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**District expects more snow days**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials say people shouldn't be surprised if the district uses more of its five emergency days this winter than in the past.

That possibility became more likely because Wayne County, like the Michigan Department of Transportation, is cutting overtime for snow plow and salt truck drivers this winter to save money.

"They aren't going to be cleaning and salting anything but the very main roads," said Superintendent Craig Fiegel. "That's probably going to impact our ability to move buses and put people out on the roads on inclement weather days. I hate to call (cancel) school ... but I think it's going to be an issue for us."

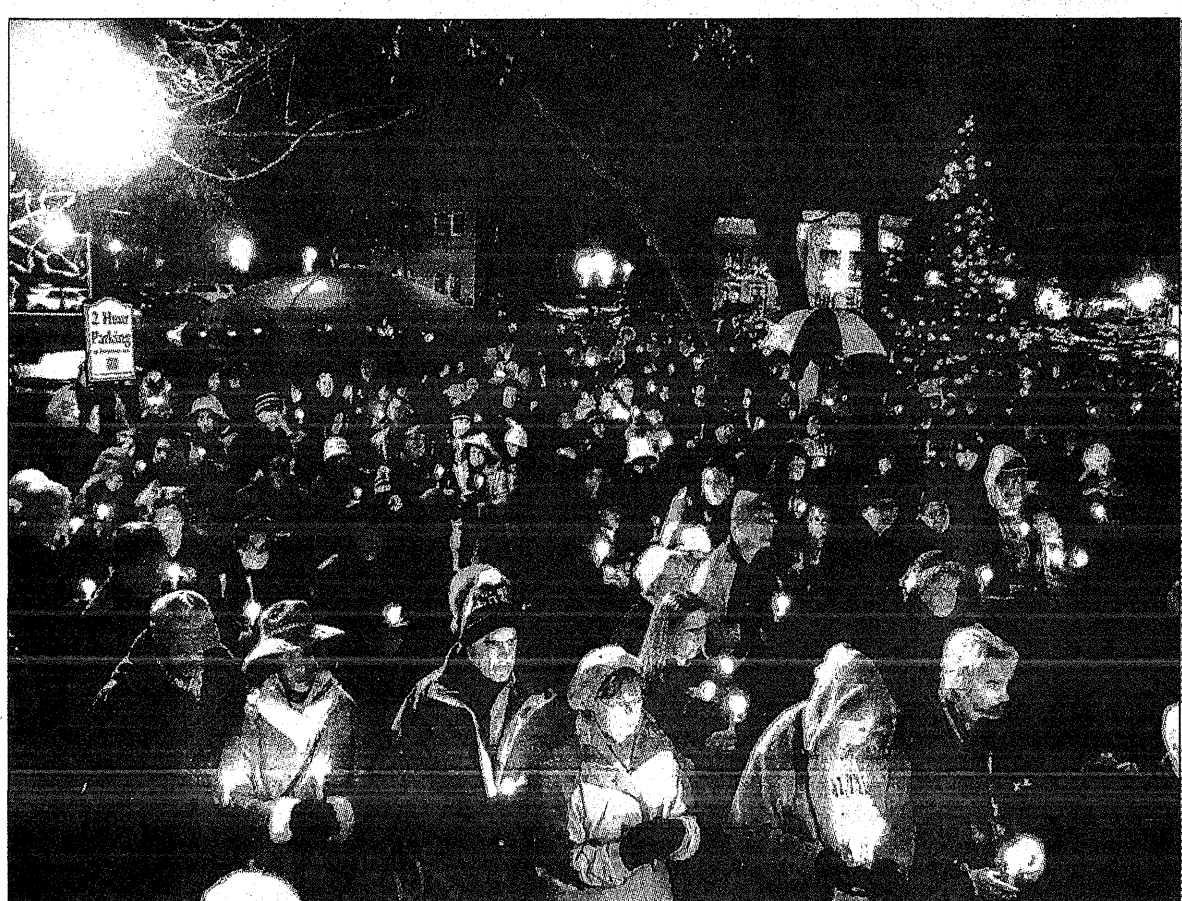
Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs said the roads around Plymouth-Canton schools won't be plowed or salted as much because of the budget constraints.

"You won't see the same wet conditions the county has typically provided us in the past," said Jacobs. "There isn't a shortage of salt ... everybody has been held to last year's allocation. They are cutting back substantially on the amount of salt they put down, so you'll notice a big difference."

"The only place you'll see wet are the freeways," he said. "Their commitment — on roads like Ann Arbor Road — is to open them to the status of a two-track during normal working hours. When you get into some of the tertiary roads, it will be the same conditions but it will be more difficult for them to meet the time lines."

Jacobs said the district has met with bus drivers to notify them of the changes.

"Where we will feel it the most is on back-to-back snowstorms," Jacobs said. "(Wayne County) is not going to use overtime. Traffic around some of our schools will be affected."



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Hundreds of people lit up Kellogg Park during the annual Compassionate Friends Candlelight Vigil to honor children who've died too soon.

**Shining the light**

Vigil helps mourners grapple with grief

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jamie DeWitt of Livonia just finished her third year being the sign-language interpreter for the Compassionate Friends' candlelight vigil, the event held every year in Plymouth's Kellogg Park to honor those who've died too soon.

And it's not getting any easier. DeWitt struggled again Sunday, particularly as she signed her way through Josh Grobin's *To Where You Are* at the end, after the hundreds of names had been read, and hundreds of tears had been shed. But she fought her way through her own grief and helped make the event successful.

DeWitt, who got involved with the candlelight vigil after the death of the man she was dating, Andy Imielowski, in August 2005, said it's important for her to continue to support Andy's family.

"I could be nowhere else but here with this group, interpreting for them," DeWitt said. "It's very difficult, thinking about not only



The Compassionate Friends used candles to produce a worldwide ring of light during the ceremony in Kellogg Park, which went on along with similar events around the world.

(Andy) but about all the families here. I feel their grief, and it makes it difficult for me."

The event is part of a worldwide candle-lighting ceremony, designed to take place at the same time in every time zone, theoretically forming a worldwide ring of light honoring children who have died too soon.

Hundreds of parents, siblings, family members, friends and loved ones braved intermittent

rain to light their candles in a show of love and support — for their children and for each other.

"It's gratifying, but it's sad, too, because a lot of these people are newcomers," said Gail Lafferty, one of the organizers of the event. "They've all lost children, and that's sad. We're all in this group we don't want to be in, but we're glad we found each other."

The crowd huddled together and listened to poems and songs, lighting their candles during the traditional reading of hundreds of children's names.

Judy Dever of Trenton has been part of the event since 1992, when her son, Josh, died of cancer. She also honors her son-in-law, John Strasser, who also died of cancer in June 2003. Dever read one of the poems Sunday night.

"I picked a poem that says what I'd like to say to my son, if he were here, and to the other parents," said Dever, who read a poem titled "To Honor You." "Our children are still with us. We carry their memory and live for them."

**Plymouth police seek ID thieves**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rose Buda of Plymouth has worked hard over the years to build up her credit rating. The 43-year-old knows how important her FICO score is to obtain low interest rates for a mortgage, credit cards and to purchase a car.

So, when she received a telephone call from a credit card company telling her she was behind on her first payment, it took her by surprise.

"I told her I didn't buy a 50-inch plasma television, a DVD player and perfume," Buda said. "When she mentioned my maiden name, which I hadn't used in 16 years, I knew something was up."

It didn't take long for Buda to figure out somehow her identity had been stolen. Police figure at least \$10,000 in goods and cash have been spent or accessed with her name. And, there's at least one account with her maiden name that's still being used. Buda said her FICO score dropped 104 points in a short amount of time.

"At first I was really upset, wanting to cry about it," Buda said. "Then I got mad. There's no question I want to prosecute. If they used half their energy and found their own jobs ..."

Buda's case is one of two that are being investigated by Plymouth police Detective Lt. Al Cox, who said this time of year is prime for identity thefts as thieves purchase holiday gifts with their money. The other involves an 87-year-old wheelchair-bound woman whose credit card numbers and identity may have been stolen by an in-home nurse to the tune of about \$2,000.

Cox takes identity theft cases personally. He remembers March 1999 when his driver's license and Social Security card were stolen from a gym locker at a fitness center in Plymouth Township. He didn't know the ramifications until he applied for a credit card eight months later and was denied.

"The information showed they racked up \$16,000 and I was livid," said Cox. "It took five years before I was able to get it off my credit record."

"Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in this country," he said. "You might have a face, but you have no name. Or, you have a name but it's three layers false and you've got nothing."

Cox said you can't completely protect yourself from identity theft, but especially warned about purchasing goods on the Internet.

"Never, ever, use your debit card because it's tied to your bank account, which can be wiped out," Cox said. "It's better to use a credit card where you can challenge any charges. And, never leave your wallet in your automobile. It's amazing how many are stolen, and they have all your identification and credit cards."

Buda said it's been a nightmare trying to repair her credit, and is concerned she'll have problems when she tries to purchase her car when the lease is up.

"I don't understand how they can wake up in the morning and look in the mirror and know they are messing with people's lives," Buda said. "It's very discouraging and frustrating. I work too hard for my money. It's just going to take time."

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**New eatery slides into Compuware space**

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The restaurant space inside Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena that used to be occupied by Ginopolis didn't stay on ice too long.

C.J.'s Brewing Company served lunch Tuesday, the first time a restaurant had operated inside Compuware since Ginopolis on the Ice closed in July. The new franchise is owned by Compuware Arena and is considered an essential part of the entertainment

value the arena wants to offer fans. "It's an integral part of what we do," Compuware Vice President Dennis Moore said of opening the restaurant. "We've had a restaurant in here since the year after it opened. It's always been part of what we do."

Compuware opened in September 1996, and Ginopolis opened in September 1997. C.J.'s Brewing Company, according to Moore, satisfies Compuware's desire to bring in the kind of res-

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C.J.'s Brewing Company employee Amber Bookie and a freshly poured Golden Ale.

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**New Morning options**

New Morning School is accepting applications for several current openings in their successful early childhood program. Students are eligible to begin classes in January 2009.

There is one spot available in the Monday-Wednesday morning preschool program, as well as one spot in the Tuesday-Thursday morning program.

New Morning School also announced they have afternoon or full-day kindergarten spaces available.

Plymouth-Canton bus service can be arranged.

New Morning School is a state-certified, non-sectarian, non-profit school for students in preschool through grade eight. To find out more, call (734) 420-3331 or visit the school's Web site at [www.newmorningschool.com](http://www.newmorningschool.com)

**Senior party fund-raisers**

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting members to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following dates:

Monday, Jan. 12, at Palermo's; Thursday, Feb. 12, at Caravel; Monday, April 6, at Palermo's; and Thursday, May 7, also at Palermo's. All restaurants are on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/senior-party09.htm> (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20% credit of your purchase).

Visit the committee's blog at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/senior-party09.htm>

To volunteer or for questions, contact [pcep-senior-party@comcast.net](mailto:pcep-senior-party@comcast.net)

**Luminaria sale**

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Luminaria kits for the holiday season.

Each \$5 kit consists of 10 white paper bags and 10 candles and can be purchased at Gabriel's, Sideways, Saxton's and the Plymouth Symphony office at 470 Forest Place, Suite 18, through Dec. 24.

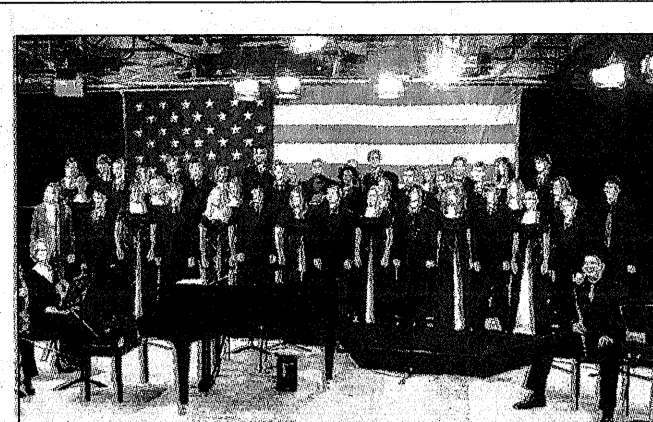
For more information visit the symphony Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

**Ornament sale**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is offering beautiful Christmas Ornaments for sale.

The ornaments are hand crafted in Poland with a portrait of the OLGCMother and Child mosaic. The ornaments symbolize the true spirit of Christmas and make wonderful holiday gifts.

For further information contact either Mark Coulter,



**In the studio**

Under the direction of Jennifer Kopp, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Select Choir traveled to Detroit Public Television studios to perform in a new public television special titled "Tim Janis, Celebrate America." Tim Janis, who has worked on many philanthropic projects with artists such as Paul McCartney, Billy Joel, Ray Charles, and The New York Philharmonic, has teamed up with DPTV and "Do Something.org" to create the new special, which gives youth the opportunity to be in their own musical special. The P-CEP choir is one of 14 schools that were chosen to partake in the program, which will air on DPTV in March of 2009. They will be performing a song written by Samuel A. Ward titled "America the Beautiful."

(734) 453-5423, or Mary Vangieson, (734) 737-9942.

**Holiday Pottery Gallery**

In response to customer requests, the Village Potters Guild is opening its studio gallery for special holiday hours for the first time ever.

The gallery, which features Guild members' original artwork, will be open 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 20. It is located at 340 N. Main, Suite G-1 in Plymouth.

For information, call (734) 207-8807 or see [www.village-pottersguild.org](http://www.village-pottersguild.org).

**College workshop series**

The Plymouth District Library will host a series of workshops designed to assist high school and college students and their parents.

■ "Test strategies for the ACT," Thursday, Jan. 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

■ "Essay writing workshop for the ACT essay," Thursday, Jan. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

Registration is requested for these free programs. Contact the Library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

**Museum exhibits**

The Plymouth Historical Museum has reopened with its new special exhibit, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," featuring several popular Christmas stories from the past two centuries, including the poem of the same name purportedly by Clement C. Moore, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and The Polar Express, by Chris Van

Allsburg. The special exhibit will be open through Jan. 4.

Santa is now visiting the Museum to meet good little girls and boys. Santa Claus will be at the Museum every Saturday until Christmas, and will be at the Museum 9-5 p.m. Dec. 6 during the Annual Craft Bazaar and Open House. This year's Craft Bazaar will have free admission, with more crafters and a craft raffle.

The Museum's permanent Lincoln Collection exhibit will remain closed until early December while the exhibit undergoes a facelift in anticipation of the upcoming special exhibit "In the Presence of Lincoln," honoring Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday in February 2009. That exhibit will run Jan. 21-Nov. 4.

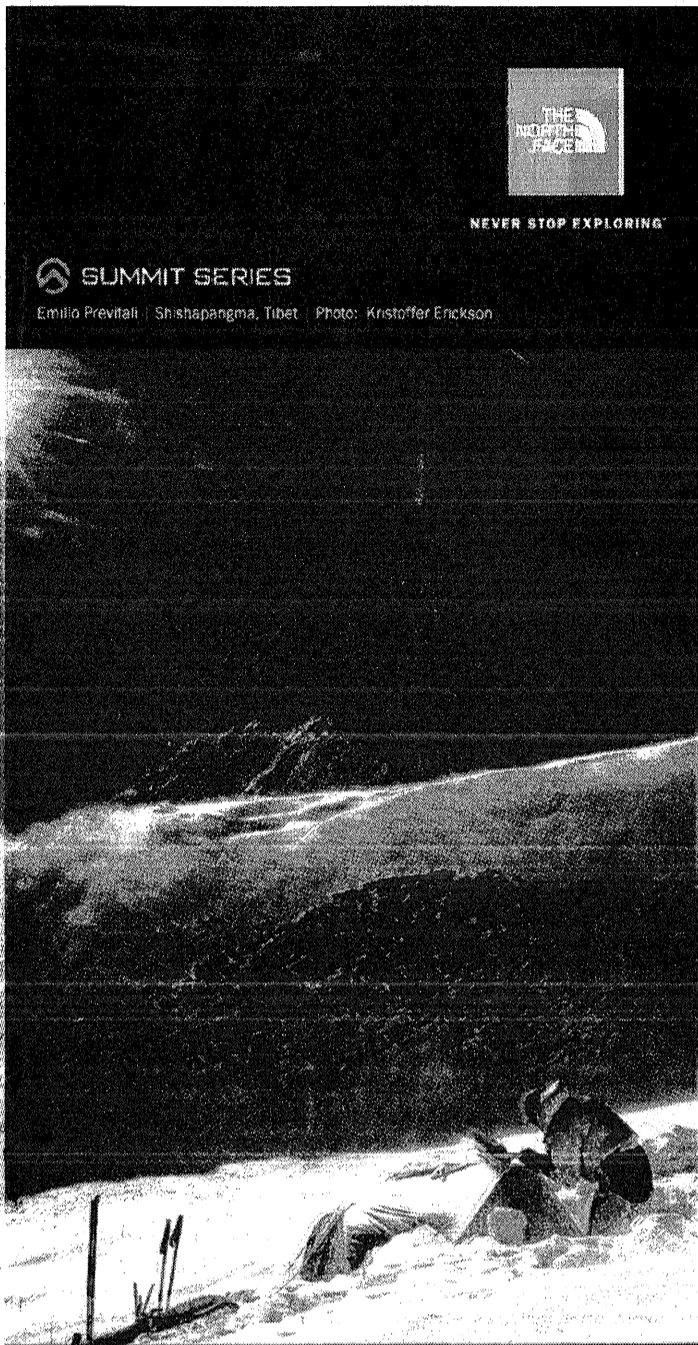
The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$10 for families, and \$2 for students 6-17. Tours and groups can be accommodated by calling (734) 455-8940. For more information, visit [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org)

**Prison Family Support**

Do you have a family member currently serving time in prison, a subject that you can't easily discuss? Now, there's a place for help, for understanding of what you are going through. Hope-4-Healing is a free on-going support group providing a safe place to talk, share with and learn from others. The group meets the second Monday of every month beginning January 2009 at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, in Westland. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail [hope4healing@rocketmail.com](mailto:hope4healing@rocketmail.com)

**CORRECTION**

The annual Women's Resource Center wine glow will be at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner at Schoolcraft College will be Tuesday, March 10. The



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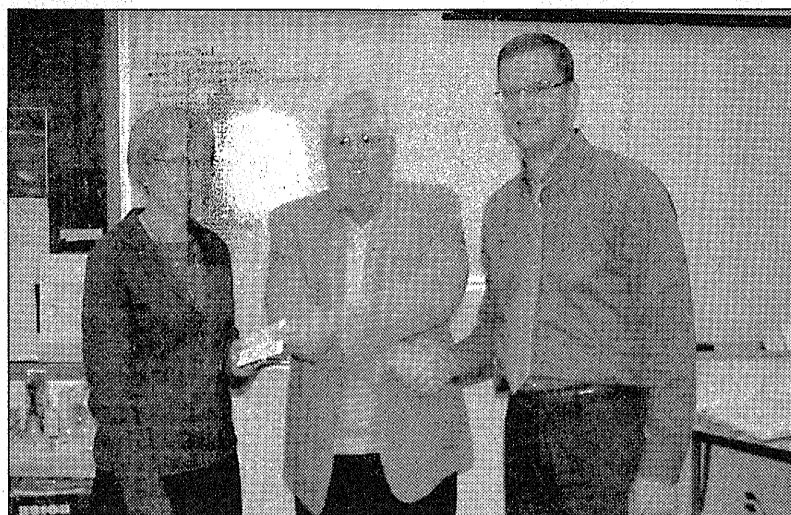
New Morning School has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Plymouth. The Community Foundation of Plymouth's grant ensures funds will be available for one-week scholarships for full-day summer day camp, along with before- and after-camp care.

Since 1973, New Morning School has been creating future leaders by promoting small class size, a low student/teacher ratio, and strong parental involvement to ensure an individualized approach for every child.

For over 18 years, New Morning School has been providing summer enhancement programs that advance achievement in science, math and engineering. These Science & Engineering Summer Fun (SESF) camps are designed to naturally stimulate the student's curiosity about math, science and engineering technology by using fun tools and projects to introduce concepts, build technical skills and create knowledge.

The program aims to stimulate excitement and curiosity about math and sciences, decrease summer learning loss and thereby improve the educational achievement for local children. Recipients will be able to choose from popular hands-on themes such as Robots & Roller Coasters, Super Sleuth, and Let's Build.

The camps will be held during July



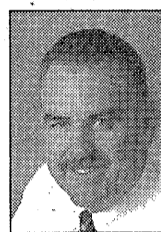
Community Foundation Plymouth Advisory Member Walter Menard presents \$1,000 grant check to New Morning School Head of School Elaine Kennedy and Board President Ray Krawczyk.

and August 2009. The camp scholarships are based on financial need and are open to anyone in the Plymouth community. Applications are currently being accepted. Please call (734) 420-3331 for an application form.

### President elect

John J. Hiltz has a lot on his mind these days.

