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Franks honored

Paul Franks was recently honored by the Wayne City Council as he retires and closes his family business. William Franks Furniture opened in Wayne in 1963, founded by Franks' parents William and Betty.

As a local businessman himself, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said he feels the loss every time a good businessman like Franks retires or moves to a different venture.

"You're a special businessman in Wayne and the region. He (Franks) was involved in many things in the community," said Haidous. "I thank you for your service and contributions to the community. We'll miss a businessman of your quality."

Along with the resolution from the council, Franks was also presented with a plaque from Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville, whose district includes Wayne.

"I'll miss the business. I leave with my health, my family, my friends and your kind words," said Franks, who had earlier been honored by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Fiscal cliff is averted, but financial challenges remain

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Local congressional members are glad U.S. Congress reached a last-minute agreement late on New Year's Day on the so-called fiscal cliff, but they said the nation's financial challenges continue into 2013.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a Senate bill that averts \$600 billion in automatic

tax increases and spending cuts known as the "fiscal cliff."

The bill also postpones automatic spending cuts for two months, raises \$620 billion in revenue over 10 years through tax increases on the wealthy and permanently extends tax cuts enacted in 2001 under former Republican President George W. Bush for incomes below \$400,000 for individuals, or \$450,000 for families. Incomes above that level would be taxed at

39.6 percent, up from the current top rate of 35 percent.

The end of a 2-percentage-point payroll tax cut, a move that will shrink paychecks for U.S. workers immediately even as most income tax cuts that expired Dec. 31 are being extended permanently, will have a large economic impact.

The package also extends unemployment insurance benefits for one year for 2 million people.

U.S. Reps. Gary Peters, D-9th

District, and David Curson, D-11th District, supported the bill.

"Like most Americans, I have been exceptionally frustrated by the Republicans' insistence on drawing out this self-inflicted crisis until the last possible moment," Peters said in a prepared statement.

"However, I'm glad that we've reached an agreement to extend

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Dodge ball's a hit



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John Szymanski of Team Flow fires the ball at opposing players.

60 turn out for popular school tourney

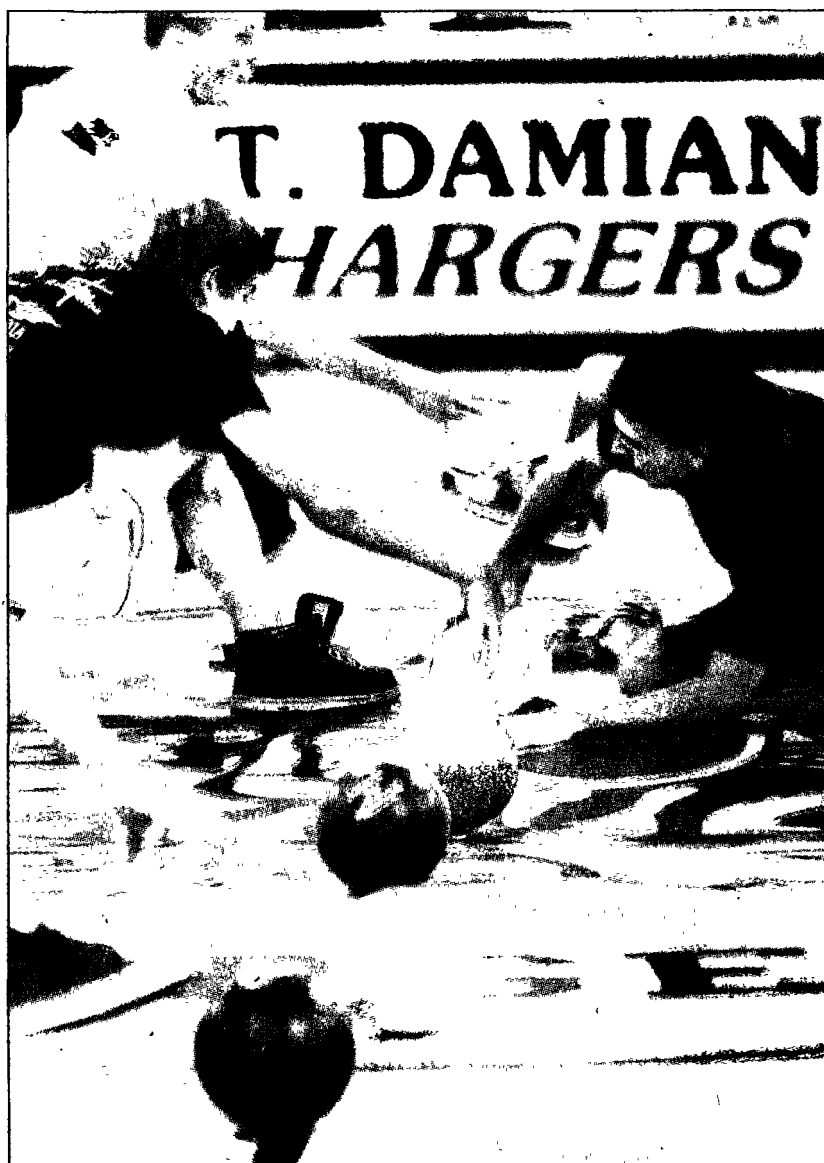
By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The balls were flying fast and furious as St. Damian School recently hosted its popular Dodge Ball Tournament.

About 60 people participated on five teams during the tournament. This is St. Damian Athletics' third such event and first during the current school year.

"It's fun. People laugh and have a good time during the event," said Stephanie Corona, athletic director at the West-land school. "It's just fun. There is no big trophy or certificate. It's cheap entertainment."

The tournament, which



The game begins with a mad scramble for the balls, lined up in the center of the gym floor.

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Bill allows two-year schools to confer four-year degrees

Gov. Rick Snyder is expected to sign new legislation that will allow community colleges in Michigan to grant bachelor's degrees in selected fields, including energy production, concrete technology, maritime technology and culinary arts.

In a statement released by the Michigan Community College Association, Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, who introduced the legislation, explained its importance for Michigan's economy and future.

"During these difficult economic times, we must look for ways to do more with less. It is not fiscally responsible to spend money developing new pro-

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Law stiffens recall rules

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Rose Bogaert believes common citizens will be hard-pressed to boot a politician from office.

"What they did was make it almost impossible for grass roots people to do it," said Bogaert, chairwoman for the Wayne County Taxpayers Association. "They made it easier for unions and people with lots of money. It really bothers me that they did this."

Bogaert is upset with changes

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Public hearing

The Livonia City Council conducts a public hearing 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Livonia City Hall to remove 23 residential properties from the Plymouth Road Development Authority's tax rolls.

The city is taking steps to redraw the boundaries of the PRDA so residential property owners will not be subject to paying a 2-mill tax for the authority.

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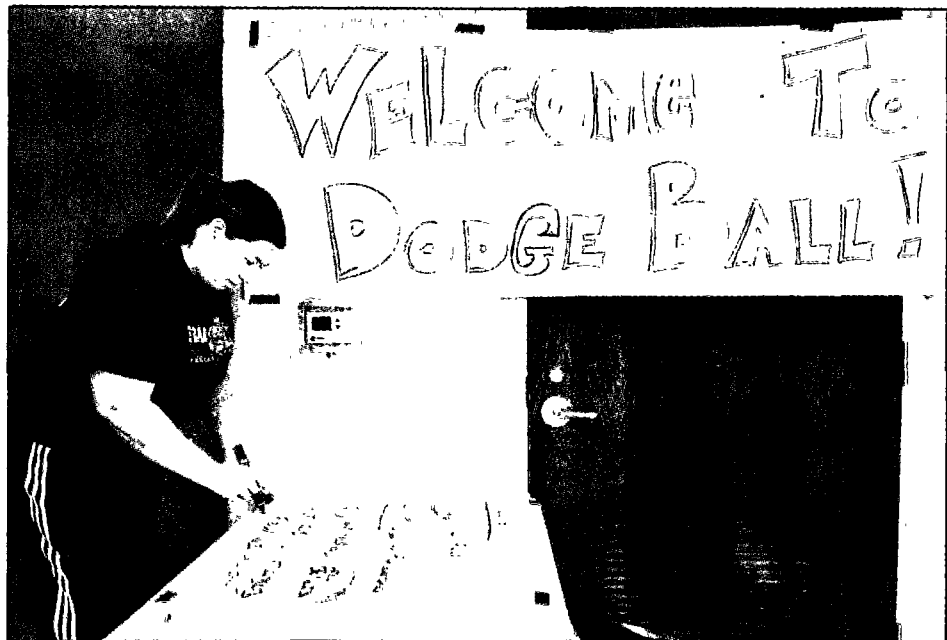
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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
St. Damian Athletic Director Stephanie Corona sets the rules for the tournament.



Eddie Ehlike, of the Flying Wrenches, fends off a ball thrown by the other side.

DODGE

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guaranteed three games for each team, was open to 8-year-olds through adults. Corona estimated the age range for this tournament was 8 to 55 years.

"People came in as teams, but they could come in as individuals and we'd match them up," Corona said. "We get different age groups. It depends on the time of year. During the holidays, kids are out of town and the flu was going around."

During the tournament, special foam balls are used instead of those old-style rubber gym balls. "They're called gator skins; they don't sting. They're a little harder to throw because they are light," Corona said. "You don't get hurt if you get hit."

Once the tournament was completed, Corona said the dodge balls games continued for fun since people wanted to keep playing.

Open to the public, another tournament will be held in February. Check www.stdamian.com for specifics. The cost is \$5 per person or \$40 per team and \$1 for spectators. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, Westland.

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Eddie dives for a ball and smashes his nose on the gym floor. A little bit of time with ice and he'll head back into the game.



Chad Berger took a particularly well-placed shot, so fellow Team Avengers players Chris Witt and Adam Crunk helped him off the floor so play could resume.

DEGREES

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grams in the state's four-year university systems when community colleges already have the curriculum, faculty, and existing capacity to meet the demand for these specific baccalaureate programs," Walsh said. "This bill is a step in the right direction towards curbing workforce shortages, increasing access to affordable education, and reducing unemployment."

Walsh said the bill covered the four fields, each of which has no baccalaureate program. Walsh used culinary arts as an example.

"If you want a four-year degree, you have to leave the state," Walsh said. "For a four-year culinary arts degree, you have to attend schools like the Culinary Institute of American and Johnson and Wales. We have some very fine community college programs and students who want to stay here and get their education."

The legislation is effective in April.

"Community colleges will need to design their programs before they can receive accreditation," Walsh said. "I think we are two years away from community colleges having the program ready and accredited."



Walsh

Walsh decided to run with the four programs in the legislation, then work with Snyder and two senators on legislation or discussions that "insist that universities accept more transfer students." "We're in a nursing shortage already," Walsh said, pointing out the need for more baccalaureate programs.

"The applied and technical fields that are included in the legislation are specialized and tailored to meet employer needs in high-demand areas, and are those fields where there aren't sufficient programs offered at the universities," Jeffress said.

"While we are excited about the opportunities this brings for our culinary program and our students, we are very disappointed that nursing was not included in this legislation. Even though we here in southeast Michigan are fortunate to have some of the best medical facilities in the nation, the nursing shortage continues to grow as more and

more hospitals especially in our region require a B.S.N. degree for employment; our population continues to grow older, placing more demands on the health care system; and current nursing professionals themselves are preparing to retire," he

said. "This situation is only made worse because of the lack of training opportunities for nurses that are currently only available at universities in the state," said Jeffress. "We will continue to work with health care professionals and leaders at the state to address this ongoing issue and to explore opportunities to maximize the quality educational resources we offer to help train these professionals and meet the needs of the communities we serve."

