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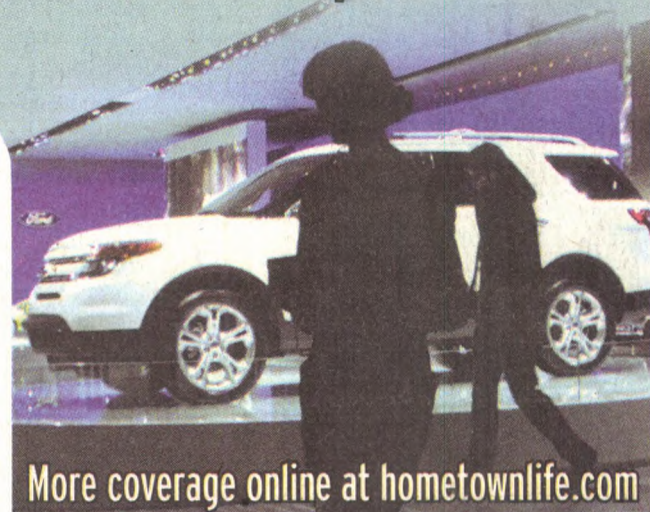
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Penn fund-raising

According to information provided by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the Friends of the Penn have announced plans for a comprehensive auditorium renovation tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2011.

The renovation will include updates to the seating, flooring, drapery, staging and sound system and will cost approximately \$170,000.

The initial phase of the project began in December with the purchase of a portable audio system for groups who use the Penn Theatre for live performances, including the Plymouth Community Band, Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. This purchase was made possible through a grant from the Community Foundation of Plymouth.

For more information on the Auditorium Renovation Campaign, visit penntheatre.com and click on "Donations."

Super Bowl recipes

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

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

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

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

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

Make hearts sing

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

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

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

New president promises 'our' plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Jackson

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

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

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

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

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

see what we need to do to make that happen."

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

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

"He's proved to us he's ready to lead," Mardigian said. "He's a very hard worker. I think he's been able to talk

to everybody, and reach out to everybody."

Sneiderman disagreed, basing his lack of support largely on the motions Jackson pushed through in November to not renew the contract of Superintendent Craig Fiegel and install Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs as the district's chief operating officer.

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

Please see **PRESIDENT, A5**



North American International Auto Show committee member Scott LaRiche poses by the 2011 Car of the Year — the GM Chevrolet Volt — at Monday's press preview at Cobo Center. LaRiche, of Lou LaRiche in Plymouth Township, is busy assisting exhibitors at the auto show.

Poised for progress

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet ready for a banner year

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Scott LaRiche with Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township walked around the 2011 North American International Auto Show with a smile on Monday. Like many others at the show, he could feel a buzz in the air.

"Just walking around this auto show and how it's coming together, you can tell there's an upbeat attitude," he said. "You walk in the GM display and it's packed. People love that because it means

jobs. It's an exciting time."

LaRiche, who lives in Northville Township, believes the auto industry has turned the corner. He believes the cars and trucks being built in America today are reaching new levels in quality and design.

Most of all, he believes in General Motors.

"The Sonic for Chevrolet is being built in Lake Orion, the Volt is being built in Hamtramck," he said. "It means a lot to metro Detroit, all these people working in these plants. And then think

of all the suppliers in the area — Brownstown is where the batteries are being made for the Volt. Small suppliers are now hiring, too."

Located on Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township, the Lou LaRiche dealership is celebrating 40 years of success. It ranks as one of the top dealers among the GM family, with plans to grow in 2011.

"Chevy sells over 72 percent of all GM vehicles, so we're poised to really make some big sales strides," said

Please see **LARICHE, A5**

Heise takes oath in local ceremony

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

Heise took the oath, administered by Judge Ronald

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

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

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

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

Heise's best-known proposal would put the

Please see **HEISE, A3**

No charges in clerk's complaint

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joe Bridgman and Ron Edwards shook hands Tuesday night — but not before their longstanding feud erupted in an exchange of criticisms during a Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting.

The quarrel, which drew admonitions from other trustees, came days after Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office announced that no charges would be brought against Edwards, the township treasurer, over a complaint by Bridgman, the township clerk, that Edwards

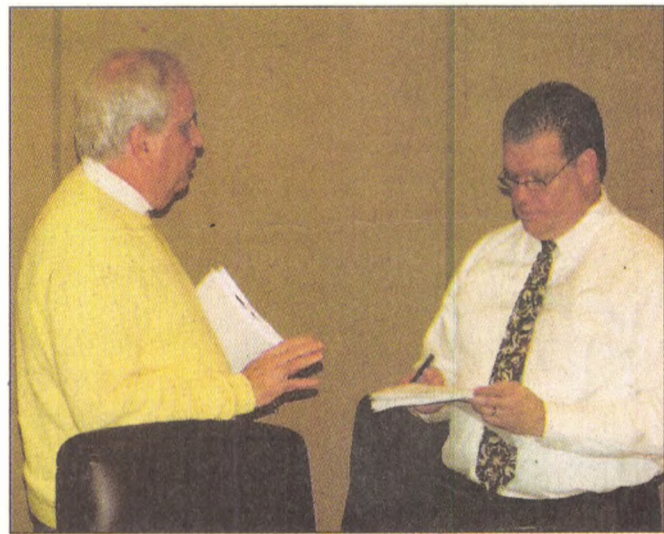
assaulted him last July 20. Bridgman continues to say he was assaulted; Edwards denies it.

Bridgman has said he was not hurt.

Saying "I'm tired of it," Edwards accused Bridgman of feeding information to township critics who use it to "bash the township," while at the same time accepting a pay raise during difficult budget times, when Edwards and Supervisor Richard Reaume rejected raises and part-time trustees cut their pay.

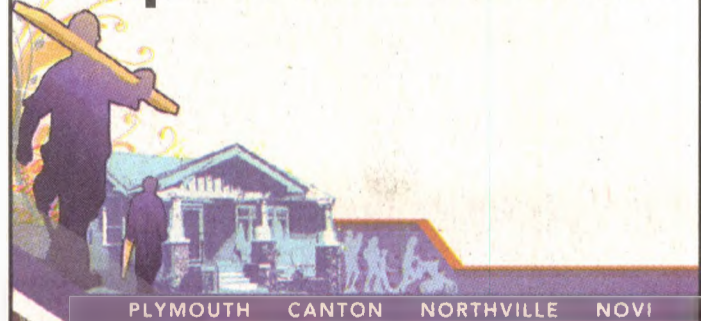
"We're here to support this community," he said.

Please see **COMPLAINT, A5**



Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards (left) and Clerk Joe Bridgman at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting. The two shook hands after airing complaints about each other during the meeting.

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"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

Miracle League benefit

The Plymouth Cultural Center will be the site for "Bids, Bats & Buddies," a charity event to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth, the group shepherding a new baseball field for special-needs kids in Plymouth.

There are only some 50 tickets remaining for the event, set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. The event will feature a live auction, a silent gourmet food auction with items donated from neighborhood restaurants, food merchants and bakeries. Special guest is former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman.

Tickets are \$20 pre-sale and \$25 at the door. For ticket and other information, call (734) 377-0914 or e-mail info@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Chili cookoff

VFW Post 6695 and its Ladies' Auxiliary host "Winter Warmup Chili Cookoff" to benefit the Ladies' Auxiliary Saturday, Jan. 15.

The cookoff takes place 5-8 p.m. at the VFW Post, 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for chili and three votes.

For more information, call Susie Wagner, (734) 934-6867.

Call for artists

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announces its second annual open art exhibition, Pure Art of Michigan, to be held in April. Artists are invited to submit work that highlights the unique beauty of our state.

Works will be accepted in all media except sculpture. There will be a \$10 fee for up to two entries of reasonable size. Paintings must be framed and ready for hanging and clearly identified and priced on the back. Final selections will be made by the exhibition committee.

The drop off day for exhibit consideration is Monday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Pure Art of Michigan runs from April 1-30.

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

Jazz @ the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks takes place 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Haggerty in Plymouth.

The featured artists are Ron Kischuck on Trombone, Sven Anderson on Keyboard, Marion Hayden on String Bass, and Judy Cochill on Vocals. No cover, but a \$5 donation will be appreciated. Hors d'oeuvres served.

Call (734) 453-1780 or visit PlymouthElks1780.com for more information.

OLGC open house

As a kick-off to National Catholic Schools week, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School has invited area families to join students and staff for a special open house celebration.

The school open house takes place 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choirs, quiz bowl, and art and science areas. Tours of the school and registration information will be available. Registrations for the 2011/12 school year are due Feb. 10. The open house is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (734) 453-3053.

Preschool art

Bring some color and fun into the winter months with a Preschool Art Class at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Instructor Lisa Howard will explore a variety of art projects with 4- and 5-year-olds in her Littlest Artist Studio. Sessions run on Tuesday mornings (starting Feb. 15)



Books for sale

Friends of the Plymouth District Library (from left) Nan Cooper, Carol Davis and Bob Cooper prepare for the 'Dime-A-Book' sale set for Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth. All used books (hardcover and paperbacks) will cost 10 cents each. The sale will run during regular library hours 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

for five weeks, the last week is a special art show for friends and family to attend.

For the younger preschooler, PCAC offers "You and Me Together" a class designed for toddlers and preschoolers (ages 2½-4) and a parent, grandparent or caregiver. Sessions begin Wednesday morning, Feb. 16 and run for five weeks. Cost for either class is \$80 per session (\$65 for PCAC members).

Classes are open to all, and are held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road (just south of M-14), Plymouth, MI 48170. You may register by phone 734-416-4278 or drop in during normal business hours.

To find out more information about these classes or for information on all PCAC programs please visit: www.plymoutharts.com.

Genealogy workshop

On Saturday, March 5, the Plymouth Historical Museum will hold the first in a series of genealogical workshops to help family historians of all levels research their 19th-century American ancestors.