He's about to take on role of president of the regional engineering company founded by his great-uncle



John Hiltz

challenges on the brink of what's been described as worst economic

almost 50 years ago. The company's Board of Directors recently approved a strategic plan to double the economic value of this Michigan-based firm over the next five years. And he's taking on these challenges on the brink of what's been described as worst economic

crisis since the Great Depression.

Despite the economy, Hiltz is confident in OHM's chances. Since 1962, when former city engineers, John E. Hiltz and Melvin Ernie Orchard joined to found the company now known as Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., OHM has worked for government organizations.

"As a consulting engineering firm, we've done a little bit of private development work in the past, but about fifteen years ago we asked ourselves what really made us excited to go to work every day and what we thought we could be best in the world doing," Hiltz said. "And for us, it's all about working with communities: large and small, developing and redeveloping. We think of the entire state as a community. All the residents of Michigan share similar hopes and common challenges. We're here because we love Michigan and we know that it can be an economic engine for the country again."

Hiltz, the former vice president of operations, will be the fifth person to lead OHM when current president Russell Gronovelt steps down at the end of 2008. Gronovelt, who is also chairman of Michigan Technological University's Board of Control, will continue to work for OHM through 2009 in a part-time role.

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restaurant that fits with the arena's atmosphere.

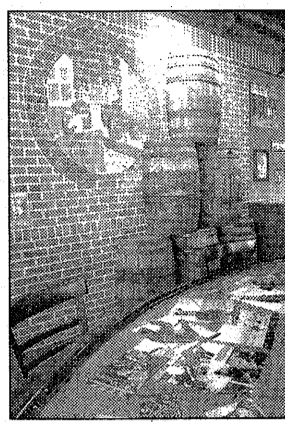
C.J.'s offers a full range of burgers, pizzas, salads, wraps and sandwiches. Entrées include steaks, ribs, walleye and salmon. Beer drinkers can enjoy a variety of imported, domestic and micro-brewed beers and ales.

Moore said he even tried a dish there Monday called "Cap'n Crunch chicken," consisting of chicken breasts coated with crushed cereal.

"We were looking for something that fits the venue," Moore said. "We wanted food everyone eats rather than specialty type food."

CJ's was designed especially for arena visitors as the best place to eat and meet with friends before and after Plymouth Whalers and Detroit Ignition games and most events at Compuware Arena - or at any time.

"We're committed to giving everyone who comes here an affordable, high-quality and fun game-night experience," said Compuware Arena President Mike Vellucci. "CJ's fits right in to that model. It's exactly what our fans were asking for."



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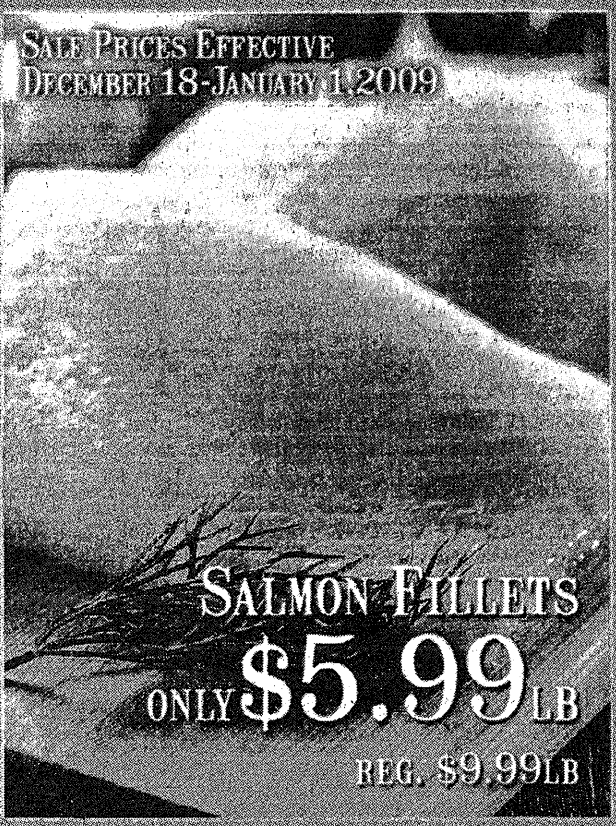
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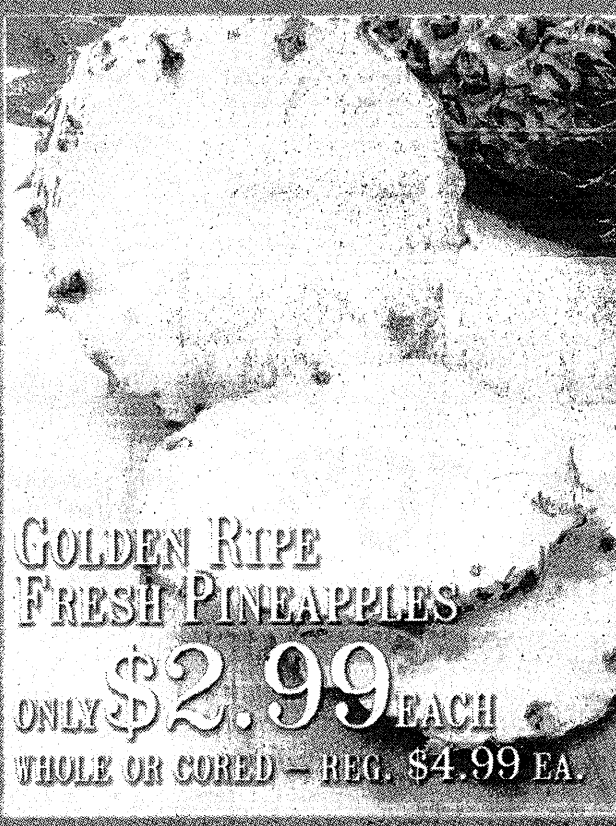


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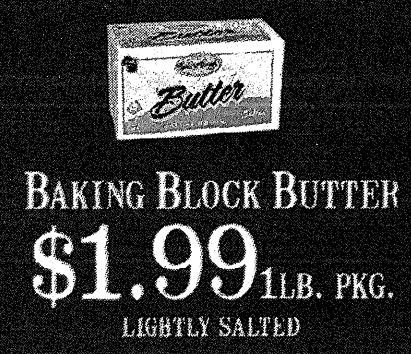


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## CDs, fixed annuities have pros, cons

This year has been brutal for investors. Nearly every investment — stocks or bonds, international or domestic — has suffered. When people talk about risk, they are referring to the principal fluctuation of their portfolio. Unfortunately, principal fluctuation is just one risk to consider. Investors also need to be concerned with taxes and the increased cost of living. The idea behind a diversified



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portfolio is you're dividing money into a variety of different areas with different risks.

For investors who want a portion of their fixed income invested without any principal fluctuation, there are two investments to consider, CDs or fixed annuities. Each has its pros and cons. The key is to select the one that best suits your situation.

It is important to understand what a CD and a fixed annuity are. In selecting the best investment, it is important to understand how the investment works. Although, CDs and annuities have a lot in common, they are quite different.

Certificates of Deposits or CDs are instruments issued by a bank. CDs pay a fixed rate of return for a set period of time. For example, a five-year, 4½ percent CD will pay 4½ percent interest each year for five years.

The interest that you earn on your CD, whether you have the money reinvested or paid to you, is taxable as ordinary income. During the life of the CD, you typically can withdraw the interest on a periodic basis, but if you need to remove principal, there is a penalty. CDs are insured up to \$250,000 and can be purchased in increments from three months on.

Annuities are a more complex. There are two main types of annuities, fixed and variable. There are many reasons to avoid variable annuities. That said, an investor who is looking for safety should consider the fixed annuity.

The fixed annuity comes in two different types, the traditional fixed and the equity index. The fixed annuity is similar to a CD because you get a guaranteed rate of return for a period of time. Some annuities will guarantee return for one year and some as much as five years or longer. Annuities are generally purchased for five, seven or 10 years. Annuities grow tax deferred. Taxes are only paid when money is withdrawn. Unlike CDs, if you withdraw money or close out the annuity before age 59½, in addition to the tax consequences, there is a 10 percent penalty. Annuities are insured up to \$100,000.

An equity-indexed annuity also pays a guaranteed rate of return — typically lower than a traditional fixed annuity. The major difference is how your return is calculated. One issue

that senior citizens should take into consideration is how their Social Security is taxed. Income from the CD is part of your Social Security tax calculation while income from an annuity that is growing tax deferred is not.

Whether you decide on an annuity or a CD, the key is to make sure you buy the right product.

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OUR VIEWS

## Change provides new opportunity

Moving to a new home can be exciting. A new place, a new view, new things to do. It also can be sad, saying good-bye to familiar surroundings, familiar faces.

Those of us who work for the *Observer Newspapers*, we have ridden a roller coaster of emotions these past few weeks as we've packed up our belongings and sorted through files filled with clippings and photographs dating back in some case, more than 30 years. It has been hard to determine what's important and what isn't. What if we left the wrong things behind. We hope we've made wise choices.

Our last day came Friday as we shut down our computers for the last time in the Livonia office. On Monday, we unpacked what we had deemed too important to leave behind and set about getting acclimated to our new offices in downtown Detroit.

After 37 years of serving as the headquarters for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, the building is closed. But its closing has opened up new opportunities for the staff of the *Plymouth Observer*.

Technology allows us to remain close to you, our readers.

Our base of operations has moved, but we are still in the Plymouth community, providing the same news coverage you've come to expect of the *Observer*. Our commitment to provide the best coverage of the city, the schools and residents remains firmly in place.

The change will be in how we do that. Thanks to technology we are now mobile journalists. Armed with laptop computers, we will be working in and around Plymouth. We have not lost sight of our mission. We will continue to cover the suburbs the way the dailies cover the city.

Snail mail, phone calls and faxes call for a change in address and phone numbers, but we're still just an electronic click away by e-mail. How you reach us is your choice, but rest assured, we will respond. We can't and won't forget our roots.

A lot has changed with newspapers in the past 30 years. Computers have replaced typewriters, and the Web has become another platform for getting the news to you. You can find the *Plymouth Observer* at news stands or have home delivery, but you can also find us on the Internet at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Whatever your choice, take time to find out what's happening in your community by reading your hometown newspaper, the *Plymouth Observer*.

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## Hometowns offer unique shopping opportunities

Communication is important in any relationship, but when that dialogue box that says "system is not responding" appears on your computer screen, words can't express your feelings as that great deal you snagged online disappears.

There are better ways to shop for the holidays, and have fun while you do so.

Wandering through local downtowns, like in Farmington, Rochester, Birmingham and Plymouth, lends opportunities for unique gifts from specialty shops that just aren't carried online. Those shops also offer a chance to chat with the owner and learn why she thinks her products are special.

Hence, you carry a tale along with a gift to grandma's house.

Area shopping malls, such as Somerset, Northland, the Oakland Mall and Laurel Park Place, also offer a wide selection of gifts that you can see, feel and measure to make sure they're just right for that special someone.

Besides the merchandise, there are other benefits to shopping locally. You might meet a friend for a coffee break and drop a coin or greenback in the Salvation Army's kettles.

There are decorations galore to ogle that, for many of us, just can't be duplicated at home. And occasionally, local choir groups perform holiday music — and a chance for you to catch your breath.

Speaking of breath, local merchants are holding theirs in hope of a decent shopping season. By shopping locally, you'll breathe life into the economy, as well as the vitality of your hometown.

So talk it up, and ask a neighbor to join you for a day on the town — your hometown.



LETTERS

### Complimentary parking

Every time I drive through the town of Plymouth I see a parking enforcement officer (boy, is he busy!) chalking tires or writing parking tickets.

I understand why the town of Plymouth is trying to control the crowds in Plymouth (or what used to be crowds) but wouldn't it be a nice, and very smart, incentive to offer complimentary parking to help surge the shopping in Plymouth rather than deter shoppers with parking tickets?

Birmingham did it a few years ago and it was so nice and in these trying economic times, doesn't it just make plain sense? Think about it.

John Lockwood  
Plymouth

### Sick of Congress

I am sick and tired of the pompous posturing by our politicians regarding a "bailout" for the automotive industry. For heaven's sake, they are asking for a loan, not a gift.

OK, the automotive companies are not perfect (and let's not even talk about the unions), but as businesses their job is to make profits for their shareholders. The way to do that is to build what people want to buy. If people want to buy gas guzzlers because gas is cheap, how is that the companies' fault? If gas prices become totally unpredictable, to the point where no one knows what type of cars people will want tomorrow, who is to blame for that?

It is the task of government to modify behavior by legislation and taxation. If gas was too cheap — which it has been for decades — our leaders should have acted to gradually increase the price to the point where people would demand more fuel-efficient cars, as they have in Europe.

And what about the billions upon billions that have been squandered in Iraq by our Criminal-in-Chief, aided and abetted by his lapdogs in Congress (with the lone exception of the one true hero in politics, Dennis Kucinich)? That is OUR money. Why does no one even talk about the incredible fraud perpetrated by Bush and his cronies that has impoverished us all?

It is the ultimate irony for politicians to lecture us about how to run a business. Compare the state of this country now with where it was eight years ago. Is General Motors responsible for that, too?

Rachel McCormack  
Canton

### Band director shines

I am writing this letter to highlight the accomplishments of Martin Montoya, band director for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

As you may know, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band recently competed in Indianapolis at the Bands of America Grand National championship. The chance to compete on a national stage can be intimidating to many. But our marching band once again achieved the distinction of being one of only 12 grand national finalist bands to perform in finals and finished 11th in the country.

This is quite an accomplishment of which we are all very proud. But it wasn't exactly a smooth road along the way. Earlier this year, when PCMB's former director stepped down, Martin was handed the reins of the entire marching band program, together with two of the four curricular band ensembles, on an "interim" basis while the district searched for a permanent director.

Martin's prior experience with the program had only been on a more limited basis and, although this program has encountered change before, the timing was a bit challenging as he had already committed to working during most of the summer with Carolina

### Preserve the wall

It has come to our attention that the City of Plymouth and the Plymouth Preservation Network are working to save a local landmark — the historic, 161-foot long 1935 WPA stone wall adjacent to the Plymouth Middle School and Veterans Memorial Park.

We at the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, would like to applaud these efforts. Plymouth's efforts highlight the fact that historic preservation isn't just about saving and reutilizing grand old buildings.

Historic preservation is also about preserving other, smaller structures that can contribute much to the unique character of a community, and are meaningful to so many of its residents. The park with its historic stone wall is just such a structure. It is equally deserving of preservation.

The Network and the National Trust support local grassroots efforts, such as this one, which empower citizens to make important and meaningful decisions about their own communities.

The Plymouth Preservation Network has worked tirelessly to raise public awareness and garner support for the preservation of this important historic resource. They embody a spirit of community activism at the local level. They are willing to step forward and say "This is possible if we all work together." They also recognize that hard times call for volunteering time and effort to maintain the things you love about the place you call home.

The 1935 WPA stone wall is clearly important to the history of the Plymouth community, and is an asset that the Plymouth Preservation Network considers worth fighting for. Further, the cost estimates to restore the wall are a fraction of its replacement costs and will have a much higher quality result.

We see clear civic, historic, cultural and economic benefits in saving the stone wall. We will be closely following this issue as fund-raising efforts continue, and look forward to seeing the historic stone wall restored next spring.

Deborah Deacon Odette  
Michigan Historic Preservation Network and  
The National Trust for Historic Preservation

Crown, a Drum Corps International program.

No worries. Martin quickly assembled a team of clinicians who worked with the kids during the summer. He came back for the weeklong mini-camps in June and July and, upon his permanent return in August, he turned up the intensity level.

In my five years of association with this program, I have never seen anyone work as hard as Martin in pouring so much into the program and the kids. On top of that, he executed his duties toward the curricular programs with just as much energy and commitment. As is always the case, the marching band show evolved throughout the season with changes and modifications to tweak it here and there. Through it all, he kept driving the kids and believing in them even when, at times, it was difficult to do so.

While many made the trip to Indianapolis with relative uncertainty, Martin never lost faith in the capabilities of the group and kept pushing them to exceed their performance potential. He had them ready and they performed their hearts out in preliminary and semifinal performances and later at finals. He accomplished in just a matter of a few months what most programs and directors have an entire year to do.

But, more than that, Martin provided for our kids lessons that they can take with them wherever life leads them: Stick with your team even when it may be easier to quit; Stay focused on a goal that is worth achieving; and, NEVER give up.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with this young band director this year and have seen him represent this program, this district and this community with utmost integrity and class. He is very talented, hard-working and committed. You would never know he is just the "interim guy."

I am optimistic the district administration recognizes his capabilities and will choose to do the right thing by making him a permanent fixture here at Plymouth-Canton.

Scott Ragland  
president, Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters

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# Candlelight vigil gives the grieving a place to reach out and touch someone

Debbie Estep came to the table at the front of the crowd at Sunday's Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil looking for a candle and a program, but mostly she was looking for Gail Lafferty, the woman who is the point person for the vigil, for a pretty simple reason.



Brad Kadrich

She just wanted a hug. Estep, a Dearborn Heights resident who lost her daughter to multiple sclerosis four years ago, was among the hundreds of people gathered in Kellogg Park on a damp, cold Sunday night in December as the Compassionate Friends honored children who died too young. Her daughter was just 28 when the MS claimed her, and Kellogg Park is where Estep has spent the second Sunday of December ever since.

They were there for a common purpose, the folks who defied Mother Nature with their umbrellas and boots, with stiff resolve and, most importantly, with love. They've all been touched by the same tragedy, and they find a definite comfort in each other's embrace.

"She's another mother who has lost a child," Estep said of her reasons for searching out Lafferty. "We have a bond, even though we've never spoken. Only a mother would know. It's just very comforting to be among other parents, especially moms, who've lost their children."

It's a comfort they all not only feel, but relish. Many of these people — in fact, most of them — are repeat attenders, folks who've come to rely on the considerable power of shared love, of knowing there are people out there just like them, folks who've felt a pain so deep it's nearly impossible to grasp, much less voice.

But grasping it, and sharing it, is how they get through it. Cathy Clough, a Plymouth resident who heads the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville, has long believed — and indeed staked her center's reputation on the idea — people enveloped by grief are best helped out by those who've been there. Lafferty knows it's true, sad as that may be.

"It's gratifying, but it's sad because a lot of them are newcomers," Lafferty said of the hundreds who braved the weather Sunday. "They've all lost children and that's sad. We're all in this group we don't want to be in, but we're glad we found each other."

Lafferty firmly believes her son and all the other children are grateful for the love, watching from heaven as she's sure they are. In fact, Lafferty attributes the traditionally bearable mid-December weather to her son, Max, whom she believes watches over the vigil, designed to create a worldwide ring of candlelight.

For the most part, the weather isn't bad, often much better than a Michigander comes to expect this time of year. Mother Nature kept doing her damndest to change all that Sunday, dumping occasional rain on the throng. But Max and the others must have been pretty successful in discouraging Mother Nature, because eventually she stopped trying, settling instead for a fairly fine mist.

The crowd wasn't to be deterred. As they gathered before the vigil started, there was a soft buzz of conversation as people greeted each other, doled out a large portion of hugs and kisses and caught up with each other's lives. The crowd noise then softened as the vigil began.

As the traditional reading of the names got under way and candles were being lit, a silence passed over the crowd like a blanket. It's as stirring a moment as there is in this town at any time of the year, hundreds of loved ones gathered as one, tears falling silently as the names are read.

Those gathered seem to snuggle in even closer together, and it becomes obvious why they're there. It couldn't be clearer at that moment that these people, all of whom have suffered terrible losses, have found the one thing they so desperately need to help them go on.

Each other.

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# Act now, Mr. President, to save auto industry

President-elect Barack Obama has indicated that his first priority after being sworn in as our nation's 44th president will be to sign an economic stimulus package. While reports on the size of the stimulus package vary, estimates peg the cost to be



Mike Cox

somewhere between \$60 billion and \$100 billion dollars, with the goal of eventually creating 2.5 million jobs. But there is a much faster way to help America's economy, at a fraction of the cost. President George W. Bush can save 2.5 million jobs right now by releasing some of the money from the bailout of Wall Street as a bridge loan to the auto industry — a loan, not a bailout, as Wall Street has received.

In fact, 2.5 million jobs may be understating the importance of the auto industry. According to the Center for Automotive Research, one out of every 10 jobs across the United States is auto-related — from the plastics, steel and glass industry, to the computer companies that build the chips inside every car, to your hometown car dealer down the street.

With the economy officially in a recession and retail sales this Christmas season plummeting, now is precisely the wrong time to allow GM, Ford or Chrysler to go under. Remember, the last time America was mired in a recession, following the terrorist attack of 9/11, Michigan's automakers were the first to respond with financial incentives, providing a jumpstart to America's economic revival.

Staving off a massive increase in unemployment isn't the only reason to provide a bridge loan. The Big Three spend \$12 billion annually on research and development, most all of it spent here in the United States to develop fuel efficient vehicles. No other industry matches the auto manufacturers in product development spending.

