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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

OLGC celebrates

To begin National Catholic Schools Week, Our Lady of Good Counsel School has invited area families to join students and staff for a special open house celebration.

"This year is particularly special as we showcase the wonderful advantages of a Catholic education offered at Our Lady of Good Counsel School," said Kay Reilly, school principal. "This is the 60th year OLGC parish school has spent dedicated to serving our students academically and spiritually. The theme this year resonates with us, as we continue to give students the most important building blocks for life."

The open house takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. All are welcome to see the school, meet the staff and talk with current students and families about OLGC.

Registration information will be available. Registrations for the 2010-11 school year are due Feb. 5.

OLGC Parish School Alumni and their families are also invited to a Mass in honor of the OLGC school 60th anniversary at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

More information about OLGC's philosophy, curriculum and certified educators can be found at www.olgparish.schoolfusion.us.

Peace Project

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill showcases the photographs of students at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth through Feb. 24 in the Gallery@VT. This powerful exhibit is part of "The Pioneer Peace Project," a service learning initiative connecting students with each other and to their world.

These dynamic black and white photographs illustrate the ideals of peace and the importance of the arts while contributing to part of "The Great Conversation," an exchange of ideas that has evolved over thousands of years and continues to examine who we are and what our purpose is.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

CFCU scholars

Community Financial will be awarding 11 scholarships in April, valued at \$1,000 apiece.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Read the guidelines for our "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships."

Students who qualify need only complete one application; they will be considered for both scholarships.

Deadline to submit four copies of the application is March 5.



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Lettuce, red peppers and chicken give Stephanie Hosko's 'chickenchita' a more colorful presentation.

Not just peanuts

Plymouth girl takes aim at scholarship in sandwich contest

SANDWICH SUCCESS

Who: Stephanie Hosko, 10, of Plymouth

What: Top 10 finalist in Jif's 'Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest'

When: Online voting continues through Feb. 12; top five go to final judging event in New York

At stake: \$25,000 grand prize, \$2,500 scholarships to four runners-up

How to vote: Cast your votes at www.jif.com

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whenever it's time for family gatherings, Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners, Stephanie Hosko has definite ideas about place settings, decorations and the food.

So when she found out about a contest for the most creative sandwich using peanut butter, it was no surprise she'd dive right in. The 10-year-old started talking about recipes immediately with her mom, Lauren, and her grandmother.

Together, they put together some grilled chicken, sauteed red peppers, crushed pineapple, pineapple juice, lettuce and soy sauce, along with the requisite peanut butter, put it all on a flour tortilla, and Stephanie Hosko's "chickenchita" was born.

The sandwich catapulted Stephanie, the daughter of Lauren and John Hosko of Plymouth, into the top 10 finalists in Jif's "Most Creative Peanut Butter

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Firefighters laid off as talks falter

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Layoff notifications were being made Wednesday afternoon to three Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters, two days after talks over concessions that Plymouth Township sought from the firefighters union broke down.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said officials had hoped to avoid layoffs by getting some \$300,000 in concessions from International Association of Firefighters Local 1496, but with no agreement in hand and the budget clock ticking, they had to act.

"We're out here trying to protect the financial viability of this township, and it's tough right now," Edwards said. Like many communities, the township is experiencing a revenue loss due mainly to falling property tax collections and cuts in state aid.

Local 1496 president Rick Tefend denounced the layoffs and blamed the township for the breakdown in talks.

"I think it's unnecessary," said Tefend, whose local represents 25 firefighters. "I don't think they're going to get the savings they're asking for." Tefend called the layoffs "dirty" and said township officials had merely paid "lip service" to negotiations.

Said Edwards: "We can't wait." He said the three laid-off firefighters could be recalled if a deal on concessions can be reached.

Tefend said the union had reached the magic number. "We came up with three hundred thousand dollars out of our wages and benefits," Tefend said. "It's just not exactly how they wanted it done."

Tefend said the plan involved unpaid furlough days, increased employee contributions toward medical care and health insurance and pension concessions.

But Edwards said the union's furlough proposal would have meant between \$120,000 and \$200,000 a year in overtime costs due to minimum staffing requirements. The firefighters' contract calls for at least six firefighters to be on duty at all times; there are typically eight on duty, but if more than two firefighters are off sick or on vacation, overtime is required.

"Most places (employee groups) are conceding, but here they want to work less, make more," Edwards said. Not true, Tefend said.

"The proposals we gave them, there was no guaranteed overtime in any of those proposals," he said, adding that the union agreed that furlough days would be scheduled in a way that would not cause overtime. In the case of a firefighter calling in sick, overtime might be needed, he conceded.

The two sides were reportedly also at odds over a two-year no-layoff guarantee sought by the firefighters. Township officials wanted a one-year guarantee.

The township Board of Trustees discussed the situation in a closed session Tuesday night. The board had voted unanimously Jan. 9 to give Supervisor Richard Reame the authority to lay off three firefighters.

Township officials have been seeking concessions from all employee groups. The Technical Professional and Officeworkers of Michigan local that represents 23 township workers, mostly office staff, has already agreed to furlough days and other concessions that amount to a savings of about \$300,000 a year. Changes have also been made to the health insurance plans of non-unionized workers.

The fire department provides firefighting and emergency medical services for both the township and the city of Plymouth, which shares in the cost. Its budget is just over \$4 million a year.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the township have laid off three firefighters? E-mail your opinion to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

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Free concerts enhance Ice Fest weekend

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

FESTIVAL OF ICE

What: Plymouth Ice Festival

When: 3-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Where: Festival centered around Kellogg Park; events scattered around town

Highlights: Friday - 7 p.m., opening ceremony with Detroit Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom; 'Balto' at the Penn Theatre; Saturday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., college individual carving competition; 3, 5 and 7 p.m., 'Balto' at the Penn Theatre; 5 p.m., 'Dueling Chainsaws' speed-carving competition; Sunday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., college team carving competition; 3, 5 and 7 p.m., 'Balto' at the Penn Theatre; 3-5 p.m., Plymouth Whalers signing autographs

Additional features: The Party Lot in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's restaurant, off of Forest Ave., 6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; Station 885 attempts a world-record 5,000-pound snow cone, 4 p.m. Saturday

Plymouth Ice Festival organizers reached out and the Downtown Development Authority stepped up.

The DDA, charged with promoting and supporting Plymouth's downtown and the businesses there, is sponsoring four outdoor concerts during the Ice Festival, which opens Friday. The free shows, at three different locations, are designed to give festival-goers more reasons to stroll downtown and not limit their Plymouth experience to Kellogg Park, where the festival is centered.

DDA Operations Director Tony Bruscatto said the concerts are the organization's way of enhancing the Ice Festival.

"We want to show (visitors) a good time and show them what downtown has to offer," Bruscatto said.

The concert lineup features three shows Saturday and one Sunday:

- The Troubadours, 1 p.m. Saturday, on Penniman between Main and Harvey. World music and bossa nova.
- The Shawn Riley Band, also at 1 p.m. Saturday, on

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Foundation opens bid for scholarships

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After shelling out \$460,000 in 20 years for student scholarships, the Canton Community Foundation has announced it has started accepting applications for college education grants for the 2010-11 school year. "We're very proud of our scholarship program," foundation President Joan Noricks said.

In all, some 25 college scholarships totaling \$29,700 will be awarded this year, ranging from \$500 to a pair of \$2,000-a-year grants that Yazaki North America, Inc., will renew for four years for recipients who maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

A troubled economy and higher tuition costs have heightened the need for many people to seek help paying for education, and Noricks said some scholarships will be awarded to non-traditional, older students who are returning to school.

"It may be a mom who's decided to go back to school to get a degree or a laid-off employee who needs a career change," she said.

A few scholarships are for Canton residents only, but most applications also are open to residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

To view a list of scholarships and sponsors, or to get an application, log on to www.cantonfoundation.org.

The deadline to apply for help is 5 p.m. March 19, and packets should

be mailed or delivered to the Canton Community Foundation, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton, MI 48187. The office is located in the Canton Human Services Center, northwest of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. For more information, call (734) 495-1200.

Some scholarship money comes from the foundation's own grant budget, while some stems from endowments that donors have established with the 20-year-old organization.

The program continues to grow. For example, Dr. Syed Taj, a member of the Canton Township Board of Trustees, this year plans to donate three \$500 student scholarships — one for each of Plymouth-Canton's three high schools.

"I always liked education. That was my priority," he said.

Taj recalled growing up in India where his late father, Syed Nizamuddin, used to help students pay for their education. Taj said he wanted to follow suit and help some local youngsters, regardless of their field of study, "as long as they are good students."

Here's a snapshot of just a few scholarship opportunities:

- The Canton Business & Professional Women will provide two \$500 scholarships to women who are returning to the workplace, who need further training and who already have begun studying at any college or university. Part-time students may apply.
- The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-

Canton Breakfast Scholarship will provide \$1,000 to a high school senior with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher who has been accepted to a community college for full-time study.

• Certain universities also partner with the foundation to offer scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 for Plymouth-Canton students.

• Some families give scholarships in memory of loved ones, such as the \$500 Meredith Schulz Memorial Scholarship awarded to female students majoring in business at any school or university.

Noricks said decisions on scholarship winners are expected to be made by the beginning of May, and letters will be sent to all applicants.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

February classics

The Thursday Classics film series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth continues in February with "Spencer Tracy Month."

The schedule includes "Without Love," Feb. 4; "Father of the Bride," Feb. 11; "Mannequin," Feb. 18; and "Woman of the Year," Feb. 25.

Box office opens at 6:30, with the movies starting at 7 p.m. All seats are \$3.

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. For more information visit www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

Rockettes clinic

The Salem Rockettes Pom Team hosts its annual pom/dance clinic at Salem High

School Saturday, March 6.

Youngsters in grades K-5 go from 9 a.m. to noon; grades 6-8 go from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$40. For more information, contact Kim Benintende at (734) 340-9360 for more information, or check the team's Web site at www.pom-pom.salemrocks.com

Lions fund-raiser

The Plymouth Lion's Club will be hosting Texas Hold'em, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21-23 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Rose's Restaurant.

Net proceeds to be used for blind and community donations. The event features Texas Hold'em, sit & go tournaments, cash game play, Omaha, and a Thursday deep stack tournament. It will be in a private room with a smoke free environment and professional dealers. Full service bar, late night menu and mid-night pizza buffet.

Table times are 7-9:30-11 p.m., with limited seating. Rose's is located at 201 N. Canton Center on the northwest corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill in Canton. For more information, call (734) 981-9904.



Band bonanza

Musicians from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Plymouth's Pioneer Middle School had a chance to display their talents in front of a live audience at their annual 'Winter Band Concert' last week, led by their band teacher, Karen Storey. Mugging for the camera that night were (from left) Kaya Knake, Robin Apley, Samantha Andrews, Nikki Schroeder, Paula Guzman, Megan Adams, Madeline Andrews, Samantha McGrath, Sydney Darnall, Julia Stevenson and Katie Schweikhart.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their seventh annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 13. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit, with photos as soon as possible. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 105 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. The most recent PCMB Art & Craft Ensemble had over 2,000 visitors.

"The Arts & Craft Ensemble

has grown to be a high quality, well-attended event where only hand-made items are sold," said John Noss, president of the 2010 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our recent Holiday event had record-breaking attendance of over 2000 people, so we know the community is accepting of this show."

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 13. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

All Saints open house

All Saints Catholic School, located in Canton on Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads, hosts an open house 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year.

For further information please contact (734) 459-2490, www.allsaintscs.com, or asc9@hotmail.com

Change Your Life

LifeCare Christian Center hosts a "Change Your Life" Saturday Seminar, "Change Your Health," 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at 570 S. Main in Plymouth.

Learn new information about nutrition, Type 2 Diabetes, Gluten Allergies and more from Dr. David Atiyeh and the LifeCare Wellness Team. Cost is \$10 (individual), \$15 (couple).

For more information, contact Lillian Easterly-Smith via e-mail at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or by calling (734) 956-2109.

Ice Cream Social

The Council on Aging also hosts an Ice Cream Social with State Representative Marc Coriveau 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, also at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

It's an opportunity to come out and get updates on what is currently happening in the State Legislature. Coriveau will also entertain questions and concerns.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to RSVP.

Arts council classes

Parents looking for something to keep preschoolers busy during the cold winter months are getting some help from the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which is offering new art classes for preschoolers beginning in January.

These innovative, fun and inspiring classes will be taught by PCAC instructor Lisa Howard.

"Around the World Art" is an introductory class for 4- and 5-year-olds and will be offered Thursdays starting Jan. 21. Students will explore

art projects, music stories and snacks inspired by various countries and cultures.

"Sticks and Stones Earth Art" is an "all natural" art class on Monday mornings for 4- and 5-year-olds. Sand, clay, sticks, pebbles, insects and veggies are just a few of the items that will be turned into works of art for this creative class. A second session of each of these classes will begin the Week of Feb. 22.

To find out more information about these classes or for information on all of the PCAC programs please visit www.plymoutharts.com. Classes begin the week of Jan. 18 and continue for four weeks, plus an artist show and reception on the fifth week. Registration forms are available online and enrollments can be made by phone, (734) 416-4278, or by drop-in at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale is selling the 2010 Entertainment Book to support its vocal scholarship program. The book contains hundreds of 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts at airlines, restaurants, hotels, car rentals, movie rentals, theater and sports events, and much more.

Retail cost is \$35; your cost is \$20. Save money and support the BeckRidge Chorale.

Call (734) 459-6829 to order. Books will be delivered in the Plymouth area upon request.

Rabbit sponsors

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, the largest rabbit rescue in the United States, is looking for individual sponsors of its 500-plus bunnies.

The sanctuary, located in Willis, near Ypsilanti, is seeking sponsors for \$15 per month. To view rabbits in need of sponsorship and to sign up, visit www.rabbitsanctuary.org.

For more information, call (734) 461-1726.

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Diverse crowd celebrates civil rights leader's legacy

BY DARRELL CLEM
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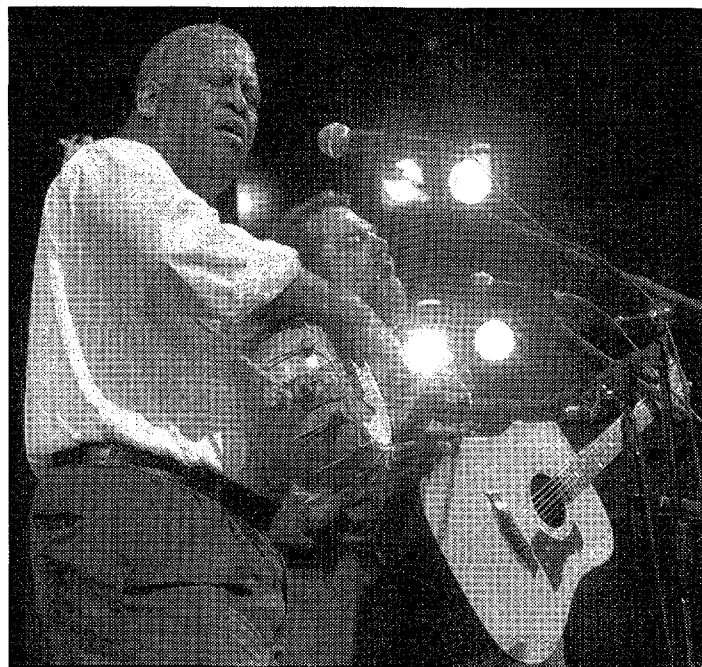
Far from the segregation days of her Mississippi childhood, 58-year-old Arlean Montgomery watched proudly Monday evening as her granddaughter Kyla, 8, and other African-American children gave a crowd-pleasing Kuungana African Drum & Dance Co. performance inside Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Montgomery, her daughter Stacy Harris and granddaughters Kyla and Arlyah Harris represented three generations of family that traveled all the way from Flint for the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Theater employees estimated the crowd at nearly 375 people for an event titled "One Community, One Voice."

Kyla Harris described herself as "scared" before she took the stage, but it didn't dampen her enthusiasm to perform in honor of King, a civil rights pioneer whose message of racial harmony was reflected in a diverse crowd that attended Monday's nearly three-hour event.

"He means the world to me," Kyla said, "because he led the civil rights movement, and he was just great."

She never witnessed the injustices her grandmother endured, such as having to drink from different water fountains than whites and being forced to sit in a movie theater balcony, hidden away from the main floor.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rev. Robert Jones and Matt Watroba school the audience in the roots of American music.

"My mother was involved in the NAACP and participated in the marches," Montgomery said, adding that the election of Barack Obama as the first African-American president was a proud moment her mother didn't live to see. "We did a lot of work to get to this point."

Much of the celebration centered on a program, African-American History Through Artist Eyes, that Kuungana drummer Kevin Collins and two other multi-instrument musicians, Robert Jones and Matt Watroba, usually perform for Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders who visit the Village Theater.

A musical duo, Jones and Watroba performed folk-inspired American roots music to show how rock and roll, blues, gospel, Motown and even rap evolved from centuries-old notes and chords. Jones and Watroba described the role music has played in breaking down barriers and creating social change, including songs such as the civil rights march anthem *We Shall Overcome*.

Outside the theater, artwork of students from Plymouth-Canton's Pioneer Middle School Peace Project could be viewed, as could paintings by African-American artist Byron Reed, 75, of Canton.

Trustees vote to smooth residents' road worries

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A divided Plymouth Township Board of Trustees on Tuesday took a step toward improving four of the community's remaining unpaved streets.

With a 4-3 vote, the board decided to earmark federal money for the paving of four gravel streets in the Eastlawn subdivision, south of Ann Arbor Trail and east of Lilley.

The streets — General Drive, Firwood Drive, Micol Drive and Eastside — total about 2,800 feet. The entire paving project, a six-inch asphalt surface with curbs and gutters, is estimated at \$659,000, said Patrick Fellrath, a civil engineer with the Department of Public Services.

The DPS proposal called for the township to pay for the project up front and be reimbursed, over 10 years, with federal Community Development Block Grant money. About \$110,000 in CDBG money is expected this year; the portion that would go toward paving depends on the exact allocation and the distribution formula that are ultimately approved.

Trustee Steve Mann, noting budget constraints, said officials need to be creative in coming up with a way to pave the streets with the least impact on the township's budget. He suggested seeking a partnership with Wayne County, which has jurisdiction over roads in the township. Trustee Robert Doroshewitz advocated some kind of contribution from subdivision residents, perhaps through a special assessment.