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads; at the Radcliff Center in Garden City; the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia; and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Not all offering

Oakland Community College Chancellor Timothy Meyer favors the legislation, but at this time does not plan to offer bachelor programs.

"We don't have a specific interest in these specific areas at the moment," Meyer said. "We support our sister college and their interest in these talent areas."

Meyer and other OCC representatives lobbied substantially in support of the bill. "It represents the reality of what's at the heart of the whole conversation and that's economic development. We need to develop an educated workforce."

"For community colleges to offer four-year degrees is a natural progression in the evolution of education," Meyer said.

Already, 21 other states permit community colleges to offer four-year degrees, Meyer added.

At OCC, Meyer said programs are offered in two specific job areas that currently are in demand — machinist and welder. "You can virtually write your own ticket."

The politics of nursing, nursing programs and the health care industry played a role in the move to maintain the four-year degree at the university level. Interestingly, Meyer said, graduates of the two-year associate program and the four-year degree program take the same state licensure exam to practice.

"With nearly 500 students registered in our various nursing tracks, OCC maintains the largest nursing program in Michigan," he said. "Furthermore, all of our graduates pass the nursing licensure exams at a rate of 90-plus percent or better, and find immediate employment in the field. But we are at capacity at the present and finding additional space and qualified facilities would be difficult."

Officials at Wayne County Community College District could not be reached for comment.



Jeffress

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International festival returns to Canton stage

Canton's International Festival featuring music, dance and drama from around the world returns 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road west of Denton on the township's west side.

The annual program offers entertainment celebrating diverse customs and traditions. Various cultural groups will offer dance performances representing places such as India, Tahiti, Hawaii, New Zealand, Ireland, Scotland, China, the Middle East and the United States.

The event includes choral performances by the New Century Chinese School and the Plymouth-Canton Chinese Learning Center. Other performances include The Yangtze Melody Group and opera singers Sonja Srinivasan and Errin Brooks from The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, with accompaniment by pianist Raffaela Medoro-Naurato. New this year: the Motor City Ukes, a Ukulele Band; the Kopenski School of Highland Dance;

and Dancin' Feet Competition Team of Canton. Youth from New Hope Church will offer performances by Praise Dancers, Mimes of Ministry and Steppers of Soul.

The lineup also includes Monica Prasad on sitar; the Tim O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance; Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company; Troupe Ta'amullat; the Hoaloha Hula Dance Company; and Indian classical and folk dances.

Numerous cultural exhibits will be featured in the theater lobby, and some items from around the world will be sold. An international food table will offer small snacks from various countries.

Tickets are \$2 at the door. The event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

For more information about the Canton International Festival, call (734) 394-5308 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.



The area's various cultures will be on display when the International Festival returns Jan. 12.

Robbery suspect faces trial

A defendant accused of wielding a knife and stealing two laptop computers from the Canton Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Sean Thomas Boegler, 46, of Westland, faces trial on a charge of armed robbery after he waived his preliminary examination Friday in front of 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe.



Boegler

Police say Boegler was arrested Dec. 14 in Westland after witnesses gave authorities a license plate number of a getaway vehicle that fled the scene of the incident. Police used the information to track down the suspect.

A not-guilty plea has been entered for Boegler, who could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted as charged. Though he is accused of brandishing a knife during the incident, no one was injured.

The suspect is accused of taking two laptop computers, which police recovered. According to 35th District Court, Boegler remained in custody last Friday with a \$25,000/10 percent bond, meaning \$2,500 hadn't been posted for his release.

RECALLS

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to Michigan's recall law approved during the recent lame-duck session that saw bills such as right-to-work and changes to Michigan's medical marijuana program go through. Anyone trying to recall an official now has 60 days to collect signatures instead of 90 and requires a challenger in the election, rather than a simple "yes" or "no" vote. The challenger will be chosen during a recall primary election. In effect, a recall election will be a run-off between two candidates, not just an effort to vacate a seat, with the intent of filling it later.

Recalls against the governor will remain a "yes" or "no" vote, per the state constitution.

The law, approved by Gov. Rick Snyder Dec. 20, also extends the length of time before a recall petition can be approved. Office holders who have a term longer than two years cannot be recalled until

they have served a at least a year. Petitions for statewide office holders will go to the state Board of Canvassers instead of county election boards.

Flaws seen

"The option to recall an elected official is an important feature of our state's democratic process, but Michigan's current recall system has some components that all sides have agreed are flawed," Snyder said in a prepared statement. "These changes will help ensure recalls are done in a fair and consistent manner and help prevent political gamesmanship from both sides of the aisle."

Bogaert, who led a 2008 recall effort against then-state Rep. Andy Dillon, said the decrease in time allowed to collect signatures might not be enough time if parties challenge the petition in court. After court delays, she said, the 60 days might elapse, forcing those seeking the recall to start over.

She said the changes are con-

trary to the Michigan Constitution, which dictates the recall process.

"If we want to waste our time and money on that, the constitution allows for that," she said. "I'm really very upset about this."

Less businesses are allowing circulators in front of their stores as well, Bogaert said, decreasing opportunities for signature collections.

"We used to have access to shopping malls and post offices," she said. "Now, people are so afraid of liability, they won't let you go in front of their stores."

Tighter restrictions

Recent recall attempts have been filed in cities such as Westland, where several City Council members were targeted over approval of the city's 40-year Tax Increase Finance Authority plan, which contains possible projects such as a new city hall. Concerned residents in Bloomfield Township dropped a plan last year to recall every member of the school

board after board members supported a plan to merge the district's two high schools.

Only one state officeholder has been recalled in recent years. State Rep. Paul Scott, a Republican from Grand Blanc, was recalled after a petition was circulated regarding his voting record.

Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, who has faced recall elections in the past, said restrictions placed on recall elections need to be tighter. While she had not seen the recent law changes, she said cost and divisiveness can lead to problems and distractions for getting tasks completed.

"I support the right of the people to do recalls. But I think that the rules or the requirements for recall need to be tighter," she said. "They're expensive, they're a huge distraction. And many times, I think that's the intent, to be a distraction. Short of that, I'm not really sure people use those rights in the right way."

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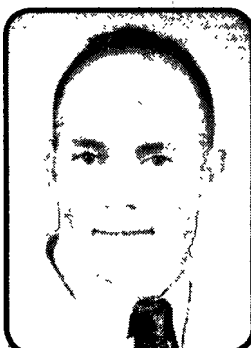
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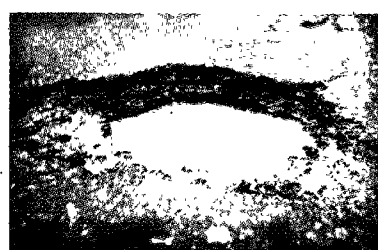
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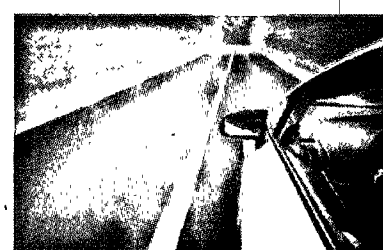
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Smoke alarms can save lives

By Tom Kiurski
Guest Columnist

There are many encouraging statistics that I am very familiar with when it comes to smoke alarms. I know that 96 percent of U.S. homes have at least one in the home. I know that many communities, Livonia included, have smoke alarm giveaway programs in case you need one and cannot afford one on your own. I also know that about 25 percent of the smoke alarms out there do not work.



Tom Kiurski

On Dec. 14, a fire broke out in a home on the south side of Chicago, killing the 28-year-old woman who lived there alone. Her body was found in the kitchen by firefighters. Also in the kitchen, in a drawer, was a smoke alarm, still in its original packaging. The early warning the smoke alarm would have given her probably would have saved her life.

That same week, a family in Orrington, Maine, lost a husband and three children, ages 9, 8 and 4, and hospitalized the mother due to a fire in their home. The fire started when a man poured lighter fluid on cardboard boxes inside the home to get back at one of the occupants. This home also had smoke alarms in it, but none were functional.

The Maine fire brought up some other issues. Since the occupants were renters, what was their responsibility in the smoke alarm issue? The code in Maine requires smoke alarms in rental homes, but, strange-

ly, does not require them to be in working order. So the inspectors checked to see if the smoke alarms were there, but didn't check to see if they worked.

Sounds stupid, right? Well, that is a difficult situation. If they were required to be in working order, then a schedule had to be made for inspections of all rental units to check on the operability of the smoke alarms. What if the renters didn't want to let inspectors into the home? What if they weren't home when the inspectors went by? If the alarms didn't work, whose responsibility is it to have them restored?

Any time you are at a place you call home, make sure you have smoke alarms on every level of the home, and one inside every bedroom. Test them every month to make sure they work, and replace the batteries every year on an easy date to remember, such as Christmas or your birthday. The smoke alarms themselves need to be replaced every 10 years. If you aren't sure how old your smoke alarm is, take it down and look at the back of it. It should have the year that it was made labeled on the unit. If it doesn't, it is older than the law that requires the label and should be discarded. The law for labeling started in 2000.

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with every member of your family twice a year. Take all smoke alarm activations seriously, and make escape the top priority. Once outside, someone can call 911 and let us know about the incident. Stop by the fire station if you have any questions about smoke alarms or your fire escape plan.

Tom Kiurski is training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department.

Livonia

Snow plows, trucks stolen

Two trucks equipped with snow plows were stolen Friday night.

A 2001 Ford F-250 with a v-shaped snow plow was stolen from a business on the 12400 block of Stark. That same night, someone stole a 2007 Ford F-350 from a business on the 32000 block of Plymouth.

On Dec. 21 a snow plow attachment was stolen from a business on the 32400 block of Schoolcraft. Sgt. Steve Petsch said the Livonia Police Department is asking for help from the public in this recent rash of plow and truck thefts. Anyone who has information on these thefts can contact the Livonia Police Department at (734) 466-2470.

Home invasion attempted

Someone tried to break into a home on the 19000 block of St. Francis while the homeowner was away for a few days.

The home's resident found that someone ripped a storm door off its hinges at the side door of the home, but the burglar could not remove or open the main door there. The homeowner discovered the attempted home invasion on Christmas Eve. There were no witnesses or suspects.

New Year's accidents

The New Year's holiday appeared to be a quiet one on Livonia roadways, according to the Livonia Police Department's traf-

fic bureau.

Sgt. John Gibbs said the department responded to six crashes on New Year's Eve and into New Year's Day, but not one was serious. "It was a safe evening," Gibbs said.

One drunk driving arrest was made, but that motorist was pulled over by police and was not involved in a crash, Gibbs said.

Plymouth Township

Wheel caps stolen

The center caps on all four wheels of a Chevrolet Silverado were reportedly stolen Dec. 16 or Dec. 17 while the vehicle was parked in the driveway of a house on Winesap Drive, a Plymouth Township Police department report said. There was no damage to the Silverado.

Reindeer vandalized

Someone drove a vehicle over a lighted reindeer figure in Plymouth Township on the night of Dec. 16, police said. The vandalism occurred outside a house on Terry Street.

Scrapper strikes

Someone cut the catalytic converter from underneath a Chevrolet Cavalier in Plymouth Township on Dec. 23, a police report said. The car was parked at the time outside an apartment on Rismen Drive.

Farmington Hills

Man injured in fire

A 53-year-old Farmington Hills resident was taken to Botsford Hospital with smoke inhalation and burns early Sunday morning after police officers rescued him from his smoke-filled apartment.

Officers responded to the Diamond Forest Apartments on Halsted and when they approached heard the smoke alarm. They were able to see inside the man's apartment through the door wall. They saw the apartment filled with smoke and were able to get into the apartment.