And it's working! In 2009, the Big Three will offer more than 137 models available with highway fuel economy ratings above 30

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mpg. Next year, domestic automakers will offer 25 hybrid models, eight models of clean diesel and 38 models of flex fuel vehicles. The new Chevy Malibu gets 33 miles per gallon, and both the new Ford Fusion Hybrid and Mercury Milan Hybrid beat Toyota's Camry Hybrid in fuel efficiency.

It would be foolhardy, while U.S. forces are putting their lives on the line in Iraq and Afghanistan, to do anything that would harm our national security. Chrysler CEO Bob Nardelli has already testified before Congress that crippling the auto industry "would undermine our nation's ability to respond to military challenges."

Congress has previously agreed to bail out farmers through agricultural subsidies totaling more than \$95 billion over the last five years — they even pay farmers not to grow certain crops! The U.S. government has also bailed out the government of Mexico during the '90s, as well as the International Monetary Fund. And now Wall Street! Why can we bail out the world, but not provide a loan to the men and women who put the world on wheels?

Now is the time for the president to act. I urge President Bush to do the right thing, release the funds for a bridge loan to the auto industry and keep our industrial and manufacturing base strong.

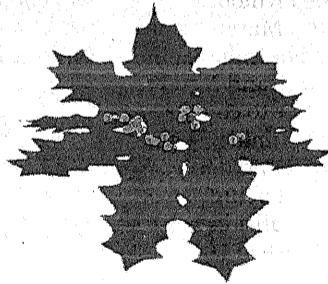
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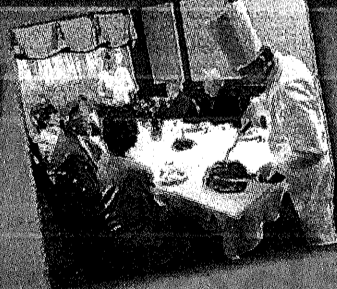
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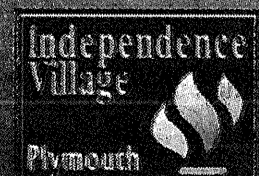
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## RU's 'D' stifles Rocks in season opener

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Redford Union's lock-down defense locked up Salem's shooters and threw away the keys during Tuesday night's non-conference encounter in the Rocks' gym.

The Panthers pestered the Rocks into a 9-for-33 (27 percent) shooting night on the way to a 46-24 victory.

RU improved to 2-1. The contest was the season opener for the Rocks.

"We pride ourselves on defense," said RU coach Brett Steele. "That's been the staple here since I've been here. We've won a lot of games over the past seven-plus years and most of them have been predicated on defense."

Offensively, the Panthers relied on a deliberate, pass-

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and-cut scheme that earned high-percentage shots most trips down the court.

"That's the way we play basketball," said Steele. "We space the floor and move the ball until we break down the defense."

"The key tonight was we made our shots. The other

night against Berkley, we were 2-of-11 from threes. Tonight, we hit eight threes. If we continue to make eight threes, we're going to have a chance to be in most games."

Seven of the Panthers' eight threes were launched by the dynamic duo of Matt Macek, who finished with a team-high 16 points, and Anthony Wash, who netted 13.

Quinten Peterson chipped in

with 10 points for the winners. Senior guard Heath Parling led Salem with eight points.

Jimmy Dexter and Blake Hayes both contributed six.

Sparked by Walsh, the Panthers raced to a 12-8 first-quarter lead. The speedy point guard poured in eight points in the first eight minutes.

"Anthony's always going to

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## Sidelines

### Cezat shines

Former Canton High School basketball standout Katie Cezat registered a triple-double in Hillsdale College's 76-61 victory over Ferris State on Saturday at Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids.

The senior forward tallied 36 points, 20 rebounds and 13 blocked shots in the Chargers' triumph over the Bulldogs. The 13 blocked shots tied Cezat for the third-highest total in the history of NCAA DII women's basketball. It also set GLIAC and school records.

Cezat connected on 12-of-18 field goal attempts and 12-of-14 free throws in 38 minutes of action.

Ex-Chief Becci Houdek dished out three assists and scored one point in the game.

### Rolfe selected

Former Plymouth High School soccer standout Colin Rolfe was selected to attend a prestigious U.S. Under-20 Men's National Team training camp, which is being held this week in Sunrise, Fla. The camp will include a pair of friendly scrimmages against CONCACAF foes Haiti on Dec. 20 and Canada on Dec. 22.

Rolfe recently completed a successful freshman season at the University of Louisville, where he was named the Big East's "Rookie of the Year."

### SPARQ testing

There will be a free Nike SPARQ Athletic Testing Event at Velocity Sports Performance of Canton on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to see their Speed Power Agility Reaction Quickness rating and compare their score to other athletes nationwide.

Call (734) 485-2561 to sign up for this event or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.



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Andrew Plagens hones his advanced climbing skills on a specially built wall in his Canton basement. The 16-year-old Canton High School student recently placed 12th in his age division at the North American Climbing Championships.

## Cliffhanger

### Canton teen gets a grip on competitive climbing

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Armed with the agility of Spider-Man, the flexibility of a top-flight gymnast and the fearlessness of a world-class mountain climber, Canton teenager Andrew Plagens is rising to great heights in the sport of competitive rock climbing.

And the 16-year-old Canton High School student is doing it at a rapid rate that even Peter Parker would admire.

Competing in an activity that demands incredible strength and balance, unrelenting mental concentration and a passion for scaling tall, jagged formations, Plagens

has already made a name for himself in U.S. climbing circles — even though he picked up the sport less than two years ago.

Late last month, Plagens placed 12th in his age division at the North American Continental Championships in Montreal, Quebec.

Plagens qualified for the North American event by faring well at the U.S. Nationals held in the fall in San Francisco, Calif.

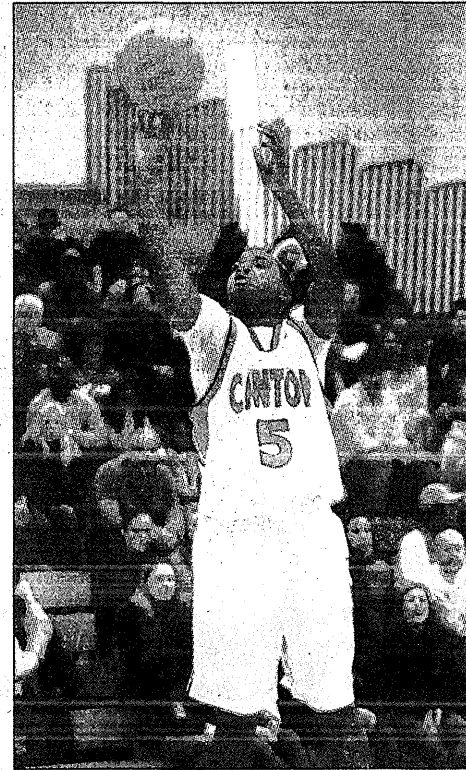
"My dad's friend owns Planet Rock, a climbing facility in Ann Arbor," said Plagens, explaining how he was intro-

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GLORIA JANSAN

Andrew Plagens ascends one of the routes at last month's North American Continental Championships in Montreal, Quebec.



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Marlan Glenn drains one of his three triples during Canton's season-opening victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

## Chiefs dial long distance in victory

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Far out, man! The popular late-1960s phrase was also the unofficial motto for Canton's boys basketball team in Friday night's season-opening 54-42 victory over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

From far out is where the Chiefs tossed in most of the three-point daggers that deflated the Chargers during key stretches of the contest.

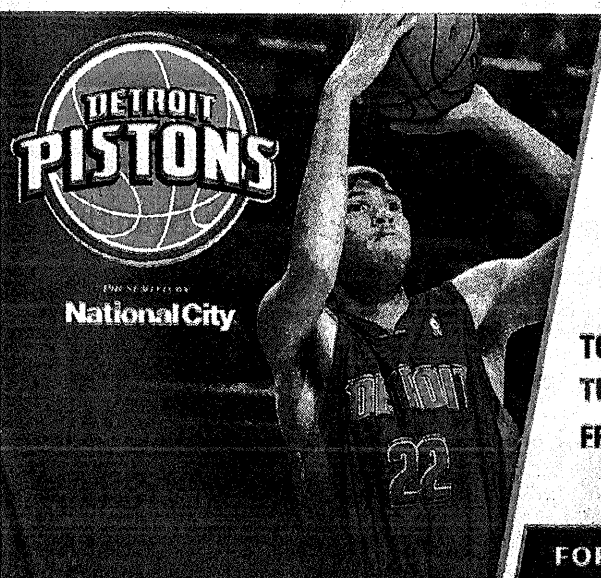
Senior guards Marlan Glenn and Sherif Hassanian were the primary sharpshooters for the Chiefs. Glenn buried all three of his triples in the Chiefs' 21-point first quarter.

Hassanian's game-changing bombs both came during key periods of the second half -- the first with 0:01 showing on the scoreboard clock that padded his team's lead to 41-38.

"We hit four threes in the first quarter that really carried us through after a shaky start," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "After the first quarter ended with the score 21-19, I looked over at (assistant coach) Jim (Reddy) and said, 'This is going to be fun.'"

Canton's post-game scorebook reflected the type of balance Colligan preaches to his player. Sophomore point guard Deitrich

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# Sexauer's shooting lifts Chiefs over Highlanders

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's CarolAnn Sexauer didn't shoot the lights out in the Howell High School gym Monday night, but she certainly dimmed the Highlanders' chances of winning.

The sharp-shooting sophomore poured in a game-high 21 points to lead the Chiefs to a 61-46 road win, Canton's third in three games. Howell dropped to 2-2.

"When CarolAnn gets in a rhythm and sets her feet, she can really score," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose unbeaten contingent will travel to Salem on Friday night. "She shot the ball real well tonight."

The hosts were the most early in the contest, building a 17-9 lead early in the second quarter. However, the Chiefs answered with a 14-0 run to seize the game's momentum for good. Sexauer accounted for eight points during the game-changing streak.

"We were playing a little too

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fast early on," said Samulski. "Once we settled down, we did a better job of catching the ball, reading the defense and making better decisions."

Canton led 41-33 after three quarters.

Robyn Mack, playing in her first varsity game, contributed 12 points and five assists for Canton. Kayla Bridges was also stellar, chipping in with 10 points and six rebounds. Sara Schmitt added eight points for the winners, who shot 66 percent (14-of-21) from the free-throw line.

**DETROIT COMMUNITY 74, PLYMOUTH 29:** On Tuesday at Community, Kelsi Robinson scored 12 points for the Wildcats and Alex Roberts added five.

Nya Jordan led Community with 25 points. Inquia Snell added 13.

Shaakira Haywood hauled down a team-high 11 rebounds for Plymouth.

## CLIMBING

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duced to climbing. "He let us try it free a couple of times (in 2006) and I really liked it."

### Fast ascent

After several trips to the 22,000-square-foot facility, Plagens tried out for and made the 15-member Planet Rock climbing team, which practices three days a week for two-and-a-half hours.

"We usually warm up for the first half hour, stretching and things like that," said Plagens. "Then we'll climb for an hour-and-a-half — doing drills and climbing the hardest routes we can find."

"The last half hour we do a lot of exercises, like working on gymnastics rings and more stretching."

"A couple of my friends think it's crazy, but most of them think it's cool. A couple have even come out and climbed with me."

Major indoor climbing competitions are held on 50-foot man-made mountains and stretch out over three days. Routes are formed for the climbers with grips that are strategically placed on the mountain.

"The first round of qualifying is usually pretty easy," said Plagens. "They just want to weed out the climbers that aren't very good."

"The routes get more difficult each round."

"When it gets to the finals," added Glenn Plagens, Andrew's dad, "it's nearly impossible to climb the entire route. They make it real tough. In fact, on a lot of the finals routes, the climbers aren't climbing vertical, they're climbing upside down along the ceiling."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrew Plagens selects climbing gear for training at his home earlier this week.

### Tools of the trade

Plagens is equipped with several pieces of essential equipment during his climbs.

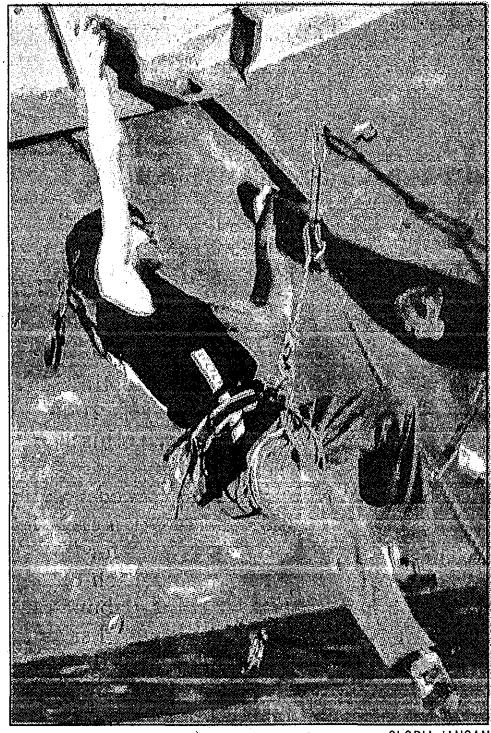
Among the necessities are special climbing shoes, rope, carabiners (rings of solid aluminum with a spring-loaded gate) and a harness.

Altogether, the total package can cost anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000, depending on the quality of equipment.

When he doesn't have time to squeeze in a trip to Planet Rock, Plagens can refine his skills by visiting the basement of his Canton home, where his dad constructed a make-shift climbing wall.

"My ultimate goal," Plagens said, "is to qualify for the World Championships someday. Next year, they're in Taiwan, so that's where I want to be."

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Andrew Plagens is pictured nearing the top of the route at last month's North American Championships.

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# Worthy of a ranking

## Canton skaters upend mighty Stevenson

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Is Canton's hockey team on the verge of cracking the Division 1 state rankings? You would think so after the Chiefs registered one of the school's most-impressive victories in history Friday - a 4-1 triumph over No. 9-ranked Livonia Stevenson. The win over the powerful Spartans improved Canton's best-ever start to 7-0-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. Stevenson slipped to 4-2-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the division. "We beat a very good hockey team," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "For about the first half of the first period

we basically stood around and admired how fast they were. Once the boys realized they had to pick up the pace, we started to skate with them and create opportunities." Abraham praised the play of senior goalie Zane Birchler, who stopped 35 Spartan shots. "He made the difference," Abraham asserted. "He's been making the saves he has to make, plus he's been making saves a lot of other goalies wouldn't make. Offensively, we haven't been starting games strong, but Zane has given us time to get going." Stevenson owned a 1-0 lead thanks to a John Vella goal until Canton senior forward Nick Tomilenko converted his 16th goal of the season 4:07 into the second period. He

was assisted by Alex Berlin. Tomilenko cashed in the eventual game-winner with 1:35 left in the period when he lit the lamp thanks to helpers from Mark Barath and Dan Bielak. Anthony Bonnett (from Tomilenko) and Ryan Lash (from Bryan Davison and A.J. Rosales) tallied insurance goals in the third period. Tomilenko was named "Player of the Week" for the state of Michigan by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association. Canton returns to action Saturday when it travels to Oak Park to square off against Detroit Country Day. The opening tip-off at the Oak Park Ice Arena is set for 2:50 p.m.

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# Livonia Ladywood stuns Penguins in thriller, 6-5

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Livonia Ladywood's Shelby Kucharski continues to put up Gretzky-like numbers, they are calling her "The Great One." The senior center scored all six of her team's goals, including the game-winner with only eight seconds remaining off an assist from Julie Bushart, as the Blazers stunned Plymouth-Canton-Salem, 6-5, in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game Saturday night at the Arctic Pond. With the victory, Ladywood improved to 3-2 overall and 1-2 in the league. The loss drops the Penguins to 1-5 and 1-5. Kucharski, a senior center playing her first year of high

school hockey after a stint in travel hockey, now has 21 of Ladywood's 26 goals this season. "She has it all - speed, puck-handling skills, a great shot and a good head for the game," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "We knew about her how good she was. I saw her play last year. We tried to get her four years ago and this year she finally came out. She's only played five or six years. She can definitely play college hockey." The Blazers led 2-1 after one period on Kucharski's two goals - the first from Emann Freij and the second from Erin Doyle. Amanda Heisler scored for the Penguins from Katie Rokakis and Jennifer Fedon. In the second period, Ellexus Montoya tied it up

for the Penguins from Heisler and Fedon, but Kucharski answered on a goal from Bushart to keep a one-goal lead. In the final period, Kucharski scored unassisted to make it 4-2, but the Penguins responded with two quick goals - Jennifer Fedon (from Kelsey Nikkila) and Nikkila (from Rhianna Fleischer) to make it 4-4. Kucharski tallied her second unassisted goal of the game to put the Blazers ahead 5-4, but Nikkila answered to knot the count at 5-all. Ladywood held a 24-23 edge in shots. Jessica Pavela was in goal for the Blazers, while Emily Bullock was in goal for the Penguins.

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# Plymouth icers triple up Western, 6-2

Consider the Plymouth hockey team's 6-2 victory over Walled Lake Western Friday night some last-minute studying before a big test. The Wildcats outplayed Western in every facet of the game -- including outshooting the visitors 40-16 -- to improve to 5-3. The victory comes in the shadow of a three-game week that includes games against state-ranked Northville, state-ranked Livonia Stevenson and cross-campus rival Salem. "Next week will be a huge measuring stick for us," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "Those games will test our mentality and show us where we're at early in the

season. On Friday, Plymouth skated to a 2-1 first-period advantage before eventually stretching its lead to 6-1 with a three-goal third. Western scored its final goal with one minute left in the game. John Maurer played a significant role in the Wildcats' early success. After Western seized a 1-0 lead, Maurer netted the equalizer thanks to assists from John Deal and Evan Swieczkowski. With just six ticks left in the first period, Maurer buried a short-handed break-away shot. "That was a huge goal as far as giving us momentum," said Fassbender. "Taylor Currier set it up by blocking a shot and

then getting the puck to John. It was nice to see because we've been harping on blocking shots and not giving up any easy shots." Chris Merrill's power-play goal from Ryan Renault and Luke Merandi upped Plymouth's lead to 3-1 3:10 into the second period. The 'Cats put the win on ice with three goals in the third off the sticks of Renault (from Pat Smiatcz and Kyle Callahan), Currier (from Deal and Merrill) and Callahan, who was assisted by Deal and Maurer. Mike Justus earned the win between the pipes for Plymouth, knocking away 14 of the 16 shots he faced.

# Ott, Powers lead Rock icers over Grosse Ile

Sam Ott netted a goal and an assist, and Adam Powers kicked away 20 shots to lead Salem to a 2-1 victory over Grosse Ile Tuesday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The hard-earned win improved the Rocks' record to 4-4-2. Ott's goal came within the game's first minute. Salem doubled its lead later in the first period on Josh Jarvela's goal from Ott and Mike Hochkins.

Grosse Ile's lone goal came in the third period. The visitors hit the cross-bar with a shot in the final minute of play. "Adam Powers played well," said Salem coach Ryan Ossennmacher. "He stopped a number of quality chances." Jarvela and Mario Macari assisted on Ott's ice-breaking net-finder. **NOVI 3, SALEM 1:** On Monday at Novi, Ott knotted the game at 1-all with a third-period power-play goal, however, the

Wildcats scored two lamp-lighters a short time later to secure the win. "I thought we outplayed them 70 percent of the game, but they capitalized on the five or six minutes that we didn't play well," said Ossennmacher. "Novi has a very good team. The fact that we were in the game until the end shows how much we're coming along." Ott's goal was assisted by David Russell and Jarvela. Powers recorded 25 saves.

# HOOPS

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be our catalyst," said Steele. "He got us off to a good start tonight, making some shots. He created shots for Macek off the dribble penetration and pitch. Anthony played well, but it was a good team effort." RU expanded its lead to 21-9 with 2:49 left in the first half on Peterson's steal and layup. The Rocks rebounded by scoring the next four points on a Hayes drive and a Parling

fast-break layup, but RU's Leonard Wernette-Leff made the halftime score 22-13 when he drained 1-of-2 free throws. Salem drew to within 25-18 with 6:10 left in the third on a short jumper from Dexter, however, RU finished the game with a 21-6 run. Led by six boards each from Cortney Frazier and Jake Peterson, Salem outbounded the Panthers, 21-17. RU hit 17-of-37 field goals. Both teams were 3-of-6 from the free-throw line.

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Canton's George Muresan hauls down a rebound during the Chiefs' 54-42 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Friday.