"I think we should try to do whatever we can to get this area improved," said Mann. "Put our heads together and come up with a way to do it."

A number of subdivision residents attended Tuesday's meeting to advocate paving. They spoke of pothole-riddled streets and poor road-grading they said lead to flooded yards and sidewalks and detract from the value of their houses.

"As soon as it rains — chuckhole city," said John Foley, who lives on Eastside.

"I don't like to spend money, but think this would be money well spent," said Marvin Caldwell, who also lives on Eastside.

Some board members expressed concern about the affect the project could have on the budget, and about the likelihood that the CDBG program will remain in place for another 10 years. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program began in 1975.

"I can't see going forward and putting up that amount of taxpayer dollars at this time," said Treasurer Ron Edwards, who voted against the project.

Trustee Kay Arnold said officials should take time to "get our ducks in a row" and move forward with a different funding plan next year. The CDBG application deadline is in mid-February. But DPS director Jim Anulewicz said the approval process has traditionally been slow and there is sufficient time to put a new funding strategy in place.

Voting with Edwards were Doroshewitz and Arnold. Voting yes were Mann, Supervisor Richard Reaume, Clerk Joe Bridgman and Trustee Michael Kelly.

Reaume said more than seven miles of streets in the township remain unpaved.

The alternative project under consideration for block-grant funding was a handicapped-accessible pathway and bridge between a pavilion and a fishing dock in Plymouth Township Park.

CONTEST

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Sandwich Contest." Jif officials notified the family last month, and Lauren Hosko was set to announce it in the family Christmas card before she was told she had to wait. She told Stephanie, but they couldn't tell anyone else.

"I was like, 'Really?'" Stephanie said, remembering the moment her mom told her she'd made the top 10. "I was excited. It was hard not to tell. Kids would bring something up and I'd wonder, 'How do I not tell them?', but then they were talking about something else."

The excitement wasn't limited to Stephanie, though. Lauren Hosko remembers being so excited, she lost track of what she was doing applying her makeup and used eyeliner around her lips.

"It was surreal," Lauren Hosko recalled, smiling. "Our heads were spinning. You never think you're going to win something like that."

She hasn't won yet. Jif is conducting online voting in its eighth annual contest through

Feb. 12. The top five finalists in the online vote get a trip to New York for the final judging. At stake is a \$25,000 grand prize, with \$2,500 scholarships for the other four runners-up.

Stephanie found out about it from her grandmother, Diane Roslinski, a dental hygienist, who heard about it from a patient.

"We were talking about food, as we always do," Roslinski said of her patient. "She asked me about my grandchildren, and how it's fun when they get older because you can cook with them and such."

The patient mentioned the Jif contest, and Roslinski told her husband about it when she got home. They went online and got the details, and Stephanie and her grandmother immediately set about deciding what should go in her sandwich. They talked about using beef, or maybe turkey, but settled on chicken because it's one of Stephanie's favorites. The other ingredients were chosen for factors such as taste, color and ease of cleanup.

Stephanie's interest in cooking came as no surprise. She offers suggestions on family meals, she likes crafts — she once used a do-it-yourself craft kit to make her mom some soaps and bath salts for her 40th birthday a couple of years ago — and, being in a large Polish family, she said she likes to eat.

Not all of the cooking has been quite as successful as the chickenchita.

"I like to cook, but sometimes I don't read the directions," said Stephanie, who admits to liking microwave macaroni and cheese. "One time a recipe called for two-thirds of a cup, and I read it as two or three cups."

Stephanie, a fifth-grader at Canton's All Saints Catholic School, has her eyes — and her hopes — on the grand prize and the trip.

"I want that really bad," said Stephanie, who is also a figure skater who skates with the Westland Figure Skating Club. "You make a sandwich and you have a chance to go to New York. It's unbelievable."

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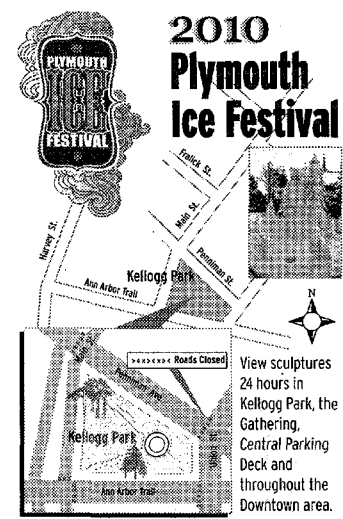
Ann Arbor Trail between Main and Harvey. Top 40 hits.

• Global Village, also at 1 p.m. Saturday, on Forest near Wing. Soul, funk and rock 'n' roll.

• Steve King and the Dittilies, 1 p.m. Sunday, on Forest near Wing. Oldies and favorites.

Bruscato said the concerts will further market the downtown at a time when thousands of people are already in Plymouth to view the ice sculptures. That could prove more effective, he said, than trying to lure people into the city with an entirely new event.

"It's much easier, once you have people already here, to engage them," Bruscato said. "Ice Fest has been around for so long, people naturally



come down here."

A poll of downtown business people and DDA governing board members overwhelmingly showed support for spending on a well-established event rather than on something new, he said.

The concerts, Bruscato said, could replace the Mardi Gras event the DDA launched

last February, which included a concert and street performers downtown and in Old Village.

The DDA will also have a tent on Main Street during festival hours; downtown maps, visitor guides and coupons for local businesses will be available.

Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group, the Ice Festival organizer, said the DDA's concerts represent the type of festival involvement he's advocated.

"We simply want to give people more of an opportunity to see things downtown," he said.

Business owners on Forest are also sponsoring a number of events during festival weekend, including a petting zoo and pony rides for children during festival hours Saturday and Sunday.

"Everybody really came together and the festival has a good feeling about it," Walton said.

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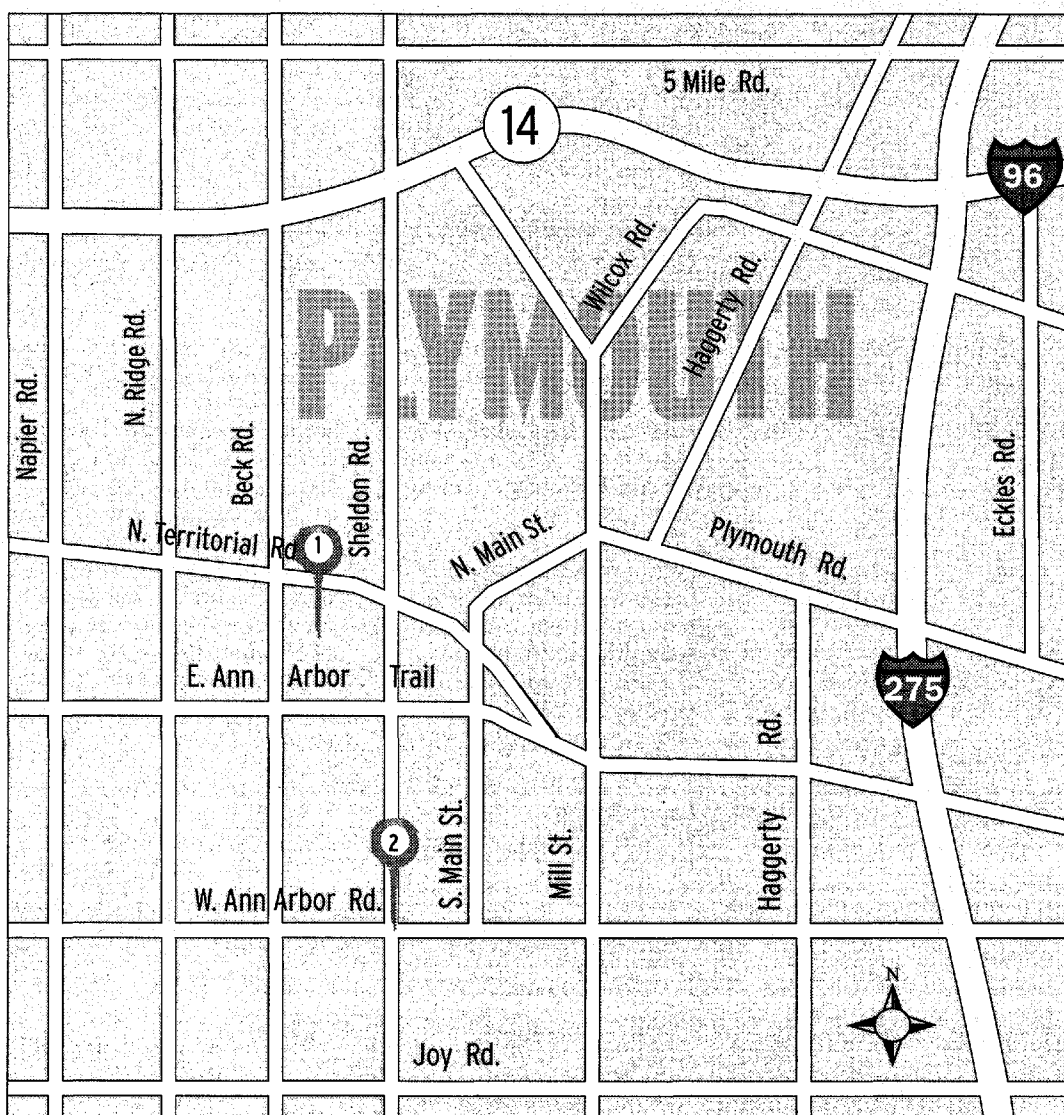
Unlocked vehicles burglarized in township

Police are investigating two larceny cases in which unlocked vehicles in central Plymouth Township were targeted on the night of Jan. 14. One larceny occurred on Wesford Court, where a man reported that a stereo, a navigational system and a digital camera had been stolen from a Ford Explorer, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The Explorer had been left unlocked and was sitting in an open garage, the report said. Another occurred on nearby Portsmouth Court, where a man reported that a computer router and a cellular phone charger had been stolen from a Ford Fusion. The Fusion had been left unlocked and parked in a driveway, a police report said.

Cigarettes swiped

A man stole two cartons of cigarettes from a township police station after his credit card was rejected Monday night. The assistant manager of the Speedway station at Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads told police the man came in about 9:30 p.m. and asked for two cartons of Newports. After checking his driver's license, the assistant manager said, he tried to complete the transaction with the man's credit card, but the credit card was rejected. Upon being informed of this, the assistant manager said, the man picked up the cigarettes and ran from the store. He was seen getting into the passenger side of a white Ford Escort, police said, that then headed west on Ann Arbor Road.

- By Matt Jachman



FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan. 13-19:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19 — Rescue run on Main; residential rescue runs on Tyler, on Plymouth Hollow and on Joanne Lane.
- Monday, Jan. 18 — Carbon monoxide detector run on Deer Creek; residential rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.
- Sunday, Jan. 17 — Residential rescue runs on Collins, on Newporte, on

Washington, on Thornridge, on Northville Road and on Edinburg; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty; commercial fire (mutual aid received) on Sheldon.

- Saturday, Jan. 16 — Residential rescue runs on Carol and on Pineview; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.
- Friday, Jan. 15 — Commercial rescue runs on General, on Beck and on Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue runs on Pinewood, on Red

Maple, on Northville Road, on Portsmouth Crossing, on Newporte and on Woodgate; mutual-aid-given run on Haggerty.

- Thursday, Jan. 14 — Residential rescue runs on Pinetree and on Betty Hill; rescue run on westbound M-14 east of Napier.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13 — Lines down on Union; smoke investigation on Crabtree; wash-down on Sheldon; mutual-aid-given run on Claremont.

Police check on alcohol's role in crash

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton police are investigating whether alcohol was a factor in a head-on collision that occurred Friday night when a man drove his Chevy Camaro across the center line and struck oncoming Ford Ranger on Lilley north of Warren, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. The man driving the Camaro and a 5-year-old boy inside the car were taken to a hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries following the two-vehicle accident that shut down Lilley Road for two to three hours, Schreiner said. The driver of the Ford Ranger was not seriously injured. The accident happened about 11 p.m. when the Camaro, traveling south on Lilley, slammed head-on into the northbound Ford Ranger. "It appeared the Camaro crossed over the center line

into the northbound lane and hit a northbound vehicle," Schreiner said. "Both vehicles were just completely demolished." Canton police and firefighter paramedics initially responded to the crash, and it was determined the Canton police Accident Investigation Team should be called in to conduct the investigation. Police routed traffic to other roads, and Schreiner said "fortunately traffic was light at the time." The investigation is continuing, and it wasn't known how quickly authorities will know if alcohol was a factor when the Camaro driver crossed the center line. "If it is determined that alcohol played a factor, he could also be charged with child endangerment," Schreiner said. If charged and convicted of endangering a child, the driver could face increased penalties, the detective said.

Missing daughter contacts dad

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton father Harry Hill, whose daughter had been missing since Dec. 29, said Wednesday afternoon he got the telephone call he had been anxiously waiting to receive. "She has made contact with me," he said, "and she said she's OK." Hill had filed a report this week with the Canton Police Department after his 27-year-old daughter, Christine Beatrice Turner Hill, took her belongings, left home and didn't let anyone know where she had gone. It's not the first time she had left home, but Hill and other family members had become

worried because no one had heard from her since Dec. 29. Hill said the last time he had seen his daughter, who lives with him, was when he left for work around 10:30 p.m. Dec. 29. "When I returned home (the following morning), she was gone," he said. Hill had said his daughter "probably left of her own free will," but he and others still had worried about her well-being. She is 27 years old but has what authorities described as a diminished mental capacity. Canton police had entered the woman into the Law Enforcement Information Network as a missing, endangered person.

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Burger 'success stories' lead way in learning, independent living

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tyler Hager is a success story, one of many from the Garden City school district's Burger School.

Hager of Westland was at the Garden City school board meeting Monday, where he was praised by woodshop teacher Patrick Crosby.

Hager, a former student of Crosby's at the school for autistic students, had behavioral problems but was good with electronics and small appliance repair. Despite reservations, Crosby helped get Hager enrolled, at first part time, at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

"There's nothing I can give this kid that he can't do," Crosby soon heard back from the auto body repair teacher. Hager's now a senior full time at the career technical center and hopes to pursue an associate's degree at Washtenaw County Community College. "Tyler truly is one of Burger's success stories," Crosby said.



Allison Hollis, speech therapist, and Lynn Sossi, assistant director, at Burger School for Students with Autism, share a laugh during lunch.

The curriculum highlight presentation Jan. 11 at the Garden City school board meeting focused on Burger, which serves autistic students from throughout the county. The program has sent some 11

students back to their home districts recently, five from Garden City.

Burger serves some 353 students from 30 of Wayne County's 32 school districts, including Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools.

Teachers Rebecca Viola and Madonna Bernard outlined the modular program for high schoolers which includes a focus on daily living. There's a diploma track collaboration

with Cambridge High School, along with partnerships with the home school districts.

Job preparation for the teens includes food preparation on site, a greenhouse and micro enterprises. Students learn about accessing the community, including role playing a phone call for the SMART bus for a bowling outing.

Social interaction is vital for the high schoolers. "It's a good peer program," Viola said. Students learn about going out to lunch "and doing that horrible thing of leaving a tip."

The teens had a dance with a disc jockey, a former student. "It was really a lively afternoon," Viola said. "We do a lot of social skills and interaction."

The older students transition to jobs and adult day programs, depending on their abilities.

For the K-8 students at Burger, there was a recent "A Carnival Cruise" theme. The Garden City school board members received Australian outback hats, which at least

some tried on.

"We recognize the wide abilities of our students," said teacher Colleen Polin, who made the presentation with colleagues Debbie Furlow, Bonnie Dexter and Diane Pitt. The younger students' hallways were divided up so they could learn about the ocean, desert and rainforest.

Students who function at a higher level did in-depth reports, said Polin. She drew chuckles from the board and audience in describing the Australian food Vegemite, not known for its good flavor, but which many bravely tried.

Wrestling four blow-up "crocodiles" also proved popular at Burger. "Before you knew it, that entire gym was engulfed in kids wanting a turn to wrestle a crocodile," Polin said.

The coming year's date, Dec. 8, and theme of "Home for the Holidays" have been chosen, she added, with staff planning under way.

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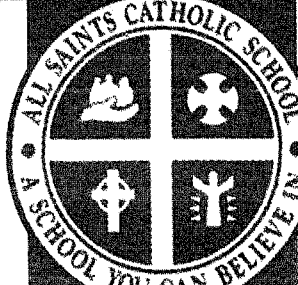
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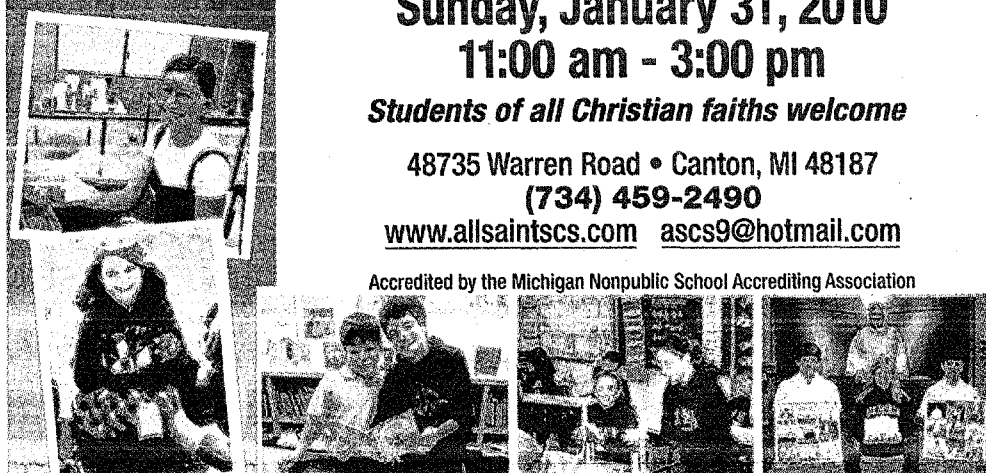
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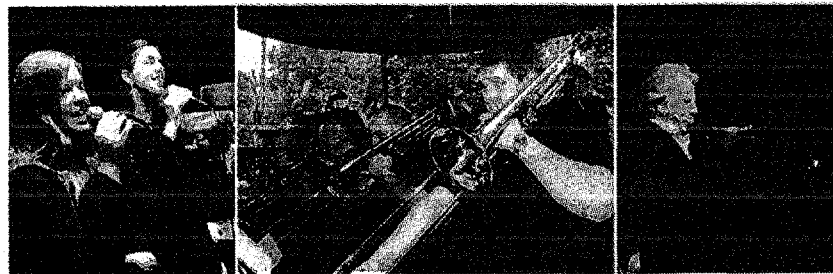


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Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Amici Italian Bistro: We have been out of the restaurant business for over 10 years (prior restaurants include 2- Salvatore Scallopini- Novi and Auburn Hills and 1 Amici Italian Grill- Auburn Hills).

