that can be used to weigh drugs before they are sold.

Police took the woman, 22, and man, 23, into custody.

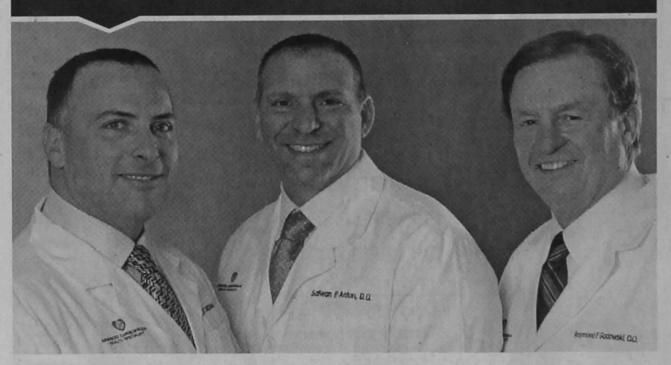
#### **Driver dispute**

A dispute between two drivers had been forwarded to local prosecutors for review after Canton police investigated the incident that occurred just before 7 p.m. Jan. 6 in the area of Canton Center and Glengarry.

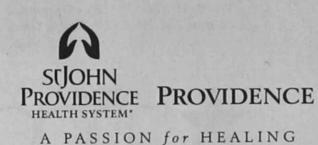
Police received a report of a white Ford truck cutting off another driver. The Ford driver told police he had left a hospital and was southbound on Canton Center when he tried to make a lane change, prompting the other driver to honk the horn.

The Ford driver said the other motorist continued to trail him, so he kept driving until police stopped him. He said no road rage gestures had been made during the incident, though the complaining motorist claimed to have been cut off three times by the Ford truck.

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Canton police confiscated a counterfeit \$50 bill that a man, supposedly unknowingly, tried to spend at the Speedway gas station on Ford Road at Canton Center.

The incident happened shortly before 6 p.m. Jan. 3.

A clerk told police the man came in with a \$50 bill and tried to use it. He told the clerk he was going to get \$10 in gas and wanted the rest in change.

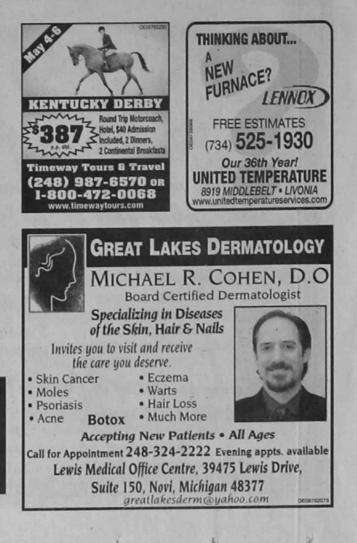
When the clerk declined to turn on the gas pump, the man returned to ask why. The clerk told him the \$50 bill was counterfeit.

When police came, the man told police he had earlier eaten at a restaurant and paid with a \$100 bill, for which he received change. He said he didn't know the \$50 bill was counterfeit.

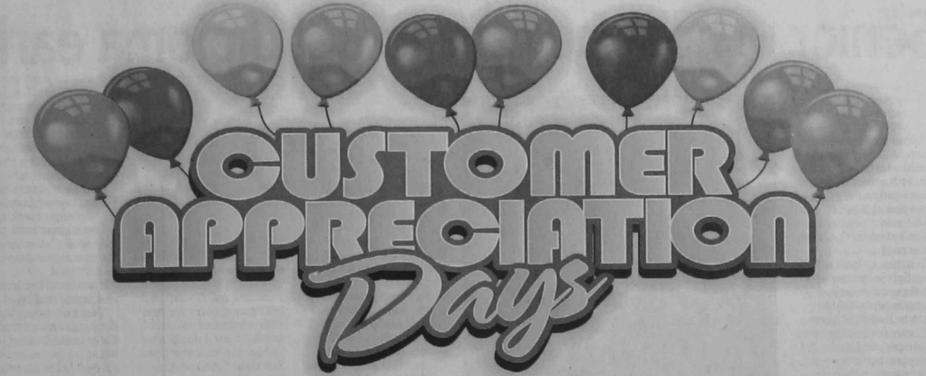
#### Ram robbed

A man told police someone took \$10 in change and a GPS unit from his Dodge Ram while it was parked in the driveway of his home in the 1500 block of Hampshire, northwest of Haggerty and Palmer, between 10 p.m. Jan. 4 and 3:10 p.m. Jan. 5. The man told police he believes he left the doors unlocked.

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# Senior in hospice care to get diploma early

#### **By Karen Smith Observer Staff Writer**

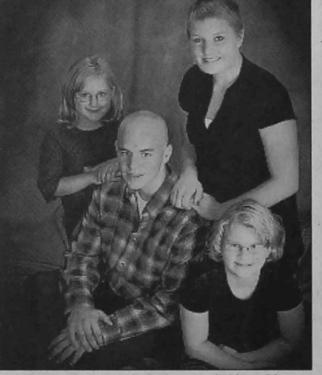
Rachel Collett, a **Churchill High School** senior who's been battling cancer for six years and is currently under hospice care, will receive her diploma in a private ceremony Friday at the Livonia school.

Graduating high school was high on the list of the things she wanted to accomplish, said her mother, Audrey Collett of Livonia. The other was skydiving, which she did in September after getting special permission to waive the age requirement of 18.

"She knew she wouldn't have a long life," Audrey Collett said. "That was her thing, taking every moment she had and putting what she had into each moment."

School has always been important to Rachel, who decided early on in her cancer fight to schedule her chemotherapy, surgeries and other treatments around her life and not the other way around.

She attended classes up until October and was on the varsity cheer team until this school year, when the pain became too unbearable. She also helped to coach the Orioles cheer team.



Rachel Collett, 17, top right, is the second oldest of four children. Her siblings are Hannah, 10, top left, Andrew, 20, and Madison, 11.

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school any longer.

After she receives her diploma, "she wants to have a graduation party; that's what's next," her mother said.

### Appreciates school Churchill Principal Joe

Anderson said the ceremony will be a shortened, simulated version of their June commencement exercise with central office administrators,



This is one of Rachel Collett's senior pictures.

is cognitively delayed and had earned some college credit through the medical assistance program at the Livonia Career Technical Center.

'She has been pretty incredible for not letting this stop her," Anderson said. "Here's a kid who really appreciates the ability to be able to come to school. So many take it for granted or don't want to be here.

"She's come when almost every (other) kid wouldn't.'

Very few people at Churchill knew Rachel was battling a rare form of osteosarcoma, a bone cancer, since age 11.

"It was always something she never let define her," her mother said. She didn't want teachers or students to treat her any differently because she was ill.

A popular student who always had a smile on her face, she didn't want people feeling sorry for her. 'She struggled so much behind closed doors; she refused to let anyone see her fight," Audrey Collett said.

After Rachel missed some activities in sixth and seventh grades because of her treatment, she told her oncologist she was going to start scheduling her medical procedures around her life instead of her life around her medical procedures.

"From now on, my life is going to be my main focus," her mother said she told her doctor.

#### Diagnosed in sixth grade

Rachel was diagnosed with osteosarcoma after her mother noticed visible changes in her jaw and chin just after Christmas 2005. She was a student

at Johnson Elementary in Westland at the time. She has been in some

form of treatment, surgery or recovery, but never remission, ever since.

Despite trying every kind of conventional and "fly-by-night homeopathic" treatment, they were only able to slow down the cancer, not stop it, her mother said.

It is now in her lungs, ribs, spine and hips.

"Her pain is her biggest devil right now," Audrey Collett said. Rachel is living at home, under the care of Arbor Hospice.

Through it all and even now, Rachel's focus has been on other people, not herself, Audrey Collett said: "She never felt sorry for herself, or asked why me?"

She was crying the other day, thinking about how sad her older brother and two younger sisters will be after she is gone. And she never told her parents what was on her list until she knew she could accomplish it so they wouldn't have any regrets.

'I've never met anyone with the type of heart she has and caring toward other people," Audrey Collett said.

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# Chamber concert features masters' works



The Michigan Philharmonic rings in the new year with a Chamber Concert at the beautiful St. John's Chapel at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m.

The orchestra's Chamber Ensemble will delight audiences with arrangements of master works by master composers scored for Chamber Orchestra. The program will feature Debussy's "Afternoon of a Faun, Prokofiev's "Overture on Hebrew Themes" and Mahler's "Songs of a Wayfarer" with soloist Melody Racine.

Racine, a mezzo soprano, is associate professor and chair of the Department of Voice at the University of Michigan and is a master teacher in the fields of classical performance and musical theatre.

Also featured on the program is a toe-tapping Irish Jig, "Molly on the Shore," and a world premier called "Changes" by University of Michigan composer Andre Myers, currently a Professor of Music at Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif.

Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students and are available

by calling (734) 451-2112 or online at www.michiganphil.org.

A pre-concert brunch is also on tap at the Inn's restaurant, 5ive. Reservations are required and may be made through the Michigan Philharmonic office by calling (734) 451-2112.





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# Now is the time to assemble annual family balance sheet

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#### By Rick Bloom **Guest** Columnist

ow that the excitement of the new year has passed and the majority of us have probably broken most of our resolutions, it's time to get down to business. This time of year provides one of the best opportunities to organize financial affairs. Over the next few weeks, year-end statements from a number of different entities will arrive. Whether it's your 401(k), your investments or your mortgage, just about every financial entity sends out year-end statements. This information will help you create a personal family balance sheet, a rather simple, but extremely important document.

I recommend doing a personal family balance sheet at least twice a year. A balance sheet for a family is no different than a balance sheet for a business. Businesses create balance sheets so they know the state of the business. You and I need to do the same thing when it comes to our personal finances. A balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of your assets and liabilities. Hopefully, the assets are more than the liabilities. That number is then your net worth. Periodically creating a personal family balance sheet will allow you to know which way your net worth is going. In addition, when it comes to planning for retirement, net worth is an important number to know.

**Home value** One of the items on a



**Rick Bloom** 

over the last year property values throughout the country have continued to fall. Therefore, be realistic when valuing your home. There are many ways to get an approximation of your home's val-

ue. You can use certain real estate websites such as zillow.com or look at your property tax bill and base your estimate on the state equalized value. As unfortunate as it may be, the bottom line is that we all have to accept that the value of our real estate, which for many of us represents a significant portion of our net worth, has been reduced dramatically. Remember, the family balance sheet is for your purposes only; therefore, to over-inflate the value of your home accomplishes nothing.

In doing a person-al family balance sheet, exclude collectibles from the calculation. My reasoning is that the great majority of collectibles may be worth something, but their real value in the open market may be minimal, at best. Of course, if you do have collectibles that have a true market value, then there is no problem including the current market value on your family balance sheet. When I say true market value, I mean you can sell the item for that price

#### Liabilities

The other side of the balance sheet lists all outstanding liabilities. Never forget that your family balance sheet is for you and only you. Therefore, it makes no sense to inflate the number or to conveniently forget about something. Just as important as it is to be honest with your assets, your liabilities need to be accurate as well. Whether it is your mortgage, charge card balance, student loans or even personal loans, it is important to include all liabilities. At the same time, it's not a bad idea to refresh your memory as to the terms of the outstanding debt, such as when it is due and the interest rate. In addition, you should know whether your debts are tax deductible or not.

There are many software programs that can assist you in doing a family balance sheet, however, you don't need to be that sophisticated. If nothing more, you can do it the old-fashioned way, with paper and pencil. The key to a personal family balance sheet is to be accurate and do one at least twice year.

One last note, the first time you do a family balance sheet will be a timeconsuming. However, after you do the first one, the next ones are relatively easy and straightforward. Good luck!

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# Schoolcraft activities honor MLK Day

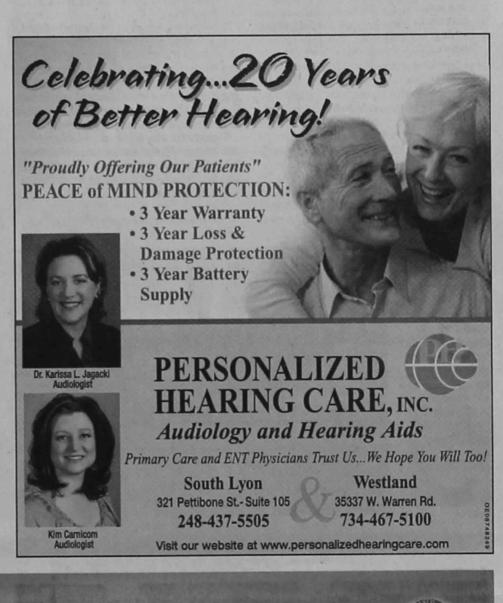
Students, faculty, staff and the community are welcome to participate in several activities to be held at Schoolcraft College in Livonia in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday.

Bridging Barriers: Unity in Diversity and the college's Art Department will host a Student Art Exhibit from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. focused on the subject of civil rights and social justice. In addition to the opportunity to have their art featured in this special exhibit, one student will receive a \$100 Schoolcraft College gift card for use on tuition, books, food in Henry's Food Court, or items in the college's bookstore.

At 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Rita Crooks and Thomas Costello from Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion will host discussions based on Dr. King's speech, "Where Do We Go from Here?" delivered at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in August 1967. Crooks and Costello will lead an exploration of social justice and equity, its evolution since 1968, and the opportunities for and benefits of ongoing efforts.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. student volunteers, coordinated through the college's Americorp VISTA initiative, will read multi-culturally diverse books, participate in games, and make crafts with school-age children.

All of these activities are made possible in part through a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation. They will all be held in the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads.