# CHIEFS

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Lever led all scorers with 15 points while Glenn and Hassanien both twined 13. "This was a great team effort tonight - from beginning to end," the second-year coach said. "For us to be successful this season, everybody is going to have to step up and fill their roles like they did tonight. We talk to them all the time, about sacrificing individual glory for the sake of the team." "It's like Sheriff coming off the bench like he did tonight and being an energy guy. It's like Deitrich making kick-out passes and Marlan making good decisions on the break." The Chiefs' defense locked down in the second quarter and held Crestwood scoreless. Although their offense sputtered, the hosts still carried a 29-19 advantage into the half. Daniel Stoney's driving banker upped Canton's advantage to 31-19 20 seconds into the second half, however, Crestwood narrowed its deficit to 38-34 with eight seconds left in the third on Claude Glenn free throw. Just when it appeared their lead was in peril,

Lever rushed the ball up court and lased a pass to Hassanien, who spotted up on a wing just outside the three-point arc and hit nothing but twine to extend the score to 41-34. Crestwood got no closer than six over the final eight minutes. Glenn led the Chargers with 10 points. Maren Youseff added eight. Canton swished 4-of-9 free throws. Crestwood was 9-of-15 from the stripe. The Chiefs will be idle until Dec. 29 when they participate in the John Glenn Holiday Tournament. **LUTH. WESTLAND 64, PCA 56:** On Saturday, Josh Kruger notched 15 points and Ryan Rakovalis added 13 to propel Lutheran High Westland (2-0) to the non-conference win over host Plymouth Christian Academy (1-1). The Warriors led 31-28 at halftime and padded their lead by outscoring the Eagles 18-14 in the third period. "The kids played hard and created a lot of scoring opportunities by stepping in the passing lanes and scoring off turnovers," Lutheran Westland coach Brandon Bekius said. "I thought the second half we played a little more under control, but we have to improve our free throw shooting (19-of-43), especially in the fourth quarter if we're going to close out games in future." Spencer Wiard led PCA with 23 points, while Brent Zinn added 12 for the Eagles, who were 12-of-20 from the foul stripe.

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# Whalers cook Kitchener, 5-2

When Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci acquired center Matt Caria from Sault Ste. Marie last week for three future draft choices, he was hoping to find a veteran sniper who could play with Whalers captain Chris Terry. "Anytime you can acquire a talent of Caria's caliber without giving up a player from your lineup, it's a plus," Vellucci said. "I'm really excited to see how Caria and Terry mesh together." It took a couple of games, but Vellucci and Whaler fans saw the full effect of the deal on Saturday night. Caria and Terry combined

for six points as the Whalers pulled away from the Kitchener Rangers in the third period en route to a 5-2 victory on Teddy Bear Night in an Ontario Hockey League game played at Compuware Arena. The Whalers are back at the .500 mark at 14-14-3-0. Kitchener is now 13-15-1-1. Caria now ranks 10th in OHL scoring with 12 goals and 26 assists for 38 points in 33 games after scoring two goals and adding an assist as the game's first star. Terry added a goal (15th of the year) and two assists as the game's second star. Terry also moved into ninth place on the Whalers' all-time career scor-

ing list with 90 goals and 136 assists for 226 points in 223 career games. Christian Steingraber opened the Whalers' scoring and started the rain of stuffed animals on the ice on Teddy Bear Night. Patrick Lee (7th) also scored for Plymouth. Goaltender Matt Hackett continued his steady play over the last month as the game's third star for the Whalers in stopping 26-of-28 shots while raising his won-loss record to 11-6-1-0. Julian Cimadamore (2nd) and Scott Timmins (22nd) scored for Kitchener. Plymouth outshot Kitchener, 31-28.

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# Rocks rule at Salem invitational

Salem won the Salem Round Robin Tournament Saturday, racking up 295 points to out-distance Ypsilanti Lincoln by 17 points. Led by Sam Lepper's championship performance at 189 pounds, the Rocks rolled to an impressive victory. Lincoln Park placed third with 198.5 points while Macomb Dakota (180) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (161) rounded out the top five spots. Lepper pinned Sterling Heights' Kyle Alessandrini in

1:05 in the 189-pound final. Nick Kim excelled at 103 for the champions, placing second to Crestwood's Joey Golan. Salem's Kyle Middleditch was the runner-up at 112 and Ben DeWitt was second at 125. Ypsi Lincoln's Dillon Farrell earned MVP honors in the lower weights while Macomb Dakota's Mike Wronosky took top honors in the upper weights.

**2008 SALEM ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT**  
**Dec. 13 at Salem High School**  
**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Salem, 295; 2. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 278; 3. Lincoln Park, 198.5; 4. Macomb Dakota, 180; 5. Dearborn

Heights Crestwood, 161; 6. Sand Creek, 125; 7. Sterling Heights, 120; 8. Farmington, 102; 9. Ann Arbor Huron, 92.

**103 pounds: 1st-place match:** Joey Golan (C) defeated Nick Kim (Salem), 4-3; **3rd:** Kevin Jose Guerrero (F) dec. Jacob Jones (LP), 8-1; **5th:** Jimmy Miller (MD) dec. Sam Polocoser (SC), 14-1.

**112: 1st:** Matt Farrell (L) pinned Ian Phillips (S) in 1:31; **3rd:** Devin Stratton (S) dec. Mo Rahal (C), 10-2; **5th:** Greg Day (MD) pinned Rich Jetrzierski (LP) in 46 seconds.

**119: 1st:** Anthony Barbour (LP) dec. Kyle Middleditch, 4-2 (OT); **3rd:** Jarred Liljhorn (L) dec. Dominic Lamusico (C), 14-5; **5th:** Ed Nuttall (L) dec. Dan Hall (SC), 7-3.

**125: 1st:** Dillon Farrell (L) dec. Ben DeWitt (S), 9-2; **3rd:** Isaac Hawkins (SC) pinned Joey Polocoser (C) in 3:52; **5th:** Andrew Samoray (AAH) dec. Dominic DeRita (MD), 12-4.

**130: 1st:** Jason VanWasshenova (LP) dec. Derrick Maudell (C), 13-9; **3rd:** John Bills (S) pinned Adam London (AAH) in 3:51; **5th:** Seth LaBombard (L) pinned Jeremy Wronosky (MD) in 4:10.

**135: 1st:** Aaron Barker (SC) dec. James Middleditch, 8-5; **3rd:** Munt Al-Hussien (C) pinned C. Ward (LP) in 2:22; **5th:** Nick Kuzera (MD) pinned Garin Coleman (SH) in 4:49.

**140: 1st:** Dan Salkowski (MD) dec. Johannes Olin (S), 8-7; **3rd:** Nathan Mullins (L) dec. Drew Pollard (LP), 4-3; **5th:** Sorel Polocoser (C) dec. Rob Williams (F), 1-0.

**145: 1st:** Brandon Farrell (L) dec. Robert Schultz (S), 11-6; **3rd:** Sean Cruz (AAH) dec. Nick Tomski (F), 9-1; **5th:** Rob Kanalos (LP) pinned Kirk Tomski (F) in 2:23.

**152: 1st:** Eddie Rakotz (L) dec. Jermaine Williams (SH), 5-2; **3rd:** Andrew Valentine (AAH) dec. Eric Bloomquist (MD), 4-2; **5th:** Chris Sweet (S) pinned Josh Gaskill (F) in 2:47.

**160: 1st:** Mike Wronosky (MD) pinned Calvin Sullins (SC) in 1:41; **3rd:** Colin Gross (S) pinned Nathan Sanchez (SH) in 2:14; **5th:** Jared Marks (L) pinned Romero Remy (LP) in 2:54.

**171: 1st:** James Walton (LP) pinned Andrew Baker (AAH) in 43 seconds; **3rd:** Ryan Benoit (MD) pinned Brian Francover (SC) in 4:11; **5th:** Neil Lazarecki (SH) pinned Chad Colwell in 3:50.

**189: 1st:** Sam Lepper (S) pinned Kyle Alessandrini (SH) in 1:05; **3rd:** Cory Sanders (L) dec. Justin Roe (F), 4-2; **5th:** Nick Ziskie (MD) won by injury default over Josh Schroeder (SC).

**215: 1st:** William Hartley (L) dec. Buster Wilson (LP), 5-4; **3rd:** Austin Root (S) dec. Jason Wilks (MD), 5-4; **5th:** Chad Gauss (SC) pinned Joe Tallo (SH) in 4:59.

**285: 1st:** Terrence Radcliff (L) dec. Justin Tallo (SH), 8-6; **3rd:** Blake Abbey (S) dec. Dylan Wells (F), 11-3; **5th:** Hassau El Sayed (C) pinned Shawn Green (SH) in 39 seconds.

**SALEM 56 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 22**  
**130 pounds:** John Bills (S) won by void; **135:** James Middleditch (S) pinned Alex Aninos in 3:32; **140:** Johannes Olin (S) pinned Clayton Hughes in 3:32; **145:** Robbie Schultz (S) pinned Alex Vaninecke in 1:27; **152:** Chris Sweet (S) dec. Sean Savage, 11-3; **160:** Jimmy Gross (S) pinned Mike Stewart in 3:30; **171:** Patrick Roeser (WLN) pinned Matt Kelly in 3:22; **189:** Maren Smallman (WLN) pinned Austin Root in 4:52; **215:** Zach Leichanen (WLN) pinned Blake Abbey in 3:22; **285:** Sam Lepper (S) pinned Billy Card in 1:26; **103:** Nick Kim (S) pinned Jake Helko in 57 seconds; **112:** Ian Phillips (S) pinned Josh Budey in 2:52; **119:** Karl Allen (S) dec. Erik Erstad, 10-4; **125:** Hunter West (WLN) dec. Kyle Middleditch, 12-4.

**SALEM 69 ST. MARY'S 4**  
**135 pounds:** James Middleditch (S) won by void; **140:** Andrew Brebuyck (SM) won by technical fall, 14-0, over Johannes Olin; **145:** Robbie Schultz (S) pinned Austin Crutchfield in 1:49; **152:** Chris Sweet (S) pinned Guadalupe Ortiz in 3:42; **160:** Jimmy Gross (S) pinned Russell Bayne in 3:51; **171:** Matt Kelly (S) pinned James Vyscitt in 31 seconds; **189:** Austin Root (S) dec. David Anderson, 4-1; **215:** Sam Lepper (S) pinned James Huddleston in 2:32; **285:** Blake Abbey (S) pinned Geoffrey McCann in 58 seconds; **103:** Nick Kim (S) pinned Denolino Cooper in 28 seconds; **112 pounds:** Ian Phillips (S) dec. Ernie Stone, 11-10; **119:** Karl Allen (S) won by technical fall over Bernard Chaires, 17-2; **125:** Ben DeWitt (S) dec. Connor Smith, 17-6; **130:** John Bills (S) pinned Mark Stari in 1:10.

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Many of the local high schools are in the preparation mode for the up-coming bowling season. Bowling is the fastest growing high school sport, surpassing ice hockey a year or two ago.

It's a great opportunity for some of the kids to experience the excitement of sports team competition who may not be able to make it in football or basketball. Tryouts have been completed and the season is underway.

A good example is the North Farmington High team, which practices at Drakeshire Lanes on Grand River.

Drakeshire does not charge the schools for the practice time or

competition, they get about \$1,000 worth of bowling, and this is big, as many parents could find it difficult right now to come up with the money.

Drakeshire general manager Laura Burns has been very supportive of the team for many years. If you have ever watched high school varsity bowling competition, you would see first hand how much excitement this sport can generate at the high school level.

Ernie Segura, Jr. of Taylor and Eric Krpichak of Livonia recently teamed up to win the 18th annual Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The Segura-Krpichak duo defeated the team of Tony Lindemann (Sterling Heights) and Rick Eiermann (Garden City) 413-379.

While the competition was spirited and the camaraderie was outstanding, the main purpose of the event was to raise funds for both the Karmos Cancer Foundation and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.

Sixty bowlers participated, each bringing pledges and/or selling raffle tickets in support. Over \$7,000 was raised bringing the 18-year total to over \$240,000.

The event is run by the Metro Detroit USBC Association which serves over 70,000 adult and youth bowlers in this area.

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## MU earns first win as Sims nets 27

Cedric Sims was the catalyst Saturday with a game-high 27 points as the Madonna University men's basketball team earned its first victory of the year and snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 71-61 triumph Saturday over host Alma College.

MU (1-9) made 57 percent of its shots from the floor in the first half to build a 35-27 lead in the MIAA-WHAC Challenge. The Crusaders finished 28-of-58 from the floor (48.3 percent).

Sims, a 6-foot senior guard from Wayne Memorial, hit 9-of-14 shots from the floor, including a pair of three-pointers, and was a perfect 7-of-7 from the foul line.

Junior center Leroy Allen added 16 points and nine rebounds, while Bryant Slaughter (Westland) stepped in with nine points.

Jordan Redditt led Alma (0-7) with 23 points. Cory Schneider added 13.

OLIVET COLLEGE 70, MADONNA 66: The Crusaders, despite shooting 50.9 percent from the field, dropped their ninth straight Friday night to Olivet College (3-4) in the MIAA-WHAC Challenge

in a game played at Alma College's Cappaert Gym.

Cedric Sims paced MU with 20 points and eight rebounds, while Leroy Allen and Bryan Slaughter contributed 10 each as MU fell to 0-9.

MU came out strong in the first half, connecting on 16-of-27 first-half shots to build a 36-31 lead.

Slaughter's three-pointer with 1:41 remaining in the game gave MU a 65-64 lead, while teammate Kevin McLoughlin tied the game at 66 when he made the second of two free throws.

But Joel Kerns (11 points) score with 12 seconds remaining to give the Comets (3-4) a lead it would not relinquish.

Michael McClary scored 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for Olivet. Brother Brandon McClary added 19 points and four assists.

MACOMB CC 69, SCHOOLCRAFT 61: On Dec. 3, visiting Macomb Community College (9-0, 1-0) remained unbeaten with an MCCA Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (4-5, 1-1).

### PREP BOWLING

#### BOYS BOWLING RESULTS

#### WAYNE MEMORIAL 25 WATERFORD MOTT 5

#### Dec. 15 at 300 Bowl

Wayne individual scorers: Ryan Gabriel, 227-276-503; Elliot Arnold, 188-256-444; Josh Vojtkofsky, 219-212-431; T.J. Lave, 195-192-387; Mike Wilson-Kellen Collison, 146-169-315 (17 points).

Baker games: Wayne, 223-180-403 (10 points); Mott, 155-180-335 (2 points).

Wayne's overall record: 3-0.

#### WAYNE MEMORIAL 27 WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 3

#### Dec. 13 at Whitmore Lanes

Wayne individual scorers: Elliot Arnold, 259-203-462;

Josh Vojtkofsky, 198-188-386; Kellen Collison, 181-198-379; Ryan Gabriel, 174-201-375; T.J. Lave, 144-149-293 (17 points).

Lakeland scorers: Andrew Hatfield, 211-183-394; Jake Pelc, 157-195-352; Jeremy Davis, 165-160-325; Stephen Palombo, 141-168-309; Cody Demeter, 161-194-305 (3 points).

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# Plymouth Strictly Business

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### Wii promotion

Citizens Bank announced a check card promotion where clients can win one of 50 Nintendo Wii gaming systems.

The promotion runs through Dec. 31. Citizens Bank's Plymouth branch is located at 186 S. Main.

The promotion encourages clients to make at least 12 on-line or signature-based Citizens Bank retail VISA Check Card purchases through Dec. 31. Clients

who make at least 12 such purchases will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a Wii valued at \$320.

Official rules are available on [www.citizensbanking.com/wii](http://www.citizensbanking.com/wii). Winners will be drawn Jan. 9. Citizens Bank and F&M Bank (Citizens' affiliate in Iowa) are sponsors of the promotion and will award 50 Wii's in total.

### Grand openings

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce helped cut ribbons on two businesses.

Opening in Old Village was Blue Sky Insurance, while Vic's Mart, All

Things Purses opened downtown.

The chamber has pictures of the ribbon cuttings and information about the businesses on its Web site at [http://plymouthmich.org/business\\_news.html](http://plymouthmich.org/business_news.html)

Ice sculpture deadlines

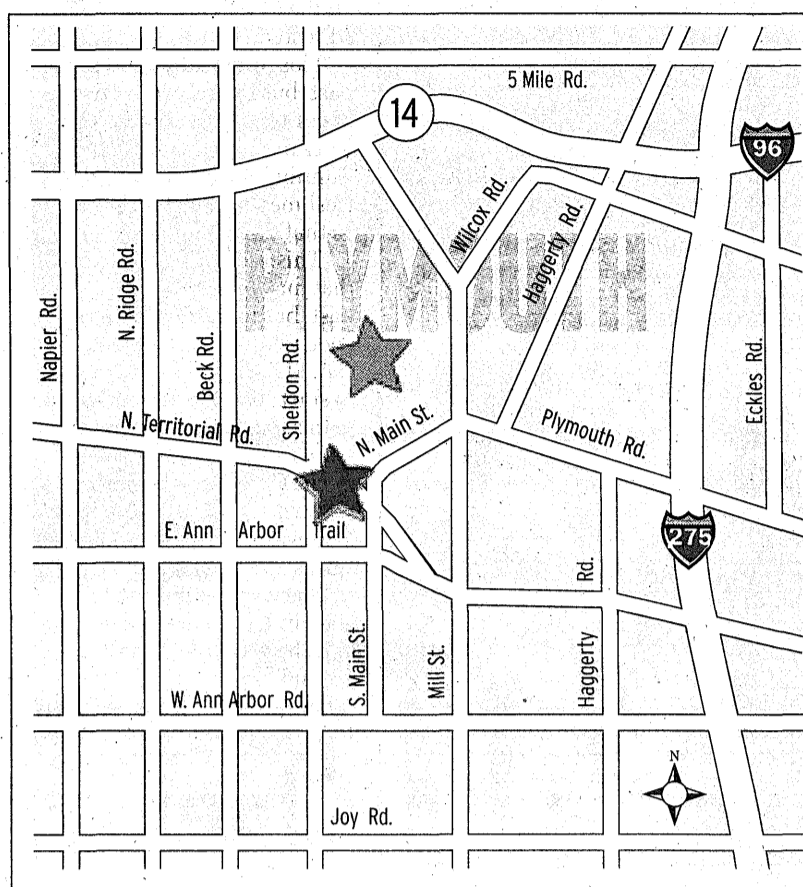
The deadline for purchasing Plymouth Ice Spectacular sculptures has been extended to end of the month. To reserve an ice sculpture for this year's Plymouth Ice Spectacular, which runs Jan. 23-25, call (734) 459-6969 or download an application from their Web site at [http://www.plymouthice.com/current\\_events/plymouth\\_ice/index.php](http://www.plymouthice.com/current_events/plymouth_ice/index.php)

### Business update

■ Kitchen & Bath Gallery by DeGiulio, a new kitchen and bath showroom, is expected to open in the space formerly occupied by the Discovery Shop on Ann Arbor Trail by the end of January. The gallery's Web site is [www.degiulio.com](http://www.degiulio.com)

■ Lynn's Corner Shop is closing, effective Dec. 31, and Cold Stone Creamery closed their doors late last month.

■ A candy shop is expected to open in the space formerly occupied by The Muse on the ground floor of the Mayflower Development on Main Street.



## SEND IT

Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Plymouth Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

It's simple: Just e-mail all of the details to editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com) and he'll take care of the rest.

Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Plymouth Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Plymouth photographer goes to dogs (and other pets)

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

**Jill Andra Young:** I am a full service photography studio. Portrait, commercial, industrial and families, with the pet portraits being my specialty. I also have added more retail products in the last few years, mostly dog related, like paw print purses and accessories. Plus I offer a full line of custom made photo merchandise, like mouse pads, key chains, dry erase boards, mugs and travel mugs all custom made with your dog on it. One of the other things we do is all of my photo merchandise I make, I can make it from your snapshots as well as the images from your sitting with me. So you can literally put any image on the things I offer, cars, kids, etc.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique? Do you serve a special niche?

**Jill Andra Young:** The fact that I specialize in Pet Photography makes my business unique, there are not that many studios across the country that offer the type of work I do. I truly have a gift, I am fully trained as a commercial photographer, but that is only the technical part of what I do. I think we all have a gift for something special, and mine is a true love of animals and the ability to understand them and be able to work with them. I don't have any expectations of them, but I believe that they can participate in the photo sittings and that my gift is to capture their personality in that split second of stopped time that is photography. I also photograph many of the pets with the owners and the bond that people have with their pets is overwhelming.



Annie, who will be 14 on Christmas Eve and whose owner is Jill Andra Young of Jill Andra Young Photography, visits with Santa. Jill Andra Young specializes in pet photography.

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

**Jill Andra Young:** I had worked as a photography assistant and worked in a professional photo lab before I opened my studio in 1989. I opened as a pet photography studio and we niche marketed it to all the pet people, it was the beginning of the pet industry as we know it now. I guess it was the right time right place right niche.

**Observer:** How did you decide to locate in the Plymouth community?

**Jill Andra Young:** I lived in Plymouth and loved all the interesting shops and thought it was the perfect spot to open my business. I have been on Penniman in downtown since 1994.