Officers found the man on the kitchen floor. He was breathing, but unconscious. They were able to carry him into the hallway and keep him warm with a blanket.

"No doubt the officers saved the man's life," said Police Chief Chuck Nebus.

When Farmington Hills firefighters arrived, paramedics took care of him and had him transported to Botsford. The police officers who helped the resident were also treated for smoke inhalation. Farmington Hills Fire Department officials were unavailable for comment.

The man told police that he lit his cigarette from the stove and his clothes caught fire. "That's an early indication from the victim," Nebus added.

Retail thefts

Farmington Hills police responded to two breaking and entering alarms at cell phone stores on Orchard Lake Road Sunday.

At an AT&T store, display phones were taken, while at a Sprint store, it appears only cash was taken, according to the police.

Police are continuing their investigations. It is yet uncertain how entry was gained to the stores.

Redford

Kroger robbery

Redford police are searching for a man wanted in a robbery last Thursday afternoon at the Fantasy Jewelers inside Kroger at 9369

Telegraph.

Police say the man entered the jewelry shop inside the grocery store and assaulted the store owner before breaking a glass case and stealing jewelry. He then ran out of the store on foot. The victim was treated at the hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The suspect is described as a black male in his early 20s, standing about six feet tall with short black hair and wearing a light-blue hooded sweatshirt with dark jeans and light-colored shoes. Anyone with information can contact Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK-UP or Redford police at (313) 387-2551.

Car damaged

A vehicle was damaged the night of Dec. 22 after an altercation at Bianca's Coney Island, 27010 Plymouth.

The vehicle was damaged after the victim had an altercation with the suspect inside the restaurant. The suspect then left the business, and came back inside with bloody knuckles. The victim went out to inspect his car and found the driver side mirror kicked off, and two dents in the doors. The tail lights were also smashed out.

Attempted break-in

A reported break-in was investigated by Redford police Dec. 23 in the 9900 block of Appleton.

Police were called after witnesses saw a man walk by the residence four times in 30 minutes. When police arrived, they discovered one of the windows screens off the driveway was open and had been pulled back. The window was still intact, as was the rest of the house.

Farmington

Weapon concern

On the evening of Dec. 22, officers responded to a downtown cafe regarding concerns of a customer with a concealed weapon. Officers learned that the man, a regular customer, advised one of the employees that she could feel safe as he has a concealed pistol license and was carrying a pistol. Learning of the situation, another employee became upset that there was a weapon in the business. Officers talked with the man who advised that he only told the employee of the pistol as a courtesy to her. The man left on his own accord and without incident.

Customer trouble

At around 3 p.m. Dec. 23, officers responded to the Mobil at Grand River and Drake where a cab driver complained of not getting paid for his services. The riders had attempted to pay by credit card, which was not accepted. An agreement was made where the riders filled the cab with enough gas to cover their fare.

Disturbance

On the afternoon of Dec. 18, officers responded to Chul Bu'ul, 32809 Grand River Ave., for a disturbance. Upon arrival officers learned that a former employee had returned to claim his recipes and an argument ensued. The former employee was advised not to return to the restaurant or he would be arrested for trespassing.

Neighbor trouble

At around noon Dec. 17, officers responded to Drakeshire Apartments, 35105 Drakeshire, to help resolve a dispute between residents regarding the use of shared laundry facilities.

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O&E writer honored by AHA, Beaumont for heart coverage

Jill Halpin, a correspondent for *Observer & Eccentric Media*, was among several recipients recently honored by the American Heart Association and Beaumont Health System for work in promoting cardiovascular health.



Jill Halpin

Area media received awards in eight categories, ranging from heart and stroke coverage to CPR

education, during the Pulse Awards presentation held at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak last November.

The second annual event recognized print, radio, television and social media efforts that have fostered greater public awareness of the impact of heart disease and stroke in the Detroit area.

"The American Heart Association has achieved many incredible milestones from heightening awareness about heart disease in women to getting Americans physically active," said Kathy Kauffmann, executive director for the southeast Michigan American Heart Association.

"These awards recognize the important role of news media in educating the public about the risks of heart disease and stroke, treatments that are available to help them and lifestyle choices that can help them prevent cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Simon Dixon, chair of cardiovascular medicine for Beaumont Health System.

Work in Woman

Halpin reports primarily for *Hometown Life Woman*, an O&E Media monthly section that focuses on issues for and about women, including health care. She was recognized for heart coverage in the print category for a series of stories featuring heart survivors, American Heart Association facts and aspects of Go Red For Women, with the goal to educate women about their risk factors for heart disease.

A Plymouth Township resident, Halpin holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's in library and information science from Wayne State University.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to bring attention to important issues regarding women's health," Halpin said. "Effective working partnerships between groups like the American Heart Association and Beaumont Health Systems are vital to solving the problem of heart disease, which remains the number one killer of women."

The other side of the bench

Local attorney excited about future as circuit court judge

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

You might say Christmas came early for Martha Snow.

The Northville Township resident and long-time attorney received some surprising and welcome news early last month when she was informed Gov. Rick Snyder had appointed her to the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County.

Snow, a 16-year resident of the township, replaced Judge Gershwin Drain, who resigned from the bench. Snow was sworn in by the governor Dec. 4 in Lansing, and then started on the bench the next day.

"It's been a whirlwind," she said.

The appointment wasn't a complete surprise for Snow, who actually applied in 2011 for a vacancy in the same court when Mary Beth Kelly was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court. While she didn't get that appointment, Snow had heard she was "on the short list" after Drain resigned.

Snow brings a wealth of legal experience to the Third Circuit bench. For more than two decades she has been a civil trial lawyer, and had been a longtime partner in the Canton-based law firm Xuereb Snow PC with



Northville Township's Martha Snow was appointed to serve as judge in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court last month.

her husband Joe Xuereb. She relinquished her share in the firm before being appointed to the bench. Her career dates back to 1991, when she was admitted to the state bar after getting her law degree from Wayne State University Law School. Snow also served on the Northville Township Planning Commission, the Schoolcraft College Board of Governors and the Community Alliance Credit Union Board of Directors — all positions she resigned when she learned she was getting the appointment.

Her community service involves being a member of the Canton Rotary Club, Canton-Plymouth Giving Hope Woman's Giving Circle and St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Canton.

In addition, she was recently appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve on the Attorney Grievance Commission.

"Martha Snow is an experienced attorney with decades of service and involvement in her community. I am confident she will be an outstanding addition to the

bench in Wayne County," Snyder said.

Snow is also confident she will do the job well. In fact, becoming a judge is something she has aspired to for many years. In 2008, for example, she ran unsuccessfully for the 35th District Court bench, losing in the primary election. So in many ways, this is a dream come true for her.

"I'm just so thrilled," said Snow, 50.

Snow has been placed in the court's Family Division, meaning much of her case load will include divorce hearings,

custody battles, property issues and determining parenting time for divorced couples. She calls this a good fit for her because much of her former practice was representing plaintiffs and defendants primarily in family law matters in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"I would say 75-80 percent of my practice has been family law," Snow said. "The challenge for me now is just kind of learning how to be on the other side of the bench. I'm used to being an advocate. Now, I have to listen to both sides, and not be an advocate."

Snow said her goal as judge is to get people through the legal system "as smoothly as possible."

"I want to get it right. I'll do my homework. I'm here because I want to help people," she said.

Snow's appointment runs through 2014, when she will have to seek election to serve the remainder of Drain's term, which expires Jan. 1, 2017. Snow said there is little doubt she will run in 2014. In fact, she sees herself on the bench for many years to come.

"I'm all in," she said. "They're going to have to kick me out when I'm 72."

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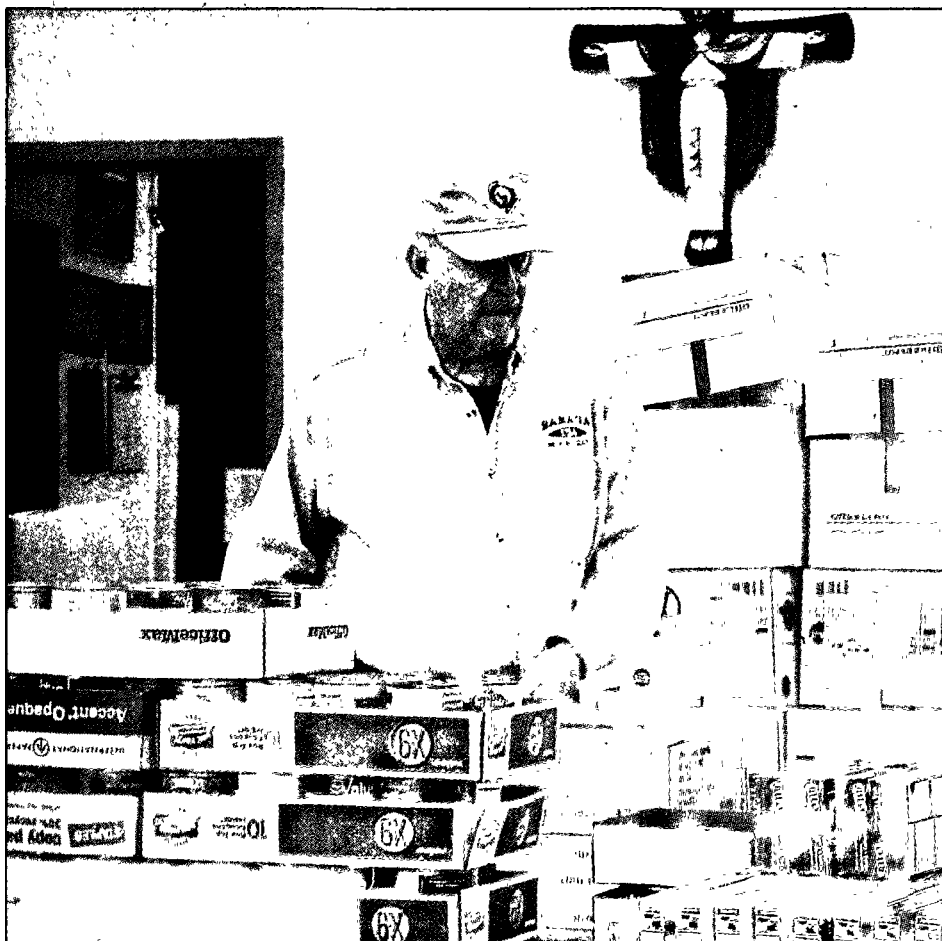
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St. Alexander volunteers feed area families for the holidays



Volunteer Steve Lawrence sets up an assembly line ready for packing holiday food boxes at St. Alexander Food Pantry in Farmington Hills.



Volunteer Michele Primeaux loads up food from the St. Alexander Food Pantry in preparation for the annual holiday food packages for area families.

By Joanne Maliszewski
Observer Staff Writer

In little more than an hour, volunteers with St. Alexander Catholic Church in Farmington Hills organized and packed 200 boxes of food for area families.

Most of the families that the St. Alexander Food Pantry helps live near the church on Shawassee, near Inkster Road. "We have several who come in on a bike," said volunteer Alice Sheehan.

Michele Primeau brought additional help for the volunteer crew on hand to provide food for families in need during the holidays. "My kids just got in. They work for the homeless in New Orleans."

Primeau is one of the volunteers who is on hand throughout the week providing food to the hungry through the food pantry. "We have so many who live right around here."

While packing the ingredients for a holiday dinner - cranberry sauce, stuffing, cake and frosting, vegetables - volunteers said the general public would be shocked to realize how many hungry people live in the Farmington area and western Southfield.

