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**Plymouth Christian** Academy senior Amy Zinn will be a featured soloist in the BeckRidge Chorale Christmas concerts, "Night of Joy."

# Idol additions

BeckRidge Productions announced Canton Idol 2011 winners are joining them in the 39th annual area Christmas concerts.

Amy Zinn, a senior attending Plymouth Christian Academy, was the Canton Idol High School Division winner in September and will be a featured soloist in the BeckRidge Chorale Christmas concerts, "Night of Joy," Dec. 3-4 at Northville High School.

Jade Kuzak, an eighth-grade West Middle School student and the 2011 Middle School Division winner, will be a featured soloist in the Cherry Hill Singers "December Night" concert 8 p.m., Dec. 9, at The Village Theater in Canton.

Visit www.beckridgechorale.org for ticket information or contact Kelly Fifield, administrative assistant, BeckRidge Productions, by e-mailing her at kelly@beckridgechorale.org or by phoning (888) 459-4887.

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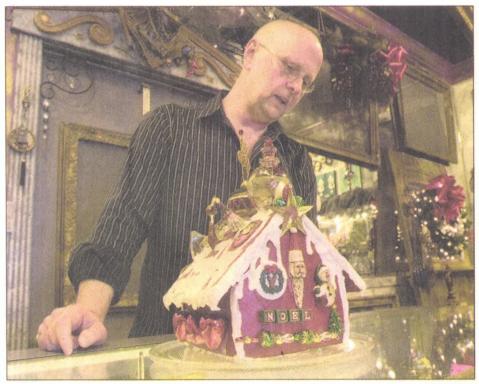
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Scott Smith, owner of the Penniman Gallery, and his just completed gingerbread house.

# Plymouth ready for holiday shopping season

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

The trees are decorated, the streets are alight, many of the gingerbread houses are on display and downtown Plymouth is putting on its game face for the holiday retail season.

Christmastime in Plymouth this year combines some longstanding traditions, such as the arrival of Santa Claus on the day after Thanksgiving, with some newer ones, such as the Dashing Through the Stores shopping event for women and new energy-efficient LED lighting on trees along downtown streets.

"It's a destination where people like to come just to hang out and relax," said Rob Parent, who with family members owns Sun & Snow, the specialty sporting goods shop at Ann Arbor Trail and Main. "It's just sort of a cooperative town, and everybody's working together to put on events."

Parent was one of the prime movers behind a recent campaign to brighten downtown streets for the holidays by permanently installing LED lights in many of the trees. The Downtown Development Authority and individual businesses split the \$25,000 cost of the project, which has many trees along Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman lighted up as well as trees outside businesses on other streets.

"Every single tree on both sides of



Jill Andra Young's Studio displays a gingerbread house dedicated to her dog Annie.

(Main), and the boulevard, is lighted, and it's sparkling and wonderful," said Teri Fry, events manager for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

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# Rotary honors **Plymouth** area's first responders

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

As their bosses told stories of dramatic rescues and arrests and everyday routines that show a quieter heroism, five of the Plymouth area's first responders were honored Friday for their work in pro-

tecting the public. Three police officers, a Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighter and a Huron Valley Ambulance paramedic were each given a Rotary Club of Plymouth public safety award for their work in 2011. The awards were presented during a Rotary luncheon at the Plymouth Cultural Cen-

"I am honored. I'm humbled at the same time," said Vince Waryas, who was named HVA's paramedic of the vear, "There are a lot of other people out there who are doing as well as

"Very rewarding," said Plymouth Township Police Officer Mark Hoffman, the township's officer of the year. Assigned to the road patrol on the midnight shift, a former detective, and a fieldtraining officer for new hires, Hoffman said he is motivated by "protecting the public, getting out there."

Waryas is a 16-year paramedic and coordinates several special programs, including HVA's "SWAT medic" team that responds to police situations in which there is a high risk of injury. Paul Hood, HVA's vice president, recounted an incident in which Waryas and another paramedic saved the life of a bar-

ricaded gunman who had shot himself in the

"He takes challenges head on and he's not afraid to go above and beyond the call of duty," Hood said.

**Township Police** Chief Tom Tiderington described Hoffman's search for and arrest of three suspects in an August business burglary, but said the skill and steadiness that Hoffman, and other township officers, show in routine patrol duties that don't often catch public attention are also important.

"Mark is your consummate professional and kind of personifies what we expect our police officers," said Tiderington of Hoffman, a 12-year veteran.

Also honored Friday

• PCFD Lt. Charles Mann, a 19-year veteran, who led a woman to safety in June during a nighttime fire at her condominium building in Plymouth.

Mann and Capt. Jim Jury braved heavy smoke to search the building, said Fire Chief Mark Wendel, and Mann found the woman in her third-floor unit. She appeared disoriented, Wendel said, and Mann used his breathing apparatus to give her air while he held his breath and they made their way out of the building.

'This incident could've become very deadly had it not been for the specific action taken by Lt. Mann," Wendel said. Mann is a repeat honoree, having won the Rotary award in 2006.

• Plymouth Police

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# District eyes magnet school

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Shakespeare once wrote, "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Plymouth-Canton administrators might be putting that contention to the test with one of the district's biggest roses.

Supt. Jeremy Hughes Tuesday asked for, and received, permission to develop a marketing plan and details for a Magnet School for Talented and Creative he said would enhance, not replace, the district's Talented and

Gifted program. Hughes believes the popular TAG program. which houses nearly 150 students each year at Miller Elementary,



net school gets off the ground. It's an idea that has been bandied about recently, and Hughes believes the district has

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to run with it now if it's to start with the 2012-13 school year. "We need to proceed with planning if we're going to have a magnet school," Hughes told the board Tuesday. "This is the time of year when we

begin accepting applica-

tions. We need to let our

community know we're

going to be open to more

applications than we have in the past." expanded The magnet school

would start with five classrooms each in third, fourth and fifth grades and would hold some 445 students. According to Pete Kudlak, the district's director of elementary education, the curriculum would be diversified, with alternate curricula in content areas such as math and science. He said the magnet school's offerings in "specials" could stray from traditional offerings such as gym, music and arts to offer such things as chess, Chinese, technology and design.

Kudlak said the school wouldn't have any in-district boundaries, mean-

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Vince Waryas, a 16-year veteran of Huron Valley Ambulance, was named the Plymouth Rotary Club's paramedic of the year on Friday. Here, he's with wife Kamala, a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

# SCHOOL

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ing students from anywhere in the district could apply.

Trustee Barry Simescu questioned the potential curriculum.

"I need to be convinced that gym and exercise, and music, should be eliminated," Simescu said. "I need to be persuaded on why we need not to have gym with the obesity issues we're dealing with in the United States."

Kudlak said the magnet school would cost the district some \$85,000 to set up, though \$14,000 would be saved in reduced costs for paraprofessionals. Administrators also believe the program could increase revenue by attracting students currently attending charter or private schools.

Hughes also noted some have questioned the timing of the idea, because the district just hired Plante Moran CRESA to conduct a facilities study, the result of which could be the elimination of a school.

But Hughes believes the magnet school is a good idea regardless of the outcome of the study.

"We believe so strongly in the kind of academic program that's represented here, the benefit this will be to our children, more of whom now will be able to have the challenge of this accelerated program," Hughes said. "We think we can have this program regardless of whether Plante Moran recommends we close a school or not."

Kudlak said part of the start-up expense would be ordering new screening materials to use for applicants. He said the new testing materials would be ordered whether the magnet school is created or not. If there's no magnet school, TAG applicants will be screened using the new testing material, Kudlak said.

Board Secretary Adrienne Davis questioned the rush to get the school in place, pointing out the district needs to make sure it's an attractive program to students outside the current TAG program.

"It can't be the same program expanded," Davis said. "I'm not sure we're looking at the idea in a way our community will support."

But Hughes said the magnet school will very much include current TAG criteria, but would expand the mold of students who

"I wanted a door open for a parent or teacher to recommend a student be involved who has a talent that's not necessarily measured, but who could very much profit by it," Hughes said. "The TAG program has been a jewel for this district for a long time. I think offering it to more students is a marketing plus in this district."