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

**Jill Andra Young:** Photographing pets is a dream job, it combines my love of photography with

my love of animals. Most of the pets I photograph are dogs, they are so funny and cute. Dogs are so real, I have learned so much from dogs. Dogs don't put up a facade they are who they are all the time, it is a real joy at each sitting to get to know these lovely creature for an hour at a time. They are so eager to please even if they don't understand the concept of being photographed. They try to do all the commands we ask of them and some run and play between the shots, I try to make the sittings fun for the dogs. When you come to the studio for a dog sitting I lock the door and then I let the dogs off leash. Most owners are a little leery of this practice at first but it allows the dogs to explore the studio and then I start the photo session. I have many tricks to perk the dogs ears up and get them to tilt their heads, the sittings are quite fun and entertaining. Some dogs are real hams. I absolutely love what I do, and it shows!

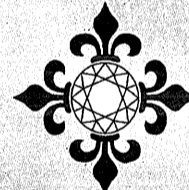
## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



### Alumni honor

Dr. Douglas A. Miller recently received the Annual Alumni Award from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Alumni Association. The award, presented since 1954, is given to an alumnus who has "been distinguished by having contributed in outstanding fashion to the professions, to science, and/or to mankind." Miller received his doctor of pharmacy degree from the university in 1976 and is a professor at Wayne State University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where he teaches pharmacy practice and patient care. Miller is the recipient of several awards and honors, including the Pharmacist of the Year Award from the Michigan Pharmacists Association. He is a fellow of the American Pharmacists Association and on several occasions has been voted "Teacher of the Year" by pharmacy students at Wayne State. Miller resides in Plymouth.

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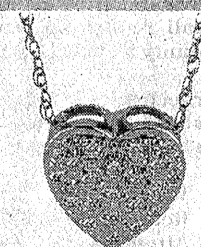
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## CHAMBER CHAT

Some 80 people turned out to hear the economic forecast at last week's chamber breakfast.

The Chamber would like to thank TDS Metrocom for sponsoring our most successful Good Morning Breakfast this

year. We also want to thank our speakers Bob Krupka, President, New Liberty Bank; Mark Savitskie, Allegro Home Loans; Patrick O'Neill,

Morgan Stanley and Jim Schebil, President, Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep, for doing a great job.

While everyone acknowledged that 2009 will be a difficult year they felt the second half of the year would improve as the stimulus packages began to put more liquidity in the economy. Jim Schebil also felt that by 2010 the auto industry has many great new products being launched

and they will have readjusted their production levels to return to profitability.

■ A great gift to purchase for your staff, clients or friends are Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificates. They can be purchased in any denomination and can be used at 73 local establishments.

These gift certificates are fantastic gifts because the person receiving the gift can get exactly what they choose and you will also be supporting the local economy by keeping dollars in the Plymouth Community.

There are no additional handling fees when purchasing these gift certificates.

Gift certificates can be picked up at the Chamber building at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

When ordering more than five certificates, please call in advance at (734) 453-1540 in order for our staff to get them prepared.

■ Plymouth Community Chamber night at the Piston's

game is set for Friday, Dec. 19, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Members can take advantage of special pricing when the Pistons play the Utah Jazz. Seats are discounted from \$40 to \$32 or lower level seats are discounted from \$65 to \$60.

Each chamber attendee will also receive a free duffel bag and they can take a shot on the court after the game. Chamber members will be seated together in specific sections.

If you are interested in attending please call Cassie Wilkinson of the Pistons at (248) 371-2030 or e-mail her at [cwilkinson@palacenet.com](mailto:cwilkinson@palacenet.com).

■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is seeking the donation of two computer monitors. One monitor is for use at our front desk and we are seeking a flat panel monitor to use for displaying information at events and in our office. If you have additional monitors and are interested in donating, please call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.



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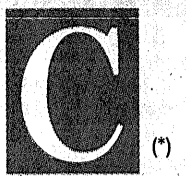
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# Realtors focus on yule season, look to 2009

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Local Realtors were glad to gather for some holiday revelry this month. Members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors held their "Holiday Magic III" reception/fund-raiser Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Toll Brothers Club House in Novi. Proceeds supported the Homes Coalition, started five-six years ago by a Realtor to benefit needy people.

"They've found homes for needy people," said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president for Farmington-based WWOCAR. "We concentrate on children. It's really a fantastic thing. There's so many people doing nice things."

The Homes Coalition helps to provides housing for people in our communities who are struggling with disabilities. They have helped numerous families over the years and will continue to do so with the help and support of various organizations, according to WWOCAR.

Incoming WWOCAR President, Gary J. Reggish of Remerica United Realty, was officially sworn in to serve as the 2009-10 president. Reggish has already been hard at work forming plans for the years to come to help with both the real estate industry as well as Michigan's economy.

Organizers of the gala gave a hearty thank you to Toll Brothers Inc., a local builder and long time member of WWOCAR, for donating the use of the Island Lakes Boat House to host this gala event, as well as Volare Ristorante of Wixom for providing tasty food and beverages.

In the past year, WWOCAR has lost members and those who remain face tough times in their field. The association is focusing on basics, with so many efforts in Washington, D.C., to improve the housing situation.

"Everybody is in a flux," said Smith. "Everybody is working from day to day."

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors didn't hold a holiday party this month. That association, serving Oakland and Macomb counties, drew some 350 pros to its annual business meeting Nov. 12.

The speaker, Karel Murray, was excellent, said Walt Baczkowski Jr., MCAR's CEO.

"It's all about getting the Realtors together and trying to keep on a positive," Baczkowski said. The focus is on helping customers.



Gary Reggish (left), outgoing president, welcomes WWOCAR's incoming president, Gordon McCann.

"We needed some way to keep our members positive and moving forward," he said.

"Real estate does traditionally dip somewhat" this time of year. Baczkowski noted the mortgage market is good for those with decent credit.

"It's an opportunity to get out there," he said. "There are so many properties. You're going to be able to get a great deal. It's just a superb time to be out there in the market."

Paul Scott, installing officer (from left); Gary J. Reggish, installed as 2009-10 president; Gordon McCann, outgoing president; and Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR, share a chat at the holiday gathering.



## Salaries generally privileged information

**Q: I live in a large condo project and we have a property manager and office staff. As a co-owner am I entitled to know the salaries of each employee as opposed to a gross amount of salaries listed on the budget?**

**A:** That is a difficult question because salary information may be deemed confidential and privileged under the nature of employer/employee relations. Therefore, it may be understandable that the board is



Robert Meisner

reluctant to provide you with that information. Whether or not a judge would order it is another question. Generally speaking, salary and employee information is deemed privileged.

**Q: One of our board members decided to personally speak to one of the co-owners about a code violation and bylaw violation and has been met with a civil rights complaint. How can we avoid this type of situation?**

**A:** Each board should have a bylaw enforcement policy which they have implemented which makes it clear that individual directors or officers will not get involved in direct confrontations with co-owners. That is why you hire a professional management company and/or an attorney. There are a myriad of reasons why getting directly involved with a co-owner with a bylaw infraction could be deleterious to the best interests of the association including safety, civil rights violations and a disagreement as to what was discussed and no record to support it. The best advice is to sit down with your association attorney and work out a bylaw enforcement policy which keeps the board members out of direct confrontation.

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

### BRIEFS

#### Serving MCAR

Al Block, with RE/MAX First, was elected as director of Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors in November. MCAR supports Realtors across southeastern Michigan through real estate services, sales training, political representation, and more. He will begin his term in January 2009.

Block has been working in the real estate industry for more than 19 years and has extensive residential experience in foreclosure properties, lake/beach properties, condominiums and luxury homes.

He also has experience working with military and relocation clients, residential acreages and buyer brokerages. Block's is Quality Service Certified, an Accredited Buyer representative and a graduate of the Realtor Institute. He has also received several RE/MAX awards including: Hall of Fame, 2007 Executive Club, and the 2005-06 100 percent Club.

"Al has been an integral member of our team and is more than deserving of this position. We are so proud of him," said Sandra Gault, director of operations for RE/MAX First.

"Being awarded as the MCAR director is a great accomplishment. Al continues to raise the bar in real estate, making us and this community proud."

In addition to excelling in the real estate industry, Block actively supports Children's Miracle Network and Habitat for Humanity. He also enjoys hiking, camping, snow sports and softball in his spare time.

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 25-29, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
1055 Ashton Woods Dr Unit 1	\$326,000
40689 Bluesprings Ct	\$290,000
716 Buchanan St	\$250,000
42008 Cherry Hill Rd	\$85,000
48047 E Oxford Ct	\$429,000
7615 Embassy Dr	\$236,000
48107 Hanford Rd	\$155,000
837 Morning Dove Ct	\$231,000
6843 New Providence Way	\$104,000
Farmington	
23076 Hayden	\$121,000
Farmington Hills	
34863 Bunker Hill Dr	\$172,000
38362 Churchill Ln	\$155,000
34239 Commons Dr	\$385,000
24867 Creekside Dr	\$165,000
29897 Deer Run	\$327,000
29900 Deer Run Ct	\$338,000
31949 Farmerville Rd	\$162,000
28109 Farmington Rd	\$110,000
35190 Gary St	\$140,000
25031 Lyncastle St	\$215,000

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29612 Nova Woods Dr	\$129,000	39446 Village Run Dr	\$234,000
23027 Potomac Cir	\$155,000	<b>Novi</b>	
23241 Purdue Ave	\$139,000	22282 Chase Dr	\$470,000
30964 Ridgeway Dr	\$285,000	44512 Copland Ln	\$375,000
31972 Rocky Crst	\$140,000	41478 Cypress Way	\$185,000
22644 Shadowglen Dr	\$319,000	24948 Hadlock Dr	\$590,000
30811 Sudbury Cr	\$250,000	24584 Thatcher Dr	\$140,000
<b>Garden City</b>		216 Wainwright St	\$150,000
31543 Alvin St	\$71,000	<b>Plymouth</b>	
31465 Bock St	\$140,000	41020 Micol Dr	\$125,000
6418 Golfview St	\$115,000	679 N Sheldon Rd	\$178,000
<b>Livonia</b>		51355 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$445,000
14083 Ellen Dr	\$160,000	<b>Redford</b>	
9632 Farmington Rd	\$133,000	26317 Clarita	\$106,000
19620 Flamingo Blvd	\$195,000	9572 Inkster Rd	\$52,000
33101 Hampshire Rd	\$248,000	11353 Leverne	\$81,000
28780 Minton Ct	\$150,000	18773 Macarthur	\$103,000
15325 Norwich St	\$248,000	15066 Salem	\$100,000
18005 Ventura Ct	\$235,000	26806 Wadsworth	\$110,000
19451 Westmore St	\$124,000	<b>South Lyon</b>	
<b>Milford</b>		825 Brick Ln	\$162,000
333 Crystal St	\$143,000	24023 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
2395 Haven Trl	\$209,000	58256 McCormick Ct	\$65,000
940 Manderly Dr	\$260,000	<b>Westland</b>	
582 Napa Valley Dr	\$75,000	31012 Beechnut St	\$124,000
935 S Duck Lake Rd	\$75,000	8063 Bristol St	\$76,000
3958 S Milford Rd	\$85,000	159 Fischer Dr	\$185,000
<b>Northville</b>		7705 Lear Ct	\$129,000
17067 Carriage Way	\$345,000	631 N Wildwood St	\$38,000
38958 Cheshire Dr	\$288,000	34617 Sansburn St	\$86,000
48049 Four Seasons Blvd	\$225,000	866 Summerfield Dr	\$125,000
19378 Malvern Ct	\$102,000	2341 Treadwell St	\$65,000
19143 Surrey Ln	\$90,000		



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BRINKS Financial (800) 785-4755	4.75	0.75	4.625	0.875	J/A/V/F
Central States Mortgage (866) 580-3738	5	0	4.875	0	J/A/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule (800) 991-9922	5.125	0	5	0	J/A/V/F
Co-op Services Credit Union (734) 466-6113	5	0	4.75	0	J
Cornerstone Community Financial (800) 777-6728	5.625	1	5.25	1	J/A/F
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- 11 Many August kids
- 13 Ballpark event
- 14 Neighbor of KY
- 15 Well output
- 16 Groovy
- 17 Pharaoh's god
- 18 Pixie
- 20 Tips one's hat
- 22 Bro's sibling
- 23 Muddy up
- 25 Quilting social
- 26 Fix potatoes
- 27 Half-moon tide
- 29 December decor
- 31 Wool
- 33 Snowmobile part
- 34 Kind of card
- 37 Party-tray cheese
- 40 Fox's abode
- 41 Familiar digit
- 43 Pillow cover

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- 13 Volunteers
- 19 Hamlet's oath
- 21 Smattering
- 22 Took a break
- 24 Coat of paint
- 26 Damself
- 28 Waterlily leaf
- 30 Be very frugal
- 32 Damaged by hail
- 34 Gambling den
- 35 Jag
- 36 Overly
- 38 I knew it!
- 39 Rowdiness
- 40 Caesar's tongue
- 42 Big birds
- 44 Is introduced
- 46 Zipped through
- 47 Ladder rung
- 50 Keogh relative
- 52 Kind of system
- 55 Uh cousin
- 57 Scale note

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- SMELL
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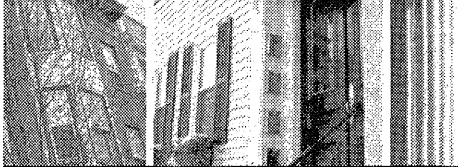
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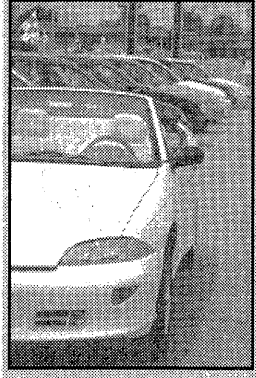
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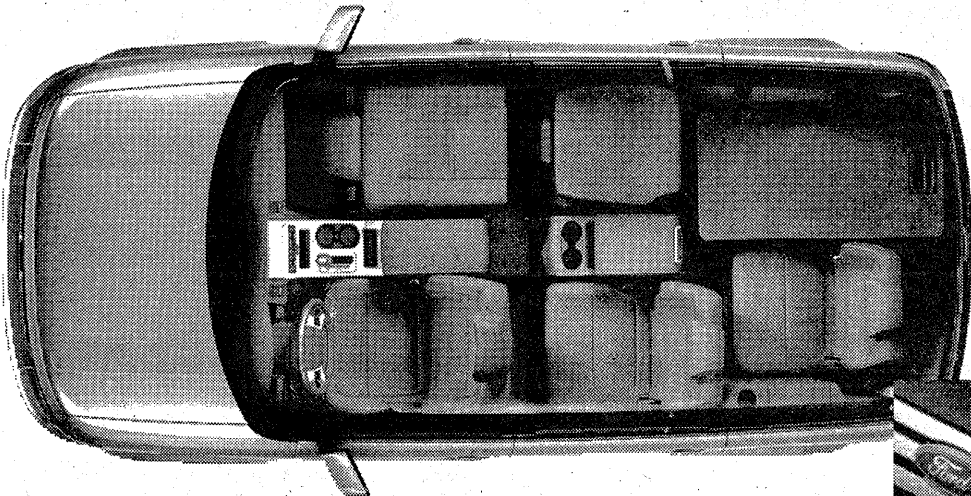
Give the product designers at Ford Motor Co. some credit: When they conceived the new Flex SUV a few years ago, there's no way they could have known the mess of an automotive market that was going to welcome their new vehicle in the summer of 2008. Nobody in the world had forecast a combination of \$4-a-gallon gasoline and the beginnings of a global depression.

So they did well to do some really good things with Flex. Its provocative flat-topped design is one. So are some useful interior innovations including a robust second-row refrigerator and a way of reducing the chances of pant-leg soilage when you get into and out of the vehicle. In many ways, Flex reflects a dramatic rethinking of the SUV category, and Ford deserves kudos for stepping out with it the way that it did.

But the best thing of all to befall Flex is probably a factor that remains beyond the control of anyone at Ford or in the auto industry: Gasoline prices have fallen just as dramatically as they went up during the second quarter. If \$4-a-gallon gasoline had persisted to these days, the large and iconoclastic Flex might have been forgotten before it had a chance to prove itself.

However, with gasoline prices now having plunged to five-year lows - and the prospect that a weak economy likely will keep them down for many months if not some years to come -- comes the possibility that Flex could continue to develop a following.

That's because, while its fuel economy tops out at 24 mpg like the competing Buick Enclave and other new General Motors crossovers, Flex's city mileage of 17 to 19 mpg is a real drawback. It's just not as much of a drawback when gasoline is only one-third the price that it was when Ford



**Flex's interior configuration ensures lots of room for people or cargo.**

introduced Flex in June.

Stick with the powerplant for a minute. The Flex "crossover wagon" is a large vehicle, a seven-passenger minivan alternative that also can carry a load of cargo. So Ford had to make sure that its reliable, 3.5-liter, V6 engine and its new vehicle were a good match.

And Ford's engineers did that very capably: The engine generates 262 horsepower and 248 pound-feet of torque. Coupled with a six-speed automatic transmission, Flex's engine does a more than adequate job of powering the vehicle, providing plenty of burst in steady juice in a variety of situations.

Flex also comes in front- or all-wheel drive. The SEL version I drove is all-wheel-drive. And the vehicle did very well in coping with the early December snow-and-ice conditions of metro Detroit. I could always count on sure-footedness with the Flex while others around me were spinning out.

Another huge plus for Flex is interior room. Somehow, the designers managed to present an exterior profile that is very streamlined, probably because of how dead-flat the roof is. And yet when you open a door to the vehicle, up-and-down space isn't a problem at all. There's very ample headroom. In fact, even in the third row of seats, which are raised "stadium-style," headroom isn't a problem.

There's also the fact that Flex's rocker panels are integrated into the doors. "It's smart engineering that makes getting into and out of the vehicle a lot simpler," said Kate Pearce, Flex's marketing manager. "There's a lot less space that you have to

**One thing is for sure: Ford's Flex will never be mistaken for another vehicle!**



cross over to get into the car. It keeps your pants legs clean."

Which brings us to the most distinctive aspect of Flex: its exterior design. It represents a new take on a venerable concept that looks incredibly fresh in today's curvaceous marketplace - and is turning plenty of heads all on its own.

"Everyone understands without our having to say a word," said Jim Farley, Ford's executive vice president of marketing and communications. "It speaks for itself."

Most consumers either love it or hate it. But that's exactly the way Ford wants it, because at least the company can count on potential Flex buyers being passionate about the design.

"We'd rather have 100,000 people passionately loving it than 10 million people being vaguely aware and bored," said Phil Cowdell, head of the Ford account at Team Detroit, an ad-agency coalition headquartered in Dearborn, Mich., Ford's hometown. "At least, we're trying to provoke that sort of reaction and polarization, which is not very Fordish."

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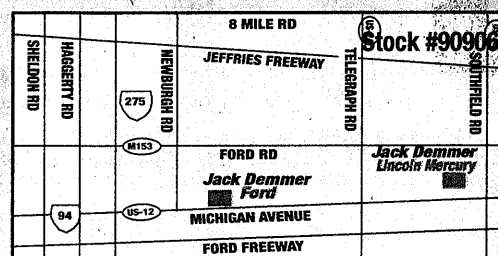
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Professional pastry chef offers holiday recipe for elegant dessert.

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Check out our picks for this weekend's entertainment.



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# A Christmas movie

In theaters or at home, holiday films lift your spirits

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

I jumped the Red Ryder BB gun this year and decorated my Christmas tree on Thanksgiving night. Maybe I felt like the act of doing so would spread some holiday cheer that much sooner — when we all seem to desperately need it. But now that temperatures have plummeted and I've scraped the first snow from my car windows, it's time to check the size of the Grinch's heart, hear the Who's harmonizing, and hope that ornament won't tip over Charlie Brown's bare little tree.

Holiday movies are more than a common thread among us. They're a link to the wonder of childhood, a collective symbol of simpler times. When Mickey Mouse stands in Bob Cratchit's shoes, I imagine myself in single-digit years, sporting footie pajamas, and waiting intently for the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future in the glow of the TV and twinkling lights. When Ralphie's forced to wear a pink bunny suit, I remember recounting all the lines of *A Christmas Story* with my sisters. I still make time, after the festivities wind down late on Christmas Eve, to watch *It's a Wonderful Life* from start to finish in black and white.

In honor of all the these holiday film traditions, FILTER has compiled a list of annual must-see movies:

## FOR LAUGHS

**Home for the Holidays (1995)** — Holly Hunter embodies every uncomfortable situation that might arise on a trip home to see the family. Get out your puffy coat and get ready for some great grin-and-bear-it moments.

**Home Alone (1990)** — Every time someone pulls into the driveway of the McCallister's home, they knock over a metal statue. It always makes me laugh. The film endures because every bit of it feels like Christmas — every song, every red and green accent, scenes in snow and at church. It's chock full of holiday goodness.

**National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)** — From the endless strings of white lights coating the Griswold's home to the demise of one cat and one toupee, this is a Chevy Chase holiday favorite.

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"A Christmas Story" shares many a cautionary tale.