"The food comes from a variety of sources - members of our parish, other churches and civic organizations, corporations - and we also place orders with Gleaners for needed items that are not donated," said Carol Greening, who runs the food pantry.

On average, the St. Alexander Food Pantry feeds about 50-70 people each week. The blitz to provide large boxes of food for an average 200 families occurs three times a year - Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving, Greening said.

Volunteers also had toys on hand from Toys for Tots and the Farm-



Ralph LaFave and another volunteer double-check the holiday food boxes.



St. Alex Food Pantry volunteers from left Mary Rashid, Dennis DelCotto and Yolanda DelCotto fill boxes with food for holiday dinners.

ington Area Goodfellows. Any that were leftover after providing families with holiday packages were sent to other charities that also provide gifts for children, Greening added.

The Food Pantry closed for the holidays after the Christmas distribution on Saturday, Dec. 22 and reopened on Wednesday.

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St. Alexander Catholic Church volunteers set up plenty of non-perishable food items ready to be packed in boxes for 200 area families.



From left, Alice Sheehan, Robin Primeau and Amanda Primeau load boxes for families in need near St. Alexander Catholic Church.

Volunteers Rita Knight (left) and Alice Sheehan double-check the boxes of food ready for area families to pick up from the St. Alex Food Pantry.



Volunteers at the St. Alexander Food Pantry pack up boxes of non-perishable food for holidays dinners.

NEWS BRIEFS

Canton

Township hours

After closing Monday and Tuesday to observe the New Year holiday, Canton Township's administration building has started 2013 with new hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offices such as the clerk's office, the treasurer's office and the police department records bureau will close at 4:30 p.m. rather than 5 p.m. due to negotiations from new, concessionary employee contracts.

Canton's trash and recycling pickup is again delayed two days this week. Canton Waste Recycling is making its rounds Wednesday through Saturday.

Live Christmas trees will be picked up on trash days through Jan. 10. Residents should remove tree stands, lights and ornaments.

eReader help

Area residents who received eReaders and tablets for the holidays — and who want to learn about downloading eBooks — can find free help at the Canton Public Library, which has reciprocal privileges with library patrons in communities such as Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Redford and Garden City. The Canton library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill.

No registration is necessary for an eBook users program 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, or 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, for inexperienced or seasoned eBook readers. Drop in and share tips or learn more about eBooks.

A session on eBook Basics is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. Learn how to check out a free library eBook to read from a Kindle, Nook or other device. See a live demo and try out different eReaders. Registration is required at www.cantonpl.org.

Rotary Club donates \$1,000 for kids



The Livonia AM Rotary Club presented a check for \$1,000 to the Livonia Sears Dec. 21 to use for providing toys to needy kids as a thank-you for allowing the club to hold its Memorial Day Carnival fund-raiser in its parking lot. Members wanted to give something back to assist Sears with their efforts to help local families, said Rotary board member Bob Carris. From left are Leslee Lesar, Sears operations manager; Don Breslawski, Rotary club treasurer; Pat Zucal, Rotary club treasurer; and Carris.

Finally, a session on downloading library eBooks to a Kindle is set for 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, to help Kindle users get the most out of their device, learn to download eBooks and more. Bring your Amazon account information. Registration is required.

Plymouth Township

Holiday trash pickup

The collection of household trash and recyclables in Plymouth Township will be delayed by one day following Tuesday's New Year's Day holiday.

Live Christmas trees are now being picked up at the curb; the pickup of trees and yard waste will continue through Friday, Jan. 11.

Christmas trees should be free of tinsel and ornaments and should not be in plastic bags; trees taller than 12 feet should be cut in half.

Yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings

can be set out in paper yard-waste bags or in trash containers (maximum size 35 gallons) marked with two X's or C's. Brush and branches up to six inches in diameter and three feet long can be bundled and set at the curb.

Filled trash, recycling and yard-waste containers, and bundles of branches, should weigh no more than 50 pounds each.

For more information, call the township's solid waste department at (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.

Plymouth

Delayed trash pickup

Household trash and recyclables will be picked up one day late after Tuesday's New Year's Day holiday in the city of Plymouth.

Pickups normally made on Tuesdays were made Wednesday, Jan. 2, and pickups normally made on Wednesdays will be done on Thursday, Jan. 3. Plymouth residents can

also set live Christmas trees at the curb during the first two weeks of January for special composting pickup. Trees should be free of stands, lights, ornaments and tinsel and should not be in bags.

Farmington

Tabernacle concerts

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) will continue to air the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choice Christmas concerts on public access for residents in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

The choir has two concerts on TV 12 public access running through Jan. 6.

To watch the concerts — "A Wonderful Christmas" and "A Tradition of Christmas" — go online to SWOCCstudios.com and click on Public Access, followed by Schedule to find the days and times the shows will air.

Livonia

Winter hours announced

The city of Livonia's refuse disposal facility, located on Glendale east of Farmington Road, will be open only on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. through the winter months. For information on refuse disposal service, contact sanitation at (734) 466-2588.

Trees composted

Christmas trees will be collected for composting the week of Jan. 7-11 on the regular trash collection day. All decorations must be removed and the tree should not be in a plastic bag. For further information on refuse/recycling services in Livonia, contact the city Sanitation Department at (734) 466-2588.

Middlebelt to be resurfaced this year

The Livonia City Council approved an intergovernmental agreement Dec. 19 with Wayne County to resurface Middlebelt Road from Seven to Eight Mile next year.

Cadillac Asphalt, the low bidder at \$1.2 million, will complete the resurfacing project, starting in April 2013.

The project involves "hot mix" asphalt resurfacing work including cold milling, pavement rehabilitation, concrete curb repairs, drainage structure adjustments, sidewalk ramps to meet requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, traffic signal and pedestrian upgrades and pavement marking work; and other related work.

The project's costs will be split among the federal government, Wayne County and the city of Livonia. The federal government will fund 81 percent of the project, and the remaining 19 percent split between Wayne County and the city of Livonia.

No one hurt in Canton house fire

A Canton house in the 46000 block of Spinning Wheel, northwest of Warren and Canton Center, was damaged by a fire that started early Wednesday, according to the Canton Fire Department.

A homeowner made it out safely and was not injured.

Fire crews responded to a 911 call about 5 a.m. and arrived to find heavy smoke visible from a tri-level residential structure, a fire department statement said.

Firefighters wearing protective gear and self-contained breathing apparatus entered the house and encountered heavy smoke and fire in the kitchen area. They brought the blaze under control using two hose lines.

The statement indicated the house sustained significant fire damage in the kitchen area and smoke throughout the rest of the home.

Canton's Fire Investigation Unit was on the scene and determined the fire was accidental.

Aside from battling smoke and flames, firefighters also encountered obstacles working with water and ice in the morning's below-freezing temperatures, the statement said.

The homeowner had been initially alerted to the fire by an activated smoke alarm and made it out safely.

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One Acts Festival showcases local playwrights

The stage is set for comedy, drama and mystery. From film noir and garage sales to trepidatious tales of love, letting go and moving on, the 2013 Canton One Acts Festival will celebrate art and community while showcasing the winners of a national playwrighting contest.

Eight original works will be presented at the festival which will be held at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 18-20.

Authors from Michigan as well as Florida, Texas and Hawaii entered the play-writing contest and won a slot in the festival. Local actors and directors will take the stage to bring these original works to life. Audience members will vote to determine which playwright will take home first-, second- or third-place cash awards.

Each work is approximately 10-20 minutes in length. Including intermission the festival is about two hours in length.

The festival is being stage by TLC Productions, made up Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, all of Canton, who as playwrights, looked for other venues to submit their one-act musicals, but there weren't any near by groups organizing any



"Security Blanket" features Lana Collins of Garden City as Ann, Leanne Young of South Lyon as Cate and Betty Berryman of Canton as Betty.

competitions or festivals. Afforded the opportunity to present their new works at The Village Theater, they wanted to provide a process, venue and event to showcase other emerging playwrights of plays and musicals as well as to aspiring directors. A Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, the One Acts Festival is now a theatrical tradition in Canton.

The eight original works include:

- *Security Blanket* by

Nicole L.V. Mullis of Battle Creek. The play is directed by Pohl and stars Lana Collins of Garden City as Ann, Betty Berryman of Canton as Betty and Leanne Young of South Lyon as Cate.

- *Who Goes to Russia?* written and directed by Maureen Paraventi of Redford Township, with Young as Liz, Patrick Wears of Canton as Mark, Natalie Barosso of Ann Arbor as Marie and Chanko as Steve.
- *Priced to Sell* by TLC

Productions features Carol Lipinski of Garden City as Megan and Megan Paruta of Canton as Beth. Tremblay in the director.

- *Saving JFK* by Brion Scheidel of Canton features Patrick Wears of Canton as Dean and Kristin Heitmeier of Northville as Julie. It's directed by Linda Trygg of Westland.
- *Slick Dame* by Kay Poiré of Kailua, Hawaii, features Kristine Heitmeier of Northville as Ivy Bloodstone, David



Megan Paruta and Carol Lipinski, both of Canton, appear in the TLC Productions of "Priced to Sell."

Zolotarchuk of Canton as Jagger Fleming and Nicole Jennings of Dearborn Heights as Madison. It's directed by Karen Pritchard of Dearborn.

- *The Replacement*, written and directed by Jacob Zinke of Canton and featuring Joe Arcel of Plymouth as Henry and Mark Drum of Farmington Hills as Tim.
- *Carmen Garbin* by Marcia Rudin of Sanibel, Fla., features Lisa Brawley of Livonia as Carmen and Mark Batell of Dexter as Robert, under the direction of Pohl.
- *I Can Feel It Coming On* by Carl Williams of Houston, Texas, features Natalie Barosso of Ann Arbor as Hortense, Lisa Brawley of Livonia as Millie and Mark Batell

of Dexter as Vernon and directed by David Zolotarchuk of Canton.

Show times for the One Acts Festival are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. Tickets are \$12 each and are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or cantononeacts.com, click on tickets. Tickets also can be purchased at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to showtime.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill, west of Denton, in Canton. More information is online at cantononeacts.com.

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PTA pays tribute to Sandy Hook; schools maintain heightened security

By Susan Steinmueller
Observer Staff Writer

Farmington PTA Council President Tammy Luty said that after Sandy Hook, PTAs in the district asked what they could do.

They found that the Connecticut PTA was working to build a winter wonderland decorated in snowflakes for students when they returned to school in a new building this week. Many of the Farmington PTAs joined others nationwide to make them.

"I think it made us feel like there's a way we can do something," said Tammy Luty, PTA council president.

However, so many snowflakes were sent that the Connecticut PTA posted a notice closing the project.

"We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from around not just the country but the world. At this time, we have enough beautiful snowflakes to blanket the community of Newtown," according to the website.

It suggested that people "take this idea and your snowflakes and create a winter wonderland of your own in your community as a show of solidarity for our Newtown families."

As a result, Luty said Wednesday that they have asked the library about the possibility of displaying the snowflakes there.

Twenty first-graders and six educators were shot to death at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn. on Dec. 14 in a tragedy affected the nation.

School districts have been reviewing their security measures since the tragedy.

In Farmington this week, schools are again finding tightened protocols.

Doors to buildings are locked, with signs indicating the office phone number that must be called for visitors to gain entrance. Parent volunteers are helping in the effort.

"I know the district is trying to figure out what is a long-term policy because this is not necessarily a long-term solution," said Luty.

"There are several meetings in place

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Tammy Luty, PTA Council president for Farmington Public Schools, said snowflakes made for Sandy Hook may go on display in the library instead after the Sandy Hook schools received a blizzard of support.