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# Lotus Gallery closing but will keep on-line store

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The Lotus Arts Gallery, an exhibition and retail space in downtown Plymouth, is closing its doors after more than six years at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Walt Menard, who owns Lotus with his wife, Mary, said they had the opportunity to sell the building recently and did so. Lotus will continue to operate through its website, Menard said, but will have only warehouse space with no public showroom or retail space.

"When you own the building and you're paying rent to yourself, that's not bad," said Menard, who collects art at his own home. "When you do quite a bit of your sales on line and you accomplish the same thing, you don't need to have that extra expense, for sure."

Menard said the on-line portion of the gallery's business has been growing steadily.

Lotus, previously on Main Street south of Wing, opened on West Ann Arbor Trail in April 2005. The last day of business will be Friday, Dec. 23.

The building was sold to Vince Mucci, of Mucci Food Products in Canton Township; records on the transaction weren't available. Mucci couldn't be reached Thursday or Friday.

Menard said a tenant in the Lotus building, Kitchen and Bath by DeGiulio, will remain.

Lotus had a good run in Plymouth, said Menard, who also owns a residential construction firm.

"I thought it was very good," he said.
"We loved the location. People loved the gallery — they thought it was a fantastic space for an art gallery."

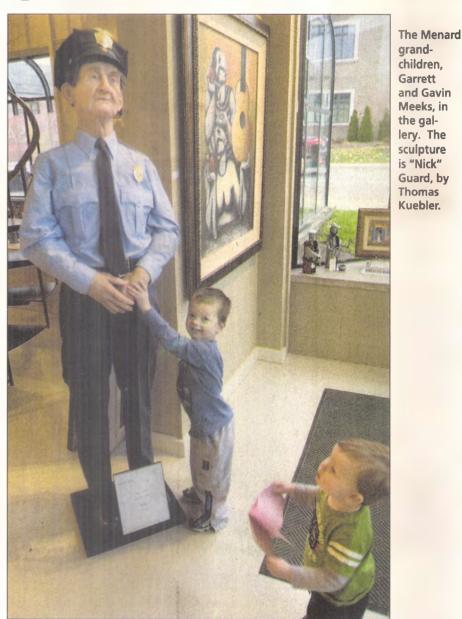
Artist Nancy Pitel, whose work is now on display at the Lotus as part of the Reckless Prophets show of work by 11 women, which opened Nov. 11, said she was saddened by news of the gallery's closing.

"The Lotus, in particular, is a beautiful venue in a beautiful city. Visiting the Lotus, with its large windows, beautiful architecture and wonderfully displayed art, is a relaxing experience that is needed in today's stressful life," said Pitel, who paints in acrylics and draws in several media and also does collages.

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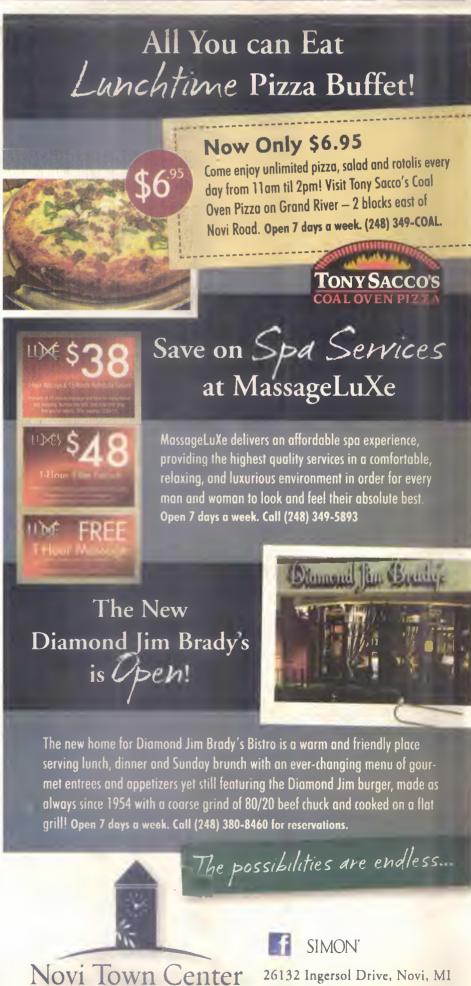
# **ART ON LINE**

The Lotus Arts Gallery's website is www.lotusartsgallery.com. The Reckless Prophets show, featuring painting in several media, fiber art, photography and poetry, runs through Saturday, Nov. 26. For more information, call Karen Clawson, gallery manager, at (734) 453-5400 or go to the Reckless Prophets website at www.recklessprophets. com, or the gallery website.

An on-line gallery, Pitel added, doesn't offer the same experience. "My fear is that we are losing the beautiful things that give us such pleasure and contentment in our lives," she

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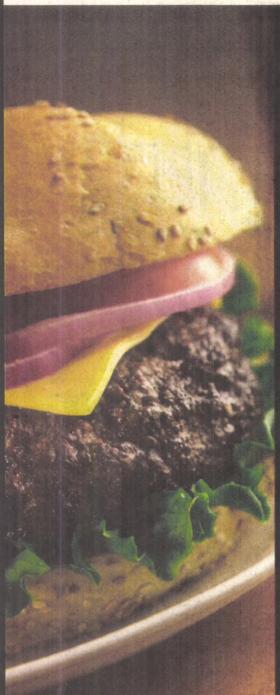
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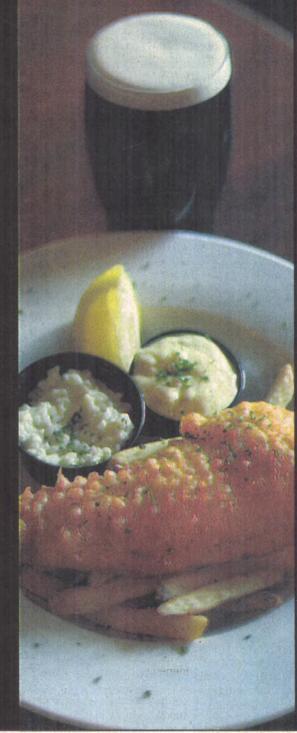
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# Gardener cultivates VIPS award

**By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer** 

With tongue completely in cheek, West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley said he was somewhat "embarrassed" with his nomination of Christine Ethier-Turner for the Plymouth-Canton Volunteer in Public Schools

award Tuesday. Ethier-Turner was honored by the Board of Education for her efforts to beautify the courtyard at West Middle School. Ethier-Turner, a master gardener, spent more than 100 hours over the summer on the entrance courtyard at the school. The problem, from Smiley's perspective, was that to get the master gardener designation, Ethier-Turner needed to restore what Smiley called a "homely" area --and she chose West Middle School.

"She lovingly took a rather disheveled and rundown area and turned it into a school entrance which would impress anyone," Smiley said. "Even the students who enter and exit the building through this courtvard have commented on

the beautiful improvements."

In addition to improving the courtvard. Ethier-Turner trained West Middle School staffers on the care of the various plantings, and created a notebook that includes schematic drawings of the plantings and a care guide for each.

Ethier-Turner said she volunteered at the school for years and finally went in and asked if she could "prune your roses, because they're driving me nuts." She said her desire to fix the roses convinced her "I really do need a project." "It's been a joy," Ethier-Turner told the board Tuesday. "I love it."

**Board of Education** Trutsee Barry Simescu said Ethier-Turner exemplifies the criteria of the VIPS award.

"An outstanding parent who has been a very important cog in making the district what it is today," Simescu said of Ethier-Turner. "The middle school students noticed it, and appreciated it."

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Plymouth-Canton VIP Christine Ethier-Turner with Trustee Barry Simescu (left) and West Middle School Principal Clint



Cub Scouts from Pack 834 put together 25 Thanksgiving dinner boxes.

# Scout pack helps feed the hungry

Thanks to the efforts of scouts from Pack 834 Cub Scouts, more than two dozen people will have Thanksgiving dinner this

The scouts spent Tuesday night in the Tonda Elementary School cafeteria assembling 25 Thanksgiving dinner boxes in an effort funded

by donations from Work Force Network, Inc., and Pack 834, both of Canton.

