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CONNECTION Clothing drive

The Plymouth Democratic Club sponsors a clothing drive aimed at donations of "socks and undies" to benefit the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank, which provides free clothing to hundreds of families in need. Heavy demand has rendered the Clothing Bank short of socks and underwear, especially in children's and women's sizes.

The drive takes place on Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth. Other gently used clothing will also be accepted.

Super Bowl recipes

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

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

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

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

If mailing, send to Dargay at the Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. But hurry, deadline for submissions is Jan. 23.

Make hearts sing

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

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

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

Furlough closings

As part of a cost-saving plan approved by the Canton Township Board of Trustees, the administrative offices of the Public Safety Department will be closed for 12 furlough days in 2011.

The Records Bureau, Police and Fire Administrative Offices, and Ordinance Enforcement Unit will be closed Jan. 28, Feb. 21, March 25, April 25, May 27, June 24, July 1, July 29, Aug. 19, Sept. 2, Oct. 21, and Nov. 14. The dates will be listed in the Public Safety Records Bureau and on the department's website at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bevis Richardson, one of three unpaid managers who coordinate two-hour work schedules for more than 50 volunteer workers, said Secondhand Prose made some \$64,000 last year, all of which went back to the library "one way or another."

Prose by any other name Used book store has a deal for readers

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Mark Worpell rattles off a few reasons why he has visited Secondhand Prose, a used book store packed with hidden treasures in the Canton Public Library.

He has found audio books for aging readers who now have difficulty reading.

He bought books for a teacher friend who distributed them to children in Detroit Public Schools.

He has helped Boy Scouts find books they shipped overseas to people who don't have access to libraries.

Monday morning, Worpell simply browsed for a couple of mysteries by author Stuart Woods for his wife, Mary. "They've got deals here you can't beat," he said.

Secondhand Prose opened in spring 2000 and has grown to an estimated collection of 12,000 books ranging from 25-cent children's stories to \$1 hardcovers to a \$50 copy of author/illustrator Maryjo Koch's *The Nest: An Artistic Sketchbook*, which typically has a much higher price tag on the Internet.

Book lovers who collect books or give them as frugal gifts in a tough economy — or who find deals such as a collection of 28 leather-bound Civil War books that sold for \$70 — view Secondhand Prose as a reader's paradise.

"We made over \$64,000 last year, and it all goes back into the library in one form or another," said Bevis



Even VHS tapes sell well at the used book store.

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Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 2-8 p.m. Tuesdays (for members only); 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The store accepts cash and personal checks.

Details: For more information or to become a donor or volunteer, call (734) 397-0999, ext. 1031, or visit www.cantonpl.org and look for the link to Friends & Bookstore.

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New chamber boss gets to work

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shortly before her inaugural address Wednesday afternoon as the Canton Chamber of Commerce's new president, Tracey Rettig reflected on the reason she sought her new job.

"I've always wanted to work in a position where I can help the economy," she said. "It's like a dream job."

Rettig's remarks came as she took time from mingling amid a crowd of 100 people who attended her first luncheon at Summit on the Park.

Rettig comes to her new post following a vast background in marketing and corporate communications. She has 20 years of business experience and, in a trait the chamber's presidential

search committee sought, she has 15 years of involvement with nonprofit organizations.

Marty Heator, sworn in Wednesday to chair the chamber board, lauded Rettig's past involvement in fund-raising, event organizing and strategic planning. He said Rettig has the talent to steer an already strong chamber and to help Canton's business community prosper.

"It's a quality chamber and a quality community," Heator said.

Rettig already has had ties to the Michigan Economic Development Corp., and her most recent marketing and corporate communications post was with United Solar Ovonic, a subsidiary of Energy Conversion Devices. She has a journalism

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tracey Rettig is the new president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

New board chief vows district will develop 'our' plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Jackson knows the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has fractured in recent months, but he believes he's the right person to heal whatever wounds exist and move the board forward.

He'll get that chance, having been elected the board president in a split vote victory at Tuesday's board meeting. Jackson earned the nod to replace Steven Sneiderman on a predictable 4-3 vote, with Trustees Judy Mardigian, Dianne Gonzalez and Adrienne Davis supporting him.

Barry Simescu, who had been vice president, was also nominated — actually, he was nominated for three different positions — but fell short by a vote.

Jackson shrugged off criticism leveled at his selection and said it's time for the board to "make it 'our' plan and not 'my' plan."

"Whatever I have to do (to heal), I'm going to make every effort to do," Jackson said. "I'd like to sit down one-on-one with all the board members to see what we need to do to make that happen."

Mardigian, the longest-serving board member who was re-elected to her treasurer position by the same 4-3 vote, nominated Jackson, saying Jackson had "distinguished himself" as a board member and pointing to leadership positions he's held in the corporate world as an indication he's ready to lead.

Jackson, who has been on the board three years, had chaired the board's policy committee.

"He's proven to us he's ready to lead," Mardigian said. "He's a very hard worker. I think he's been able to talk to everybody, and reach out to everybody."

Sneiderman disagreed, basing his lack of support largely on the motions Jackson

pushed through in November to not renew the contract of Superintendent Craig Fiegel and install Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs as the district's chief operating officer.

Sneiderman scoffed at the notion Jackson will increase "collaboration," a term banded about by board members in recent months, particularly what they described as Fiegel's lack thereof.

"I hear collaboration being said, but I don't see much of it occurring," Sneiderman said, referencing those Nov. 22 decisions.

"Collaboration takes give-and-take and compromise. In the (recent) past, it's been 'We'll listen to you and then do what we want.' I look forward to an era of collaboration."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez was elected to her first leadership position with the board, beating Simescu — who was nominated by Sneiderman — in the same 4-3 vote. Mardigian likewise beat Simescu, nominated for his third position of the night, in a 4-3 vote.

Davis was the only unanimous selection of the night; she was the only nomination and was elected board secretary. She replaces Trustee Nancy Eggenberger.

"I'm honored and thankful to be given an opportunity to serve," Davis said.

Jackson said the board must begin to move forward to face upcoming challenges, including continued budget strife and, eventually, the hiring of Fiegel's replacement. Some want to move quickly on a new superintendent, but Jackson said he isn't sure it's quite the right time.

"We have to decide on (replacing Fiegel)," Jackson said. "I have some ideas I'd like to put on the table. I think we need to stabilize things first. I don't know what time period that is, if it's two months or six months or whatever it is. We have to decide what we want."

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

American songbook

Celebrate the classic American standards of yesteryear at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, Jan. 15, at a special performance of "A Salute to the Great American Songbook," featuring a talented cast of Las Vegas-quality performers. Enjoy the favorite songs of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, and Sammy Davis, Jr. in this unique act featuring Canton resident Kevin Brazell, Chris Scarlett of Novi, with Marcia Allen and Jymy Dill both from the Flint area.

These crooners will take the stage at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$20 with a five-dollar discount for seniors, students and groups of 15 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the Village Theater Box Office, online at canton-villagetheater.org or by phone at (734) 394-5460.

Blues performance

Legendary blues singer Ann Rabson is scheduled to perform her infectious blend of jazz and blues at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Saturday, Jan. 29. Smokin' Sleddog Records presents his multi-talented artist, who will take the stage at 8 p.m. performing vocals, guitar and piano.

Playing and singing the blues professionally since 1962, Rabson was nominated in 2009 for a Blues Music Award, formerly the W.C. Handy Award, as Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year. She has also been nominated eight times for Traditional Blues Female Artist of the Year. Her first solo album, Music Makin' Mama, was nominated as Album of the Year in both the Traditional Blues and Acoustic Blues categories, and her composition Elevator Man was nominated as Song of the Year.

Tickets to this dynamic show are \$20 per person, reserved seating, and can be

purchased online at www.CantonVillageTheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

One-act festival

TLC Productions has organized Canton's first One Acts Festival, Jan. 21-23, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Six original plays have been chosen from among more than 100 nationwide submissions. Three of the one-acts are by Michigan playwrights, including Canton's David Lew Cooper and Jacob A. Zinke, and Randy Wyatt of Grand Rapids. Note to parents: this production is PG-13.

TLC Productions is made up of Canton's own Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay.

Show dates are Jan. 21-22 at 8 p.m., and 2 p.m. Jan. 23.

The One Acts Festival is organized by TLC Productions, sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and the Humanities, and offered in partnership with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Tickets are \$10 each. Go to tlcprod.wordpress.com/the-festival or call the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300.

Charity event

United Home Health Services, a local home care company in Canton, hosts its fifth annual charity event 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

The evening consists of an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner followed by the comedy of Dwayne Gill, by day a police officer and by night a professional stand-up comedian. Known for his engaging personality and stage presence, Gill has been performing comedy since 1993. His topics range from current events and male/female relationships to the crazy situations he's encountered as a police officer.

Reservations are \$50 per person and can be made by calling Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820 by Jan. 18. All proceeds go toward United's



Taking the stage

Gamblers and glamour are paired up in 'Curse of the Hopeless Diamond' by Eileen Moushey, a hilarious murder mystery dinner theater presented Jan. 15, Feb. 12 and March 5 and 19 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The intimate setting of The Billmore Studio has been cleverly transformed where the hi-jinks unfold and where delicious food will be served. The show includes dinner, music, puzzles and prizes. Local actors serve up the glitz and the glamour, including Paul Partua, Pat McKane and Betty Berryman, all of Canton. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. They cost \$45 each.

Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond insurance coverage. It is also used to provide food, clothing, emergency medications, transportation, and medical equipment for patients in need.

New Morning events

New Morning School will host open houses Thursday, Jan. 13 at 9:15 a.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. for families interested in enrolling their children in preschool through 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Prospective families will be offered opportunities to see classrooms in action, meet with teachers, and tour the building. New Morning, located at 14501 Haggerty in Plymouth, is an independent parent cooperative offering individualized education, multi-age classrooms, a 12:1 student-teacher ratio, and student-directed goal management plans.

More information is available at www.newmorningschool.com. Please call 734.420.3331 with questions or to set up a private appointment to discuss and observe the school.

Parents of children ages 2 to 4 will be interested in New Morning School's Me and My Shadow program starting on Saturday, Jan. 15. This session's theme is Little Chefs; kids will mix, shake, blend, and stir different child friendly and healthy recipes. These parent and child classes provide special one-on-one time for parents and children while acclimating young children to the social and learning routines of preschool. The cost for the 10-week session is \$90, payable in 2 payments. Classes run Saturday mornings from 9-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call (734) 420-3331 or visit www.newmorningschool.com for more information.

Grief support

Compassionate Care Hospice is conducting a grief

education series for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the program is to provide education on the grief process. The first program of the series, "Why do I Feel so Depressed?" will be held on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Compassionate Care Hospice office located at 5730 Lilley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, from 6-7:30 p.m. There is no charge. For information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (734) 983-9050.

Cheer clinic

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

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

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., and space is limited. For more information, call (734) 397-3766 or e-mail cindy-druck@gmail.com

Chef Jesse cooks

Chef Jesse Gales will offer a taste-testing opportunity at the Canton Township Weight Watchers center Thursday, Jan. 20.

The meeting is open and free to the public so anyone who is interested in learning more about Weight Watchers, without having to pay a meeting fee, is welcome.

Chef Jesse, the official chef of Weight Watchers Group, will also share tips on healthful eating and cooking techniques, as well as answer questions about the new PointsPlus Program.

The Canton Township Weight Watchers center is located inside the Willow Creek Plaza at 41814 Ford Road. Meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. and at noon.

New Hope seminar

Anyone who has recently suffered the loss of a loved one might want to check out a seminar being offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m., attorney Ron Thompson of Thompson-Platte will offer a legal perspective regarding the many issues someone might face when someone they love dies. These include minimizing tax consequences, dealing with decedent's creditors, methods to best protect surviving family members and the issues involving updating wills and trust.

The free seminar will be offered at New Hope Center

for Grief Support at 315 Griswold, Northville. Seating is limited; call (248) 348-0115 to register.

Nuns in charge

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

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

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

Band auditions

Has it been a while since you dusted-off that musical instrument of yours? Anyone getting that urge to perhaps start playing that clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or any other musical instrument has their chance.

The New Horizons Band of Canton is looking for new members. Musicians 18 years of age or older who would like to become a part of this unique music ensemble are invited to attend a "free" one-time rehearsal on Tuesday evenings.

For more information, call Evola Music at (734) 455-4677.

Hairspray on stage

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

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

Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-20. Their production of "Hairspray" hits the stage 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and Sunday, Jan. 30; 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; and 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 5-6.

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

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Freshman Heise takes oath in local ceremony



Michigan Rep. Kurt Heise (left) was sworn in by Judge Ronald Lowe of the 35th District Court in a local public ceremony at Plymouth Township Hall on Tuesday evening. Holding the Bible is Heise's wife, Catherine, who is flanked by their daughters, Katie (left) and Claire.

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kurt Heise, a Republican from Plymouth Township, was sworn in as a new member of the Michigan House of Representatives during a local public ceremony at Plymouth Township Hall Tuesday.

Heise took the oath, administered by Judge Ronald Lowe of 35th District Court, before the regular Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting. Looking on were family members, supporters and those attending the board meeting; refreshments were served later.

Heise had already been legally sworn in for the sake of continuity and has officially

been a representative since Jan. 1. He was the sponsor of four of the first 10 bills introduced in the state House this year, he said.

"We promised we were going to hit the ground running and we certainly have done that," he said.

Heise's best-known proposal would put the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department under the control of a regional board, an issue he campaigned on last fall.

His other three bills would: prohibit the annexation of property by another community in townships with a population of more than 20,000, something his predecessor, Democrat Marc Coriveau, had pushed;

mandate a maximum 90-day turnaround period for permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality; and require elections in public school districts to coincide with statewide November general elections in order to cut costs by reducing the number of elections.

On Monday, Heise announced he is planning to introduce a measure that would eliminate the Michigan Business Tax surcharge, which is close to 22 percent for most businesses.

Heise's wife Catherine, an attorney, and daughters Katie, 13, and Claire, 12, attended the ceremony.

Catherine Heise said she

expects her husband will be part of a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers that will turn around Michigan's fortunes and set it on the right track.

"Kurt has got a real talent, a real gift, for government," she said. "Kurt's always kind of had that macro vision."

Two swearings-in, both more formal, were scheduled for Wednesday for state House members.

Heise won the August GOP primary in the 20th District race against one opponent, and easily defeated Democrat Joan Wadsworth of Northville in the November general election. Coriveau had decided not to seek re-election.

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McCotter hopes for Giffords' recovery

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, was working around his house Saturday when he received a message from his press secretary about the Arizona shooting rampage that killed six people and wounded at least 13 others, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Giffords, who authorities say was targeted for assassination, remains in a Tucson hospital, recovering from her injuries. Like the rest of her colleagues in Congress, McCotter is hoping for her recovery.

"I think that (Congressman) John Dingell described her the best, that she is fervent and elegant in advocating for her district. She is a nice person, and you just would not expect something like this to happen to her," McCotter said. As the news came in, McCotter had hoped that victims would be OK. "Sadly, that wasn't the case," he said.

The shooting also left the question about whether congressional members should re-examine their security.

McCotter would not com-



Thaddeus McCotter doesn't want to put up barriers between elected officials and the general public. "You really don't want the rights infringed with what this lunatic did," he said, speaking of the Arizona shooting rampage.

ment on his own personal security, but didn't expect security to change much on Capitol Hill, which was stepped up after 9/11. "You have an organized group of terrorists who want to kill large numbers of Americans," McCotter said. The World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, heightened security measures even before McCotter was first elected to Congress.

McCotter hesitates to put up barriers between elected officials and the general public.

"What are you going to do? You can't allow a dysfunctional person to dictate what you do; then you become dysfunction-

al," McCotter said. "You really don't want the rights infringed with what this lunatic did. You don't want to put up barriers."

Crime and violence exist at all levels of society, McCotter said: "It's a sad part of life. If you live a life in fear, then you won't have a life worth living."

McCotter also noted that acts of courage and heroism emerged from the shooting and that Americans should focus on those heroes, such as the congressional aide who gave his life to protect others, and the three people who brought the shooter down by tackling him and grabbing his magazine before he could reload.

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degree from Michigan State University and is enrolled in a nonprofit management and leadership certificate program at Lawrence Technological University.

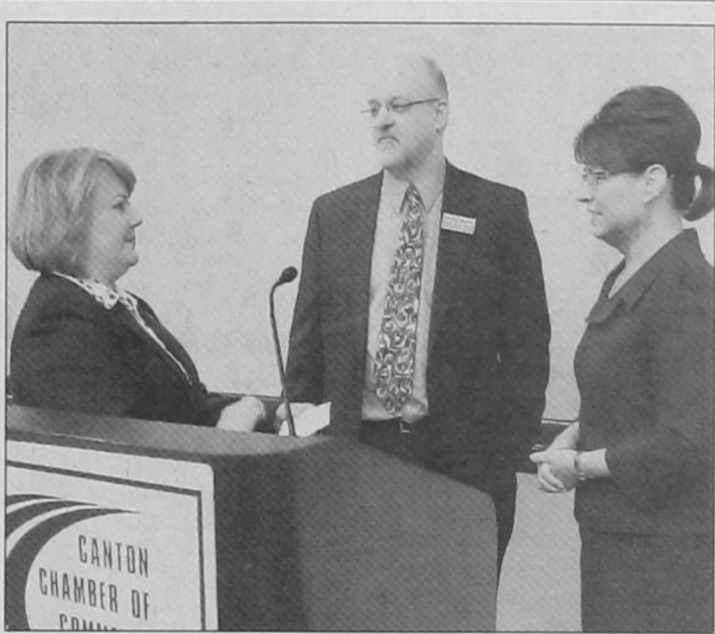
Rettig was chosen in December to replace now-retired chamber President Dianne Cojei, who had the job for a decade.

"She has left very big shoes to fill," Rettig told chamber members Wednesday, "and I will do my best to live up to that legacy."

Earlier, Rettig said she has long wanted to have a role in improving Michigan's economy, and she said Canton — already known as a business friendly community — will give her that opportunity. She also underscored the importance of regional cooperation between suburbs and Detroit.

"I get tired of people bashing Detroit," she said.

Rettig and chamber leaders are set to begin drafting new goals during a meeting Friday.



New Chamber President Tracey Rettig speaks with new Chair Marty Heator and past Chair Mary Bartlett before the Wednesday meeting.

In other developments Wednesday, Heator and other chamber board of director members were sworn in by 35th District Judge Mike Gerou for their new positions. Others on the board include Kim Scartelli, chair-elect for next year; Mary Bartlett, past chair; Brandon Dent, treasurer; holdover mem-

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CRIME WATCH

Drugs and assault

1 A woman suspected of having heroin was arrested and then got herself into even deeper trouble when she assaulted a female public safety service officer (PSSO) who was conducting a strip search at the Canton police station.

The incident started about 2:35 a.m. Monday when police stopped a vehicle for failing to use a traffic signal near Old Michigan and Haggerty. The male driver told police he was driving for a cab company and was giving the female suspect a ride to Sherwood Village mobile home park.

As an investigation ensued, police noticed a small black nylon wallet in top of the woman's purse, but it was missing after an officer went to his patrol car and then returned, according to a police report.

The woman allowed police to look in her purse, and an officer found what appeared to be heroin residue in an Altoids mint container. The woman initially tried to grab the container from the officer's hand.

Police also found four needles, cotton swabs and several pieces of folded paper in the woman's possession. The driver of the car also told police he had noticed the woman stuff something down the front of her pants.

Police advised the woman she was under arrest for drug paraphernalia and released the driver, who was cooperative in the investigation. An officer took the suspect to the police station, where she was taken to a bathroom by a PSSO for a strip search.

However, the woman was accused of assaulting the PSSO, forcing a male officer to enter the bathroom and intervene. A police report indicated the suspect had dropped yet another folded piece of paper and, when the PSSO tried to get it, the suspect knocked her to the ground.

Police found the piece of paper, which appeared to have heroin residue on it. The woman was arrested not only amid suspicion of heroin but also for

trying to destroy evidence and assaulting the PSSO.

A police report indicated the substance did, indeed, test positive for heroin. Police took the needles to a hospital for proper disposal.

Hit and run

2 A woman notified police after another driver hit her car and then fled the Speedway gas station at Ford and Canton Center roads around 4:45 p.m. last Thursday.

A woman putting gas in her Ford Flex told police a Chevy Impala was driven by a teenage girl who pulled through the pump area, hit her vehicle, indicated she would pull over to the side and then drove off, according to a police report.

The victim got a license plate num-

ber and contacted police, who went to the Chevy owner's house and found the teen's mother. The mother called the teen and had her come home.

The teen told police she thought the other car had backed into her and said she got scared. Then she said the incident happened so fast she wasn't sure what had occurred so she left.

The teen was issued a ticket for failing to stop at a property damage accident and told to appear in 35th District Court.

Stolen car

3 A woman reported that her vehicle was stolen after she started it and then went inside her residence to give the car time to warm up.

The incident happened shortly after 6:30 a.m. last Thursday on Stacy, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

A police investigation revealed that a teen

who lived in the neighborhood was suspected of stealing the car, which police found parked at the Starkweather Alternative High School in Plymouth.

Police also found a second stolen vehicle at the high school — this one taken in Plymouth. The investigation ultimately led authorities to two teens. Police found the keys to both vehicles at the school.

Larceny reports

4 Police say there were several reports of larcenies from cars on numerous streets in the Palmer-Hannan area on Jan. 7.

The incidents occurred in the 1600 block of Brookdale, the 1700 block of Orchard and the 1600 block of Northbrook Court.

A police investigation has indicated that potentially one suspect on foot has been going through unlocked cars. Police believe he is either being picked up by a second suspect or that he has a car parked near the areas where he is stealing.

Warrant arrest

5 Canton police arrested a man and turned him over to Auburn Hills authorities after investigating a complaint at The Crossings apartment complex, southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

The complaint stemmed from a reported malicious destruction or property and larceny at the apartment complex, and a police investigation revealed that a man was wanted for a probation violation out of Auburn Hills, for driving with a suspended license out of Grosse Pointe Park and for a traffic offense by Michigan State Police.