Debra Messing stars in Overture Pictures' recent release "Nothing Like the Holidays," now in theaters.

## GOING TO THE MOVIES

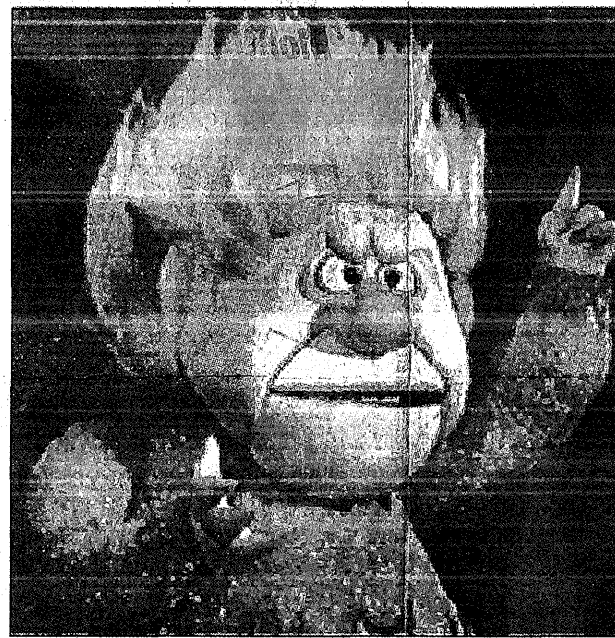
If you're headed out to the theater this season, here are some films — new and old — sure to get you in the holiday spirit:

**Nothing Like the Holidays (2008)**: The Rodriguez family is converging in Chicago for a week of family upheavals and holiday traditions. John Leguizamo, Freddy Rodriguez and Debra Messing star. Rated PG-13 in theaters now.

**Four Christmases (2008)**: See what happens when Kate's and Brad's exotic vacation getaway devolves into a family-centric holiday with four hectic stops, each threatening to change their relationship more. Seth Gordon directs and Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star. Rated PG-13 in theaters now.

**Polar Express (2004)**: Tom Hanks gives voice to multiple roles in this magical train ride. Rated G. See it 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 19-21; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 or 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21 at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. Tickets \$3. Call (734) 453-0870. Hitch a ride in IMAX by catching this film at The Henry Ford IMAX Theater, showtimes vary through Jan. 4, 2009; visit [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org). Tickets \$8.25-\$10. The Henry Ford is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1570.

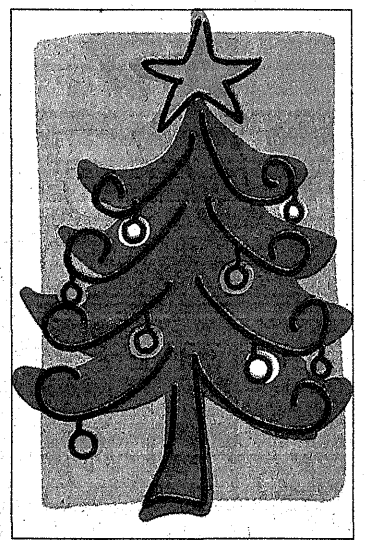
**White Christmas (1954)**: You can't go wrong with a musical tribute to snowfall at a quaint Vermont Inn. See it at 8 p.m. Dec. 19-20 or 2 p.m. Dec. 20, at The Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Tickets \$4. Visit [redfordtheatre.com](http://redfordtheatre.com).



The Heat Miser gets steamed over Christmas in a "Year Without a Santa Claus."



"It's a Wonderful Life" starring James Stewart, is a holiday classic.



## Holiday Happenings

### Events

**The Big, Bright Light Show:** Downtown Rochester lights the night with its dazzling display of more than 500,000 lights coating all the buildings along Main. The free event, through Jan. 4, 2009 attracts more than 1 million visitors. Expect a traffic jam but it's still a sight to behold.

**Wayne County LightFest:** Drive through more than four miles of light displays along Hines Drive, beginning at Merriman. Cost is \$5 per car, call (734) 261-1990 for details. The display runs to Jan. 1, 2009.

**Holiday Nights:** Greenfield Village will transform into a living Christmas card with its candle-lit paths, Model T and carriage rides, ice skating and decorated home tours for this seasonal favorite, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 19-23, and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28. Tickets \$12.50-\$17, children under 4 enter free. Add dinner at the Eagle Tavern for \$64.50 to \$68.50. Parking costs \$5. The Henry Ford is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Visit [www.thehenryford.com](http://www.thehenryford.com).

### With Music

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra:** Talk about uplifting and re-inventing holiday songs. Catch one of these two shows on Dec. 21, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (248) 645-6666.

**With heart and soul:** Hear The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller by Chip Davis, Dec. 18-19, The Masonic Temple Theatre, Cass and Temple, Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$68. (248) 645-6666.

**Home for the Holidays:** Thomas Wilkins conducts holiday songs and spreads cheer, Dec. 18-21, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

**Penn Theatre: Polar Express** is showing at 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 19-21, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 and 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21, at 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. Tickets \$3, call (734) 453-0870.

**Redford Theatre:** Sing your heart out to *White Christmas*, 8 p.m. Dec. 19-20 and 2 p.m. Dec. 20, at 17360 Lahser, Detroit; tickets \$4. Visit [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.com).

**The Henry Ford:** See *Polar Express* in IMAX, through the holidays, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313) 271-1570.

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### On Stage

**Clowny Christmas:** Director Rob Papineau brings *A Christmas Carol*, as adapted by Doris Baizley, to life through the antics of a clown trio; show times 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 21, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6302 or visit [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org).

**Home for the Holidays:** Join the DSO's holiday sing-along and stirring annual show, 8 p.m. Dec. 18; 8:30 p.m. Dec. 19-

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# Greenfield Village brings back its joyful 'Nights'

My warmest scarf still smells like burning embers. It's a sort of souvenir from Saturday night's visit to Greenfield Village for the annual celebration known as Holiday Nights. And yes, what they say is true.

Wandering into the historical village does feel like stepping back in time. The sold-out event ensured visitors of all ages would fill the

snow-covered streets, dodging the occasional horse-drawn carriage or Model T.

We'd barely made it onto Main Street, three friends and me, before couples in period costume, called Mummies, sauntered by wishing us a Merry Christmas. And soon the smell of roasting beef, being carved directly from a spit, filled the air. Visitors had already queued up for a taste, bread-in-hand. Though I regret the decision now, we kept on moving, wandered past the carousel and the fur-trimmed coats of carolers outside of Town Hall. We couldn't pass

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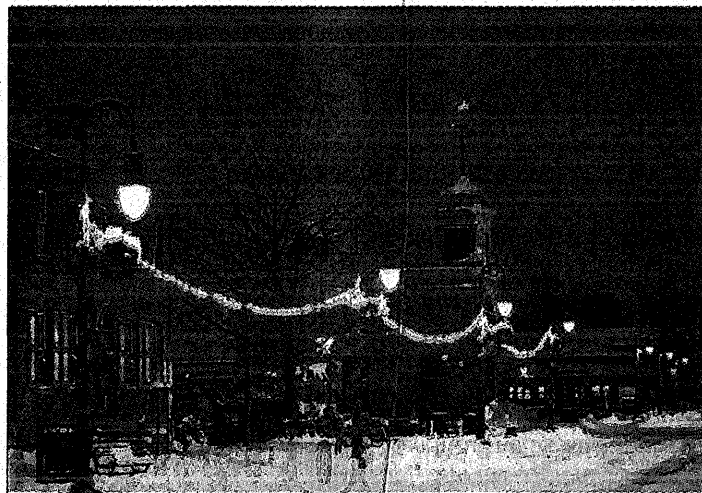
## HOLIDAY NIGHTS

**When:** 6:30-10 p.m. Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 19-23, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28

**Where:** Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

**Tickets:** \$12.75-\$17, call (313) 982-6001 or visit [www.thehenryford.com](http://www.thehenryford.com). Event may sell out.

**What Else:** Plan ahead to enjoy holiday dinner at the Eagle Tavern. Seatings are at 5 p.m. or 8 p.m. and range from \$64.50 to \$68.50, call (313) 982-6001.



Wander the lantern-lit, greens-draped streets during Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village.

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Papa Joe's pastry chef Ken Kozma holds up Caramelized Apples with Eggnog Sabayon.



PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Professional pastry chef offers holiday recipe for elegant dish

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Ken Kozma knows times are tough for everyone. But that doesn't change the way he makes his desserts: his quality ingredients remain the same even though the prices on the pastries were lowered.

Kozma is the pastry chef at Papa Joe's gourmet markets in Rochester and Birmingham and as a holiday gift to the public he offered a recipe:

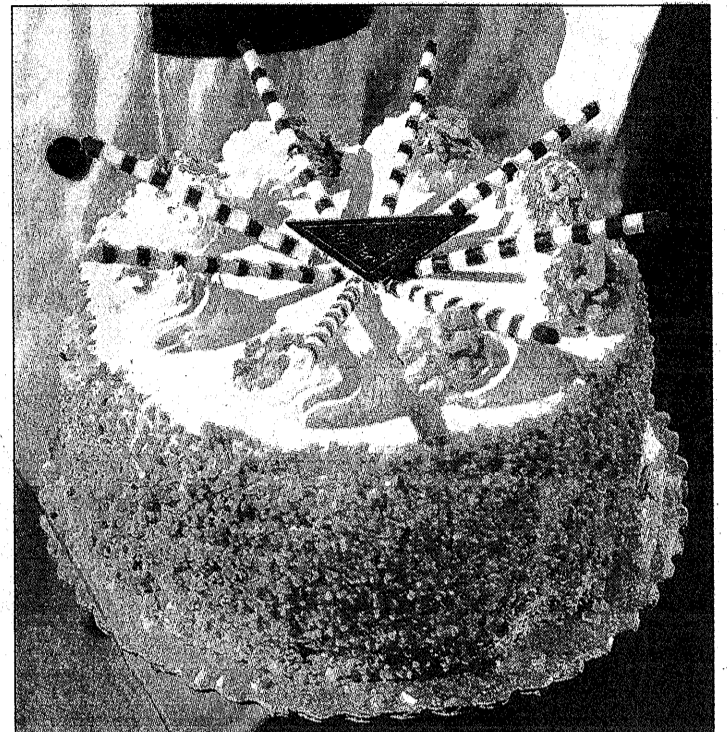
Caramelized Apples with Eggnog Sabayon. The dish is one that would impress even the most elite food connoisseurs and, like many great sweets, the ingredients don't overwhelm each other: apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, yolks, sugar, nutmeg and rum.

For Kozma, pastries are his life. He and his wife, who are a team at Papa Joe's, constantly experiment with new dishes to entice customers. The ingredients he uses often depends on what's in season.

"If we have too many mangos in the store, I just may make a mango mousse," Kozma said. "The owners of this store have never once asked me to skimp on quality. Never once."

That freedom is why Kozma is allowed so much experimentation and why the bakery counter at the market is packed with so many pastries: from the mango mousse to a coconut mousse in a cup; flourless chocolate cake; carrot cake with chantilly cream or a Mignon Torte, for example.

He also delights in family recipes. "The fun part of this job is when customers come to us with their grandmother's recipe and tell me that Grandma Mary is too tired to make her



If creating an elegant dessert is too difficult, Papa Joe's is specializing in affordable, yet interesting desserts such as layered Carrot Cake of cream cheese filling decorated with Chantilly cream, white chocolate shavings, cinnamon and praline crunchies.

apple pie," Kozma said. "So they ask me to make it for her. I love to do that, to see those home recipes."

tinue to cook until tender. Transfer apples to shallow oven proof serving dish.

### CARAMELIZED APPLES WITH EGGNOG SABAYON

For the apples:  
6 Granny Smith Apples, peel, core, and slice approximately 1/4-inch thick  
2 tablespoons of butter  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Eggnog Sabayon  
6 egg yolks  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons of either, bourbon, rum, or brandy  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Combine yolks, sugar, and liquor in a heat proof bowl, and place over a pan of simmering water.

Stir constantly with a wire whip until mixture is light in color and thick.

Pour sauce over apples, sprinkle top with nutmeg. Place apples in pre-heated broiler just until sauce starts to brown one to two minutes.

Melt butter in skillet over medium heat, add apples and cook stirring occasionally for 4 to 5 minutes, add brown sugar, cinnamon and vanilla and con-

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Master Baker Darcy Martin and general manager John Gallis at the Grand Traverse Pie Company in Troy gearing up for the busiest season.

## Easy cookie recipes for the holidays

Here is our last installment of the Easy Holiday Cookie recipe request. We received so many responses and thank everyone who submitted recipes to share with the community. Happy Holidays!

### SCOTTISH SHORTBREAD

by Kathleen McCarroll's from Auto-Com Associates of Bloomfield Hills

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup fine sugar
- 1/2 cup rice flour
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 pound butter, room temperature

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix until crumbly with pastry cutter.

Pat into 9- by 13-inch pan. Bake 25-30 minutes or until just barely brown.

### CHOCOLATE CHIP BARS

by Kathleen McCarroll

- 2 1/2 cups unsifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup soft butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 12 ounces chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix flour, soda and salt in a small bowl.

In mixer, combine sugars, butter and vanilla until creamy. Beat in eggs, then gradually add flour.

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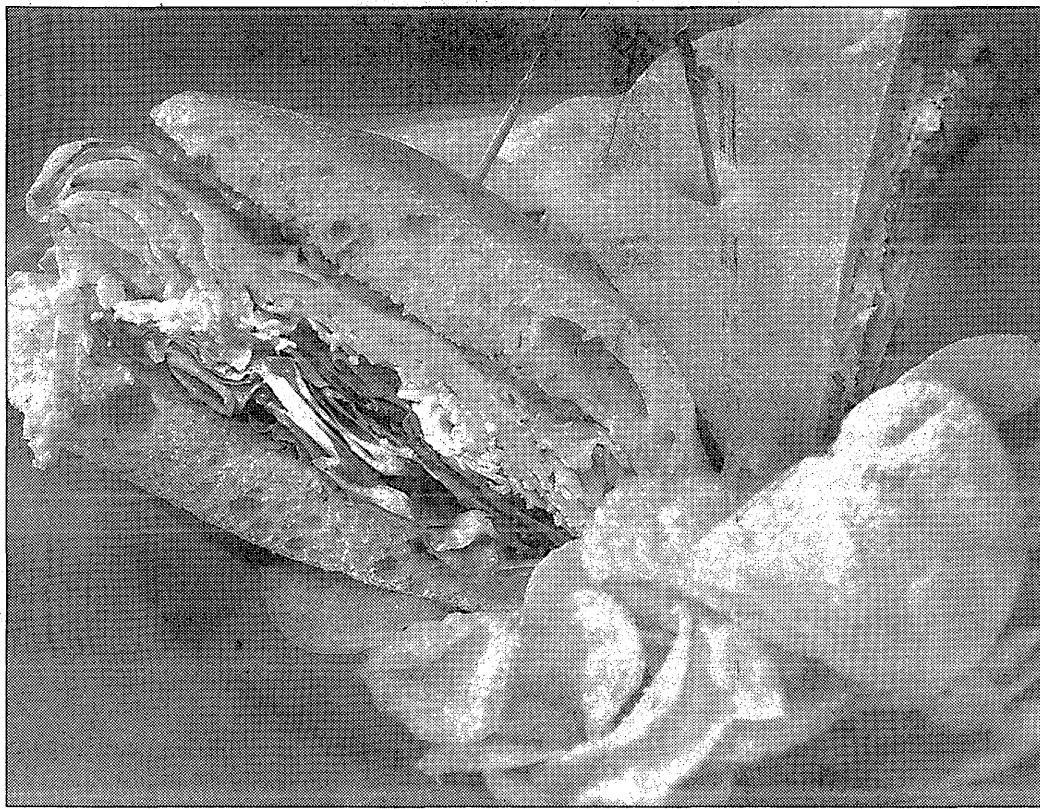
Breakfast items include

sandwiches, bagels and cinnamon rolls. There's a large salad and sandwich list including: Mediterranean Veggie which is roasted red pepper, red onion, cucumber, tomato, feta cheese, salt and pepper, romaine and spring mix plus roasted red pepper hummus on freshly baked focaccia bread. Also popular is the Grand Traverse Club with oven-roasted turkey, cherry wood-smoked bacon, Swiss, tomato, romaine and spring mix, salt and pepper, on sourdough with pesto mayo.

In honor of Traverse City and its connection to cherries, the house dressing at Grand Traverse Pie Company is appropriately Berry Cherry Vinaigrette. One interesting salad is Strawberry Fields: romaine and spring mix, fresh apple, Mandarin oranges, fresh strawberries, red onion, toasted pecans and Parmesan cheese.

And of course, after lunch, get a piece of pie.

- Lana Mini



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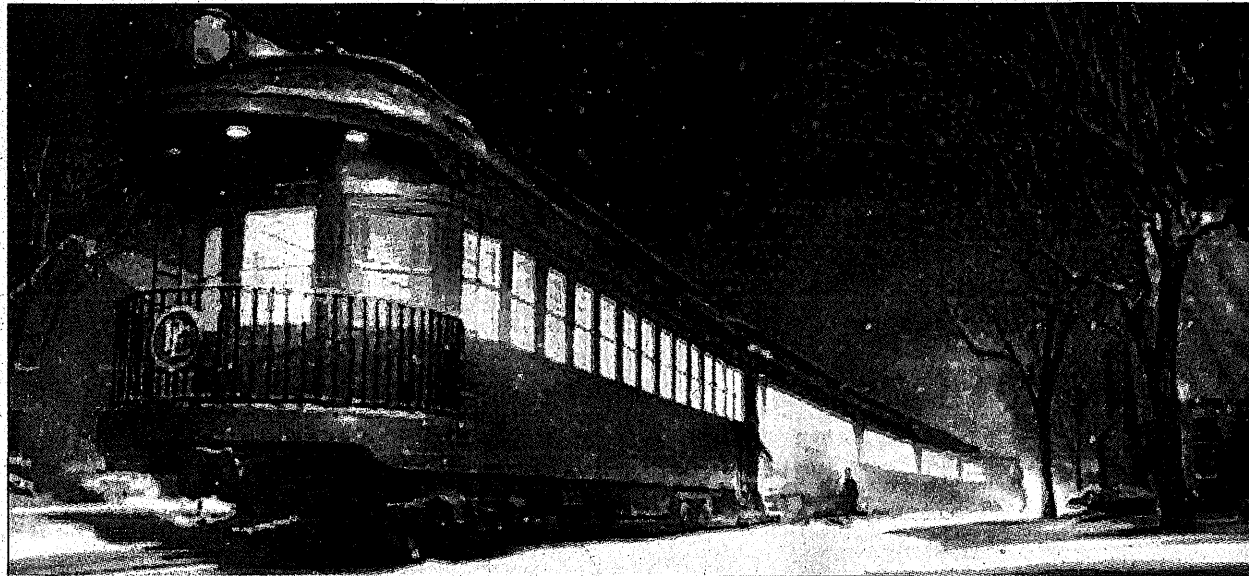
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## Pure Picks

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your pre-holiday entertainment picks beginning Thursday, Dec. 18:

**18** Come Home for the Holidays with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, as Thomas Wilkins conducts the symphony for a mix of holiday classics, contemporary carols and music from across the globe, at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. today at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward. Tickets \$24-\$62, call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.



Wilkins

**19** Hitch a ride on the Polar Express at 7 or 9 p.m. today. It's the final installment in the Penn Theater's holiday features for the month of December. Tickets are \$3 and the Penn is at 760 Penniman, in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0870.

**20** The Farmington Players take on the trials and tribulations of George Bailey, and his angel second-class named Clarence in a stage rendition of the Frank Capra classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. This is the last chance to catch the



The Farmington Players prove "It's a Wonderful Life."

show, directed by John Boufford, at 8 p.m. The barn theater is at 32332 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Tickets \$13-\$15, call (248) 553-2955 or visit www.farmington-players.org.

**21** Meadow Brook Theatre wraps up its annual Scrooge-tastic classic, *A Christmas Carol*, with two final shows, at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. today at the theater, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$32-\$34, call (248) 377-0300 or visit www.mbttheatre.com.

**22** Downtown Rochester sparkles under more than 500,000 lights along Main Street for its annual *Big, Bright Light Show*. The free event, going on now, will draw more than 1 million visitors into the New Year. Take a stroll or slow drive and expect to be wowed.



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A photo from the early days of the Trash Brats, from left, Toni Romeo, Ricky Rat, Brian O'Blivion and T.T. Barr.

## Detroit's wild glam band The Trash Brats reunites

I am so excited for the Trash Brats reunion show Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Small's Bar in Hamtramck.

Forget the pre-holiday preparation. Forget that it's a Tuesday. Put your go-go boots and dancing shoes on and come out.



Lana Mini

The Trash Brats were a wild, excessive, fun glam rock Detroit band that packed the nightclubs in the '80s and '90s, who also held a respectable international following. In 13 years they released five full-length albums, compilations, videos and singles.