The workshops all contain topics relating to Civil War era research, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. The first workshop features Curt Witcher, a popular genealogical lecturer on the

local, state, and national level. He is the Genealogy Center Manager of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 3:30 p.m. The \$50 fee includes the four lectures, lunch, and the option of touring the Museum's special exhibit, "Rediscovering the Civil War," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

New Morning events

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

More information is available at www.newmorningschool.com. Please call (734) 420-3331 with questions or to set up a private appointment to discuss and observe the school.

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

Charity event

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

The evening consists of an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner followed by the comedy of Dwayne Gill, by day a police officer and by night a profes-

sional stand-up comedian. Known for his engaging personality and stage presence, Gill has been performing comedy since 1993. His topics range from current events and male/female relationships to the crazy situations he's encountered as a police officer.

Reservations are \$50 per person and can be made by calling Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820 by Jan. 18. All proceeds go toward United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond insurance coverage. It is also used to provide food, clothing, emergency medications, transportation, and medical equipment for patients in need.

One-act festival

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chef Jesse cooks

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

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

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

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

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

HEISE
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Detroit Water and Sewerage Department under the control of a regional board, an issue he campaigned on last fall.

His other three bills would: prohibit the annexation of property by another community in townships with a population of more than 20,000, something his predecessor, Democrat Marc Coriveau, had pushed; mandate a maximum 90-day turnaround period for permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality; and require elections in public school districts to coincide with statewide November general elections in order to cut costs by reducing the number of elections.

On Monday, Heise announced he is planning to introduce a measure that

would eliminate the Michigan Business Tax surcharge, which is close to 22 percent for most businesses.

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

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

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

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

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

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Plymouth student in top 10 for chance to cover Oscars

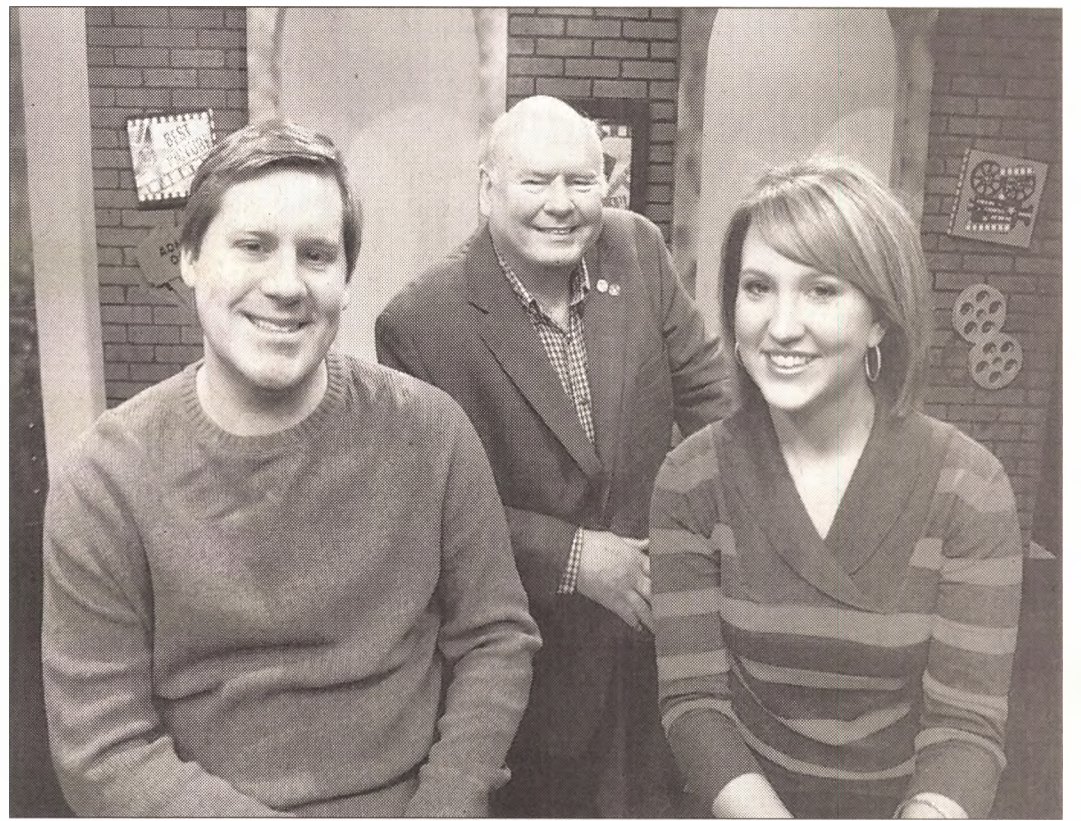
Two teams of student journalists from Madonna University — including one from Plymouth — are in the running to win a chance to report live from the red carpet at the 83rd Academy Awards in Hollywood.

The teams competed in a nationwide video submission contest sponsored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and mtvU, MTV's 24-hour college network. Based on the quality and originality of the videos submitted, judges selected 10 teams as semifinalists, three of which will be given a chance to compete in Hollywood for the grand prize of covering the Oscars.

"This is a pretty awesome honor for Madonna's Broadcast and Cinema Arts program — to have two teams make it to the top 10," said Chuck Derry, director of broadcast and cinema arts at Madonna University. "Both these teams have worked very hard on their submissions so it's great to see their work recognized," he said.

Madonna is the only Michigan university to have teams make the list of semifinalists. Each team consists of two members, a videographer and an anchor. The members of the winning teams from Madonna are Idamarie Tedesco of Clinton Township, who is the anchor, and Walid Jaward of Dearborn; and Sara Simnitch of Swartz Creek, anchor, and Adam Woloszyk of Plymouth.

"The process of scripting, shooting, editing, and most of all waiting to hear back from mtvU, was extremely rewarding," Tedesco said. "It's an amazing feeling to see your vision being created. If Walid and I were to win this contest, it would be the biggest honor and privilege to represent Madonna University, as well as the entire Detroit commu-



Top 10 finalists in the 2011 Oscars Correspondent Contest, Madonna University students Adam Woloszyk of Plymouth (left) and Sara Simnitch (right) along with Chuck Derry, director of broadcast and cinema arts major.

nity. Film, entertainment and movies are a passion of mine, and having the experience to have both of my feet on the red carpet in the chaos and excitement of the Oscars would be nothing short of amazing."

The next phase of the process is online voting, which is open to the public through Jan. 28. Judges will use the online voting results to help choose three of the 10 semifinalists, who will be flown to Los Angeles to cover the Academy Awards pre-events.

The grand prize-winning team will be revealed in Hollywood on Saturday, Feb. 26, at an Academy press conference. The anchor and videographer will be awarded a spot on the red carpet for the Oscar nominee arrivals, as well as credentials for access

to backstage press rooms.

The winning team's coverage will be aired on MTV News and mtvU, while the other two finalist teams will receive bleacher seats along the red carpet and admission to an Oscar viewing party.

"If we win, I will feel that all of our hard work paid off," said Woloszyk. "Being a small school, compared to the big campuses in the state, I am so proud to represent Madonna University in this contest."

Derry hopes that residents of Michigan will step forward to support these teams as they are the only finalists from the state, and Madonna University's enrollment is smaller than most of the schools represented in the contest. Madonna teams may have a disadvantage in terms of

numbers of possible voters, but "certainly not in the quality of their work," he said.

Said Jaward: "Winning this competition would give my partner and me the unique chance to stand next to all of the people that have inspired us from our childhoods to make our career choices today. We would be greatly humbled and honored to stand on the red carpet during one of the biggest nights in Hollywood."

In addition to a chance in a lifetime, Simnitch believes that being selected as the grand prize winner would be a real boost for their careers. "Winning would be a real blessing, and a dream come true," she said.

The semifinalists' videos can be viewed and voted on at <http://oscars.mtvU.com>.

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Police investigate complaint of 'inappropriate contact'

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Police in Plymouth are investigating a 22-year-old woman's complaint that she was molested by a Detroit Lions football player during a holiday party at the Ironwood Grill on the night of Jan. 3.

"My client believes she was sexually assaulted," said attorney Michael Jaafar, who represents the woman, on Tuesday. Jaafar would not detail the allegation, but both he and police, who called it "inappropriate contact," said it was not rape.

Plymouth Detective Lt. Jamie Grabowski said the woman told police the incident occurred late Jan. 3 or early the next morning during a holiday party for employees at the Ironwood. The restaurant, on Ann Arbor Trail, was closed for the private party, Grabowski said, but about 10 Lions employees, including some players, stopped by about 11:30 p.m. Jan. 3 and were allowed in.

Some of the Lions are known to people at the Ironwood, he said.

"The Ironwood's kind of a common hangout for athletes that live in the area," he said. The accused player, who was not identified, was interviewed and denied the allegation, Grabowski said. Others present at the party have also been interviewed. "Everyone has been very cooperative," he said.

But police have yet to interview some witnesses, Grabowski said, and some of the Lions, their season over, have left town.

Grabowski said police could have the investigation wrapped up by the end of this week. "It all depends on how quickly we can get witnesses in here," he said.