Canton police made arrangements to meet with Auburn Hills authorities to turn the man over to them.

Car pancaked

6 A woman who lives on Windsor Woods, northwest of Morton Taylor and Warren, reported her car was vandalized between 9:55 p.m. Monday and 5:20 a.m. Tuesday after she parked it under a carport.

A police report indicated that someone had poured pancake mix and eggs over the windows, roof and hood of the Hyundai Elantra, but there appeared to be no significant damage.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Daylight robbery targets walker listening to iPod

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man walking as he listened to his iPod on the township's northeast side told police he was robbed Sunday afternoon by a ski mask-wearing man who threatened to shoot him unless he gave up his coat.

The incident happened in broad daylight, just after noon, while the victim was walking along Honeytree, not far from his residence at The Crossings apartment complex southeast of I-275 and Joy Road, according to a police report.

The victim admitted to police that he wasn't paying attention as he walked and listened to his iPod, leaving him distracted and vulnerable.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said anyone jogging or walking while listening to an iPod should be aware of their surroundings.

"Anything that distracts you from what's going on around you makes you more vulnerable," he said. "If you're going to be one of these people who listens to an iPod while walking, be sure to look around and see what's happening around you. It's just so important to be aware of what's going on around you."

The victim described the suspect as a muscular, 5-foot-10 black male who was wearing a dark hoodie and baggy jeans, with his face partially hidden by a ski mask.

He also told police the suspect carried an object in his hand that appeared to be a gun.

The victim filed a police report saying the suspect approached him from the side, ordered him to take off his coat and then warned him to run and not look back or he would be shot.

He followed the suspect's orders, turning over a coat described in police reports as new yet designed to look older. He also told police he had money, cigarettes and a small bottle of cologne tucked in the coat.

The victim told police he works in construction and has lived in the area where he was robbed for five months. He said he hadn't had any previous problems.

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BOOK STORE

FROM PAGE A1

Richardson, one of three unpaid managers who coordinate two-hour work schedules for more than 50 volunteer workers.

The bookstore, run by Friends of the Canton Library, supports library programs such as summer reading clubs and deliveries to people who can't leave home. It has raised money to stock Michigan's busiest one-branch library with special collections about state history, women's issues, diversity, careers and other topics. It has paid for furniture, statues, flags and technology.

Library Director Eva Davis said Secondhand Prose averages some \$5,000 in sales each month for the library on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer — income that has become increasingly important as revenues have declined amid an economic downturn.

"Secondhand Prose is very important to the library and the community," Davis said.

Patrons can find more than books, too, including music CDs, movie DVDs and video-cassettes, board games and occasionally a children's toy or two.

Canton residents have been untiring about donating to the bookstore and buying items from it, said Richardson, a library volunteer since 1993. Some materials are more in demand than others.

"The mysteries sell very well," Richardson said.

Friends of the Canton Library offers memberships ranging from \$10 for students and senior citizens to \$100 to become a "best friend." Only members get to scour the shelves for deals after they're freshly stocked each Tuesday, but non-members needn't fear because there's always plenty of merchandise.

Nancy Camp, a nine-year volunteer, said many regular customers visit Secondhand Prose.

"We get to meet a lot of



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Worpell shops at Secondhand Prose.

nice people," Camp said. "I get a lot of grandmothers who are babysitting, and they will come in and pick up a book to take home. We get teachers and people who buy books to read when they're going on trips. They come in and load up."

Each month brings new specials. To help patrons start the New Year successfully, volunteers this month decided to let patrons who buy two self-help or religion books get a third free.

Even better, on the last full weekend of business each month, customers can pay \$5, get a bag from volunteers and fill it with as many materials as they can fit in.

Richardson credits supporters such as the late Wally Baker and library employee Marcia Barker with helping to pave the way for Secondhand Prose. A picture of Baker

hangs near the bookstore door, next to a plaque honoring Barker.

Before the store opened, volunteers used to haul books to the library four times a year for sales. Worpell, who shopped Monday for books for his wife, was among those who drove books to the library — an indication of his longtime support for the facility.

Now donors can bring books to the store or take them to a dropoff point behind the library.

Richardson said volunteers and patrons alike have been generous over the years. The store allows them to support the library while getting a good deal.

"People know we have a good bargain," Richardson said.

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Pedestrian struck by car on Joy Road

A 25-year-old Plymouth woman was struck by a car Wednesday afternoon on Canton's north side as she was crossing Joy Road at Ronda, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The woman was taken to a hospital following the 2:30 p.m. accident. Gajeski said

it appeared the woman was crossing Joy Road to meet someone who was going to give her a ride.

The woman was hit by a car traveling eastbound on Joy Road, and it was believed the vehicle was traveling at the posted speed of 40 mph,

Gajeski said.

A preliminary investigation indicated the driver wasn't at fault.

"There's no indication of drugs or alcohol at this time," Gajeski said Wednesday afternoon.

— By Darrell Clem

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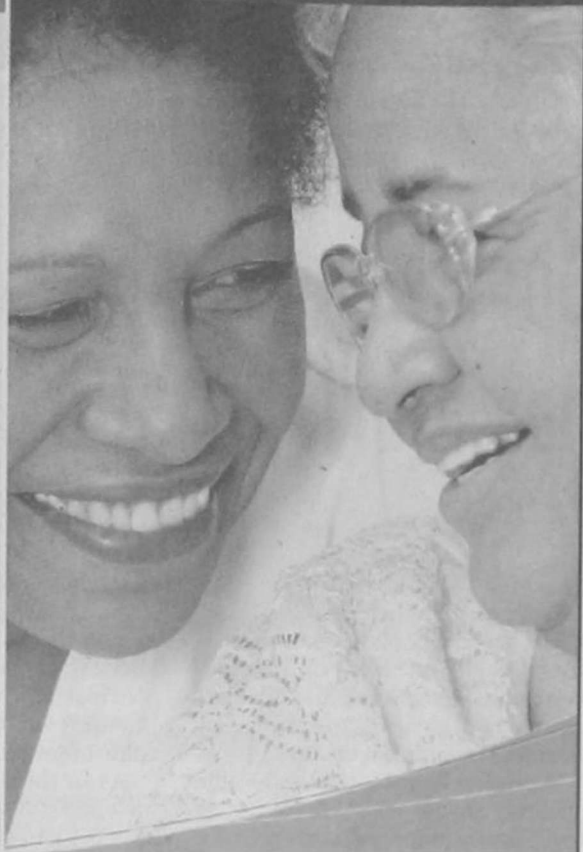
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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Explorer named Truck of Year; Volt voted best car

Local dealers rave about honors

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The 2011 North American International Auto Show kicked off Monday on a hometown note, with the Ford Explorer named North American Truck of the Year and the Chevrolet Volt earning the North American Car of the Year award.

The Explorer's win marks the third consecutive time — and seventh time overall — that a Ford has earned North American Truck of the Year honors, edging out the Dodge Durango and Jeep Grand Cherokee in this year's competition. This year's awards were decided by 49 veteran automotive journalists from Canada and the United States.

The honor was not a surprise to Dennis Rekuc, general sales manager at Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills, who said he believes the car is going to be a "home run" because the number of advanced sales is already double what is normal.

"I have north of 50 orders from customers who haven't been able to see, feel, touch or smell one of those things," he said. "And having only a little information they are still saying they want this vehicle."

"It tells me there is a lot of pent up demand and the brand name is still strong."

Domestic automakers have won the North American Truck of the Year award 11 times, most recently with the Ford Transit Connect in 2010.

Mark Fields, executive vice president at Ford Motor Co., said the Explorer's honor "reinforces that we're a company that makes things and that manufacturing matters in the U.S."

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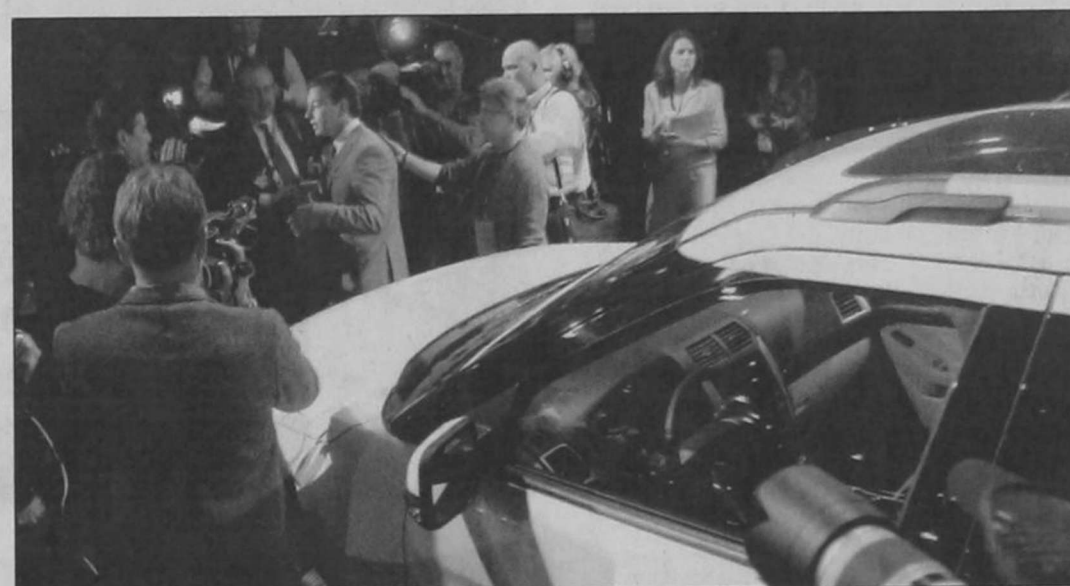
"For Ford it shows our finest work," he said. "It shows that America and Ford can compete — not only in the U.S., but around the world."

As for the Volt, it continues to draw positive reviews, adding North American Car of the Year honors to already having been named



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General Motor's Tom Stephens, (center) vice chairman of product development, answers questions from the media on Jan. 10, moments after the Chevy Volt was named the 2011 North American Car of the Year. The Volt is seen in the foreground.



Frank Davis (center left) of Ford North American Product Development, fields questions on Monday, Jan. 10, after the Explorer was named Truck of the Year at the NAIAS.

Motor Trend Car of the Year and Automobile Magazine's Car of the Year.

It beat out the Hyundai Sonata and the Nissan Leaf.

James Schram, sales manager at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, said the four Volts his dealership was given for 2011 have already been pre-sold and they are working with General Motors to get more.

"It has really sparked some great energy in the showroom and brings in some really neat, tech-savvy people," he said. "On top of that it has gorgeous styling, unbelievable safety and state-of-the-industry technology."

The Volt, which has been on sale since December, is a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle that can travel between 25-50 miles on an electric charge before switching to a gas-powered generator to produce more electricity for the battery.

This was the fourth time General Motors won North American Car of the Year, most recently in 2008 with the Chevrolet Malibu.

The honor was "humbling" to Tom Stephens, General Motor's vice chairman of product development, who also emphasized the Volt is "not a science experiment."

"The Volt represents the soul or essence of the new General Motors," he said after the announcement Monday morning. "The electrification of vehicles is something that is not a fad, it's here to stay."

TECHNOLOGY: MAIN THEME

In unveiling the ie:3 demonstrator vehicle, a fully electric car, Boda Bolzenius, president of Johnson Controls Automotive Experience, talked about the company's philosophy of using machines to create a compelling driving experience.

"With the ie:3, we wanted to provide interior and battery solutions for smaller, fuel efficient vehicles without compromising functionality, comfort or spaciousness," Bolzenius said. "The features and functions in the ie:3 are adaptable to markets around the world and are available for model-year 2015 and beyond."

The company, which has a headquarters in Plymouth Township, also touched on its global expansion plans. Johnson Controls has one plant in China and is ready to launch two more factories within the next three years, with the goal of creating 30 million batteries a year in China by 2015.

"In 2010 we restored the company to profitability and future growth," Bolzenius said. "We are ready to move ahead."

Staff Writer Jay M. Grossman contributed to this article.



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (left) talks with James Blain at the MEDC exhibit at the NAIAS on Jan. 11 about electric car charging stations. The MEDC hall featured Michigan company's business efforts at promoting and selling the next wave of energy efficiency and electric car transportation solutions.

Gov. Snyder: Auto industry has a bright future in state

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Newly elected Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder toured the North American International Auto Show on Tuesday, promising that cars and manufacturing are key ingredients toward fueling the state's economic recovery.

"We have a bright future in the auto industry," Snyder said. "We have a bright future in manufacturing in our state — we just need to keep adding things to broaden our base. But we're certainly not going to walk away from the core of what made us great over the last hundred years."

Speaking in the "Smarter Living in Michigan" exhibit, Snyder said the role of his administration will be to create an infrastructure and tax base that's inviting to business and startup entrepreneurs.

More importantly, Snyder said it's his job as governor to transform the state's culture and mindset.

"We need to redo the culture in our state in three key ways," he said. "To move from negative to positive; to move from looking in the rear-view mirror to looking in the future; to be inclusive rather than divisive. And if you look at what's going on right here, there's no better illustration in our state of people being positive."

As for the state budget and the inevitability of service cuts to ease the deficit, Snyder said those issues will be spelled out in greater detail when he delivers his State of the State Address next Wednesday.

Mike Finney, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., said the auto show provides a great example of how the car companies are swiftly moving their products forward into the 21st century.

"This is a demonstration of where the world is moving," Finney said. "And where Michigan is moving."

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'Green Hornet' car drawing lots of attention

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Ford is living the life of a Green Hornet.

The Farmington Hills native is touring around the country with "Black Beauty," a souped-up 1964 Chrysler Imperial that's featured in the upcoming movie *The Green Hornet*. The car will be on display to the public throughout the 2011 North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall.

Ford, who now lives in Los Angeles and works for Sony Pictures, has taken the car to auto shows, college football games and other events across the country.

"We've gone from L.A. to New York and everywhere in between," he said. "My favorite day was the Tampa Bay auto show. They basically shut down a city park where there's a track, so we got to take it on the track and really open it up."

A graduate of Southfield Christian High School, Ford recently headed to California to get involved in the movie industry. He's amazed at all the buzz the car is receiving.

"People are really excited about the movie," he said. "It's appealing to a broad demographic, which is great. You have an older generation who remember the show from the '60s ... and then you have a much older generation who remember it from the '30s when it was on the radio here in Detroit."

About the car: It features a 500-horsepower engine, dual brake pedals, a pair of hood-mounted .30 caliber Browning machine guns — and Stinger missiles that



Farmington Hills native Matthew Ford is escorting the Green Hornet car around the country. It's on display all week at the Detroit auto show.

shoot from the front and rear bumpers.

Oh, and let's not forget the grill mounted flamethrower.

Along with the car show, Ford said he's looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and spending some time with his father, who lives in Rochester.

Advance screenings of the movie are taking place throughout the week in metro Detroit. Visit www.sonypicturespublicity.com for more information.

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AUTO SHOW BRIEFS

Pistons sighting

As day two of press preview day came to a close on Tuesday, a few members of the Detroit Pistons took time to get an intimate look at some of their favorite cars.

Forwards Chris Wilcox and Jason Maxiell were seen touring the Bentley display, followed by sports broadcaster Eli Zarar who appeared to be working on a piece for Pistons.com.

Jobs coming

Unemployed workers across the nation could get a boost from the automotive industry as several companies and suppliers announced plans for hiring. Ford plans on creating 7,000 new American jobs in 2011-12, while Volkswagen is expected to open 12,000 new positions in the United States in the next two years.

Novi business Tata Technologies held a job fair in December and plans to hire 400 people, while

Novi and Farmington Hills-based Harman Automotive also has plans to add to its workforce.

Auto show plus

The obvious gems of the North American International Auto Show are the vehicles, but several of the manufacturers also brought in interactive displays and games to entice people to visit their areas.

Ford went all out with its 2011 Ford F-150 Towing Challenge game where a person can see how much they can tow, a Fiesta Rally simulator and a Need for Speed simulator complete with motion seating.

The Honda exhibit features the game Gran Turismo 5, and visitors to Chevrolet can test their skills on the Xbox Kinect.

Toyota, which recently made the move into NASCAR, has a NASCAR garage highlighted by Denny Hamlin's No. 11 Fed-Ex car and a racing game where people can drive scaled down cars on a track.

Fans of the hit HBO series

Entourage also can get an up-close look at the 1965 Lincoln Continental used on the show.

Snyder speaks

Newly-elected Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, a graduate of U-M, keeps rooting for the team — even if it's not necessarily the one that plays in the Big House on Saturdays.

"They may not be doing well in football," he said at the auto show Tuesday. "But they're going to win the solar race in Australia."

Dog days

Snyder also was asked at the show how he likes being governor so far. "It's a good job," he said with a smile. "I'm in week two and as many of you may have heard, we are measuring time in dog years. So seven weeks is a year in terms of what I hope to accomplish, because we have a lot of in front of us, but we're going to get it done."

Smiles abound at NAIAS opening days

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Warren Harris, president and COO of Tata Technologies in Novi, walked away from the Mercedes-Benz press conference Monday afternoon at the North American International Auto Show with an ear-to-ear grin across his face.

Maybe it was pop singer Colbie Caillat's performance that helped put it there, or maybe it was Harris' observation that the atmosphere at the NAIAS is getting back to its roots of being fun again.

"Two years ago, it was a dreadful time and last year there was a confidence we were moving in the right direction," the Birmingham resident said as he stood next to a Dodge Charger on the Cobo Center floor. "But this year we are seeing a lot of positive things happen. The momentum is starting to build."

"It's a great time to be in the auto industry," Harris was at Monday's press preview with Dan Saad, Royal Oak resident and director of communications for Tata Technologies, which provides engineers and design services to several auto manufacturers.

The company's biggest North American customers are Ford and Chrysler, and Saad said they are "seeing Detroit automakers coming back."

"The difference from last year to this year is remarkable," Saad said. "This was always the biggest party of the year for the auto industry, and the best part is seeing all those smiling faces again."

The resurgence and energy at the show also was prevalent to city of Novi Economic Development Director Ara Topouzian, who attended the second press preview show with Novi City Manager Clay Pearson.

The two volunteered to work the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's "Smarter Living in Michigan" exhibit that includes a feature that allows people to test drive electric-drive and hybrid vehicles on a small track.

Topouzian and Pearson took the Chevrolet Volt and a Smart Car for spins around Town Square.

"The suppliers I have talked to are seeing (the industry) slowly coming back," Topouzian said. "They are seeing a resurgence of work."

The Farmington Hills resident, who said he has been coming to the NAIAS for about eight years, also noted that the vehicles represented at the auto show are much different than the concept cars of the past that rarely hit the roads.

"This represents the current economy we are in," he said, pointing out the focus on electric vehicles and technology improvements. "And that is definitely not a bad thing."

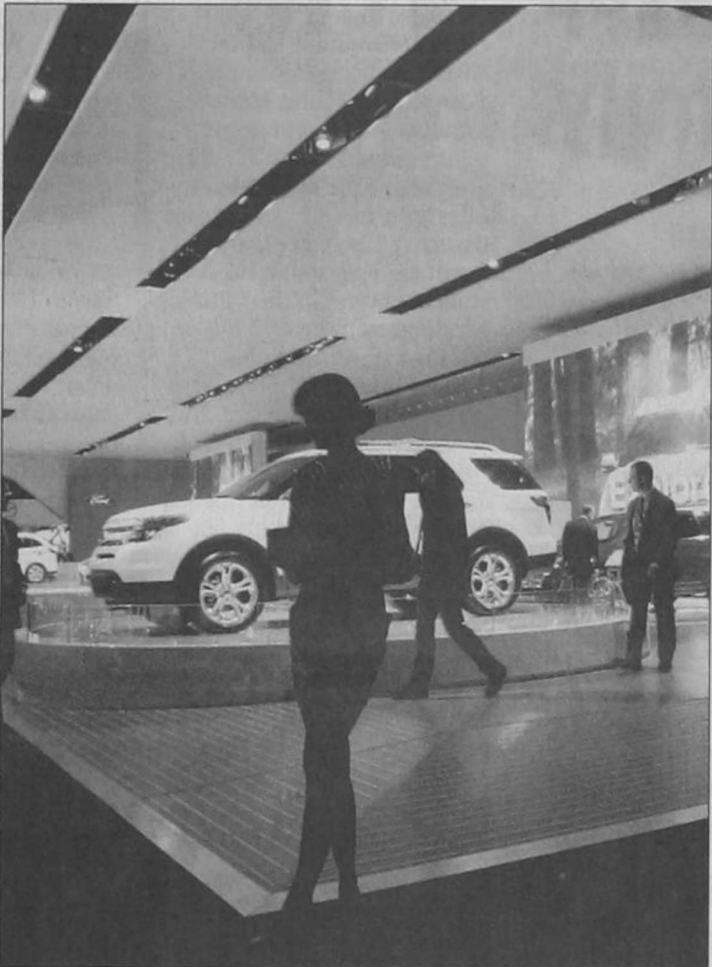
The public will get its first look at the more than 500 vehicles on display at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The show is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Jan. 15-22, and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 23.

Tickets are \$12 per person for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and older and \$6 for children 7-12 years old. Children 6 and under are free.

For more information about the 2011 North American International Auto Show, visit www.naias.com.



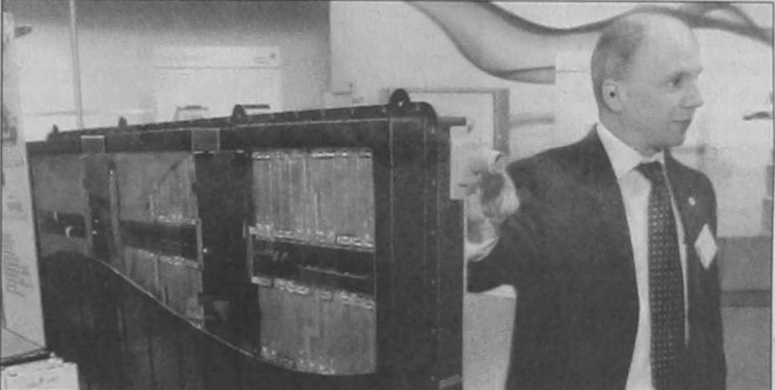
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Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the city of Novi, checks for traffic before zipping around in an electric Smart Car at the MEDC booth. Topouzian, of Farmington Hills, was at the North American International Auto Show on Tuesday.