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Raelee Edgar's exhibit, "Fast Lane Reflections," opens the Plymouth Community Arts Council's 2013 exhibit slate.

Auto influence highlights new exhibit in Plymouth

Raelee Edgar will kick off the Plymouth Community Arts Council's 2013 gallery schedule and Michigan's famed auto-show month with her first solo exhibit, "Fast Lane Reflections," at the PCAC through January.

The exhibit begins Friday, Jan. 4, with an artist's reception set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday. The reception will give visitors a chance to meet the artist and supporters and members of the PCAC.

According to PCAC officials, Edgar's colorful vintage automobile detail paintings will be displayed for the month of January in the main gallery.

Being born and raised in Michigan, Edgar said the auto industry was "extremely influential for me." There were trips to car plants, car museums and car shows.

"I am drawn to the forms, the contrasting hard and soft shapes of cars," Edgar said. "I enjoy the ability to transport to other eras and their designs, social trends and technology

through my paintings."

Reflection, she said, plays a large role in her work, the play of light and shadow across the surfaces and the mirrored surroundings. There is an abstract quality in the reflective distortion, colors and pattern, she said, and since she usually takes the photos she works from, she's often represented as a distorted self-portrait within the painting.

"Our society has an immense store of collective memories: drive-ins, vacations, tickets, accidents, first car, first date, bringing baby home, the lemon, the restoration, etc.," Edgar said. "Time spent with loved ones and friends can be summoned by a car make or model. I hope my work lets people savor those memories."

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. Admission is free and open to the public.

Call 734-416-4278 for additional information or visit the PCAC's website at www.plymoutharts.com.

American Legion post adopts 10 families for holidays

The last two months of the year, Ann Fenner along with other members of

American Legion Post 32 in Livonia seeks out and "adopts" less fortunate families and provides full Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, along with Christmas gifts for the children of those families.

For the months of November and December each year, a shopping cart is at the Post to collect food items from American Legion family mem-

bers. In December, the post also has a tree with the names of children for which members purchase and donate gifts.

This Thanksgiving, Post 32 was able to assist four families from surrounding communities, two of which were veterans. This Christmas, Post 32 assisted six families, three of which were also veterans.

The Livonia Legion Riders generously donated turkeys for the Thanksgiving families and hams for the Christmas families.

And, the Post donated additional gift cards to Kroger for each of the adopted families for both Christmas and Thanksgiving.



Fenner



Jewish Vocational Services, based in Southfield, is offering online computer courses for everyone from business professionals to senior adults, with classroom backup at the David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield.

JVS partnership offers online learning option

By Sandra Armbruster
Eccentric Staff Writer

Whether you are a professional looking to enhance your computer skills with business applications, or a senior adult wanting to keep up with the grandkids, Jewish Vocational Services is offering a new opportunity, in partnership with the David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield.

JVS, based in Southfield, is now offering a wide range of online computer training courses through the Hermelin website. The courses are part of the Ed2Go courses offered by the University of Michigan, but are more affordable, according to Paul Blatt, director of career services at JVS.

Other advantages include the physical location of the resource center, which offers class-

room support for those taking the online component.

"There also are scholarship opportunities, depending on qualifications, and allow us to offer classes at no cost or at a discount," Blatt said. There are no restrictions as to who can take the 12-week classes, he added, and they are open to the public.

Blatt said the partnership was an effort "to look for ways to enhance opportunities to provide more skills for individuals." That, in turn, can lead to a new or better job. "No matter what you're looking to do," he said, computer skills are required for any job. He said that having those skills is also a way to build confidence.

Courses offered include Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010, Excel, QuickBooks, Digital Lit-

eracy and Project Management Fundamentals, data bases and graphics, among others. The online learning advantage is the ability to start courses as needed and to choose from more than 350 titles ranging from business to skilled trades. Students with a passing score will be awarded a certificate of completion. The courses can be taken anywhere a student has a computer with an Internet connection — whether it is at home, in the office, or the local cafe.

Offered at regular intervals, most courses cost \$95 and are reported to be lower in cost than other online training opportunities in the area market.

Program offerings may be viewed by visiting <http://www.ed2go.com/hermelinort/>. Additional hourly services are available through online course tutors for students who wish to have more one-on-one training for targeted programs.

JVS/ORT receives what Blatt said is a "royalty fee" for those who sign up through the web site. The fees are "used to support other classes offered," he added.


Blatt said that JVS was approached by Hermelin ORT when "they were looking for a partnership ... Together they offer employment services and career develop-

ment." Those who went to JVS previously "did not have opportunities for the training aspect," he said, adding that the new online courses offer an opportunity to train more people than previously possible.

"We recognize that for many professionals looking for work, hoping to change their career path or re-entering the workforce after a long absence, a lack of computer skills can be a major hurdle," said JVS Executive Director Leah Rosenbaum in a press release. "This is not only a great alternative for those people, but is also ideal for employed professionals and stay-at-home parents or retirees who simply wish to brush up on their computer skills."

A nonprofit human service organization, JVS provides career placement, counseling and training for the unemployed, people with disabilities and seniors.

The David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center also offers computer training through classroom learning and private tutoring. For more information, call Lisa Bahm, enrollment adviser, at (248) 432-5411 or www.hermelinort.org. The Hermelin Center is located at 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, MI 48322.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **January 22nd, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

ONE FIRE APPARATUS-TRUCK/PUMPER

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

Publish: January 3, 2013

CITY OF WESTLAND
PARK PAVILION RENTALS

On Monday, January 7, 2013, City of Westland Park Pavilion rentals will commence for the 2013 season. Anyone interested in renting a Pavilion at a Westland City Park may come to the City Clerk's office at 9:00 a.m. at which time numbers will be drawn randomly. Pavilions may be rented for any one day in 2013 when the resident's number is called. Beginning Tuesday, January 8, 2013 all remaining unrented days may be secured with no limit on the number of days per person.

All fees must be paid at the time of rental and there will be no reserving of pavilions without payment. The fee schedule is available at the City Clerk's office.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: January 3, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on January 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Extra Space Storage facility located at: 38875 Grand River Ave Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of the sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothing, and appliances.

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Humphrey Kimani	C16	Lawn Equipment
Stines Bettye	B274	Files
Jackson John	B65	Salon Equipment Boxes

Publish: January 3 and 10, 2013

Volunteer opportunity



Compassionate Care Hospice is looking for new recruits to join these volunteers, posing recently by the agency's Mitten Tree. Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with office tasks or to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate 1-2 hours of their time per week. The next new volunteer orientation is fast-approaching, and will take place at the agency's office in Canton. Contact Justine Galat, Volunteer Coordinator, to apply for a brief interview at jgalat@cchnet.net or (888) 983-9050.

FISCAL

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tax cuts for middle-class families and protect two million Americans from immediately losing their unemployment lifeline, something that I worked to make a priority in these negotiations.

"In the New Year, we must come together to achieve long-term solutions to our nation's financial challenges. With yet another manufactured Washington crisis behind us, I hope that 2013 will be the year that Republicans stop attempting to put millionaires before middle-class families."

Curson said he was pleased that the fiscal cliff was avoided by the congressional action, but also believes that spending can be cut. He listened as Vice President Joe Biden spoke with the Democratic congressional caucus for three hours on the details of the legislative package before Congress voted.

"It came together very contentiously," Curson said. "I was really unhappy that we only did part of the deal. We did the revenues, but we didn't do the other piece (expenses)."

"The public is so sick about hearing about this, too. The fact is this won't change over the next two months."

On the other hand, Curson believes that the need to raise the \$16.4 trillion debt ceiling should not be a negotiated item next year and should be increased by Congress. Press reports have indicated that Republicans will use the debt ceiling discussions to negotiate spending cuts.

Republicans should not have supported this bill if they do not support lifting the debt ceiling, Curson said.

"It's like you are saying that you are going to pay for something, then you don't have any money in the account at the bank," he said. "This was the time to settle it so that the Congress coming in could have a clean slate."

Curson was asked where he would like to cut, and responded that he could not list specifics. "There is a lot of wasted money," he said. "People could put their poli-

tics aside and clean up a lot of these programs with overspending and bringing down the costs. We can bring these costs under control, but instead, we throw rocks at each other."

When asked for specifics, Curson said: "There's thousands of government programs." He added that he was a "novice" and would need more time to study the issues.

Curson was pleased that, in his eyes, congressional action helped avoid the fiscal cliff. "Twenty million kids will have a hot lunch today, and seniors will have meals on wheels, at a relatively small expense," he said. The tax increase on the wealthy hits their pocketbooks, but not like the loss of a job for someone with a far lower income, Curson said. "It's not going to hurt him like the guy who is looking for work and a paycheck for the past year," he said of the possible loss of unemployment benefits under the fiscal cliff scenario. "(A millionaire) will pay a small percentage, but he will still be a millionaire, and not fall into poverty."

"It's a small sacrifice."

Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who begins his term for the 11th District congressional seat Thursday, said "no comment, thank you" and hung up.

Bill Fried, a Livonia tax attorney and certified public accountant, said the move "takes care of the middle class" immediately, but does not create jobs.

"They are playing games," Fried said. "You have to have an adult-type of discussion of the issues. You have to look at cutting expenses or at least moderating them. We have overpromised and underfunded."

Too much discussion focused on tax rates, and not enough about cutting spending and creating jobs, Fried said. "It's great for accountants and tax attorneys like me, but it should be about people who want to go out and start a small business and making it easier for them, instead of having multiple forms to file. It is still small companies that create jobs."

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Snow plows need room to groom

With the winter season upon us, Wayne County's Department of Public Services' Roads Division wants to remind drivers to keep their distance from snow plows when they're working.

In cooperation with an education campaign launched by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), the Wayne County Roads Division urges motorists to drive safely around snow removal equipment and remember, "Snow plows need room to groom!"

"Drivers must be cautious while snow plows are grooming the roads and not get too close to or drive around any snow-plowing vehicle while it is at work," said Robert Conrad, director of Wayne County's Roads Division. Typically during a full call-in for a snowfall, approximately 100 county trucks are out plowing and salting nearly 2,400 lane miles in the county.

"Every year, despite the flashing lights on snow-plow trucks, poor driver behavior near snow plows leads to collisions that can be deadly," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Give them room to groom."

Wayne County's Roads Division joins MDOT and CRAM in offering the following reminders for motorists:

- Snow plows have limited visibility and drivers cannot see directly behind their trucks.
- Snow plows often throw up snow clouds, reducing visibility on all sides of the truck.
- Distracted driving is dangerous driving. Motorists should not text or talk on cell phones while they are behind the wheel. In fact, texting while driving is illegal in Michigan.
- Motorists should never attempt to pass a moving snowplow on the right. With new wing-plow technology, the blade can clear the shoulder and the lane of travel simultaneously. Motorists attempting an illegal pass through a snow cloud on the right and/or shoulder of the road most likely won't see the plow blade and run the risk of a serious crash.
- Always wear your safety belt and allow extra time to reach your destinations this winter.

For more information and safety tips, please visit www.micountyroads.org/winter.php.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on Monday, January 21st, 2013 at 9:30 A.M. at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:

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Canton, Michigan 48187
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The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Livonia

WIDOWED SUPPORT

Time/date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16

Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Widowed of all ages are welcome to attend a social hour at 5 p.m. and a dinner buffet served promptly at 6 p.m. Cost of \$18 includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. Reservations required by Jan. 11.

Contact: (313) 562-3080

OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31

Location: 28933 Jamison St., Livonia

Details: St. Genevieve Catholic School offers preschool for ages 2 1/2 to 6, a Young Five Program, as well as classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grades.