Trash Brats shows were legendary. Like many musicians that challenge the mainstream — like Iggy Pop or the New York Dolls — things happened there that aren't fit for newspaper print. But if you're a Detroit music fan over 30, chances are you were there or had friends who begged you to come.

Even if you're under 30, you may have been there 10 years ago. Historically, under age teens find ways to sneak into nightclubs to see worthy bands.

But hey, we've all grown up and what remains is some timeless music.

Hear it at [myspace.com/trashbrats](http://myspace.com/trashbrats). If you're a fan of rock, garage, glam and some glitter get your ticket soon.

I spent years jumping around the dance floor with the Trash Brats at popular night spots like St. Andrew's

### TRASH BRATS

**What:** Trash Brats concert  
**Genre:** Glam/punk  
**When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23  
**Where:** Small's, 10339 Conant Street, Hamtramck, (313) 873-1117  
**Tickets:** \$10 buy now at [www.smalls-bar-detroit.com](http://www.smalls-bar-detroit.com)

Hall, Lili's, The Ritz and Paycheck's. The crowd was upbeat and varied with fans — both male and female — dressed in pink fishnets, faux leopard fur jackets, sequined police hats or top hats, striped tights, patent leather and tons of black eyeliner. Fans included other Detroit musicians who would often play their own shows at other venues earlier in the evening and then rush over to catch the Brats' shows.

See live video on YouTube, keyword search "Trash Brats."

The lineup for this show includes Trash Brats original members including Ricky Rat on guitar, vocalist Brian O'Blivion, bass player Toni Romeo and drummer T.T. (Troy) Barr.

The members are still playing serious music today: Rat has toured the world with bands such as Kevin K and is in reputable bands such as Bootsey X & The Lovemasters and Car City Callgirls. O'Blivion has a solo music career where he performs Americana music and is a prolific singer/songwriter; Romeo is in the critically-acclaimed, largely cel-

ebrated, hard-rocking Easy Action. Barr, who left Michigan for the quieter state of Iowa, hones his musician chops in his church band.

The songs are fun with lyrics often about Detroit (3873 Marlboro Street), love (*Little Me in You*), sex (*Smut*) and life disillusion (*If I Was God*). Those four are also my favorites.

The band performs original music except the occasional cover of perhaps Iggy Pop, Kiss, Jayne County or Jim Carroll.

I asked Rat a few questions recently about the reunion:

**Why the reunion now?**

Now seems to be about a good of a time as any. Mike (the owner) of Small's had been wanting to do the show for some time and finally we all felt that the time was right.

**How long have you been toying with the idea?**

It's kinda of funny, within a year of us breaking up (2002) we had people and clubs asking about a reunion! They didn't even let the blood dry up just yet.

I myself had been thinking on and off for the past year that it would be fun to do a show with the boys again.

**When was the last time you played and where?**

Last show was in December 2002 at Don Hill's in NYC. We decided to call it a day while sitting in our van in front of a club in Boston the night prior. It was BEYOND time to let it go.

**Songs that you will play that night: Everything from Brats history? Or music made when Troy was in the band?**

All of the hits for fans of all ages! We are working with a list of 30+ songs. If we don't watch it we will end up doing a Bruce Springsteen-Stones show-length wise!

**Will we see the Brats on stage like the old days? The glam clothes in drag? (O'Blivion in a corset, Rat's ratted up hair, Romeo with pink hair and Barr dripping in eyeliner.)**

I think it would be a bit silly seeing grown men in their 40s in some of those outfits, huh?! I mean it was silly even when we were in our 20s...

No worries though, we will still be plenty flashy and 100 percent rock and roll!

**To someone who didn't see any of your shows but are curious, what can you tell them to expect?**

They can expect to see a FUN rock and roll show — the way that it's meant to be. More then ever, shows have become way too boring with no excitement whatsoever as well as crappy songs. You will not get that at a Trash Brats show!

**Is this show a one-time thing?**

It was supposed to be, but now it's looking like we may be doing a New Year's Eve show in Indianapolis with our old friends Sloppy Seconds; and a few offers here and there. So, who knows what will happen!? Nothing full-time though that's for sure! But hey if some promoter in Europe or the US wants to do us right — we're there!

(Rat performs Europe often with Kevin K)

## MOVIES

FROM PAGE D1

### CAN'T MISS CLASSICS

**White Christmas (1954)** — Blame this pick on my college roommate. She used it to convince me that I liked musicals after all. Thanks Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney, for the unbelievably catchy songs. Viewers can count on singing Irving Berlin's *Sisters* for days.

**Miracle on 34th Street (1947)** — Just accept it, Edmund Gwenn is Kriss Kringle. No question in my mind. Pen your letters to Santa and watch a young Natalie Wood become a believer.

### REPEATS FOR A REASON

**A Christmas Story (1983)** — This comedy runs continuously on TBS. If you've ever feared a mall Santa or dared to stick your tongue on a frozen light pole, well, it's required viewing.

**It's a Wonderful Life (1946)** — The quintessential holiday classic, it's hard to imagine Dec. 24 without Jimmy Stewart, Zoo Zoo's petals and Clarence's wings.

### CHILDHOOD-APPROVED

**The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)** — Leave it to Tim Burton to give us something sweet as candy canes that's relevant from Halloween through the New Year. See Christmastown through the eyes of Jack Skellington.

**Mickey's Christmas Carol (1984)** — Scrooge McDuck spends a sleepless night re-living Christmas to learn there are those less fortunate who truly understand the spirit of giving. It may be animated but, for me, this story evokes the same emotions in any format. Sorry George C. Scott.

**The Year Without a Santa Claus (1974)** — Rankin and Bass are the grand-daddy's of stop-motion Christmas magic and — while I've loved many of those cartoons — in my household this holiday fare that reigned supreme. When Santa threatens to take a year off, Mrs. Claus steps in to save the day. Heat Miser and Snow Miser might well be my most-beloved Christmas-inspired characters.

**Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)** — He might be a "mean one" but Boris Karloff's take on our favorite grumpy green Christmas thief never grows old. I return to Whoville at least once a year, hoping I'll get to carve the Roast Beast.

Like Heat Miser, **Stephanie Angelyn Casola** never wants to see a day that's under 60 degrees. She's bundling up and writing about entertainment and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or [scasola@hometownlife.com](mailto:scasola@hometownlife.com).

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**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** "Fun and Games," 3 p.m. Feb. 22, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 4 p.m. March 1, 2009, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; "String Sundae," 3 p.m. March 29, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 3 p.m. April 5, 2009, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, 2009, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, 2009, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).  
**Hagopian World of Rugs:** Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9, 2009, Jan. 30, 2009, March 13, 2009 and May 8, 2009, (248) 559-2095, [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).  
**Seligman Performing Arts Center:** Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano, Jan. 24, 2009; ATOS Trio, Feb. 7, 2009; Garrick Ohlsson, piano, March 21, 2009; Guarneri String Quartet, April 11, 2009; Pacifica Quartet with Erik Ronmark, saxophone, April 18, 2009; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16, 2009; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30, 2009. All concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit [www.ComeHearCMSD.org](http://www.ComeHearCMSD.org).

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**Beckridge Choral:** 45700 Six Mile, Northville, [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org) or call (734) 416-9885.  
**Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts:** 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org).  
**Farmington Community Chorus:** Seligman Performing Arts Center of Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, in Beverly Hills, (248) 669-4146.  
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**First Presbyterian Church:** Welcome All Wonders, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19; Pseuturies of Psalms, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 2009; How Can You Keep From Singing?, 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 2009; Pipedusters w/organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17, 2009; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 2009, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, [trentney@comcast.net](http://trentney@comcast.net).  
**Plymouth Oratorio Society:** First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.  
**Rackham Choir:** "An Affair To Remember," Feb. 14, 2009, Club Venetian, Madison Heights; "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, 2009, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; "The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, 2009, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, [www.rackhamchoir.org](http://www.rackhamchoir.org).

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**Orchestra Canton:** "Mozart's Birthday Bash," 8 p.m. Jan. 24, 2009, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5460.  
**Chamber Music at the Scarab Club:** Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, [www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic](http://www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic).  
**Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070, [www.ComeHearCMSD.org](http://www.ComeHearCMSD.org).  
**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** Max M. Fisher Music Center, box office at 3711 Woodward, [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com), (313) 576-5400.



**Fox Theatre:** Andrew Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. May 19, 2009; tickets \$82-\$162.  
**Max M. Fisher Music Center:** Home for the Holidays, Dec. 18-20; Marvin Hamlisch, Jan. 22-24, 2009; All You Need is Love, Feb. 12-15, 2009; Pops Goes Las Vegas, March 19-22, 2009; The Music of Billy Joel, April 16-19, 2009; A John Williams Adventure, March 14-17, 2009, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).  
**Plymouth Symphony Orchestra:** "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More," 8 p.m. Feb. 7, 2009; "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, 2009, all at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; "Pops at the Penn, Home for the Holidays," 7 p.m. Dec. 18; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, 2009, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2122, [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).  
**Schoolcraft College:** Pianist Anton Nel, Feb. 13, 2009; Avalon String Quartet, March 20, 2009; Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15, 2009; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.  
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# TSO will again rock house with yuletide show

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Last year, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra played its dazzling, symphonic rock interpretation of Christmas music to a sell-out crowd at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

That doesn't surprise Jeff Corey, marketing director for The Palace, who expects the same during the rock orchestra's two-show "Winter Tour 2008" stop in Detroit on Sunday, Dec. 21.

He's seen TSO steadily increase in popularity with all ages in the several years the Christmas rock opera has been staged at The Palace.

"Their popularity keeps growing — a lot of it is word of mouth," he said.

Perhaps it's because the band's music appeals to all ages. It crosses genres, blending metal and progressive rock, the majesty of a full orchestra and narration.

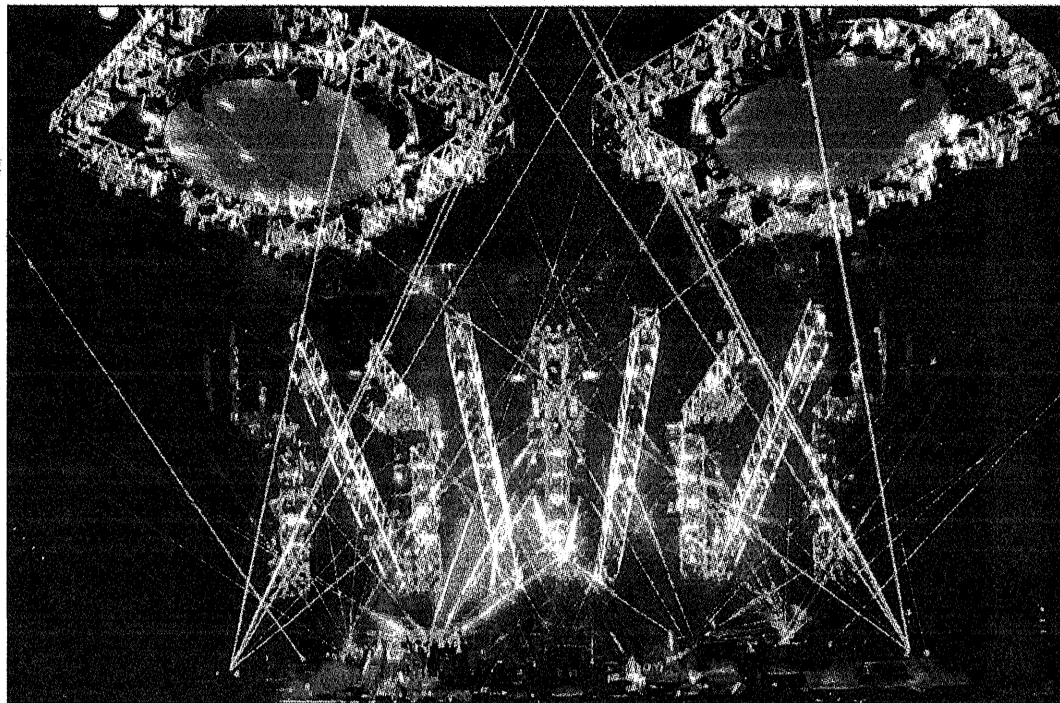
Adding to the appeal are the rock concert-style pyrotechnics.

Whatever the reason, Corey says the Yuletide concert is becoming "a tradition" for many.

"You'll see families coming together for this," he said.

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The Trans-Siberian Orchestra's unique brand of symphonic rock is enhanced by lights, lasers and pyrotechnics.

TSO will perform its double platinum selling 1996 debut release, *Christmas Eve and other Stories*, in its entirety.

That means that audiences will get to hear *O Come All Ye Faithful* and other seasonal classics seamlessly move from crunching metal power chords to the majesty of full orchestra to soft piano and voice

ballads, all while the narrators and vocalists act out the drama.

The second half will be a full on rock concert including songs from the band's other recordings.

TSO's other CD releases include *The Christmas Attic* (1998), *The*

*Lost Christmas Eve* (2004) and *Beethoven's Last Night* (2000).

### 'FANS FIRST'

TSO was founded by Paul O'Neill, Robert Kinkel and Jon Oliva in 1996.

The group's name is inspired by the Trans-Siberian Railway in Russia, which Kinkel has said connects cultures, much as music does.

Their first tour was in 1999, playing to smaller venues. Corey recalls that Detroit radio station WRIF — which is presenting The Palace concert — "really helped break the band."

The 2007 Winter Tour, TSO's most successful to date, played to more than one million fans.

The New York-based band's 150-person crew moves from city to city in a caravan of 32 trucks and 16 buses.

"TSO continues to grow because we put the fans first," said founder O'Neill. "For me, the ultimate critic is time."

### TSO WINTER TOUR 2008

What: Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Winter Tour 2008

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# HAPPENINGS

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20 and 3 p.m. Dec. 21, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 576-5111.

**Who Wants Cake:** Don't miss the hilarious stage adaptation of writer David Sedaris' *The SantaLand Diaries* and *Seasons Greeting*, performed by Ferndale's Joe Plambeck and Joe Bailey,

showtimes Friday-Monday, through Dec. 22, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$10-\$20, (248) 545-5545 or WhoWantsCakeTheatre.com.

**The Farmington Players:** *It's a Wonderful Life*, with shows now through Dec. 20, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 553-2955 or visit www.farmingtonplayers.org.

**Spend Xmas with Ced n Teri:** Mikey Brown and Sarah

Switanowski celebrate the holidays by bringing their Webisode characters Cedrick and Teri to life, along with musical guests, in *A Very Ced n Teri Xmas*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Dec. 27 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Tickets, \$10-\$15, call (313) 365-4948.

**Fox Theatre:** Like a Christmas Card set to music, see Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, running to Dec.

28, tickets \$20-\$100, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Visit OlympiaEntertainment.com or call (248) 433-1515.

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** *A Christmas Carol* is a long-running tradition in Rochester. Don't miss out, showing through Dec. 21, on the campus of Oakland University, in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$25-\$40. Call (248) 377-0300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com.

Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola

# NIGHTS

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up a stop at the Hot Chocolate stand for a warm up, before heading into the bustling Pavilion, where my co-revelers imbibed in rum-doused cider and treats.

We could tell we'd need our energy to battle the stirring winds and frigid temperatures that come with any proper Michigan winter. And so we made our way, shuffling in and out of historic homes and across snow-covered landscapes, past the Ackley Covered Bridge, looking for dim lights and open doors. We huddled for warmth and made our way into the boarding house where Thomas Edison's employees lit the first electric light bulb, ogling the holiday decor and displays of celebratory feasts dating back to decades gone by.

A large crowd had gathered outside of the Robert Frost home, and for good reason. From across the street we could see the red and white garb of Santa Claus as he called out good wishes from a second-story balcony. He waved hello-ho-ho and shouted to his visitors by first name, with the aid of an elf stationed on the ground. Two of his fleet, hulking-but-gentle reindeer, curled up in an outdoor pen, greeting their visitors with antlers held high.

Though warming fires were beaming around the village, we rubbed our hands and stepped into the Noah Webster home, two stories decorated in evergreen and ready for a holiday feast. From the sparsely-filled bedrooms to his study, where he penned the first dictionary, copies of Webster's works were encased in glass. It was among the more popular stops on our visit, judging by the slowly moving lines that moved up the narrow staircase.

Nearby, a crowd also filled the Sounds of America Gallery, where musical instruments filled the halls of this 1830s home, and the band Picks and Sticks performed inside for all to hear. Though we skipped the Scotch Settlement school-house, with its line lingering

out of the door, my favorite stop had to be the Martha-Mary Chapel, its steeple gleaming in the moonlight. We quietly made our way inside and sat down, soon surrounded by the sounds of an angelic choir in the midst of *Silent Night*.

Stopping at The Taste of History restaurant just long enough for an eggnog. Then we shuffled past the Eagle Tavern — which was offering its second seating of special dinner menu featuring roasted rib of beef, squash soup, and roasted chicken with a cranberry orange relish. We peered enviously through the wreaths in the window at what appeared to be a Turn of the Century dinner party among friends.

But I was happy enough to take a ride on the Herschell-Spillman Carousel — which dates back to 1913. The sights and sounds can't help but bring back memories of childhood as we spun around slowly on ornately-designed horses, but also zebras, frogs and pigs. And when the ride was over we wandered just across the street, outside of town hall to join a sing-a-long of *Angels We Have Heard on High* and *Joy to the World*, as a Fourth-of-July-worthy fireworks display lit up the chilly night sky.

Holiday Nights packs every bit of festive spirit into one event, spread across 80 acres. We surely only experienced a small part of all there is to offer. From ice skating to tastes of roasting chestnuts or pork and apple stew, there is plenty to fill the evening hours. And if you're willing to brave the weather it's a great way to spend time with friends or family at a time of year that's often overshadowed by shopping and stress. Greenfield Village even operates a Christmas tree and greens lot on the premises, so you can take home a freshly-cut slice of the experience when its time to travel back to the future.

**Stephanie Angelyn Casola** bundled up with two pairs of socks and leg warmers but still had chattering teeth during Holiday Nights. She covers entertainment and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

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**The Fillmore:** Joel McHale. Jan. 17, 2009, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.  
**Fox Theatre:** Ron White, March 14, 2009, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.  
**JD's House of Comedy:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield. (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.  
**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia:** 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.  
**Joe Louis Arena:** Steve Harvey and Katt Williams, Dec. 31, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.  
**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com.  
**The Second City:** 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

### CONCERTS

**Clutch Cargo:** 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.  
**The Fox Theatre:** Barenaked Ladies, Dec. 31; LaBelle featuring Patti LaBelle, Nona Hendryx and Sarah Dash, Jan. 18, 2009; BB King and Buddy Guy, Feb. 16, 2009; Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends, March 12, 2009, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.  
**Joe Louis Arena:** Lil Wayne, Dec. 26; Metallica with Machinehead, The Sword, Jan. 13, 2009, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.  
**Masonic Temple Theatre:** 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.  
**Majestic Theatre:** Femi Kuti, Jan. 16, 2009, 4140 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-9700.  
**Michigan Theatre:** The Pretenders, Feb. 9, 2009; John Hiatt and Lyle Lovett, Feb. 20, 2009, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666.  
**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Dec. 21; Slipknot with Coheed and Cambria and Trivium, Jan. 31, 2009; Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance, Feb. 15, 2009; Fleetwood Mac, March 8, 2009; 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.  
**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Reel Big Fish, Jan. 13, 2009; Tim and Eric's Awesome Show, Jan. 25, 2009; Umphrey's McGee, March 12, 2009; 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www.royalokmusictheatre.com.  
**St. Andrew's Hall:** Trans-Siberian Orchestra, two shows on Dec. 21; The Hard Lessons, Dec. 27; Rusted Root, Dec. 30; Unerath, Jan. 9, 2009; Scott Weiland, Jan. 28, 2009; Sam Roberts, Feb. 28, 2009; Less than Jake, March 21, 2009, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**DANCE**  
**Detroit Dance Collective:** Adray Theatre, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, (810) 444-4553, www.detroitdancecollective.org.  
**Detroit Opera House:** Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Feb. 12-15, 2009; "Aladdin," Grand Rapids Ballet Company, Feb. 28, 2009; "Romeo & Juliet," American Ballet, March 13-15, 2009, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.  
**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** Lake Orion Performing Arts Center, (248) 559-2095; "NewDANCEfest VII," 7:30 p.m., Jan. 17, 2009, Troy High School Auditorium, (248) 559-2095; "Motown in Motion," 8 p.m., April 4, 2009, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, (586) 286-2222, 2171 Cole, Birmingham, www.ede-dance.org.  
**MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company:** 20500 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (586) 899-2629.  
**Tatry Dancers:** 26123 McDonald, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-0183, www.Dance.PRCUA.org/Tatry.  
**University Musical Society:** Batsheva Dance Company "Three," 8 p.m., Feb. 14, 2009, and "Deca Dance" 2 p.m., Feb. 15, 2009; Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m., Oct. 15, 2009; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m., April 25, 2009 and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m., April 26, 2009; Rubberdance Group, "Elastic Perspective," 8 p.m., Jan. 9 and "Redux Phase II" 1 and 8 p.m., Jan. 10, 2009, www.ums.org.