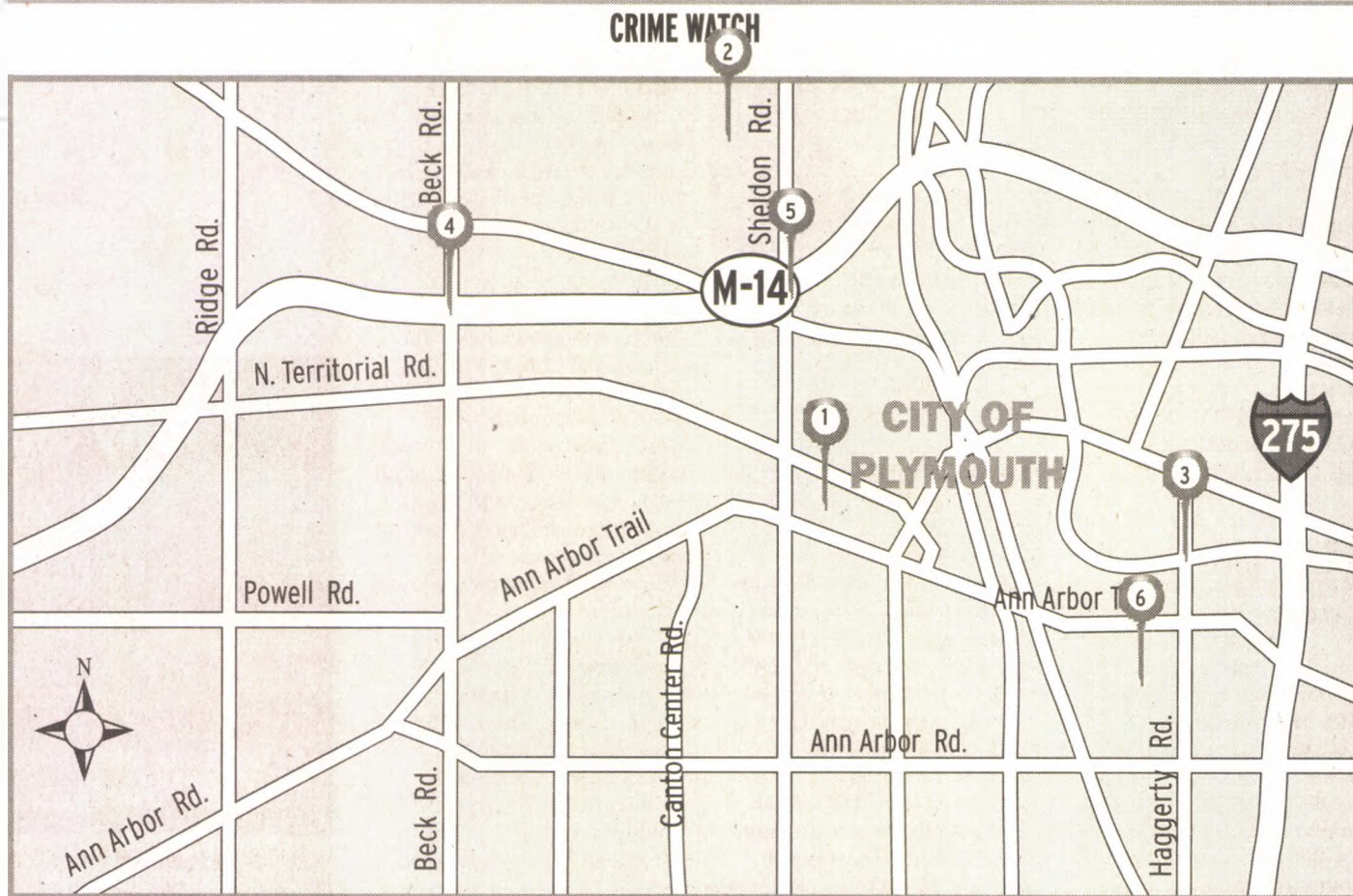
Jaafar said he plans to file a lawsuit on behalf of the woman. "We're going to file as soon as it makes sense for our client," he said. He would not say whether the woman was an Ironwood employee.

Detroit Lions media representatives did not return calls Tuesday and Wednesday, and neither did Dan Johnson, one of the Ironwood partners.

They are suspected of opening at least four unlocked vehicles and taking things from them late Monday and early Tuesday, said Officer Josh Carroll, a detective. Police, when they stopped the pair on Ann Arbor Trail east of Main Street about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, recovered several items that were reported stolen, including two navigation devices, a case of beer, a bag of golf clubs and loose change, Carroll said.

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Teens arrested in string of Plymouth larcenies

Two male teenagers, one from Plymouth and the other from Westland, were in custody Tuesday in a string of larcenies in east-central Plymouth.

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by Officer Jeff Jones, Carroll said. Only one larceny had been reported at the time, Carroll said; the others were reported later, and Carroll said others may have gone unreported.

The larcenies took place at parked vehicles on side streets east of Main near Ann Arbor Trail, like Elizabeth, Roe and Hamilton, Carroll said. One of the teens admitted going through vehicles, Carroll said.

Officer Jones had actually encountered the pair earlier Monday night, after reports that money had been taken from the tip jars at the Starbucks on Ann Arbor Trail and the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. on Penniman.

Jones caught up to the suspects in an alley behind a building on Ann Arbor Trail, Carroll said. Cash was recovered and the suspects were released.

The victim at Starbucks had declined to press charges, while the victim at the Coffee Bean was undecided, he said.

The two were also being

investigated in the reported theft of prescription medicine from the apartment of an acquaintance in Plymouth, whom they had visited earlier, Carroll said.

- By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan. 5-11:

2 Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Mutual-aid-given run on Five Mile west of Sheldon; rescue runs on northbound I-275 at M-14, on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon and on Woodgrove; commercial rescue run on Main; carbon monoxide detector run on Westbrook; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty; residential rescue run on N. Drive; vehicle accident with wash-down at Beck and M-14.

3 Monday, Jan. 10 — Vehicle accident on southbound Haggerty at Hines Drive; residential rescue runs on Main and on Crabtree; downed wires on Shadywood; industrial rescue run on Fogg.

4 Sunday, Jan. 9 — Vehicle accident at Beck and M-14; rescue runs on Chandler, on Hampton, on Dewey, on Northville Road, on Tavistock, on Newport, on Haggerty and on Brownell.

• Saturday, Jan. 8 — Residential rescue runs on Arthur, on Wilson and on Ann Arbor Road.

• Friday, Jan. 7 — Rescue runs on Hilltop Drive, on eastbound M-14, on Church, on east- and westbound M-14, on Galleon, on Trailwood, on Sheldon, on Quail Ridge, on Newport, on Northville Road, on Adams, on Belton, on Haggerty, on Pine, on Farmer and at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge.

5 Thursday, Jan. 6 — Rescue run on westbound M-14; residential rescue run on Sheridan; rescue run on Main; vehicle accident on Robinwood; industrial rescue run on Haggerty.

6 Wednesday, Jan. 5 — Special run on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Pineway Court, on McKinley, on Northville Road and on Byron; industrial rescue run on Commerce Center; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; vehicle accident on westbound M-14 at Sheldon.

Pedestrian struck by car on Joy Road

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

The woman was taken to a hospital following the 2:30 p.m. accident. Gajeski said it appeared the woman was crossing Joy Road to meet someone who was going to give her a ride.

The woman was hit by a

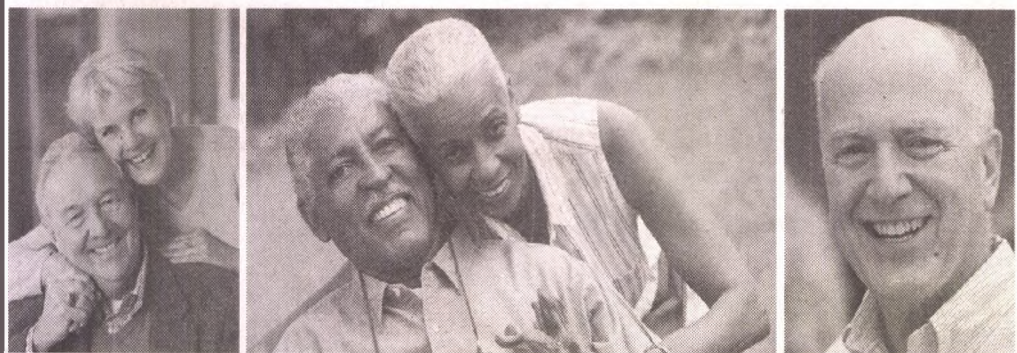
car traveling eastbound on Joy Road, and it was believed the vehicle was traveling at the posted speed of 40 mph, Gajeski said.

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

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

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"I hear collaboration being said, but I don't see much of it occurring," Sneiderman said, referencing those Nov. 22 decisions. "Collaboration takes give-and-take and compromise. In the (recent) past, it's been 'We'll listen to you and then do what we want.' I look forward to an era of collaboration."

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

Davis was the only unanimous selection of the night; she was the only nomination

and was elected board secretary. She replaces Trustee Nancy Eggenberger.

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

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

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

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COMPLAINT

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Edwards also said Bridgman bounced a property tax check to the township in 2009, something Bridgman initially denied.

"It was made good, OK?" Bridgman responded later. "Mistakes happen."

Edwards said he felt harassed when Eric Bacyinski, the deputy clerk, recently e-mailed him about a town in western Michigan, with a population of about 1,400, that is seeking a treasurer, and suggested Edwards apply for the job.

"If that's not harassment, I don't know what is, folks," Edwards said.

Bacyinski, at the meeting-room podium later, responded that he had been kidding in sending the message and thought he and Edwards had a relationship in which such kidding would be viewed as acceptable.

Edwards also said that the way Bridgman, in speaking to a local television station, described what he said was the July 20 assault was "physically impossible to do."

Bridgman, for his part, said he's merely been providing members of the public with information to which they're entitled.

"These are the public's documents. We are elected by the public," he said. He said again that he had been assaulted, and did not address the criticism about his pay raise.

Bridgman, who had earlier expressed frustration with Worthy's office for not bringing an assault charge against Edwards, also questioned

whether there had been inappropriate influence with the prosecutor.

"I hope that no one on this board here made a phone call down there," said Bridgman, prompting Trustee Bob Doroshewitz to interject "What? What?" before Bridgman continued.

Later, Doroshewitz said: "You guys both got it out. Let's move on."

Trustee Steve Mann had a similar message.

"I think you're both drawing an embarrassment to this board," Mann said. "Put your differences aside."

Both men on Wednesday said they're willing to do that.

"Hopefully it's over with, and time will tell," Edwards said. "Last night was my venting and last night was Joe's venting."

"It absolutely needs to be put behind us moving forward," said Bridgman. "There's a lot of history that needs to be put behind us, and we need to move forward also."