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Observer: What makes your

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Amici Italian Bistro: We have been working on this concept for the last 10 years. We don't try to do everything; we do what we do well.

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

Amici Italian Bistro: We hope to build an out door seating area for the summer.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

New Business

• Sun and Snow has begun its build out in the old Parkside Gallery/Michigan Made building at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail. The store sells summer and winter wear, as well as sporting equipment.

Plymouth Ice Festival

• The 28th annual Plymouth Ice Festival begins in downtown Plymouth Jan. 22-24. The DDA's effort to make the event a success is by sponsoring a couple of concerts. Guitarist Mike Blask and his band will perform on Penniman Saturday afternoon, while Steve King and the Dittlies will play on Forest Sunday afternoon. Both concerts are scheduled for 1 p.m.

• Public parking in the deck during the three-day Ice Fes will cost \$5. Employers, employees and anyone else can get parking passes at the Chamber of Commerce for \$3. Each pass can be used only once to park in the lower or upper deck. Without a pass, you will be charged \$5 by the Kiwanis Club, the service club that is working the Ice Fest.

2010 Visitor's Guide

• The 2010 Visitor's Guide was in 40,000 homes in Plymouth, Canton and Northville this week. We have extra Guides and the mailing post cards with the annual event dates at the DDA office. If you need more for your business to give to customers, call or e-mail the DDA staff and we will arrange for you to get some.

Streetscape

• Coming soon: Informational meeting dates concerning the upcoming Streetscape Project in the DDA district are being finalized; but will most likely be held in early March at the Plymouth Cultural Center with engineers to present the paving and upgrading plan and answer all your questions. We will have at least one morning and one evening meeting to facilitate your schedules. Look for upcoming Weekly Updates and e-mails for times and dates. There will be construction downtown for nearly 8 weeks, starting sometime in March with the bulk of the work in April and May.

Summer Concerts

• The DDA is soliciting bids for concert promotion services for the Friday night Music in the Air concerts in Kellogg Park this spring and summer. The bid information and packet is on the City of Plymouth Web site: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. The bid deadline is Feb. 1 at 2 p.m., at which time the bids will be opened at City Hall.



Barefoot Productions presents the thriller, 'Rope,' by Patrick Hamilton, featuring Nathan Corliss (left) of Livonia as Brandon and Ken Karges of Plymouth as Rupert Cadell. The production runs Feb. 12-28. For more information, visit Barefoot's Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 560-1493.

Newcomers Welcome Service

• Carolyn Baetz of Newcomers Welcome Service says she can help merchants spread the word about their businesses to those families who move into Plymouth and Canton. If you want information on how Kitchen Table Marketing works and how much it costs, give Carolyn a call at (734) 459-1097 or e-mail her at cbaetz@newcomersws.com.

Barefoot Production Tickets

• Barefoot Productions, the Plymouth theater group, is extending an invitation to see their upcoming presentation "Rope", which runs Tuesday, Feb. 2 and runs through Feb. 28. Barefoot is making 20 tickets available for the Friday, Feb. 19, 8:40 p.m. performance at the old Walker-Buzenbun building on Main Street. Call or e-mail the DDA staff if you are interested in tickets.

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CHAMBER CHAT

State of the Chamber

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Greg Blackwood of Frazz Forklifts, along with the rest of the chamber's Board of Directors, are inviting community members to attend the annual State of the Chamber Breakfast.

The breakfast is scheduled 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Inn at St. John's, located at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

At this event you will hear from chamber leadership about what the chamber has planned for this upcoming year and how you can become involved. There will be representatives from committees to answer questions and you will have the opportunity to sign up for committees or volunteer for activities/events.

Last year the breakfast attracted 170 members, making it one of the best networking opportunities of the year. The cost to attend the event is just \$5 and you will receive a full breakfast. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 22. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the chamber is liable for all meals.

To register, contact the chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or at (734) 453-1540.

Business promotion

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce members can easily promote your business during the Ice Festival through a special offer from the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber office will be open during the day as a visitor's center to assist people who are attending the Plymouth Ice Festival Jan. 22-24. We also would like to take this opportunity to promote your business



Wes Graff

with brochures, promotional items or coupons that we will package to give attendees who visit our office. If you want to participate, we are requesting that you deliver 75 pieces of whatever item you would like to include. Items must be delivered to the Chamber office at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

During the Christmas season we successfully distributed 200 similar gift bags at our Santa House and now we want to provide members a new opportunity during the Ice Festival this year.

Facebook seminar

The Chamber will be hosting a free one-hour seminar on how to use Facebook to benefit your business. There are many techniques that can be used to help turn a Facebook page into a key tool to market your business. The seminar will cover setting up the page, using the right tools to attract traffic and to how to update and maintain the page for maximum results.

The seminar will be presented by Eurvi Meta of PR Easy who is an expert in using social media sites like Facebook to help businesses market themselves. The seminar will be held at the Chamber office (850 West Ann Arbor Trail) on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and seating is limited to 35 people. To RSVP e-mail Chamber teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Chamber retreat

The chamber recently held its annual planning retreat with our Board of Directors. The board met Jan. 15 to review results

from our recent membership survey and plan the upcoming year's initiatives and programs. The results from that meeting will be highlighted at the State of the Chamber Breakfast on Jan. 27.

The chamber thanks Joe Grima from Freudenberg-NOK for hosting the event at his facility and Tom Borg of Tom Borg-Consulting Development and Training for facilitating the retreat.

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Civic benefit hopes to help many charities

Plymouth's civic organizations are about to make history while helping lovers all over the area celebrate Valentine's Day next month.

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the Rotary Club of Plymouth host the first "All Plymouth Service Club Valentine's Day benefit Friday, Feb. 12.

The event, set for 6 p.m. at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth, will feature a silent auction, buffet dinner, chocolate fountain and dancing. Those in attendance will be able to celebrate the holiday while helping raise money for several charities. Silent auction items are being donated by community businesses.

"Our goal is to net \$15,000 to benefit each service club's designated charity," said Plymouth Kiwanis Club publicity chair Mark Hutchins. "As with most such events, the real profits come from sources other than ticket sales. A majority of the monies raised come from the area businesses through sponsorships and through the monies raised through the silent auction."

While the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs are hosting the event, Hutchins pointed out other local service clubs can

contact the hosts to participate.

Any area businesses wanting to be an event sponsor or donate prizes should contact Dan Herriman at (734) 459-5440 or by e-mail at dherriman@herriman.net or call Caroline Mayer, (248) 417-3643. These donations would be a great way to support the charitable efforts of the participating community service clubs while promoting your business. Prizes are suggested to be of romantic nature but all will be appreciated.

Last year the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth held the event on their own and raised \$5,000 in a turbulent economic environment. This year it is an All-Plymouth Service club collaboration. By teaming up together for this special evening event, the Plymouth-area service clubs hope to magnify their proceeds and be able to help fulfill the growing need.

Tickets for the Valentine's Day fund-raiser are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. They can be purchased by contacting Jeanne Baldwin at jbalwin@gonyerfg.com or calling (734) 414-8900. Checks should be made payable to the Kiwanis Foundation of Plymouth.

Brahms concert also chance to help Haiti

When the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra presents its concert, "Brahms Sunday Serenade - A Chamber Concert," Sunday, it won't just be a chance for concert-goers to enjoy some good music.

It's also going to be an opportunity to help the victims of last week's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Patrick Olson, a Plymouth Symphony board member who also represents Shelter Box USA, will talk briefly before the concert about efforts by both the Rotary Club and Shelter Box to help in Haiti.

"(Olson) will give a brief announcement about Rotary and Shelter Box activities, and he'll gladly accept donations toward Shelter Box relief efforts," symphony officials said in a release.

ShelterBox, a disaster relief charity which provides aid in the form of ShelterBoxes, has responded to more than 75 disasters in almost 50 different countries, including the Boxing Day tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and the Pakistan and China earthquakes. ShelterBox also has an ongoing project named A Million in Africa, which aims to help one million people across the African continent.

And, while help for Haiti is one aspect of Sunday's event, the real highlight is the concert, the second in the symphony's "Sunday Serenade" series, which takes place at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

The concert features a diverse selection of chamber ensemble pieces that, though small in instrumental size, are mighty in artistic impact, symphony officials said.

The Johannes Brahms Serenade No. 1 is the centerpiece of the program. Featuring a Chamber orchestra of nine musicians, Brahms' first venture into symphonic writing is truly a "miniature masterpiece" and a virtuoso showcase for all of the performers.

Contrasting the German Romantic sound of the Brahms will be two works by French composers, the frothy and charming *Mouvements Perpetuel* by Francis Poulenc (one of the famed "Les Six") and the lushly ethereal *Introduction and Allegro* for solo harp and ensemble by Maurice Ravel.

The orchestra's own highly accomplished harpist Maurice Draughn will step out as the soloist.

From a completely different part of the world comes *Lullaby and Doina* (2001) written by Osvaldo Golijov, one of the most intriguing composers writing today. Having



The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra presents 'Brahms Sunday Serenade-A Chamber Concert.'

BRAHMS HELPS HAITI

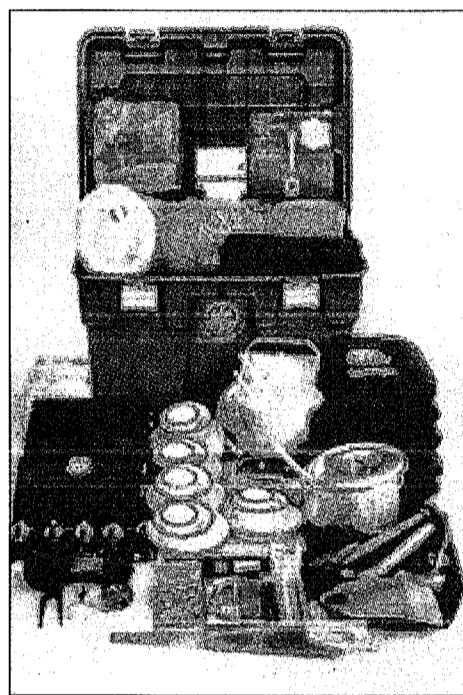
What: Plymouth Canton Symphony "Sunday Serenade" concert featuring the work of Brahms

When: 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24

Where: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Cost: Adults, \$25; seniors \$20; students, \$10

Details: Call (734) 451-2112



A ShelterBox contains items for disaster relief.

Council seeks artists for musical exhibit

With the marriage of the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society approaching its first anniversary, an art exhibit to mark the occasion is planned.

The PCAC is looking for artists to submit works with a musical theme for consideration for the show, which is scheduled for Monday, April 26, through Monday, May 24, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts on Sheldon Road.

Works in any medium except

sculpture — the gallery doesn't have sufficient display space for sculptures — are welcome. Paintings should be framed and ready for hanging. The drop-off day for consideration by the exhibition committee is Thursday, April 22.

For more information on submitting an artwork, call Pilon at (734) 734-455-4681 or e-mail her at (nanpilon@yahoo.com), or call PCAC program director Tamara Trudelle at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail her at tamara@plymoutharts.com.

Movies at the Marquis

Saturdays 7:30pm January 16 - March 27, 2010

All shows begin at 7:30pm, doors open at 6:45pm.

The Classics are Back on the Marquis Theatre's Big Screen.

The remaining movies include:

Date:	Movie:	Ticket Sponsor:	On-sale Date:
Jan 23	My Fair Lady (1964)	Edwards Café & Caterer, 115 E. Main	Now
Jan 30	The Thomas Crown Affair (1968)	Starring the Gallery, 118 W. Main	Now
Feb 6	The Philadelphia Story (1940)	Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main	Jan 23
Feb 13	Roman Holiday (1953)	Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main	Jan 30
Feb 20	Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)	Wine Sync, 122 W. Main	Feb 6
Feb 27	That Touch of Mink (1962)	Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main	Feb 13
Mar 6	Charade (1963)	Sincerely Yours, Inc., 110 N. Center	Feb 20
Mar 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
Mar 20	Vertigo (1958)	Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main	Mar 6
Mar 27	Easter Parade (1948)	Gardenviews, 202 W. Main	Mar 13*

*Gardenviews' new location this Feb: 117 E. Main

Tickets (\$3/ticket) are available for purchase exclusively at ticket-sponsor locations. The Movies at the Marquis series is open to all guests five years and older. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on the 2010 Movies at the Marquis series, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.

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Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, center, joins folks from Tempo International Group, whose holdings include a research and development facility in Canton Township. From left, Davic Xu, Jessica Pellegrino, Tempo Chairman Tianbao Zhou, Bob Ficano, Cindy Zhang and James Zhou.

All dressed up with somewhere to go

Locals make a scene at Auto Show Charity Preview

The 2010 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview black-tie gala, one of the top single-night fund-raising events in the nation, opened its doors to nearly 8,500 guests, including many from Observerland.

Last Friday's event raised more than \$2 million for 12 local children's charities. Ticket sales were up more than 25 percent over 2009.

Charity Preview attendees enjoyed the concept and production vehicles on display on the show floor, as well as the music of the Romantics.

Beneficiaries of the Charity Preview include: Barat Child and Family Services; Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan; Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit; The Children's Center; Judson Center; Children's Services of Northeastern Guidance Center Assistance League; The Detroit Institute for Children; ThinkDetroit PAL; Easter Seals-Michigan; March of Dimes; Children's Hospital of Michigan; and the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.



Geri and Dave Brown, of Canton, pose for a photo by the Chevrolet exhibit.



Plymouth Township Chevrolet dealer Scott LaRiche and wife Dawn LaRiche enjoy the Preview.



Wayne County Sheriff Executive Lt. R. Karl Burnett and Cmdr. James Edwards work to help keep people safe at the auto show. Burnett hails from Livonia, Edwards is a resident of Riverview.



Ed Brown, owner of Livonia's Bill Brown Ford greets golfing buddy and Ford Motor Chief Executive Alan Mulally at the 2010 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview.



Chris Ogden, a WDIV-TV (Channel 4) producer working the preview, is a resident of Livonia.



State Sen. Bruce Patterson and spouse Phyllis Patterson attended the Charity Preview. The Pattersons are from Canton.



At left, Teresa Nadolski and her husband own three auto dealerships; Champion Chevy in Howell, Cueter Chrysler is Ann Arbor and Champion Chrysler in Lansing. Cheered by the support of friends and family during a very difficult year for auto dealers, Nadolski treated the ladies to a night at the Auto show Charity Preview. She is a resident of Farmington Hills. Sherry Burns of Farmington Hills, Jennifer Kipper of Farmington Hills, Marilyn Smith of Farmington Hills, Teri Spiro of Bloomfield Hills and Mary Patton of Bingham Farms help dress up a Chevrolet.



Tom and Eileen Landry, of Highland, pose in front of the new electric auto, the Chevrolet Volt. Landry represents March of Dimes, one of the charities helped by the Charity Preview.



Former state legislator Rocky Raczkowski and fiancée Amalia Kaddo are from Farmington Hills.

AAUW's 'Oz' offers live theater for local kids

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The American Association of University Women, Plymouth-Canton branch, will perform *The Wizard of Oz* in early February.

The play will be performed at O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School. It's the AAUW's 50th anniversary of presenting live theater for children with proceeds funding scholarships for women.

"Proceeds from each play have gone to help fund college scholarships for women," said member Monica Nick. "The plays have been a significant fund-raiser for the organization. About 2,000 people attended the play last year."

The first play, performed in 1960 by six cast members, was *Snow White and the Red Rose*. It was performed at the old Plymouth High School in downtown Plymouth, Nick said.

Other annual plays have included *Snow White, Cinderella, Peter Pan, Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Pinocchio*.

Cast members for the current production of *The Wizard of Oz* include Katie Bellows as Dorothy, Sharon Belobraidich as the Scarecrow, Becky Copenhaver as the Tin Man, Pam Dean as the Cowardly Lion, and Karen Stemberger as the Wicked Witch of the



The cast includes (left to right): Sharon Belobraidich, Scarecrow; Katie Bellows, Dorothy; Pam Dean, Cowardly Lion; and Becky Copenhaver, Tin Man.

West. Co-directors are Mickey Edell and Jan Blumberg.

"Because this is a special milestone year for the play, we'd like to invite all former cast members to come to the play, free of charge, for the Friday or Saturday performances," she said. "They will be recognized by current cast members."

Show times for *The Wizard*

of *Oz* are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

A special Feb. 4 performance is scheduled for Girl and Boy Scouts and their leaders.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door of Garden City High School.

Tickets are available at Sideways, Plymouth, 505

Forest Ave.; Fanatic U, Garden City, 30409 Ford Road; and Perkos Shoes, Livonia, 33426 Five Mile.

For more information on Scout Night or tickets, call (734) 546-3122 or e-mail AAUW_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com.

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To help in Haiti, make sure charities are legitimate

We have all seen the pictures from Haiti. The devastation has been tremendous and the problems people are experiencing are immense. They are compounded by the fact that Haiti does not have a functioning government.

As Americans, when we see people suffering and people in need, our natural reaction is to open our hearts and our pocketbooks. Federal, state and local agencies around the United States have rushed emergency aid and assistance to Haiti. The American people, who are the most generous people in the history of the world, have flooded charitable organizations with contributions.

Unfortunately, many from around the world look at this as an opportunity to profit from the misery of others.

During natural disasters that have occurred in the past literally thousands of people seek to take advantage of the generosity of the American people.

Bogus Web sites popped up overnight soliciting money for victims. Because of this, it is important to protect ourselves so that money donated is used for the intended purpose. Resources are not available to shut these scams down. Consumers must be the last line of defense.

In order to protect your hard-earned money, before you donate to a charitable organization, follow these tips.

- Do not respond to unsolicited e-mails. It doesn't matter if they have a professionally done Web site and a tear-jerker appeal. Be cautious. Don't set yourself up for identity theft. Deleted all unsolicited e-mail.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

• Be cautious of telephone solicitations. Phone solicitations should be avoided for the same reasons as e-mails. Even for legitimate

charities that use phone solicitations, a substantial amount of a contribution goes to the solicitor, not to the charity itself.