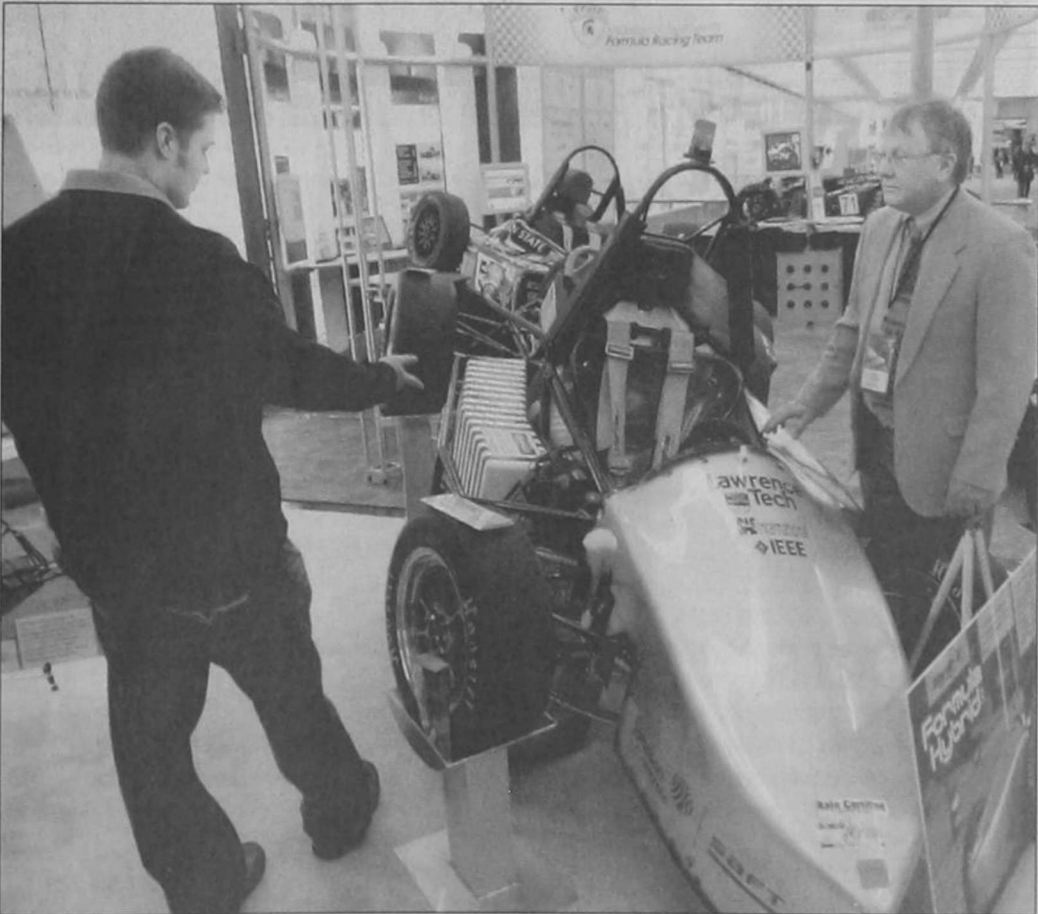
The Ford Motor Company display at the 2011 North American International Auto Show in Detroit featured lots of bright LED lighting and cool blue tones.



Johnson Controls' Alex Molinaroli introduces his company's all-electrical ie:3 vehicle at a press conference.



Johnson Controls' Steve Wood explains his company's electrical automotive battery technology at the Jan. 10 auto show in Detroit. The company, which has offices in Plymouth Township, usually known for its seating engineering, is also expanding into battery technologies.



Southfield's Lawrence Tech University had its own exhibit at the auto show. Current junior Marc Basta (left) shows off an electric-hybrid racing car he had a hand in engineering to alum Mike Zulinski.



Sam Slaughter poses by a 2011 Buick Regal G.S. at the North American International Auto Show on Jan. 11. Slaughter is president of Sellers GMC in Farmington Hills which captured the 2010 Buick Dealer of the Year award.



U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, greets an auto show attendee moments before the North American Car and Truck of the Year were awarded at Monday's press preview.



Visitors to the Jan. 11 press preview check out a BMW model.



Carl Berry, chief of security for the North American International Auto Show, pauses on the show floor on Jan. 11 during press preview day. Berry, the former chief of police for Plymouth Township and a former patrolman and chief for Plymouth, says that during the show he often works 18-20-hour days.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Hemali's Touch opened at its Cherry Hill location in October.

Beauty studio is one-stop shop for the whole family

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

Hemali's Touch: Hemali's Touch is a beauty studio providing full service hair, nails, and skin care including waxing, threading and facials, Body rejuvenation and relaxation including ancient Indian Ayurvedic Shirodhara, make-up and Henna art. We provide services to all men, women and children in short one stop for the whole family. We use all natural products both from East (Herbal by Sahana Husain) and West (Dermologica) for facials, Sugaring Wax and threading for hair removal and pure sesame oil for our ayurvedic services.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Hemali's Touch: I am involved in the skin care and beauty salon business over the last 30 years. It was giving me pleasure to see people looking good and feeling good and boosting their confidence. I had passion to start my own business from my teen years. I had my beauty parlor in India. With the support of family and friends I am able to fulfill my dream of starting my business in the USA and use my hands and touch to make people look good.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Hemali's Touch: Our family moved to the Canton area in 2005. Canton has a diverse community with people from all over the world. There are lots of choices in the Canton area as far as food, shopping, industries and businesses. Canton has lot to offer for people and Hemali's Touch with its East and West products and services can cater to Canton's diverse population from all over the world.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Hemali's Touch: Hemali's Touch is a family oriented business where services are provided for all family members. Our motto is luxury at affordability and so we provide good service at affordable pricing at all time (no discounts or sales gimmicks). Services are designed to suit for people



Hemali's Touch provides full service hair, nails, and skin care including waxing, threading and facials, Body rejuvenation and relaxation including ancient Indian Ayurvedic Shirodhara, makeup and Henna art.

from east and west. All our products are natural and approved by Dermatologist. Ayurvedic Shirodhara is an old ayurvedic therapy for relaxation from the east. We strongly believe 'it's all in the hands that do work.' We have separate rooms for the privacy of our clients. We also provide services at client's place for special occasions and we do have Bridal packages for both groom and bride.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Hemali's Touch: Since the opening we have been complimented by our clients for services, pricing and our facility. We have seen an increase in business by word of mouth. We are hoping to increase our manpower as our business grows.

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

Hemali's Touch: We were looking for a business place for more than a year in Canton. When we show this place, we fell in love with this place. It was bigger than what we were expecting but the layout was perfect to suit our services. We spent days and nights to remodel and furnish this place before opening on Oct. 18, 2010. But in this economy you think people are unemployed and many people are looking for a job but it is really funny after running an advertisement for hiring hair

HEMALI'S TOUCH

Business name and address:

Hemali's Touch, 42460 Cherry Hill, Canton

Your name and title:

Hemali Desai, owner

Your hometown:

Ahmadabad, India

Business opened when?

October 2010

Number of Employees: 6

Hours of operation: 3-8 p.m.

Monday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday

Your business specialty:

Beauty studio

Business phone and/or web-site: (734) 238-1575;

www.hemalistouch.com

stylist, manicurist, esthetician and makeup persons for two months only one person really showed up. It shows there is a need for good salon and spa in Canton.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Hemali's Touch: This is our beginning of the business. Based on our motto and belief we have kept the pricing structure for our services affordable to all members of the family in this type of sluggish economy, and still make them look good and feel good.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Hemali's Touch: We are still new in the business and we can't give them advice. Instead, we need to learn more from them. But we believe to provide good service at affordable pricing so more people can look good and feel good and take advantage and we hope they can do the same and more clients can take advantage.

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

Hemali's Touch: Based on comments from our clients for our services and pricing structure, we feel that there is a great potential for our business to grow. As people in Canton know about us and experience our services, we are hoping to provide more job opportunities for the people in Canton area. We also have hair stylist to do African American hair style.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Film deadline

PSA deadlines for the Meijer Great Choices Film Festival is fast approaching for many Michigan high school students. The first early-bird deadline is Jan. 14, with a \$5 registration fee. The final deadline is Feb. 11; however, the registration fee is increased to \$10. Students and their teachers can download registration materials and guidelines at www.meijergreatchoices.com.

This past fall Chemical Bank joined Meijer, Inc., The Meijer Foundation, M.E. Davenport Foundation, The Van Singel Fine Arts Center and Celebration Cinema, as a sponsor of the third annual Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival, offered exclusively for Michigan high school students.

For complete details, guidelines for the Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival, registration information, or to view the 2010 winning PSAs, go to www.meijergreatchoices.com.

The PSA video competition is designed for Michigan high school student film makers and audio/video students to showcase their creative talent in a/v communications. Participants must submit a 30-second Public Service Announcement promoting positive choices in the areas of Character Education, Healthy Lifestyles, and/or Celebrating Diversity. There are two different audiences that the A/V students target in their PSAs: Kindergarten through 6th or 7th through 12th grades.

More than \$20,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at a VIP ceremony and reception tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at Celebration Cinema North in Grand Rapids. The winning PSAs in each category



Telcom Credit Union member Jennifer Reimer (left) accepts her iPad from Telcom Canton branch manager Karen Ryan.

ry will be reproduced on DVDs and distributed to approximately 4,250 schools across the state as tools for their Character Education, Health Education and Diversity programs.

Telcom winner

Westland resident and Telcom Credit Union member Jennifer Reimer recently won a new iPad in Telcom's member referral promotion. The promotion awarded \$25 iTunes gift cards to 167 existing Telcom members who referred new adult members, as well as a chance to win an iPad for both referring and new members.

"We wanted to appeal to a younger, technologically savvy audience with our free music offer," said Karen Ryan, Telcom's Canton Branch Manager. "Offering free iTunes music for referrals and the popular iPad as a grand prize tied in with our commitment to providing members with the latest in technology and convenient account access."

Telcom Credit Union is

a \$458 million full-service credit union with over 34,000 member-owners. Telcom is headquartered in Novi, with two Novi branches as well as branches in Berkley, Canton, Livonia, Novi, South Lyon, and Southfield. To learn more about Telcom, visit telcomcu.com, or call (800) 356-7465.

Home improvement

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce will hold its first-ever Home Improvement Show on Saturday, March 26, at Churchill High School, Livonia.

The daylong event will give homeowners ideas and easy access to experts as they research projects for their home.

The chamber is now taking reservations for display space in the show from landscapers, electricians, carpenters, financing consultants, plumbers and other home improvement experts. Prices range from \$100-\$250.

For more details, contact the chamber at (734) 427-2122 or toppa@livonia.org.

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CHAMBER CHAT

Franchising seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a franchising seminar, "Franchising is More Than Burgers, Shakes and Fries," 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 15, in the chamber board room, 45525

Hanford.

First-time entrepreneurs considering business ownership through franchising are being encouraged to attend with their spouse or business partner. Attendees will hear about financing a franchise, the laws of franchising, how

to work with a consultant to identify the right franchise fit and exactly what it's like to own a franchise.

Cost is \$5 per person; reservations are required and can be made by calling Jana at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040.



Polynesian Dance by Synergy Studio. Dancers are Mika Toreki and Masako Ritch.

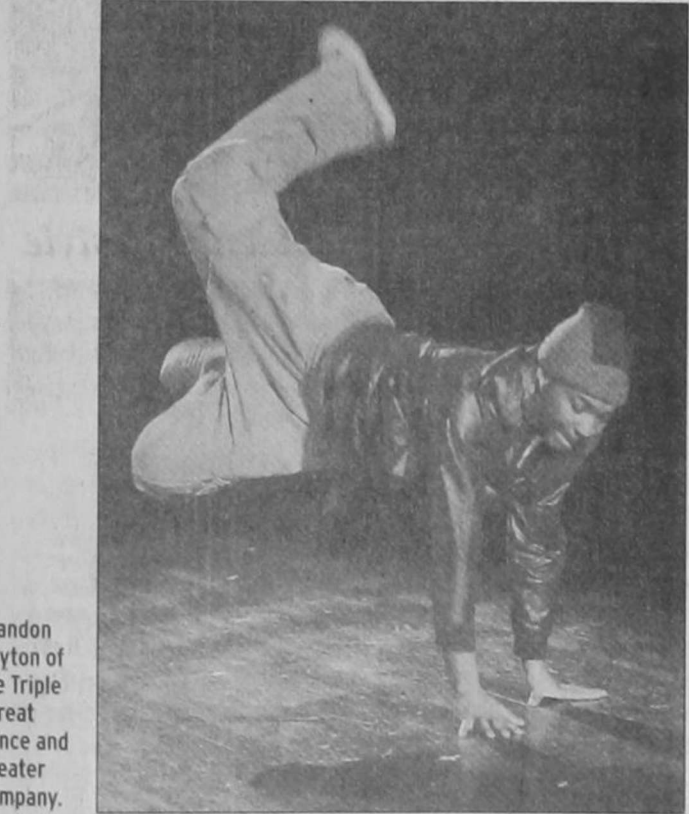
A cultural experience

Hundreds of visitors got a taste of a variety of cultures Saturday when Canton Leisure Services hosted its annual Canton International Festival. The festival, which took place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, brought cultural and educational experiences celebrating diverse customs and traditions. Featured dance performances represented cultures and countries including the Philippines, Hawaiian, Ireland, India, Sri Lanka, China and the United States. The U.S. bloc included Hip Hop and Jazz and featured local dancers and organizations.

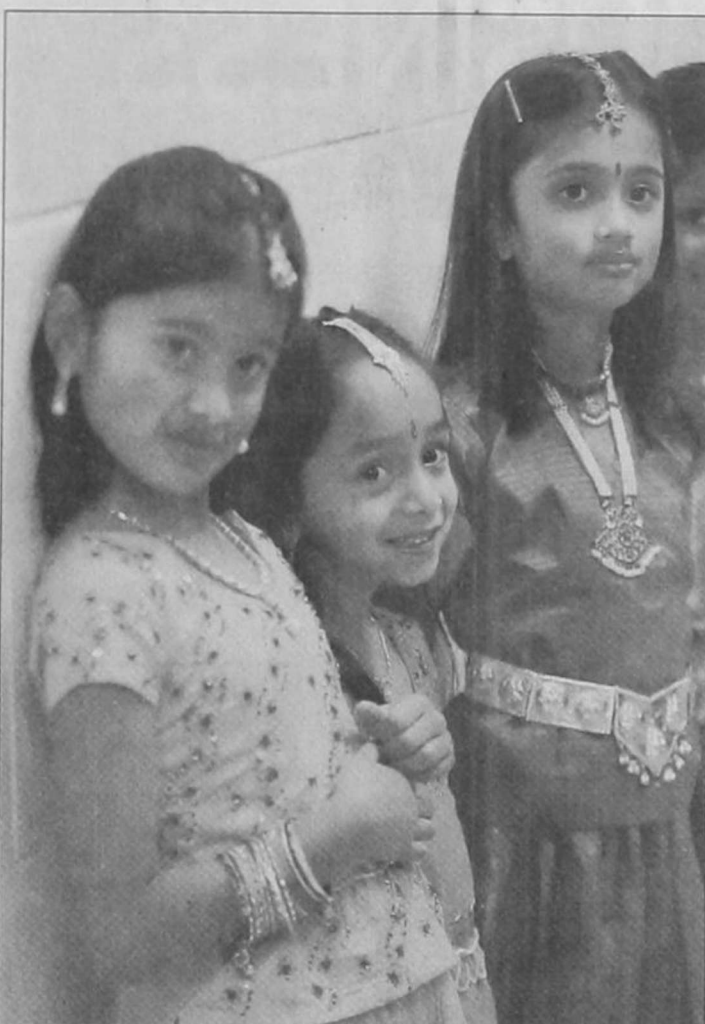
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The 3 T Hip-Hop Crew performs.



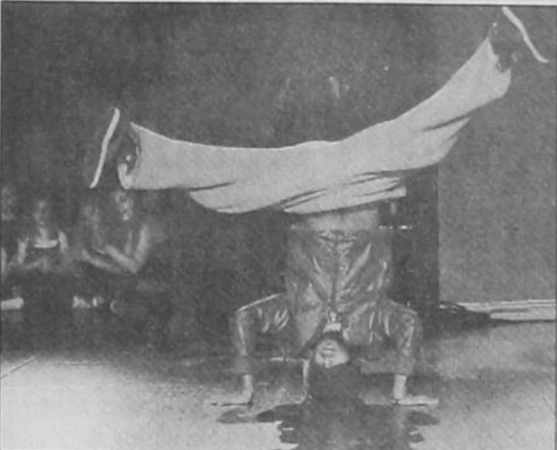
Brandon Guyton of the Triple Threat Dance and Theater Company.



Indian dancers Pranavi Kasarla, Pranavi Pulella and Avani Guduri wait backstage for their group to perform. Their dances are arranged by Sailaja Pulella.



Young dancers from The O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance watch older dancers perform as they wait in the wings for their turn on stage.



Tyler Giovanni Williams performs with the Triple Threat Dance and Theater Company.

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OUR VIEWS

Top priority New superintendent should be 1st goal

Now that the organizational meeting is done and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has a new pecking order in place, board members ought to turn their attention to the huge crevice that exists between them and find ways to start bridging it.

And their top priority for doing that ought to be resolving the issue that divided them in the first place: Finding a new superintendent.

Whether you like it or not — and the vast majority of public sentiment has been against it — the board has already decided Craig Fiegel, the superintendent the last three years, won't be back. And the plan may be — the board has been noncommittal on this — to leave Ken Jacobs, the deputy superintendent installed by the board (on a 4-3 vote) as the district's chief operating officer when they voted to strip Fiegel of most of his responsibilities, in an interim position indefinitely or at least through the 2011-12 school year.

That would require Jacobs, who submitted his retirement paperwork when the state changed the law last year, to retire in September. He is allowed to work for the district after that, but will have to give up the retirement multiplier for the length of extra time he puts in. While Jacobs would likely agree to do that — he's devoted his entire adult life to the district and would do what's in his power to help — it isn't fair for the board to put him in that position.

Other retirements — Director of Student Services Bob Hayes retired last month; human resources chief Ray Bihun and Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Cindy Swift are also set to retire — are going to leave the leadership team sorely lacking in corporate knowledge of the district.

Replacing all of that experience is key, and the board should start by picking the person who will lead it. One of the things that hindered progress for Fiegel, according to some, is the fact none of his leadership team were "his" people. They never bonded, and that lack of relationship contributed to Fiegel's demise within the district.

The board shouldn't make that mistake again. They're going to have to hire a new superintendent. They should get that done quickly — there's no reason not to get the search started immediately — so the new chief can start the process of hiring his or her team.

There's no question of where Jacobs' heart lies; it's with the district with which he's spent parts of five decades. But he's not a long-term answer as the superintendent, and the board shouldn't treat him as such. The 4-3 vote installing him as COO was clogged with animosity by the three who voted against it, and board President Steven Sneiderman had enough pointed things to say during that discussion to indicate keeping him past the end of this school year would likely bring more animosity.

The four-trustee bloc that forced Fiegel out has already created the image — deserved or not — of a power-hungry cartel determined to have things their own way. The lack of discussion they allowed when they made the move still rankles people; the move to grab the leadership positions Tuesday further enhanced the image.

Everyone is talking about the need to heal, to work together and focus on the positive. New board President John Jackson has been particularly vociferous about it.

One way to get the process started would be to let go of the recent past and work together to get a leadership team that can take the district into the future.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

• In response to "Sikh forum aims at education,"

"The forum on Sikhism held at St. Thomas a Becket Church was very informative. The presenters could not have been more gracious.

Fear of the unknown is a human trait, like not wanting to enter a darkened room. But when the light is turned on, the fear goes away. This forum was the light to illuminate our understanding of Sikhism and to acknowledge our common humanity. Although this forum was a first step, it will no doubt lead to a greater appreciation and celebration of our differences and commonalities.

Americans of all ages need a refresher course on our Constitution, reminding us that freedom of religion is a core value. Our country protects all of us to celebrate our beliefs with respect.

Thank you to the Sikh community for sharing their faith life with area residents."

polyglot1947

• In response to "School board set to pick new leaders,"

"It's always surprising when an individual who has failed to communicate or play by the rules in the past, now suddenly has found religion and says it's time to come together. Maybe the promise of the presidency is what kept Jackson on board with the other gang members. None of the deserve a leadership position!"

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COMMUNITY VOICE

With the North American International Auto Show starting up, we'd like to get your thoughts — how do you think the future of the U.S. auto industry looks?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think they're going to do well. I only hope they do more assembly and work here in our state."

Jay McDonald
Plymouth



"I hope they will do good. Too many things are counting on them."

Mark Worpell
Canton



"Hopefully it will be better. Could it be any worse?"

Scott Murphy
Canton



"I think it's going to go down because everything's going to China."

Karen Brown
Canton

LETTERS

Dialogue started

I would personally like to thank the community members, faith leaders, community leaders, elected officials and press that came to the Community Town Forum on Sikhism in our community on Jan. 6. I was impressed by the willingness of those in attendance to learn about others in their community.

Tragically, less than 24 hours later, news stations around the world reported the shooting of a three-term congresswoman, and killing of six others, including a 9-year-old child. Last month in Florida, a man walked into a school board meeting threatening the board with a gun before turning it on himself. Traumatic events like this can make us feel helpless and hopeless wondering what we could personally do to help.