Bridgman also defended taking a pay raise, when Edwards and Reaume rejected theirs, by saying he believes that refusing it would be illegal, as elected

officials' pay rates are governed by a compensation committee. Asked why he doesn't write a check back to the township, has some have suggested, Bridgman says he is giving back, not claiming \$3,900 a year to which he is entitled as payment in lieu of health insurance. Bridgman is covered by his wife's insurance.

Worthy's spokeswoman, Maria Miller, declined to respond to Bridgman's earlier criticism of the prosecutor's office.

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LARICHE

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LaRiche. "We're gearing up for 200 sales a month — that's how strong it's going to be."

In 2009, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet found itself caught up in GM's reorganization plans. But rather than close his company's doors, Lou LaRiche, 79, took his case to arbitration — and the ruling came out in his favor.

"We love GM," Scott LaRiche said. "We bleed blue and gold for GM — with a gold bow tie for Chevrolet. When you're in the top 100, when you're a profitable business and your customer satisfaction ranks at the top, you know you're doing something right. We're just excited to still be a part of the community."

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, said the LaRiche family plays a strong role in supporting the area. He's glad to see they're still in business.

"It's an outstanding dealership," he said. "And Lou is always contributing his time, whether it's the Chamber or Rotary. If there's a fund-raiser to help out Little League or any other group, you know Lou is a part of it."

Graff also sees the comeback signs that are showing up around southeast Michigan.

"The auto suppliers are starting to hire again — slowly but they're starting — and it's tied to an actual increase in volume," he said. "The demand out there is real and that means you're seeing solid jobs."

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Explorer named Truck of Year; Volt voted best car

Local dealers rave about honors

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FORD'S FINEST

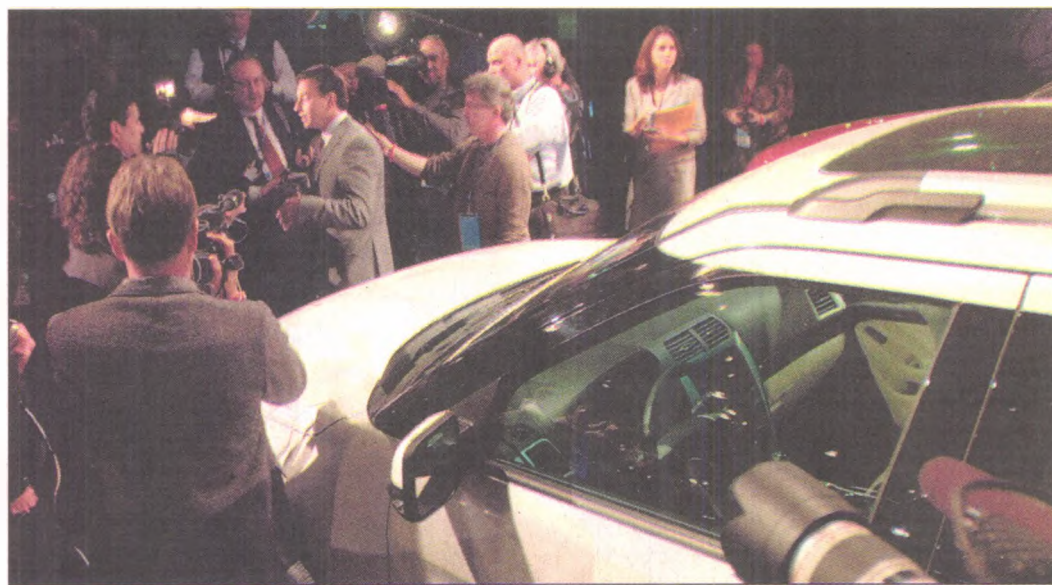
"For Ford it shows our finest work," he said. "It shows that America and Ford can compete — not only in the U.S., but around the world."

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



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



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

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

It beat out the Hyundai Sonata and the Nissan Leaf.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TECHNOLOGY: MAIN THEME

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

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

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

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

Staff Writer Jay M. Grossman contributed to this article.



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

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

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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'Green Hornet' car drawing lots of attention

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

shoot from the front and rear bumpers.

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

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

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

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AUTO SHOW BRIEFS

Pistons sighting

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

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

Jobs coming

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

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

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

Auto show plus

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

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

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

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

Fans of the hit HBO series

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

Snyder speaks

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

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

Dog days

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

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Smiles abound at NAIAS opening days

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



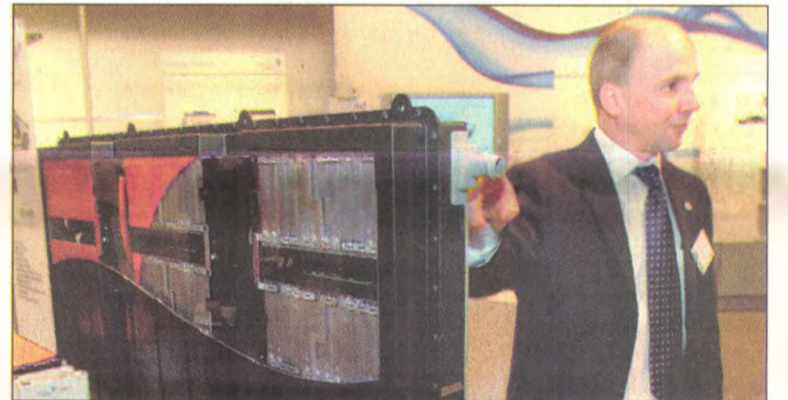
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Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the city of Novi, checks for traffic before zipping around in an electric Smart Car at the MEDC booth. Topouzian, of Farmington Hills, was at the North American International Auto Show on Tuesday.



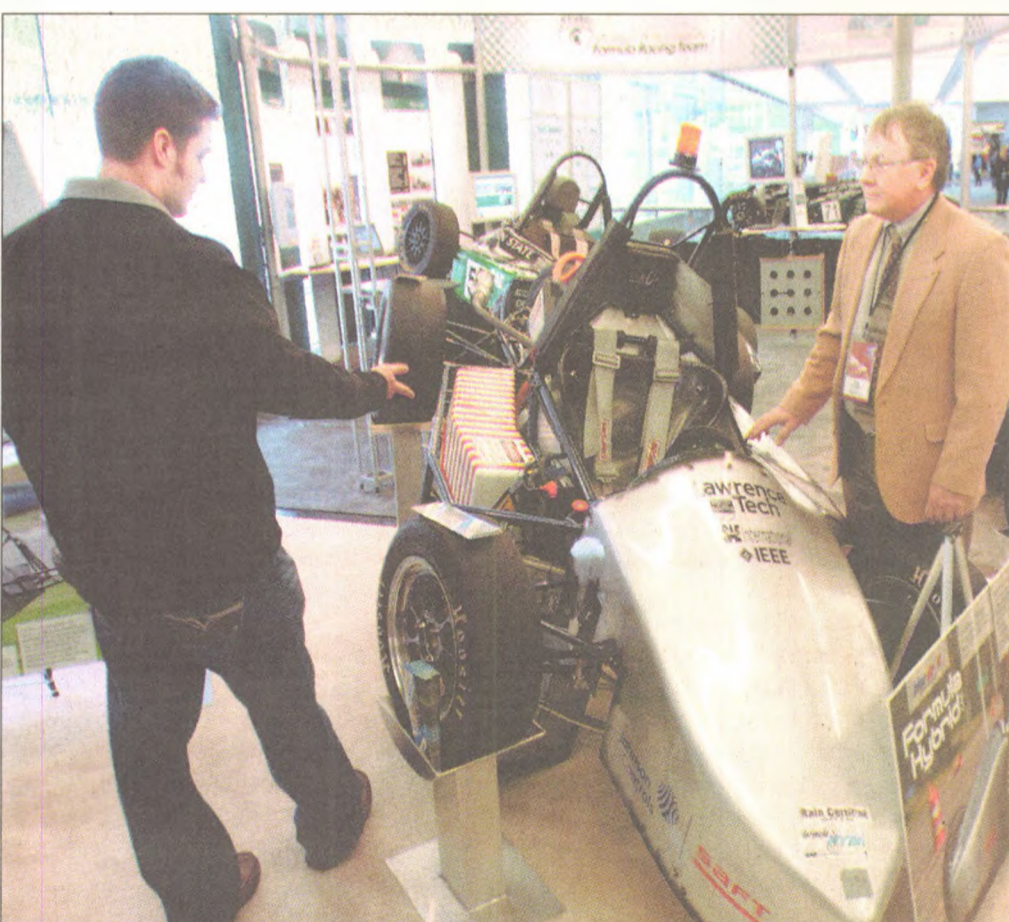
The Ford Motor Company display at the 2011 North American International Auto Show in Detroit featured lots of bright LED lighting and cool blue tones.



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



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



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



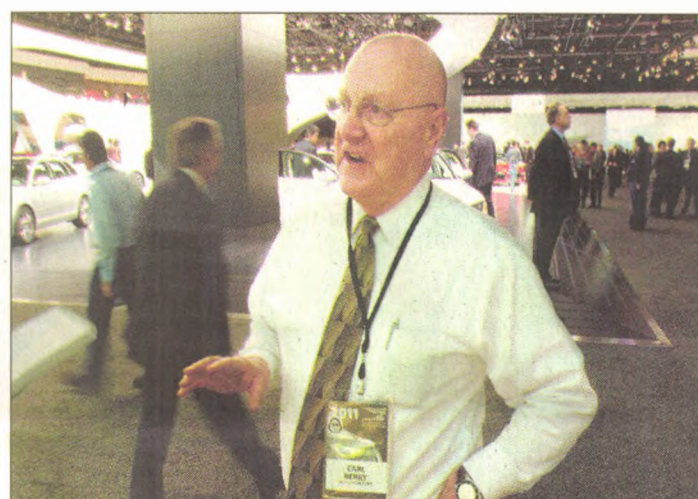
Sam Slaughter poses by a 2011 Buick Regal G.S. at the North American International Auto Show on Jan. 11. Slaughter is president of Sellers GMC in Farmington Hills which captured the 2010 Buick Dealer of the Year award.