Pack officials said the money donated stretched farther with a discount from the Canton Kroger

The boys decorated the boxes and then filled them with packages/cans of potatoes, stuffing, gra-

vy mix, corn, green beans, cranberries, cake, and frosting. Money or a gift card for a turkey was also included in the boxes.

The 25 food boxes were distributed to families through Highland Park Community Outreach, the Bridge Chapel, and Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

# **SCHOOL BRIEFS**

# **TAG screening**

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will begin screening students for admission to its Talented and Gifted program for the 2012-2013 school year in December.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS district boundaries and be in grades two to seven. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Feb. 6, 2012.

Nomination forms will be available online Dec. 1, at http://tag.pccs.k12. mi.us Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at: Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, or by fax at (734) 416-4801. Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing.

# **Band on parade**

For the first time in the 85-year history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, a high school marching band from the state of Michigan will perform.

The P-CEP Marching Band received an invitation from the parade committee about two years ago and since then has been fundraising and working on their

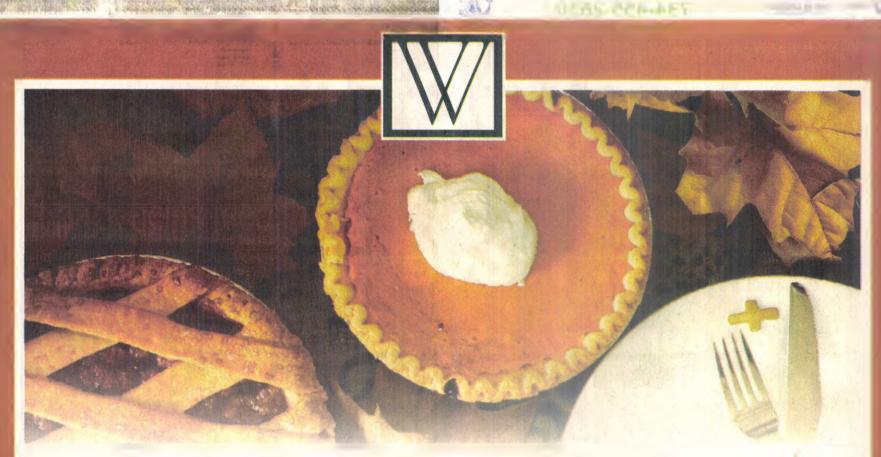
music for the big event. The P-CEP Marching band will be playing a variety of holiday favorites including several numbers from The Grinch who Stole Christmas.

# **Hands-on civics**

High school students enrolled in Darrin Silvester's civics course will be performing a service learning project Nov. 23 at the Shearer Cemetery on North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. Students will be at the cemetery learning about the community's first settlers and the preservation of their burial grounds. This is an ongoing project since the summer of 2005. In the past six years, students have created paths in the cemetery, cleared trees, helped to restore burial headstones and improve the site as much as possible.

# Cultural learning

More than 300 seventh-graders at West Middle School will be learning about the Arabic culture in a special assembly provided by the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn Tuesday, Nov. 29. The museum is sending expert speaker Sonya Kassis to present two, one hour presentations at the school. Students will learn the countries of the Arab world, how the Arab world is different from the Middle East, who are Arab-Americans and students will get an introduction to Islam.



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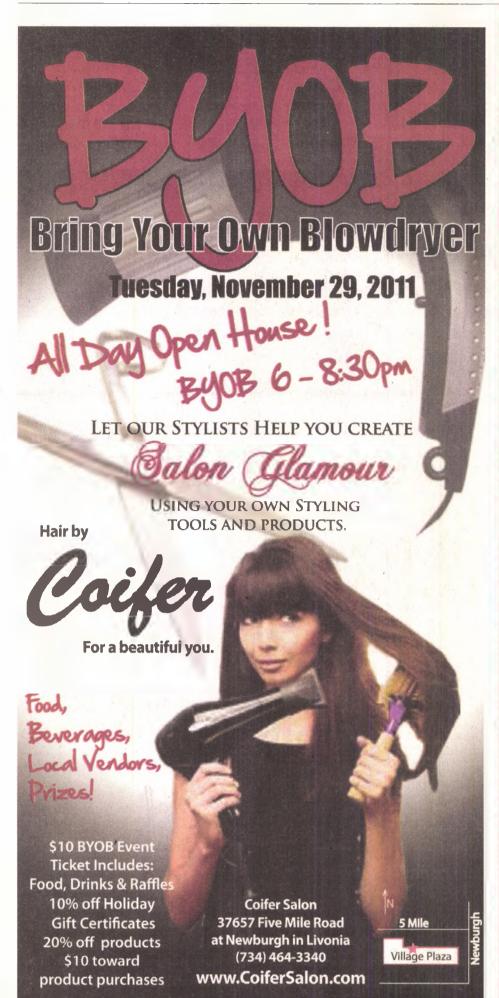




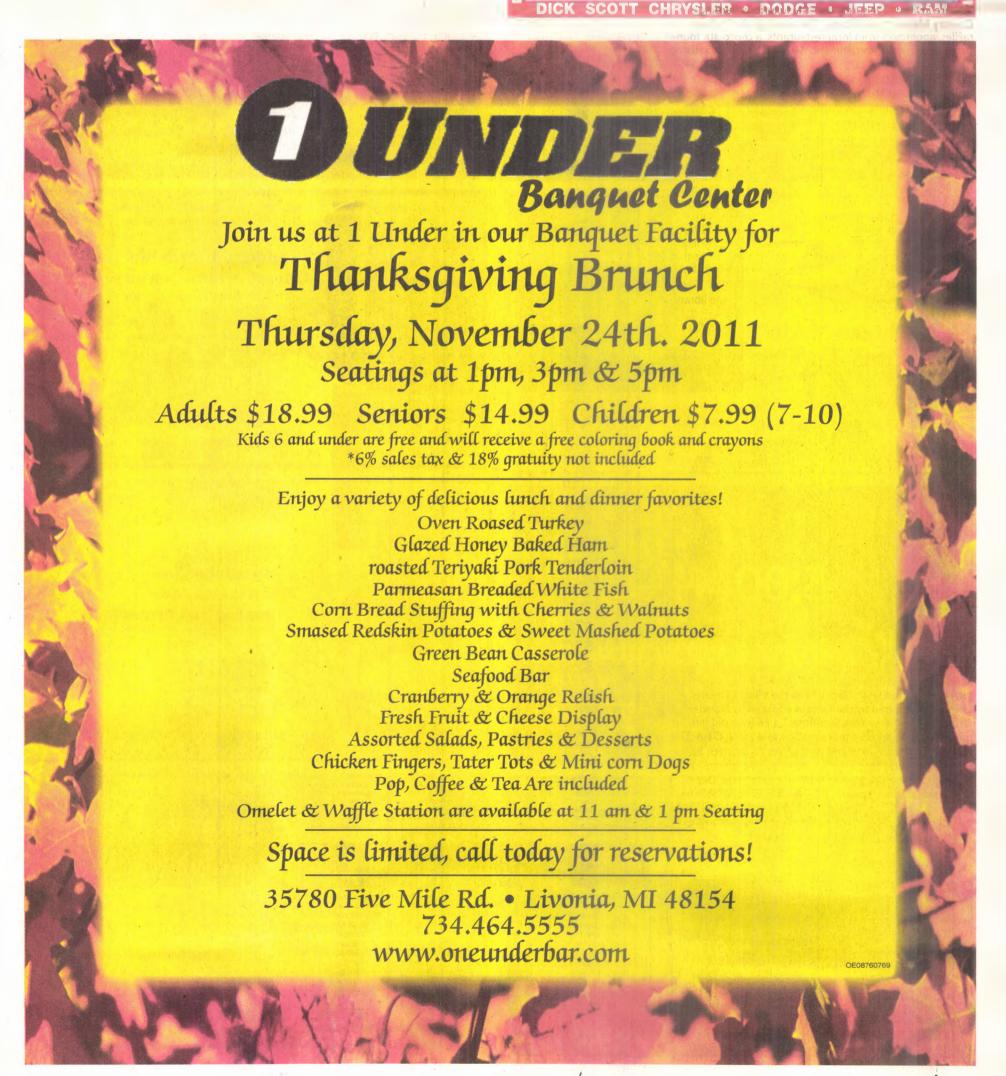












# AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

## **AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY**

Date/Time: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8

Location: Hoben Elementary School (Saltz between Shel-

don and Canton Center)

Details: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its holiday party. Please bring a pound of something to share, such as coffee, flour, cookies, etc. and put it in holiday wrapping. Everyone will have a chance to bid on it with proceeds going to the AAUW Legal Advocacy fund. There will also be a monetary collection for First Step. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Please come and join us!

Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

# **HOSPITAL REUNION**

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m.

Location: Cafe Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland

Details: The 27th annual holiday reunion for Wayne County General Hospital retirees and former staff. The cost is \$16, including tip, for a buffet dinner, featuring beef, chicken, fish, potato, vegetable, salad, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea or soda). Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Contact: For information and reservations contact Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or fightingirish316@scbglobal. net, Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or chknlit@wideopenwest. com or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com

# THANKSGIVING TROT

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m. Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway,

**Details:** Start Thanksgiving Day off on the right foot and make a preemptive strike against Thanksgiving weight gain by running or walking in Canton's ninth annual Turkey Trot. Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 11 and under. Event day registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Summit Banquet Room. Participants can register online at http://csc.canton-mi.org now through Nov. 20. Register by November 16th to receive a commemorative T-Shirt.

Contact: For more information, visit http://csc.cantonmi.org or call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

# **MOPS MEETINGS**

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions

Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@ gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org

# **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Date/Time: Friday, Dec. 2, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Steeplechase of Northville, 17174 Crestbrook Drive in Northville

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with Toll Brothers Inc., hosts a Holiday Open House at their spectacular community, Steeplechase of Northville. You are invited to leisurely tour the luxurious Harding Country Manor model home. The evening also includes raffles, appetizers from local restaurants, a chocolate fountain and musical entertainment. Valet service provided and sponsored by Toll Brothers. Cost is \$40 per adult prior, \$45 at the door.

Contact: Call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 by Nov. 30 or register online at www.newhopecenter.net

# **COLLEGE PLANNING**

Date/Time: Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will sponsor a free two-part program for high school students and parents who are approaching college decisions. John Boshoven, Counselor for Continuing Education at Ann Arbor's Community High School and the Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield will share years of experience in this field. The programs include: Finding the College that Fits, Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., and Paying for the College that Fits, Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Contact: Register for these programs by calling the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.



# Santa lives

Spotlight on Youth presents "SANTA LIVES! Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" Dec. 8-11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Inspired by the famous editorial by Francis R. Church of the "New York Sun Times" an 8-year old girl, Virginia O'Hanlon asked if there really was a Santa Claus. The show is 90 minutes long and perfect for youngsters. Santa Claus will be available after the show to take photos with kids. Show dates are 7 p.m. Dec. 8-9, 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 10, and 2 p.m. Dec. 11. Tickets (\$9-\$10 each) are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org.





The Plymouth Rotary Club's 2011 public safety honorees and their supervisors were in demand for photo opportunities after Friday's awards luncheon. From left are Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Mark Wendel, firefighter of the year Lt. Charles Mann, Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, township officer of the year Mark Hoffman, Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox, Plymouth police officers of the year Tom Koval and Alex Fox, Huron Valley Ambulance paramedic of the year Vince Waryas, and Paul Hood, HVA's vice president.

# **AWARDS**

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Officers Alex Fox and Tom Koval. Both work the night shift, and in February were the first on the scene of a early morning fire at an apartment complex on Plymouth Road. Under heavy smoke and with temperatures around zero, said Police Chief Al Cox, the two searched the complex, alerting many residents to the fire and even pulling some of them from their beds.

'As a result of their courage and dedication, all the residents were evacuated to safety," Cox said. Koval, a fiveyear veteran, and Fox, an officer for two years, remained on the scene for six hours, he said.

Koval and Fox's night shift also means they respond to domestic dis-



turbances, confront disof the Rotary's public orderly bar patrons and safety awards committee, arrest drunken drivers, said he was proud to be "basically a lot of hands-on work," Cox said. Koval won a Mothers Against involved with honoring the five, and asked fellow Rotarians to offer personal thanks when they see Drunk Driving award in 2008 for a high number of police officers, firefightdrunken-driving arrests. ers and paramedics. John Folino, chairman

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Plymouth **Police Chief** Al Cox, left, poses with Plymouth's police officers of the year: Tom Koval (center) and Alex Fox. Night-shift officers Fox and Koval were praised for their rescue of several residents during a fire at a Plymouth apartment complex in February.

thanked the Rotary for the recognition. "As Rotarians, you lead by example, demonstrating the importance of giving back to the community, he said.

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Nearly 100 people attended the Grieving with Great Hope workshop at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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# Workshop provides tools for grieving

During the four Wednesdays in October, leading up to All Souls Day, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth held a workshop called Grieving with

The program was run by Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization that helps Catholic churches tend to the needs of their grieving parishioners. Organizers called the workshop "prayerful, practical and personal" and said it "helps give people the tools to navigate their way through their own valley of grief."

Almost 100 people registered. Most came grieving the loss of a parent, a spouse or a child, but some lost another relative or a friend. 50% of the grieving people came from Catholic churches, other than OLGC. Some included, St Anastasia in Troy, Divine Child in Dearborn, St. Aiden's in Livonia, Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills, St. Valentine in Redford and many more. Organizers said 96 percent of the attendees rated the workshop very good or excellent

and 100% said they wanted this program at their church.

"After a year and a half of crying every day, 1 have found myself 'stuck' in emptiness," attendee Caroline Pribble said. "That ceremony blew it out for me."

The opening night was in church where Fr. John Riccardo, Pastor at OLGC, spoke of hope, love, faith and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sandy and John O'Shaughnessy, the co-founders of Good Mourning Ministry told their own riveting true stories of loss and a return to hope.

The next three nights were in the social hall. These nights, people learned about the grief journey. Topics included the stress of grief, grief and mourning, The Seven Intentions of Mourning, how men and woman grieve, disenfranchised grief, the factors and expressions of grief and many more. People were grouped in small tables based on age and loss. Time was allowed for informal table discussions where people got to share their stories and meet

new friends. Every participant received the Grieving with Great Hope workbook which doubles as a personal prayer guide, grief journal and a resource list.

The closing ceremony was back in church. During this time, people had time for quiet prayer before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. They also lit a candle in honor of their loved and received a blessing from Fr. John. Matthew Samelak, the music director sang the Litany of the Saints.

"I so enjoyed these last four weeks," said Connie DeMarco. "I met people that I hope to stay in touch with and know that I will never forget. I would recommend this to anyone in pain.'

Two more workshops are planned for next spring. St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia will host a four week workshop beginning on March 7. OLGC will have a five week program that will begin April 18. For more information, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningminis-

# City Hall workers enjoy sneak peek at Lightfest

**By Matt Jachman** Observer Staff Writer

Five Plymouth City Hall employees got a little preview of the Wayne County Lightfest on Tuesday and walked a few miles for a good cause.

Donning matching Plymouth sweatshirts, Trish Bridges, Nancy Anderson, Dawn Shipe, Sandy Coram and Maria Farris participated in an eight-kilometer (nearly five miles) fun run and walk along Hines Drive, where the holiday light show is on display.

The route took them through Hines Park between Merriman in Livonia and the Warrendale area in Detroit. They took Bridges' golden retriever, Hayley.

"I enjoyed it immensely," said Farris, who works in the city's finance department. Farris said she had previously only seen the Lightfest from the windows of a vehicle. "Walking and

driving is a completely different experience," she said.

"It's the beginning of a new tradition,' said Bridges, adding it was a good opportunity for the women to spend time together outside of the office. Bridges, who also works in the finance department, said that while some of the lights were out due to recent rains, she especially enjoyed the displays depicting dinosaurs, and the figures of skiers heading down a hill near Hines Drive in the area of Inkster Road.