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"It's absolutely beautiful, it was so inspiring, I think I

may have found some new ideas for the next Avatar. It was a very unique performance."

- Oscar-Winner Robert Stromberg, Production Designer for Avatar and Alice in Wonderland "A great job bringing together the history of Chinese culture. The sound effects, the visual effects, the special effects-it's just amazing." — Amerigo Fabbri, Dean, Yale University

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### **2012 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW**

# Automakers ready to show public they are back



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# NAIAS opens Saturday, runs through Jan. 22

#### By Nathan Mueller

Staff Writer

The buzz is back at the North American International Auto Show.

And when the doors open to the public on Saturday, patrons will be overwhelmed by sleek new cars, interactive displays and auto companies poised to meet the needs of their consumers.

Bill Perkins, Bloomfield Township resident and chair of the 2012 NAIAS, said there is so much to see and do that even people who are not car enthusiasts will want to head to the Cobo Center.

"People will truly enjoy it because there are a lot of new things going on," he said. "It's a must attend show."

The show opens Saturday, Jan. 14, and runs until Sunday, Jan. 22. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Jan. 22 when it closes at 7 p.m. Lauren Halpin, a Plymouth resident who was working as a model for Lincoln on Tuesday, said she liked the intimate access of press week, but plans to come back during the public show with her brother.

"My dream car has to be the Audi A8," she said.

While the cars are the obvious draw, there are plenty of other activities to engage the public. Many automakers have simulators people can use, fun giveaways and even a test track featuring electric-drive and hybrid vehicles in the Michigan Hall that people can drive (get there early or expect to wait).

Tickets for the show are \$12 for adults, and \$6 for seniors and children 7-12. Children under 6 are free. Tickets can be ordered at the show or online at www.naias.com.

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Paul Olexa of **ZF** Automotive Group in Northville Township checks out his engineering firm's 9-speed transmission Monday at the NAIAS. ZF's transmission will be used by Chrysler in 2013 and produces fuel economy savings of about 30 percent, according to published reports.





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The displays at this year's North American International Auto Show are more complex and brightly designed than ever before.

# How to enjoy sights, sounds of auto show

Camaros, Chargers, Regals and Fusions — you would expect to see those



Design a car If you think a pair of La-Z-Boy recliners would make excellent car seats, now is your time to explain why. Chevrolet has two concept cars on display, the Code 130R and the Tru140S. Both cars need your input. 'We want to know what you think the vehicles should consist of," Chevy spokes-woman Tifarah Brumback of Royal Oak said. Four iPads are set up at the display, allowing the public to offer input on the car seats, the dashboard, the steering wheel and other interior features.

cars at an auto show.

But a tractor?

One of the many unique attractions at the 2012 North American International Auto Show includes a Craftsman tractor exhibit. Spokeswoman Allison Aaron said it's actually a great match.

"It's Craftsman's latest tractor," she said. "It has automotive inspired features, it's available in February at Sears nationwide and we thought, 'Why not launch it at the auto show?' It made perfect sense to us."

The tractor rumbles at 8 mph, has automatic traction control, cup holders, cruise control, tilted steering — and a 12-volt adaptor in case you want to charge your iPod while mowing the lawn.

#### **Cadillac Racing**

Kids will find plenty of racing simulators at the car show, but Cadillac Racing offers something for the adults.

The CXC Motion-Pro Simulator is powered by iRacing software, the same program used in actual racing schools. The simulator allows you to race an 800-horsepower Cadillac at the Mid-Ohio raceway. A couple of times around the track and you will feel like you just had a workout. It's geared for people 16 and older.

"It's the cheapest way to race," spokesman Matt Leddy said. "Anyone who's a true race fan will love it."

#### **Calling Batman**

Wonder what a Lincoln might look like in 2023? Students at the College for Creative Studies have the answer. Work-

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Stephanie Lundberg, with Ford Motor Co. , tries out a virtual reality driving simulator.



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The slowest vehicle on the floor is probably the Craftsman lawn tractor, piloted by spokeswoman Allison Aaron.

ing under the guidance of Lincoln Design Director Max Wolff, students designed futuristic model cars for a showroom between 2018 and 2023. They're sleek and cool and on display throughout the show. And, yes, some of the model cars resemble the Batmobile.

#### **Drive the future**

Toyota has two simulators at the show, one of which is designed to show you what driving a car might feel like in the



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The auto show affords attendees the ability to kick the tires and sit behind the wheel.

future. Mainly it's a lot easier, as multiple features in the car will alert you to any moving object, presumably while you're talking on the phone or texting. The other Toyota simulator shows people what it's like to drive a car without the Toyota Star Safety System and then with the safety features. In other words, a lot of skidding and sliding.

ing. "It's a lot of fun," said spokeswoman Grace So, who lives in Royal Oak. "It's like an off-road driving experience."

#### **Press perks**

Covering the auto show does have its share of perks. One is the free massages, compliments of students from Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield. Reporters also got to test the Ford Immersive Vehicle Environment, a state-of-theart simulator designer Elizabeth Baron helped create that uses sophisticated virtual reality technology to enable designers and engineers to fully experience a vehicle before it is ever built. Baron was at the auto show Tuesday to demonstrate its use.

"It's a combination of the virtual and physical world," she said. "We track your view and hands in real time and let you interact with the vehicle. It's almost like being inside a video game."

This is the first time Ford brought the simulator to a car show, but it's not quite ready for the public.

- By Jay Grossman

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Longtime Plymouth Township auto dealer Bob Jeannotte is happy about the Buick Encore compact crossover, unveiled on Tuesday. It should hit the floor of the Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC dealership in fall of 2013. For more photos and stories on the 2012 North American International Auto Show, see page A8.

# **Dealer smiling as** auto show opens

#### By Jay M. Grossman **O&E Staff Writer**

The cars are shining at the 2012 North American International Auto Show and Bob Jeannotte is smiling.

The Plymouth Township car dealer was on the floor of the auto show Tuesday for the launch of the 2013 Buick Encore. It's another ace in his sleeve, as Jeannotte expects to sell a lot of cars in the coming months.

'We're ready," he said. "With the average age of the used car on the market today at about 11 years old, which is the oldest it has been in years, these buyers are going to be coming out."

Like many of the auto dealers around southeast Michigan, Jeannotte believes the industry is positioned for a strong year. He even took a few extra steps to gear up for 2012, revamping his dealership at 14949 North

Sheldon Road.

job now to get ready for all the new products coming out," he added. "Our dealership actually did it two years before it was scheduled.'

Like the auto industry itself, the face of Buick has changed in recent years.

"Things have changed drastically," Jeannotte said. "When I bought the Buick franchise 16 years ago I think the average age of the Buick owner was well into his 60s. In fact my first Buick sale, believe it or not, the guy was 91 years old. I was shocked.

"But since then a lot has happened," he said. "We are catering to a lot of young buyers today. It's not your grandfather's car anymore. It's sporty. You got some great product sand the younger people are buying.

As for the Big Three, Jeannotte said they're back and ready to do business.

"The Big Three slept for a number of years and let the foreign ca ket surge ahead," he said. "They finally woke up about 12 years ago, but it takes time to make changes. Right now we're at the peak of it. We're on our way. We can stand right next to the best of them. "I have to say the Big Three are really going to start shining and we're going to get back some of

this foreign car business back to us. We're going to keep America rolling."

Jeannotte lives in Northville and is married with four children. His first car was a 1940 Ford. He paid \$25 for it in 1953.

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#### CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Ribbon cutting

McDonald's cuts the ribbon on its newest Canton location next week.

A grand-opening party takes place 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, with the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m., at the new restaurant located at 45510 Michigan Ave., on the northwest corner of Michigan Ave., and Canton Center Road.

#### Working out

Planet Fitness, the gym franchise known for its Judgement Free Zone® atmosphere and friendly prices, has entered a brand partnership with The Biggest Loser, the NBC reality show that airs at 8 p.m. Tuesdays.

During the season, contestants will work out on Planet Fitness gym equipment at The Biggest Loser ranch in Calabasas, Calif. In some episodes throughout the winter and spring, contestants will work out at Planet Fitness gyms near their homes, under the guidance of Planet Fitness trainers.

We're thrilled to be associated with The Biggest Loser and proud to have the opportunity to help the show's contestants on their journey toward improving their health and changing their lives,' said Planet Fitness co-founder and chief executive Michael Grondahl. "Planet Fitness is the one gym where all people - no matter their fitness level - will find a comfortable and non-intimidating atmosphere to pursue their goals."

Recently, NBC film crews were on site at Planet Fitness clubs in Lansing and Westland to shoot scenes for the upcoming season.

"It's exciting not only to be associated with The Biggest Loser program, but to actually have our club participate in the filming of the show," said Bryan Rief, a Michigan franchisee whose company owns and operates nine Planet Fitness clubs in the Detroit area.

The Biggest Loser, which debuted on

NBC in 2004, attracts nearly 7 million viewers a week.

#### Purchase order

Danotek Motion Technologies of Canton, a leader in the development and manufacture of highly efficient and reliable permanent magnet rotating equipment for the global wind energy, distributed generation, and electric vehicle markets, has been awarded a blanket purchase order from Tecogen Inc. for the supply of 40 100-kW PM generators in 2012

Tecogen of Waltham, MA, is a leading manufacturer of natural gas fueled engine-driven cogeneration systems that deliver optimum cost savings from innovative technology, consistent service, product quality and adaptability. This purchase order extends a longstanding relationship between the two companies. Since 2005, Danotek has supplied Tecogen with more than one hundred PM generators for integration in Tecogen's high efficiency cogeneration modules, specifically the flagship InVerde Ultra 100 CHP module.

"Tecogen is pleased to continue the successful relationship we've had with Danotek," said Robert Panora, Tecogen's president and chief operating officer. "With their excellent performance and low maintenance needs, PM generators developed by Danotek are vitally important components within our CHP systems."

"We highly value our close and highly cooperative relationship with Tecogen' said Danotek's Senior Program Manager, Greg Bac, "This latest multi-unit purchase order is a further testament to our capabilities to deliver equipment and support services that add value to Tecogen. We are very excited about the products Tecogen is developing for the marketplace and being a part of providing customers with clean and efficient energy solutions."



'I just had a complete renovation of the dealership, bringing it into the 21st century," he said. "I'm talking about lighting, a new showroom, all new furniture - we're getting ready for all the new products coming out of Buick.

"We approached General Motors and asked if we could do the remodeling

#### CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

#### **Chamber luncheon**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its first luncheon of the year Jan. 11 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. Networking begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The luncheon is open to the public.

Following lunch, 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou will swear in the 2012 Board of Directors, which includes Kim Scartelli, chair; Marty Heator, past chair; Tammy Brown, chair-elect; Bill Springer, treasurer; Joe Barone, Zlatina Dimova, Shane Fritz, Heather Laginess-Moll, Lori Morrison, Wie Pan, Kevin Riley, Denise Steffeld, Linda Stansell, Jeff VanHook and Judy Wetmore.

Chamber members will have the opportunity to meet the new Board of Directors and Committee chairs and find out how their businesses can become more involved in the Canton Chamber. Businesses will have the opportunity to sign up for committees, sponsorships, advertising, and much more.

For more information or a reservation, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Other upcoming chamber events:

 Ambassador Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 12:30 p.m. at the chamber office.

 After-hours event at Buffalo Wild Wings, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, sponsored by Bovitz CPA, PC.

• First Friday Club, 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the chamber office, sponsored by Showroom of Elegance.

 Networking coffee 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Goodwill

· Board meeting, noon, Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the chamber office.

#### Dinner auction

The Canton Chamber Annual Dinner Auction will be held Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at Burton Manor in

Livonia. This year's theme is "Made in Detroit," with the décor include Detroit sports teams, Motown, casinos and everything in-between. Major sponsor for the event is Jack Demmer Ford.

For more information on please contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

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#### **OUR VIEWS**

# MLK Day Honor the man with a day of service

In a commentary published last January on the 25th observance of Martin Luther King Day, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. observed that it is one holiday that has left us with the question of how we should observe the day.

According to Pitts, unlike Christmas where we open presents or the Fourth of July where we have a barbecue and watch the fireworks — MLK Day "lacks a defining tradition." That's not to say people haven't found ways to celebrate it. Most of our communit i e s will have an observance, interfaith

breakfast, a walk or a ceremony

that honors Dr. King. But 25 years after Congress declared the third Monday in January as Martin Luther King Day and 18 years after it designated it as a day of service, there is no "one or two things we do that emblematize this

#### day."

Pitts cited Lerone Bennett Jr., the venerable historian, author of *Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America*, who says King "lives on the top tier of American heroes with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. But the King holiday gets 'bogged down' in soundbites of I Have A Dream, and gives no sense of the greatness or majesty of the man and the fundamental changes he demanded."

damental changes he demanded." Pitts wrote: "For Bennett, King's last crusade, which he died trying to fulfill, is symbolic of his broader vision: The Poor People's Campaign was designed to move the struggle for equality beyond race to the common ground of class."

Pitts and Bennett are right in that most of us think of Dr. King in terms of I Have A Dream. For many of us, he is the face and the voice of the civil rights movement. We forget that his fight went beyond racial equality to include labor rights, economic exploitation, fair housing and better schools.

According to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, "In many ways the true power of his legacy remains untapped. Children across the country celebrate his life with a day off from school each year, but too many don't understand the reasons why.