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



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



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

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Dynamic Athlete Performance offers sports performance training for athletes of all ages and skill levels, including classes in three performance levels/age groups.

Sports training fits all age, skill levels

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

Dynamic Athlete: We offer Sports Performance Training for athletes of all ages and skill levels. We offer classes Monday-Saturday in 3 Performance levels/age groups. We have a 12,000 sqft high performance training center. 3 lane 55yd Mondo Track, 30yd turf field, weight room and cardio area. We offer Deca-Fit Boot Camps for people looking to tone up, lose weight and get in shape. Our power circuits are a 1hr intense training program that will leave you tired but satisfied. Nutrition guidance and supplement sales. NFL Combine Training.

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

Dynamic Athlete: As a former athlete I think it is important that student-athletes are offered the proper training. Education of training mechanics and learning about your body is just as important as playing the game. Our young student athletes are getting more injured year after year because they are not properly developing their physical fitness skills.

Observer: Why did you choose this area?

Dynamic Athlete: I grew up in the area and still have all my family in the area. I wanted to come back home to be close to my family and provide a great service for my community.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Dynamic Athlete: I think a lot has to do with our ability to offer science based programs that have been proven to work on all ages and populations. My past experiences as an elite level athlete and the past jobs I have had help me design



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Your Hometown: Canton
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programs that will maximize an athlete's potential and help them achieve all their athletic goals. We help build character and life skills on the field that will help young athletes off the field in life.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Dynamic Athlete: It's been a little slow but I understand the current economic situation and have adjusted my pricing to reflect this tough time.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Dynamic Athlete: Believe in yourself and if you have an idea, set your short term and long term goals and go for it. Whatever the outcome whether positive or negative you learn from it and use it while moving forward.

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

Dynamic Athlete: Adding Educational Seminars for parents and coaches add a second location, increase the adult fitness program, add a skating treadmill.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Charity cocktails

Grape Expectations hosts a charity cocktail party and silent auction Thursday, Jan. 27. Information can be found at http://www.solanamassage.com/Kaelians_5th_Event or on Facebook under Kaelian's Charity Birthday Cake and Cocktails Party. Grape Expectations is located at 555 Forest in Plymouth. For details, call (734) 455-WINE (9463).

Film deadline

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

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

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

More than \$20,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at a VIP ceremony and reception tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at Celebration Cinema North in Grand Rapids. The winning PSAs in each category will be reproduced on DVDs and distributed to approximately 4,250 schools across the state as tools for their Character Education, Health Education and Diversity programs.

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

Consumer expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority pres-



Grape Expectations hosts a charity cocktail party and silent auction Thursday, Jan. 27.

ent the bi-annual Consumer Expo Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn first-hand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features more than 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is proudly sponsored by Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc. and Molly Maid.

Home improvement

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

The day-long event will give homeowners ideas and easy access to experts as they research projects for their home. The chamber is now taking reservations for display space in the show from landscapers, electricians, carpenters, financing consultants, plumbers and other home improvement experts. Prices range from \$100-\$250.

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

CHAMBER CHAT

Member Connection

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its first Ten Member Connection of 2011 8-9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Make nine new valuable business contacts in one hour in addition to doing a short 3-4 minute presentation about your business. Afterwards everyone can stay to finish off the coffee while getting to know each other better.

To sign up for the 10 Member Connection, e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

New-member orientation

New members (since October 2010) and new contacts at member companies are welcome at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office for a pizza luncheon and a brief orientation to the chamber noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21.

The event provides a great opportunity to network and to learn how to maximize your membership. There is no charge to attend the orientation that will be held at the Chamber office located at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail. To RSVP e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Social media workshop

The chamber brings back its popular Business Development Series with a workshop highlighting the legal aspects of social media's impact from a labor and employment law perspective 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The seminar will be presented by Aaron Graves from the Workplace Law Group of the Law firm Bodmann, LLC. To register for this workshop please e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no charge to attend the workshop, but space is limited to 30 reservations.

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

A cultural experience

Hundreds of visitors got a taste of a variety of cultures Saturday when Canton Leisure Services hosted its annual Canton International Festival.

The festival, which took place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, brought cultural and educational experiences celebrating diverse customs

and traditions.

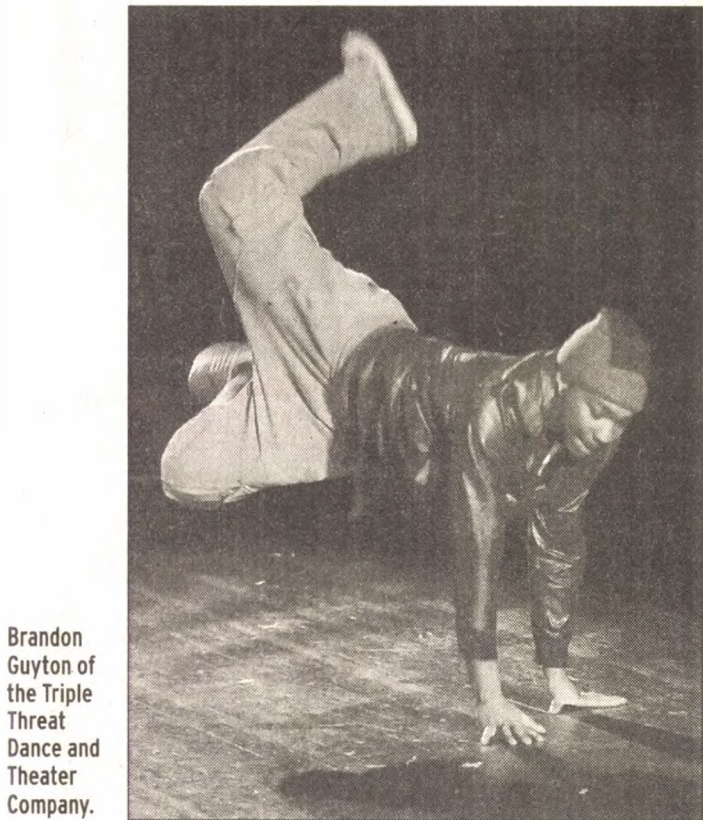
Featured dance performances represented cultures and countries including the Philippines, Hawaiian, Ireland, India, Sri Lanka, China and the United States.

The U.S. bloc included Hip Hop and Jazz and featured local dancers and organizations.

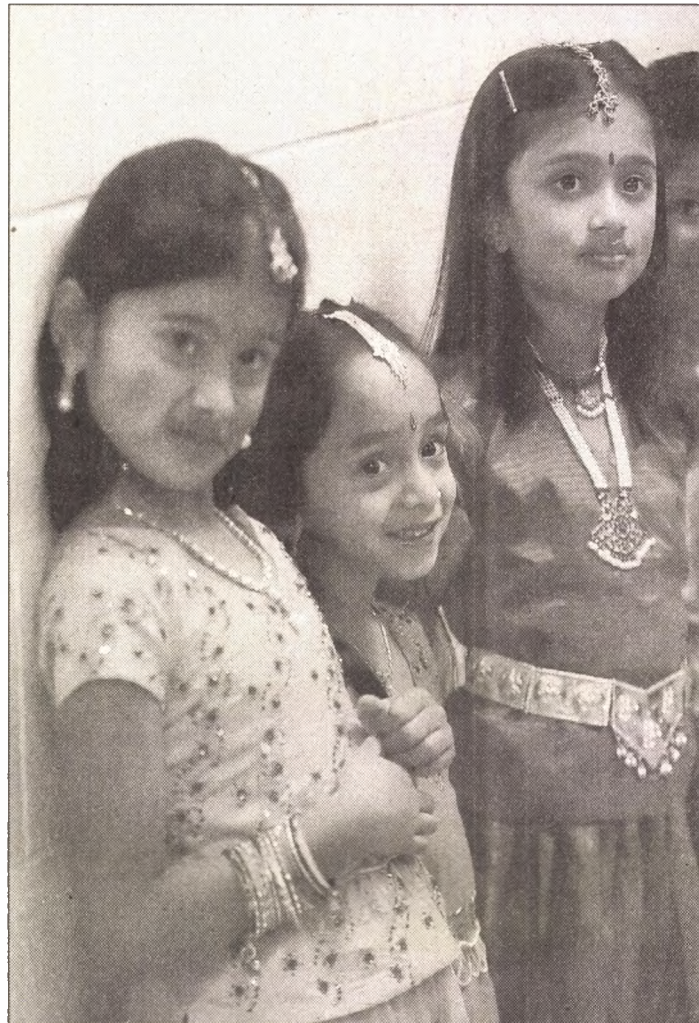
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The 3 T Hip-Hop Crew performs.



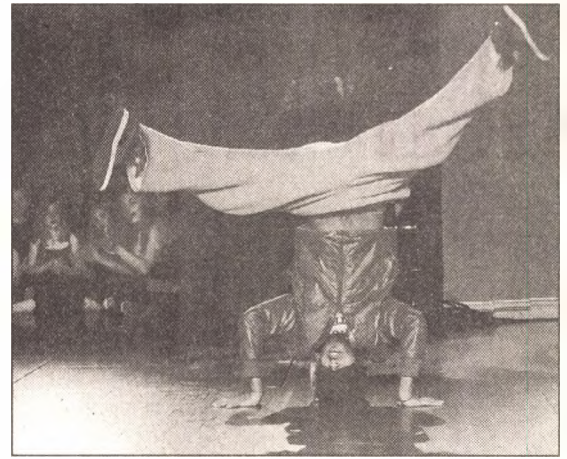
Brandon Guyton of the Triple Threat Dance and Theater Company.



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



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



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

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OUR VIEWS

Top priority New superintendent should be 1st goal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you planning to attend the North American International Auto Show in Detroit next week?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I don't know. It just depends on the weather, the crime down there."