In our own community, after our school board voted to relieve the superintendent of his job, local blogs and letters to the editor threw threats and name-calling to some board members. Personal threats have also been shouted to these same board members in the last months, and a recall started.

The Sikh community event was held to teach the community about their neighbors so as to stop the dangerous fear and rhetoric against the Sikh members of our community. We are all responsible for how we speak and act toward others in our community. It is our responsibility to stop the fear and hatred of others — whether it is for school board members, the various cultures and races, our neighbors, our elected officials, our children or our next door neighbor.

It is our responsibility to read beyond inflammatory headlines that feed fear and hatred, and ask our news media and politicians to tone down the rhetoric. And when we disagree, disagree civilly and with humanity.

In our own community we can start to see each other as neighbors and not as someone to hate or isolate. We can start locally, as a community. The forum was the start — let's keep the civil dialogue going.

AnneMarie Graham-Hudak
Canton

Start at the top

There is a lot of truth in the opinion page about shrinking revenues in the Wayne-Westland Schools due to lower property values. The net result is less money.

The superintendent makes north of \$250,000 per year, while his assistant superintendent and business manager's take is around \$180,000 per year for each. You can go to the district website to confirm these figures.

Is there any good reason why these salaries remain so high when the district is in such hard times financially? Between the three salaries, couldn't enough money be squeezed out to hire a first-year teacher or make some other improvement elsewhere in the district?

Gov. Snyder talks about the concept of "shared sacrifice" to solve our state's financial woes. Wouldn't these top school officials' salaries be a good place to start?

Thomas W. Donnelly
Canton

Salvation Army thanks

We want to share our appreciation to everyone who donated their time, talents and monies to help support our 2010 Christmas programs. Plus, we want to share an update on the current status

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of our fund-raising campaign and holiday assistance given to those in need.

Our overall 2010 Christmas fund-raising goal is \$315,000. We have received \$299,071 or 95 percent of the goal to date. The fund-raising campaign will wrap up at the end of January 2011. Furthermore, \$201,839 was collected in the Red Kettles; additionally, we have received \$97,232 to date in cash or check donations at our Corps office in Plymouth.

Our 2010 Christmas Toy Towne program assisted 524 families which included 1,182 children from a total of 2,002 individuals. It took three days to set up, prepare and transform our gym into a Toy Towne. Ninety-nine volunteers donated 594 hours to accomplish this tremendous task.

Our Toy Towne Distribution, which took place over a four-day period, had 213 volunteers donate 1,491 of their time and efforts to ensure our clients experience a brighter Christmas. Our volunteers processed and verified information; escorted the parents through Toy Towne assisting them with their gift selections for their children; distributed Christmas Dinner boxes complete with a turkey or a ham; and then carry it all out to waiting vehicles.

And, of course we cannot forget those brave and hearty individuals who stood in the cold, rain and snow to ring bells during the Red Kettle Campaign. We are blessed that many bell-ringing volunteers returned again this year to help. We are highly dependent on volunteer based bell ringers to collect funds enabling us to meet our kettle goal.

Once again, our community is blessed with wonderful volunteers.

Once again, it is through our volunteers' commitment to The Salvation Army that we successfully completed another blessed Christmas season.

Capt. Dan and Jolene Hull and staff
The Salvation Army - Plymouth Corps

Discuss end-of-life options

On behalf of the thousands of patients, their families and community members that Arbor Hospice serves each year in southeast Michigan, I must respond to recent news of President Obama's administration reversing the decision to include voluntary advance care planning consultations as part of a Medicare beneficiaries' annual wellness exam. It is unfortunate that many people misunderstand the importance of such consultations.

Sarah Palin, for example, expressed concern about "death panels" forming, if doctors were allowed to counsel patients about end-of-life options. In reality, physicians will not be advising patients on options for ending their lives. They will be providing information about the most difficult

transition a patient and family will ever make: options available at the end-of-life, determining when it is time to stop fighting and live each day to the fullest, no matter how many days are left; deciding how to determine when the treatment is futile.

Yes, this means that there may be cost savings; but regardless if there are savings — the patient will receive better care. Recent studies have shown that when patients forgo futile treatments they actually live longer and that these final days in a hospice setting are much more rewarding for the patient and their families than the typical final days spent in an ICU. Patients will live better in those final months because they had this difficult conversation with their physician well in advance of having to make crisis decisions and have had a chance to voice how they would like to live the final months of their lives.

Patients and families are waiting for physicians to bring up this topic. When they don't, families often assume that the patient will recover from their terminal illness. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, patients die and their families are shattered, wondering "why didn't we know about hospice earlier," ... The simple fact is that all of us need to discuss our end-of-life options NOW — not when it's a crisis. Not when a car accident has occurred and family members are left to wonder what their loved one's final wishes would have been. Not when a spouse has days to live after being diagnosed with cancer months ago and no discussion about how and where they want to die has occurred. Statistics reveal that most people would like to die at home, pain-free and with loved ones, but nearly 60 percent of us do not have this experience. Wouldn't it be wonderful, if through these conversations more people were empowered to obtain their wish?

The notion of "death panels" is fear evoking, and is incredibly insensitive to anyone who has ever had to experience a loved one's death. No one is interested in determining who is fit to live and who is not. The constant questioning of "did I do everything I could" rings in the minds of any family member caring for a loved one during this difficult time ... Having the conversation about the inevitable does not "devalue human life." Over treatment can mean no time for families to say goodbye, no time for grandchildren to learn from the greatest generation, no time for reconciliation of estranged relationships. On the contrary, determining your end-of-life care wishes is the best gift you can give your family and should certainly be discussed with your physician.

I hope this issue doesn't continue to be politicized. All of us — Republicans, Democrats and independents — will find ourselves facing the end-of-life journey someday, and we will need all of the help we can get to make the right decision for ourselves and our loved ones. Now that this regulation has been repealed, we ourselves will need to initiate these conversations with our physicians.

There are many tools available to help families have the end-of-life discussion. The one we use at Arbor Hospice is Five Wishes and can be obtained online at www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php. ... I urge the public to call Arbor Hospice at (800) 997-9266 or go to www.arborhospice.org, if you need any assistance in preparing for a loved one's end of life journey, and if you want to learn how to have the conversation about end of life care options with your family.

Gloria Danna Brooks,
president & CEO, Arbor Hospice

Final wishes should be documented

I was watching television the other night and saw a commercial for an upcoming show "Outrageous Final Requests" caught my eye. The preview talked about people's unusual final requests and high-lighted Leona Helmsley, who left millions to her dogs, as well as Gene Roddenberry from Star Trek fame who wanted his ashes sent into space. There is no doubt that there is a fascination as to final wishes.

Being in the estate planning business I've had many situations where people have had unusual wishes. Whether a request for unique funeral arrangements or burial requests, or beneficiaries who are outside the norm, I have seen it. Although the stories you hear are generally about the idiosyncrasies of the rich and famous, people like you also have unique requests. I believe that it is your money and if you have an unusual final request that is important to you, pursue it.

I am frequently asked about the enforceability and legality of unusual final requests. Although most of the final requests you hear may seem a little out there, they are perfectly legal. The key is to make sure you properly document your wishes. Whether it is in a will or in a trust, the bottom line is you are allowed to generally do what you want. However, your wishes must be clear and concise.

From a legal standpoint, the main standard focuses on whether the request is against the law or public policy. For

example, you couldn't say in your will that your beneficiary gets money if they murdered someone. That would clearly be against the law and that provision would be unenforceable. Of course, a problem arises when determining what is against public policy.

When you have unusual types of final requests, there is a greater chance of an estate challenge. Therefore, to minimize the risk, it is important to consult an estate planning professional — someone who can make sure you dot all of the I's and cross all of the T's.

When it comes to estate planning, whether it is dis-inheriting someone or making an unusual or different request, it is important to consider the consequences of your actions. Just because your final wishes may cause someone hardship or distress doesn't mean that you shouldn't pursue them. However, it does mean you need to give your decision serious consideration.

I recommend that individuals with final requests that may cause legal challenges, videotape their wishes. Videotaping can provide additional documentation as to intent and capacity.

It's interesting to hear what some people request upon their death. Whether it's having ashes sent in space or being buried in a different casket, if it's important to you, pursue it. The key is to make sure you dot your I's and cross your T's and think about the consequences of your action.

Good luck!

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Daisy the dog helps kids improve their reading

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elaina Ayers of Livonia was a shy kindergartner who didn't like to read out loud.

Now in second grade, she reads confidently in public, sounding out words she doesn't know, not even minding if people she's never met before are listening in.

Elaina's mother, Provvidenza, attributes much of her daughter's improvement in reading to Daisy the therapy dog, who listens to Elaina read once a month at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"Dogs do not judge anyone," Provvidenza Ayers said. "It's helped her to gain that confidence."

Daisy is a 7-year-old pedigree Vizsla, or Hungarian bird-hunting dog, who has volunteered at the library for the past four years to listen to children read with her owner, Belinda Tantalo of Plymouth.

Daisy is registered with Therapy Dogs International. She didn't receive any special training to become a therapy dog, Tantalo said. Instead, she was tested and found to have the right kind of temperament for therapy dog work.

At first, Tantalo took Daisy to nursing homes. But while the nursing home residents loved her, Tantalo found that Daisy didn't behave as appropriately as she should have. So Tantalo put together some packets of information about Daisy and offered her services to libraries.

"She does better just sitting there listening (to children read)," her owner said.

She's been volunteering at the Livonia library ever since.

Parents call ahead to make appointments for their children to read to Daisy for 10-minute intervals. The program is open to beginning readers ages 6 and older. Tantalo stays with Daisy and the children in the children's area of the library while the parents leave to eliminate any kind of pressure the children might be feeling.

Tantalo tells the children that if they come to a word they don't



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Six-year-old Carly Van Wagner reads to Daisy and Belinda Tantalo.

know, they can skip over it. Or, if the book is too hard, they can just make up a story, which is what Elaina did at first.

"She just wants to hear you," Tantalo tells the children.

Of course, Daisy never corrects or interrupts the children or judges their reading

— and neither does Tantalo. Sometimes they will ask Tantalo how to pronounce a word they don't recognize, and Tantalo will say, "Let's see if Daisy knows" and then she has Daisy "whisper" the word into her ear.

Many of the children believe

Daisy understands the story, even though it's all "gibberish" to her, Tantalo said.

Rachel Charette, head of children's services for the Livonia library, said children love reading to Daisy. The program works, she said, because it gives them a chance to practice reading out loud in a welcoming, non-threatening environment.

"There's not someone there judging them, correctly them, just a smiling dog they can pet at the end," she said.

Typically, five to 10 children are signed up for each session. Many, like Elaina, are regulars.

Last month, a girl with autism read to Daisy. When the girl arrived, she talked unintelligibly about numbers. Then, as the girl turned each page, she simply "read" the title of the book over and over again. When she finally started reading for real, she read in a straight monotone.

"Her reaction to this girl was no different," Tantalo said of Daisy. "From the dog's point of view, we're all autistic."

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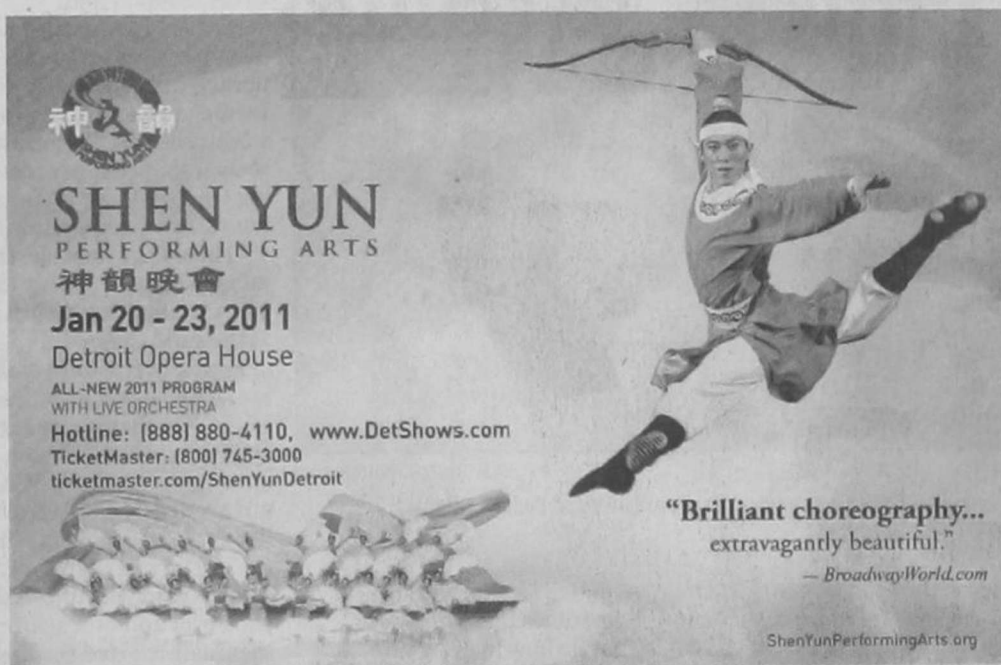
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Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts is distinguished by its conscious effort to remain independent of China's communist regime, which has abused and impoverished the arts for decades. In fact, a show like Shen Yun's can no longer be found in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

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

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Baumgart sparks win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The return of junior forward Paul Baumgart made an immediate impact on Canton's varsity boys basketball team.

Host Canton earned a 36-27 victory Tuesday night over winless Livonia Churchill, in a KLAAs South Division matchup.

Baumgart, who missed two weeks due to injuries, scored 15 points and registered six rebounds to lead Canton in both categories.

During Baumgart's absence, the Chiefs (4-3, 2-0) relied heavily on senior point guard Dietrich Lever II.

Chiefs' head coach Jimmy Reddy was glad to have Baumgart back because the Chargers' defense effectively neutralized Lever, limiting him to just five points.

"Churchill did a great job of slowing the game down and minimizing the amount of possessions," Reddy said. "They did a nice job of taking away Dietrich but to Dietrich's credit he made all the right passes tonight."

"I was disappointed with our energy early but we found a way to win."

Kyle Adams contributed six points for Canton, who will host Plymouth on Friday night in the second half of a boys-girls twinbill with the Wildcats. The girls game starts at 6 p.m., followed by the boys.

Winning Wildcats

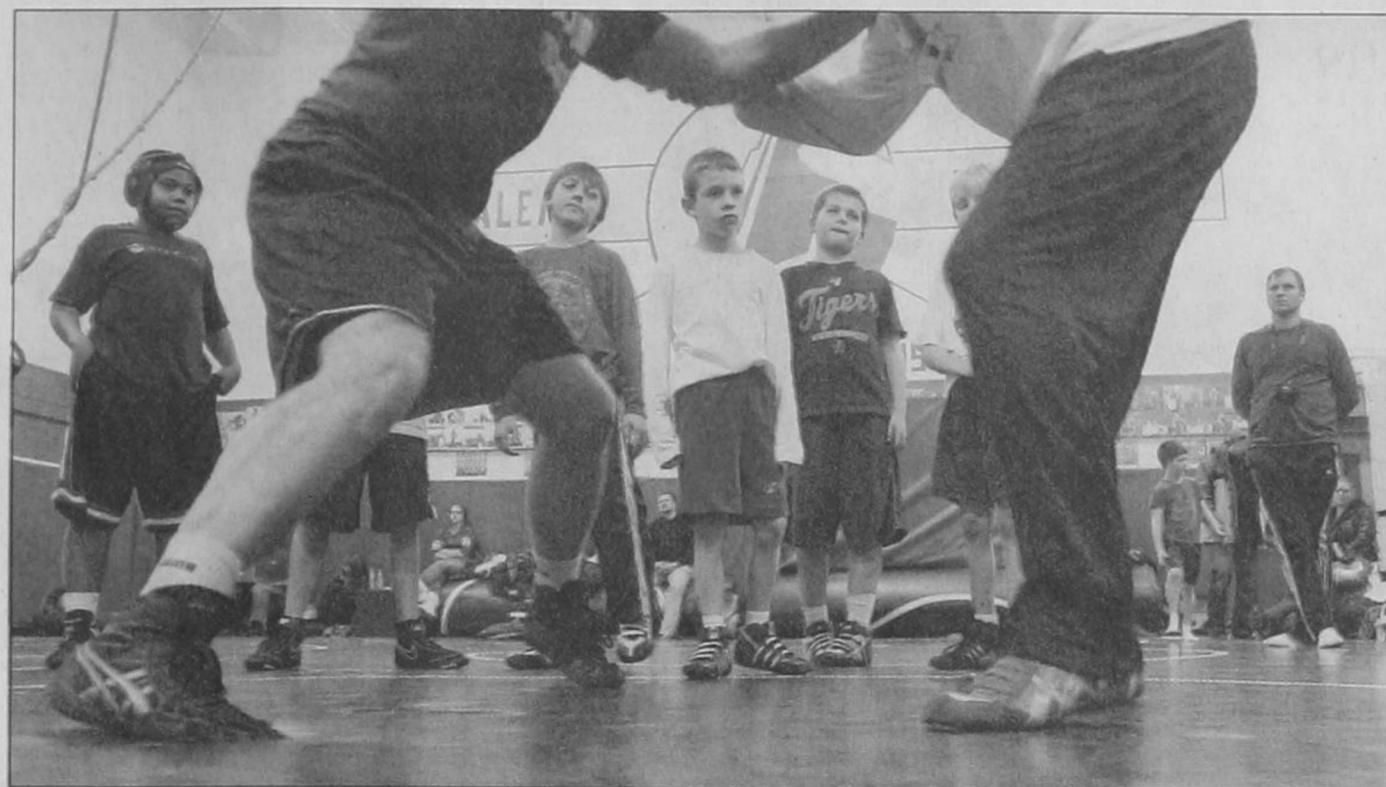
On Tuesday at Wayne Memorial, the "grinding" Plymouth varsity boys basketball team worked its way to a 50-36 KLAAs South win.

Mike Nadratowski scored 15 points for Plymouth (4-3, 2-0) while Marcus Oden (nine points, eight rebounds) and Brennen Beyer (eight points, 12 boards) were solid.

"It was a total team effort tonight," said Wildcats' head coach Mike Soukup. "They were really dialed in on defense and we rebounded the ball extremely well."

Soukup noted the strong efforts off the bench from Jake Morris (six rebounds) and Stephen Jahn (four points, six boards).

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Young wrestlers watch and learn as coaches Matt Taylor of Canton and Livonia Churchill alum Ben Adams demonstrate technique.

PIN PALS

Club aims to mold youngsters into future varsity wrestlers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nine-year-olds Ethan Wong and Grant Deljevic of Plymouth are school buddies.

But not quite as much when they face each other on the mat during Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club's Monday intermediate class, comprised of some 80 kids in grades 3-8.

With big smiles on their youthful faces, Ethan and Grant alternated getting a competitive edge on the other inside one of the circles in the wrestling room at Salem High School.

"He's too big for you, Wong, it's physics," chimed in wrestling club director Ray Cushman from his nearby post. "You can't drop a tree from the limbs. You got to attack the trunk."

Ethan then got lower to the mat, and did just what Cushman urged him to do for the takedown. Moments later, Grant — a first-time participant invited to the session by Ethan — reciprocated.

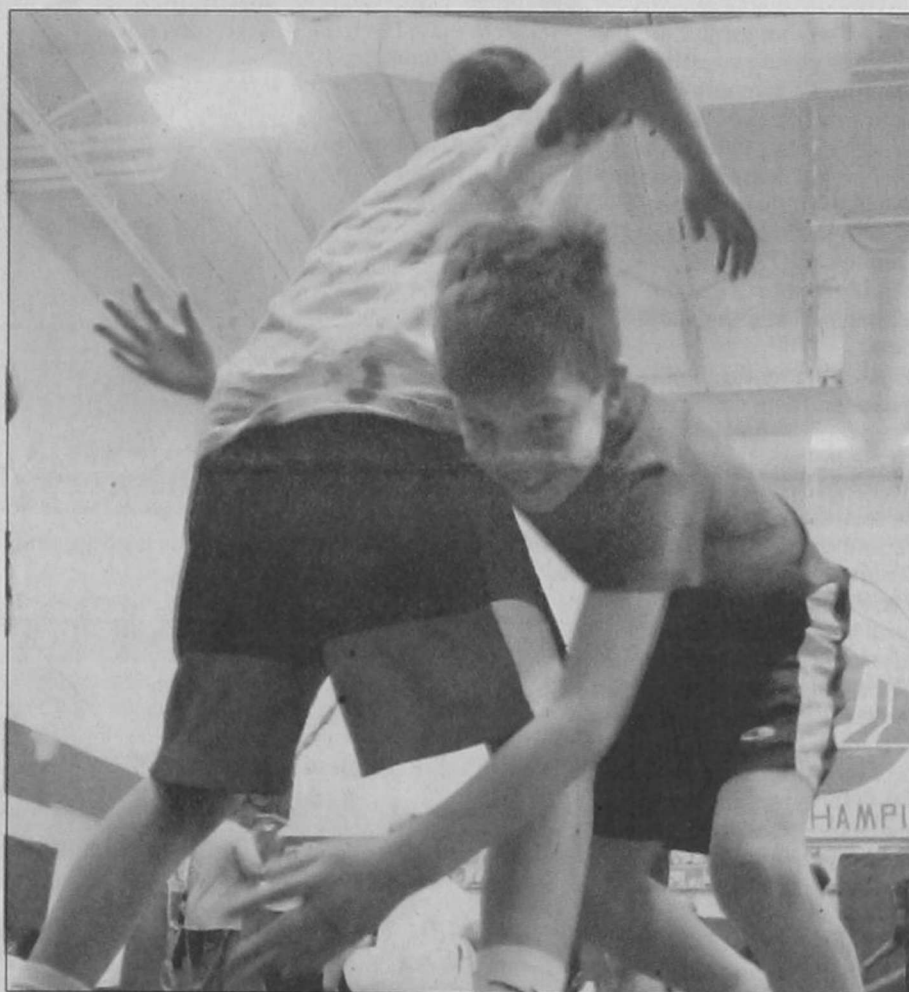
"Ethan just brought me ... I'm liking it," Grant said. "You get to take people down."