• Before you give your hard-earned money to a charity, check it out. Make sure it is legitimate and that the bulk of your money is going for charitable purposes. There are a couple excellent Web sites that can help, www.charitynavigator.org and www.give.org. Both of these Web sites can help you determine whether the charity you are considering is legitimate and how much of the money collected actually goes to the charitable purpose vs. administrative and/or fund raising. In addition, the Better Business Bureau also provides a helpful list of charities that are providing assistance in Haiti and meet BBB standards.

The Haitian people are in need and the American people want to assist. If you are thinking about helping out in Haiti or, in fact, if you're thinking of donating to any charity, make sure you do your homework ahead of time so that your money can make a difference. Good luck.

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

LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs will be available at the Plymouth District Library in January:

• **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

• **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Jan. 27, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206, or e-mail tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth Programs

• **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Jan. 25, 10 and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

• **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**, Session one: Tuesdays, through Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Session two: Wednesdays through Feb. 17, 7 p.m. - This evening story-time can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES**, Thursdays, through Feb. 18, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Parents must remain in the library during these story-time sessions for children ages 3 1/2 - 5 years. Registration is required and may be made starting on Jan. 7, by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

• **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES**, Tuesdays, through Feb. 16 - The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2 - 3 1/2 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

Teen Programs

• **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, Jan. 30, 3 p.m. - Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth District Library what you want it to be. Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and suggest new programs and materials, write book reviews for the web site and just have fun. Free refreshments.

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- For more info on teen programs and services at the Library, go to: plymouthlibrary.org/ya.lt

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The Plymouth District Library offers a wide variety of free computer training classes

each month. Residency in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township is required. For more information call 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

• **DROP IN COMPUTER TUTORING**, Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Sorry, we do not offer training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs in this session. See complete computer class schedule for specialized program classes.

• **MS EXCEL - LEVEL I**, Monday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m. - Introduce yourself to Excel in this beginning class. You will learn the basics of this popular software program while creating a simple budget to track household expenses. You must be comfortable with keyboarding and Microsoft Windows basics before signing

up for this class. Call 734-453-0750, Ext. 4 to register.

• **MS WORD LEVEL 2**, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 10 p.m. - Students with keyboard skills and basic MS Word knowledge will learn how to work with two Word documents at the same time and to utilize Page Setup, auto correct, date insertion and more.

• **MANAGING PHOTOS**, Thursday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. - Learn how to upload your photos and share them with family and friends online. You must be comfortable with using the computer keyboard and mouse. Register for this free class by calling 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

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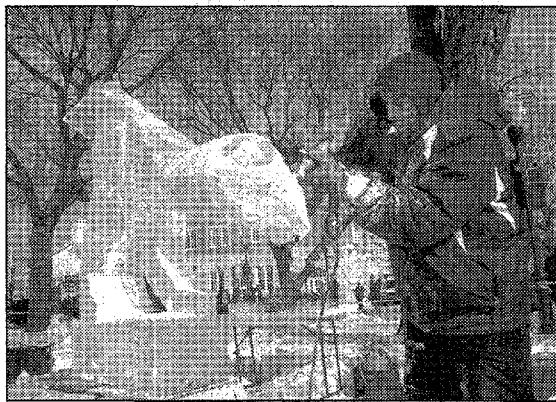
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

College carvers will once again be a highlight at the retooled 2010 Plymouth Ice Festival.

Festival ices place in people's hearts

The Plymouth Ice Festival has become such a staple of life around these parts, so synonymous with Plymouth, that it's difficult to believe there's anyone around who doesn't know about it.

But there are, and this weekend those folks get the chance to find out first-hand what all the fuss is about.

The 28th annual festival brings some of the same things it brings every year — some 100 statues carved from thousands of blocks of ice, competition between high school and college teams, and the artistry that brings people back year after year.

It's going to look a little different, after the switch in organizers to Signature Professional Group. The "international" part has been scrubbed, with no Japanese team being brought over for this year's festival. But it will still feature professional carvers, including home-grown champions like Ted Wakar of Canton and Tajana Rakaur of Plymouth, along with the traditional collegiate competition. The Plymouth Whalers will be signing autographs Sunday afternoon.

Detroit Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom is scheduled to cut the ceremonial opening ribbon Friday afternoon in a ceremony that will feature appearances from, among others, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer.

The festival's governing board brought in Sam Walton to add some fresh ideas. He has coordinated with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority to add a musical element, with Global Village playing Saturday and the popular Steve King and the Dittlies making a Sunday appearance.

On Saturday, the folks at Station 885 will try to build a 5,000-pound snow cone, a world-record attempt.

And, if history tells us anything, not much keeps the fans away. Traditionally, thousands and thousands of spectators wind their way through Kellogg Park and The Gathering to watch, and "ooh" and "ahh!" Festival organizers in the past have counted the crowd in the "hundreds of thousands," and tough as that is to swallow, there's no real way to dispute it, either.

What can't be disputed is the impact the festival has had on Plymouth's visibility. Scores of hits on the festival's official Web site, scads of media hits, countless stories, photos and videos of the action.

The festival board felt it was time for a change, time to bring in some fresh ideas, and it's hard to argue the point. In past years, the festival had a "celebrity carving" challenge, it's tried a hockey-puck shooting contest, a laser light show and Fantasyland.

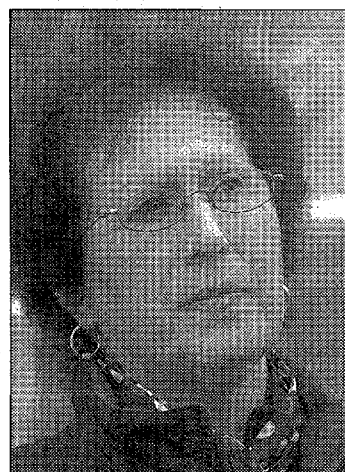
Unfortunately, those things cost money and carry associated costs such as insurance liability that make them prohibitive. In today's economy, the best must be done with what money is available, a lesson Walton is already learning. He lowered the cost of individual business sculptures in an effort to make them more financially attractive to local retailers; only time will tell if it works.

But those are financial worries that don't apply to spectators, attracted to the annual festival in droves. At the end of the weekend, what you've got is a spectacular display of ice carvings. We think locals, friends and visitors should get out and take advantage of it.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Would you consider paying higher taxes to keep services in your community as they are now?"

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station in downtown Plymouth.



"They seem stable at the moment. ... We seem to be holding on."

Ellie Piercy
Plymouth Township



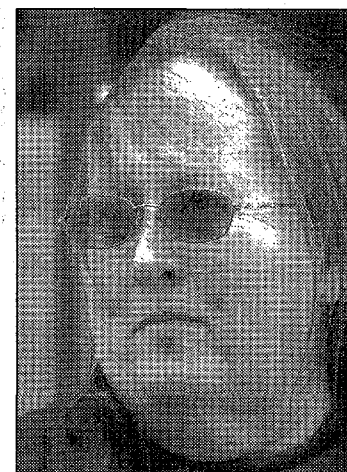
"I guess it just depends on the services we're talking about. (Public safety?) I guess."

Sue Tilley
Plymouth



"Yes. It's just important to me to have those services."

Jean Booth
Northville Township



"Probably, yeah."

Kathy Ritchey
Canton Township

LETTERS

Salvation Army thanks

We here at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps want to offer a warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents and monies to help support our 2009 Thanksgiving and Christmas programs.

We have over 1,100 volunteers in the Plymouth Corps Volunteer First data base and it is through our volunteers' commitment to The Salvation Army that we successfully completed another blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

We wanted to share with you an update on the current status of our fund-raising campaign and holiday assistance given to those in need.

The overall Christmas fund-raising goal is \$315,000. We have received \$272,069, or 86% of the goal to date. We will wrap up the fund-raising campaign at the end of January. With your help, \$212,104 was collected in the Red Kettles; additionally, we have received \$59,965 in cash or check donations at our Corps office in Plymouth.

Just to share some seasonal stats:
• Our Christmas Toy Towne assisted 354 families which included 1,215 children.
• Our Christmas Food for Seniors &

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Singles assisted 29 families.

- Our Thanksgiving food distribution assisted 358 families including 1,268 children.
- Our Coats 4 Kids assisted 130 families including 296 children.
- Our Back 2 School Blitz assisted 140 families including 307 children.
- And to recap our volunteered hours:
• Our Thanksgiving programs saw 17 volunteers pack boxes for a total of 42.50

hours, while 42 volunteers assisted with the distribution for a total of 91 hours.

• Our Christmas programs saw 99 volunteers with a total of 594 hours for Toy Towne preparation; 213 volunteers with a total of 1,491 hours for Toy Towne Distribution; and seven volunteers with a total of 60 hours for Christmas Application Processing.

Nine volunteers chipped in 145 hours for additional front desk coverage, and eight volunteers contributed 20 hours to Food Pantry Assistance.

And let us not forget those brave and hearty individuals, who stood in the cold, rain and snow to ring bells during the Red Kettle Campaign.

Once again, our community is blessed with wonderful volunteers! Thank you for stepping up to help those in need. Without your continued support, we would have never been able to assist the many families and individuals during this past holiday season.

Have a Blessed and Happy 2010

Salvation Army Staff
Plymouth Salvation Army

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

• In response to the story "Hometown kid named deputy clerk":

RJSal wrote:

"I think it's great! It's important to keep in touch with your community and know who's who in the political arena. It also motivates young people to excel. Many more people know this young man than

you think!! And many more may know him in the future of politics! Keep up the good work Observer."

Dan43 wrote:

"The fact that the Observer would print a story about who the new deputy clerk is shows just

how out of touch the paper really is. This should be nothing more than a news brief, if that. Outside of this guy's family, no one in the free world cares. This type of stuff would have been fine in the 1970s, but not now."

BBB offers advice on donating to Haiti earthquake victims

As immediate relief needs are assessed in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12, many Americans are looking for ways to help by donating to a charity.



Tim Burns

The Better Business Bureau warns that — as occurred following the tsunami in 2004 and Katrina in 2005 — fraudulent charities will likely emerge to try and scam donations from well-meaning Americans.

Whenever there is a major natural disaster, be it home or abroad, the generosity of Americans to donate time and money to help victims can always be counted on. Unfortunately its can also be guaranteed that poorly run and in some cases fraudulent charities will also begin soliciting money from people during a time of need.

Not only do donors need to be concerned about avoiding fraud, they also need to make

sure their money goes to competent relief organizations that are equipped and experienced to handle the unique challenges of providing assistance at these times when help is needed the most.

The local Better Business Bureau offers the following six tips to help Americans decide where to direct donations:

• Rely on expert opinion when it comes to evaluating a charity.

Be cautious when relying on third-party recommendations such as bloggers or other Web sites, as they might not have fully researched the listed relief organizations. The public can go to www.bbb.org/charity to research charities and relief organizations to verify that they are accredited by the BBB and meet the 20 Standards for Charity Accountability.

• Be wary of claims that 100 percent of donations will assist relief victims.

Despite what an organization might claim, charities have fund raising and administrative costs. Even a credit card donation will involve, at a minimum, a processing fee. If

a charity claims 100 percent of collected funds will be assisting earthquake victims, the truth is that they may use some of their other funds to pay this, but the expenses will still be incurred.

• Be cautious when giving online.

Be cautious about online giving, especially in response to spam messages and e-mails that claim to link to a relief organization. In response to the tsunami disaster in 2004, there were concerns raised about many Web sites and new organizations that were created overnight allegedly to help victims.

• Find out if the charity has an on-the-ground presence in the impacted areas.

Unless the charity already has staff in the effected areas, it may be difficult to get new aid workers to quickly provide assistance. See if the charity's Web site clearly describes what they can do to address immediate needs.

• Find out if the charity is providing direct aid or raising money for other groups.

Some charities may be raising money to pass along to relief

organizations. If so, you may want to consider "avoiding the middleman" and giving directly to charities that have a presence in the region. Or, at a minimum, check out the ultimate recipients of these donations to ensure the organizations are equipped to effectively provide aid.

• Gifts of clothing, food or other in-kind donations.

In-kind drives for food and clothing — while well intentioned — may not necessarily be the quickest way to help those in need, unless the organization has the staff and infrastructure to be able to properly distribute such aid. Ask the charity about their transportation and distribution plans. Be wary of those who are not experienced in disaster relief assistance.

For more information about wise charitable giving and avoiding scams, visit the Better Business Bureau online at www.bbb.org or www.facebook.com/myBBB.

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Gwen Stefani jewelry line

Young designer is rising star at Miriam Haskell

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

West Bloomfield's own Samantha Bankle Schefman recently made history in the world of costume jewelry, becoming the youngest designer at the legendary Miriam Haskell company.

Her first assignment? Creating singer Gwen Stefani's Harajuku Lovers line, set to hit Macy's in March.

Schefman, who graduated from Groves High School in Birmingham, secured an internship at Miriam Haskell in New York City upon earning her B.F.A. from College for Creative Studies last May. After four months, she was hired full-time.

"I'm extremely lucky to get this position," Schefman said. "I signed on as the youngest member of the company in October, right before my birthday. I just turned 23 in November."

The late Miriam Haskell founded her namesake company in the 1920s and became known for partnering with talented designers to create unique, high-quality costume jewelry. Her vintage pieces, worn by the likes of Joan Crawford, Lucille Ball, Gloria Vanderbilt and the Duchess of Windsor, are highly sought by collectors and displayed in museums internationally.

Now corporate-owned, Miriam Haskell has ventured into creating jewelry for celebrities, designers and department stores including Betsey Johnson, J. Lo, Calvin Klein,



Bankle

Vera Wang and Old Navy. The company recently signed an exclusive license agreement with Gwen Stefani, who already has successful clothing, handbag and fragrance lines.

MUSIC INSPIRED

Schefman said she grew up listening to Stefani's band No Doubt, and now analyzes the singer's solo work.

"I study it for the line I'm working on," Schefman said. "It's definitely a reference and everything she sings about is translating into our designs. I've taken myself away from being a fan and more of working for her."

The jewelry, like Stefani's other fashion ventures, is inspired by the Tokyo street culture embodied by her Harajuku Girls back-up dancers.

"The line has ended up being pieces for the fans that are kind of based around the girls and Gwen," she said. "A lot of it's based on what's trendy and what's selling, but we're experimenting with all different materials. The first set is very rock chic."

After the launch, the company expects to release a new group of Harajuku Lovers jewelry every three months.

"They'll be very different looks. They'll be cohesive but they'll definitely transition for the seasons and our own inspirations," Schefman said.

According to Schefman, Stefani caused a stir when she visited the Miriam Haskell offices in Manhattan to plan her line. "People wanted to meet her and be there because she's gorgeous and perfectly put together, so we weren't

even allowed in the meeting," Schefman said. "I haven't met her yet, but I have a whole lot of respect for Gwen. She's definitely driven and talented."

ARTISTIC FAMILY

Schefman said she was excited to be assigned to the Harajuku Lovers collection and coincidentally, it wasn't her first brush with Stefani. While at CCS, she interned at Stefani and Company in Keego Harbor, owned by Cary and Jesse Stefani, who are relatives of Gwen and designed the wedding ring for her marriage to musician Gavin Rossdale.

Schefman, whose father Robert Schefman is a painter and Head of Foundations at CCS and mother Christine Schefman is Director of Contemporary Art at David Klein Gallery in Birmingham, said she was raised to be an artist and always encouraged to return to New York City, where she was born.

Although her first love is black and white photography, Schefman decided to focus on jewelry design as a career and targeted Miriam Haskell for employment.

"I'm obsessed with collecting vintage jewelry," she said.

Schefman currently lives in Brooklyn and plans to launch her own jewelry line soon under the label Samantha Bankle Designs.

Macy's has locations at Somerset Collection in Troy, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and Westland Center. To read Samantha Schefman's blog, visit love-babybanks.com.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Golden Opportunity

HOLLYWOOD -- A FossatiUS handbag, by Birmingham designer Catherine Fossati Healey, was featured on the Golden Globes Red Carpet Sunday night. The Venice Clutch was carried by Mai-Linh, wife of actor Michael Stuhlbarg. Both Michael and Mai-Linh were dressed by stylist Allison Rae. Fossati is a boutique luxury brand specializing in exquisite limited edition handbags that focus on innovative design and use luxurious materials like genuine alligator, ostrich and lizard. Each handbag is discretely branded and comes with a card of authenticity marked with the production number of the limited edition. Visit www.FossatiUS.com.



Mai-Linh and husband Michael Stuhlbarg at the Golden Globe Awards. She carries a FossatiUS handbag, by Birmingham designer Catherine Fossati Healey.

Parisian Community Day

LIVONIA -- Parisian will hold its semi-annual Community Day event Saturday, Feb. 27. Non-profit groups may sign up now by logging on to communitydayevent.com to request event booklets and begin raising funds for their organization. In 2009, over \$10 million was raised by participating nonprofit organizations through Parisian semi-annual Community Day events.

Eligible Community Day organizations include local 501C-3 nonprofit organizations and schools. Non-profit groups sell savings booklets for \$5 and in return, the purchaser receives a \$10 off coupon, plus more than \$50 in special savings on products as well as coupons valid on regu-

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Better late than never

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first 16 minutes Tuesday, Canton's girls basketball team finally found itself in a real battle against host Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots — second behind the Chiefs in the KLAA South entering the game — led 25-24 at halftime behind eight points from junior guard Chelsea Williams, a tough inside game and pressure defense that at times frustrated Canton.

But things changed dramatically as soon as the third quarter began, and by the time the stanza was over the Chiefs outscored the Pats 11-0 and were off and running to a 50-35 victory.

"It was a tale of two halves," lamented Franklin head coach Dave McCall, whose team dropped to 6-3 overall and 3-1 in the South.

A few minutes later, McCall said the entire squad played well in the first half "but in the second half they just started trying to force things."

CHALK TALK

Of course, a big factor in that was adjustments made by Canton head coach Brian

Samulski at the break.

Samulski told his team (9-1, 4-0) to keep Williams (12 points, 7 rebounds) from penetrating to the basket as well as quit trying to "reach and lunge" in bids

for steals that if not successful sometimes leave players out of position.

"The second half was much better," Samulski said. "Our kids played great position D, got in the stance, got in position, didn't reach.

"The key is keeping Chelsea Williams in front. ... When she broke us down (in the first half), then we had the Schmitts and Bridges rotating over and we were leaving kids at the rim and they were getting layups."