**FAMILY**  
**Canton Cinema:** Free matinees 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456.  
**Detroit Puppet Theatre:** "Celebrate Holiday Month," December; "Banana for Turtle," January 2009; "Oh, Ananse," February 2009; "Purim Shpiel," March 2009; Guest Artist Performances, April 2009; "Turtle Island," May 2009; "Sleeping Beauty," June 2009, all performances at 2 p.m., Saturdays, \$10/adults, \$5/children, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, (313) 961-7777, www.puppetart.org.  
**Detroit Zoo:** (248) 541-5717, www.detroitzoo.org.  
**Fox Theatre:** Sesame Street Live "When Elmo Grows Up" Jan. 30-Feb. 15, 2009, \$12-\$32; family nights, Jan. 30, Feb. 4 and 12, 2009, \$10; Detroit Public Television benefit performance, Feb. 6, 2009, (248) 433-1515, www.OlympiaEntertainment.com.  
**Palace of Auburn Hills:** Harlem Globetrotters World Tour, Dec. 28, \$15-\$39.50, (248) 645-6666, www.disneyonline.com.  
**Max M. Fisher Music Theatre:** 3700 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111.  
**Meadow Brook Theatre:** Children's Series, "Freedom Train," 10 a.m., Feb. 23, 2009; "Nate the Great," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 28, 2009; "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," 10 a.m., March 20, 2009; "Charlotte's Web," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., May 9, 2009, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mtbtheatre.com.  
**Palace of Auburn Hills:** 1 Championship Drive, (248) 645-6666.  
**Starlight Youth Theatre:** 315 N. Telegraph, north concourse of Summit Place Mall, (248) 335-1788.  
**University Musical Society:** Family Series, Rubberdance Group, Jan. 10, 2009; Kodo, Feb. 13, 2009; The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma, March 13, 2009; Dan Zanes & Friends, March 29, 2009; (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

### FILM

**Detroit Film Theatre:** Currently in-between seasons, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900.  
**Henry Ford IMAX:** "The Polar Express," showing through the holidays, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313) 271-1570.  
**Magic Bag:** Brew & View doors 8 p.m., film, 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, "Zack & Miri Make a Porno," Dec. 18, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.  
**Penn Theatre:** "Polar Express," Dec. 19-21, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-0870.  
**Redford Theatre:** "White Christmas," Dec. 19-20, all at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. www.redfordtheatre.com.

### FUND-RAISERS

**Urban Wheel Awards:** Fashion Cars and Stars like Sheryl Lee Ralph, Tony Plano of "Ugly Betty" and Comedian Henry Cho honor automotive industry leaders at this 13th annual event. Green Carpet begins at 4 p.m., event opens to the public at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$50-\$1,000, visit www.urbanwheaward-sa.com or call (301) 390-1823.

### JAZZ

**Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant:** 25333 West 12 Mile, Southfield, (248) 357-6009, arturos.com.  
**Baker's Keyboard Lounge:** Gospel Show 2 p.m., Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays, Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300.  
**B'Jazz Vespers:** First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, Birmingham (248) 644-0550.  
**Cliff Bell's:** Scott Gwinnett Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m., Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, Americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit

(313) 961-2543.  
**Detroit Golf Club:** www.palmerwoods.org, (313) 892-3848.  
**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** Max M. Fisher Music Center, box office at 3711 Woodward, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.com.  
**Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Saturdays at Shield's, (1-4 p.m.), Paul Klinger, Dec. 20; Mike Karoub, Jan. 3, 2009; Paul Keller Ensemble, Jan. 17, 2009; Ray Heitger, Feb. 7, 2008; TBD, Feb. 21, 2009; Ragtime Rick, March 7, 2009; Bill Meyer, March 21, 2009, \$10, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720.  
**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** 350 Madison, Detroit (313) 887-5001, www.musichall.org/jazz\_cafe.htm.  
**Late Nite Thursdays in Downtown Rochester:** (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.  
**Southfield Public Library:** 26300 Evergreen, (248) 796-4224, www.southfieldlibrary.org.  
**Village Theatre at Cherry Hill:** All About Jazz Jazz Cafe with the Tony Ruda Quartet, soloists welcome onstage, Jan. 17, 2009, Feb. 14, 2009, March 21, 2009, April 25, 2009; \$17/\$120 for series, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, www.canton-mi.org/village-theater, (734) 394-5460.

### MORE MUSIC

**Arab American National Museum:** Malika Zarra, Dec. 18, \$8-\$12, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 582-2266 or www.arabamericanmuseum.org  
**Detroit Opera House:** A Valentine's Rock n' Roll Spectacular featuring The Miracles, The Reflections, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, The Contours, The Diamonds and The Drifters, 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009; tickets \$37-\$67, at 1526 Broadway, Detroit, call (248) 645-6666.  
**First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham:** 1669 W. Maple, (248) 540-9124, hsbay@bcgglobal.net.  
**Jewish Community Center:** 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-1000.  
**Kirk in the Hills:** 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-2515 ext. 108.  
**Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts:** 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500.  
**Nardin Park United Methodist Church:** seating at 7:15 p.m., 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-8860, www.nardinpark.org.  
**Oakland Community College:** 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 246-2586.  
**St. Aidan Catholic Church:** 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 425-5950.  
**Trinity House Theatre:** 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, (www.trinityhouse.org).  
**Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington:** 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills, (734) 981-9378, www.uufarmington.org.

### MUSEUMS

**Birmingham Historical Museum:** Maple and Southfield roads, Birmingham, (248) 642-2817.  
**Charles H. Wright Museum:** at 915 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.  
**Cranbrook Art Museum:** Grand Slam: Andy Warhol, through Jan. 11, 2009, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) 60-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.  
**Cranbrook Institute of Science:** "Bats: Myths and Mysteries" through January 2009, free with museum admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu.  
**Detroit Institute of Arts:** "Jane Hammond: Paper Work," through Jan. 11, 2009; "Monet to Dali, Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art" through Jan. 18, 2009; Museum will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1 for the holidays; "In the

Company of Artists: Photographs from the DIA's Collection" through Feb. 15, 2009; "Master Pieces: Chess Sets from the Dr. George and Vivian Dean Collection" Dec. 26 to March 22, 2009; "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," March 8, 2009 to May 31, 2009; "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Gusky," April 15, 2009 to July 12, 2009, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.  
**Detroit Historical Museum:** New exhibits are "Hero or Villian? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership," "Fabulous 5: Detroit's Entertainment Venues," Automotive Showplace features the Model T Centennial and "100 Years Ago" uses photographs, newspaper and other memorabilia to showcase live in 1908, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.  
**Detroit Science Center:** "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; Senior Mondays offer free general admission to those 60 and older now through Dec. 29, 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.  
**The Henry Ford:** 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6001, www.hfmv.org.  
**Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:** "Becoming: Photographs from the Wedge Collection," through Dec. 28, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.  
**Museum of New Art:** Annabel Elgar Part II, through Jan. 24, 2009, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 210-7560.  
**Plymouth Historical Museum:** 155 S. Main,

Plymouth, \$2-\$10, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.  
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### OPERA

**Detroit Opera House:** "The Elixir of Love," March 28, 2009-April 5, 2009; "Pagliacci," April 18-26, 2009; "Carmen," May 9-17, 2009, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, www.michiganopera.org.  
**Grantland Street Playhouse:** 27555 Grantland, Livonia, (313) 535-8962, www.mcyt.org

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**The Palace:** Mixed Martial Arts Extreme Cage Fight Ward, Jan. 24, 2009, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$10-\$50, www.palacenet.com.  
**Poetry, Pages & Scribes:** Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen, (248) 796-4224, www.southfieldlibrary.org, www.poetrypagescribes.com.  
**PuppetArt:** Shows at 2 p.m., Saturdays, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, (313) 961-7777.  
**Rock Financial Showplace:** 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi, www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.  
**StarBright Dinner Theatre:** Uptown Eatery, 19701 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, \$39.95 Friday-

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**The Farmington Players:** "It's a Wonderful Life," through Dec. 20; The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, Feb. 20, 2009 to March 7, 2009; Sweet Charity, April 24, 2009 to May 16, 2009; 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.  
**Grosse Pointe Theatre:** 32 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 881-4004.  
**Jewish Ensemble Theatre:** "Two by Two," through Jan. 4, 2009; "Halpen and Johnson," Feb. 17, 2009-March 15, 2009; "Deathtrap," April 21, 2009-May 17, 2009, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jetttheatre.org.  
**Marquis Theatre:** 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.  
**Oakland Theatre Guild:** Starlight Theater, Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford, (248) 335-1788, www.starlight-theater.net.  
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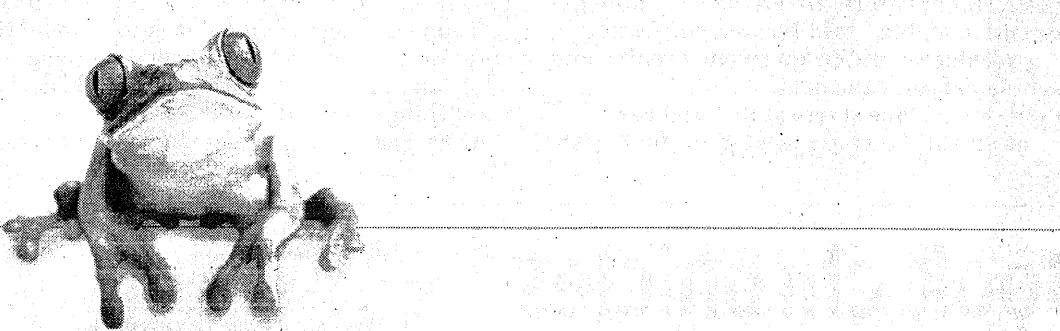
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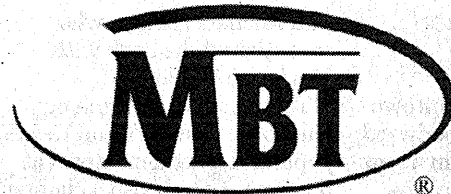
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BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

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"It's a great gift because it's affordable. The idea is not to get them all at once, but to gradually add pieces and eventually get a nice collection."

Astrein recently added the charm collection from Chamilia. As Chamilia is licensed by Disney, its large selection of charms include the beloved cartoon characters and symbols.

Whether you prefer Mickey Mouse or Cinderella's pumpkin coach, they're available in various combinations of handblown murano glass, Swarovski crystal or gold and silver.

They start at \$25. Tiffany & Co. at Troy's Somerset Collection has a premier selection of charms, including one in sterling silver depicting its signature blue gift box for \$150. There's also a charm bracelet already loaded with Christmas and winter theme charms in sterling silver.

"Charms are a great way to celebrate love, special occasions and memorable milestones," said Tiffany & Co. Director Erle Pereira. "As new charms are added you begin a tradition that will become a cherished keepsake for future generations."

At Coby's Judaica Center in West Bloomfield, Carole Master says she's selling charm necklaces, earrings and lapel pins with charms such as dreidels and menorahs for Hanukkah, which begins at sundown, Sunday, Dec. 21.

"They make wonderful Hanukkah gifts because Hanukkah is gift-giving time for eight consecutive nights," said Master, suggesting that a necklace could be given one evening and matching earrings the next.

A pin or necklace starts at \$45 and earrings at \$29 at the store, located in the Jewish

## Book chronicles glory days of downtown Detroit

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
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The glory days of downtown Detroit retailing on Woodward Avenue are chronicled in a new book, perfect for holiday giving.

"20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit," an Arcadia Publishing title, was launched by the Detroit Historical Society last month. It includes more than 200 rarely seen images.

"Anybody who has any memories of downtown in its heyday, or holiday traditions downtown, will certainly want to pick up a copy of the book,"

said Michael Hauser, who co-authored the book with Marianne Weldon.

There's a chapter each on Hudson's, Crowley's and Kern's, popular department stores at the time. There's also a chapter on "value merchants" like the Kresge and Woolworth's dime stores.

"All the great stores are in there," said Hauser. "And there's a chapter on holiday traditions downtown."

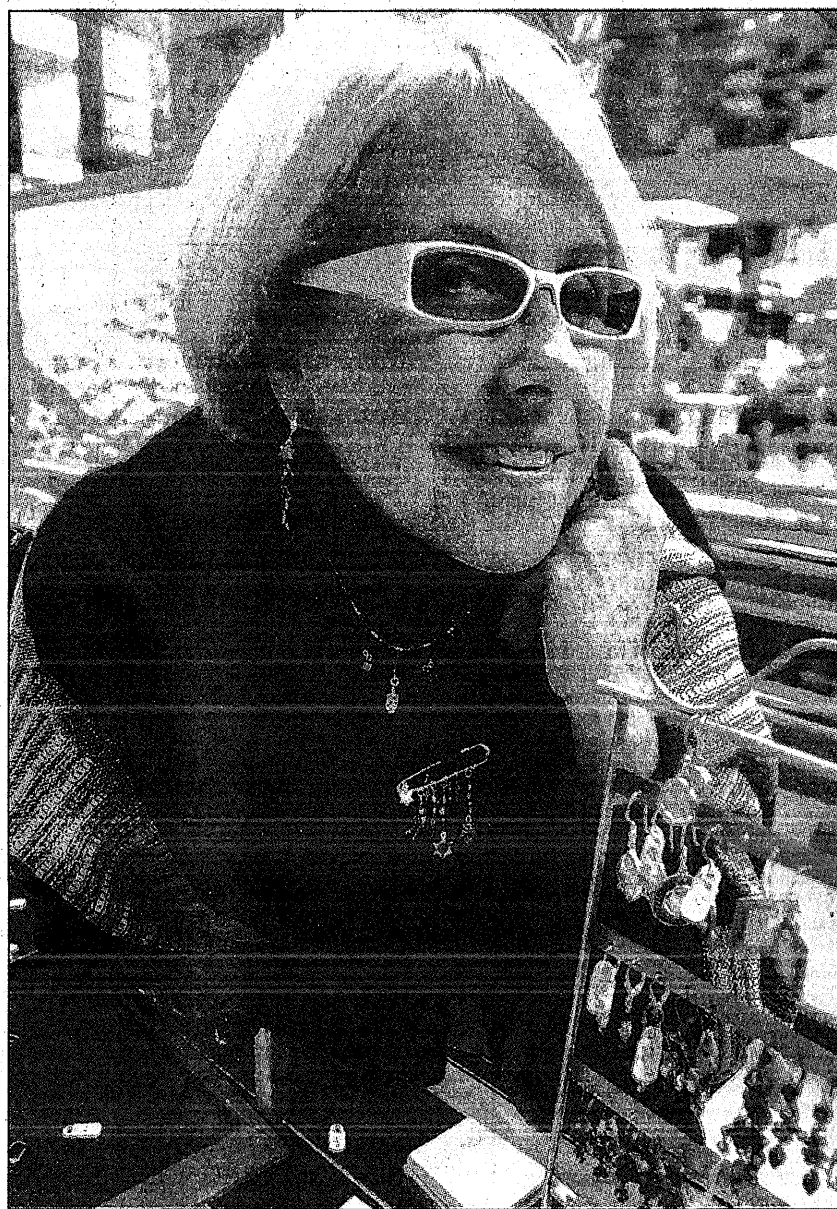
Hauser is the marketing manager for the Michigan Opera Theatre. Weldon is the former curator of collections for the Detroit Historical Society.



Holiday crowds are pictured outside of J.L. Hudson Co. on Woodward in downtown Detroit in this 1953 photo from "20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit."

The \$21.99 book is available at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center area. A portion of the proceeds benefit the museum.

It's also available at Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores. For more information, call the museum at (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroit-historical.org.



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Carole Master wears a Hanukkah-theme charm necklace, pin and earrings, among the pieces available at Coby's Judaica Center for holiday giving and wearing.



This Tiffany charm bracelet (\$450) is loaded with charms in sterling silver and Tiffany's signature blue, including: Naughty/Nice lock charm, Tiffany Blue Box, holiday tree, snowflake, enamel candy cane, enamel ice skate.

Community Center.

All the stores also have sparkling offerings for other big holidays such as New Year's Eve.

Overall, Astrein said he finds that more classic items are selling best this year.

"People are sort of going back to some of the classics like diamond studs and diamond bracelets. They want things that will last," he said.

At Parisian in Livonia and

Rochester Hills, spokeswoman Jill Engel said there are three hot sellers this season, two of which are along the classic lines: crystal boxed jewelry with Swarovski crystals and sterling silver jewelry. The third big seller has a personal touch — like charms — as people are buying inspirational bracelets, she said.

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## pink picks

**Editor's Note:** This week's Picks urge you to curl up by a roaring fire and crack open a new book. All but the first suggestion were submitted by PINK readers in Oakland and Wayne counties. Enjoy!

**Read It!**

*A Flake Like Mike*, by Mike Reiss available for \$16.99 at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy. For each sale, \$2 benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Read It!**

*Goldengrove* by Francine Prose, submitted by reader Sharon Bright of Plymouth

**Read It!**

*Real Simple* magazine, submitted by reader Lizz Hill of Commerce Township.

**Read It!**

*Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan, then see the movie, opening Dec. 25, submitted by reader Jennifer Peters of Canton

**Read It!**

*Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert, submitted by reader Yong Lin of Livonia

**Read It!**

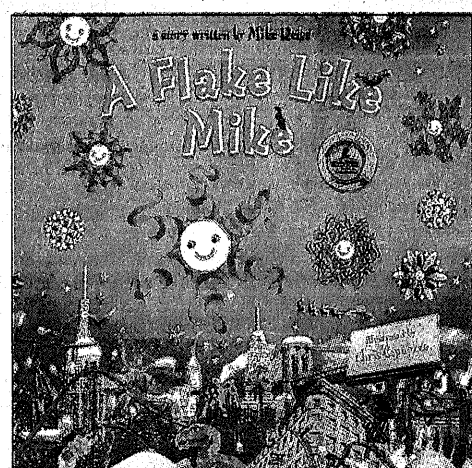
*Language* by Tonya Reiman, submitted by reader Tanya Chisholm

**Read It!**

*Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, submitted by reader Jaime White of Plymouth

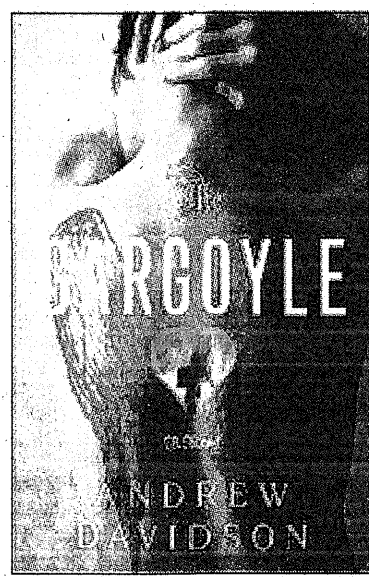
**Read It!**

*Middlesex* by Michigan native Jeffrey Eugenides, submitted by reader Esther Weddell of Farmington



**Read It!**

*Jane Eyre* (a classic!) by Charlotte Bronte, submitted by reader and former Pink Picks Contest Winner Amanda Pier of Redford



**Read It!**

*The Gargoyle* by Andrew Davidson, submitted by reader Elizabeth Montalvo of Farmington

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*The Power of Body*

Language by Tonya Reiman, submitted by reader Tanya Chisholm

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## Some families have theme nights for Hanukkah

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Some families create gift themes on the individual nights of Hanukkah, such as pajama or movie night.

Kids get excited about the themes, anticipating what any given night will bring, and parents say it helps them appreciate their gifts more.

"The theme ends up being almost as important as the gift because we build the excitement up," said Andrew Borislow, of Lower Gwynedd, Pa., who's done nights related to cooking, Harry Potter and Pokemon with his sons.

Hanukkah begins this year at sundown Sunday, Dec. 21. Some topical themes this year:

**PLASTIC PRESENTS:** Michelle Levine of Houston is getting her sons, ages 12 and 8, five or six gifts cards each this year because the shrinking economy has forced her to turn down their requests to eat out and see movies. Giving

them \$5 or \$10 gift cards "will allow me to say 'yes' (on their dime) the next time they ask to go out for dinner or to see the new feature hitting theaters," she said.

**GREEN GIFTS:** Jodi R.R. Smith, of Marblehead, Mass., is celebrating with her extended family with gifts that include a hemp bicycle shirt, a botanical facial and biodegradable waste bags and all-natural dog treats. The children are getting nature-themed books and toys, bug catchers and star charts.

**GIVING BACK:** Following the Jewish tradition of giving to the needy, families set aside a night to make a charitable donation. A nice way to do it is to have the children donate the same gift they are getting. Cindy Edelman, 44, of Pelham, N.Y., is giving her 11-year-old daughter pajamas, and they will also donate a matching pair.

"This way she'll be reminded of her donation and that she shared some holiday spirit every time she puts on her pink

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