Contact: (734) 425-4420; www.saintgenevieve.org

LIVONIA ROTARY

Time/Date: noon to 1:30 p.m. Mondays

Location: Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia (Use the northwest entrance.)

Details: Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" - service in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations. The Livonia Rotary Club built Rotary Park on Six Mile and does various community service projects throughout the year. Be a guest at a meeting.

Contact: www.livoniarotary.org; jre2716@sbcglobal.net

OPTIMIST

Time/date: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. every second Tuesday of the month

Location: Davenport University, 19499 Victor Parkway, Livonia

Details: The Optimist Club is an association dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." Adult volunteers conduct service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. The group also meets 6-7:30 p.m. every fourth Tuesday at Kickers, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Attend a meeting without any obligation to join. Everyone is welcome.

Contact: (734) 634-5359, www.livoniaoptimists.org

LIONS CLUB

Time/date: Noon first and third Wednesdays

Location: Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The Livonia Lions Club serves those in need in Livonia and Redford, especially the visually impaired, the hearing impaired and children with special needs. Meeting time and location are subject to change so go to the

club's Web site and click on "Contact Us" to get the most up-to-date meeting information.
Contact: www.livonionsclub.org

Plymouth-Canton

NEWCOMER LUAU

Date/Time: Wednesday, Jan. 9, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Harford in Canton.

Details: Canton area residents interested in escaping the cold for the warm vibe of Hawaii are encouraged to attend an adult Luau hosted by the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club. The evenings' agenda includes: tons of socializing, Hawaiian music and themed games, a best-dressed for the island contest, a raffle to benefit St. Christine's Soup Kitchen, a tasty treat from Shish House and more.

Contact: RSVP to Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or (734) 981-0486. To order a complimentary January newsletter, and/or learn more about the club's upcoming events of interest, visit www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org.

MEDICARE

COUNSELING

Date/Time: Jan. 2 and Feb. 6

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 Canton Center in Canton.

Details: United Home Health Services offers the community free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The MMAP counselor can help review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify & report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.

Contact: If you have any questions please contact United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820. You may also access the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

MAGIC SHOW

Date/Time: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: Las Vegas magician and Michigan native Aaron Radatz presents his One Man Show of magic and comedy with a holiday flavor that is geared to entertain the entire family. Radatz is no stranger to the metro Detroit area with performances over the years for General Motors, Chrysler, Soaring Eagle Casino, Andiamo's, Jeff Daniels, the Detroit Tigers, and several others. Tickets range from \$18 to \$24 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Contact: For additional information, visit www.aaronradatz.com.

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Firm makes family's holiday much brighter

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Staffers at Canton's Plumbing Professors know their relationship with the communities the company serves is responsible for the company's success.

And because the community supports the business, Plumbing Professors officials like to make sure they give back to the community when they can.

That's what the company was doing over the Christmas holiday, when staffers adopted a Garden City family to make sure its children had a nice holiday.

"It's important to us," Plumbing Professors vice president Matt O'Rourke said. "Things aren't as bad as they could be for all of us, so we want to help other people. We can show that help is out there. Maybe those people will go out and try to help, too."

The idea came to staffers after someone heard a plea on the radio from Volunteers of America, looking for help supporting needy families. An email was sent, and Plumbing Professors received the name of a Garden City family with 11 children that needed help.

According to Christina Moore, staffers set out to provide a happy Christmas to the fami-



Plumbing Professors of Canton adopted the Rascol family of Garden City for Christmas.

ly's three youngest children, but the giving went a lot farther than that.

In addition to a variety of toys, staffers collected coats and jackets, hats and gloves, other clothing, snow boots, bedding, dishes, silverware, towels and pillows, among other household goods.

Staffers also donated

money, which was then used to go shopping for the family.

"We wanted to give to those who are less fortunate than us during this holiday season," Moore said. "We want to be able to help people and give back to our community."

The holiday help was an extension of the kind of community support the company tries to

offer year-round. Plumbing Professors sponsors Relay for Life and Little League teams.

As members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the company has participated in the Grub Crawl and golf outing. They sponsored a build-a-bike fundraiser that raised some \$10,000 and "bought tons of bikes" for children,

O'Rourke said.

"We just wanted to help out," O'Rourke said. "We have a lot of families who work here and depend on us. We thought we could all come together and make a difference."

The company not only works locally, but regionally, as well. They've done work in Detroit, Toledo and

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MATT O'ROURKE,
Plumbing Professors
vice president

Columbus, Ohio.

Moore said the need to show compassion was dramatically demonstrated in the wake of last month's tragic shooting at an elementary school in Connecticut.

"We want to show people there are good people in the community who will help take care of others," she said.

O'Rourke said the call went out to Volunteers of America because staffers wanted to show that, in the face of hard times - "All you hear the last few years is negativity," he said - there was good going on. "You hear all the time how things aren't getting any better," O'Rourke said. "We try to give as much as we can."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Attends meeting

Dr. Chet Regula, a Livonia dentist, recently attended the Fourth International Consensus Conference on Concussion in Sport in Zurich, Switzerland. Regula is the official team dentist of the Detroit Lions. The two-day conference, held once every four years, brought together international experts on the subject to meet and share the newest research on sports' head injuries.

Hosted and sponsored by Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the conference was also sponsored by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) and the International Rugby Board (IRB).

Regula was one of five dentists who attended the conference. Regula and his colleague Jean Luc-Dion were invited because of their past work with the National Hockey League (NHL). Both doctors were the founding fathers of the NHL Dental Group which brought all 30 NHL dentists together to work as a unit.

Regula believes mouth guards prevent concussions. "If you hit the jaw, it gets translated to the skull. If you can keep the joint from trauma, it can only help to prevent serious injury," said Regula.

Pancake Day

Batter up, breakfast lovers! IHOP®, one of America's most popular family-friendly restaurants, known for "everything you love about breakfast," will once again invite guests to enjoy free pancakes during National Pancake Day on Feb. 5, 2013, while celebrating Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' 30th Anniversary.

On that day, the restaurant chain hopes to

raise \$3 million as the first national fundraising campaign to kick off the 2013 fundraising year for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

During National Pancake Day, IHOP restaurants will invite guests to enjoy a complimentary stack of IHOP's signature buttermilk pancakes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Guests will be encouraged to make a voluntary contribution to the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital or other local charities. One hundred percent of the donations will help local charities provide vital equipment, life-saving procedures and critical care for sick and injured children.

IHOP restaurants can be found at 2187 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; 24140 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights; 14200 Middlebelt, Livonia, and 29202 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.

This will mark the eighth year that IHOP has held National Pancake Day, which to date has raised more than \$10 million dollars for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other local charities. In 2012 alone, IHOP raised more than \$3 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other charities.

Guests visiting participating IHOP restaurants in support of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals will also have the option to purchase "Miracle Balloons" for \$1 and \$5 each, throughout the month of January leading into National Pancake Day, with all proceeds going to the Children's Miracle Network Hospital. Participating restaurants will display the balloons in celebration of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' 30-year anniversary. Those who buy a \$5 Miracle Balloon will receive a \$5 off dis-

count that can be credited toward their next visit.

For more information on National Pancake Day, or to learn about Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and make an online donation, visit www.ihoppancakeday.com.

Same day results

Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital is offering screening mammogram results at the time the exam is performed.

Several appointments are reserved daily for patients who wish to have their digital mammograms and wait for the radiologist to give them the results while they are in the clinic. Patients may also receive screening mammogram results by phone within 24 hours, and usually receive a letter with their results within 48 hours.

"Providing the results of screening mammograms to patients in the same appointment as the exam is a rare service in this region," said Dr. Denise Collins, service chief for Radiology at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

"While we have always given these results at the same appointment for diagnostic mammograms - when we are investigating a suspicious area - most facilities do not offer such quick results for the annual screening mammogram," said Dr. Patricia Miller, division head of Breast Imaging, Radiology, at Henry Ford Health System.

Additional testing, such as ultrasound or needle biopsy, if needed, may be performed at the same appointment.

"An annual mammogram is recommended for women, beginning at age 40, for early detection of cancer, regardless of family history,"

added Miller. "Breast self exams also are very important, and women of all ages should perform them monthly."

Henry Ford West

Bloomfield Hospital is located at 6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

Mammogram appointments may be made online at www.henryford.com/cancer,

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OUR VIEWS

State must invest in early learning to compete globally

Far too often state legislators and educators get sidetracked trying to win a seemingly endless argument rather than doing what is best for children.

Much of the recent discussion about reforming education has been about providing more options to families. Gov. Rick Snyder is promoting an "any time, any place, any way, any pace" system that would ostensibly lead to more charter schools and give parents more say in where and how their children learn.

Educators loathe change more than most so position statements and talking points are issued to legions of followers

While some states have focused on broadened opportunities for all families, Michigan focuses only on poor or other at-risk youth.

and the battle is on. This pattern is all too familiar to the families of Michigan and the bickering does little to help.

One common-sense solution to improving educational outcomes for families is simply getting more children into quality educational programs at a younger age. Sadly, Michigan's track

record of funding preschool is lousy despite the fact that most experts agree that an additional year or two in school is beneficial to young learners.

The Michigan State Board of Education began a strong push for universal preschool for 3- and 4-year olds in 2011 but Gov. Snyder took the business approach to the problem by consolidating the state's early childhood programs and resources into the Michigan Office of Great Start. The mission of the office is to coordinate 84 separate funding sources for early childhood programs.

Michigan lags behind 23 states in providing access to education for 4-year-olds according to a 2011 study by The National Institute for Early Education Research, a unit of Rutgers.

While Oklahoma offers universal-access to state-funded preschool and 75 percent of eligible children are enrolled, just 18 percent of 4-year-olds are in state-funded preschool in Michigan. Nation-wide, 28 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in a state-funded preschool programs in the 2010-2011 school year so Michigan not only fails in comparison to the leading states, but also trails the national average by 10 percent. It isn't that Michigan is cutting funding because that isn't true. Other states have simply found ways to increase funding at a greater pace because they have made early learning a priority.

Michigan does almost nothing to fund preschool for three-year-olds but Illinois, the same state many of our college graduates are flocking to for jobs, leads the nation in providing access to education for 3-year-olds.

While some states have focused on broadened opportunities for all families, Michigan focuses only on poor or other at-risk youth.

And even the population the state is trying to help isn't being adequately served. Susan Broman, head of Michigan's Office of Great Start, concedes that many of Michigan's 4-year-olds now eligible for state-funded preschool are not enrolled due to lack of funding.

This lack of commitment to funding preschool is not only counter to Gov. Snyder's goal of having students reading proficiently at the end of third grade, it is counter to the greater goal of making our state competitive in the global marketplace.

We aren't advocating free daycare for all Michigan families either. We are talking about the need for increased funding for quality educational programs for young learners.

Recent research shows that even gains made through Head Start fade if the commitment to quality education isn't consistent throughout the learning experience so just throwing money at the problem isn't the answer.

What Michigan needs is bold commitment to early education that includes not only lofty goals and a system to make sure they are achieved but also actual money in the budget to make it happen.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your health resolution for 2013?

We asked this in each of our readership communities.