"Americans respect his achievements in ending segregation, but for many his teachings end at I Have A Dream. And across the globe, men and women of all ages know his name as a past benefactor of mankind, but not necessarily as a source of relevance to their current lives." We would like to think we are better off than we were in the 1960s, that racial equality exists in this country. But while we have made progress, it has not been enough. Segregation still exists. It may not be in the form that Dr. King spoke against, but it is still here. We see diversity in our schools and our neighborhoods, but we need only look to Detroit to a segregation of opportunity. Those who can have left the city, leaving those who can't behind. According to Pitts, the "common denominator" in all that Dr. King fought for was "simply a demand that America do better by its most vulnerable: the poor, the racial minorities, the unhoused, the uneducated, the left out, left behind and forgotten, the ones the Bible calls 'the least of these.' Dr. King said: "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" We as Americans need to do more Monday than remember and honor the man, we need to observe it as a national day of service, "a day on, not a day off." It needs to be more than a day off from school and a good day to take in the auto show. Dr. King didn't take a day off in his campaign for racial and social justice. If we want to honor him, we need to get involved and help provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. By working together, we can make a difference and we need to make difference. We owe it to ourselves and to each other lest we become that person Dr. King spoke of, when he said: "When an individual is no longer a true participant, when he no longer feels a sense of responsibility to his society, the content of democracy is emptied."

#### COMMUNITY VOICE

### How do you think the economy will fare this year?

We asked this question at Summit on the Park.



"I think it's going to stay about the same." Barbara Buchanan Canton



"I would probably say slightly better but not much." Aaron Thomas Canton



"I'd say it's looking like it's improving somewhat. It's looking up." Joan Pawelak Plymouth



"I think it's going to get better." Barbara Kadoura Canton

#### LETTERS

#### **Re-think decision**

Recently, after one complaint by one parent, the decision was made to ban the book "Waterland" by Graham Swift. This action stands against the common values of openness, honesty and liberty that the students, parents, faculty, staff and administration of this district stand for. Furthermore, it represents a limitation on the free flow of knowledge and information within the walls of our schools, an affront to the purpose of education.

In the 10th grade, students at P-CEP read the novel "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. The novel explores the life of fireman Guy Montag, whose job is, ironically by our standards, to start fires, not stop them. His role in society is to burn books, for they represent threats to conformity, to ignorance, to blind acceptance. As his supervisor, Captain Beatty, explains, "A book is a loaded gun in the house next door. Burn it. Take the shot from the weapon."

Our district's Mission Statement reads, in part, "The District [...] is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for each student to achieve personal excellence and to become a productive contributing citizen." How can one hope to become a "productive contributing citizen" when knowledge is choked by authority, when ones educators, who on one hand ostensibly support the idea that one should fight, like Guy does, against censorship and oppression, use the other hand to take away access to literature that promotes such thought? Let us be clear; a parent has the fundamental right to determine what their child, as a minor, can and cannot do, read, or say within the scope of their home. However, we should take a lesson from Bradbury regarding this issue. The "loaded gun" of Beatty's metaphor in this case is not a sexually suggestive passage in "Waterland." Instead, it is the idea that by censoring this literature, we are somehow protecting our students. Students explore the themes and ideas of this novel within the classroom, guided by a mature adult mentor. The topics of concern to this parent are discussed to ensure that the students completely understand their context and meaning within the larger scope of the novel's themes in this case, the cyclic nature of history and the impact of emotional trauma on the individual. Prohibiting this kind of discourse at the school prevents the student from gaining the nuanced perspectives that one cannot find in modern mass media. I urge you, Supt. Hughes, to reverse this decision. I plead with you to allow advocates for this important piece of literature, one that truly impacted how I see the world around me, their day before the Board of Education. While I commend you for understanding the outrage parents have expressed regarding the manner in which you made your decision, I can only hope that you further understand why many students, parents, and faculty

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. **Deadline:** Letters should be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

have expressed disappointment.

Avinash Devalla Canton High School, Class of 2011

Editor's note: Dr. Hughes has done just that, and will refer the book to committee for review.

#### **Bigoted bill**

The Republican-run Legislature has passed a bill that will eliminate domestic partnership benefits for public employees. This bill removes health care benefits for the gay partners of public employees throughout the state. This cruel and bigoted piece of legislation was supported by our own Sen. Patrick Colbeck. Domestic partnership rules would not be needed if gays were allowed to be married in Michigan. But the people of Michigan have spoken and hate has triumphed over tolerance and inclusion. So, led by lawmakers like Mr. Colbeck, the anti-gay agenda continues unabated.

nor even if I don't agree with a particular decision. Unlike a recent letter to the editor, I do not view this as a "shortcoming" of the administrator. I view it as doing his job as best as he can, and what he was hired to do.

Tom Salapatek Canton

#### Suicide realities

Thank you for placing an article on suicide as your cover story for your Jan. 1 edition. I was surprised, and grateful.

This Christmas season, our family was stunned and distressed by the suicides of two of my children's friends, young men aged 22 and 23 seemingly with their entire life ahead of them. Ironically BOTH happened on the same day in different locations in Michigan. I can only imagine from a distance the horror of the nightmare from which their parents will never awaken.

As a substitute teacher and a mother, I felt that these incidents, this huge loss of life, could not be ignored. On my final day of teaching prior to Christmas, I spoke to my two high school classes about this. The night before I taught, I found three Suicide Prevention numbers and had them printed out for distribution. At the beginning of class the next day, I briefly told the class about the two suicides. I begged them to select ONE number from the list and enter it into their phone in case it was ever needed — that depression is very real and to never ignore a change in behavior in someone. I also recognized that it is no one's fault because sometimes the signs may be so subtle as to escape detection. The person driven to suicide is so severely depressed, they are not their real selves at the time they feel that suicide is their only option. My heart continues to hurt greatly for these families. I will, as I have, continue to pray for them in the days and years to come. As a Christian, I know the promise of eternal life in glory through Christ, and this is my hope. I pray that these families will have strong pillars of support around them, and will find solace in their faith and knowing that unfortunately, their loss is not the only one. There are others who walk this sad path with them. Severe depression is a serious issue but also something that one can be brought out of with the right treatment. I know; I've been there. I have since gotten on the National Suicide Prevention website and discovered that suicide is the THIRD leading cause of death for persons aged 15-24. Maybe continuing to talk about this very difficult subject others will realize that they are not alone, and that there really IS hope. Thank you for acknowledging the reality of suicide in such a prominent article and may the efforts of many involved in suicide prevention education have a profound difference in someone's life.



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#### Setting boundary

I'm not particularly happy with any book ban, but I am happy that there are some school administrators who recognize there is some boundary.

I don't think anyone would want 24-hour porn broadcast from monitors in the high school hallways (although I could be wrong about that assumption). We recognize that there is some limit to what is appropriate to teach (or imply support of) to our children. But what is that limit? Even the Supreme Court can't define pornography, but notes that "it knows when it sees it."

So if limits can't be easily defined on appropriate viewing or reading materials for our kids, how do you set them? I don't know, but I am glad that someone at the school had the courage to say "this book looks" beyond the limit that most of our parents would support" — even if only one person pointed out the problems with the book in question.

You can't call a town hall meeting and vote on everything that is done in the high school. Someone has to make decisions. I'm glad someone is, even if perhaps some parents might not agree,

Linda Auwers Plymouth Township 20

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# Send Scoop a photo of how YOU have fun in Winter!

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When it's cold outside sometimes the only thing a kid can do is have BIG TIME FUN. Here are some fun things to do with your friends and family outside or indoors. In either case, get ready to have loads of fun and laughter.

#### **OUTSIDE FUN:**

Get a group together and have your own winter game competition. You can design your own obstacle course using small snow mounds for hurdle jumping, a track for short distance sprinting, and snow balls for shot-put throwing.

Create years of fun memories with the whole family. Build a headless snowman and take funny photographs of you and your family using your head as a substitute for the snowman's head.

Create a colorful ice sculpture using food colored frozen water made in. plastic or Styrofoam cups. A little water poured between the ice blocks will help everything stick together like glue.

and pull out clothing that you no longer want and give it to charity.

Especially look for clothing that is good for the cold winter months.

Have a Home Movie Buffet. Invite some friends over and let your

creative mind go to work. Ask mom and dad to help create fun treats for everyone to sample. How about strawberry hot chocolate or peanut

#### INDOOR FUN: Create a night of giving. Take one evening and go through your closet

#### COOKING WITH SCOOP

Here is a fun tasty treat to try at home with mom and dad. Ingredients

a family 4-pack

and a Scoop T-Shirt!

- 10 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 (3 ounce) package fruit flavored gelatin mix

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Grease a 1/4 sheet pan. Generously

2. Distribute popcorn evenly in the baking pans and put in the oven to

3. Combine butter, sugar, gelatin, corn syrup and water in a saucepan

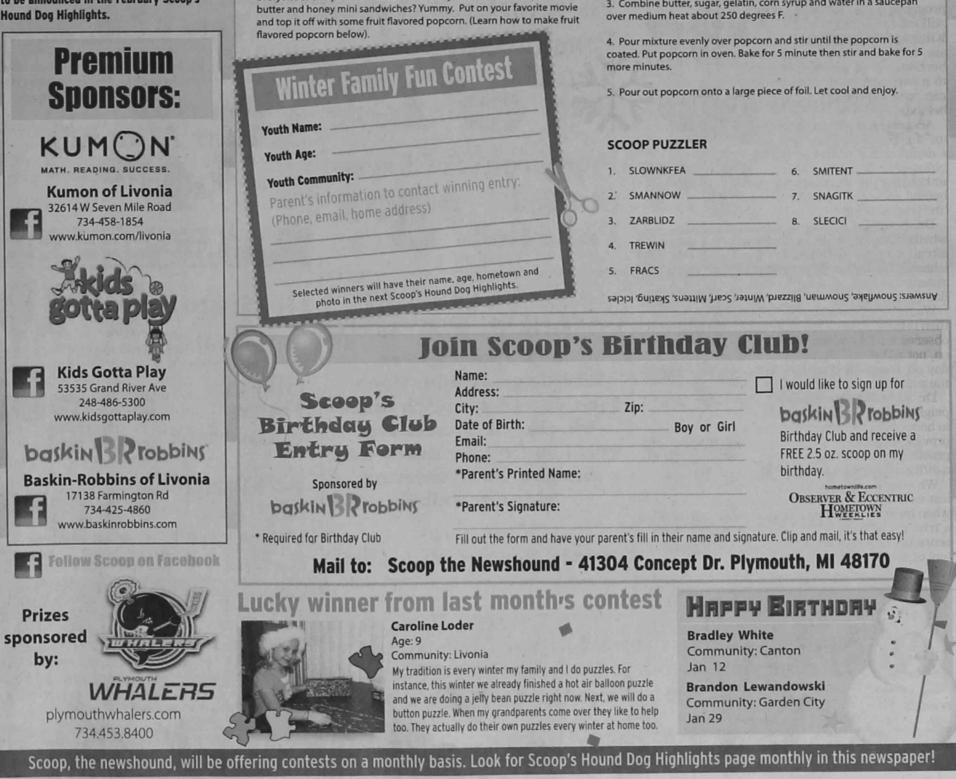
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup
- 3 tablespoons water

keep warm.

butter a heavy 2 quart saucepan.

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# Salem cagers win big

**By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer** 

The torrid Salem Rocks took no mercy on their opponent right from the opening tipoff of Tuesday night's varsity boys basketball game.

By the time spectators could settle down in the bleachers for the game between host Salem and South Lyon East, the Rocks had a double-digit lead.

Salem led 24-4 after the first quarter and whether starters or reserves were on the court - didn't ease up on the Cougars, rolling to a 78-23 KLAA Central **Division victory** 

"We shot the ball really well, and obviously our size took its toll," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "We were so much bigger. They only had one player over 6-foot. Our whole starting lineup is over 6-foot.

We just dominated the boards and shot the ball well. Anytime you do that you're going to dominate the game."

The Rocks (8-0 overall, 2-0 in the Central) connected on 47 percent of their field-goal opportunities, including 9-of-17 3-point tries.

#### Multiple threats

Pacing Salem were senior guards Grant Bettner and Tyler Stewart, who poured in 17 points each in approximately two quarters of court time. Brodie alternated the starters and reserves throughout the game.

Also in double fig-

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Giving instructions to his players during a timeout is Plymouth Christian boys basketball coach Dominique Washington.

Like a Rock

# Ex-Salem star applies old lessons to new coaching job with PCA

#### By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Even when Dominique Washington was a sweet-shooting guard for Salem, he soaked in all the knowledge he could from his coach.

"He taught me the IQ side of the game," Washington said, referring to veteran Rocks head boys basketball coach Bob Brodie. "He's just a great teacher, a great teacher."

More than a halfdecade later, Washington is applying much of what he learned from Brodie in his own coaching gig with Plymouth Christian Academy.

Last spring, after firming up details of taking over the Eagles boys basketball team from eitin Ameriu Washington's first stops was his old stomping

#### THE WASHINGTON FILE

Who: Dominique Washington, head coach for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team and a Canton resident. Preps: Washington was a star shooting guard for Salem coach Bob Brodie, before transferring to Farmington Harrison for his senior season. He graduated in 2005.

#### grounds.

"The first place I went was actually Salem, just basically to shake his hand," the Canton res-ident said following a recent PCA game. "He's one of the coaches that kind of molded who I am today. Like I told my players and everybody

College: Played basketball at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. **Background:** Before taking over PCA, he coached at Discovery Middle School in Canton and helmed the Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack AAU squad. He also is a basketball trainer for Triple-Threat Training, located at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

else, I kind of take bits and pieces from all the coaches that I've had in the past, from elementary school all the way up to college. I took the biggest piece from him. He's just an all-around great guy."

players the same kinds of things Brodie did back in the day. Namely, to work hard and be prepared.