According to Ethan, he just wanted to see if Grant wanted to give wrestling a go. "It's really fun for kids to have a great time."

KEEPING IT FUN

Learning in a fun environment is what

Please see **WRESTLING, B2**



Barclay Young and Brevin Heers practice a takedown move during a Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club session.

Chiefs show promise at Rockford Invite

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham said his team will be one to watch — whenever it is at full strength.

But the Chiefs are still pretty good when they are shorthanded, as they were at Saturday's Rockford Invitational. Minus top performer Robyn Piwowar and with others either nursing injuries or illnesses, Canton finished third among 18 teams with 138.075 points.

"There were some very good teams over there (Rockford), and one of our league teams, Brighton was only a point behind us," Cunningham said. "So we had a good preliminary into what we're going to face in the league."

Finishing ahead of the Chiefs were Farmington (143.525) and Kenowa Hills (139.825). Brighton tallied 137.0 points.

"With Robyn, I don't know where we would have been," said Cunningham about Piwowar, a senior who missed the invite due to being in a wedding. "But we certainly would have taken a shot at Farmington."

On Saturday, at the Farmington Invitational, Canton hopefully will have that chance with Piwowar in the lineup.

"Farmington's a good matchup," he noted. "They were at 142, 143, that's what we're going to be soon."

"If I can ever get everybody at the same meet feeling good, we're going to be a force to be reckoned with."

TOP PERFORMERS

At Rockford in Division 1 results, the Chiefs featured sophomore Alex Fideler. She took first in balance beam with 9.5,

GYMNASTICS

fourth in all-around (35.4) and fifth in vault (8.675).

With D1 medals only presented to the top five in each event, the only other Canton medalist was freshman Melissa Green (fifth in floor exercise, 8.75).

Cunningham praised his so-called B-team girls, several who finished in the top-10 in Division 2 results.

"We had our B-team girls, a Red team and a White team," Cunningham noted. "I moved Brooke Granowicz and Marina Milad down to the White team so they would have an opportunity to do all-around and both of them medaled also. And some of my beginner girls had personal bests."

In D2, freshman Erica Lucas finished second in vault with a 9.225 and ninth in uneven bars (8.35). Junior Milad and senior Granowicz placed sixth and 10th in beam with respective marks of 8.6 and 8.45.

Ayana Lewis, another junior, chipped in with third place in bars (8.95), fifth in all-around (9.2) and eighth in floor (9.2).

Shorthanded win

Despite not having either Fideler or Lewis available, the visiting Chiefs earned a 138.95-to-136.2 victory Monday night against Grosse Pointe North.

But after missing the Rockford Invitational, Piwowar was back with a vengeance. She took first in three events (vault, 5.6; bars, 8.75; floor, 9.7) and third in beam with an 8.85 score.

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BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Fighting for the puck Tuesday night at Canton Arctic Edge are PCS Penguins forward Tory Campbell (No. 7) and Ladywood's Katie Folk.

Ladywood surge ices Penguins

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As far as Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson is concerned, her team hung right in there against Division 1 Livonia Ladywood Tuesday night.

That is, except for a tough stretch in the second period, when the Blazers scored three times in three minutes to break open a close matchup at Canton Arctic Edge.

Ladywood suddenly led 4-1 at the end of that spurt and went on for a 6-2 nonleague victory with forwards Rana Freij and Lane Kolpacke each scoring two goals. Freij also had two assists for a four-point night.

"We were pretty frustrated after the second period," said Johnson, whose D2 team dropped to 4-3 overall, with all the losses against D1 competition. "... We played great the

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SIDELINES

Ocelot men fall

Zachary Kaul and Tyler Moreland tallied 20 and 19 points Saturday as host Oakland Community College downed Schoolcraft College, 83-69, in a men's basketball game at Orchard Ridge.

Karl Moore had 20 points, while Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Ocelots, who slip to 6-10 overall and 0-4 MCCAAs Eastern Conference.

Schoolcraft, which trailed 39-30 at the half, shot 39.7 from the field and was 18-of-31 from the foul line (58.5 percent). The Ocelots committed 24 turnovers.

OCC shot 40.3 percent from the floor and 24-of-35 from the foul line (68.5 percent). The Raiders committed 16 turnovers.

Stackhouse All-Star

Canton running back Davion Stackhouse was among 88 players selected Monday to play in the 31st annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game on Saturday, June 25, at Central Michigan University's Kelly Shorts Stadium.

Joining the 6-foot, 190-pound tailback will be Tommy Vento, a 6-1, 185-pound quarterback from Farmington Hills Harrison; Kody Richardson, a 6-2, 215-pound defensive lineman from Garden City; Jason Wilson, a 6-0, 182-pound wide receiver from Farmington High and Livonian Justin D'Agostino, a 6-foot, 235-pound linebacker from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Pre-sale All-Star tickets are \$5. Game day tickets are \$10.

Checks should be made payable to MHSFCA and included a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: All-Star Tickets, P.O. Box 98, Taylor, MI 48180. Mail orders must be received by June 18.

For will call tickets, phone calls will be accepted until noon, Saturday, June 18, at (734) 676-4486.

Game time will be announced at a later date.

YMCA winter fun

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

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

The programs include Fun and Fitness Clinic (ages 3-5), Preschool School Clinic (ages 3-5) and Club Kickball (ages 6-8) and run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2984 or visit www.ymcadowetroit.org.

Free throw contest

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

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

WRESTLING

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Cushman (also a coach) and a host of assistants try to promote via the wrestling club, nearly a decade old. That's goal No. 1.

"These kids got to have fun," said assistant coach Matt Taylor of Canton, whose son Greg wrestled at Salem. "If they don't have fun they're not going to come back. We try and keep it fun, but teach them something, too."

"Get their technique down, learn something, conditioning, maybe a little bit of better health and dieting, and go from there."

That whole package enticed Peggy Morelli of Plymouth, who brought his 13-year-old son Ryan to check out a recent class. Ryan recently wrestled for the West Middle School team and is looking to join the club.

"It's important for kids to be active in sports," Peggy said. "I don't want my son to have a sedentary lifestyle, I want him to be exercising and I'm glad this is an option for him after the school season."

That's a selling point with another mom, Canton's Regan Byers. She has a 12-year-old son (Jack) already active with the club and Discovery Middle School team. And now she is getting used to the idea of 9-year-old Logan following his brother's footsteps.

"It develops their confidence and a big thing is it's a physical activity, a great way to keep them in shape and active," Regan noted.

Of course, as a mom she still has to look the other way once in a while.

"My husband (Joel) was a wrestler in high school," Regan said, "and the big thing we talked about when he was prepping me for this whole deal was saying 'expect some injuries, ... because wrestling is a contact sport. You've got to be ready for that sort of thing.'"

GEARING UP

Becoming fundamentally sound and varsity-ready by the time they reach ninth grade is another primary objective. Cushman makes no bones about the club becoming an exemplary feeder system to the Canton, Plymouth and Salem wrestling programs.

"Some of these guys are 7 or 8 years old that are going to stick with this through high school," Cushman said. "And they come in (to ninth grade) with all the moves already, with a tremendous amount of preparedness."

Taylor was on Dearborn Edsel Ford's wrestling team during his prep days and started a similar kind of program there.

"When I came out here we didn't have a feeder program," Taylor said. "Where I came from, I was the feeder program coach at Edsel Ford We opened it up on Saturday and



David Mason (right), sparring with David Dart, listens to a little advice from one of the coaches during an intermediate session of the Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club.

had all the kids come up.

"So then I suggested that to (former Salem coach) Greg Woochuk. He said yeah, so we started the program. But he had already had it in motion."

Since then, Livonia Clarenceville alum Cushman has taken it to the next level.

There are about 225 youngsters between ages 4-14 signed up for the 2010-11 program, which runs at Salem (and Plymouth High School for advanced students) from the end of middle school seasons in late November until March.

All three varsity wrestling coaches from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park continue to be firmly behind the club's developmental mission.

"We have tremendous support from the Salem coaches," Cushman said. "They're incredibly supportive at the coaching level and the boosters level."

"Every time we throw a tournament there's an army of Salem people — and an army of Plymouth people — that come out to support us. And we're seeing an uptick now from Canton."

Cushman also is appreciative of the support wrestling in general gets from PCEP principal and former University-of-Michigan wrestler Bill Zolkowski.

"His incredibly strong support of wrestling as a sport and (of) this program has helped us keep this possible," said Cushman, about Zolkowski.

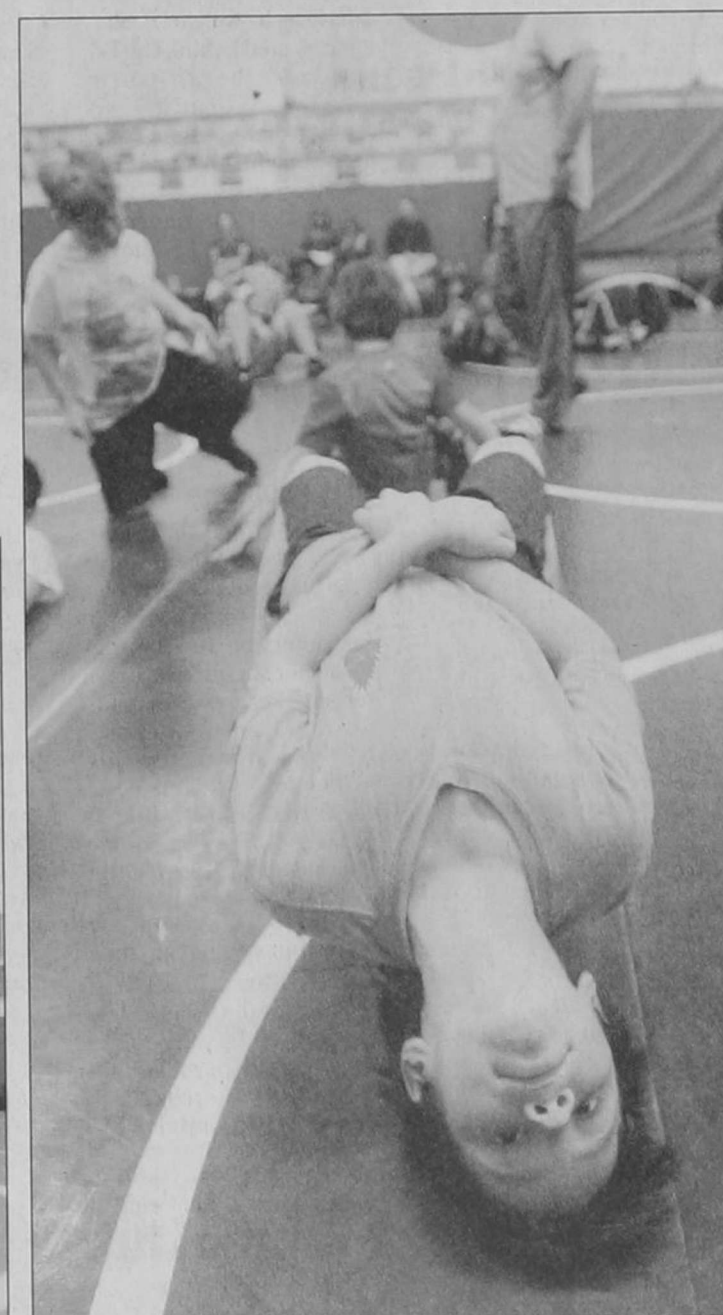
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Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are taught using Michigan Youth Wrestling Association standards, Cushman said.

Although most of the par-



One of the fun things about the wrestling club is putting newfound knowledge to the test, as shown here by practice buddies Greg Shaver and Andrew Lapins.



Nine-year-old Logan Byers of Canton stretches before starting a recent class in Salem High School's wrestling room.

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AT A GLIMPSE

What: Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club. It runs from November until March for wrestlers between ages 4-14.

Where: Classes are taught in the wrestling rooms at Salem and Plymouth high schools.

Classes at Salem: Beginners (ages 4-7), 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Salem; intermediates (ages 8-14), 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Classes at Plymouth: Those who are considered in the advanced level are scheduled for sessions from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Cost: There is no charge for anybody wanting to visit and give wrestling a try. But there is a \$75 seasonal fee for those deciding to join the club.

MYWA: The club, which has about 225 members this season, uses training standards suggested by the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (www.mywaywrestling.com).

Ultimate: According to director/coach Ray Cushman, he envisions wrestlers leaving the club and, as ninth-graders, filling all 14 weights at all three high schools.

Quotable: "It's an ongoing wrestling camp for four months," Cushman said.

Info: Go to www.pcwrestlingclub.com.

success on the mat, for a lot of them it's the first time they've ever played a sport," Cushman explained. "It's the first time it's ever been an individual sport and when they win a match it's a great thing to see the magic in their eyes."

Don't forget MYWA-sanctioned weekend tournaments across southeast Michigan, where they can put their newfound knowledge to work against kids of the same age and skill level — and perhaps even come home with some hardware.

Warren Cox laughed when he recalled how his mom helped convince him to join, thus becoming the third sibling in his family to wrestle.

"She said you can probably win more trophies and more medals," Warren noted. "... Because I learn a lot of moves."

They also learn the importance of mental toughness, nifty footwork and paying dues along the way.

"There's no quick path, there's no cheat sheet" to becoming proficient in the sport, Cushman said. "You have to earn your time. These kids are now earning their time on the mat."

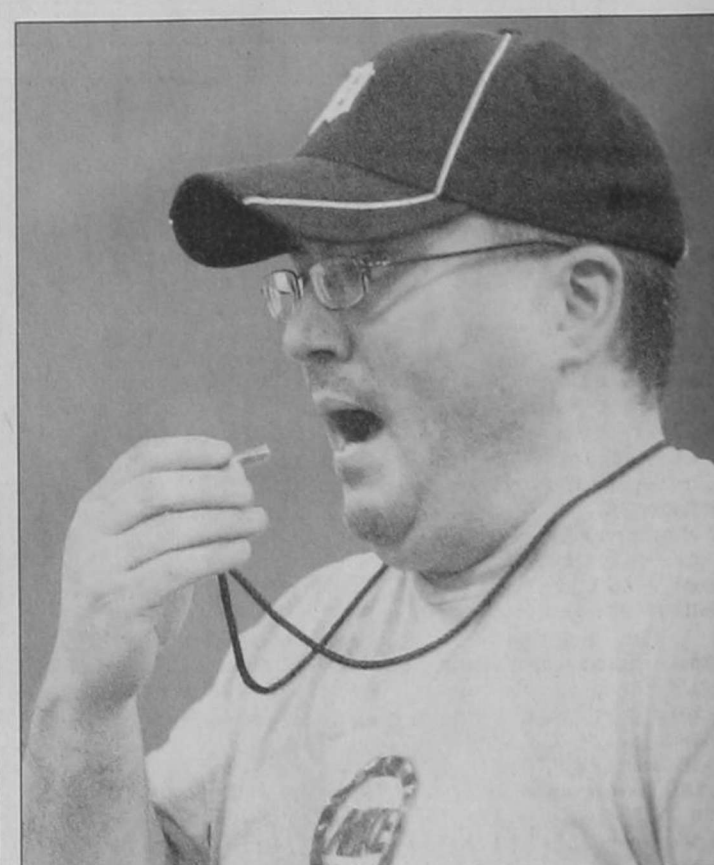
Judging from at least one visit to the Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club, they don't mind earning it one bit.

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ticipants live in the Plymouth-Canton district, some do travel to Salem from surrounding communities.

And for a relatively low fee (\$75 per season), kids such as Ethan, Grant and eight-year-old Warren Cox of Canton get an experience that is immeasurable in long-term benefit. There is no daily charge for those who just want to check the club out.

"When the little guys ages four-to-six have their first



Wrestling club coach and director Ray Cushman keeps classes moving with a mix of instruction, exercise and fun.

Whalers' winning streak snapped at three with 4-2 home loss to Sarnia

Nail Yakupov's power play goal at 3:11 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 4-2, before 2,790 Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

Scoring for Plymouth (21-17-1) were Stefan Noesen (20th) and Mitchell Heard (10th) replied for Plymouth.

Sarnia goaltender Troy Passingham

(acquired last week from Windsor) won his second straight game for the Sting, stopping 32 of 34 Whalers shots.

After Sarnia led 1-0 after the first, the Whalers gained momentum in the second period with a good forecheck, outshooting the Sting 17-9. Noesen scored his 20th of the year at 4:36 to tie the game. He tipped in a low shot from Nick Malysa, with the second

assist going to Robbie Czarnik.

Plymouth continued to pressure and took their first lead of the game at 2-1 at 15:17. Jamie Devane lifted a shot from the slot that Passingham allowed a huge rebound on and Heard snapped home the loose puck from the left circle.

But Sarnia came back to tie 1:13 later and scored twice in the third to

hand Plymouth its first loss in four games.

OHL trade deadline

The Plymouth Whalers announced three deals at Monday's Ontario Hockey League trade deadline.

Plymouth picked up 17-year-old defenseman Curtis Crombeen from the Owen Sound Attack in exchange

for 19-year-old defenseman Jay Gilbert. The Whalers also acquired a second round draft choice (originally Saginaw's) in 2012 and a third round draft choice in 2013.

In other moves, the team acquired center Michael Whaley from Windsor and the rights to Barrie center Cory Czarnik (Robbie's brother), both for 2012 draft picks.

John Glenn tankers upset Canton

They may start calling the Westland John Glenn boys swim team the new pool sharks of the KLAA's South Division.

The upstart Rockets posted a signature victory Tuesday night under coach fifth-year coach Bob Harding with a 95-91 dual-meet triumph at home over defending division champion Canton.

"We may have had the biggest team victory in school history," Harding said. "To my knowledge John Glenn has never beaten Canton in men's swimming."

Canton lost despite capturing seven of 12 events, including the 200-yard medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays.

The Rockets, however, offset Canton's relay firsts by taking second and thirds in all three races.

"The key to the meet was our team depth," Harding said. "We scored all of our swimmers in ever event but one. It was this team effort which lead to this dual meet victory."

Glenn individual winners included Joey Wakeford in the 200 individual medley (2:09.52) and 100 freestyle (50.25); Paul Gutu in the 50 freestyle (23.52) and 100 butterfly (1:03.56); and Jake Ferguson in the 100 backstroke (59.58).

Canton's Victor Zhang figures in three firsts winning the 500 freestyle (4:50.59) and anchoring the victorious 200 freestyle relay (1:34.48) and 400 freestyle (3:36.7).

Other Canton individual firsts were turned in by Jay Jin, 200 freestyle (1:51.6); Ryan Kilgore, 1-meter diving (177.65 points); and Jacob Dillon, 100 breaststroke (1:08.89).

DUAL MEET RESULT WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 95 CANTON 91

Jan. 11 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Victor Zhang, Jacob Dillon, Mike Carlson, Evan Champine), 1:47.51; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Dave Vader), 1:48.93; 3. John Glenn (John Kukulka, Tim Moran, Josh Jenderat, Nick Stone), 2:02.76.

200 freestyle: 1. Jay Jin (C), 1:51.6; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:54.88; 3. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:57.02.

200 individual medley: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 2:09.52; 2. Carlson (C), 2:18.04; 3. Dillon (C), 2:21.02.

50 freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.52; 2. Champine (C), 23.72; 3. Vader (WJG), 25.18.

1-meter diving: 1. Ryan Kilgore (C), 177.65 points; 2. Connor Monroe (WJG), 146.45; 3. Daniel Kilgore (C), 141.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Gutu (WJG), 1:03.56; 2. Jonathan Marceau (C), 1:03.8; 3. Jacob Burcicki (WJG), 1:11.02.

100 freestyle: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 50.25; 2. Jin (C), 51.37; 3. Champine (C), 53.24.

500 freestyle: 1. Zhang (C), 4:50.59; 2. Josh Wakeford WJG), 5:27.66; 3. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 6:05.0.

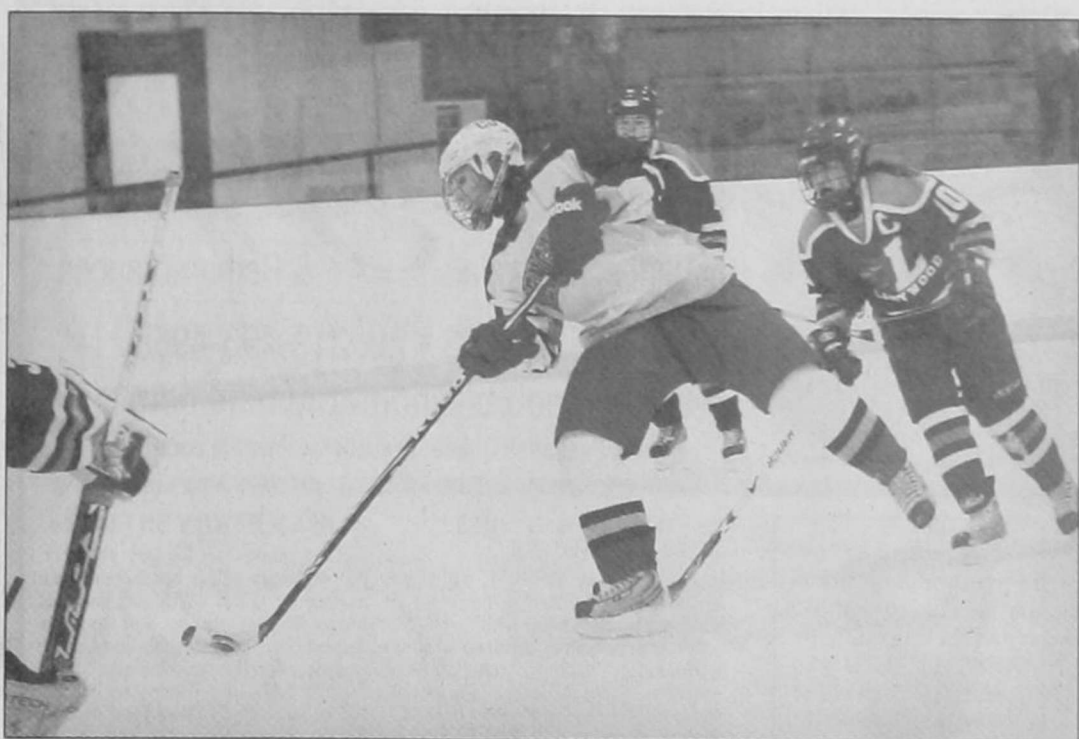
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Champine, Jin, Carlson, Zhang), 1:34.48; 2. John Glenn (Gutu, Josh Wakeford, Vader, Joey Wakeford), 1:36.99; 3. John Glenn (Cody Hodges, Jenderat, Stone, Ryan Boes), 1:45.0.