The women got their white Plymouth sweatshirts from the Plymouth Cultural Center, and each received an event T-shirt. The fun run and walk raised money for Wayne County Parks.

'We're already planning for next year," said Farris.

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# **SHOPPING**

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"That just looks fantastic," said Tony Bruscato, the DDA's operations manager. "We've gotten a lors great feedback and - is sponsoring Smile's "compliments."

Parent said he'll work to broaden the project next vear: business owners, he said, are seeing the val-

ue of it. "The idea is to create that resort atmosphere and get walking traffic downtown during the colder months," Parent

said.

Meanwhile, the chamber, as it does every year,

will sponsor the arrival of Santa Claus in Kellogg Park at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25. A magician, Alan Smile, will warm up the crowd beginning at 5:30 p.m., before Santa's arrival by fire truck. The DDA appearance.

"I think that's a great example of how we work together," Bruscato said.

Other downtown holiday events include:

 The Walk of Trees, which began Friday. Seventy Christmas trees, decorated by families, service clubs, scouting troops, businesses and other organizations, are on display in Kellogg

Park through December. The Walk of Trees is sponsored by the cham-

 Gingerbread houses are on display at 30 downtown retailers and other businesses through Friday, Dec. 23. Viewers can vote for their favorites," forms are available at the participating businesses and at the chamber offices on West Ann Arbor

 Dashing Through the Stores, a shopping event for women, is 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Participants can shop, have refreshments and fill out wish lists to give to their significant others

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and family members.

Friday is the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season, but Bruscato said that while there is typically an increase in foot traffic later in the day on Black Friday, many shoppers flock to big-box stores on that day, while traffic at Plymouth's specialty shops is steady for the whole season.

"Our merchants do very well when it comes to those unique items you just can't find anywhere else," he said.

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Plymouth City Hall employees, from left, Maria Farris, Sandy Coram, Trish Bridges, Nancy Anderson and Dawn Shipe, with Bridges' golden retriever, Hayley, got together Tuesday evening for a preview of the Wayne County Lightfest during an eight-kilometer fun run and walk.

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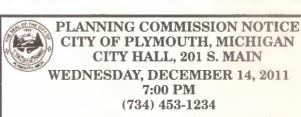
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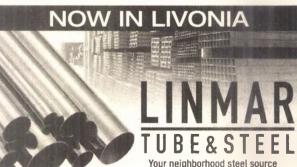
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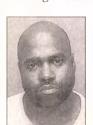
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# Suspect ordered to stand trial in assault

By Darrell Clem **Observer Staff Writer** 

Crying and visibly shaking, a Canton woman testified Friday that her former boyfriend hid in her house and sexuallv assaulted her when she came home Oct. 12 after visiting a friend.



Caldwell

The woman accused 43-yearold Kerenski Caldwell of Detroit of jump-

ing out of

the shower when she entered her bathroom. She said he asked where she had been and demanded sex.

"He grabbed me by the neck and pushed me against the (bathroom) wall," the woman testified during Caldwell's preliminary examination in front of 35th District Judge James Plakas.

She accused Caldwell of pulling her jeans down, pushing her to the floor and sexually assaulting her as she tried to fight him off by punching and kicking him. She said he then dragged her by her hair and her arm to the bed, where he continued to force himself on her as she fought back.

The woman's testimony convinced Plakas to order Caldwell to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count each of first-degree home invasion, stalking and

domestic violence Caldwell could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted. He remains jailed with a \$1 million/10 percent bond as he awaits

trial, meaning he would have to post \$100,000 for his release.

The woman testified that she suspected something was amiss when she entered her home and wasn't greeted by her dog, who had been moved to a sun porch. She said she had known Caldwell over three years but they had split up.

"We had decided that it wasn't working, and we were going to try to remain friends," she said in court.

The woman said Caldwell attacked her in the bathroom and took her cell phone from her. She said he undressed and sexually assaulted her as she continued to try to fight him off after he dragged her to the bedroom.

At one point, she said he left the bedroom and she called 9-1-1 for help, hanging up the phone when he returned to the

She said a dispatcher called back and confirmed that she needed help, and she said Caldwell began putting his clothes on. She said he tried to escape out the back door when police arrived and captured him.

The woman said she sought treatment at a hospital following the assault.

According to a Michigan Department of Corrections website, Caldwell has a criminal history that includes armed robbery, retail fraud, embezzlement, felonious assault and fel ony firearms. Some of the incidents date back as far as 1990.

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FREUDENBERG-NOK PHOTO BY JOE GRIMA

Holly Donoghue, 13, (left) and Phillip Tularak (center) help Kids Against Hunger Executive Director Michael Burwell measure and package rice and soy at the Freudenberg-NOK Kids Against Hunger meal assembly operation set up

# Local workers partner with Kids Against Hunger

Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies partnered with the Michigan coalition of Kids Against Hunger Saturday, Nov. 12, to assemble and box more than 11,000 meals that will be distributed to local and international relief agencies to help feed needy families.

More than 90 Freudenberg-NOK employees and family members gathered over the weekend at the company's headquarters on East Anchor Court to don hairnets and help mix rice, soy and dehydrated vegetables together in an assembly-line operation to create the high protein casseroles.

In true lean manufacturing style, the meals were created, bagged and boxed in just an hour. The company donated a third of the high protein meals it packaged over the weekend to the Plymouth branch of the Salvation Army for local distribution.

Freudenberg-NOK, established in Plymouth in 1989, is driven by a set of Guiding Principles that define the importance of good corporate citizenship and community involvement. Employees participate in charitable activities throughout the year and have collectively donated hundreds of volunteer hours to local organizations and civic

# See 'The Nutcracker' for a good cause Dec. 4

Positive Attitude Dance Academy of Farmington and Curtain Call Dance of Canton are joining forces to present Excerpts from The Nutcracker Ballet.

All proceeds from this production will go to benefit the Farmington Area Goodfellows Christmas food and toy drive for the needy. The production will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Farmington Civic Theater in downtown Farmington.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the door, or at Positive Attitude Dance

Academy, 23020 Power Rd. just north of Grand River or Curtain Call Dance, 41719 Joy Rd. in Canton. Tickets can be ordered by calling (248) 476-2099.

Non-parishable food items and new, unwrapped toys will be collected in the lobby of the Civic Theater for the Goodfellows.

For more information, call (248) 871-2848 or visit www.farmingtonareagoodfellows.

The Civic Theater is located on Grand River, just east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington.



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# Friends help cancer patient with their Sky Lights of Love

Hearing the words "You have breast cancer" once in a lifetime is more than enough. But to hear those words twice, it's life-shattering.

That's how wife and mother Amy Rauch Neilson described the news she received back on Jan. 12, 2011.

"I couldn't believe what my oncologist was telling me, I was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer - and this diagnosis came after I had already had a double mastectomy and had been pretty much declared 'cured' following my Stage 1 diagnosis in 2006," she said. "I looked at her and said, 'How is it possible to get breast cancer when I don't even have breasts anymore."

Sadly, it is possible in a small number of women who have undergone a double-mastectomy in the hopes of getting rid of their breast tissue - and any chance of a breast cancer recurrence.

"When I was diagnosed as a Stage 1 in 2006, our son was just six months old," said Neilson. "I told the doctors that I wanted to do everything possible to get rid of the cancer and ensure it would never come back."

A former Observer & Eccentric employee who lives in Belleville, Neilson learned she was a carrier of the BRCA 1 gene and had opted for a double-mastectomy and four preventative rounds of chemotherapy - given to her as a type of "insurance policy" against any rogue cells that may have been floating around in her body. She was four



Amy Rauch Neilson is finding support in her battle against stage 4 breast cancer from her husband Don and son Theo.

years and 10 months clear of breast cancer when she found a lump in early January 2011.

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"I couldn't believe it," she recalled. "It was wedged between my left implant and my skin."

Neilson began twiceweekly chemotherapy treatments Feb. 1, and has so far undergone 44 treatments. Her breast cancer, which spread into her breast lymph nodes and lungs, has remained stable or shown signs of shrinkage in periodic CT Scans and MRIs.