"More daily exercise and walking."
Steve Repasky

Plymouth



"I want more daily exercise, and better eating habits."
Sarah Repasky

Plymouth



"Eat a better diet. I'm a diabetic, and I don't eat like I should."
Lori Bicknell

Plymouth



"I want to keep walking. It keeps the weight off."
Doug Squires

Plymouth



"I seriously have to cut down on cigarettes. I have to make a much better effort than I have been."
Glenn Wallis

Canton



"I want to take better care of my heart. Heart problems start early in my family so I want to be careful."
Christina Wegrzyn

Canton



"I need to lose 20 pounds. My doctor said, 'Do it!'"
Sandra Walczak

Canton



"Lately I've been trying to cook more at home — that's one goal. It's healthier a lot of times."
Merry Beth Tacy

Farmington librarian



"Just keep a healthy weight and exercise and all of that stuff."
Zack Emick, 16

Farmington Hills



"Take better care of myself and family."
Carol Palaian

Farmington Hills



"Try to get fitter. Next year I'm going to do most every sport they offer at school."
Iyanu Adegoke, 16

Farmington Hills



"Lose weight. I make the same resolution every year."
Kathleen Monroe

Livonia



"Healthy eating, more vegetables and fruits instead of fatty foods."
Eileen Dorough

Livonia



"Stay healthy, exercise and ride my bike. I may go to the Recreation Center."
Larry Schultz

Livonia



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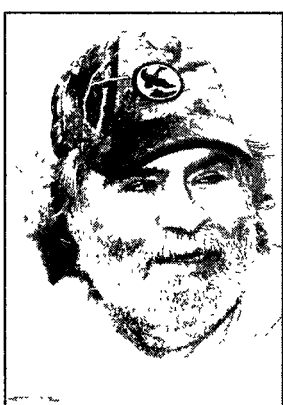
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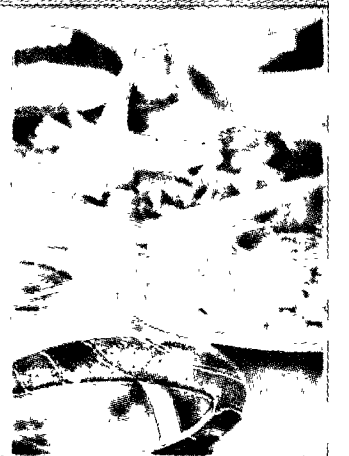


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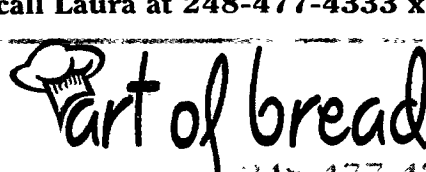
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Farmington secures win over Trojans

There was some consolation for the Farmington boys basketball team on Saturday.

The Falcons got a game-high 20 points from senior guard Valentino Kalaj, including six three-pointers, to beat Livonia Clarenceville, 58-53, in the Northville Holiday Tournament.

Senior guard Ameer Ali added 11 points, while senior forward Shawn Griffin and junior guard Bradley Harris chipped in with

BOYS BASKETBALL eight and seven, respectively, as the Falcons improved to 2-4 overall.

Clarenceville, winless in nine starts, got a team-high 19 points from Jawan Nelson.

The Trojans trailed 24-19 at halftime and by only two after three quarters, 35-33, also got 12 points from Jewell Johnson.

Both teams struggled from the four stripe with Farmington going 8-of-19 (42 percent) and Clarenceville 3-of-10 (30 percent).

Waterford Mott (4-2) beat the host Mustangs (3-3) in the tournament final, 54-41, as guards Billy McDonald and Khalil Malone combined for 38 points.

PIONEER 53, SALEM 49: Aedan York tallied 12 points, including a key three-pointer and free throw down the stretch Friday to give Ann Arbor Pioneer (5-2) a victory over the Rocks (4-2) in the finals of the Chelsea Holiday Tournament.

Jibreel Hussein added 10 points for Pioneer, which won its fifth straight.

Tevis Robinson chipped in with nine points and 10 rebounds.

Chris Dierker, a 6-6 senior forward, paced Salem with a game-high 15 points to go along with seven boards.

Kevin Mack contributed eight points for the Rocks, who trailed 29-24 at halftime and 42-36 after three quarters.

WITHROW (OHIO) 60, CANTON 49: Timothy Coleman scored a game-high 31 points Friday leading Cincinnati Withrow (7-0) to a victory over the Chiefs (2-4) in

Please see **BASKETBALL, B3**



Despite being a freshman, University of Detroit's Rosanna Reynolds (middle), a Canton native, is running the show for the Lady Titans.

Quick study

Lady Titans' Reynolds makes her point

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Rosanna Reynolds didn't need driver's ed training.

Just give her the keys to the car and let her go.

No learner's permit required for the 5-foot-10 freshman point-guard for the University of Detroit Mercy women's basketball, who has started all 12 games so far for the 7-5 Lady Titans as they enter Horizon League play.

The Canton native has adapted quickly to the collegiate style of play.

And Detroit head coach Autumn Rademacher has given Reynolds an unspoken vote of confidence.

Reynolds has the numbers to justify her current starting role averaging 9.5 points, 3.8 assists and 3.6 rebounds per game, while shooting 74 percent from the foul line and 38 percent from the floor.

"We really don't even talk a lot to be honest," Rademacher



Reynolds

er said. "It's very strange. She (Reynolds) just goes out there and it was just understood from the beginning that she was going to be out there

because how she came in and was ready to go. We just gave her the ball and said, 'Here you go,' and we really haven't looked back. And you never really questioned that at all."

Reynolds, a two-time first-team All-State selection, possesses winning pedigree leading Dearborn Divine Child to a state Class B championship as a junior and a state semifinal berth as a senior while averaging 12 points and four assists per game.

So it was no surprise that she was thrown into the fire immediately making her inaugural start against a Big Ten opponent where she played 39 of 40 minutes.

"Our first game we played Michigan," Reynolds said. "It was a rough start trying to get used to the pace of the game and everything. But I feel like each game we progress individually and as a team. So, we're just taking it one game at a time and I'm trying to work really hard at get other people open, too."

Reynolds ran track for Divine Child and was a member of two state championship teams, but she admits her Nov. 9 season debut, a 72-60 loss to the Wolverines, was somewhat of an eye opener.

"It's the speed of the game," Reynolds said. "Everyone tries to push it. It's not too big of a change, but it's more like physical toughness as far as trying to get to the basket. They foul you harder and they body you up strongly."

But so far there's been a mutual understanding between coach and player.

Please see **REYNOLDS, B3**

Whalers top Spitfires, 5-2

Right winger Garrett Meurs had a pair of goals and one assist as the Plymouth Whalers closed out 2012 with a 5-2 Ontario Hockey League win Monday over the host Windsor Spitfires before 6,406 at the WFCU Centre.

Meurs notched his 16th and 17th goals of the season, while Matt Misteale, Connor Carrick and Tom Wilson also tallied goals.

Goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic made 38 saves, including a second period penalty shot on Ryan Verbeek, as the second-place Whalers improved to 16-12-5-3 in the OHL's West Division.

Kerby Rychal notched his 23rd goal and Zach Lorentz added another for the Spitfires (14-18-1-5).

Before a sellout crowd of 3,657 Saturday at Compuware Arena, the host Whalers fell to the first-place London Knights, 4-2, who won for the 23rd straight time.

The Rupert twins — Ryan and Matt — led the London attack with a goal and assist each. Ryan Rupert (first star) has four goals this season, while Matt Rupert (second star) has 18.

Max Domi (21st) and Brett Welychka (12th) also scored for London (31-5-0-2).

Third star Tom Wilson (ninth) and Zach Bratina (fourth) scored for Plymouth.

Schuba's eight triples lift MU

Junior guard Travis Schuba knocked down eight three-pointers Sunday en route to a 30-point performance Sunday as the Madonna University men's basketball team downed host Roosevelt University (Ill.), 66-53, at the Goodman Center in Chicago.

The 25th-ranked Crusaders (NAIA Division II), now 10-5 overall, also received 12 points and four assists from junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson).

Madonna took a 34-26 halftime lead and led by as many as 16 in the second half.

Schuba was 10-of-17 from the floor including 8-of-13 from three-point range.

Jeremiah Jackson paced the Lakers (9-6) with 20 points and a game-high 19 rebounds.

World Juniors

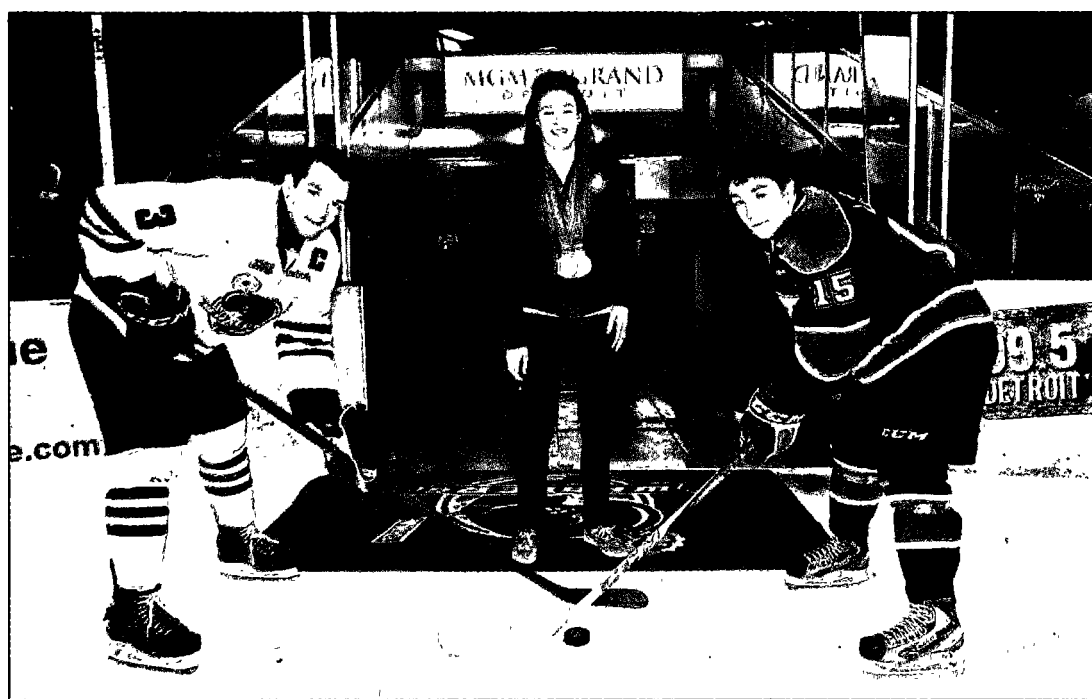
Behind two goals apiece from Vincent Trocheck and John Gaudreau, Team USA routed Slovakia, 9-3, at the IIHF World Junior Championship Tuesday in Ufa, Russia, picking up a needed victory after two straight losses to Russia and Canada in Group A play.

The win qualified the Americans for Wednesday's quarterfinals to face the Czech Republic.

Former Plymouth Whaler J.T. Miller added two assists, while current Whalers forward Ryan Hartman added one in the victory.

Livonia's Riley Barber (Miami University), who has one goal and two assists in four games, was held off of the scoresheet.

Meanwhile, the Whalers' Rickard Rakell had two assists and was a plus-2 in Sweden's 7-4 victory over Finland.



RENA LAVERTY

Water and ice

Canton High grad and University of Georgia swimmer Allison Schmitt (center), who won five medals, including three gold, at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, dropped the ceremonial first puck prior to the Plymouth Whalers-Saginaw Spirit Ontario Hockey League game, Dec. 27 at Compuware Arena. Schmitt is flanked by Plymouth's Colin MacDonald (left) and Saginaw's Eric Locke (right).

Crusaders pull upset in Florida

The Madonna University women's basketball team was unable to complete its Florida hat trick Sunday, falling to Auburn-Montgomery (Ala.), 81-59, at Ave Maria's Golisano Field House.

The Crusaders, now 8-6 overall, opened their road trip Friday with a 78-58 win over the host Gyrenes after stunning the NAIA's No. 16-ranked team in Division II, Bethel College (Ind.), on Saturday, 75-49.