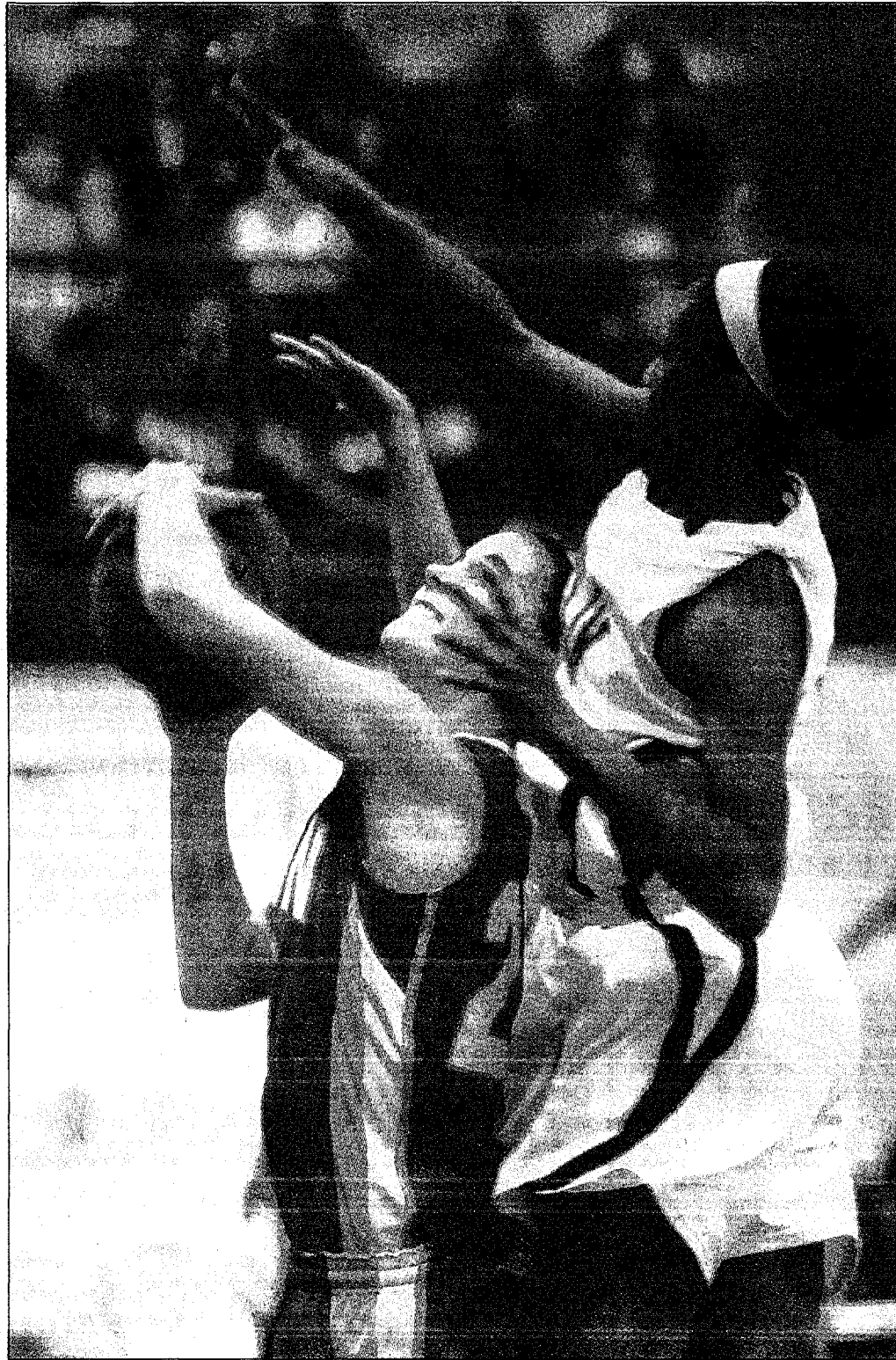
Canton's huge third quarter started to gather steam about two minutes in when junior forward Kari Schmitt (12 points) sank a spinning hook shot in the lane.

That made it 27-25 Canton and then Kari dished a feed to twin sister Sara Schmitt (17 points), who drained a jumper from the left side of the key for a four-point edge.

Kari Schmitt followed up with back-to-back buckets (one on a nifty pass from Sara) and suddenly Canton enjoyed a 33-25 edge with 2:30 left in the third.

Senior guard Lindsay Winters (12 points), who kept the Chiefs close in the second quarter with a couple of treys, finished the third quarter surge with a layup following a steal by sophomore guard Robyn Mack.

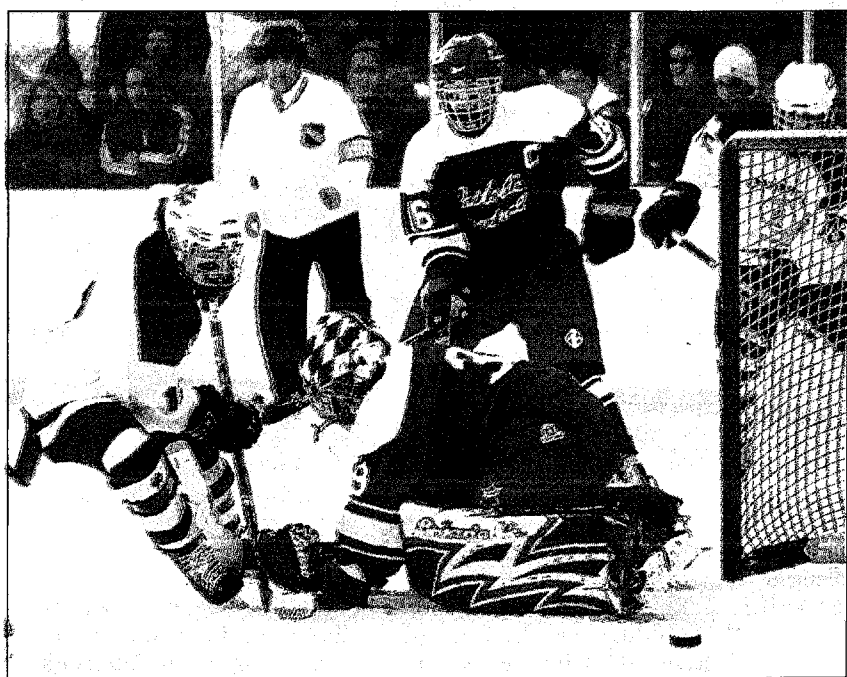
That was one of 22 times in the game that the Patriots gave up the basketball, with most of



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Looking for the basket is Canton junior forward Kari Schmitt (left), who goes up against an attempted block by Livonia Franklin's Senneca Scott during Tuesday's KLAA South girls basketball game.

Please see **GIRLS, B2**



Catholic Central goalkeeper Zach Cisek, a Canton resident, and Eric Winkler (No. 16) team up to stop a Cranbrook Kingswood scoring chance Sunday at Clark Park in Detroit.

RENA LAVERTY

CC handles hype and Cranes

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

OUTDOOR CLASSIC

Despite the media coverage, despite the 75th year of competition and despite all of the hoopla and the sold-out crowd, the Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team played to victory like it was any other game.

The Shamrocks earned their second-straight victory over Cranbrook Kingswood, 5-2, last week in the 2010 Outdoor Classic held at Clark Park in southwest Detroit.

Catholic Central climbed to a 13-0 mark with the victory. Cranbrook fell to 10-3, with two of those losses coming to the Shamrocks with a 6-1 decision just the day before the Outdoor Classic.

"We knew this was going to be a battle today," said Catholic Central coach Todd Johnson, dismissing the victory from the

day before.

The Outdoor Classic commemorated the 75th anniversary of the first official varsity hockey games between the two schools, which began in 1935.

Catholic Central skated out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Ian Jacobs and Austin Hervey, but the Cranes were not about to go down without a fight — especially not in front of an estimated 2,000 fans who braved the 30-some degree weather.

Cranbrook Kingswood showcased their talent in the second period, adding two goals of their own off the sticks of Tyler Waterman and Dakota Sherman to knot the game up, 2-2, going into the third stanza.

Please see **CLASSIC, B3**

Chiefs big down stretch in KLAA South triumph over Franklin

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jimmy Reddy is taking the fourth, gladly.

On Tuesday night, Reddy's Canton boys basketball team struggled with Livonia Franklin for the first three quarters before turning up the knobs on the intensity machine for the final stanza in a 55-48 KLAA South home win.

"The difference is it was a one-point game (43-42 Canton) going into the fourth and we did a great job defensively to keep them out of the paint, shoot contested twos and rebound," said the first-year Chiefs coach. "... (We) played hard and played a great fourth quarter." Canton (5-4, 3-1) actually got off to

a strong start, leading 19-12 after one quarter and expanding that advantage to 27-16 during the second.

But the Patriots (2-7, 0-4) closed out the frame on a 14-2 run — including four triples — to take a 30-29 halftime lead.

The Chiefs pulled ahead going into the fourth following a 14-12 third quarter, before nailing down the victory giving up just one Franklin field goal

in the final eight minutes.

Standouts for Canton included junior guard Dietrich Lever (17 points, six assists, four steals), senior forward Brandon Duffey (13 points) and senior forward Kevin Weisz (13 points).

Tallying 15 and 13 points for the Patriots, respectively, were Mike Gadsby and Andy McCaffery.

Please see **BOYS, B2**

SIDELINES

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Check that

An article in Sunday's *Observer* should have read that Canton's Kari Schmitt tallied 25 points and 14 rebounds against Plymouth and that Kayla Bridges registered 17 points and nine rebounds.

Football inductees

Longtime Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Rick Coratti and former Wayne Memorial standout Al Slamer (Holt) will be among those honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame induction and banquet Saturday, March 27, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with the social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by induction ceremonies at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be University of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez.

To obtain tickets, call Gandalf Church at (269) 963-0865. For more information, call Larry Merx at (845) 837-9438; or e-mail lmerx@maxpreps.com.

Plymouth rec offerings

Registration is continuing throughout January for two spring programs being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department. The recreation office is located at 525 Farmer St. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Programs include the following:

- Spring Youth Soccer: Register at the recreation office during business hours (Monday through Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m.) the entire month of January. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

- Spring Lacrosse: Registration for youngsters in grades 3-8 continues all month at the rec office from noon to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Roster space is limited and the program will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lacrosse coach wanted

Applications are being taken by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department for a boys seventh- and eighth-grade

Please see **SIDELINES, B2**

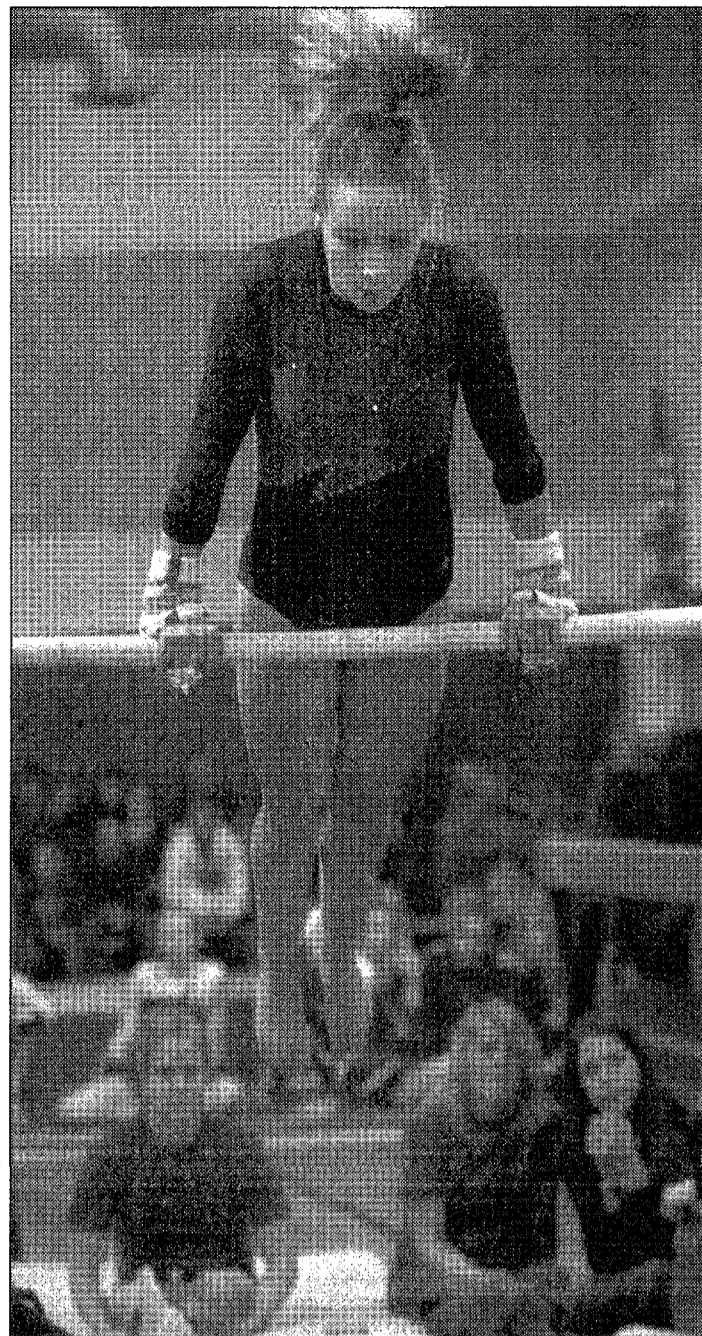
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Canton gymnasts solid despite loss



Canton gymnast Robyn Piowar, pictured above from a meet last season, scored her highest all-around Tuesday against Northville with a total of 36.65 points.

Despite Tuesday's KLAA South loss to Northville, Canton girls gymnastics coach John Cunningham had the sound of a winner in his voice.

The host Chiefs were edged 144.2-to-142.4 by the Mustangs.

"This is the highest score of the year and several gymnasts had an excellent meet," said Cunningham, citing junior Robyn Piowar who had her highest all-around score of the season (36.65, good for second place).

Piowar also placed second on the balance beam (9.35). Several of her Canton teammates had solid performances in that event, including freshman Alex Fidele (third, 9.3), sophomore Marina Milad (fifth, 8.85) and junior

Brittany Granowicz (sixth, 8.3).

In vault, Piowar took the third spot (8.95) and she did the same in the floor exercise category (9.5), followed closely by Canton senior Mallory Hudak (fourth, 9.4), junior Kali Pierce (fifth, 9.2) and Fidele (tied for sixth, 9.1).

Finishing first on the uneven bars with a 9.3 was sophomore Ayana Lewis. In second place for that event was Fidele (9.25) with Piowar fourth (8.85).

In all-around rankings, Piowar had Canton company as Lewis finished fifth (34.45) and freshman Nicole Lasecki took sixth (33.40) with the latter helped by her sixth-place 8.6 on vault.

FARMINGTON INVITE: The

Chiefs placed third at Saturday's Farmington Invitational with 141.45 points, trailing first-place Farmington (146.6) and Northville (143.8).

Salem tallied 127.4 points to take 10th overall out of the 13-team field.

"Ayana Lewis was our standout for the day, placing in every event except vault," said Cunningham, adding that Lewis tallied 35.2 for second place in Division 2 all-around. Lewis was third in floor exercise (9.1), fifth on uneven bars (8.7) and sixth on balance beam (9.0).

Placing in all four events was Piowar (sixth in DI all-around with 36.05). Piowar registered a third-place finish on floor exercise (9.45), took fourth on vault (9.3) and

eighths on uneven bars (8.85) and balance beam (8.45).

Alex Fidele placed seventh in D1 floor exercise (9.15), eighth on beam (8.45) and ninth on uneven bars (8.75), while Mallory Hudak scored in two D2 events — eighth both on floor exercise (8.85) and vault (8.95).

The other Canton placer was Brittany Granowicz, who finished 11th (D2) on uneven bars with a tally of 8.4.

Meanwhile, top performers for Salem were Nicole Jacobs and Ade Jepperson, both in D2. Jacobs tied for fifth in the vault with 9.0 points and tied for eighth on beam with 8.85. Jepperson's 8.55 on uneven bars earned her a share of eighth place.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL

Jan. 16 at Farmington

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington United A, 146.6; 2. Northville, 143.8; 3. Canton, 140.45; 4. Brighton, 139.2; 5. Livonia Blue, 139.0; 6. Grosse Pointe, 138.3; 7. Livonia Red, 134.85; 8. Farmington United B, 133.3; 9. Howell, 131.0; 10. Salem, 127.4; 11. Fraser, 122.6; 12. Lakeland, 74.1; 13. Harrison, 66.0.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS

Vault: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 9.6; 2. Kristen McKelvey (F), 9.4; 3. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.35; 4. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.3; 5. Allie Kemp (N), 9.1; 6. Cassidy Winter (N), 9.0; 7. Katie Kretzchmer (LR), 8.95; 8. Alyssa Bresso (F), 8.75; 9. (tie) Kyoko Yamamoto (F), Alex Fidele (C), Taylor Dempsey (N), Madison Cusick (B) and Cathy Huang (C), no scores reported.

Uneven bars: 1. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.3; 2. Madison Cusick (B), 9.25; 3. Alyssa Bresso (F), 9.2; 4. (tie) Kristen McKelvey (F) and

Kyoko Yamamoto (F), 9.05; 6. Allie Kemp (N), 8.95; 7. Emily Quint (LB), 8.9; 8. Robyn Piowar (C), 8.85; 9. Alex Fidele (C), 8.75; 10. Katie Kretzchmer (LR), 8.5.

Balance beam: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 9.55; 2. Allie Kemp (N), 9.5; 3. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.3; 4. Cassidy Winter (N), 9.25; 5. Kristen McKelvey (F), 9.2; 6. Kyoko Yamamoto (F), 9.1; 7. Alyssa Bresso (F), 8.9; 8. (tie) Robyn Piowar (C) and Alex Fidele (C), 8.45; 10. Madison Cusick (B), 8.35.

Floor exercise: 1. (tie) Emily Quint (LB) and Alyssa Bresso (F), 9.5; 3. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.45; 4. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.35; 5. Kristen McKelvey (F), 9.3; 6. Kyoko Yamamoto (F), 9.25; 7. (tie) Allie Kemp (N) and Alex Fidele (C), 9.15; 9. Madison Cusick (B), 9.1; 10. Cassidy Winter (N), 8.95.