100 backstroke: 1. Ferguson (WJG), 59.58; 2. Christopher Krebs (C), 1:01.38; 3. Kukulka (WJG), 1:09.42.

100 breaststroke: 1. Dillon (C), 1:08.89; 2. Carlson (C), 1:12.87; 3. Stevens (WJG), 1:15.29.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Krebs, Dillon, Jin, Zhang), 3:36.7; 2. John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Ferguson, Hodges, Boes), 4:01.87; 3. John Glenn (Kukulka, Alholinna, Chris Sabal, Moran), 4:18.61.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 4-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.



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Bearing down on the Blazers' goal is PCS Penguins defenseman Alissa Novak (No. 19), despite the checking of Ladywood's Brittany Galvin (No. 10).

HOCKEY

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first and third period, but in the second we fell apart. We've just got to get our team to play three periods."

Ladywood head coach Bruce Peck said his team (4-5) returned to the ice after a close-checking first period with instructions to turn up the offense.

"That was our key in the second, to get more shots on net and follow up any rebounds," Peck said. "I thought we did a better job of controlling the play in the zone that period. We did a good job forechecking to keep the puck in the zone."

The Penguins fell behind 1-0 in the opening period on a goal by Freij, but PCS defenseman Emily Bullock set up forward Mallory Rojo for the equalizer with just 2.4 seconds left in the frame.

Both teams had chances to break the tie early in the middle stanza. Ladywood blueliner Katie Folk's blueline drive was kicked out by PCS starting netminder Cortny McAdoo.

The Penguins' goalie then held her ground against crease-crashing Ladywood forwards Freij and Hannah Pereira.

At the other end, Ladywood netminder Jessica Pavela stopped a snap shot from the right circle by defenseman Alissa Novak.

SCORING IN BUNCHES

But Ladywood went on the power play with about nine minutes to go in the period and the Blazers started their scoring binge 1:10 later. Forward Jenny Rohn fed the puck from the left half-wall into the slot, where Freij sent it over McAdoo's blocker at 7:16.

"Rene played a really good game," Peck said. "That line in general (Freij, Rohn, Pereira) played a solid game for the most part, especially in that second period."

With 6:27 to play in the frame, it was 3-1 after a nifty play by Kolpacke. She rushed down the left wing, skated behind the PCS goal and stuffed the puck inside the right post on a wraparound.

Ladywood found the net again at 10:12. A wrist shot by Rohn (set up by Freij) beat McAdoo and opened up a three-goal deficit for the Penguins.

Johnson then changed goalies, bringing in freshman Elena Bongiovanni.

The Blazers, however, scored again with 35



Ladywood defenseman Brittany Galvin (No. 10) tries to take the puck from PCS Penguins defenseman Sarah Coleman (right) during Tuesday's game.

seconds remaining, as Freij knocked in a loose puck after a Bongiovanni save.

In the third period, after Johnson made a few adjustments during the intermission, the Penguins tried to mount a comeback.

With 13:43 left in the game, PCS forward Amanda Heisler scored. Forward Jenna Carter shot the puck from inside the blue line that Pavela stopped, but Heisler swooped in to back-hand the rebound into the Blazers' goal. Also assisting-was Bullock, her second of the game.

The Penguins kept the pressure on for a while, but Pavela came up with several timely saves. She stopped a shot taken by defenseman Alissa Novak and also blocked a rebound try by forward Jenny Fedon.

Pavela later stymied Carter from close range and sticked aside forward Marissa Sullivan's shot from the left wing.

"She (Pavela) made a couple key ones (saves) when she needed to and that helped us out," Peck said.

Ladywood finished the scoring with just eight seconds to go when Pereira scored on a partial breakaway.

"We came back in the third period a lot better," Johnson said. "If we had that second period back again it'd be a totally different hockey game."

"I don't think the 6-2 score is an accurate description of what happened in that game."

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ROCK KILGORE INVITATIONAL

Jan. 8 at Salem
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Zeeland, 268 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 248; 3. Northville, 213; 4. Salem, 209; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 149; 6. Canton, 91.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Zeeland, 1:49.21; 4. Livonia Stevenson (Shayne Battjes, Jacob Collieran, Bradley Bielicki, John Scheemann), 1:57.71; 5. Salem (Aaron Micek, Calvin Kahler, Daniel Lynch, Scott Carpenter), 1:58.69; 6. Canton (Josh Joy, Alex Bourdreaux, Kyle Bindas, Jack Chaney), 2:16.89.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Zeeland, 1:46.19; 3. Stevenson (Bryan Frederick, Grant McNamara, Dave Plashnik, Adam Ferrara), 1:50.50; 5. Salem (Smaran Bhaktawara, Akshay Bhaktawar, Patrick Huls, Steven Claggio), 1:51.65; 6. Canton (Bryan Tolinski, Nick Lacich, Souvik Roy, Kyle Spence), 2:19.88.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Brandon Bielicki), 1:41.71; 3. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Eric Li, Max Mills), 1:44.32; Canton (DO), 2:00.95.

200 freestyle: 1. Dennis Kim (N), 1:59.20; 2. Jack Hiltz (LS), 1:59.44; 4. Micek (S), 2:00.95.

200 freestyle: 1. Jason Zhang (S), 1:51.88; 5. Evan Shatter (LS), 2:03.34; 6. Michael Wilyard (C), 2:18.55.

200 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:46.89; 5. Brendon Stanisz (LS), 1:56.87; 6. Jonathan Marceau (C), 2:10.32.

200 freestyle: 1. Victor Zhang (C), 1:44.32; 2. Matt Collingwood (S), 1:45.70; 4. J. Ferrara (LS), 1:53.63.

200 individual medley: 1. Nick Sall (Z), 2:14.35; 4. A. Bhaktawar (S), 2:21.06; 5. Jacob Dillon (C), 2:21.57; 6. Parker Belmore (LS), 2:29.18.

200 individual medley: 1. Max Benson (P), 2:08.98; 2. Chris Kim (LS), 2:11.75; 4. Krebs (C), 2:17.23; 5. Solterman (S), 2:17.89; 6. Nick Belmore (LS), 2:21.84.

200 individual medley: 1.1. Sam Borgman (Z), 2:07.68; 3. Adrian Simion (C), 2:13.45; 5. S. Bhaktawara (S), 2:16.02; 6. Bielicki (LS), 2:21.02.

200 individual medley: 1. Schoff (LS), 1:59.48; 3. Jay Jin (C), 2:04.84; 5. Mills (S), 2:05.70.

50 freestyle: 1. Zach Lindeman (Z), 24.07; 4. Kyle Stokfisz (S), 25.14; 5. John Scheemann (LS), 25.47; 6. Tolinski (C), 29.42.

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50 freestyle: 1. Zach Zylstra (Z), 23.55; 4. Clagg (S), 25.09; 5. Battjes (LS), 26.72; 6. Drew Wade (C), 27.87.

50 freestyle: 1. Spencer Miller (N), 23.18; 4. J. McNamara (S), 23.97; 5. Mike Carlson (C), 24.07; 6. Jerry Bai (S), 24.14.

50 freestyle (15A): 1. William Greenlee (N), 22.62; 4. Noah Santer (S), 23.51; 5. Bielicki (LS), 23.54; 6. Evan Champine (C), 23.77.

1-meter diving: 1. Alec Riemersma (Z), 244.50 points; 3. Kevin Dulapa (S), 100.05.

1-meter diving: 1. Thomas Lassen (P), 286.15; 4. Jessee Damesworth (LS), 214.00; 5. Charlie Dillon (S), 195.50; 6. Daniel Kilgore (C), 193.90.

1-meter diving: 1. Will Price (N), 419.45; 3. Nick Griwicki (S), 309.75; 5. Eric Rathgeber (LS), 249.85; 6. Alex Sogge (C), 123.30.

1-meter diving: 1. Tyler Keelean (Z), 509.85; 4. Ryan Kilgore (C), 272.35; 5. Joey Rudeicki (S), 272.20; 6. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 251.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Zachary Geschwendt (Z), 1:01.21; 4. Daniel Lynch (S), 1:14.36; 5. Zack McCarter (LS), 1:15.53; 6. Kyle Spence (C), 1:31.56.

100 butterfly: 1. Li (S), 57.37; 5. Bielicki (LS), 1:06.10; 6. Nathan Benjamin (C), 1:19.06.

100 butterfly: 1. Borgman (Z), 57.71; 4. Plashnik (LS), 1:01.06; 5. Patrick Huls (S), 1:02.13; 6. Souvik Roy (C), 1:31.03.

100 butterfly: 1. Dylan Zwiers (P), 54.53; 2. Schoff (LS), 54.67; 5. Wellman (S), 58.75; 6. Bindas (C), 1:10.80.

100 freestyle: 1. Bai (S), 52.96; 4. Jack Hiltz (LS), 54.21; 6. Jay Akolkar (C), 1:10.10.

100 freestyle: 1. Scott Marlatt (P), 51.78; 4. G. McNamara (LS), 55.00; 5. William Long (S), 55.53; 6. Travis Alber (C), 1:04.61.

100 freestyle: 1. Tyler Hampton (P), 49.60; 2. Santer (S), 50.47; 4. A. Ferrara (LS), 52.43; Wade (C), 1:03.33.

100 freestyle: 1. Seiji Osawa (P), 48.09; 2. Collingwood (S), 49.48; 5. Bielicki (LS), 51.84; 6. Champine (C), 53.66.

500 freestyle: 1. Michael Heyboer (Z), 5:18.58; 3. Carpenter (S), 5:34.26; 4. Nick Belmore (LS), 5:35.02.

500 freestyle: 1. J. Zhang (S), 5:05.39; 4. Brandon Shatter (LS), 5:42.10; 6. Benjamin (C), 6:32.01.

500 freestyle: 1. Mills (S), 5:03.29; 5. E. Shatter (LS), 5:41.35; 6. Marceau (C), 6:05.73.

500 freestyle: 1. Seroka (S), 4:52.85; 5. Stanisz (LS), 5:20.27; 6. Carlson (C), 5:43.39.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Zeeland, 1:38.81; 4. Salem (Matt Pairitz, Greg Rupp, Stokfisz, Lynch), 1:42.55; 5. Stevenson (P. Belmore, N. Belmore, Michael Chen, Hiltz), 1:44.27; 6. Canton (Akolkar, Bourdreaux, Mace Gatzek, C.J. Hayes), 1:57.80.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer, 1:35.55; 4. Salem (Clagg, Micek, Long, J. Zhang), 1:38.69; 5. Stevenson (E. Shatter, Plashnik, B. Shatter, Scheemann), 1:43.36; 6. Canton (Saul Park, Chris Jenner, Travis Alber, Bindas), 1:54.81.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer, 1:31.51; 2. Salem (Collingwood, Bai, Santer, Seroka), 1:32.94; 4. Canton (V. Zhang, Dillon, Champine, Carlson), 1:34.94; 6. Stevenson (A. Ferrara, Stanisz, G. McNamara, J. McNamara), 1:38.01.

100 backstroke: 1. Teerman (Z), 1:03.11; 2. Krebs (C), 1:03.13; 5. Micek (S), 1:07.61; 6. P. Belmore (LS), 1:09.19.

100 backstroke: 1. Zylstra (Z), 57.02; 2. Simion (C), 59.20; 4. Huls (S), 1:04.11; 5. Battjes (LS), 1:05.30.

100 backstroke: 1. Jin (C), 55.93; 3. Li (S), 57.04; 6. Frederick (LS), 1:06.06.

100 backstroke: 1. V. Zhang (C), 53.67; 2. Ferrara (LS), 54.75; 4. Wellman (S), 59.61.

100 breaststroke: 1. Erickson (P), 1:08.24; 2. A. Bhaktawar (S), 1:08.38; 5. Matt Della Mora (LS), 1:15.58; 6. Michael Fluegemann (C), 1:33.21.

100 breaststroke: 1. Thad Stalmack (Z), 1:05.84; 2. G. McNamara (LS), 1:07.66; 5. Kahler (S), 1:13.52; 6. Lacich (C), 1:23.21.

100 breaststroke: 1. Eli Cornblath (P), 1:05.59; 2. S. Bhaktawara (S), 1:07.08; 3. Collieran (LS), 1:09.73; 6. Wilyard (C), 1:20.48.

100 breaststroke: 1. Chris Klein (P), 1:02.52; 3. Solterman (S), 1:06.26; 4. J. McNamara (LS), 1:07.18; 6. Dillon (C), 1:09.42.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Zeeland, 3:36.84; 3. Stevenson (P. Belmore, B. Shatter, N. Belmore, Bielicki), 3:49.30; 5. Salem (Long, Rupp, Pairitz, Lynch), 3:50.46; 6. Canton (Gatzek, Park, Jenner, Hayes), 4:42.41.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Bai, Li, Wellman, J. Zhang), 3:29.08; 5. Stevenson (Stanisz, Plashnik, Hiltz, E. Shatter), 3:43.06; 6. Canton (Alber, Marceau, Joy, Benjamin), 4:18.21.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Santer, Mills, Seroka, Collingwood), 3:19.82; 4. Stevenson (Bielicki, J. Ferrara, A. Ferrara, Schoff), 3:24.12; 6. Canton (Jin, Simion, Champine, V. Zhang), 3:27.88.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28, SALEM 2

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Tommy Ruark, 220-210; 430; Jordan Hornes, 189-202-391; John Cleavenger, 202-186-388; Thomas Brusseau, 225; Steven White, 197; Brian Monty, 163; Daniel Ammons, 156. **Team totals:** 930-1,020-1,950 (18 points); **Baker games:** 200-258-458 (10 points).

Salem scorers: David Nikkila, 186-141-327; Tyler Foley, 187; Evan Ross, 173; Joe Mirsky, 167; Kevin Williams, 148; split score, 200-147-347; split score, 162. **Team totals:** 883-776-1,659 (2 points); **Baker games:** 167-206-373 (0 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 6-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 2-3 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 20, CANTON 10

Jan. 7 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Tommy Ruark, 205-232-435; Thomas Brusseau, 224-196-420; Jordan Hornes, 206-213-419; John Cleavenger, 264; Steve White, 233; Brian Monty, 191. **Team totals:** 1,025-1,138-2,163 (16 points); **Baker games:** 149-195-344 (4 points).

Canton scorers: Kurt Kowalski, 257-232-489; Andrew Klein, 201-223-424; Alex Champagne, 221-154-375; Josh Pozan, 198; split score, 153-165-318. **Team totals:** 1,001-972-1,973; **Baker games:** 182-163-345 (6 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 5-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Canton, 4-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 25, PLYMOUTH 5

Jan. 7 at Novi Bowl

Wayne scorers: Elliot Arnold, 243-216-459; Jeremy Brown, 227-204-431; Zack Huffman, 220-201-421; Scott Franklin, 204-159-363; Barry Banks, 213; Tony Lave, 178. **Team totals:** 1,107-958-2,065 (19 points). **Baker games:** Wayne, 224-183-407 (6 points); Plymouth, 172-185-357 (0 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 4-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Plymouth, 3-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16, PLYMOUTH 14

Jan. 6 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 236-220-456; Brian Monty, 210-215-425; Thomas Brusseau, 231; Steve White, 211; Daniel Ammons, 172; Tommy Ruark, 145; split scores, 155-154. **Team totals:** 966-982-1,940 (6 points); **Baker games:** 250-240-490 (10 points).

Plymouth scorers: Rob Korstjens, 265-234-499; Kyle Webb, 221-184-405; Erick Thompson, 215-182-397; Ryan Riva, 167; split scores, 151-159. **Team totals:** 981-982-1,993 (13 points); **Baker games:** 228-162-390 (0 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 4-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 22, NOVI 8

Jan. 6 at Novi Bowl

Wayne scorers: Zack Huffman, 223-255-478; Jeremy Brown, 240-194-434; Elliot Arnold, 215-179-394; Tony Lave, 193; Scott Franklin, 179; Kody Kubrak, 162; Barry Banks, 159. **Team totals:** 1,033-966-1,999 (16 points). **Baker games:** Wayne, 129-217-346 (6 points); Novi, 147-157-304 (4 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Novi, 0-3 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS RESULTS SALEM 21, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 9

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

Salem scorers: Ashley Kretschmer, 183-180-363; Bridget Maul, 177-175-352; Micaylin Peltz, 167-147-314; Kristen Larkins, 162-139-301; Emily Simmons, 166; Meaghen Eldridge, 133. **Team totals:** 822-807-1,629 (17 points); **Baker games:** 145-135-280 (4 points).

John Glenn scorers: Khiry Sparks, 194-149-343; Julianne Ayers, 135-162-297; Megan Redmond, 150-130-280; Rachel Miller, 159-118-277; Yvette Ayers, 120; Sara Aulidige, 102. **Team totals:** 758-661-1,419 (3 points); **Baker games:** 139-179-318 (6 points).

Dual match records: Salem, 2-3 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central Division; John Glenn, 3-2 overall, 3-1 KLAA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16, CANTON 15 (lost tiebreaker)

Jan. 7 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Julianne Ayers, 185-221-406; Khiry Sparks, 162-168-330; Rachel Miller, 154-169-323; Megan Redmond, 136-136-272; Karily



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Age 85, born October 1, 1925, in Anyox, British Columbia. Passed away January 7, 2011. Current resident of Vero Beach, Florida and Northville, Michigan. Long time resident of Dearborn, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario. Graduated from London School of Nursing. Served as Head Emergency Nurse for over 40 years at Oakwood Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital in Dearborn. She assisted in the development of one of America's first triage units at Henry Ford Hospital. She was also a founding member of St. James United Church of Christ. President of the Parent Teacher Association for Dearborn Public Schools. Daughter to Joseph and Nancy Maguire and sister of Rose Mary and Joseph. Married to the late William Hawthorne in 1948. Dear mother of Barry T. Hawthorne and Bruce N. Hawthorne. Adored by her grandchildren: Brian; Catherine; Hannah; Jessica and great-grandchildren: Dagny; Avery; and Elizabeth. Josephine's laugh, smile and tremendous kindness will always be remembered. Services will be held Thursday, January 13 at 2:00pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI, 48152. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

LYDIA S. MARCRUM (nee STASEVICH)

Passed away on January 8, 2011 at the age of 89. She is survived by son Daniel & Sharon Marcrum, daughter Marilyn Marcrum, granddaughter Renee' O'Rourke, grandsons Andrew & Joseph Bresinski, brother James & Katherine Stasevich, and many nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held at Harry J. Will, 37000 6 Mile Rd., Livonia (734-591-3700) Wednesday, January 12th, 5pm-9pm; Thursday, January 13th, 1pm-9pm, PARAS-TAS at 7:30 PM. Friday, January 14th Body in State 10 AM Funeral Service 11 AM at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago in Redford, MI (between Inkster & Beech Daly). Donations may be made to: Paws with a Cause™ www.pawswithacause.org or to St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

WILLIAM T. "BILL" MOORE

Age 67. January 10, 2011. Bill is an employee of Bill Brown Ford. He is survived by his loving wife Debbie(s) and cherished children John (Ruthanne), Cheryl, and Susan (Joseph) Aumiller. Memorial Visitation will be held Friday from 12-3pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, with a memorial service at 11am on Friday. Please share a message with the family at:

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JOAN PERRY SNYDER

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

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BURLENE SALISBURY

Age 91. Passed January 8, 2011. Loving wife of the late William. Dear mother of Terry (Fran) King, Chuck (Marsha) King, Keith (Dana) King, William Salisbury, Shawn (Janet) Salisbury. Preceded in death by sons Burl, David, and Paul (Kathy) King. Also survived by 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. The family has entrusted care and services to the LJ Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI.

THERESA M. WELLS

Age 86, of Farmington Hills and Port Austin, Michigan passed away at her Farmington Hills home over the Christmas holiday. Ms. Wells up until the time of her death commuted, every two weeks depending on the weather, between her Farmington Hills and Port Austin home so as to stay in touch with her lifelong friends, neighbors and loved ones. Theresa was born on August 26, 1924 in Grindstone City to the late Anthony and Agnes (Wojchowski) Biarski, the last of eight children of her parents. Theresa graduated Grindstone High School in 1941 and shortly thereafter moved to Detroit to work at various companies, primarily Packard Car Company until its closure and then Ford Motor Company until retiring in 1989 from Ford's. At Ford's she worked in the early stages of computerization by working in its data processing center, as a clerk, initially in its keypunch operations, and transitioned with Ford's and the world to the computer age. Theresa recently lost her last two sisters, Margaret F. Bulley, age 95, this past April and Dorothy Levalski, age 90, in 2007, both of Bad Axe Michigan a short drive from her Port Austin home. Theresa was also preceded in death by two other sisters and three brothers, Michael, Peter and Joseph Biarski, and Gertrude Wilkos and Goldie Millard, respectively. Visitation and services will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be Father Andrew Boom, pastor. Theresa will be interred next to her husband, Clifford, in the church cemetery.