John Magari
Ann Arbor



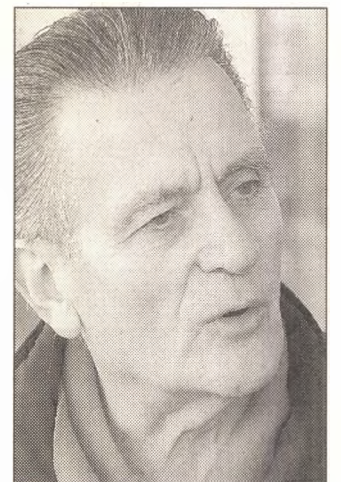
"No."

John Pasquale
Plymouth



"Yes. I'm in automotive. I work for one of the Tier One suppliers. ... I like to look at some of the new concepts."

Mark Greenwald
Plymouth



"No, sir. I don't cater to Detroit. I've been shot at. ... I stay away from Detroit. Life's too short."

Stephen Whittaker
Plymouth

LETTERS

Dialogue started

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

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

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

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

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

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

AnneMarie Graham-Hudak
Canton

Salvation Army thanks

We want to share our appreciation to everyone who donated their time, talents and monies to help support our 2010 Christmas programs. Plus, we want to share an update on the current status of our fund-raising campaign and holiday assistance given to those in need.

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

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

Our Toy Towne Distribution, which took

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

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

Once again, our community is blessed with wonderful volunteers.

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

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

Discuss end-of-life options

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

Sarah Palin, for example, expressed concern about "death panels" forming, if doctors were allowed to counsel patients about end-of-life options. In reality, physicians will not be advising patients on options for ending their lives. They will be providing information about the most difficult transition a patient and family will ever make: options available at the end-of-life, determining when it is time to stop fighting and live each day to the fullest, no matter how many days are left; deciding how to determine when the treatment is futile.

Yes, this means that there may be cost savings; but regardless if there are savings — the patient will receive better care. Recent

studies have shown that when patients forgo futile treatments they actually live longer and that these final days in a hospice setting are much more rewarding for the patient and their families than the typical final days spent in an ICU. Patients will live better in those final months because they had this difficult conversation with their physician well in advance of having to make crisis decisions and have had a chance to voice how they would like to live the final months of their lives.

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

The notion of "death panels" is fear evoking, and is incredibly insensitive to anyone who has ever had to experience a loved one's death. No one is interested in determining who is fit to live and who is not. The constant questioning of "did I do everything I could" rings in the minds of any family member caring for a loved one during this difficult time ... Having the conversation about the inevitable does not "devalue human life."

Over treatment can mean no time for families to say goodbye, no time for grandchildren to learn from the greatest generation, no time for reconciliation of estranged relationships. On the contrary, determining your end-of-life care wishes is the best gift you can give your family and should certainly be discussed with your physician.

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

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

Gloria Danna Brooks,
President & CEO
Arbor Hospice

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Final wishes should be documented

I was watching television the other night and saw a commercial for an upcoming show

"Outrageous Final Requests" caught my eye. The preview talked about people's unusual final requests and highlighted Leona Helmsley, who left millions to her dogs, as well as Gene Roddenberry from Star Trek fame who wanted his ashes sent into space. There is no doubt that there is a fascination as to final wishes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good luck!

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Money Matters
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Daisy the dog helps kids improve their reading

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Many of the children believe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Baumgart sparks win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winning Wildcats

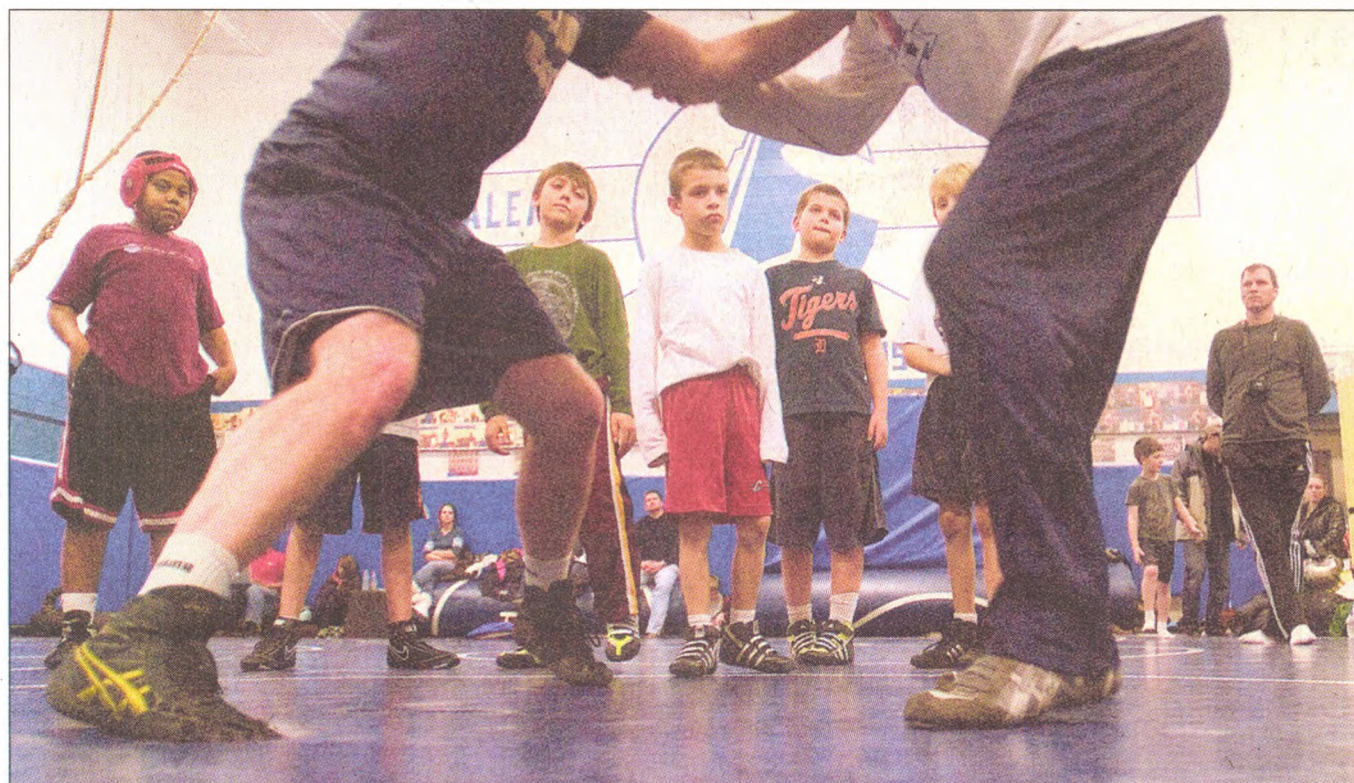
On Tuesday at Wayne Memorial, the "grinding" Plymouth varsity boys basketball team worked its way to a 50-36 KLAAs South win.

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

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

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

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

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PIN PALS

Club aims to mold youngsters into future varsity wrestlers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KEEPING IT FUN

Learning in a fun environment is what

Please see **WRESTLING, B2**



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

Chiefs show promise at Rockford Invite

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOP PERFORMERS

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

GYMNASTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shorthanded win

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

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

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

Ladywood surge ices Penguins

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Please see **HOCKEY, B3**

SIDELINES

Ocelot men fall

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

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

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

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

Stackhouse All-Star

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

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

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

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

Game time will be announced at a later date.

YMCA winter fun

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

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

The programs include Fun and Fitness School (ages 3-5), Preschool School Clinic (ages 3-5) and Club Kickball (ages 6-8) and run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Free throw contest

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

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

WRESTLING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GEARING UP

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PURE MAGIC

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

Although most of the par-



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



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

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AT A GLIMPSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Info: Go to www.pcwrestlingclub.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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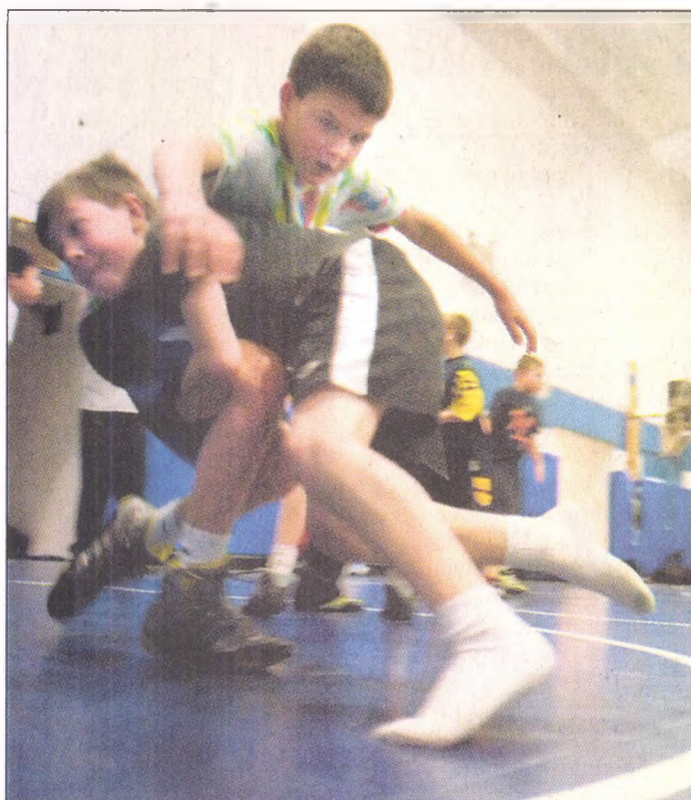
Participants live in the Plymouth-Canton district, some do travel to Salem from surrounding communities.

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

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



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



Practicing proper form for a takedown are Barclay Young and Brevin Heers, during a recent intermediate session of Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club.

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

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

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

Sarnia goaltender Troy Passingham

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

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

assist going to Robbie Czarnik.

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

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

hand Plymouth its first loss in four games.