All-around: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 37.55; 2. Makenna Pohl (N), 37.3; 3. Kristen McKelvey (F), 36.95; 4. Allie Kemp (N), 36.7; 5. Alyssa

Bresso (F), 36.35; 6. Robyn Piowar (C), 36.05; 7. Katie Kretzchmer (LR), 33.9; 8. Cassidy Winter (N), 33.4; 9. Kyoko Yamamoto (F), 27.4; 10. Madison Cusick (B), 26.7; 11. Alex Fidele (C), 26.35.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS

Vault: 1. (tie) Amanda Lumley (F) and Marina Moretti (B), 9.2; 3. (tie) Samantha Kohl (F) and Meredith Robinson (B), 9.05; 5. (tie) Nicole Jacobs (S), Alex Dubach (B) and Courtney Schippers (H), 9.0; 8. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.95; 9. (tie) Amanda Pampilius (H), Stephanie Sanders (Harrison) and Amy O'Brien (N), 8.9.

Uneven bars: 1. Marina Moretti (B), 9.05; 2. Amanda Lumley (F), 8.95; 3. Amanda Pampilius (H), 8.9; 4. Emma Abessinio (GP), 8.8; 5. (tie) Ayana Lewis (C), Alex Kitz (LB) and Meredith Robinson (B), 8.7; 8. (tie) Samantha Kohl (F) and Adelaidda Jepperson (S), 8.55; 10. Madi Kaiser (GP), 8.45.

Balance beam: 1. Madi Kaiser (GP), 9.2; 2. Katina St. Pierre (LR), 9.15; 3. Lauren Krieger (GP), 9.1; 4. (tie) Amy Bell (F) and Amy O'Brien (N), 9.05; 6. Ayana Lewis (C), 9.0; 7. Marina Moretti (B), 8.9; 8. (tie) Alex Kitz (LB), Nicole Jacobs (S) and Emma Abessinio (GP), 8.85.

Floor exercise: 1. Amanda Lumley (F), 9.6; 2. Samantha Kohl (F), 9.5; 3. Ayana Lewis (C), 9.1; 4. Katina St. Pierre (LR), 9.0; 5. (tie) Amanda Pampilius (H) and Alex Kitz (LB), 8.95; 7. Stephanie Sanders (Harrison), 8.9; 8. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.85; 9. (tie) Amy Bell (F), Amy O'Brien (N) and Madi Kaiser (GP), 8.8.

All-around: 1. Marina Moretti (B), 35.85; 2. Ayana Lewis (C), 35.20; 3. Katina St. Pierre (LR), 35.10; 4. (tie) Amanda Pampilius (H) and Alex Kitz (LB), 35.05; 6. Madi Kaiser (GP), 35.00; 7. Nicole Jacobs (S), 34.95; 8. Meredith Robinson (B), 34.65; 9. Amy Bell (F), 34.50; 10. Katie Kretzchmer (LR), 33.9; 11. Katie Bridges (LB), 33.70.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 8, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on February 8, 2010 at 6:55 p.m. regarding the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.
- To improve public facilities.

ESTIMATED ALLOCATION/POTENTIAL PROJECTS

\$30,000	Citywide Housing Rehabilitation
\$68,000	Removal of Blight on a Spot Basis
\$10,000	Senior / Family Center Improvements
\$28,800	Senior Services Coordinator (Public Service Activities must not exceed 19% of total allocation)
\$15,200	CDBG Administration (Administration must not exceed 10% of total allocation)

The following items are contingent upon the availability of funds and may vary depending upon:

- The availability of County-wide funds for use by the City of Garden City.
- The repayment of prior Housing Rehabilitation loans through lien pay-offs.

\$30,000	Countywide Housing Rehabilitation
\$ 9,500	Program Income (Housing Rehabilitation)
\$191,500	Total Proposed Allocation (estimate)

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the proposed allocations of the CDBG program.

All documentation regarding the CDBG program is available at the Community Development Department, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734)793-1663.

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Tuesday's game between Canton and Livonia Franklin was hard fought, as shown here when Amanda Nixon (right) guards Alyssa Cottrell of the Chiefs.

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GIRLS

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those turnovers coming in the second half.

'REGROUP'

"When they start imploding like that you just got to try to get them to catch their breath and regroup," McCall said. "And that's tough to do when you play a team like that, they don't let up. "When Canton gets you down they keep you down." Contributing eight and five

points for Franklin, respectively, were senior guard Amanda Nixon and senior center Sennecca Scott.

Kari and Sara Schmitt each registered seven rebounds for the Chiefs while junior forward Kayla Bridges helped the Chiefs with four points and five rebounds.

"It's good to have games like that," Samulski said. "The kids knew Franklin's a solid team.

"It's good to be challenged and it was good to see how the kids responded."

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SIDELINES

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lacrosse coach. Lacrosse experience as a player or coach is preferred, but not mandatory. Contact recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, or e-mail him at sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Coaches, please call

Coaches of high school

teams for the winter season are reminded to send in results to Tim Smith, Plymouth-Canton sports editor, in order to spotlight the achievements of local student-athletes. Call (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Please provide as much detail as possible as well as your team's current record. Deadlines are 11 p.m. both Tuesday nights for the Thursday edition and Friday evenings for Sunday's paper.

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MU men winless in WHAC

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

That first win in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference continues to elude the Madonna University men's basketball team.

The Crusaders battled hard for 40 minutes, but just came up short Saturday at home against Indiana Tech, 76-73.

Shaun Cabrera's triple from the left wing with only 45.3 seconds left proved to be the dagger as Tech improved to 7-10 overall and 2-2 in the WHAC.

The loss drops MU to 3-16 and 0-4.

"We played a pretty good game for about 35 minutes, we had run there in second half where they trying to give us some opportunities to put it away," said MU first-year coach Noel Emehiser, whose team has dropped eight of nine. "If you let somebody

hang around never know what's going to happen. Cabrera made a big shot with under minute, a three-pointer. It was only second one they made all day - 25-footer with a hand in his face. They made plays at end to win game and unfortunately we didn't."

Four players scored in double figures for the Warriors led by Jason Souder's team-high 18 points off the bench.

Cabrera added 15, while Mike Bobby and Anthony Johnson contributed 13 and 11, respectively.

Freshman Kevin Henry, who did not start, scored a team-high 13 points in 18 minutes before fouling out with 3:37 remaining.

Josh Gay contributed 11 points, while Leroy Allen and Ryan Waidmann (Canton) added nine and eight, respectively.

Waidmann grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

BOYS

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Late heroics for 'Cats

Plymouth junior guard Mike Nadratowski sank a trey with 10 seconds left in regulation Tuesday night and a last-ditch bid by Westland John Glenn missed the mark as the Wildcats pulled out a 33-32 KLAA South boys basketball victory.

Nadratowski, who led Plymouth (5-4, 2-2) with nine points, hit his three-ball from the left flank, said head coach Mike Soukup, pleased with his team's balanced attack.

Tallying eight points for the Wildcats was junior guard-forward Pat Salo while senior guard Dion Johnson and senior power forward Brennen Beyer each chipped in with

seven points.

John Glenn's Jeremy Langford scored 14 for the Rockets.

Salem rocks

A 21-point night by sophomore guard Tyler Stewart and senior center Jake Peterson's 14 points and eight rebounds lifted Salem to a 62-47 road win Tuesday at South Lyon.

"We led pretty much wire to wire," said Rocks head coach Bob Brodie about the KLAA Central boys basketball tilt. "We kept our composure and did a nice job out there."

Salem (6-3, 2-2) also benefited from the playmaking of junior guard Devonta Riley, who chalked up eight assists.

South Lyon's top performer was Jordan Short, who scored 21 points.

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The Plymouth Whalers, including Robbie Czarnik (No. 27) and Tyler Seguin (No. 9) celebrate after one of the team's seven goals Monday against Windsor at Compuware Arena.

Whalers take star-studded tilt

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A near-capacity crowd of 3,400 — including some 50 NHL scouts — were treated to playoff-style hockey Monday afternoon at Compuware Arena.

The scouts were there to check out three surefire top picks in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft who were on the ice during the Ontario Hockey League contest between Plymouth and the visiting Windsor Spitfires.

Fans wanted to see some good hockey and the teams delivered a fast-paced, heavy hitting game that went the Whalers' way, 7-4.

Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci liked how his guys stood up to the first-place Spitfires (35-7-0-4).

"We got everybody in the lineup," said Vellucci, whose team won two of three games at Compuware over a four-day span. "I thought we played really well and took control of the game in the second period."

That's when the Whalers scored four unanswered goals

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to build an insurmountable 6-2 lead. Windsor managed a couple of third-period markers to briefly think about a comeback.

Windsor, featuring future NHLers Taylor Hall (1 assist) and Cam Fowler of Farmington Hills, gave up three power play goals in losing for just a seventh time this season. The Spitfires still have the most points in the OHL with 74.

The game's third blue-chipper, Plymouth center Tyler Seguin, likely impressed the scouts with another strong game including the first and last goals of the day (the second an empty netter) as well as an assist.

"I think if you think about all that stuff you're just going to play off your game," said Seguin, a student at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "But having them here was pretty cool too and getting that big 'W' was important for sure."

Plymouth (26-20-0-1) scored two goals on the first two attempts made on

Windsor starting goalie Troy Passingham to get the afternoon off to a rousing start.

Seguin took a crisp pass from defenseman Michal Jordan (1 goal, 2 assists) and lifted a backhand past Passingham about six minutes into the game.

TWO-FOR-TWO

Plymouth's second shot, about three minutes later, also found the back of the net when Jordan smoked a screen shot from the left point that the screened Panningham had no chance on.

Windsor's Justin Shugg gave the Spitfires hope when he scored a power play goal with less than one second left in the stanza. His shot went top shelf behind Plymouth netminder Matt Hackett.

Just 3:24 into the second, the game was deadlocked when Kenny Ryan buried a rebound into the Plymouth goal. Picking up an assist was winger Eric Wellwood (1 goal, 3 assists).

But instead of folding their tent against the high-flying Spits, the Whalers needed just 2:21 to regain their lead.

Forward Robbie Czarnik (2 goals, 2 assists) banked a shot from the right side of the Windsor goal off a Spitfire defenseman's skate for the tally.

Three more goals followed in the frame, by forwards Ryan Hayes, Joe Gaynor (1 goal, 1 assist) and Czarnik.

GOOD SIGN

The way the Whalers shook off those two straight Windsor goals, gave Vellucci an idea of what kind of resilient team might occupy Compuware the rest of this season and into the playoffs.

The coach added that recent additions of forwards James Livingston and Phil McRae will make the Whalers an increasingly tough team for opponents to deal with.

"Hopefully, we'll play (the rest of the season) more like we played tonight, a good, gritty style," Vellucci said. "We can play any kind of game, we can play physical and we can play with skill. It's just good playoff hockey."

The enthusiastic matinee crowd seemed to concur.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL**
Friday, Jan. 22
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Macomb Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
Friday, Jan. 22
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Ligogett, 7 p.m.
- PREP HOCKEY**
Friday, Jan. 22
Chelsea vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 23**
Lincoln vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
- BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**
Thursday, Jan. 21
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson Tri-Meet, 6:30 p.m.

- Saturday, Jan. 23**
Dexter 9/10 Invite, TBD
- PREP WRESTLING**
Saturday, Jan. 23
Hartland Duals, 8:30 a.m.
Fowlerville Invite, 9 a.m.
- GIRLS GYMNASTICS**
Thursday, Jan. 21
Plymouth at Walled Lake Maroon/Gold, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Brighton/Howell, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 23**
Salem Invitational, TBD
- PREP BOWLING**
Thursday, Jan. 21
Canton vs. S. Lyon at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Salem vs. S. Lyon E. at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Pinckney at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 23**
Wayne County Tournament at Cherry Hill Lanes, 8:15 a.m.
- OHL HOCKEY**
Friday, Jan. 22
Plymouth Whalers at Mississauga, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23
Peterborough vs. Plymouth at Compuware, 7:05 p.m.

Plymouth 3-2 at Brighton

Plymouth enjoyed a strong showing at Saturday's Brighton Wrestling Invitational, winning three of five rounds — all with room to spare.

The Wildcats earned a 61-15 victory over the Southgate Anderson "B" team and then pounded Walled Lake Western, 63-18.

Plymouth then dropped a 49-18 match to Livonia Franklin before rebounding with a 69-12 win against Lutheran High North. Round 5 wasn't as successful, with Fenton winning 51-19.

Leading the Wildcats with perfect 5-0 days were Alec

PREP WRESTLING

Breckenridge and Jordan Birman, who filled in for fellow senior heavyweight Wally Eppler (out sick for the invite).

Chalking up 4-1 marks were Shadi Jammoul, Jimmy Ahearn, Brett Echols and Brendon Varner.

"The team had a decent day overall, beating the teams we should have by large margins," said Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey. "It would have been nice to wrestle Franklin and Fenton a little closer, but both teams proved to be bad matchups for us."

On target

Wildcats ace test; Chiefs win again

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a recent blowout victory, Paul Fassbender wanted to see how his Plymouth boys hockey team stacked up against an outstanding opponent.

On Saturday, Fassbender got the answer he was looking for as the Wildcats skated to a 4-1 win over Monroe St. Mary Catholic at the Monroe Sportsplex.

"It was one of the best defensive games we've played all year," raved Fassbender, whose team took an 11-2-1 record into Wednesday's game at Canton.

Strong penalty killing and solid goalkeeping by senior Zach Vojcek (21 saves) keyed the win.

Opening the scoring for the Wildcats midway through the first period was sophomore forward John Deal, finding the range from the point.

Assisting on the play were senior defenseman Evan Swieczkowski and senior forward Cody Hunt.

Before the frame ended, senior forward Taylor Carrier niftily tipped in a shot to enable Plymouth to take a 2-0 lead. Helpers were collected by sophomore forward Zach Gambrell and junior defenseman Justin Bauer.

The second period was an important one for Plymouth.

Besides holding the fort during Monroe power plays, senior forward Colin Wright gave the

Wildcats a 3-0 edge on a play started by Swieczkowski and junior forward Tyler Sanders.

Vojcek kept his shutout until about four minutes remained in the third period, allowing a breakthrough goal.

Plymouth regained the three-goal cushion when Wright scored his second of the game. Senior forward Pat Smiatacz and Swieczkowski (his third point) assisted.

Canton stays hot

Canton scored twice in the third period Saturday to earn a 4-3 victory over Hartland, the third consecutive victory for the Chiefs.

Scoring in the third, which began tied 2-2, were junior forwards Jordan Smith and Matt Rodgers.

Smith forced a turnover and went top shelf for his goal while junior forward AJ Rosales and senior forward Riley Hoernschmeyer drew assists on Rodgers' goal.

Also lighting the lamp for Canton (6-7) were Hoernschmeyer (from senior defenseman Alec Gilo) and junior forward Phil Baciak.

"The team's really coming together and peaking at the right time," said head coach Jeremy Majszak. "I'm very happy with the Gold Line's performance."

That forward line includes sophomores Taylor Baker and Brandon Grillo along with Baciak.

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CLASSIC

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It was there that the Shamrocks responded, and with force.

The Shamrocks scored three times in the third to seal the game and earn the victory for senior goalkeeper Zach Cisek (Canton). Junior Ryan Keller and freshman Charlie Green each tallied goals in the third. Eric Winkler, a senior, capped the scoring with an open-net goal to end the game.

The game itself felt like only half of the spectacle though. The outdoor match was the first of its kind, and television cameras lined the outdoor rink. Fans — who were initially hoped to number around 1,200 instead of nearly double that — packed around the rink to watch the two teams square off.

The players got into the hype, getting a chance to dress in throw-back jerseys for the contest. Cranbrook players wore jerseys in the same style as their 1930s counterparts, while Catholic Central showcased 1960s uniforms. Even the coaches got into the event, with Catholic

Central's Johnson wearing a CC letterman jacket and one of Cranbrook's assistant coaches sporting a bowtie.

All of the media attention, however, did work to Catholic Central's advantage. Johnson, with his team tied at the end of the second period, stalked around the locker room. Finally, he noted the cameras and the streaming Internet video and the hype. He asked the players what kind of third period they were going to show everyone, and how they were going to be remembered.

Like the defending state champions they are, the Shamrocks responded in kind. They chose to be remembered as winners.

"I was very happy with the way the team responded," said Johnson.

In addition to Cisek, the Shamrocks' roster included several with ties to Plymouth or Canton: senior forward Brad Wilhelm, junior defenseman Jake Downing, junior forward Sean Gaffney and sophomore defender Steven Hayden.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem tennis meeting

Salem Girls Tennis will hold its roundup meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 in the Salem Library.

All new and former players and their parents should plan to attend. Please bring physicals and medical insurance information.

Players must bring a check (made out to Salem Girls Tennis) to order their uniform. It will be the only chance to order a uniform this year.

The 2010 season begins on Monday, March 15.

Be a Lion

Not the Detroit Lions, thankfully. The Canton Lions Junior Football and Cheerleading programs are in the midst of a recruiting drive as we speak.

There will be a mail-in registration on Thursday, Jan. 21 for newcomers. Go to www.eteamz.com/cantonions for more information.

Programs both for football and cheerleading include varsity (ages 11-14), junior varsity (ages 10-12), freshmen (ages 9-10) and junior freshmen (ages 7-8).

GCYBSA open registration

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will hold open registration on Monday, Jan 11. Information for either "online" or manual registration can be found at www.gcybsa.com. Programs are available for players ages 4-18.

Registration will remain open through March 15. Questions can be directed to cott@canton-mi.org.

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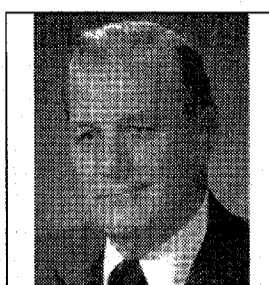
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DOROTHY B. BUSH

Age 96 of Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of the late Lyman Loving mother of the late David L. Bush, the late Kathleen Ryan, and the late Paul Bush. Cherished grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 3. Dear sister of Eva Hoefort and Floyd (Beatrice) Hibbler. Visitation Friday 10 AM until 12:30 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. Funeral Service Friday 1:30 PM (In state 1 PM) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, MI 48335. Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ or Alpha-1 Foundation Attn: Development Office, 2937 SW 27 Avenue, Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133.