Unfortunately, the reality is that, due to her ongoing chemotherapy treatments, Neilson, who is self-employed, has not been able to work a full

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While Neilson is "praying for the Lord's healing and remission," her friend, Kristi Kahl, is organizing a Dec. 3 benefit to help Neilson pay some of the medical expenses.

"The Sky Lights of Love Benefit is the way her friends and family are coming together to help her and her family get through this crisis," Kahl said. "At first, Amy didn't want to accept the help. That's when I told her that asking for help doesn't mean you've failed, it means you're not in it alone."

A few weeks ago, Neilson's husband, Don, was

driving home from work in his pickup truck when he first heard I'm Gonna Love You Through It by Martina McBride on the radio. He was so deeply moved by the song that he had to veer over to the side of the road afterwards and pull himself back together.

The next day, he forwarded the music video to his wife with a simple message: You need to watch this, babe. Neilson did, and her reaction mirrored her husband's. Tears flowed and she found great strength in the knowledge that, like her husband, so many people everywhere stood strong in this fight together with their loved ones,

right by their side, every day, every moment, every surgery and treatment.

"I can't imagine what it would feel like to have so many people gather around you to release lanterns of pure white light heavenward," Neilson

That's when Kahl decided it was time for her friend to experience it for herself. That was the inspiration behind Sky Lights of Love at the Van Buren Township Lookout Point in Van Buren Township.

Lanterns are \$10 each, with proceeds to go to Amy's Benefit for medical bills. To purchase a lantern, go to www.itsinthegenes.org, and click on

the "Events" tab. Lanterns are available by advance purchase only, via PayPal, through Nov. 27. The event will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the park at 50901 S. 1-94 Service Dr., between Belleville and Rawsonville roads. Check-in will begin at 4:30 p.m. Neilson will speak at 5:30 p.m. and the lantern release will happen at 6 p.m. sharp.

Neilson and her family are aiming for complete remission. In between treatments, "Amy lives life to the fullest," said

"You'd never know by watching her on her offchemo days that she has cancer," Kahl said. "She is out there, carving pumpkins with her husband and son, going on hayrides, riding tractors, hosting a barbecue – you name it. She is a true inspiration."

Neilson, who is a professional writer and editor, began blogging about her experiences in May 2009. But following her January 2011 diagnosis, hits and subscribers to her blog, www.itsinthegenes. org, skyrocketed. She now has thousands of subscribers in all 50 states and 18 countries

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# 'It was horrible'

# Victim testimony sends driver to trial

**By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer** 

A Westland teen testified in gruesome detail Friday how a driver ran over him twice and dragged him a quartermile along a Canton road as he struggled to survive by clinging to hot pipes underneath the car.

Jahlil Wilson's testimony in 35th District Court indicated the July 2 attack followed a violent clash between two groups one of them affiliated with a gang called Loyalty Before Respect — outside a house party near Woodlong and Beck. He denied gang involvement and said he was dragged until his buttocks were seared off and his spine was exposed.

"It was just horrible," Wilson, 19, said. "I never saw anything like this, and I don't know how someone could do this to someone

who's innocent." His testimony – much of it challenged by a defense attorney prompted Judge James Plakas to conclude a preliminary hearing by ordering 20-year-old Rodney Manning of Westland to stand trial for assault with intent to murder, operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious injury, felonious assault and reckless driving causing serious injury.

Manning, who is free on bond as he awaits trial in Wayne County Circuit Court, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if convicted.

Wilson testified he was among a crowd of 25-30 people who crossed to the west side of Beck Road after the car drove to a school parking lot and one passenger got out with a baseball bat.

"It was all over a girl," he said, though he didn't elaborate.

Wilson said the baseball bat prompted the party crowd - some associated with the LBT gang, or Loyalty Before Respect — to pelt the car with cinder blocks and rocks. He said the crowd returned to the house before the car, some of its windows broken, approached the

Wilson estimated that 50 people stood outside as the car jumped a curb and drove toward him.

"He charged at me. He floored it," Wilson said. "The car ran right over me. I was getting up and

he backed up and hit me. That's how I got caught under the car.

Wilson said he clung to hot pipes under the car as it drove onto Beck Road, while he and party goers yelled for the driver to stop. He described himself as a car-wash worker, student and cage fighter who didn't know Manning and who was caught up in a situation caused by

others. Defense attorney Leon Weiss said what happened to Wilson was tragic, but he questioned whether Wilson was as innocent as he claimed during what Weiss described as "a brutal attack" by "organized gang activity" against Manning and his passen-

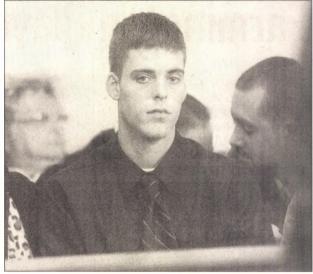
Wilson also conceded under questioning that he and others had taken some type of pills that acted as a stimulant.

Wilson testified that the crowd approaching Manning's car shouted "LBR" as they pelted it with cinder blocks and rocks. The car then left the school parking lot and traveled along Cherry Hill and Beck Road to Woodlong.

Assistant Wayne Countv Prosecutor Kenneth Simon said Manning could have chosen to drive away from the scene rather than toward the party. In response, Weiss indicated Manning had "a panicked reaction" after he and his passengers had come under attack.

Weiss accused Wilson of trying to "sanitize his own behavior" during the incident. "It was a war type of thing."

Plakas agreed Wilson made conflicting statements during his testimony, but he ruled that Manning could have driven off rather than continue an incident that Plakas said became "life-altering" for many people.



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Defendant Rodney Manning was ordered to stand trial for assault with intent to murder, operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious injury, felonious assault and reckless driving causing serious injury.

Wilson said he is one of them. He said he spent two months in a hospital and had 11 surgeries.

"I know my body will never be the same," he

testified. "It's all burned. It hurts at night, and I have dreams about this."

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Prosecuting attorney Kenneth F. Simon confers with defense attorney Leon Weiss. Defendant Rodney Manning sits at right. The prosecution's witness. Jahlil Wilson, returns to his seat after giving

testimony.



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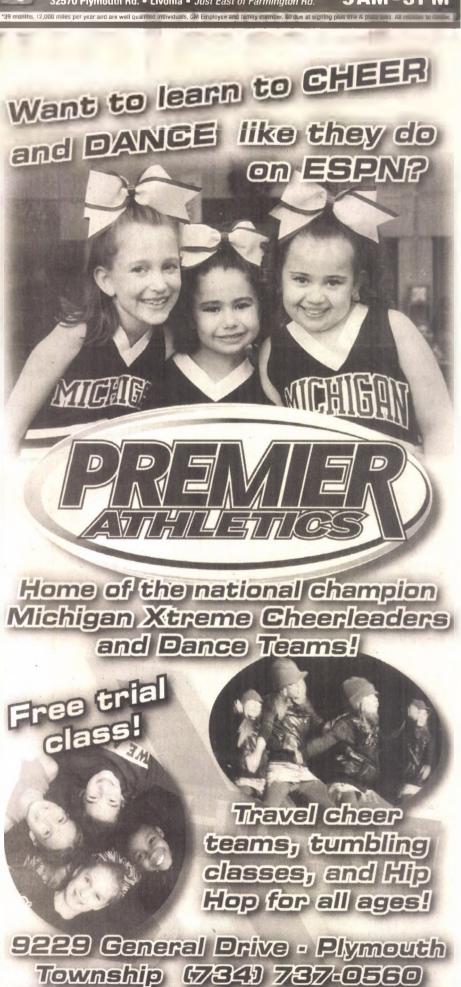
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# Farmington Players bring twist to 'A Christmas Carol'

The Farmington Players will bring Charles Dickens' classic ghost story to life in a whole new way Dec. 2-18.

This fresh approach to A Christmas Carol, finds Dickens himself hosting a Christmas Eve party in 1843 for friends and family. They ask him to tell a story, but he refuses to work — so, if they are to be entertained they will have to improvise their own tale.