OHL trade deadline

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

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

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

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

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JOSEPHINE MAGUIRE HAWTHORNE

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

LYDIA S. MARCRUM (nee STASEVICH)

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

WILLIAM T. "BILL" MOORE

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

BURLENE SALISBURY

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

JOAN PERRY SNYDER

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

THERESA M. WELLS

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

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

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

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Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
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Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
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Men's Bible study
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Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
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Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival
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Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234

JAN. 13-19

Breakfast
Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon Sunday, Jan. 16
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk. Cost is \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

Concert
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 15
Location: St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Oakland Choral Society presents "Rachmaninoff's "Vespers" in Church Slavonic. Carols and an original composition will be included in the program; tickets are \$15 and \$25, available in advance or at the door
Contact: (248) 391-0184

Financial Peace University
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 18-April 12
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
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Contact: Register by calling (248) 474-3444 or by e-mailing to clarencevilleumc@att.net

Panel discussion
Time/Date: Approximately noon, after 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service and kiddush, Saturday, Jan. 15
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Five shul members who attended the recent annual international conference of the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust (WFJCSH), will share their thoughts about the conference
Coming up: Tu B'Shevat learning seminar, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, led by Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

JAN. 20-31

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

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

Former Catholics
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
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Local musician brings Broadway tunes to cabaret setting in Westland

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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



John Martin



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

piece. I think people will have a ball."

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



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

six hundred minutes."

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

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

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

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

GILDA'S CLUB VOLUNTEER

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

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

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

to help."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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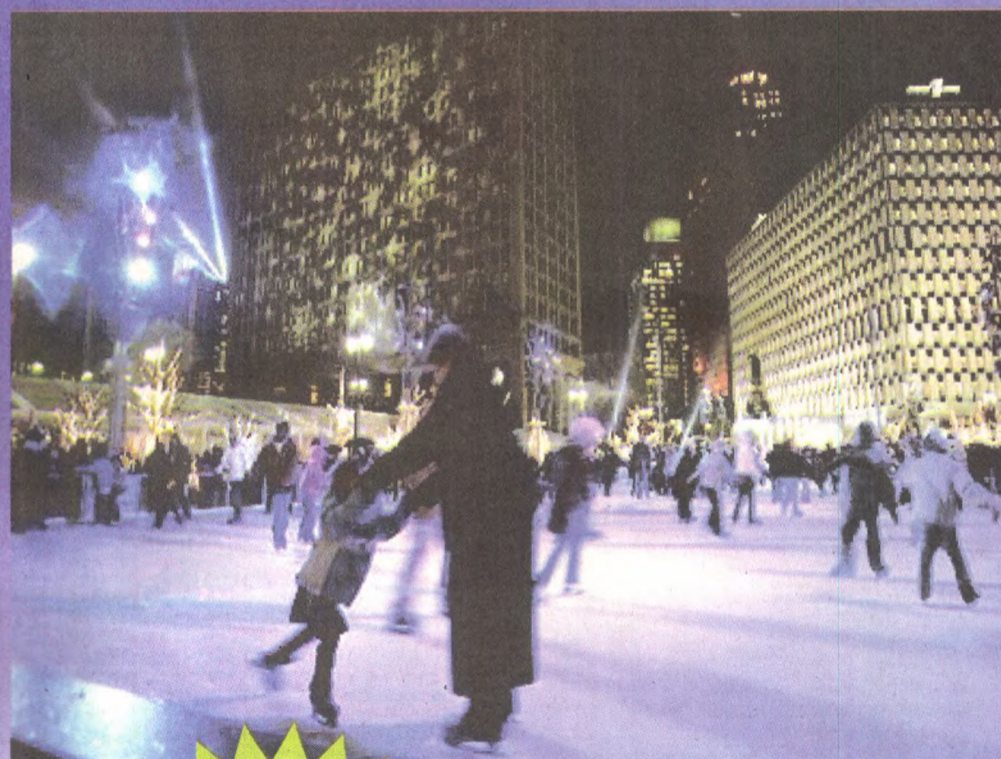
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All Directions Band kicks off Plymouth Arts Council's Saturday Night Series.

Plymouth Arts Council seeks performers

If you're a musician in need of a performance venue, check out Plymouth Arts Council's Saturday Night Music Series beginning next month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learn stage basics at Westland theater

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and multiple original productions, most written by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher. Fisher, who majored in theatre at Youngstown State and holds a degree from North Central University, has been involved in theatre most of his adult life. He has acted, produced, written, and directed more than 50 productions and has directed children and adults both professionally and on the community level.

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

GET OUT!

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29

Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between east-bound and westbound 5 Mile intersections

Details: "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free

Contact: (734) 420-0775 or visit www.artandideasgallery.com

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Jan. 29

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: Erik Olson shows oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair in a show called "An Outside View"

Contact: (248) 344-0497

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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

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

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

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

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays,

open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays,

Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Tom Simmons, Jan. 13-15; Tom Segura, Jan. 20-22; Ken Rogerson, Jan. 27-29; Louis Ramey, Feb. 3-5

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

Tuesday with Gifts or Creatures & The Photographers, Jan. 25; African

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

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society

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

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

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

Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmul-len@yahoo.com

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Next performance is Jan. 25 featuring Ron Kischuck on trombone, Sven Anderson on keyboard, Marion Hayden on string bass, and Judy Cochill on vocals. Hors d'oeuvres served

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.plymouthelks1780.com

Livonia Symphony

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

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: "Winter Reverie," featuring violinist Aaron Berofsky, with selections by Tchaikovsky and Dargins. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, 60 and over, and \$5 for students of all ages. Group rate is \$15 for 10 or more

Contact: (313) 538-2536

Music Hall

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

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: The Latin Jazz All Stars; tickets \$30, \$40 and \$50

Contact: (313) 887-8500

Plymouth Symphony

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

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

Details: Plymouth Symphony Chamber Concert, "Sunday Soiree;" tickets \$25

Contact: (734) 451-2112 or www.plymouthsymphony.com

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Baked Asiago Frittata

Breakfast just got better

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

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

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

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

BAKED ASIAGO FRITTATA

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

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

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

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

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

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

SPICY SOUTHWEST BREAKFAST OMELET EGG ROLLS

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

- 6 eggs, slightly beaten
- ½ cup milk



Spicy Southwest Breakfast Omelet Egg Rolls

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

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

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

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

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

4. Spoon about ¼ cup of vegetable mixture onto each tortilla just below center. Sprinkle with cheese. Fold bottom edge of each tortilla over up and over filling. Fold in sides. Roll up from the bottom, completely enclosing filling. Secure with wooden toothpicks.

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

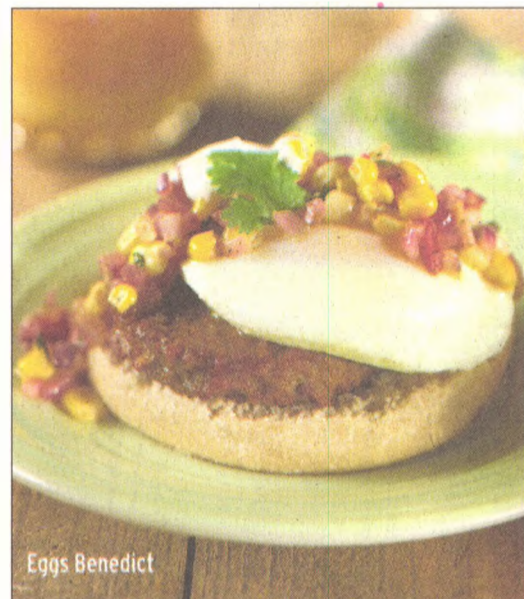
6. Remove toothpicks. Diagonally cut each into halves. Serve with Jalapeno-White Cheddar Country Gravy or salsa.

EGGS BENEDICT

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Total Time: 25 minutes

Servings: 4

- ¼ cup finely chopped red onion
- ½ teaspoon prepared horseradish
- ½ teaspoon bottled minced garlic



Eggs Benedict

- ½ cup roasted red peppers
- ¼ cup frozen roasted corn kernels, thawed, or frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon grated lime peel
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 MorningStar Farms Veggie Sausage Patties
- 4 eggs
- 2 whole wheat English muffins
- 2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream

1. In large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, cook onion over medium-low heat for 3 to 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in horseradish and garlic. Cook and stir for 30 seconds more. Add red peppers, corn, broth, cilantro, lime peel, ½ teaspoon salt and pepper. Increase heat to medium. Cook and stir until heated through and most of liquid evaporates. Transfer to bowl. Cover to keep warm. Set aside.

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

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

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

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

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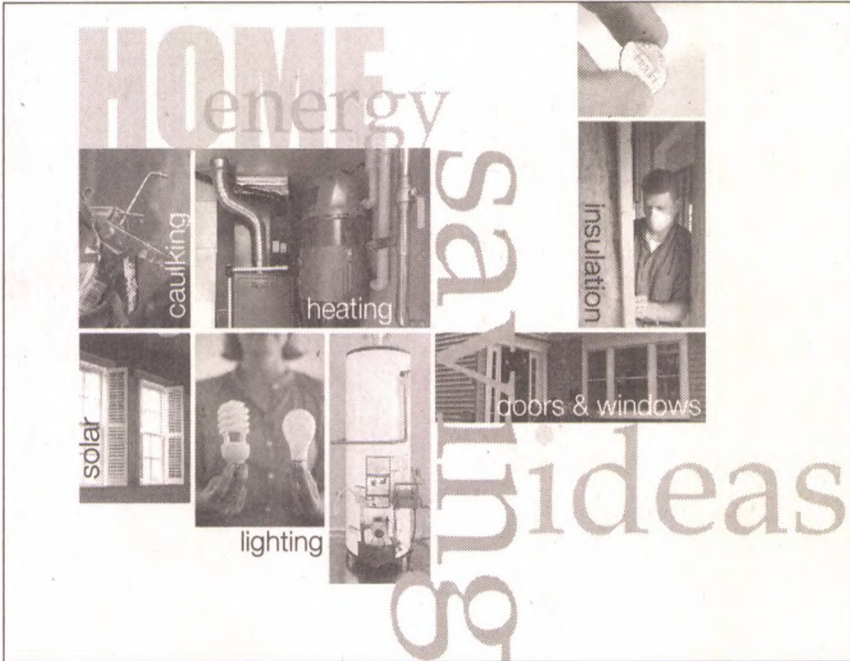
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Energy-saving tips we can all use at home

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

- 1.) Twin draft guards: These are double sided insulation devices that slide under the door to eliminate cold or warm air drafts from the underside of the door.
- 2.) Programmable thermostats: It's energy wasted when no one is home, so why not set the thermostat to turn off when you leave and turn on 15 min before you get home.
- 3.) Turn down the water heater: If you're going on vacation you should turn your water heater to low. It's amazing how much energy goes into heating water and its a definite waste if no one is going to use it for a while.