JOHN MORRIS

91, of Livonia, January 19, 2010. John is a Proud Marine, WWII Veteran, Pearl Harbor Survivor, retired from Dow Chemical and former Para-pro from Farmington Public Schools. He is survived by Lillian, his beloved wife of 63 years; his loving daughters, Penny Dickerson (Dorman III) and Janet Goulart (the late David); his cherished grandchildren, Dorman IV, Randy and Jacquelyn Sullivan (Mike); and great-grandchildren, Julia and Michael II. Funeral service Friday, January 22nd, 10:30 AM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (just N. of Grand River, btw. 9-10 Mile Rd.), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 3-8 PM. Memorial tributes are suggested to The Capuchins or Odyssey Hospice heeney-sundquist.com

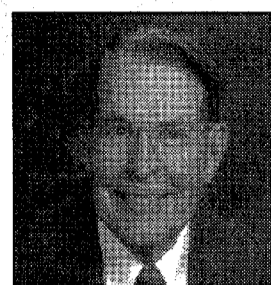
SUSAN (RUTHERFORD) PAXSON

January 16, age 37 of Canton. Loving wife of Scott and loving mother of James and Jessica. Dear daughter of James Rutherford and the late Linda Rutherford, sister of Scott (Ronda) and Spencer Rutherford, loving Aunt of Cody, Nick, Duncan, Alyssa and the late Kaydence, daughter in law of Alfred and Judy Paxson. Funeral Service Thursday 1pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Visitation was held Wednesday from 2-9pm. In lieu of flowers, family requests memorial donations to Childrens Hospital of Detroit. A memorial page can be found at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



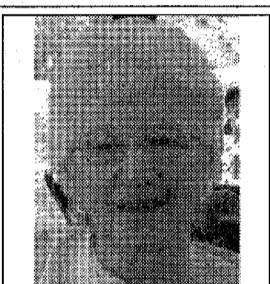
IRENE V. SOLOWIEJ

Age 85, of Plymouth, passed away January 17, 2010. In November of 2009, Irene would have to say goodbye to her husband, high school sweetheart and best friend of 65 years Chester "Chet". Survived by her loving children; Richard A. (Cheryl) Soloway, Glenn E. (Cheryl) Solowiej and the late Daniel C. Solowiej. Proud grandmother of Scott (Anna), Sean, Eliza, Steven, Jordan (Sarah) and Nicole. Great grandmother of Thomas, Benjamin and Lucia. Dear sister of Hank (Irene) Proszek. Irene worked for the Plymouth Schools for many years serving as a teacher's assistant. Both her and Chet were very active volunteers in the Plymouth Community, from the Plymouth Lion's Club to the Plymouth Library, they gave back to a community they both loved so very much. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Thursday, January 21, 2009, beginning at 4:30pm until time of Memorial Service at 5:30pm. Memorials may be made to the Penickton Center For Blind Children 26530 Eureka Rd, Taylor, MI 48180-9972



CARLETON WALL

Age 91, of Plymouth, passed away January 14, 2010. Married Margaret Berghorst on October 15, 1940 and together they were blessed with four loving children: Krysten Wall, Martha (Richard) Schryer, David (Judith McKay) Wall and Katie (Jim) Fox. Proud grandfather of Lynn (Matty) Sandoval, Dan (Linda) Hasley, Juliette (Michael) Scott, Paul (Julie) Schryer, Laura (Christian) Von Allmen, Stephanie Fox, Amanda (Brady) Gibbons and David Fox. Great grandfather of Sophia, Olivia, Libby, Anna, Grace, Max, Hannah, Luke, Dylan, Caitlyn and Logan. Carleton was an engineer and businessman by trade. He moved to Plymouth in 1940 from Detroit. A alumni of Olivet College and long-time member of the Detroit Institute of Arts. He loved the arts, travelling, woodworking, but most of all his greatest love was his family. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 11:00am from the First Presbyterian Church 701 Church St, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Carleton Wall Foundation. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



CATHERINE E. HARLOW

Age 87, of Farmington Hills, January 18, 2010. Beloved wife of the late William (d. 1997); dearest mother of Geoffrey (Virginia), Marc (Michelle) and the late Christopher (d. 1957); dear sister of Louis Clinton (Rene) Finger; cherished grandmother of Jessica, Nicholas, Ronald, Elizabeth, Catherine, Connor, Adelyn, Kinsey and Devon; and beloved aunt to many. Visitation Thursday 5-8 PM, Friday 2-9 PM, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Rosary Friday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 23rd, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Interment Holy Sepulchre. Memorial tributes suggested to Food for the Poor Inc., 6401 Lyons Rd, Coconut Creek, FL, 33073, 954-427-2222, FoodForThePoor.org.

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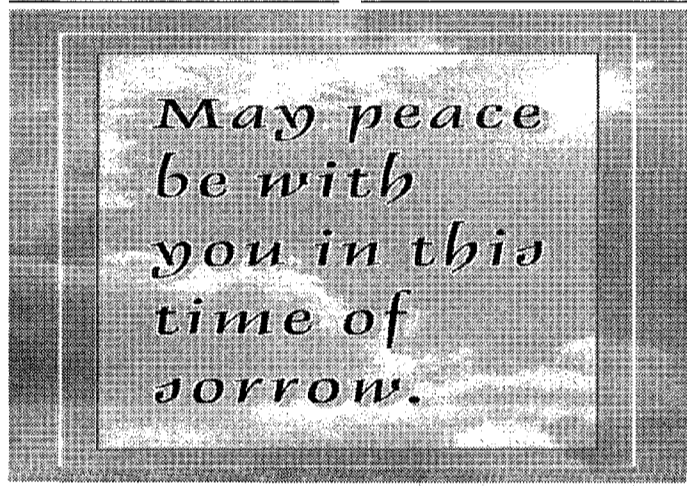
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RICHARD W. ROMAN, SR.

Age 65 of Highland Twp., and a former resident of Livonia, died at his home in the care of family on January 19, 2010. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dee; daughter, Laura (Rick) Garlock of Toledo; sons, Richard (Karie) Roman, Jr. of Traverse City, Joe (Gloria) Roman of Hartland; grandchildren, Jonathan, Nickolas, Sarah, Allison, Tristen, Josh, Mikayla, Emma, Jack, and Brady; sisters, Renee (Billy) Hidey, Carolann Bouquenoey, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joey. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 1PM. Friends may visit Thursday 3-9PM. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com.

JAN. 21-27

Congregation B'nai Moshe
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Havdalah service, 7 p.m., Jan. 23, silent auction, kosher wine and cheese tasting and gold party where guests sell unwanted gold jewelry; \$10 at the door
Location: 6800 Drake between Maple and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield
Contact: (248) 408-7275

First Methodist Church
Time/Date: 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24
Location: 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Patrick Olson, a Plymouth Symphony Board member and Shelter Box USA representative, will give a brief announcement about ShelterBox, a disaster relief charity, at the symphony's "Sunday Serenade" chamber concert. He'll talk about Rotary and ShelterBox activities in Haiti and will accept donations for the charity. ShelterBox has established three separate operational centers in and around Haiti to help distribute assistance to the estimated one million people left homeless by the devastating earthquake this month. The concert features the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras and harpist Maurice Draughn. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. A high tea will be served afterward and costs \$20.
Contact: (734) 451-2112

Newburg United Methodist
Time/Date: Dinner seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.; concert at 6 p.m.
Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Swiss Steak Dinner and concert will benefit the church's homeless ministry. The concert features the YMCA Deep River Choir, a group dedicated to the roots of American music. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Bring a gently used coat, hat, gloves or other warm clothing donation and receive a raffle ticket for a door prize.
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Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a

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Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
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Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House
Time/Dates: "Made of Wood: Multiple Perspectives" through Jan. 30
Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville
Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

plan B gallery
Time/Date: Through Jan. 30
Location: 167 Union, Plymouth
Details: "Undomesticated" show includes contemporary sculpture, painting, drawing, installations
Contact: (734) 834-3827

AUDITIONS

Farmington Players
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 8-17 and 2:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 18 and over, Sunday, Jan. 24; call backs at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25
Location: The Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 West Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: "Gypsy" is about a relentless stage mother, Rose, who travels the country with her two daughters, June and Louise, and their manager, Herbie. While June and Louise wish their mother would settle down and marry Herbie, Rose continues to pursue dreams of stardom for her girls. The auditions for those between 8 and 17 will include singing, reading and dancing. All materials for these auditions will be available on the Gypsy home page at www.farmingtonplayers.org. Those who are 18 and over should be prepared to perform a 60- to 90-second monologue for the reading audition.
Contact: E-mail Jason Wilhoite at counterpoint78@gmail.com or call him at (734) 765-4535.

Oakland Community College
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Jan. 26 and 5-7 p.m., Jan. 27
Location: Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.
Details: "Black Comedy" revolves around the efforts of a young man to impress his fiancée's father while desperately and hilariously dealing with the ensuing confusion among his invited and uninvited guests. Needs five men and three women, ages 17 to 60. Auditioners should arrive 15 minutes early and be prepared to read a character and scene of their choice from excerpts posted at www.oaklandcc.edu/theatre.
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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Bill Dwyer, through Jan. 23; Tom Cotter, Jan. 27-30
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

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Time/Date: Clinton Jackson, Jan. 21-23; Andy Pitz, Jan. 28-30
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton
Details: Three members of the Stand-Up Dads will perform. The group features Dan St. Paul, who has appeared on VHI & Comedy Central; Tim Bedore, a frequent guest on NPR's "Marketplace" and A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour;" Milt Able, who has more than 15 years standup comedy experience; and Kelly McDonald, who has appeared numerous times on NBC's "The Tonight Show." Billed as a "clean comedy show," the Stand-Up Dads may deliver some adult-themed humor and subject matter. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$22 for seniors and youth
Contact: (734) 394-5460; cantonvillagetheater.org

CONCERTS

The Ark
Time/Date: Tim Eriksen & Bill Bynum & Co., Jan. 21; The Macpodz, Jan. 22; Yiddishe Cup, Jan. 23; Katie Herzig, Jan. 24; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Chris Proctor, Jan. 28; 23rd Ann Arbor Folk Festival featuring Iron and Wine, Jay Farrar & Benjamin Gibbard, Jan. 29; folk festival featuring Rosanne Cash, Richie Havens and Doc Watson
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts
Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmullen@yahoo.com

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Time/Dates: The Backbeats, Jan. 22; the Mega 80's, Jan. 23 and 29, Feb. 6; Robert Gordon & The Gang They Couldn't Hang, Jan. 24; Lloyd Cole, Jan. 28; Fifth Way, Jan. 30; Cowboy Mouth & Junior Brown, Feb. 5
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Music Hall Jazz Cafe
Time/Date: Ben's Friends, 7 p.m., Jan. 21; Stage to Stage, Jan. 22; Ain't Misbehavin, 7 p.m., 7 p.m., Jan. 26; Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m.; Jan. 27
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: No cover most shows; \$5 Ben's Friends
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 23
Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Bobby Pennock and Barry Holdship
Contact: (734) 454-0178

Seligman Performing Arts Center
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 30
Location: On the campus of Detroit Country Date School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills
Details: Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quartet presented by Chamber Music Society of Detroit; tickets range from \$43-\$75
Contact: (248) 855-6070

Trinity House Theater
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30
Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Luke Winslow-King performs original songs in the ragtime blues and jazz traditions with national slide guitar and voice with Joshua Davis; tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers
Coming up: Peter Mulvey with Drew Nelson, 8 p.m., Feb. 6, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Jo Serrapere, 8 p.m., Feb. 12, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Erik Brandt and the Urban Hillbilly Quartet, 8 p.m., Feb. 13, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Cats and the Fiddler, 8 p.m., Feb. 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Mike Mangione and His Band, 8 p.m., Feb. 26; tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12
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Luke Winslow-King will play Saturday, Jan. 30, at Trinity House in Livonia.

Contact: (734) 394-5460; cantonvillagetheater.org

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Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 23
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
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Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: "Pinocchio," through Jan. 24, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Detroit Zoo
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through March
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. Wild Winter Weekends offer crafts, entertainment, educational experiences Feb. 6-7 and March

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At the festival

Some ice sculptures convey a message at Plymouth event

BY SHARON DARGAY

O&E staff writer Rudolph, a blind and deaf Dachshund, has appeared in a coloring book, made appearances at local schools and will be celebrated in sculpture this weekend at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

His likeness is meant to delight passersby and send them a serious message as well.

"We're telling people to do adoptions rather than shop," explained Pam Sordyl, founder of the Northville-based Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup of Southeastern Michigan. The group promotes animal rescue and adoptions and pressures pet stores — through public rallies — to stop selling pets from disreputable kennels and puppy mills, which mass produce dogs. The group's public education campaign teaches about the origins of pet store puppies and lobbies for stronger laws and regulations for animal breeding.

Last year the organization commissioned a carver to create a bulldog in ice and they attended the festival for the first time.

"This year we have Rudolph. He's a puppy mill survivor and is doing good deeds," said Sordyl, referring to Rudolph's visits, with owner Marcia Fishman, to schools throughout southeastern Michigan.

Fishman, a lifelong dog lover and experienced trainer, as well as a strong



Marcia Fishman and her blind and deaf puppy mill survivor, Rudolph, a Dachshund. Rudolph's likeness will be carved into ice at the 28th annual Plymouth Ice Festival. The event runs Jan. 22-24 in downtown Plymouth.

supporter of volunteerism, takes Rudolph into classrooms to explore the issues of diversity and disabilities with children. She also wrote a coloring book about her disabled dog. "Whatever his presence can do about awareness, whether that's with kids and sensitivity to disabilities or if it's awareness to what a puppy mill produces, I'm happy," said Fishman, who also serves as the executive director of the Screen Actors Guild for Michigan.

MESSAGE IN ICE

Sordyl said the ice festival offers an opportunity to reach potentially thousands of families and individuals. "It worked out so well last year," she said, recalling the bulldog sculpture. "It was popular with our volunteers

and it's a positive way to reach people and spread awareness. Kids love seeing it. Kids all know dogs. It's a great way to reach families."

The group will have signs on display in conjunction with the ice art. Members will offer literature about puppy mills and will collect donations for homeless animals. The Humane Society of Huron Valley also will be on hand with information.

Sordyl said her group has about 245 members on its Facebook site — it also maintains a Web page on Meetup — and is growing.

"Our focus is pet stores because we know 24 of them that are bring in most of the dogs (from puppy mills). We have some backyard breeders and we're working on that, too,"



The Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup sent a message about adopting rather than buying dogs at the Plymouth Ice Festival last year with a canine ice sculpture and printed literature.

Sordyl said. "Without pet stores, puppy mills would not exist."

She organized Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup shortly after a pet store opened in Northville two years ago.

"I organized a parade. I had all these rescue pets come and it got the town talking. I didn't do anything else. Everyone put pressure on (the merchant)," she said, adding that the store went out of business.

SPONSORED SCULPTURES

Sam Walton, Plymouth Ice Festival's executive producer said no other issue-oriented groups or nonprofits have commissioned sculptures to represent their mission this weekend. But he noted that "Ice sculpting is an art form that relies on personal expression just as any other medium."

"If a carver decides to create a piece meant to inspire or challenge, that means the purpose of the art is being reached," he said. "The carvers run ideas by us as the producers — but we

don't make final decrees on what is to be created. We do have a few areas of the show this year that will feature a theme among a number of different sculptures."

"We have a number of sponsored sculptures this year that will be used as promotion and marketing for a business. If a business wants a sculpture, they can sponsor the sculpture. Price is dependent upon the overall size of the piece requested. The price includes the cost of the ice and the carvers time to create the work."

Delta Diamond Setters in Plymouth has sponsored an ice sculpture and supported the festival since its inception, says Kathy Aschermann, who works in the family business with her father, Tom Piotrowski, who founded it, a sibling and a handful of employees.

"We've always sponsored a sculpture. In year's past we've paid extra to have them sculpt something we requested. One year we had a lady's silhouette with a strand of pearls," Aschermann noted. "We

give a donation and then a sculpture shows up in front of our store — whether it be a Gumby or a pineapple — we don't do it to have a sculpture of a diamond ring in front of the store."

"We've done it because we feel it's needed for town."

Although Aschermann said the store's ice sculpture is not meant as "advertising" or promotion, it does help drive shoppers into the store for a look. They aren't likely to buy on the spur of the moment, but may come back to shop at another time.

"The more ice sculptures there are up and down the streets, there will be an increase in foot traffic. It's always good for business exposure. Our hope is they'll like the town and remember the stores that sponsored sculptures and promoted the festival."

The Plymouth Ice Festival runs Friday-Sunday, Jan. 22-24.

For more information on festival events visit www.plymouthicefestival.org.

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Group brings Motown Sound to OCC

Serieux, will perform its two-hour All-Motown Review Feb. 5 at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the campus' Smith Theatre. Tickets are \$15.

Serieux is led by Larry Griffin, a 35-year music veteran who serves as baritone, second tenor, first tenor, arranger, and choreographer for the 10-member group, which regularly performs throughout the state. Serieux' latest CD, *I Can Give You Love*, has just been released.

For more information call Velma Jones at (248) 942-3243. Tickets are available at all OCC Campus Bookstores, or online at www.oaklandcc.edu/entertainment.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696.

FOOD

Eatery serves up perfect treat for ice fest

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Paul Zajac, general manager of Station 885 Restaurant, is working on a special recipe for Plymouth Ice Festival weekend. It goes something like this:

BLUE RASPBERRY, ORANGE AND CHERRY STRIPED SNOW CONE

- 5,000 pounds of shaved ice
- 90 gallons (900 pounds) of syrup
- 1 cardboard cone, 9 feet tall and 6 feet wide at its opening
- 1 metal exoskeleton to support the cardboard cone
- Three industrial-sized ice shaving machines
- Scaffolding
- Place cone in metal support next to scaffolding. Shave ice. Using a bucket brigade, fill cone with shaved ice and add syrup. Serves 10,000.

"The only thing I'd ask is that I'd like the first snow cone," said Zajac, who plans to scoop out samples of the monster-sized frozen treat for onlookers when it's completed Saturday, Jan. 23, in the restaurant parking lot in Plymouth's Historic Old Village.

"I can't wait to fill this thing. It will be a sight. The joke around here is that the standard line is 'I don't know. I've never done it before.' That's one of the things that makes this fun. To accomplish the feat is secondary. It's just a fun thing for families to watch."

That feat is breaking the world record for the biggest snow cone. Zajac hopes to create a 2.5 ton (5,000 pounds) icy confection that will beat out the current record of 2.104 tons (4,640 pounds) held by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area in Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

He figures it will take the restaurant's owners, staff and volunteers about four hours, starting at 11 a.m., to create the shaved ice and fill the cone.