"He taught me how to get in shape, something I really relay now as a coach," Washington not-ed. "I know one thing, he definitely ran the stuffing out of us. He taught me how to be tough.

"He's a hard-nosed coach. He didn't say much, but you just saw in his demeanor what he really wanted, what he expected out of the players.

Brodie said he gets overwhelming pride seeing former players such as Washington and Doug Herriman (an assistant coach with Plymouth) move on to be coaches in

# PCA girls win again

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer** 

**Plymouth Christian** Academy's girls basketball team is learning well on the job.

The young Eagles are knocking down points and victories in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division, the latest being Tuesday's 50-35 win over Lutheran **High School Northwest** in Rochester Hills.

"They pressed us and we pressed them early in the game, it was really fast-paced," said PCA head coach Carol Gerulis. "I just thought we really settled in at the end of the first quarter and started playing some better defense.'

PCA (5-2, 3-0 in the MIAC Blue) rode a wave of defensive intensity to the victory.

Everybody pitched in as the Eagles built leads of 18-11 after one quarter and 28-17 at halftime before breaking things open during a 12-4 third. Rachel Smith had

a great game for us tonight," Gerulis said. "She had 11 points (all in the first half) and ... she just rebounded the ball and took care of business."

Also coming up big for PCA were Karen Windle.(16 points, seven rebounds, five steals), Emily Gerulis (eight points, five boards, four assists) and Jenny Malcolm (seven rebounds, six steals).

"We're pretty young but we're doing a good job of moving the ball and sharing the scoring." the coach added. "That's been really helpful for us."

That also was the case Friday in a 40-32 victory over host Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

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ures was junior forward

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With PCA, Washington is trying to stress to his

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# These girls have all the hockey fun

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer** 

For three of the four captains on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins combined girls hockey team, this season's been like gliding over a frozen pond.

PCS rookies Kaitlyn Allard, Jackie Lough and Nicole Natelborg are glad they opted out of the win-at-all-costs environment of elite-level travel teams, which all three previously endured.

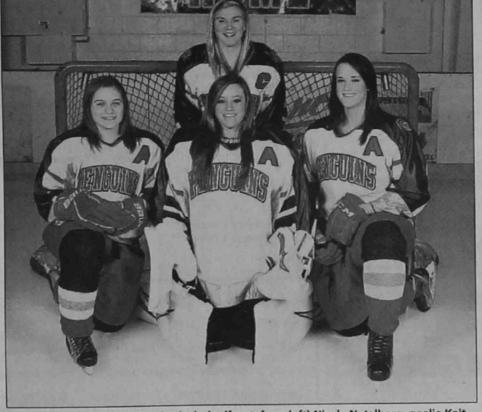
This winter, the trio wanted a chance to experience high school hockey, even though the Penguins play in a league where the skill level isn't quite what it was with teams such as Victory Honda, Honeybaked and the Michigan Capitals.

As a bonus, there is a team room at Arctic Edge Arena, letter jackets and leadership duties. The three newcomers - along with thirdyear player Emily Bullock, who wears the 'C' on her jersey - are helping the Penguins compete in Division 2 of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

#### **Glad they joined**

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"It's definitely different," said goaltender Allard, who has several years experience with various Victory Honda AAA squads. "I like it, I love the girls. The tempo obviously is a lot slow-



PCS Penguins senior co-captains include: (front, from left) Nicole Natelborg, goalie Kaitlyn Allard, Jackie Lough; (standing) Emily Bullock.

er and I'm used to a lot different shots. But it's good.

"I like to watch the girls improve and that's one thing I really like to see. Same game, just a different skill level.'

Lough, a forward and teammate of Natelborg's last year on the Victory Honda 16U squad, agreed that deciding to sign up with the Penguins was the right one to make. "It's probably not as

competitive," Lough said. "But I still enjoy doing it, it's still a lot of fun. ... (Plus) it's my senior year and I wanted to do something for fun and not to be so serious.

"I mean, I'm still serious, but I want to go to prom and all that stuff and not miss every weekend like I would for travel."

Natelborg, also a forward, likened the level of play with the Penguins

to a AA level - which she formerly played with teams such as the Canton Crush.

"High school has been very different from travel," Natelborg said. "It's like playing AA, but the girls are all from the same area and not all over. It doesn't take up as much time as traveling, so you get more free time.'

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# **Road trip fires** up Salem icers

#### **By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer**

Firing on all cylinders since returning from a late December trip to Traverse City is Salem's boys hockey team.

The Rocks followed Friday's 6-2 win over Livonia Franklin with an 8-2 rout of Big Rapids Saturday night at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Against the Cardinals, 12 players made the scoresheet - with threepoint showings by senior forward Austin Sartorius and junior forward Alek Zultowski leading the way. Scoring their first varsity goal for the Rocks were both sophomore forward Spencer Thompson and senior forward Devon Vanstone.

Traditionally, January has been a pretty good month for us," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said following the win over Big Rapids. "I think the last couple years we've only had a couple losses in January. And that's the plan. Our goal is to get better as the season goes on.'

Senior defenseman Michael Manser (one goal, one assist) opened the scoring on the power play. His return from injury is another factor in Salem's recent turnaround.

"Our 'D' is pretty young.

We only have two seniors back there," Ossenmach-er said. "And he (Manser) obviously has incredible puck skills."

On power plays, "when he's back there and the puck's on his stick, the game just slows down, which allows everyone else to be more patient."

Salem went up 2-0 before the end of the first period when Thompson sent a shot behind Big Rapids goalie Joey Hinds.

Sartorius (one goal, two assists) and junior forward Alek Zultowski (one goal, two assists) gave the Rocks a 4-0 edge after two.

Salem goal scorers in the final period included junior forward Jake Fedel (one goal, one assist), sophomore forwards Jason Newel (one goal, one assist), Jack Driscoll and Vanstone who chipped in a crosscrease pass from Zultowski with just 22 seconds to play.

Earning the win in net was sophomore Parker Godfrey, who also earned two assists.

Salem faced Brighton on Wednesday and will next play Livonia Churchill in a KLAA South Division matchup at 6 p.m. Friday at Eddie Edgar Arena.

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# **Grand theft**

Goalie Mahalak steals two points for Whalers

#### **By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer**

Plymouth Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood was back Saturday night from the World Junior Championships.

But Wedgewood sat on the end of the Whalers' bench wearing a baseball cap while netminder Matt Mahalak stood on his head in a 4-3 shootout win against the Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena.

The teams were deadlocked 3-3 after 65 minutes of play and Mahalak out-dueled his Saginaw counterpoint Jake Patterson (32 saves) in the seven-round shootout.

"Even before the shootout he was great," Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vel-lucci said. "The shootout he was real good and that last save was real nice. But he had 47 saves (actually 44 on 47 shots).

"I told the guys after the game that you should thank your goalie because he stole the game for you."

The last save he was referring to followed the eventual deciding goal by Plymouth's Andy Bathgate, who made a nice forehand-backhand move before sliding the puck inside the left post.

Dalton Young skated in on Mahalak, needing to score to extend the shootout to an eighth round.

But the goalie moved to his left and flashed out his glove to snare the shot and finish Plymouth's 10th win in 11 games.

Vellucci said getting the win on a night when the team didn't play it's best was "good as long as they don't make a habit of it, and that's my concern. Sometimes we wait until it's too late."

Plymouth (27-9-2-1) started strong enough, with Mitchell Heard netting a power-play tally at 3:56 of the first. Jamie Devane - who scored the other two goals - assisted on the play, as did defeneman Beau Schmitz



Celebrating a goal during Saturday's game against Saginaw are Plymouth Whalers (from left) Alex Aleardi (No. 40), Jamie Devane and Garrett Meurs (No. 16).

Stefan Noesen assisted on the tally, enabling Plymouth to regain the lead 2-1. But the rest of the period was all Saginaw, outshooting Plymouth by a 19-8 margin and tying the game at 2-2 with 7:34 to go. Josh Shalia took a feed from Brandon Saad and chipped it behind Mahalak

Just 1:08 into the third period, Devane jammed the puck past Paterson to give the Whalers their third lead of the night. Aleardi and Bathgate assisted.

But all it took was 10 seconds for Saginaw to again draw even. Mahalak gave up a rebound into the slot, where Michael Fine one-timed it top shelf.

#### On to the shootout

The rest of the period was evenly matched and there were near misses down the stretch and in overtime.

With a minute left in OT, Schmitz deflected a shot taken by Noesen and the puck slithered just past the right post.

That set up the shootout, where Saginaw's Trocheck and Plymouth's Heard scored in the early rounds. The goalies then took over for three consecutive rounds before Bathgate finally solved Paterson.

Devane, who now has 13 goals, said the game was somewhat of a turnaround of Wednesday night's matchup — a 5-0 Plymouth win at Saginaw.

"Our last game we

Plymouth now will have much of this week to regroup as Wedgewood and other players from the world juniors rest and get re-acclimated to the OHL team.

After Sunday's game at Sarnia (results not yet available), the Whalers are off until Friday night at Kitchener.

#### Welcome back

Meanwhile, on Saturday, with Wedgewood the backup goalie, only one of four Whalers who competed in the world juniors saw the ice.

Forward J.T. Miller, who played for Team USA, was held scoreless for the night.

Soon to return will be forward Rickard Rakell (a gold-medal winner with Team Sweden) and defenseman Dario Trutmann (Swiss team).

The Spirit had winger Saad and defenseman Jamie Oleksiak back from the international tournament in Alberta, Canada.

They had their two guys back from the world juniors and we still had a few guys out," Vellucci said. "But we didn't play good, they played way better than us. I think we took them lightly and thank God for our goalie tonight."

UPDATE: On Sunday at Sarnia, Aleardi and Heard scored to lift the Whalers to a 2-1 victory. Heard tallied his 20th of the season at 5:01 of the third to break a 1-1 tie. Stopping 28 of 29 shots in his return to the Plymouth net was Wedgewood, while Rakell and Trutmann also played their first game since coming back from the world juniors. Rakell assisted on Heard's goal. The Whalers will visit Kitchener on Friday and then host Mississauga 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware.



### PENGUINS

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#### All for one

Players on the Penguins might be from the same vicinity, but they attend three different high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. That isn't cause for any discord on the team, defenseman Bullock said.

"We just kind of all come together as one," Bullock said. "We're one Park, so we're one team and there's not (cliques of) Plymouth, Canton and Salem girls. We're PCS."

All four have brought a smile to the face of Mary Beth Johnson, in her third year as head coach of the Penguins.

"They bring a lot of maturity, they're definitely good leaders and the younger girls definitely look up to them," Johnson said. "They've been a blessing. ... I wish we had them for more than just one season."

Each of the four girls has a decade or so of experience playing travel hockey, not to mention house leagues during their first years on skates. But they have embraced their duties as co-captains, too.

"It's not different assignments, we all take care of each other," Allard said. "Obviously, we're role models for the girls and try to have a good head on our shoulders and help the girls out. It's a young team.

#### WHO'S WHO

These four seniors are sharing captain's duties with the PCS Penguins this season. They are as follows:

Kaitlyn Allard: The 17-year-old is a senior at Canton High School, where she carries a 3.8 grade-point average. This is her first season with the Penguins, previously playing for the 19U Victory Honda Tier 1 AAA travel team. She is interested in going to Michigan State, where she might play with a women's hockey club team. Her parents are Steve and Amy Allard. Emily Bullock: A senior at Plymouth High School, the 17-year-old daughter of Tracey and Kevin Bullock is in her third season with the Penguins. She began playing hockey at the age of four, including

We're the only seniors."

#### She's OK with it

Bullock said she's "really liked" being one of the captains. The extra responsibility is something she doesn't shrug off.

"It's been a challenge, a lot different than just being a player," she said. "Just to make sure things are going smoothly on the ice and to lead warmups before games.'

And Natelborg makes sure she's there to give helpful tips to teammates who might be struggling in a particular drill or

In position for the next shot she faces is PCS Penguins goalie Kaitlyn Allard, one of four seniors sharing captain's duties for the combined girls hockey team.

several seasons with the Canton Crush. Her GPA currently is 3.0. Jackie Lough: Another rookie with the Penguins, Lough is a Canton senior with a 3.5 GPA. Now 17, she played last season with the 16U Victory Honda travel team and started playing as an 8-year-old with the Canton Crush. She hopes to play with a club team at Northern Michigan. Her parents are Suzy and Dan Lough. Nicole Natelborg: Like Allard and Lough, the 17year-old Plymouth senior is a veteran of travel hockey (Victory Honda, Michigan Capitals, etc.) who decided to play her senior year with the Penguins. She carries a 3.3 GPA, and is hoping to attend Eastern Michigan. Her mom is Jan Natelborg.

aspect of the game.

'It is important to help them, so they can learn and grow in the sport," she said. "If they aren't understanding something, I try and show them what they should do and give suggestions on how to improve.

"It doesn't matter that everyone goes to different schools because when we get to the rink, everyone is one team.'

With such a cool attitude, they won't ever want to take off their skates.

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Hockey's in their blood

By Tim Smith

rowed his equipment to rv it. I loved the sport

emphasizing that she probably won't ever stop playing, doesn't matter how old I am. I grew up with it." Her dad played, as did her aunt and cousins. Now, she and the other Penguins want to pass the hockey baton to today's young girls.

The Spirit (17-20-0-3) tied the game at 11:53 on a marker by Vincent Trocheck.

Devane then came back to score on the power play at 11:27 of the middle frame. Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) and ly took it to them," Devane said. "But this game we were turning pucks over and they were really keeping us in our own end.