- 4.) Low flow shower heads: Older shower head guzzle out unnecessary amounts of water, while a low flow shower head will give you the right amount of pressure without wasting all of that water.
 - 5.) Toilet products: Use only the amount of toilet products needed to do the job. Common examples of wastefulness are exaggerated amounts of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and toilet paper.
- In a typical home, heating and cooling account for more than half of the home's energy use, making it the largest energy expense for most households. Today's high efficiency furnaces operate more efficiently while using less energy than older equipment.
- These home heating tips come from the website of DTE Energy.
- If your heating equipment is more than 12 years old, consider replacing it — before it breaks down — to save money on utility bills, allow time for price research, and ensure your family's comfort.
- Save money on the purchase price of your new furnace by taking advantage of promotional rebates offered by equipment manufacturers. In addition, many high-efficiency heating systems may also qualify for a Federal tax credit of up to 30 percent of the purchase price for the equipment, up

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

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

- Always select ENERGY STAR qualified equipment. Although upfront costs can be higher, the long-term savings difference is regained with lower energy usage. ENERGY STAR furnaces are the most efficient models on the market.
- The EnergyGuide label with a high AFUE rating. The Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency, or AFUE, rating measures the overall energy performance of a furnace or boiler. An AFUE of 95 percent means that 95 percent of your energy dollar becomes heat for your home and the remaining 5 percent escapes up the chimney and elsewhere. The higher the AFUE, the more heat you get for your energy dollar.
- Install a programmable thermostat. You can save energy heating your home by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours or more. A programmable thermostat automatically sets the temperature according to a pre-set schedule. When shopping for a programmable thermostat, look for the ENERGY STAR label and select a model that offers a manual override option that allows you to adjust the settings without affecting the

rest of the pre-set programming.

- A high efficiency gas furnace with an Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM). Furnaces with an ECM motor use less electricity because it adjusts its speed to ensure optimal airflow at all times. Traditional furnace motors run at only one speed — high.
- Purchase high efficiency. Purchase the highest efficiency furnace that you can afford. For optimum savings, select a model with an AFUE rating of 95 percent or higher.
- Size it right. Purchase the proper size furnace for your home. An undersized furnace will not heat your home properly, and an oversized furnace will cost more to purchase and to operate. Check with your contractor to find the right size furnace for your home. Don't assume the new unit should be exactly the same as your existing unit.
- Proper installation is critical. Improper installation can lower efficiency by up to 30 percent, increase utility bills and possibly reduce the life of the equipment.

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

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

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

- Follow manufacturers' guidelines. For peak energy performance, always operate and maintain your heating system according to manufacturers' guidelines.
- Clean or replace the air filter regularly. Filters reduce the amount of dust and dirt that flow through your ductwork and into your home.
- Check your furnace for dust and lint. Remove the dust and lint from the burner compartment at least once a year.
- Check the chimney for obstructions. Make sure your chimney is not blocked by debris such as bird nests, leaves, loose mortar or dirt.
- Inspect flue pipes. Also inspect the flue pipes from the heating system and water heater to make sure they are free of rust and are tightly sealed.
- Check your ductwork. Check for air leaks, especially at joints. Seal off air leaks with foil faced tape rather than duct tape.
- Use less energy and save money heating your home by following these tips:
 - Enroll in BudgetWise Billing and spread your heating payments equally over the entire year.
 - Dial down your thermostat — for each degree you set your thermostat below 72°F reduces your heating costs by approximately 3 percent. Dress appropriately for the weather and on cold winter nights, put an extra blanket on the bed and lower your thermostat another degree or two to save even more.
 - Check heat vents and registers to ensure drapes and furniture do not block airflow.
 - Use insulated drapes or other window coverings to help reduce drafts and keep the warm air inside.
 - Minimize the number of times that doors to the outside are opened and closed. Every time an outside door opens, warm air rushes out and cold air moves in.
 - Use ceiling fans set at a slow speed with the blades counter-clockwise (upward) to push warm air away from the ceiling and move it around the room without creating a chilly breeze.

Court upholds tenancy issue

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

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

with a right of survivorship. The court reasoned that the fact that they were not legally married did not obscure their

true intention to grant to themselves a joint tenancy for the surviving person to become the owner of the property. Of course, that is not a Michigan case and you are best advised to consult with an attorney concerning the likely result in your state.

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

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

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

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

5872 Meadowview Dr \$277,000	14830 Harrison St \$70,000	260 Burroughs St \$155,000	10019 San Jose \$58,000
1778 Nowland Ct \$168,000	30853 Industrial Rd \$177,000	48624 Chambury Ct \$312,000	9527 Tecumseh \$45,000
3944 Ravensfield Dr \$139,000	9390 Texas St \$88,000	12855 Hidden Creek Dr \$315,000	32728 Ann Arbor Trl \$155,000
423 Robyn Dr \$160,000	18263 University Park Dr \$70,000	9320 Ivanhoe Dr \$254,000	32754 Benson Dr \$101,000
49121 Rockefeller Dr \$300,000	18363 University Park Dr \$62,000	44448 Marc Trl \$140,000	34021 Cambria Ct \$8,000
548 Tyler Ln \$190,000	34239 Wadsworth St \$98,000	11424 Parkway Dr \$200,000	38531 Canyon Dr \$80,000
1076 Wildwood Ln \$155,000	32459 Wisconsin St \$110,000	954 Penman Ave \$525,000	34123 Caspian Ct \$30,000
		660 Ross St \$170,000	32887 Chapman Cir \$112,000
		14175 Terrace Ct \$142,000	35522 Dove Trl \$66,000
			8459 Haller St \$112,000
			30832 Hively St \$55,000
			32511 Luce St \$10,000
			7431 N Farmington Rd \$155,000
			38308 N Rickham Ct \$76,000
			2332 S Brandon St \$70,000
			1686 S Newburgh Rd \$50,000
			1403 Springer St \$97,000

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49332 Lincolnshire Ct \$325,000	38267 Mallory Dr \$222,000	49608 Waterstone Estates Cir \$445,000	9598 Mercedes \$35,000
1789 Morrison Blvd \$135,000	16519 Middlebelt Rd \$49,000	19130 Windridge Dr \$275,000	24864 Midland \$22,000
42270 Oakland Dr \$223,000	18724 Milburn St \$71,000		18720 Poinciana \$66,000
43470 Proctor Rd \$158,000	17390 Myron St \$224,000		26059 Southwestern Hwy \$70,000
1457 Ranier Blvd \$142,000	36572 Roycroft St \$200,000		17301 Sumner \$12,000
43615 Simsbury St \$155,000	14099 Sunset St \$110,000		
43539 W Arbor Way Dr \$46,000			
42600 White Hart Blvd \$275,000			

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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828 Ardmore Dr \$730,000	33617 State St \$130,000	517 Florence Ct \$260,000	39842 Village Wood Cir \$30,000
2653 Berry Dr \$115,000	23617 Warner St \$154,000	659 Heritage Dr \$220,000	28358 Wolcott Dr \$88,000
1391 Cedar Dr \$310,000		523 Olivia Dr \$281,000	25625 Coach Ln \$40,000
161 Dourdan \$625,000		1830 Pinewood \$203,000	54305 Villagewood Dr \$30,000
485 Fox Hills Dr N \$57,000			
579 Fox Hills Dr N \$65,000			
468 Fox Hills Dr S \$33,000			
3840 Lakewood Dr \$265,000			
1961 Lakewood Dr \$95,000			
3635 Lombardi Ct \$950,000			
1039 N Cranbrook Rd \$565,000			
1886 Pine Ridge Ln \$260,000			
1411 W Long Lake Rd \$214,000			
4558 Wabek Forest Dr \$412,000			
4566 Walden Dr \$276,000			
1286 Winchcombe Dr \$117,000			

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1045 N Old Woodward Ave \$100,000	5230 Starwood Dr \$253,000	45000 Bayview Dr \$60,000	224 Columbia Dr \$183,000
665 Pleasant St \$860,000		22492 Brookforest \$191,000	808 Hidden Creek Dr \$232,000
1387 Smith Ave \$283,000		4152 Burroughs Ave \$430,000	25840 McCrory Ln \$227,000
		50865 Calvert Isle Dr \$482,000	208 Princeton Dr \$18,000
		50679 Chesapeake Dr \$753,000	115 Wellington Dr \$100,000
		27570 Cromwell Rd \$45,000	396 Winchester St \$110,000
		26300 Gina Ct \$324,000	
		4125 Hollydale \$140,000	
		25730 Island Lake Dr \$335,000	
		41585 Kenilworth Ln \$178,000	
		22272 Pondview \$54,000	
		22747 Shadowpine Way \$103,000	
		40476 Willode Oaks \$165,000	

INDUSTRY SEES 2010 AS PRELUDE TO EVEN BETTER 2011

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

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

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

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

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

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

million units."

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

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

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

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



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

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around 10 percent or so from 2010.

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

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

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

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

Several executives also cited optimistically the manifestation of

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

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

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

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

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