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and sponsored by the Beth Ahm Men's Club. Includes a pizza and salad supper. Cost is \$6 per person. RSVP by Jan. 18 to Marc Soble (248) 661-0416 or e-mail mhsoble@cs.com
Contact: Rene Lichtman at (248) 932-1834 or e-mail holocaustchild@comcast.net for the panel discussion

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ENDOW

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, beginning Jan. 27, for 10 sessions
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The series, designed for women, will explore such topics as society and the moral law, the teaching authority of the church, the difference between contraception and natural family planning, and more. Cost is \$60
Contact: To register call (303) 715-3224 or visit www.endowonline.com; for facilitator Michele Schmidt, call (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net

Exodus and liturgy

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Jan. 23
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Presenter is David J. Conrad. A potluck dinner will be held after the presentation. The parish provides the main course. Participants provide appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts
Contact: RSVP to Conrad at (734) 425-5950 Ext. 203

Former Catholics

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Six-week series, "Catholics Returning Home," is designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the possibility of returning to the Church. The sessions will be conducted by former lapsed Catholics in a casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion.
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Time/Date: 2:15 p.m. check in; 2:30 p.m. Mass, Jan. 23
Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

Details: Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

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Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
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Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

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Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
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Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
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Local musician brings Broadway tunes to cabaret setting in Westland

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Craig Strain has always loved Broadway tunes but as a member of the R&B band, Dr. Pocket, and director of the Motor City Brass Band, he hasn't had many opportunities to play them.

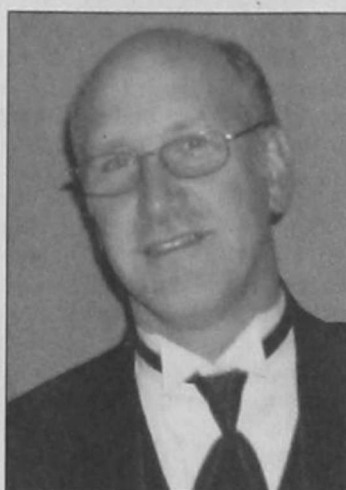
The Farmington Hills man will get his chance Sunday, Jan. 16, at a concert of theater music that he's both performing in and producing, at Joy Manor in Westland.

"It's so different from classical or jazz or pop and I'm involved in all of those genres. I love Broadway shows and the music is so heartfelt," said Strain, who will play bass in the show. "The original thought was let's not do the older stuff...*Music Man*, *Sound of Music*, *Oklahoma*. We do *America* from *West Side Story*, so we didn't totally avoid the traditional ones, but the ones I picked are more hip, contemporary."

Strain wrote an overture and arranged the 10 songs that four vocalists and seven-piece orchestra will perform. Audience members will recognize music from *Avenue Q*, *Rent*, *Chicago*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Wicked*, *Billy Elliot*, *Les Miz*, and *Phantom of the Opera*, in addition to *West Side Story* and *Grease*.

"They're tunes I like, frankly," Strain described the selection. *You're the One that I Want* from *Grease* is a recent addition to the line-up that includes a few serious, "heavy," pieces, Strain said.

"We needed something light, crazy and fun. And we've got audience involvement on one



John Martin



Craig Strain wrote the arrangements for the musical arrangements for The Broadway Project. The Farmington Hills resident also will play bass in the show and is producing it.

piece. I think people will have a ball."

Strain plans to distribute words to the chorus of *Seasons of Love* from *Rent*, the song that measures the year in "five hundred twenty-five thousand



Kim Lange will sing at The Broadway Project Sunday, Jan. 16, at Joy Manor in Westland.

six hundred minutes."

"We're going to stop the show and teach them and do it with them. We want to get them all singing."

He also wants audience members to feel as though they're in a Broadway club. The seating will be cabaret style, with food and a cash bar

available. A backdrop of a New York skyline and stage lighting will set the mood.

"Before we play a piece we'll tell the story of that particular scene," he said. Or they'll offer anecdotes and stories about the musical.

GILDA'S CLUB VOLUNTEER

Strain initially created the Broadway show for the monthly CoffeeHouse program at

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit in Royal Oak. He became active in the organization for individuals with cancer, their families and friends, through another musician who founded Gilda Singer's at the Club. Strain remained involved with the organization, even after his friend died.

"I've been on the board. I've played for dances and other activities. It's something I do

to help."

He played at the monthly coffeehouse during its open mic segment, but had never appeared there as a featured performer until about six months ago. He came up with the Broadway idea while thinking of ways to make the CoffeeHouse gig "special."

Strain wrote arrangements for the music, enlisted the help of musician friends and "packed the room" at the one-night performance.

"People kept saying, do it again. I decided to go commercial with it."

He added music and more instruments, fashioning it into a show that he hopes to perform several times a year in various locations. The upcoming performance will be video taped in high definition.

Strain will play in the orchestra that also will include Tracy Kash Thomas on flute, Victoria Halton on violin, Bud Zenzen on cello, Rick Davis on guitar, Bill Meyer on keyboard and Dan Maslanka on drums.

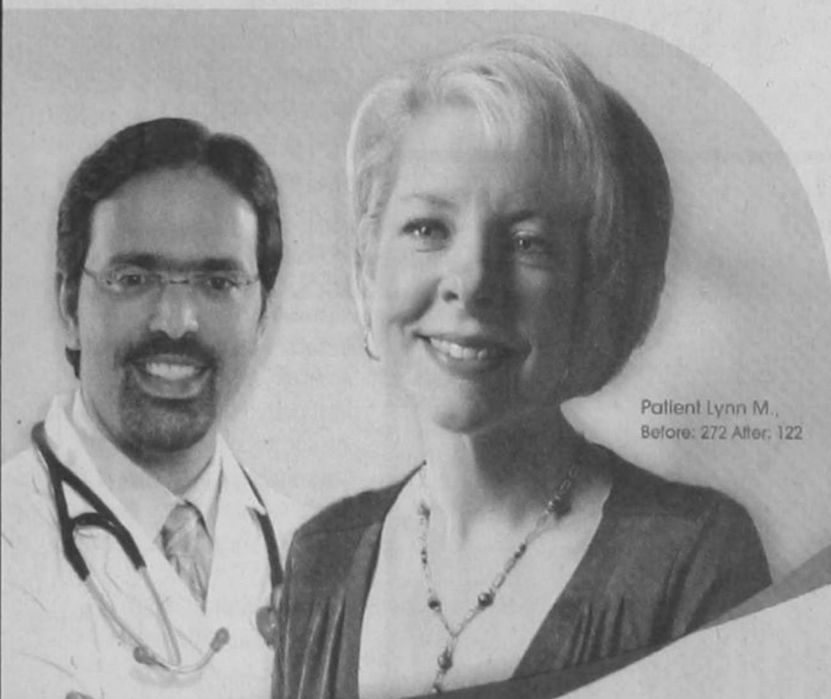
Kim Lang, who sings with Dr. Pocket, as well as in a church choir, and Michele Marszalkowski who has a master's degree in opera, but also sings "just about anything," according to Strain, will handle the alto and soprano parts. John Martin, a church choir director and member of Motor City Brass Band, and his son, Steve, will sing tenor and bass parts.

Tickets for the show are \$20, available by calling Strain at (586) 924-6866; Nancy at (248) 892-9971; Ed at (586) 263-5223 or Keith at (734) 812-1707. Doors will open at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Joy Manor is located at 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland; (734) 525-0960.

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All Directions Band kicks off Plymouth Arts Council's Saturday Night Series.

Plymouth Arts Council seeks performers

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Musicians who are interested in performing in the series pay a minimum \$100 facility fee to use the Council's 110-seat auditorium. Each participating performer or group will take responsibility for scheduling and presenting one or more Saturday night monthly concerts and creating a cohesive performance theme for that night. Performance themes might include a song writer's performance, folk music, jazz/R&B music, children's music, cappella singing, world music, chamber music or any other style. The concerts may include one or more music performers or music groups.

The series goal is to provide a venue for local musicians to present their music to the public, collaborate with other artists and build their audience base in the community.

Directions Band & Friends will kick off for this new program will be 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. Kimberly Dennis Ringer of Red Sky at Nite also will perform.

The All Directions Band was formed in 1976. It consists of Mike Ager on keyboards, Pat Sorise on drums, Kimberly Ringer on

vocals, Paul Bairley on bass and back in the area from his stint with the Jay Leno-Conan O'Brien Band, Eric Korte on saxophones. The band has played such local R&B and jazz landmarks as the Golden Falcon Jazz Lounge, Mr. Floods Party, the original "Blind Pig," The Del Rio, Union Street, The Delta Lady, The Intersection, The Traffic Jam, Woody's Inn, The Cross Street Station, Lizard's Underground and Dooley's. The group served as the "house band" for Detroit's Cobb's Corner Lounge in the late 1970s and hosted a Sunday evening "Jazz Jam" which featured some of the area's all time jazz and R&B greats. The band has backed up a wide spectrum of talent including The Drifters and The Diamonds singing groups as well as jazz legend Grady Tate. All Directions also has traveled extensively playing a variety of clubs and concert venues. It will play a variety of R&B, jazz originals and standards and classic Motown/soul music at the Saturday Night Music Series.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council, is located at 774 N. Sheldon, just south of M-14, in Plymouth.

For more information, or to participate in the program call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.

Learn stage basics at Westland theater

Inspire Theatre will offer new classes for different age and skill levels beginning Feb. 5.

Classes run 10 weeks and cost \$20 per session or \$150 if paid at registration. They include:

- Introduction to Theatre for Kids at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, will give students instruction in stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation. This class will conclude with a class project presentation.

- Theatre for the Advanced Beginner is at 11:15 p.m. Saturdays and is aimed at students who have taken Intro to Theatre. This course will build on the skills learned in the previous class. The first six weeks will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion, and "being real." During the last four weeks students will work on a class project, a collection of fairy tales told with a new twist.

- Theatre for Homeschoolers meets at 11 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. Students will learn many of the basics of the stage while having a lot of hands-on fun. They'll receive instruction in stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as impro-

visation. The class will conclude with a class project presentation.

- Introduction to Theatre for Adults meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Topics will include stage basics, stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation.

Class registration is from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 29 at Inspire Theatre, which rents space at the Warren Road Light & Life Church, located at 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Class size is limited to 15 students.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and multiple original productions, most written by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher. Fisher, who majored in theatre at Youngstown State and holds a degree from North Central University, has been involved in theatre most of his adult life. He has acted, produced, written, and directed children and adults both professionally and on the community level.

For more information contact Fisher at: inspire@inspiretheatre.com or (734) 751-7057.

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Time/Date: Through Jan. 29

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Steve White, through Jan. 15; Kurt Metzger, Jan. 19-22; John Roy, Jan. 26-29

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Tuesday with Gifts or Creatures & The Photographers, Jan. 25; African Guitar Summit, Feb. 1; Frank Vignola with Viny Raniolo and Julien Labro, Feb. 2; Ann Doyle and Doug Howell, Feb. 3; Hoots & Hellmouth, Feb. 4; Yiddishe Cup, Feb. 5; Caravan of Thieves, Feb. 7; Kurt Elling, Feb. 8; The Wailers, Feb. 9; The Battlefield Band, Feb. 10; The Kruger Brothers, Feb. 11; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 12; My Folky Valentine with Annie and Rod Capps and more, Feb. 13; Genticorum, Feb. 15; Buckwheat Zydeco, Feb. 16; The Good Lovelies, Feb. 18; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 20; Bobby Long, Feb. 21; Open Stage, Feb. 23; The Asylum Street Spankers, Feb. 24; BreakFest, Feb. 25; Susan Werner, Feb. 26; The Jeremy Kittel Band, Feb. 27; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Feb. 28

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Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month; next performance is Jan. 15

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. January's featured artists are Craig Porter and Friends. Hosted by Cliff Grupke. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts
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Livonia Symphony

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Jan. 29

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

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Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 28

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Time/Date: 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16

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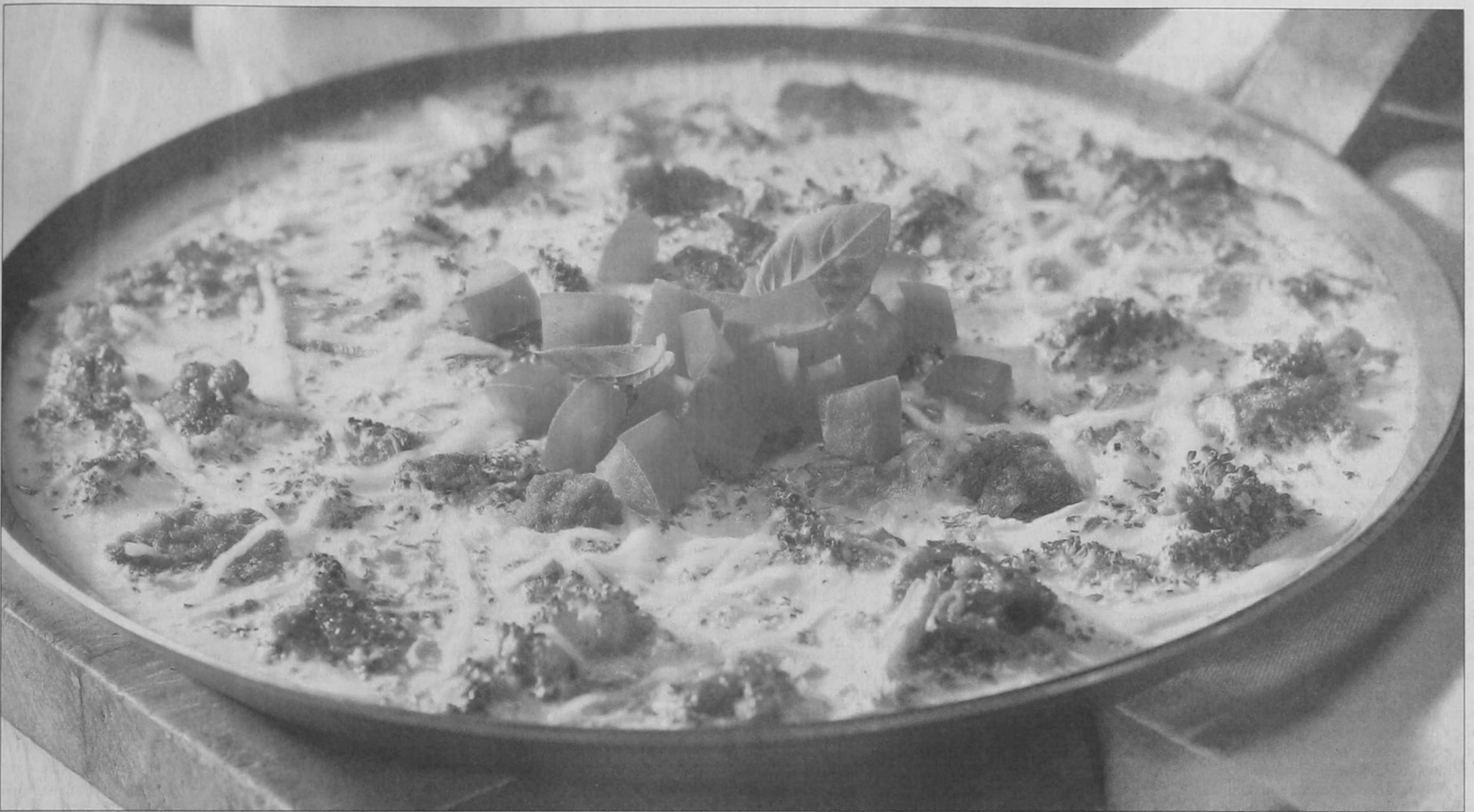
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Baked Asiago Frittata

Breakfast just got better

Most people are familiar with the saying "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." However, many may not realize that what they choose to eat for breakfast is just as important as eating the meal itself. Now, breakfast lovers and skeptics alike can be good to themselves by eating a satisfying breakfast that's full of the flavors they love.

This Baked Asiago Frittata is a delicious combination of eggs, broccoli, tomatoes, onions, Italian seasonings, cheese and sausage patties. These veggie sausage patties contain 76 percent less fat than traditional pre-cooked pork sausage patties.* Try using egg substitute as a way to further reduce the fat and cholesterol. Spicy Southwest Breakfast Omelet Egg Rolls are a great way to wake up those taste buds, while MorningStar Farms Eggs Benedict puts a meatless spin on a familiar favorite.

For more recipes and convenient food ideas, visit www.MorningStarFarms.com.

*Pre-cooked pork sausage patties contain 13g total fat per serving (38g); MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties contain 3g total fat per serving (38g).

BAKED ASIAGO FRITTATA

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

- 2 cups finely chopped broccoli
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties
- 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves or dried Italian seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 8 eggs, beaten*
- ¼ cup (1 ounce) finely shredded Asiago cheese or Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup chopped tomato

1. In 10-inch oven-safe nonstick skillet coated with nonstick spray, cook and stir broccoli, onions and garlic over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Remove from heat.

2. Stir crumbled veggie sausage patties, basil, salt and pepper into vegetable mixture. Pour eggs over top.

3. Bake, uncovered, at 350°F for 15 to 19 minutes or until set. Sprinkle with cheese. Let stand, covered, for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with tomato. Cut into wedges.

*Note: For a lower fat version, substitute 2 cups refrigerated egg substitute for the 8 eggs.

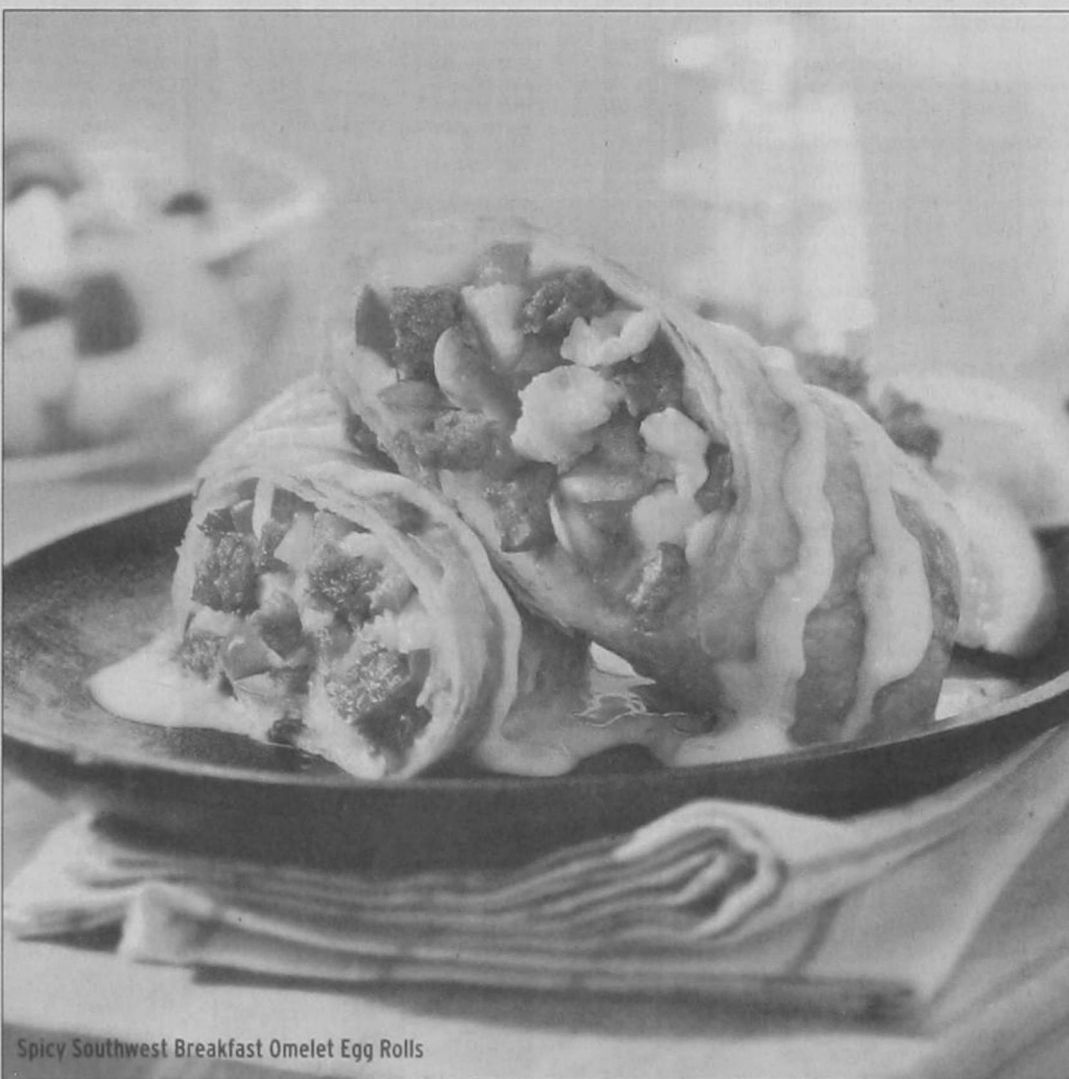
SPICY SOUTHWEST BREAKFAST OMELET EGG ROLLS

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

- 6 eggs, slightly beaten
- ¼ cup milk



Spicy Southwest Breakfast Omelet Egg Rolls

- 2 teaspoons salt-free Southwest or Mexican seasoning
- 2 MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper, green bell pepper or combination
- 2 green onions, bias-cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 4 10-inch flour tortillas
- ¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese or Monterey Jack cheese (1-ounce)
- Jalapeño-White Cheddar Country Gravy or salsa

1. In medium bowl, beat together eggs, milk and seasoning. Set aside.

2. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook and stir crumbled veggie sausage patties, mushrooms, bell pepper and onions in 2 teaspoons of the vegetable oil for 2 to 3 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

3. Pour egg mixture over vegetable mixture in hot skillet. Cook over medium heat, without stirring, until mixture begins to set on the bottom and around edge. Using spatula, gently lift and stir partially cooked eggs so uncooked portions flow underneath. Continue cooking and lifting over

medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until eggs are cooked through, but still glossy and moist. Remove from heat.

4. Spoon about ¾ cup of vegetable mixture onto each tortilla just below center. Sprinkle with cheese. Fold bottom edge of each tortilla over up and over filling. Fold in sides. Roll up from the bottom, completely enclosing filling. Secure with wooden toothpicks.