"But we came away with two points, we chipped away at it."

Bullock, Jackie Lough and Nicole Natelborg hope to play for a long, long time to come.

sons.

They also hope they can inspire today's young girls to consider playing the sport, perhaps someday for the PCS Penguins girls high school team.

They started playing

hockey for different rea-

Kaitlyn Allard, Emily

But now that they have,

Natelborg started her hockey career almost by accident.

"I used to go and watch my step brother play hockey when I was three," she said. "I got bored just sitting there watching him practice and play games, so I told my mom I wanted to play.

'She thought I would hate it because I borand joined the team."

When she did, it was as the goaltender. She stayed between the pipes until age 12, when she became a skater. With the Penguins, she plays forward.

While Allard also started as a goalie, she never changed positions.

"My team (10U Canton Crush) needed a goalie and I was the worst player on the team," Allard said. "So they said put some pads on and try goalie and it started from there.'

Bullock and Lough simply came from hockey families.

'My family's a huge hockey family and when I was introduced to it I just loved it," Bullock noted. "It's something I'd love to do for the rest of my life."

So would Lough,

To that end, the Penguins will host a "Girls Night" at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena in January or February, said coach Mary Beth Johnson.

"We invite all the girls from grade schools and middle schools to come, check out the locker room, talk to the girls, go out on the ice and skate with them," Johnson said. "Try to get them interested in hockey.'

All it might take is a few minutes with any of the senior co-captains.

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Chiefs ice Midland, 3-2

Canton dropped a 3-2 decision to host Midland in a non-conference varsity boys hockey game played Saturday night.

Scoring for the Chiefs were senior Zack McArdle and sophomore Ian Fagan, with both goals set up by senior Brandon Schlieger. Taking a tough loss in net for the Chiefs was senior goaltender Spencer Craig.

The Chemics outshot Canton by a 35-30 margin. Next for Canton is a trip to Sault Ste. Marie, where the Chiefs will play two

tilt Friday night against Escanaba, Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team also will be at the Soo this weekend. After the trip, the Chiefs

games beginning with a

will host Salem at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.



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Plymouth Christian boys basketball coach Dominique Washington (center) tries to keep players Mitchell Noel (No. 11) and Daniel Jipping (No. 13) upbeat during a recent contest.

### COACH

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their own right.

"I'm prouder than heck of those kids that go on and continue to coach and be part of basketball," Brodie said. "Dominique was a great player for us while he was here, and he went on to coach, take the reins as a head coach and I wish him the best of luck and I think he'll be successful.'

As of Tuesday, the Eagles were 3-3. But Washington knows from his own playing days that things can only improve with each day of putting in maximum-plus effort.

PCA players also can't help but take note of the passion their new coach has for the game.

"As long as I'm breathing and my heart's beating, this is where I want to be," Washington said.

**Dominique Washington** played for Salem as a high school player. Here Washington (No. 23) is shown in an undated file photo.

Even when not on the PCA sidelines, he's still very much about basketball and helping youngsters.

For five seasons, he coached the Discovery Middle School basketball team along with Dave VanWagoner (who is Washington's assistant coach at PCA). Then there was a two-year stint with the AAU's Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack, composed of what he called varsity level players.'

And Washington also is a basketball trainer for Triple-Threat Training, located at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Whether coaching kids, high school players or training those with Division I college and NBA aspirations like he had, Washington is serious about parlaying some of that old Brodie blueprint. "He really cares a lot for the kids," Washington said. "He'll fight for you tooth and nail and I have the utmost respect for coach Brodie.

It wouldn't be too much of a stretch for PCA players to someday say the same things about Washington.

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Wildcats hang on

**By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer** 

Another game, another nailbiter for Mike Soukup's Plymouth Wildcats.

Tuesday night against visiting Livonia Franklin, a driving layup by junior forward Sid Acharya proved just enough in a 40-38 victory.

"We've had three overtime games out of seven," said third-year Plymouth coach Soukup. "Every game's come down to two or three points."

It looked like another overtime game was looming for the 'Cats after Franklin senior forward Max Shamus connected on two free throws to make it a 38-38 game with just 35 seconds to play in the fourth.

Plymouth inbounded the ball with 20 seconds left following a timeout, and senior point guard Marcus Oden waited patiently before dishing the ball to Acharya. His layup danced around the rim before dropping.

"I want to say that it was supposed to be executed that way, but I'd be lying if I told you that." Soukup said. "It was a broken play, and Marcus made a great read and Sid rolled, and he wasn't afraid to be a hero in a big moment."

Franklin head coach Jeremy Rheault said it was a tough, frustrating way for the ballgame to end. He said his team got into

#### trouble on the final play because of a "poor defen-sive rotation" and were not able to get a timeout in order to settle the defense.

"But I love the defense that we played when it was tied," Rheault said. "Max Shamus makes both those key free throws to tie it, and then it was a great defensive series. But we needed that timeout at the end, ... but we didn't get it.'

Franklin came out strong and led 11-7 after the first, but Plymouth rallied with a 14-4 second to take a 21-15 halftime advantage.

The Pats came back in the third, which ended deadlocked at 28-28.

Leading Plymouth (4-3, 2-0) with 14 points was junior Brendan Swanson. He also had five rebounds.

Helping the cause with six points (on two treys) was junior Tyler Gamblin. Senior Jalen Easton tallied five rebounds off the bench.

For Franklin (1-6, 0-2), senior center Jake Barham had 10 points and 10 rebounds while senior guard Tommy Smith scored nine.

It was an evenly matched game in several categories besides points. Franklin outboarded Plymouth by a 23-22 margin and turned the ball over eight times (compared to Plymouth's 10).

Wildcats strong at Fraser

#### CANTON 55, WAYNE 47:

Defense and rebounding in the fourth quarter were keys as the host Chiefs got past Wayne Memorial Tuesday night in a KLAA South Division matchup

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The hard-fought game came down to the fourth, when Canton (6-2, 1-1) outscored the Zebras 17-12 to pull away. Canton held a 41-25 edge in rebounding, but turned the ball over 19 times, too many as far as Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy was concerned 'We were able to get some big scores and stops down the stretch," Reddy said.

Helping Canton's cause was a 12-for-18 clip at the freethrow line, compared to just five of eight for Wayne (2-6, 1 - 1)

Josh Mayberry led Canton with 11 points and contributed nine rebounds, while Paul Baumgart added 10 points and 16 boards.

Terrell Sewell (eight points), Scott Gring and Kyle Adams each scored seven.

Next for Canton is Friday's campus rivalry game at Plym-outh. Tip-off will follow the Canton/Plymouth girls game, which begins at 6 p.m. LUTHERAN N'WEST 62, PCA

53: Tuesday night at Plymouth Christian Academy, the Eagles came up short despite 17 points and 12 rebounds from

Eric Jipping. The Eagles (3-3) could not hold down big scoring runs in the second half by Lutheran High Northwest, noted head coach Dominique Washington.

In addition to Jipping, Daniel Mullett chipped in with 10 points while Drew Ibach had 14 rebounds.

On Friday, Jipping and Noel tallied 21 and 16 points, respectively, but they could not lead PCA to a win against Bloomfield Hills Roeper, fall-ing 46-44. PCA will host Grosse Pointe

Woods University Liggett at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

### SALEM

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Chris Dierker (10 points), while junior guard Kevin Mack and junior forward Austin Whitted each tallied eight.

Dierker and junior forward Ahmad Khalid shared rebounding honors with eight each, while Mack also chipped in with five steals.

With the starters in the lineup, the Rocks took a commanding 24-4 lead after one quarter. Stewart scored 11 of those points.

lights out in the third, connecting on three treys - including two that were sent from well beyond the top of the arc.

Whitted picked up where Bettner left off when he drained two triples late in the final quarter

"Everybody was hitting the outside shot pretty well," Brodie said. "Bettner scored, Stewart scored and Austin came off the bench and did a good job.

"Like I said, we've got

#### Don't rub it in

'We were the far better team than they were, you could see that," Brodie said. "But give them credit, they didn't hang their heads, they kept playing, too.'

Brodie said he was proud of how his team played with "class" by not rubbing salt into the Cougars' collective wounds.

"I know there's been games where we've been on the other end of it, too," he added. "We've

#### The Plymouth girls gymnastics team finished in second place at Satur-

day's Fraser Invitational with a total of 134.7 points. Sparking the Wild-

cats were captains Reagan Engstrom and Jane McCurry, who coach Pam Yockey said turned in "strong performances."

Engstrom, a senior, tallied 34.75 all-around points, good for second overall. She placed first on balance beam with a score of 8.9, also taking thirds on vault (8.65) and uneven parallel bars (8.4). She placed sixth on floor with an 8.8 score.



Plymouth's Reagan Engstrom runs through her winning routine on the balance beam during Saturday's Fraser In-

Brodie substituted freely after that, as Salem padded its lead to 37-11 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Salem starters came back out and enjoyed a 23-4 encore to open up a 60-15 advantage and launch the running scoreboard clock (which starts when a team leads by 40 points in the second half).

Bettner really shot the

pretty good depth off our bench. They come off the bench and we don't lose a beat too much. We kept switching it off, and it's good for camaraderie on the team. I just like how the kids are playing right now."

Hampering the Cougars (1-5, 0-2) was not having junior guard Thomas Hollingsworth, who is out with a knee injury. Junior guard Dan Habkirk led the team with seven points.

beaten teams pretty bad and some teams have beaten us and sometimes that's the way it goes.

"You just have to continue to play. If you're on the bottom end of it you got to keep scrapping, and if you're on the top you got to keep playing and getting better. The Rocks will vis-

it Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Friday.

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Placing second on floor exercise was junior McCurry, with a mark of 9.3 for her routine.

Yockey also noted the efforts of sophomore Katie Salanga, 10th in allaround. Highlights for

vitational. Engstrom won that event with an 8.9 score and finished second in all-around points with 34.75.

Salanga included placing seventh on bars (7.8) and 10th on vault (8.45).

Other results for the Wildcats included: freshman Megan McKeenan, fourth-place score of 8.2 on bars; sophomore Brenna Connelly, fifth

on beam with an 8.55 and 10th on bars (7.75); fresh-man Molly McSween, sixth on bars, with an 8.05; and junior Sarah Uhlian, who finished seventh on vault and beam with tallies of 8.5 and 8.25, respectively.

## Chiefs second at invitational

### PCA

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lis led the Eagles with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Gerulis also tallied 11 rebounds, five steals and four assists in a complete effort.

Martha Mullett added seven points while Smith tallied nine boards.

PCA led 37-19 after three frames and held off a late run by the Roughriders.

On Friday, the Eagles will face another MIAC Blue rival when Grosse **Pointe Woods University** Liggett visits for a 7 p.m. game.

Immediately following that game will be the PCA-Liggett boys basketball contest.

CANTON 65, WAYNE 19: A 26-0 third-quarter advantage for visiting Canton told the tale of Tuesday's KLAA South Division girls basketball game at Wayne Memorial. The Chiefs (6-2, 1-1) held a

34-16 lead at halftime and really broke things open in the lopsided third, keyed by an "overall great defensive ef-fort," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski.

Scoring 18 points for Canton was Rachel Winters, while Paige Aresco and Taylor Hunley each tallied 10. Hunley also grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Chiefs. Adding seven points was Kiara Schneider. All 10 Canton players scored

at least one point, Samulski said.

The loss dropped Franklin's record to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the division.

PLYMOUTH 52, FRANKLIN 28: In a Tuesday night match-up of KLAA South Division girls basketball teams at Livonia Franklin, the first career double-double by Plymouth forward Shelby Cheston sparked the Wildcats. Cheston scored 12 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, in what Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear called "the best game of her career. Her rebounding was amazing and she was just real active

The Wildcats (6-2, 2-0) led 13-4 after one quarter and bumped that edge up to 30-11 at halftime

"Defensively, we just got after it and caused a lot of turnovers," de Bear said. Leading Plymouth with 14 points was Kylie Robb, who the coach said "ran the of-force and did a plice ide " fense and did a nice job. Chipping in with 10 points and six rebounds was Jada Woody, while Kate Watson registered 10 points. Jackie Shields had nine and Katelyn Devers had eight for Franklin (1-7, 0-2).

Plymouth will host Canton 6 p.m. Friday in the first half of a girls/boys basketball twinbill.

S.L. EAST 34, SALEM 27 (2-OT): Visiting Salem lost a double-overtime game Tuesday to host South Lyon East, dropping to 1-6 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA Central Division.

The Rocks and Cougars were deadlocked 23-23 after regu-lation and 25-25 after the first overtime. But "we got behind and had to foul and they hit their free throws" in the second and deciding extra session, said veteran Salem head coach Fred Thomann. Bri Berberet tallied 11 points for the Rocks, with Breanne Beaver contributing 10 points and 12 rebounds. Willow Cohn scored 11 for East (5-3, 1-1)

"We just really struggle to score," Thomann said. "We've done a really good job at the defensive end, but we just haven't been ale to put together any kind of offensive surge.

Salem will host Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Friday

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#### By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Canton came up just short at Saturday's Rockford Invitational, which featured gymnastics squads from around the state.

Led by versatile senior Ayana Lewis, who medaled in all five events, the Chiefs Red squad totaled 142.100 points, good for the runnerup spot behind Kenowa Hills Grandville (142.375).

In turn, defending Division 1 state runnerup Canton nipped thirdplace Farmington 'A' (140.225).

Placing 12th with a score of 127.050 was the Canton White team. The Chiefs divided their ros-

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ter for the tourney.

'We were a little disappointed to beat Farmington and lose to Kenowa Hills by .275," Canton head coach John Cunningham said. "Some of the scores and routines were not what we expected, but many of the girls had a very good meet.