MAKING IT BIG

Three ice shaving machines from C. Cretors & Co., in Chicago will turn out a total of approximately 2,500 pounds of ice an hour. A bucket brigade will dump the main ingredient into a "green" cardboard cone built by ATS Packaging, with help from PianoCrafters, both of Plymouth. Then they'll add the flavored syrup and weigh the cone on equipment from Metro Scale.

"The company's automo-



Showing off the cone that will be used in an attempt to build the world's biggest snow cone Saturday in Plymouth, are Tony Sebastian (left) of ATS Packaging of Plymouth, the company that donated material, helped with construction and scientific testing; Robert Costanza, owner-operator of Station 885 Restaurant, Pat DeBeliso, owner-operator of PianoCrafters of Plymouth, a company that assisted with construction; and Paul Zajac, general manager of Station 885 Restaurant.

tive scale weighs up to 16,000 pounds. We'll have a scoreboard read-out. We'll know (its weight) when we reach the top," Zajac said. "Because we're dealing with such weight, we'll move at a safe pace."

GETTING INVOLVED

Zajac cooked up the snow cone idea last June while searching for ways to participate in Plymouth's downtown events.

"Arguably the biggest event Plymouth has is the ice festival. I thought about world records and ice. We wanted something family-oriented, of course, and I also wanted something fun. All signs pointed to the snow cone."

He didn't find out until August, after Guinness World Records approved the attempt, just how big the last record-setting cone was. Unfazed, he figured Station 885 could build it "better and bigger."

And also edible. Zajac said Guinness requires the giant-sized snow cone to function like its smaller versions. The ice-handling equipment is sterilized and food grade ice is used.

"We're going to scoop from the top," he said, explaining plans for distributing the treat. "It will be something special to eat...to eat a piece of history."

Station 885 is located at Starkweather.



Thai-Peanut Ginger Wraps

Serve game day food with a twist

We love to watch sports on television at my house. But it takes some seriously good food to keep the fans happy.

Snack foods are always popular — in fact, Americans eat almost 30 million pounds of snacks on Super Bowl Sunday alone. I like to have something more substantial on hand, too, to keep us going for all four quarters.

Here are a few tips from my game day playbook that will make your game watching party a winner:

• Hollowed out sourdough bread rounds are great dip containers. Leave an inch or so of bread around the edges and fill each round with your favorite dip. Warm spinach, artichoke or cheese dips work well.

• Crock pots are great for keeping foods warm. Borrow some extras from friends and set up a row of them for meatballs, chili, cocktail links or soup.

• If you're going to set out a veggie tray, do all your chopping and slicing ahead of time. Store the chopped veggies in plastic bags in the fridge and they'll be ready to go when you are.

• Score extra points with desserts that are easy to handle. Bar cookies and cookies are perfect.

I love making traditional game day foods with a little twist. These Thai-Peanut Ginger Wings are a zesty combination of ginger, sesame, soy and peanut butter, made creamy with evaporated milk. Serve them with extra peanut dipping sauce and fresh veggies — they're sure to be a crowd pleaser.

THAI-PEANUT GINGER WINGS

Ingredients

- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 cup creamy or chunky peanut butter
- 1/2 cup soy sauce, divided
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons rice or cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 5 pounds frozen chicken wings, thawed

Preparation

Place evaporated milk, peanut butter, 3 tablespoons soy sauce, green onions, ginger, vinegar and pepper flakes in blender; cover. Blend until smooth. Combine 1/2 cup peanut sauce, remaining 5 tablespoons soy sauce and chicken wings in large bowl; cover. Marinate chicken in refrigerator for 1 hour. Refrigerate remaining peanut sauce.

Preheat oven to 425° F. Foil-line and grease 2 baking sheets with sides.

Place chicken on prepared baking sheets. Discard any remaining marinade.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, turning once, or until chicken is cooked through. Remove from baking sheets to serving platter. Stir remaining peanut sauce and spoon some over wings. If desired, serve remaining sauce with wings and assorted cut-up vegetables.

Makes 20 servings. Nutrition Information per serving: Calories — 270g, cholesterol — 90 mg; fat — 20g; protein — 22g; carbohydrates — 1g; sodium — 190mg

Notes, Tips & Suggestions
Tip: Jazz up the presentation with a colorful array of fresh vegetables, such as pea pods and red and yellow peppers.

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com. Her column is courtesy of Family Features.

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Play it smart with mortgage, refinancing

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You need to choose a reputable mortgage company when the time comes to buy a home.

That's the word from Mary McGaw, mortgage loan officer for Bank of America. McGaw, a Westland resident whose work is Canton-based, said to watch what kind of mortgage you get.

"They need to watch they don't get in a balloon or adjustable," she said, noting most buyers today go for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

You need to watch points, a fee percentage of the mortgage price. Also, watch third party costs in quotes you get, such as those for title companies or attorney fees, McGaw said.

She added that as of Jan. 1 this year with Regulation X, the field is more highly regulated, helping to address some of the turmoil of recent years in mortgage lending.

Regulation X provides a universal form to compare mortgage terms, said Tim Burns, public affairs director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. Consumers can now go to all brokers and get good faith estimates up front, with lenders required to provide the form within three days of the person asking for a loan application.

"It's not as confusing," Burns, an attorney, said of the process.

The Clawson resident and Oakland County commissioner said checking with the BBB is a good starting point for mortgage companies. There's a Web site at bbb.org where you can look up customer service histories across the country. The Southfield-based BBB can be reached by phone at (248) 223-9400.

"You can get a good idea if there's a track record of particular problems with a mortgage lender," he said. Doing so can save you "hours of grief and lots of money down the road."

He also recommends a check with the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation, online at michigan.gov/ofir. That's the regulatory agency for the banking industry in Michigan.



"They're a reputable state organization we have a good working relationship with," Burns said.

There's been a recent dramatic decrease in available credit with more consumers seeking alternative lenders. Some prey on them with advance fee loan scams. In those, the customer pays \$1,000-\$5,000 via wire, thinking a loan will come through.

Such unscrupulous people often take on the look of a legitimate business, Burns said, but will change the phone number or e-mail.

"That's why it's important to validate who you're dealing with." Make sure the phone number and Web site

are tied to the legitimate business, something chambers of commerce can assist with.

He also sees people who are refinancing a mortgage using counselors and debt consultants, some of whom promise to modify a loan for a fee but are scam artists. There are legitimate professionals registered and approved by the state, such as Greenpath, Burns said.

Again, BBB accreditation is a good sign. You'll never pay a fee to talk to your lender, he reminds consumers. You may not like the outcome, but there's no charge for such contacts.

Some people have paid thousands to a so-called negotiator only to find

the money isn't going to the creditor.

Hiring a lawyer can help those with complex situations, Burns said, and there's free assistance for some. All need to do their homework and be proactive in checking out lenders.

Many counties have a Cooperative Extension Service through Michigan State University that offers free housing advice, although they're not lawyers. "That information can be very valuable and it's at no charge," Burns said.

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority, (866) 946-7432, offers workshops and referrals, he added.

Books, contract should be open

Q: I live in a small condominium and our property manager refuses to give us a receipt for work done on a re-roofing of our building for which we have been specially assessed. He also refuses to give us any written warranty information and has given us a lot of excuses. My question is do we have a right to demand a receipt for work done? Shouldn't the roofing company provide us with receipts for our monies?

A: Presumably the roofing company has a contract with the association and is accountable to it. However,



you are entitled to review the books, records and contracts of the association which, presumably, would include

the roofing contract, any warranty provided, and any other receipts or other documentation provided to the association by the roofing company. You should make a demand upon the association Board of Directors, and, if the management company is refusing to cooperate, you should consider removing the board through the electoral process, and then, if necessary, the management company.

Q: I am on the board of a residential HOA with a common gym and spa facility, including private massage therapy rooms. The HOA does not currently contract with any specific trainers or therapists to provide services to owners, but owners are contracting with their own personal service providers who accompany the individual owner as they use the gym and spa. A board member raised a red flag when a long-term renter in the complex began posting flyers in public areas inviting owners to twice monthly "group relaxation therapy sessions" in one large common room for a voluntary "love gift" of \$10 per session to cover costs. The board members are concerned about the association sanctioning the activity, and, that it might violate existing restrictions on commercial activities by owners. What do you think?

A: I think that you should provide an agreement, which sets forth, among other things, that the provider has to observe HOA rules for reservation and use of the premises, and that the provider has to acquire appropriate insurance with the HOA as an additional insured, and, that the provider has to obtain releases/waivers from all who use the provider services. I would also require indemnification but most providers don't have a deep enough pocket to make that meaningful. I would also be concerned about opening up the clubhouse to outsiders in regard to the Americans With Disabilities Act. In short, you better get the association attorney involved.

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.

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of October 5-9, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
3032 Debra Ct	\$47,000
3176 Margaret St	\$96,000
Beverly Hills	
16280 W 12 Mile Rd	\$116,000
Bingham Farms	
32766 Bingham Ln	\$438,000
Birmingham	
871 Bird Ave	\$417,000
1076 Floyd St	\$326,000
770 Hanna St	\$413,000
544 S Bates St	\$351,000
698 Southfield Rd	\$561,000
2614 Yorkshire Rd	\$145,000
1111 Yosemite Blvd	\$80,000
Bloomfield Township	
4790 Apple Grove Ct	\$260,000
4812 Beacon Hill Dr	\$224,000
4039 Cranbrook Ct	\$235,000
4058 Old Ridge Dr E	\$180,000

2718 Indian Round Rd	\$542,000
1947 Long Lake Shore Dr	\$875,000
2458 Thisle Pointe	\$365,000
1955 Westlake Ct	\$475,000
5535 Woodland Pass	\$325,000
Clarkston	
6150 Ascension St	\$78,000
4833 Harding Ave	\$155,000
9760 Kingston Pointe Dr	\$265,000
5008 Rockaway Ln	\$470,000
7080 Scenic Rdg	\$360,000
Commerce Township	
4576 Driftwood Dr	\$468,000
3925 S Shore Dr	\$800,000
3075 Silverberry St	\$120,000
Davidsburg	
12426 Shaffer Rd	\$210,000
Farmington	
35554 Lark Harbor Ct	\$114,000
32096 Lee Ln	\$110,000
Farmington Hills	
36950 Carla Ct	\$200,000
21540 Collingham Ave	\$116,000
28000 Danvers Dr	\$200,000
28860 E King William Dr	\$176,000
31045 Hunters Whip Ln	\$252,000
39934 Koppernick Rd	\$115,000
47057 Mornington Rd	\$290,000
6647 N Lambeth Ct	\$220,000
340 Roosevelt St	\$118,000
4174 Strathmore Ln	\$140,000
51129 Topper Ct	\$275,000
6125 Vixen Ct	\$250,000
30487 Salisbury St	\$130,000

24442 Springbrook Dr	\$169,000
28247 Statter Ln	\$130,000
32980 Thornadyke Ct	\$250,000
37596 Turnberry Ct	\$405,000
34981 White Pine Trl	\$185,000
30371 Wicklow Rd	\$165,000
Franklin	
26570 Drummond Ct	\$440,000
Keego Harbor	
2911 Cordell Ave	\$140,000
2943 Glenbroke St	\$27,000
Lake Orion	
589 Central Dr	\$325,000
1678 Covington Woods Ln	\$252,000
139 Eastview St	\$116,000
2432 Forest Hills Dr	\$159,000
2027 Hopefield St	\$260,000
1401 Nakomis Trl	\$365,000
380 Newton Ct	\$139,000
973 Sherry Dr	\$64,000
3298 Springwood Ct	\$195,000
54 Waterview Dr	\$165,000
1098 Wheatfield Dr	\$196,000
Lathrup Village	
19011 Alhambra Ct	\$155,000
19081 Saratoga Blvd	\$125,000
Milford	
731 Abbey Ln	\$160,000
1343 Lone Tree Rd	\$206,000
1083 Ravensview Trl	\$335,000
Northville	
43785 Dorisa Ct	\$74,000

47325 Dunsany Rd	\$165,000
50931 Park Place Dr	\$565,000
523 Reed	\$122,000
22350 Waterland Dr	\$525,000
Novi	
23871 Argyle St	\$430,000
25772 Cody Ln	\$378,000
29150 Eastman Trl	\$285,000
24165 Elizabeth Ln	\$235,000
24650 Venice Dr	\$275,000
43333 Windmill Ct	\$244,000
Oakland Township	
88 Coachlamp Rd	\$93,000
4724 Green Meadow Ln	\$443,000
3240 Landview Dr	\$300,000
Oxford	
501 Iroquois Ct	\$360,000
Rochester	
803 Plate St	\$22,000
1016 River Mist Dr	\$240,000
544 Springview Dr	\$390,000
202 Walnut Blvd	\$262,000
Rochester Hills	
510 Augusta Dr	\$158,000
1898 Burning Bush Ct	\$130,000
3865 Cherrywood Ln	\$430,000
1416 Clear Creek Dr	\$575,000
3422 Connors Dr	\$50,000
1110 E Fairview Ln	\$195,000
1920 Fairfield Dr	\$177,000
1236 Oakwood Ct	\$129,000
529 Plum Ridge Dr	\$208,000

748 Windsong Dr	\$370,000
South Lyon	
730 Challenging Trl	\$125,000
25456 Coach Ln	\$310,000
57987 International Dr	\$223,000
23764 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
23461 Prescott Ln W	\$61,000
24757 Valleywood Dr	\$110,000
625 W Crest Ln	\$140,000
24810 Wedgewood Dr	\$270,000
Southfield	
21331 Duns Scotus St	\$49,000
16329 E Rutherford St	\$130,000
15971 Goldwin Pl	\$120,000
20404 Mada Ave	\$65,000
29863 Spring Hill Dr	\$75,000
21391 Wallace Dr	\$25,000
Troy	
1642 Brentwood Dr	\$100,000
4261 Cherrywood Dr	\$215,000
6367 Country Ridge Dr	\$490,000
38 Hickory Dr	\$25,000
4241 Livernois Rd	\$178,000
3410 Pasadena Dr	\$138,000
1596 Tennyson Dr	\$135,000
6789 Tree Knoll Dr	\$322,000
3869 Victoria Dr	\$228,000
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1200 Addison Dr	\$67,000
3102 Doughton Dr	\$90,000
20203 Alexa Dr	\$153,000
29103 April Ct	\$147,000

Waterford	
2922 Buick Ave	\$60,000
129 Coleman Dr	\$73,000
1886 Colonial Village Way	\$58,000
351 Cove View Dr	\$305,000
3847 Embarcadero St	\$104,000
5765 Oster Dr	\$85,000
5055 Ridgeway Dr	\$100,000
185 S Avery Rd	\$45,000
5447 Sandelwood Ct	\$130,000
3510 W Walton Blvd	\$99,000
West Bloomfield	
5216 Brett Ct	\$105,000
7239 Carlyle Xing	\$150,000
7322 Creek View Cir	\$95,000
7220 Creeks Bend Dr	\$129,000
3646 Elder Rd S	\$670,000
4215 Fallow St	\$184,000
4965 Grand Ct	\$150,000
6653 High Ridge Rd	\$240,000
5136 Latimer St	\$40,000
6177 Pickwood Dr	\$330,000
1808 Poppleton Dr	\$180,000
2155 S Hammond Lake Rd	\$192,000
7387 Sherwood Creek Ct	\$155,000
White Lake	
8170 Casa Mia St	\$150,000
1335 Castlewood St	\$165,000
8091 Springdale Dr	\$130,000
Wolverine Lake	
2284 Ellington St	\$154,000

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
39900 Coronation Rd	\$73,000
49831 Courtyard Ln	\$215,000
1156 Hampshire Dr	\$154,000
1516 Hereford	\$350,000
6781 Kings Mill Dr	\$309,000
39934 Koppernick Rd	\$115,000
47057 Mornington Rd	\$290,000
6647 N Lambeth Ct	\$220,000
340 Roosevelt St	\$118,000
4174 Strathmore Ln	\$140,000
51129 Topper Ct	\$275,000
6125 Vixen Ct	\$250,000
6127 Wedgewood Rd	\$178,000

8435 Westchester Ln	\$167,000
1124 Yarmouth Ct	\$295,000
Garden City	
28562 Krauter St	\$29,000
627 Radcliff St	\$38,000
6628 Sunset St	\$63,000
Livonia	
18284 Brentwood St	\$160,000
9336 California St	\$123,000
9870 Fremont St	\$67,000
37691 Kingsbury St	\$145,000
35211 Leon St	\$106,000
31431 Merrivood Park Dr	\$80,000
29555 Nottingham Cir	\$122,000

20001 Parker St	\$110,000
33824 Richland St	\$128,000
29620 Wentworth St	\$149,000
30110 Westfield St	\$110,000
15925 Woodring Dr	\$180,000
Northville	
44499 Broadmoor Blvd	\$250,000
44718 Broadmoor Cir N	\$377,000
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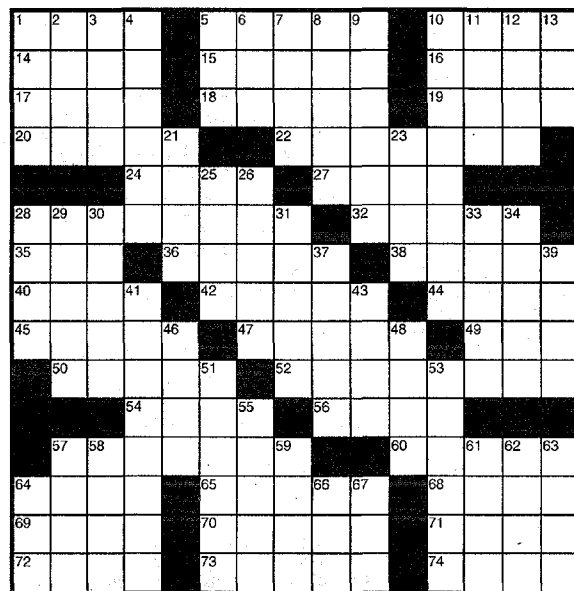
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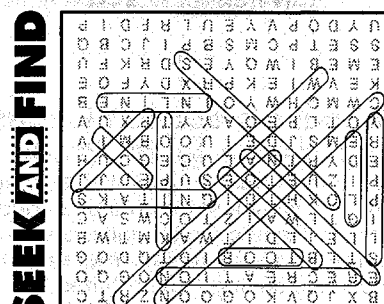
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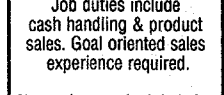
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