5. Carefully wipe skillet out with paper towel. Brush with remaining 4 teaspoons oil. Add filled tortillas. Cook over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes or until golden brown, turning once.

6. Remove toothpicks. Diagonally cut each into halves. Serve with Jalapeño-White Cheddar Country Gravy or salsa.

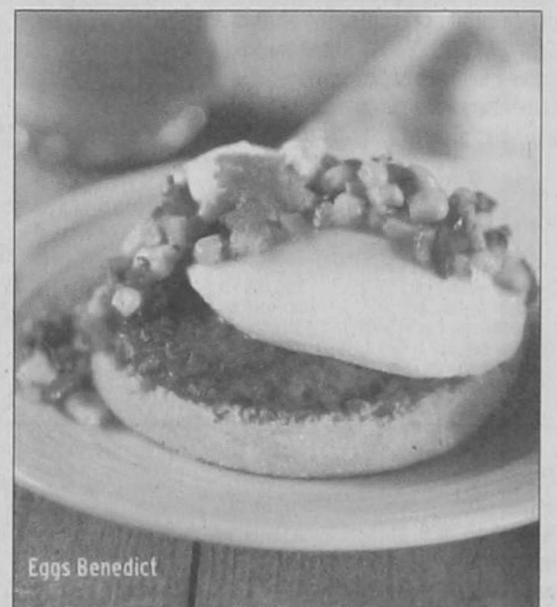
EGGS BENEDICT

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Total Time: 25 minutes

Servings: 4

- ¼ cup finely chopped red onion
- ¼ teaspoon prepared horseradish
- ¼ teaspoon bottled minced garlic



Eggs Benedict

- ¼ cup roasted red peppers
- ¼ cup frozen roasted corn kernels, thawed, or frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon grated lime peel
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties
- 4 eggs
- 2 whole wheat English muffins
- 2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream

1. In large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, cook onion over medium-low heat for 3 to 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in horseradish and garlic. Cook and stir for 30 seconds more. Add red peppers, corn, broth, cilantro, lime peel, ¼ teaspoon salt and pepper. Increase heat to medium. Cook and stir until heated through and most of liquid evaporates. Transfer to bowl. Cover to keep warm. Set aside.

2. Wipe skillet out with paper towels. Pour water into skillet until it is two-thirds full (about 1½ inches). Stir in vinegar and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to boiling.

3. Meanwhile, prepare veggie sausage patties according to package directions. Set aside.

4. Reduce heat under water mixture. Break one egg into measuring cup. Holding cup near water, carefully slide egg into simmering water. Repeat with remaining eggs, allowing space in skillet between eggs. Simmer, uncovered, for 3 to 5 minutes or until whites and yolks are firm. Remove eggs with slotted spoon.

5. Top muffin halves with sausage patties, eggs and red pepper mixture. Spoon sour cream on top.

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Energy-saving tips we can all use at home

We all want to save money around the house. Saving money at home can be done in many ways, however, sometimes some of the smaller things that can really make a difference are overlooked. Komo News gives five tips that are guaranteed to help you save money around the house, as found on the website of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan:

1.) Twin draft guards: These are double sided insulation devices that slide under the door to eliminate cold or warm air drafts from the underside of the door.

2.) Programmable thermostats: It's energy wasted when no one is home, so why not set the thermostat to turn off when you leave and turn on 15 min before you get home.

3.) Turn down the water heater: If you're going on vacation you should turn your water heater to low. It's amazing how much energy goes into heating water and it's a definite waste if no one is going to use it for a while.

4.) Low flow shower heads: Older shower head guzzle out unnecessary amounts of water, while a low flow shower head will give you the right amount of pressure without wasting all of that water.

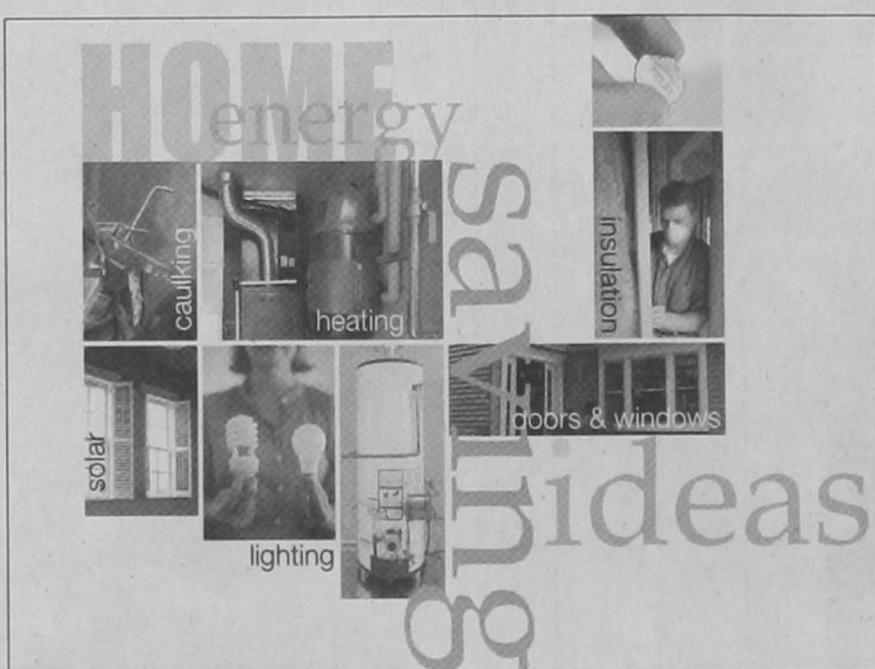
5.) Toiletry products: Use only the amount of toiletry products needed to do the job. Common examples of wastefulness are exaggerated amounts of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and toilet paper.

In a typical home, heating and cooling account for more than half of the home's energy use, making it the largest energy expense for most households. Today's high efficiency furnaces operate more efficiently while using less energy than older equipment.

These home heating tips come from the website of DTE Energy.

If your heating equipment is more than 12 years old, consider replacing it — before it breaks down — to save money on utility bills, allow time for price research, and ensure your family's comfort.

Save money on the purchase price of your new furnace by taking advantage of promotional rebates offered by equipment manufacturers. In addition, many high-efficiency heating systems may also qualify for a Federal tax credit of up to 30 percent of the purchase price for the equipment, up



to a maximum credit of \$1,500. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov.

When replacing your heating system, you'll save money and benefit when you:

•Always select ENERGY STAR qualified equipment. Although upfront costs can be higher, the long-term savings difference is regained with lower energy usage. ENERGY STAR furnaces are the most efficient models on the market.

•The EnergyGuide label with a high AFUE rating. The Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency, or AFUE, rating measures the overall energy performance of a furnace or boiler. An AFUE of 95 percent means that 95 percent of your energy dollar becomes heat for your home and the remaining 5 percent escapes up the chimney and elsewhere. The higher the AFUE, the more heat you get for your energy dollar.

•Install a programmable thermostat. You can save energy heating your home by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours or more. A programmable thermostat automatically sets the temperature according to a pre-set schedule. When shopping for a programmable thermostat, look for the ENERGY STAR label and select a model that offers a manual override option that allows you to adjust the settings without affecting the

rest of the pre-set programming.

•A high efficiency gas furnace with an Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM). Furnaces with an ECM motor use less electricity because it adjusts its speed to ensure optimal airflow at all times. Traditional furnace motors run at only one speed — high.

•Purchase high efficiency. Purchase the highest efficiency furnace that you can afford. For optimum savings, select a model with an AFUE rating of 95 percent or higher.

•Size it right. Purchase the proper size furnace for your home. An undersized furnace will not heat your home properly, and an oversized furnace will cost more to purchase and to operate. Check with your contractor to find the right size furnace for your home. Don't assume the new unit should be exactly the same as your existing unit.

•Proper installation is critical. Improper installation can lower efficiency by up to 30 percent, increase utility bills and possibly reduce the life of the equipment.

A well-maintained heating system will run more efficiently and help to reduce your energy use. To keep your heating system in proper working condition, consider having your furnace inspected annually,

ideally before the heating season begins. Call a local contractor to schedule an inspection in late summer or early fall.

If you have a forced air heating system, here are some tasks you may be able to perform yourself.

•Follow manufacturers' guidelines. For peak energy performance, always operate and maintain your heating system according to manufacturers' guidelines.

•Clean or replace the air filter regularly. Filters reduce the amount of dust and dirt that flow through your ductwork and into your home.

•Check your furnace for dust and lint. Remove the dust and lint from the burner compartment at least once a year.

•Check the chimney for obstructions. Make sure your chimney is not blocked by debris such as bird nests, leaves, loose mortar or dirt.

•Inspect flue pipes. Also inspect the flue pipes from the heating system and water heater to make sure they are free of rust and are tightly sealed.

•Check your ductwork. Check for air leaks, especially at joints. Seal off air leaks with foil faced tape rather than duct tape.

Use less energy and save money heating your home by following these tips:

•Enroll in BudgetWise Billing and spread your heating payments equally over the entire year.

•Dial down your thermostat — for each degree you set your thermostat below 72°F reduces your heating costs by approximately 3 percent. Dress appropriately for the weather and on cold winter nights, put an extra blanket on the bed and lower your thermostat another degree or two to save even more.

•Check heat vents and registers to ensure drapes and furniture do not block airflow.

•Use insulated drapes or other window coverings to help reduce drafts and keep the warm air inside.

•Minimize the number of times that doors to the outside are opened and closed. Every time an outside door opens, warm air rushes out and cold air moves in.

•Use ceiling fans set at a slow speed with the blades counter-clockwise (upward) to push warm air away from the ceiling and move it around the room without creating a chilly breeze.

Court upholds tenancy issue

Q: I read about a case where a man and woman had property granted to them as husband and wife, as joint tenants. However, the marriage was deemed invalid and I am wondering whether or not the so-called surviving spouse has a right to the property.

A: In a recent case out of Nebraska based on similar facts, the appellate court held that the language of the deed clearly expressed the intent of the parties to own the real property together



Robert Meisner

with a right of survivorship. The court reasoned that the fact that they were not legally married did not obscure their true intention to grant to themselves a joint tenancy for the surviving person to become the owner of the property. Of course, that is not a Michigan case and you are best advised to consult with an attorney concerning the likely result in your state.

Q: A member in our condominium has a hearing disability which keeps her from communicating effectively during association meetings. She indicates that she needs a sign language interpreter or Computer Aided Realtime Translation (CART), but the board, so far, has indicated that she should be able to participate in certain activities with no accommodation and others with the assistance of an amplification system that the association has purchased for her benefit. What do you think we should do?

A: First, you should consult with your attorney regarding this potentially dangerous issue with respect to liability for the association. In a similar case out of Colorado, on similar facts, the court found that there was sufficient evidence to create genuine dispute as to whether the sign language interpreter or CART is necessary for the member to communicate effectively at meetings. In that case, the association had offered recorded minutes from a monthly board meeting where the member, without the benefit of a sign language interpreter or CART, was able to convey her concerns relating to smoke detectors. As to her ability to understand the information, the association provided a doctor's report that stated that a portable sound system, used in conjunction with the member's hearing aids, would be sufficient to allow her to hear lectures and other speaking events approximately as well as the nonhearing disabled individual does in a one on one situation. We will see what the results are.

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Canton			Livonia			Northville			Plymouth			Westland		
43607 Abbey Woods Ct	\$250,000		28608 Cambridge St	\$40,000		16612 Brookline Blvd	\$525,000		260 Burroughs St	\$155,000		10019 San Jose	\$58,000	
1778 Aberdeen St	\$151,000		28824 Elmwood St	\$53,000		19581 Cardene Way Dr	\$188,000		48624 Chambray Ct	\$312,000		9527 Tecumseh	\$45,000	
46056 Bartlett Dr	\$135,000		30937 Florence St	\$72,000		16387 Forest Lake Dr	\$220,000		12855 Hidden Creek Dr	\$315,000		32728 Ann Arbor Trl	\$155,000	
1631 Bayberry Park Cir	\$165,000		28481 Kathryn St	\$83,000		41280 Knightsford Rd	\$256,000		9320 Ivanhoe Dr	\$254,000		32754 Benson Dr	\$101,000	
411 Belvedere Ct N	\$322,000		33532 Leona St	\$59,000		17107 Maple Hill Dr	\$278,000		34021 Cambria Ct	\$140,000		38531 Canyon Dr	\$8,000	
50594 Coolidge St	\$235,000					16509 Mulberry Way	\$280,000		34123 Caspian Ct	\$200,000		32887 Chapman Cir	\$30,000	
2051 Fairway Cir	\$135,000		9925 Adams St	\$105,000		49711 Parkside Dr	\$316,000		660 Ross St	\$525,000		35522 Dove Trl	\$112,000	
47064 Ford Rd	\$152,000		15017 Fairway St	\$130,000		16185 Tiverton Ct	\$140,000		14175 Terrace Ct	\$170,000		8459 Haller St	\$65,000	
45469 Indian Creek Dr	\$213,000		9435 Gillman St	\$80,000		16940 Warwick Ct	\$255,000			\$142,000		32511 Luce St	\$112,000	
			38631 Grandon St	\$129,000		17767 Wildflower Dr	\$375,000		9171 Beech Daly Rd	\$48,000		30832 Hivley St	\$55,000	
			35019 Grove Dr	\$149,000		20630 Woodcreek Blvd	\$460,000		18645 Brady	\$15,000		32511 Luce St	\$10,000	
							\$297,000		25594 Deborah	\$77,000		7431 N Farmington Rd	\$155,000	
									26921 Dover	\$78,000		38308 N Rickham Ct	\$76,000	
									18828 Garfield	\$53,000		2332 S Brandon St	\$70,000	
									15644 Gaylord	\$65,000		1686 S Newburgh Rd	\$50,000	
									13201 Nathalie	\$80,000		1403 Springer St	\$97,000	
									17350 Olympia	\$46,000				
									18455 Poinciana	\$51,000				

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41435 Copper Creek Dr	\$120,000		49332 Lincolnshire Ct	\$325,000		38267 Mallory Dr	\$222,000		49608 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$445,000		9598 Mercedes	\$35,000	
1756 Crestview Dr	\$195,000		1789 Morrison Blvd	\$135,000		16519 Middlebelt Rd	\$49,000		19130 Windridge Dr	\$275,000		24864 Midland	\$22,000	
45669 Drexel Rd	\$230,000		42270 Oakland Dr	\$223,000		18724 Milburn St	\$71,000					18720 Poinciana	\$62,000	
44397 Fair Oaks Dr	\$155,000		43470 Proctor Rd	\$158,000		17390 Myron St	\$224,000		11265 Bellwood Dr	\$327,000		26059 Southwestern Hwy	\$22,000	
45420 Glengarry Blvd	\$295,000		1457 Ranier Blvd	\$142,000		36572 Roycroft St	\$200,000		48121 Colony Farms Cir	\$156,000		17301 Sumner	\$70,000	
1478 Hereford	\$225,000		43615 Simsbury Dr	\$155,000		14099 Sunset St	\$110,000		49987 Cooke Ave	\$403,000				
46039 Larchmont Dr	\$260,000		43539 W Arbor Way Dr	\$46,000					500 Ford St	\$35,000		8722 August Ave	\$90,000	
			42600 White Hart Blvd	\$275,000		40040 Bexley Way	\$490,000		41033 Greenbriar Ln	\$165,000		163 Carson Dr	\$65,000	
						44117 Birchwood Ct	\$335,000		10570 Jo Ann Ln	\$303,000		8437 Cavell St	\$62,000	
						44730 Broadmoor Cir N	\$449,000		9318 Marilyn Ave	\$173,000		35714 Cherry Hill Rd	\$23,000	
						19825 Cambridge Ct	\$342,000		47043 Marisa Ct	\$385,000		6312 Hunter Pointe St	\$53,000	
						18504 Clairmont Cir E	\$440,000		271 Pinewood Cir	\$41,000		32152 Palmer Rd	\$70,000	
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						39561 Dun Rovin Dr	\$248,000		46608 Southview Ln	\$469,000		924 S Carlson St	\$36,000	
						50496 Eagles Nest	\$510,000		9493 Southworth Ave	\$157,000		1561 S Schuman St	\$145,000	
						15915 Morningside	\$115,000		1381 Woodland Pl	\$490,000		38289 Saint Joe Dr	\$50,000	
						16539 Mulberry Way	\$20,000					35413 Schley St	\$115,000	
						15714 Robinwood Dr	\$240,000		19949 Denby	\$35,000				

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16017 Birwood Ave	\$195,000		33617 State St	\$130,000		517 Florence Ct	\$260,000		43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$108,000		29720 Aberdeen Ln	\$99,000	
20025 Carriage Ln	\$210,000		23617 Warner St	\$154,000		659 Heritage Dr	\$220,000		22492 Brookforest	\$191,000		8645 Bainbridge Dr	\$115,000	
						523 Olivia Dr	\$281,000		41512 Burroughs Ave	\$430,000		20888 Brentwood Blvd	\$62,000	
						1830 Pinewood	\$203,000		50865 Calvert Isle Dr	\$482,000		29609 Brentwood St	\$40,000	
									50679 Chesapeake Dr	\$753,000		25560 Filmore Pl	\$80,000	
									27570 Cromwell Rd	\$45,000		29470 Marimoor Dr	\$132,000	
									25630 Gina Ct	\$324,000		18435 Melrose Ave	\$46,000	
									41125 Hollydale	\$140,000		20035 N Greenway St	\$145,000	
									25730 Island Lake Dr	\$355,000		16400 N Park Dr	\$26,000	
									41585 Kenilworth Ln	\$178,000		29490 Northbrook Ct	\$92,000	
									22272 Pondview	\$54,000		29200 Sharidale St	\$100,000	
									22747 Shadowpine Way	\$103,000				
									40476 Village Oaks	\$165,000				

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				22492 Brookforest			\$191,000			25840 McCrory Ln			\$18,000		
				41512 Burroughs Ave			\$430,000			208 Princeton Dr			\$100,000		
				50865 Calvert Isle Dr			\$482,000			115 Wellington Dr			\$110,000		
				50679 Chesapeake Dr			\$753,000			396 Winchester St			\$110,000		
				27570 Cromwell Rd			\$45,000								
				25630 Gina Ct			\$324,000			17280 Cornell Rd			\$109,000		
				41125 Hollydale			\$140,000			29351 Leemoor Dr			\$110,000		
				25730 Island Lake Dr			\$355,000			23600 Mapleridge Dr			\$60,000		
			41585 Kenilworth Ln			\$178,000			29260 Marshall St			\$45,000			
			22272 Pondview			\$54,000			18400 Midway Ave			\$75,000			
			22747 Shadowpine Way			\$103,000			20145 Roseland Dr			\$50,000			
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By Dale Buss

Don't look now, but U.S. automakers may be counting on a stronger-than-expected finish to 2010 to launch a stronger-than-hoped-for beginning to the new year.

Industry-wide U.S. sales reached about 11.5 million units, up 11 percent from 2009 sales of about 10.4 million units.

That final tally was about what auto executives were predicting throughout 2010. But their confidence grew during a particularly robust fourth quarter, when the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate (SAAR) actually exceeded 12 million units in each month.

This means that the American auto market finished on its strongest sustained note of the year and, in their view, presaged continued increases in the first quarter of 2011 and for the rest of the new year, according to Edmunds.com.

"Ninety days ago, the industry pace was moving at a very modest rate," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis. "Asked to comment then, we said it would be appropriate to assume another modest increase for the fourth quarter, in line with the increase in previous quarters. Nnnnh - the SAAR went up a

million units."

By contrast, Pipas said, increases in the SAAR for the previous quarters of 2010 were only about 200,000 to 300,000 units for each period. The bottom line was that fourth-quarter sales indicated a huge pickup in demand beyond the trend lines observed earlier in the year.

Overall, the double-digit sales increase for 2010 was the result of several positive factors: a slowly firming general recovery in the U.S. economy; the return to viability of General Motors and Chrysler; strong and steady increases in demand especially for pickup trucks and SUVs; improved commercial-fleet sales; and strong new-product offerings across the board that made available an array of vehicles with much better fuel economy, quality and affordability than even just a couple of years ago.

Incentive spending that at times was aggressive and at other times judicious also boosted 2010 results.

The question now, of course, is whether the industry can maintain and build significantly on the solid performance of the fourth quarter. The consensus forecast for 2011 sales began this year at 12.5 million to 13 million units, which would comprise another increase of



The Ford Fusion was a strong seller in a great 2010 for the company.

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around 10 percent or so from 2010.

Don Johnson, General Motors' vice president of U.S. sales operations, said that the company's "outlook is quite optimistic." In fact, at 13 million to 13.5 million units, GM's prediction of full-year 2011 sales is on the very high end of industry forecasts.

Industry executives and economists cited several major reasons for their belief that the general economy and specific industry dynamics would support even further growth in 2011.

They included recent improvements in U.S. unemployment claims, manufacturing activity, capital-goods orders, Christmas-holiday sales, bank-credit availability and pending home sales. The tax package just passed by Congress also could boost growth, especially in the auto industry, because it includes new incentives for capital-equipment spending, including new vehicles, said Ellen Hughes-Cromwick, Ford's chief economist.

"Even the strength in auto sales last month is a good leading indicator for the economy," she said.

Several executives also cited optimistically the manifestation of

more of the "pent-up demand" among American consumers that they have been touting for several months now. The average age of autos on U.S. roads is now more than 10 years, the highest number in 13 years, meaning that replacement will be more necessary. And the Generation Y population - the biggest demographic cohort since the baby boomers -- is just entering its family-formation years.

However, the industry's immediate good cheer must be tempered somewhat by at least a few persistent realities.

For one thing, the improvement in 2010 performance came off an extremely low nadir - the worst collapse of the American market since the Great Depression. Through the mid-part of the last decade, many in the business came to consider 16-million-unit years a sort of normality.

"The only caveat," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com, "is that 2010 was the second-lowest sales year we've seen since the early Eighties. It's encouraging news, but we have to ground ourselves in the reality of what was considered normal before the downturn."

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