"With 19 teams represented, any top 10 finish was terrific.'

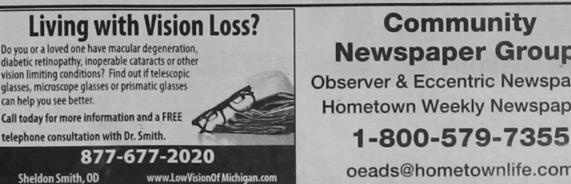
Cunningham added that while "the girls fared quite well for their first big meet of the year," there is plenty of room for improvement.

Coming away from the greater Grand Rapids area with first-place medals were Lewis (balance beam, 9.5), Erica Lucas (vault, 9.7) and Nicole Lasecki (uneven parallel bars, 8.675). Lewis, the only Chief to medal in D1 competition (finish in the top five), had the best meet among Canton gymnasts. In addition to her win on beam, she took second on bars (8.925), fifth on vault (9.3) and floor (9.05) and finished third all-around with 36.775 points.

In D2, Lasecki also came in sixth on beam (9.05), 10th on floor (8.8) and third in all-around with a 35.225 score.

Other Canton finishers in D2 included Pia Simon (eighth on vault, 8.95) and Marina Milad (10th on beam, 8.95).

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# Seniors rule the road: New features address older drivers

#### By Jay M. Grossman Eccentric Staff Writer

American drivers are getting older.

The first wave of America's baby boomers turning 65 this year will be the "silver tsunami," AAA Michigan spokesperson Nancy Cain said. According to the U.S. Census bureau, this segment of the population will increase by 75 percent over the next two decades.

In less than 10 years, one in four licensed drivers will be age 65 or older, Cain said.

Those drivers don't necessarily fare too well on the road. Research shows that elderly drivers face an increased risk of being involved in a car crash. After the age of 75, the risk of driver fatality increases greatly.

So how are automakers addressing older drivers? One of the many themes to the 2012 North American International Auto Show involves a lineup of features designed to make driving a safer and friendlier experience for motorists of all ages.

"I think the first thing is to make sure it's easy to get in and out of the vehicle — making sure customers don't have to sit too low or climb too high," said Amy Marentic, group marketing manager for cars and crossovers at Ford.

Marentic, who lives in Plymouth, said her mom drives a Taurus that comes with adjustable foot pedals so she doesn't have to sit too close to the steering wheel. Another feature many automakers offer is blind spot information.

"Instead of having to swing your head all the way to the left, you just see a little warning light in your side mirror and you know it's not safe to make your lane change," Marentic said. "Once you use it, you will never get a car without it."

Gadgets are another issue. Dave Masch, chief engineer of the highly anticipated 2013 Cadillac ATS, said most of the touchscreens today are simple, intuitive and easy to use.

"You don't need to read the owner's manual to figure out how to use the system," said Masch, who lives in Beverly Hills. "It also has natural voice recognition that allows you to control many of the car's features."

Jiyan Cadiz, manager of media relations for Chrysler and a resident of Rochester Hills, said the Chrysler 300 comes equipped with an 8.4-inch touchscreen, the largest in the industry.

"It's almost like having an iPad on your dashboard," Cadiz said. He also pointed out the knobs below the touchscreen that control volume, climate and other features.

"Let's be honest," he said. "When something happens quickly, it's easier to just rotate a volume knob rather than punch down the volume button multiple times."

Another feature being touted at the show is a lane departure warning system that alerts drivers when their vehicle starts drifting into another lane. Most of the upper-echelon vehicles come equipped with rearview cameras that automatically show drivers what's behind their vehicles and on the sides.

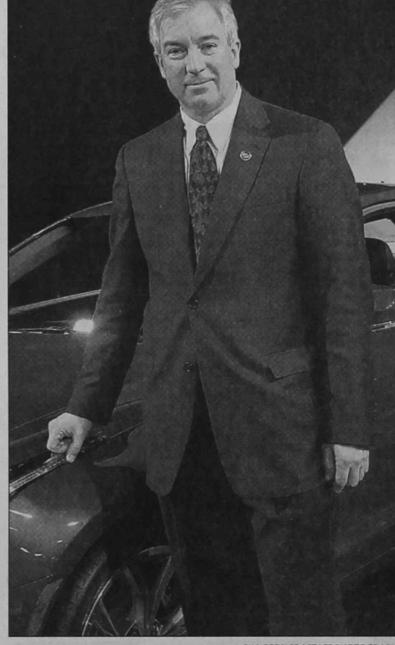
An added bonus with some of the more premium vehicles is a virtual bumper system that uses ultra-sonic sensors and a short-range radar system that will automatically stop a car moving at 25 mph or less if the driver is about to hit an object in the front or rear of the car. It's perfect for the crowded shopping mall parking lot.

The adaptive forward collision warning system in many of these cars will warn drivers if they're getting too close to another object on the road. Higher-intensity discharge xenon headlights give off a brighter light to help illuminate the night time surface.

Combined, these features result in a much safer driving experience.

"Whether you're an elderly driver or not, these are features that apply across the board," Masch said.

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Chief Engineer for the Cadillac ATS Dave Masch.

# Automakers preening at auto show as industry rebounds



#### By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The mood and atmosphere at the North American International Auto Show is noticeably different this year, as automakers feel as if the weight of the recession that nearly crippled them has lifted.

Now with the Big Three leading the charge, domestic and international car companies are pounding their chests as they release new cars and appear ready to compete once again.

"There is optimism," said Cyril Benitoh, a Bloomfield Hills resident and program manager for the new Dodge Dart. "Not only are we producing great cars, but they are being validated in the



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Reporter Nathan Mueller joins the media scrum interviewing Hyundai designer S.H. Park after the Elantra won 2012 Car of the Year at the North American International Auto Show.

marketplace.

"Optimism is absolutely here. It took a couple years to grow, but everyone has some momentum."

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler are all yielding profit for the first time since 2004 and gained shares in the marketplace for the first time since 1988 and experts predict auto companies will add 60,000 jobs in the United States over the next year and 190,000 jobs by 2015.

Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the Northville-based SF Group, said all it takes for him to know the car companies are coming back is to take a look at the elaborate displays and see how much money they are spending on them.

"Everything is positive now," he said. "You see a lot of positive momentum and there are a lot of new products coming out and people are excited to see them."

It's not all about the Big Three either, as a pair of foreign automakers took home the North American Car and Truck of the Year awards. The Hyun-

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Harman audio component employees Jeff Puggi (left) and Phil Eyler check out an interactive display at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on Monday. Harman has a research center off Cabot Drive in Novi.

dai Elantra was car of the year and the Land Rover Range Rover Evoque was the top truck.

Nearly every company had something to debut this year, and it wasn't just a smoke and mirrors act. Hampden Tener, a Bloomfield Hills resident and U.S. product director for Cadillac, said day to day the confidence is a reality.

"We are working on building and growing and that adds a level of excitement," he said. "We are back to doing our best, both for Cadillac and General Motors."

Phil Eyler, who lives in Northville and works for Farmington Hills-based Harman, called last year a "comeback year."

"This year there is a lot more confidence," he said. "You can just see it."

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# Snyder talks about state, auto industry comeback



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Governor Rick Snyder and Ford Executive Chairman Bill Ford Jr. walk the floor of the Auto Show.

#### By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Sometimes the simplest change can make all the difference.

And for Gov. Rick Snyder, moving his press conference on Tuesday to the main show floor at the North American International Auto Show instead of being in the basement at the Cobo Center (where it was last year) gave him the perfect metaphor.

"In many respects people thought (the state of Michigan) was in the basement in the past," he said. "But we are no longer there, we are making a strong comeback in the state and it's about reinventing Michigan."

Snyder took his usual tour of the exhibits when he arrived at Cobo before meeting with more than 200 engineering students from various universities in the state for a talent discussion.

"You can be the catalyst, you can be on the ground floor of the comeback of Michigan," he said to the students.

Snyder, along with Dr. Won Suk Cho, president of Hyundai America Technical Center, also used the press conference to announce a deal to expand Hyundai's Superior Township technical center.

The company will be

investing \$15 million to construct the facility and add 50 full-time jobs over the next five years. The state will fund construction of a new power substation that will improve the power output to the building.

Snyder said he wants to continue partnerships like this, and focus on the people who make the automotive industry go.

"In many respects the people that engineered, designed or even manufactured the products were Michiganders," he said. "And that is something all of us should take great pride in because that is something we can show the rest of the world. When people look at the



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Governor Rick Snyder is the center of attention walking the floor of the show.

best products in the world, where they are designed, where they are engineered, where they are built, it's right here in Michigan and we are going to continue that legacy." A nun works on an icon at the Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction. Mother Gabriella, abbess of the monastery, will speak Sunday, Jan. 15 in Livonia.



# Orthodox nun talks about prayer

Mother Gabriella, abbess of Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction, will speak Sunday, Jan. 15, at Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia.

Her talk, "Weaving Prayer into the Fabric of Daily Life," will start at 1 p.m. at the center, located at 29125 West Six Mile, east of Middlebelt. Admission is free, although freewill offerings will be accepted. Dormition of the Moth-

er of God Orthodox Monastery is located seven miles north of Jackson on 120 acres of wooded land.

It was founded by three Romanian nuns with a mission to spread Orthodoxy in America. The monastery offers retreats, a gift shop, and daily chapel services open to the public.

The nuns at the monastery arrange daily activities around services and prayer. They also greet visitors, sew vestments and prayer robes, create icons and beaded eggs and make altar bread.

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For more about the monastery visit www. dormitionmonastery.org. For more about Mother Gabriella's talk call (734) 522-3166.

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

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#### Jan. 12-31

#### BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 21

Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City Details: Friends of Bethany Monthly Breakfast with Kathy and Pat Contact: Kathy at (734) 956-0715

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 12-April 12 Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Study is titled Understanding the End Time

Prophecy Contact: (734) 326-7000

#### BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

#### Contact: (734) 425-4421

CATHOLICISM SERIES Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Sunday, beginning Jan. 15 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: The 10-week series examines the new adult study series by theologian the Rev. Robert Barron, on which the PBS program, "Catholicism," is based. There is a \$40 charge for the study guide and workbook; registration is required. A children's ministry is available by prior arrangement

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 207, e-mail swilliams@ livoniastmichael.org, or see the Web site at www. livoniastmichael.org.

#### CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: London, Englandbased Tenors Un Limited present original compositions and favorites in "The Rat Pack of Opera." Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and children, and \$50 for a family ticket, (two parents and two students or children)

Contact: Michele at (734) 464-8513 or e-mail to tenorstickets@yahoo.com

#### FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15 and 22 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: An Israeli film series explores the beginning of modern Israeli politics and the interplay between Jewish tradition and secular Israeli culture. Howard Lupovitch will introduce each film and lead a discussion afterward. Films are "Three Days and a Child" on Jan. 15, and "Flames of Revolt" on Jan. 22. Cost is \$15 per session

Contact: David Goodman

at (248) 851-6880 MEMORY CHALLENGES

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 Location: First Baptist

Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, in Southfield

Details: Dr. Annette Carron, from Palliative Care in Farmington Hills, will speak about memory loss, dementia, signs of Alzheimer's, and methods to delay memory loss. This is a free program open to the public and light refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 569-2972 or firstbaptist@fbc-detroit.org

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Time/Date: 9:30-1 p.m. Jan. 29

Location: St. Edith Catholic School, 15089 Newburgh at Five Mile, Livonia

Details: K-8th grade enrollment available

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### VIRTUAL DEMENTIA

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Audra Frye, marketing director at Arden Courts of Livonia-Memory Care Community presents an event that gives participants a chance to experience what it's like to live with dementia. No charge, although donations will be accepted for the adult day care program at the church. RSVP by Jan. 13

Contact: (734) 464-0990 or (734) 855-4056



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#### BEASLEY, LINDA K.

Age 52, passed away on January 6, 2012. Beloved daughter of the late Arthur Beasley. Survived by mother Keiko Beasley, brother Doug Beasley, sister Peggy (Bill) Clink and nieces Rachel, Jessie, Kumara and nephew Brian. Also remembered by many other loving friends. Please view and share memories at:

www.virtual-memorials.com



#### KENNY, JULIA L.

January 8, 2012, age 93, of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Roland. Beloved mother of Guy (Susan). Proud grandmother of Ellen (David) Lukach, Julie (Bernie) Johnsen, Guy (Christa), Emily and Ellie. Beloved greatgrandmother of Lenora and Daniel Lukach and Hannah Johnsen. Dear sister of the late Fay (Tom) Keys, the late Mary Freeman and the late Betty MacDonell. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 6-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Funeral Service 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### LANCASTER, WILLIAM W.

January 9, 2012, age 84. Beloved husband of 54 years to the late Doris. Beloved uncle of Bob (Jody) Bonocore, Joe (Phyllis) Bonocore and Josephine Great Bonocore. uncle of Jennifer (John) Labb and Robert J. Bonocore. Brother-in-law of Al (Marge) Stuhlmann, Alice Vespar and Marie Bonocore. Cousin of Robert Cameron. Visitation Friday 10am until time of memo-rial service at 11am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Share your special

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#### PAQUETTE, BERNADINE T. (nee Beil)

Jan 7, 2012 Age 81. Beloved wife of Charles E, for 60 years. Loving mother of Charles K, Rosemarie (Edward) Vincent and Sandra Dolores (Joseph) Haffey. Dear grandmother of Jacob Joseph Haffey. Sister of J Walter Beil and the late Dolores Kern. Numerous nieces and nephews. She was an avid tap dancer and gardener. She was also the financial secretary for St. Priscilla's Bingo. There was a Visitation on Mon and Tues with a Rosary at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia Chapel. The Funeral Mass was 10:00am Wed at St. Priscilla Catholic Church 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia, MI 48152. Please go to www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com to leave a message of condolence or to share a treasured memory.