They soon transform into the familiar characters of A Christmas Carol, to perform a play within a play. The story unfolds with 10 cast members handling more than 40 parts and Dickens doubling as Scrooge.

On the Farmington Players stage, Dickens/ Scrooge is played by wellknown Barn member Dorne LeFere, who most recently portrayed Max Bialystock in the Barn's spring musical, The Pro-

LeFere enjoys switching between Dickens, whom he calls a "fun loving full-of-life writer," and the crotchety Scrooge, who interacts with the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future on the road to redemption

"I love the challenge of going between the characters, sometimes within the same paragraph," says LeFere.

He believes audiences will be captivated by the unique version of the familiar holiday fable.

"The story is so timeless and uplifting that you can't watch it without coming away feeling good," says LeFere.



ANDRZEJ MILOSZ

'A Christmas Carol' cast members, from left, Amy Lauter, as Mrs. Stanfield; Laurel Stroud, as Catherine Dickens; Dorne LeFere, as Dickens/Scrooge; Tony Targan, as Clarkston Stanfield; Sarah Cooper, as Helen Hogarth and Ben Lauter, as Charley Dickens.

Director Nancy Cooper feels this version of A Christmas Carol is a real treat for families. She invites parents and children to visit the Barn and experience "the spirits" of Christmas.

"The Christmas Carol allows audiences to see within the heart and soul of Dickens," says Cooper. "Who would ever think of a ghost story at Christmas? But the story wasn't just scary. It was happy, sad, funny, joyful, remorseful, and above all, hopeful. How wonderful to think that you can wake up in the morning and truly be a better person!"

Tickets for A Christmas Carol are available now at farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office (248) 553-2955. Questions about the show may be e-mailed to Achristmascarol@ farmingtonplayers.org.

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• On Friday Dec. 2, patrons can mingle and share holiday treats with Dickens/Scrooge, and the rest of the cast and crew of A Christmas Carol during this Opening Night Afterglow.

 The Barn added two Saturday matinees on Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. to accommodate families who prefer to come during the day. Children will get to take photos with Scrooge after both shows.

# **Cast & Crew**

- Charles Dickens played by Dorne Lefere, of Metamora
- The Child, played by Zachary Worthing, of Farmington Hills
- Mark Lemon, played by Jim Pierce, of South-
- Frederick Dickens, played by Armand Banoo-

ni, of Farmington Hills

- Clarkston Stanfield, played by Tony Targan, of West Bloomfield
- Helen Hogarth, played by Sarah Cooper, of Farmington Charley Dickens,
- played by Ben Lauter, **Farmington Hills** • Mrs. Stanfield, played
- by Amy Lauter, of Farmington Hills Catherine Dickens, played by Laurel Stroud,
- of Redford • John Forster, played by Steve King, of Farmington Hills
- Director: Nancy Cooper, of Farmington
- Assistant Director: Amy Poirier, of Farmington Hills
- Co-Producers: Emily McSweeney, of Farmington Hills and Nancy Harrower, of Royal Oak
- Co-Stage Managers: Jason Wilhoite, of Commerce Township and

# **SHOW DETAILS**

What: A Christmas Carol, by the Farmington Players When: Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. - Opening Night Afterglow

- Saturday Dec. 3, 8 p.m. • Sunday Dec. 4, 2 p.m.
- seniors \$2 off
- Thursday Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Thrifty Thursday \$2 off
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- and 8 p.m. • Sunday Dec. 11, 2 p.m.
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- and 8 p.m. Sunday Dec. 18, 2 p.m.

Tickets: Tickets are available at both www.farmingtonplayers.org and the box office at (248) 553-2955. Adults: \$16; Students: \$2 off any performance; Senior Sunday: \$2 off only on Dec. 4; Thrifty Thursday: \$2 off only on Dec. 8 and Dec. 15; Group Discounts: \$2 off any show with a group of ten or more people.

Where: The Farmington Players Barn is located at 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. It's the big white barn on the north side of 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road.

David Reinke, of Novi • Student Director: Jacob Cooper, of Farmington

• Costumes: Barbie Amann-Weisserman, of Farmington Hills

- Dialect Coach: Joan
- Boufford, of Southfield Hair and Makeup: Loni Burkow, of West
- Bloomfield • Lighting Design/Setting: Frank Ginis, of Troy
- Set Design: Tim Timmer, Wayne and Margaret Gilkes, of Farmington Hills
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**Farmington Players** Since 1953, the Farm-

ington Players have staged more than 185 different musicals, dramas, mysteries and comedies, all as a community theater with 100 percent volunteer membership

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ton, Farmington Hills and beyond have come to recognize the group as a true community resource. Since the completion of its state-of-the-art facility in 2003, the Farmington Players Barn Theater has expanded its mission, serving as the site for city-sponsored events such as youth theater camps in the summer, concerts with groups as varied as Blackthorn and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and as a meeting place for various

groups. The Farmington Players have been saving money over the years to enhance the onstage experience at The Barn. In November, 2009 they installed a new rigging system in the vast fly space. Show Directors are thrilled to finally have the ability to fly in flats and use drops to set scenes in a matter of

# Hines Park lights up for the holidays

By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer** 

Benjamin Lucas could have cared less about the fireworks. Ditto for the lights, the music and dancing. The two-weekold infant was too busy sleeping in a baby carrier against to mom Crys-

tal's chest. "It's his first fireworks," said the Garden City resident as she stood with family members in Merriman Hollow in Hines Park Thursday evening to watch the fireworks display that signaled the opening of Wayne County Parks' annual Lightfest. "This is my third year coming. All of us lived in the apartments behind this and never came out for this until we moved out."

Tim West pointed to Lucas, his sister, as the reason for his attending the ceremony for the first

"She made me come out," he said. "I like the idea of fireworks when it's cold. What other time of the year can you wear

For more on lightfest, see Thursday's Observer

a snow hat and gloves ..." "And feel like it's the Fourth of July," added Maria Hanley of Westland. "Fireworks and hot chocolate, it's the best thing to mix together."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was joined by Santa Claus in flipping the switch, carried live on Fox-2, to turn on the 4 1/2-mile long light show that stretches from Merriman Road in Westland to Warrendale in Dearborn Heights.

More than 100 people gathered beside the Hines Drive entrance to the light show, chasing the chill with hot chocolate and enjoying music and dancing by Dance Extreme.

Bryn McGuigan and his son, Troy, of Westland were in the crowd, there to watch Troy's friend

"We've seen the lights before, but have never come to the opening," said McGuigan. "I want

to see the new lights, the

music notes." Many in the crowd

dressed for the near freezing temperatures, but Zackery Stephens and Brandon Burroughs of Garden City had to admit their sweat shirts weren't enough to keep out the

cold. "It's kind of cold, but we got hot chocolate," said Burroughs who likes "the fireworks, watching the lights and seeing people have a good time.

"I like to see all the lights and the fireworks," said Stephens.

Lightfest features more than 45 giant animated displays and more than one million lights and is the Midwest's largest and longest light show. The display is open 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. now through Dec. 31, except Christmas Day, when it will be closed. The charge is \$5 fee per vehicle.

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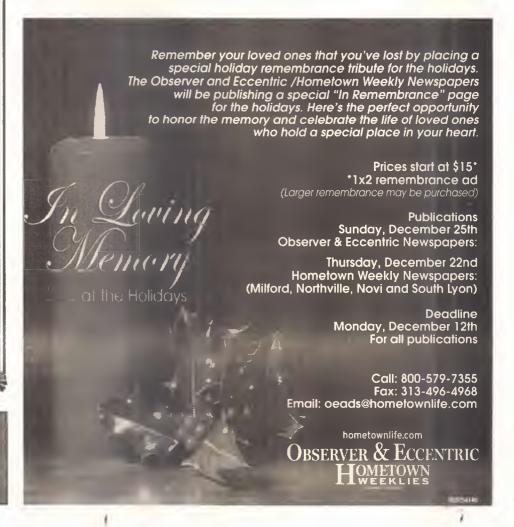
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There is an emphasis with the construction project to utilize Wayne County businesses through the procurement process.