#### RUCINSKI, DAVE

10/7/1964-1/4/2012. David was a great guy and a great friend but most of all a husband to Eileen Rucinski for 26 years, dad to Rebecca and Raymond, son to Ray & Jan, brother to Linda and Gayle. RAXXING TIRIDBUTTE TO THE LUFTE OF YOUR LOVED OINTE





# B6.(\*) ENTERTAINMENT THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC HOMETOWNLIFE.COM Hear woodwind, student concerts in Farmington Hills

#### **By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer**

Head to church for live woodwind music this Sunday and student performances the next.

St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills continues its monthly concert series with a bassoon-flute duo playing works by Heitor Villa-Lobos, Joseph Fiala, Pierre Gabaye and Michel Joseph Gebaue on Jan. 15.

A concert of student performers follows on Sunday, Jan. 22.

"This is an unusual combination but they've got very interesting music," said Wes Fishwick, church organist and series coordinator. "The flute is higher and the bassoon is darker. The bassoon can be lyrical but also humorous.'

Timothy Abbott and Jacqueline Wright, both of Ann Arbor, will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 in the church sanctuary at 23225 Gill Road, between Grand River Ave., and Freedom Road. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be collected. Refreshments will be served.

Abbott, a bassoonist and contrabassoonist, actively performs with the Adrian, Birmingham-Bloomfield, Flint, and Warren symphonies, and is a frequent substitute with many other local orchestras, including the Ann Arbor and Oakland symphonies. He also teaches private lessons and holds master of music degrees in bassoon performance and chamber music from the University of Michigan.

Wright earned a master of music degree in flute performance from the University of Michigan and a master of music degree in orchestral conducting from the University of Florida. She has performed and conducted in international venues, including in England and Spain.

"Jackie did a concert here she plays with a flute ensemble - a couple of seasons ago. She was interested in performing in a duo. They contacted us," Fish-



The music series at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills features a variety of performers with both classical and contemporary sounds. This trio, which performed last month, includes Melody Wooton on violin, Wes Fishwick — the church organist — on piano, and David Levine on cello.



Flute and bassoon duo Jacqueline Wright and Timothy Abbott will perform Sunday, Jan. 15 at St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills.

That's exactly what he hopes student musicians will do if they are interest ed in the second annual high school solo and ensemble preview at 4 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. John.

Students who want to test out their music before a live audience can call the church at (248) 474-0584 and reserve a spot. Walk-ins on concert day also will be accepted.

Ten students performed last year.

#### **Friendly audience**

"Our January 22nd concert for high school students is one of our favorite concert events. We are proud to present these young musicians in concert as they prepare for the solo and ensemble festivals that take place

throughout our state later this month," Fishwick said. "Our church becomes a performance laboratory for these talented kids to try out their pieces and gain audience experience before performing for a judge.

'It's a very kind audience," Fishwick added.

A vesper service will follow the student concert.

"It's a worship service, but it's mostly singing," said Elaine Pearson, a church member who handles publicity for the concert series. She said the concerts draw both church members and nonmembers and the music includes classical and pop selections.

"Our current sanctuary

was dedicated in 2003 and we began to do concerts. 2008 was when we first started to plan a season," she said. "We do this as an opportunity for the community to be able to have good quality music in a comfortable venue. Our sanctuary has very nice acoustics.'

The rest of the season includes concerts by pianist David Berriman on Feb. 12; a student string quartet on March 4; Detroit Lutheran Singers on March 18; The Novi Choralaires on April 15; and the Marie Walck Memorial Hymn Festival on May 20.

For more about the concert series visit www.stjohn-elca.org.

wick said.



#### GET OUT!

#### Art

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission Exhibits: Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus exhibit runs through Feb. 12 and includes 64 works. Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$8 for youth, 6-17. Other exhibits include Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8; Gift of a Lifetime: The James Pearson Duffy Collection of drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs through March 18

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through Jan. 13

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Call for entries to the 6th annual Member Exhibition that runs Feb. 3-18

Current exhibit: "Etch, Sketch and Stilettos," an exhibit of the work of Topher Crowder, runs through Jan. 28. The artist is inspired by animated Saturday morning cartoons, vintage postcards, and 1960s/1970s comic books

#### Contact: (248) 344-0497

VILLAGE THEATER Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday-Friday through Feb. 24

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Lest We Forget: Legends of Detroit Gospel," celebrates the history of Gospel music in Detroit Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater. org.

### Comedy

#### GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

#### JD'S HOUSE

#### Film

#### PENN THEATRE Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 13-14; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Tower Heist," \$3 Coming up: "J Edgar," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21, 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26; "The Muppets," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 2, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 28-29 Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

#### REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 21 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Forbidden Planet," tickets \$4

Contact: (313) 537-2560

#### Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday Location: 315 E. Warren

Road, Detroit Details: Regular museum

admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

#### Coming up: 12th Annual MLK Day Breakfast, 8 a.m., Monday, Jan. 16, includings breakfast, keynote speech

by Georgia Hill of Plymouth United Church of Christ and performances by Armond and the Institute of Music & Dance at Marygrove College. Tickets are \$35, available by phone at (800) 838-3006 and online at www.brownpapertickets.com

Contact: (313) 494-5800

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; next exhibit runs Jan. 18-June 17 Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the next exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Contact: (734) 455-8940 U-M KELSEY MUSEUM

#### OF ARCHAEOLOGY



A polar bear plunges into frigid water at the Detroit Zoo.

# **Embrace winter at the Detroit Zoo**

With the weather expected to dip into the 20s this weekend and snow showers forecast for Friday, it's the perfect time to head outdoors and get up close and personal with arctic wildlife at the Detroit Zoo.

Wild Winter weekends, an annual series of family-friendly events, kicks off with "Arctic Adventure," Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 14-15 at the zoo, located on Ten Mile at Woodward, in Royal Oak. The program includes zookeeper talks, games, crafts, children's music and other activities both indoors and outdoors — that are free with regular zoo admission.

All sessions run 11 a.m.-

3 p.m. Henry Ford Community College Ice Carving

Club will carve ice both Saturday and Sunday this weekend, creating a collection of zoo animals and winter-inspired sculptures.

Wild Swan Theater will perform the production, Owl's Winter, at noon and 1:30 p.m. in the FEC Theater. Owl's Winter is a collection of wintery stories for young children based on Arnold Lobel's Owl at Home. Audience members join Owl for a series of fun adventures and create a surprise for Owl. The show is appropriate for children, 3-8, and runs about 45 minutes.

Mr. Seley and the Trou-

#### blemakers will sing children's music at noon and 1 p.m. and arts, crafts and games will keep youngsters busy from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Learn about polar bears at 11 a.m. and seals at 11:45 a.m. at the Frederick and Barbara Erb Polar Passage. Zookeeper talks and animal enrichment focus on polar bears at 1 p.m. and fox at 2:30 p.m. at the Tundra Overlook.

Wild Winter African Adventure will run Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12. The program will celebrate Black History Month with an African drum lesson stories told by David Gakure, Kenyan naturalist and Detroit Zoo education specialist. Families can enjoy live entertainment, arts and crafts, games and educational experiences.

Wild Winter Safari Social is set for Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11. Participants can escape the winter "blahs" with hot drinks and cool treats. Ice cream and hot cocoa will be available for purchase at a discount. Animal arts and crafts, face painting, animal enrichment activities, zookeeper talks and a winter safari scavenger hunt add to the fun. Zoo admission is \$12

Zoo admission is \$12 for adults, 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens, 62 and older, and \$8 for children, 2-14. Children under 2 are free.

# International Festival coming to Cherry Hill

Get a henna tattoo, taste ethnic fare and watch dancers from a variety of cultures perform at Canton's International Festival, 11 a.m.4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

The event, presented by the Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, costs \$2 per person at the door. Performers include

Dance performances

Chinese Learning Center. Other featured artists include New Hope Church's Praise Dancers, Mimes of Ministry, Women's Liturgical Group and Steppers of Soul, Monica Prasad on the sitar, and dancers from the O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance, Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company, Troupe Ta'amullat; and the Hoaloha Hula Dance Company.

Cultural exhibits will be stationed in the theater lobby and cultural items from around the world, including henna tattoos, will be available for purchase. Snacks and desserts from various countries also will be sold. For more information about the Canton International Festival, call (734) 394-5308 or visit www. cantonvillagetheater.org.



#### OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth

Road, Livonia Details: Dave Waite,

through Jan. 14; Norm Stultz, Jan. 18-21 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Mark Sweeney, Jan. 12-14; Jeff Caldwell, Jan. 19-21; Frances Dilorinzo, Jan. 26-28 Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

#### Dance

#### **MOON DUSTERS**

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

> Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - will run Friday, Jan. 27-Sunday, May 6. This special exhibition explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s. Part II follows the changes that took place in Karanis with the beginning of the Roman occupation of Egypt and then later with the advent of Christianity. The displays - all but a few will be new - include collections of Roman glass, tax rolls on papyrus, and the leather breastplate of a Roman soldier. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Contact: www.lsa.umich.

edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

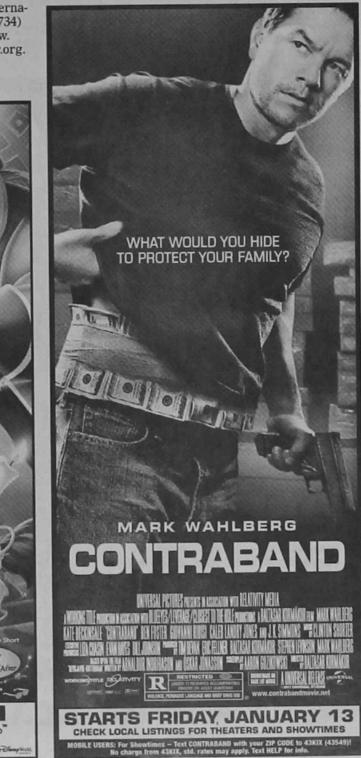
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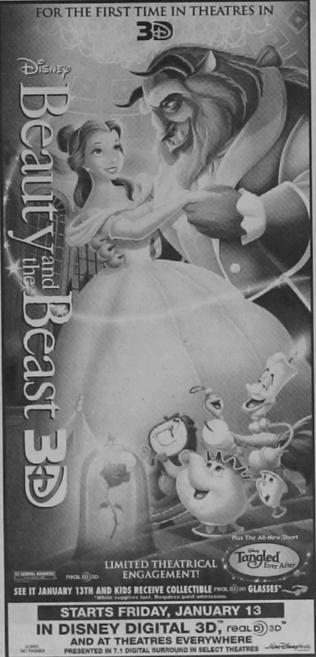
#### THE ARK

Time/Date: An Dro, Jan. 12; Mountain Heart, Jan. 13; Theo Katzman: Songwriting Workshop, Jan. 14; The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 14; Bearfoot, Jan. 15; Shelby Lynne, Jan. 16; Open Stage, Jan. 18; Martin Sexton, Jan. 19: The RFD Boys, Jan. 20; The Verve Pipe Family Show, Jan. 21; International Guitar Night, Jan. 21; Lonesome Country & Goldmine Pickers, Jan. 22; The Juliets, Jan. 23; An Acoustic Cafe evening featuring Erin McKeown, Carrie Rodriguez and Kelly Joe Phelps, Jan. 24; The 35th Annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival, Jan. 27-28; Take a Chance Tuesday with Peyton Tochterman, Jan. 31 Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

will represent India, Tahiti, Hawaii, New Zealand, Ireland, China, the Middle East, and the United States.

Choral performers include Jesus Murillo from the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and singers from The New Century Chinese School and the Plymouth Canton Dancers strike a graceful pose during a previous Canton International Festival.





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# **Budget-friendly family fun**

These days, enjoying one another's company on a budget is even more important for families. So take a break from the ordinary and settle into the comforts of the best playground around — the home. Remember that family time should be

Remember that family time should be silly, lighthearted, and above all, about creating special bonding moments with the kids. Following are a few entertaining at-home activities the entire family can enjoy without dipping into savings.

• Explore the great indoors. Everyone loves a good scavenger hunt. Divide the family into teams and race to see who can find the most items on the list first. Don't forget to have prizes for the winners.

• Switch it up with backwards day. Shake up the evening routine by doing everything backwards. Put on your comfy pajamas right after school and even flip them backwards or inside out. Get together for a board game with a twist and move the pieces from finish to start. Make your end of day meal more festive by serving breakfast for dinner or eating dessert as the first course. The kids will certainly get a kick out of bending the rules.

• Create an obstacle course. Collect some old produce boxes from your local grocery store; they're usually available free of charge. Then, stagger the boxes in the basement or in the backyard for the kids to run through in different patterns. Set up a bowling game with recycled empty bottles just before the finish line. You can add other obstacles such as a limbo stick, hopscotch with ropes or anything else you like from materials around the house — the sky is the limit.

• Make dinner a family affair. Research consistently shows that families who regularly eat together are closer and happier than those who don't. Try a one-pot dish such as White Chicken Chili made with fiber-rich beans, tender chicken and creamy evaporated milk for a dinner ready in 30 minutes or less. Or hearty fare, such as Vegged-Out Pumpkin and Black Bean Soup.

For more budget-friendly family recipes and activities, visit www.Meals.com.

#### **Thai-Style Pumpkin Soup**

Preparation Time: 10 mins Cooking Time: 10 mins Servings: 4 servings

2 cups water 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin 1 can (11.5 ounces) mango nectar 3 vegetarian vegetable flavor bouillon cubes 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger or % teaspoon ground ginger 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped % to % teaspoon crushed red pepper



White Chicken Chili

#### White Chicken Chili Makes 8 servings – about 1 cup each

1 tablespoon vegetable oil	
1½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast tenders	
1 medium onion, chopped	
1 clove garlic, chopped	
1 tablespoon ground cumin	
1% teaspoons ground coriander	
1-1% cups mild salsa verde	asperter artificity
1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, drained	
1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, drained	
1 cup water	
1/2 cup loose-pack frozen corn	
1 can (12 fluid ounces) evaporated low-fat 2% milk	

# City bites

#### New bagel in town

PLYMOUTH — MD Bagel Fragel, 448 Forest will serve free coffee during its grand opening, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. The event will include prizes and 20 percent off food purchases.

Customers also will get a chance to meet Mr. Bagel. Bagel Fragel makes more than 30 varieties of bagels and their specialty is the sugar-cinnamon covered Fragel.

#### More free coffee

SOUTHEASTERN MICHI-GAN — Get a small Premium roast Coffee free at more than 230 McDonald's restaurants every Wednesday this month and in February. The offer is available from open to close at participating restaurants for inlobby dining and at the drivethru. Limit one small Premium Roast Coffee per customer per visit, with no purchase necessary. Coffee days are Jan. 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

#### Wine tasting

LIVONIA - A representative from Great Lakes wine and Spirits will pour elegant red wines and a few port wines Thursday, Jan. 19 at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. On Thursday, Jan. 26, taste wines that celebrate the Super Bowl and pair well with appetizers and munchies. Light appetizers will be served and guests may bring their favorite tailgate dish to pass. Each tasting costs \$15 per person; \$10 for Wine Club members. Events start at 7 p.m. Call (734) 432-3800 to reserve a spot; www.dvinefinewines.com

#### All about pork

PLYMOUTH — Mary Kelpinski of the Michigan Pork Producers Association will address the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Rose's, 201 N. Canton Center Road, in Plymouth. Kelpinski will highlight why farmers will need to double the world's food production in less than 40 years and how they'll need to rely on science and technology to make it happen. For a reservation, call Cheryl, at (734) 981-7259.

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, which organizes a variety of community service projects, marks its 40th anniversary this year. Visit its Web site at www. civitan.net/plymouthmich.

& cup creamy peanut butter

2 tablespoons rice vinegar

2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion

¼ cup finely chopped cilantro, divided

% cup (5 ounce can) evaporated fat free milk

Combine water, pumpkin, nectar, bouillon, ginger, garlic and crushed red pepper in large saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low.

Stir in peanut butter, vinegar, green onion and 1 tablespoon cilantro. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 to 8 minutes or until soup returns to a boil. Stir in evaporated milk. Sprinkle with remaining cilantro before serving.

To Freeze ahead: Prepare as above; do not sprinkle with remaining cilantro. Cool soup completely. Place in airtight container; freeze for up to 2 months. Thaw overnight in refrigerator. Heat in medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with remaining cilantro before serving.

**Apple Curry Soup** 

Preparation Time: 15 mins Cooking Time: 25 mins Servings: 4 servings

2 tablespoons butter

1 small onion, chopped

1 tablespoon curry powder

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

2 pounds (about 5) cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped

3 cups warm water

- 3 vegetarian vegetable flavor bouillon cubes
- a cup half-and-half
- % teaspoon ground white pepper

Melt butter in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 to 4 minutes or until tender. Stir in curry powder and flour; cook for 1 minute. Stir in apples, water and bouillon; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes or until apples are very tender.

Transfer mixture to food processor or blender container (in batches, if necessary); cover. Process until smooth. Return to saucepan. Stir in half-and-half and pepper. Warm, stirring occasionally, over medium-low heat until heated through.

- Courtesy Family Features

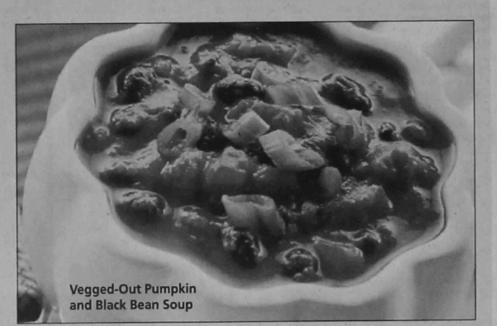
1 cup fresh spinach leaves

Baked tortilla chips and light sour cream for serving (optional) Heat oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook

on each side until golden. Transfer to plate; cover. Add onion to same saucepan. Cook, stirring occasionally, until translu-

Add onion to same saucepan. Cook, stirring occasionally, until transidcent. Add garlic; cook for 30 seconds. Stir in cumin and coriander; cook for 30 seconds. Stir in salsa verde, cannellini beans, pinto beans, water and corn. Cook for 10 minutes or until hot.

Cut or shred chicken into bite-size pieces and add to saucepan along with any accumulated juices on plate. Stir in evaporated milk and spinach; cook for a few minutes just until heated through and spinach is slightly wilted. Serve topped with crumbled tortilla chips and dollop of sour cream.



#### "Vegged-Out" Pumpkin & Black Bean Soup

Preparation Time: 15 mins Cooking Time: 20 mins Servings: 8 servings, 1 cup each

1 tablespoon olive oil

5 green onions (white and light green parts), thinly sliced (slice dark parts and set aside for later)

1 red bell pepper, chopped 3 cloves garlic, chopped

1% teaspoons ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed and drained

1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin

1 can (14.5 ounces) no-salt added diced tomatoes, undrained

- 1 can (14 ounces) vegetable broth
- *k* cup water
- & teaspoon salt or more to taste

% teaspoon cayenne pepper or more to taste

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat. Add white and light green parts of green onions, bell pepper and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, for 4 to 5 minutes or until soft. Stir in cumin and thyme; cook, stirring occasionally, for 1 minute. Add beans, pumpkin, tomatoes and juice, broth and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook for 10 minutes. Stir in salt and cayenne pepper. Top each serving with dark green onion tops.

#### Wings for Special Olympics

STATEWIDE — Stop by any participating Buffalo Wild Wings locations on Monday, Jan. 16 with a coupon downloaded from www.somi.org and the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the purchase to Special Olympics Michigan and its Polar Plunge events. Participating restaurants include 41980 Ford Road, Canton; 37651 Six Mile, Livonia; 44375 12 Mile, Novi; and 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Polar Plunge participants raise funds for Special Olympics Michigan, put on a costume and jump into frigid water. There are 27 Polar Plunge this year in the state, including Belleville on Feb. 11 and Detroit on Feb. 18. There is a minimum \$75 registration fee to participate in a Polar Plunge. Register at www. somi.org.

#### Beer benefitting charity

ROYAL OAK — Sample more than 80 beers 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, located on Fourth, between Lafayette and Washington. Westborn Market presents the event, that will benefit Camp Casey, a horseback riding program for children with cancer.

Beer lovers also will taste beer-inspired cuisine and hear live music by Detroit folk favorites, Petal Shop. Fifteen new beers will make their Michigan debut at the event. The event is open to age 21 and over. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door and include 25 beer samplings. Advance tickets are now available at Westborn Market, 14925 Middlebelt, Livonia; 21755 Michigan Ave., Dearborn; and 27659 Woodward Ave., Berkley, as well as the Royal Oak Music Theatre box office, at (248) 399-2980.

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# Livonia woman to serve on 2012 CREW board

**Commercial Real Estate** Women Detroit, an organization influencing the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women and celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2011, announces the following CREW Detroit members will serve on the 2012 CREW Detroit Board of Directors:

•President: Jan Purcell; director of Sales and Marketing, eTitle Commercial, Troy

Purcell is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

•President-Elect: Jumana Judeh, MAI, CCIM; president and CEO, Judeh & Associates, Dearborn. Judeh is a resident of Dearborn Heights.

Immediate Past President: Marilyn Nix; senior vice president, Compass Commercial LLC/ITRA Global, Troy. Nix is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

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•Treasurer: Donna Hanson, CPA; partner, Plante & Moran, PLLC, Auburn Hills. Hanson is a resident of Lake Orion. Secretary/ Communications Director; Nicole Heyart; vice president, Luna Tech Designs, LLC, Plymouth. Heyart is a resident of Sterling Heights.

•Membership Director: Alicia E. Buisst; independent real estate consultant. Buisst is a resident of Brighton.

•Programs Director: Mary LeFevre; manager of Business Development, Turner Construction Co., Detroit. LeFevre is a resident of Livonia.

•Outreach Director: Beth Bailey, manager of Due Diligence Group, PM Environmental Inc., Berkley. Bailey is a resident of Berkley

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# Use caution in yule decor

Q: Our homeowners love to get in the spirit of the holidays and our association sponsors a decorating contest, hosts a party in the Community Center and uses association funds to adorn common elements. Unfortunately, however, the association party and common area decorations support Christmas. There are residents who support other religions and are complaining that the association isn't doing enough to support their religious beliefs and backgrounds. What do you think?

A: This is a difficult question which may sometimes lead to an issue of religious discrimination. Under federal fair housing laws, it is unlawful to discriminate against any

person in "the provision of services or facilities"

because of religion and

the law is broadly interpreted. You may wish to have all of the major religions represented in your decorations or make it as nonsectarian as possible. Perhaps a general holiday party policy and decorations which do not provide any implications as to a religious representation would be appropriate, but you are best to consult with your attorney for a legal opinion.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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Anchorage Ct	\$485,000	WHITE LAKE	
Blackberry Trl	\$209,000	10944 Hillway St	\$198,000
Borderhill	\$140,000	8170 Rene Dr	\$99,000
Brookstone Dr	\$223,000	974 Round Lake Rd	\$77,000
Chesapeake Dr	\$718,000	9130 Twin Lakes Dr	\$430,000

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Learn how to prepare for receiving your 2012 "This Is Not a Tax Bill" in March and "How to Appeal Your Property Taxes " by Mark Avery. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Jan. 12, 5:30 PM/9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAKLAND.com; (800) 747-6742

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As a professional with the CIAS Designation training, Patterson will help area residents

build wealth through real estate investment, and homeowners facing foreclosure find potential buyers for their properties.

#### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit Free-ForeclosureTour.com.

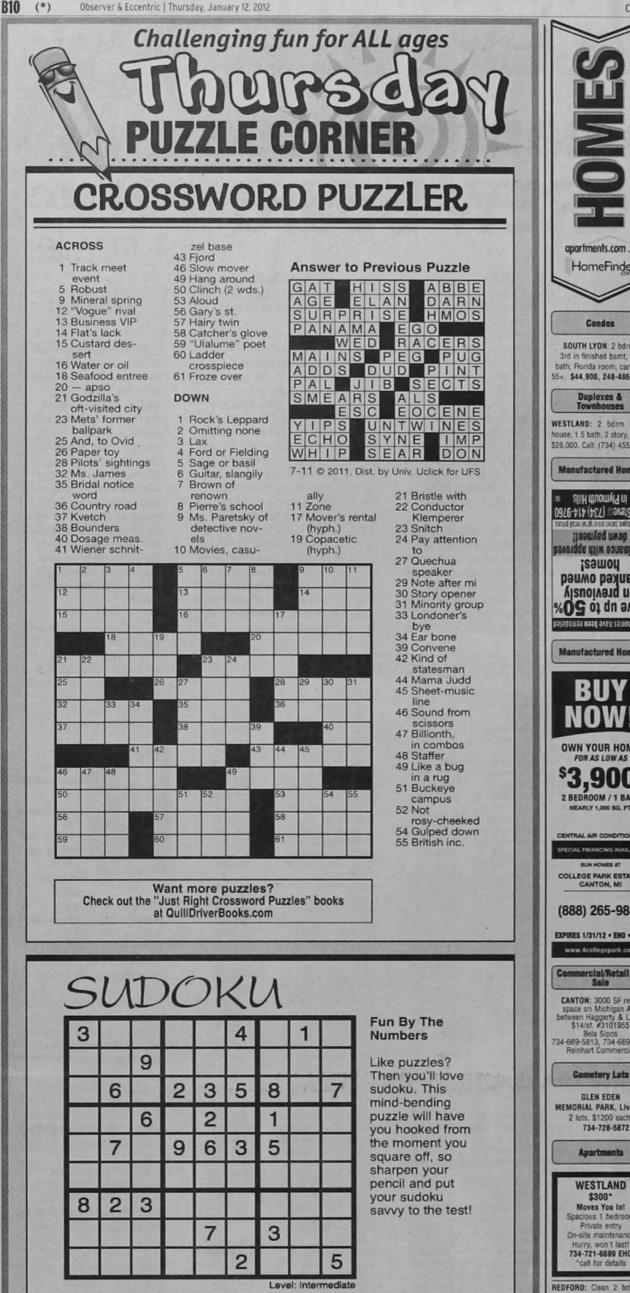
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#### concerned about using volunteers because of the risks that may be involved. Do you have any suggestions?

A: When in doubt, check with your insurance agent. Ask the volunteers if they have their own insurance. Ask the volunteers to sign a hold harmless agreement drafted by your attorney. Be sure you are getting good volunteers, if, in fact, you choose to use them. Make sure the volunteers have the skills to do the job. Make sure that their work is reviewed through proper oversight and, have a board resolution, either authorizing the volunteers to do the work or clarify what type of work cannot be done by volunteers. Everything else being considered, it is probably a good idea not to utilize volunteers unless you are adequately protected.

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



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