"We have created a goal to use our best efforts to have 60 percent of the business go to Wayne County-based firms and Detroit-based firms," Wayne County Executive

Robert Ficano said.

Last Monday's session at the Summit in the Park in Canton drew more than 50 companies specializing in mechanical equipment, iron works, security systems, glass and mirror installation, tile and ceilings, food service operations, full-body scanner systems, concrete and many other trades.

Session leaders from Wayne County, Walbridge and DAN TEAK fielded questions from contractors and explained the process of qualifying a business.

The \$300 million con-

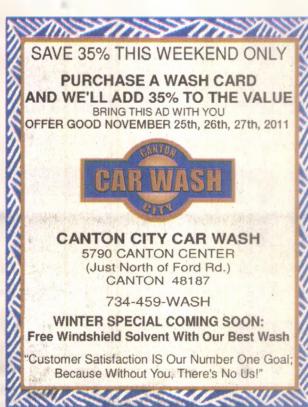
struction project is slated to be completed July 2014. One of the largest construction projects underway in the county, it is expected to create between 2,000 and 2,500

The planned 714,000 square-foot facility, located at the corner of Gratiot and St. Antoine, will house 2,192 beds and be the new administrative offices for the Wayne County Sheriff's staff.

"These outreach sessions, we want to make sure we are communicating our process to you," said Bill Lorelli, assistant vice president for Walbridge.

Wayne County, Walbridge and DAN TEAK LLC have collaborated to put on these outreach sessions. Previous sessions were held in Taylor and Detroit. Organizers estimate that a total of 160 companies have partici-

pated. Owners can still prequalify their company with Walbridge, the general contractor for the project, at www.walbridge.com. They must also register with Dan Teak LLC at www.danteak.com.







# Canton man pens children's yule book

Children's author Brian Webster of Canton will publish a Christmas book in December, Santa's Elf.

Santa's Elf is a story about Santa while delivering presents on Christmas Eve accidently leaves behind one of his elves and three kids must find a way to return him to his North Pole home before he loses his elfish powers. Webster is personally publishing the book through IdeaWorks LTD.

As with his *Snowville* book last year, Webster plans to donate some books to Children's Hospital of Michigan and do a reading at Tonda Elementary School in Canton where wife Cathy teaches second grade.

Megan D. Wellman is the illustrator. Santa's Elf will be her 12th book. She will be present at Webster's open house/book signing 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at his condo, 464 Cherry Hill Pointe Drive in Canton. Davis will also hold a book signing noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Plymouth Panera's, Ann Arbor Trail and Main in downtown Plymouth.

This is Webster's second book for children, following his *Snowville*. His dream is for Santa's Elf to be made into a holiday movie.

Illustrations depict the family's children growing up — Ryan, 10, Hailey, 8, Christopher, 6, and the golden retriever dog, Bear.

Wellman did her illustrations for Santa's Elf from actual photos of Webster's three kids and family dog.

Santa's Elf was a finalist in last year's Holiday Screenplay Contest.

Kris Yankee, who introduced the author to Wellman last year, edited Santa's Elf.



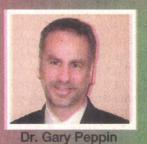
Children's author Brian Webster of Canton wrote 'Santa's Elf,' being published in December. Megan D. Wellman is the illustrator for the book, copies of which will be signed at upcoming local events.

Kris Yankee and Webster have cowritten *Black Ice*, a young adult novel and screenplay which will be completed in early December. *Black Ice* is a hockey story about an inner city black kid who becomes a winner on the ice.

Megan D. Wellman lives with her husband, daughter Kylee, and pets in the Michigan area. She holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Eastern Michigan University with a minor in children's theater. Her books include Lonely Teddy, Grandma's Ready, This Babe So Small,... and that's why we teach, Being Bella, King of Dilly Dally, Read to Me, Daddy!, Does This Make Me Beautiful, Halle and Tiger and their bucket-filling family, My Guy in the Sky, and Liam's Luck and Finnegan's Fortune.

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# Variable annuities can be costly and restricting

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist** 

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A: Unfortunately, you're dealing with a salesperson as opposed to an adviser. It seems to me that your salesperson is only looking at generating another commission vs. doing what's appropriate for your situation.

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annuity. It may make sense in certain situations, when one annuity contract matures, to transfer it into another annuity, however, you are under no obligation to

In addition, sometimes

the annuity salespeople won't tell you that even though your annuity no longer has any penalties, you can still leave your money in the current annuity. Too many annuity salespeople don't want

selling you another annuity. In fact, in many situations because of penalty provisions and lower minimum rates of return, it makes more sense for people to leave their money in the current annuity as opposed to transferring into a new annuity.

Some annuity salespeo-

ple like to entice you with the bonus programs that many annuities offer; however, many of these programs are very gimmicky and you have to be very careful. Sometimes when you read the fine print you realize that the bonus is not really a bonus at all. Therefore, just because someone tells you that if you move money from one annuity to another you'll get a bonus, that does not mean it's a good deal for you.

As to the tax consequences, unfortunateyour losses. This is one of the downsides of variable annuities. They have adverse tax consequences for most investors. The reason for this is, you cannot write off losses. If you had purchased those same investments outside of a variable annuity and you had losses, those would be eligible to deduct.

Another downside of variable annuities, from a tax standpoint, is that if you do have a profit, when the annuity is cashed out that money is taxed at your ordinary tax bracket and not the favorable capital gains rate. Most Americans are in a 28-percent ordinary income tax bracket, but their capital gains rate is only 15 percent. Therefore, even though variable annuities grow tax-deferred, they defer you into a higher bracket. Most people find that

their taxes are nearly doubled by investing in a variable annuity.

Besides the adverse tax consequences of variable annuities, another reason that I'm not a fan of them is because of the costs. Variable annuities are typically stuffed with high fees. Every year you own a variable annuity, you end up paying these high fees which make it difficult for an investor to make money.

Variable annuities also typically will limit your investment options and have very high penalty provisions. I believe that investors need flexibility and variable annuities do not allow much flexibility.

There are situations where a variable annuity may be appropriate. These are limited situations and in those cases, the variable annuities I recommend will be ones through Fidelity or Vanguard. These variable annuities have very low fees and no penalties. In other words, if after year one or two you decide to exit the annuity, you can do so without penalty. In most other variable annuities, if you left an annuity after a couple of years, you could pay a penalty as high as 10 percent.

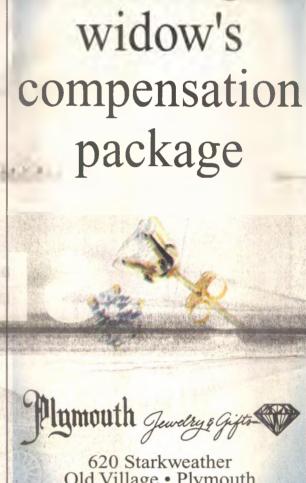
If you have a variable annuity or any other that no longer has a penalty period, don't automatically roll it over into another annuity. Review your options and then make the decision that works best for you. Good luck!

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









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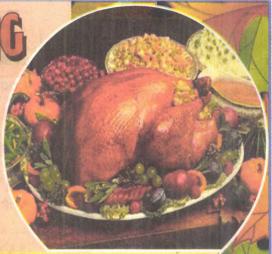
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tasks than hospital nursing, which suits many nurses who prefer more human contact. Home health nurses get the chance to help adults and children of all ability levels some lead normal lives and only need help with bathing and grooming; others with more serious medical problems might need considerable emotional and spiritual support, in addition to administering medication and changing dressings.

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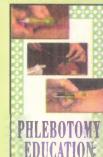
in 2004 at \$52.330. While the middle percent of registered nurses took home yearly incomes between \$43.370 and \$63,360, with the highest earners making more than \$74,760. Even the lowest earner made around \$37,200. As experience is obtained yearly incomes go up. When you factor in wages made for shift differentials and over time, most nurses make well over their base incomes. Going into management and administration can add even additional income.

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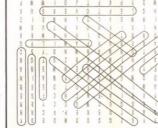
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