Cold second-half shooting doomed the Crusaders in their bid to earn the sweep against the 11-2 Warhawks, ranked No. 20 in NAIA Division I.

Please see **CRUSADERS, B4**

Moss adapting to life amid NHL lockout

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Dave Moss sits and waits, sits and waits.

The 30-year-old Livonia native, who signed a two-year contract in July with the National Hockey League's Phoenix Coyotes, can give you the capsule itinerary of the day and life of a locked out NHL player.

"We get up, work out in the mornings, then we skate after at 11 (a.m.) or 11:30," said the right winger, a former University of Michigan standout and Detroit Catholic

Central High grad. "That's about it. We skate, and if we have enough guys, after that we play for a half-hour, then scrimmage."

On Monday and Tuesday, the NHL and the players' association were back to the bargaining table, the first negotiations since the two sides met with a federal mediator on Dec. 13.

All NHL games through Jan. 14 have been canceled, which has already eaten up 50 percent of the schedule.

The NHL owners reportedly want a deal reached by Jan. 11 and open

the season Jan. 19 with a 48-game schedule.

In 2004-05, the NHL lost the entire season to a lockout, while a 45-game season was played in 1995 after the lockout stretched into January.

"I don't know what the point of no return is," said the 6-foot-3, 205-pound Moss, who has logged 317 NHL games with 61 goals and 63 assists. "Obviously we're getting late. I don't know when league has in mind when they will cancel

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David Moss is getting antsy as the NHL lockout deadline for the 2012-13 season looms.



K. McGee
Mercy



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Salem



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Churchill



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All-Observer swimmers, divers are high achievers

FIRST-TEAM GIRLS
Kathleen McGee, 200 free, Mercy: McGee concluded her sophomore season by finishing third in the 200 freestyle (1:52.34) and the 500 freestyle (5:03.40) at the Division 1 state meet. She is the Catholic League champion in the 500 and the runner-up in the 200.

"Kathleen is a very disciplined swimmer," coach Shannon Dunworth said. "In addition to being talented, she's exceptionally hard-working. She can swim anything and, going forward in the state championships for her, we might be moving her around because she is so versatile. She definitely is capable of being at the top of the rankings in any of the events. "Distance freestylers don't necessarily work the hardest, but they do significantly longer sets. Kathleen attacks everything we do with a smile, which is really great for the coach."

Maddy Loniewski, 200 IM, Mercy: Loniewski is the Catholic League and state champion in the IM, swimming her best time (2:05.09) in the Division 1 final. She also won a league championship in the breaststroke and was sixth in that event at the state meet (1:05.34).

"In athletics, you don't really accomplish the most you're ever going to accomplish until you overcome something," Dunworth said. "Maddy had some physical issues she had to overcome, and it was really tough and go for a while with her."

"What I admire about her is her dedication. It took the entire season for her to get back to where she wanted to be. She remained positive and committed to the course. When those special situations happen, you get a great admiration for those kids."

Roxanne Griffore, 50 free, Mercy: Another outstanding sophomore, Griffore finished eighth in the D-1 state meet in this event (24.28), and she also was fourth in the 100 freestyle (52.41). Griffore was the Catholic League runner-up in both.

"Her nickname is Gator, because she has the smile of an angel but the bite of a gator," Dunworth said of Griffore's competitive spirit. "If there's one individual I'm excited to see where she is and ultimately can be, it's Roxie. It's amazing how far she has come in a year, and she was really good last year."

"Some kids give you their undivided attention when you talk to them. She's hungry for what you have to say. A lot of kids are like that, but every kid could take a lesson from her."

Erica Allor, diving, Mercy: The junior diver moved up from the all-area second team based on a strong state-meet performance in which she placed 12th with an area-best score of 359 points. She also was the Catholic League runner-up.

"I have a unique appreciation for divers," Dunworth said. "They have to face their fears. Once the gun goes off, a lot of the distractions (dissipate for swimmers); whereas, divers have to suck it up every time. It's like a golfer putting. That's where you win matches, with putting. Every dive is like putting, and they have to be perfect."

"Erica is committed to diving. She's a year-round diver; it's not a part-time thing. She's continuing the tradition of great Mercy divers that we've had in the past."

Lisa Zhang, 100 fly, Salem: Taking the Salem pool by storm were the Zhang twins, including Lisa — who quickly made a dent in the school leader board.

She set Salem records in all three relays as well as the 50 free, 100 fly and 100 free. Her freshman season culminated at the D1 state finals in Holland, where she earned all-state honors in three events.

At the finals, Zhang finished fourth in the 200 IM, with a splendid time of 2:06.72. She added a fourth-place showing the 100 fly (56.96) and was one-fourth of the 200 medley relay that came in eighth (1:49.08).

Her excellent season earned her honors as one of the team's most valuable swimmers.

"Lisa broke into high school swimming with a bang and never stopped through the D1 state finals," coach Chuck Olson said.

Amanda Washko, 100 free, Churchill: The junior earned a 14th-place finish at the Division 1 state finals with a time of 53.43.

Washko was also a state qualifier in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, while school record (1:00.31) in the latter event.

"Mandy is the epitome of a committed athlete," Churchill coach Aaron Rieder said. "She came into this season with specific and aggressive goals. Through her dedication and

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
200 FREESTYLE: 1. Kathleen McGee, sophomore, Mercy; 2. Lauren Folkert, senior, Farmington.
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1. Maddy Loniewski, sophomore, Mercy; 2. Emily Toro, senior, Plymouth.
50 FREESTYLE: 1. Roxanne Griffore, sophomore, Mercy; 2. Abby Aumiller, senior, Salem.
ONE-METER DIVING: 1. Erica Allor, junior, Mercy; 2. Christine Peterson, senior, Salem.
100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Lisa Zhang, freshman, Salem; 3. Ellyse Conn, freshman, Mercy.
100 FREESTYLE: 1. Amanda Washko, junior, Churchill; 2. Destinee Barmore-Hicks, junior, Canton.
500 FREESTYLE: 1. Sarah Dombkowski, junior, Plymouth; 2. Annie Valentine, senior, Mercy.
100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Elliott Schinella, junior, Mercy; 2. Jordan Ewald, junior, Mercy.
100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Linda Zhang, freshman, Salem; 2. Hannah Knoop, junior, Mercy.

ALL-AREA RELAYS
200 MEDLEY: 1. Mercy (jr. Elliott Schinella, soph. Maddy Loniewski, fr. Ellyse Conn, soph. Roxanne Griffore); 2. Salem (sr. Abby Aumiller, fr. Linda Zhang; fr. Lisa Zhang, jr. Julia Suriano).
200 FREESTYLE: 1. Mercy (soph. Roxanne Griffore, soph. Kathleen McGee, sr. Annie Valentine, jr. Christine Edwards); 2. Plymouth (sr. Emily Toro, sr. Linda Erickson, soph. Alexa Earls, jr. Sarah Dombkowski).
400 FREESTYLE: 1. Mercy (soph. Kathleen McGee, fr. Ellyse Conn, sr. Annie Valentine, soph. Maddy Loniewski); 2. Salem (fr. Lisa Zhang, jr. Julia Suriano, fr. Linda Zhang, sr. Abby Aumiller).

incredible hard work she was able to accomplish these goals. As the season progressed, Mandy's confidence grew."

Washko earned all three state cuts at the MISCA meet held at Eastern Michigan University.

"She was untouchable that day and it really set the stage for the remainder of the year," Rieder said. "With the pressure of the cuts gone, Mandy's focus intensified. With the level of desire she shows in the sport, her senior year will be amazing to watch."

Sarah Dombkowski, 500 free, Plymouth: What a rookie season it was for Dombkowski, a junior who swam for the Wildcats instead of the Novi Steuergens club team.

She topped it all off by being the D1 state champion in the 500 freestyle, with an All-American consideration time of 4:55.82, a school mark and best in Holland Aquatic Center history. Her efforts were key in helping the Wildcats earn a share of the KLAAs South Division title with Canton (each team totaling 18 points).

Coach Doug Schade described Dombkowski as the "most competitive swimmer I've ever coached in my 22-year career. She's very athletic and she's very competitive. It seems like the bigger the meet we go to, the better she does."

Dombkowski, who also set school records in the 100 and 200 free. For the latter, her time of 1:54.01 at the conference meet in South Lyon surpassed the pool record held by U.S. Olympian Allison Schmitt.

"She is a workout animal," Schade said. "She has the will and desire to put in the work every day to ensure her personal success."

Elliott Schinella, 100 back, Mercy: Schinella reached the pinnacle of achievement when she won the state championship in the breaststroke (54.91). The junior also placed fifth in the 50 freestyle at the state meet (24.04). Schinella is the league champion in both events.

"Working with Elli has been exceptionally rewarding," Dunworth said. "She did not come with a tremendous amount of background like some of these kids. She's a girl who did some swimming and liked it. She grew her freshman year as far as swimming and her sophomore year even more. This year she made a move toward being somebody special in swimming."

"Of all the kids on the team, she might be the most coachable. All of them are going to work hard for you, but some kids have the ability and desire to apply what you're teaching. She has both."

Linda Zhang, 100 breast, Salem: Much like her twin sister did, Linda Zhang's versatile talents resonated within the KLAAs and beyond.

Another one of Salem's most valuable swimmers, she broke school records in all three relays along with the 200 IM and 100 breast.

All-state honors were earned at the D1 state finals in the 200 IM, with her time of 2:06 third overall (and less than a second behind event champion Maddy Loniewski of Mercy).

In the 100 breast, she finished seventh with a time of 1:05.39 (another all-state performance) and joined twin sister Lisa Zhang, Abby Aumiller and Julia Suriano as part of the all-state 200 medley relay.

There was another notable season highlight as she set a Kensington Conference record in the 200 IM.

"Linda proved to be as outstanding in high school swimming as was expected from past performances,"

Olson said.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
200 medley, Mercy: Schinella, Loniewski, Conn and Griffore were fourth in the D-1 state meet and first in the area with an automatic, All-America time of 1:45.75. Conn also was a member of Mercy's league champion medley relay.

"The medley is the hardest relay on our team to make," Dunworth said. "The kids know it and it's a great honor to swim on a Mercy relay. There was no shoo-in for that relay, even up to the last minute. We're always tweaking things, and the medley relay sets the tone for the meet."

200 freestyle, Mercy: Griffore, McGee, Valentine and Christine Edwards finished fifth in the D-1 state meet while posting an area-best time of 1:37.83. Griffore and McGee also helped the Marlins win the relay at the league meet.

"It was a unique relay to do as well as it did," Dunworth said. "Three of those four are not 50 freestylers. Kathleen just came out of the 500 free to swim that, and Annie can swim two lengths just out of determination. To have three people turn into sprinters and carry the load, it was really, really important for us."

400 freestyle, Mercy: McGee, Conn, Valentine and Loniewski earned fourth place in the state meet (3:30.9). Like the 200 team, their time will be considered for All-America status. Conn, Valentine and McGee also teamed with Griffore to win the relay at the league meet.

"Our kids know what a big deal it is to swim on a Mercy relay at the state meet," Dunworth said. "They know they're chosen not only by what the stopwatch says, but because I think, regardless of the situation, they're going to deliver — and they did."

SECOND-TEAM GIRLS
Lauren Folkert, 200 free, Farmington: A senior and four-year standout for the Falcons, Folkert owns the school record (1:55.54) in the 200 freestyle, which she set last year at the D-2 state meet. She was 14th this year (1:56.46), and she set a school record in the backstroke when she went 59.38 in the prelims. The team MVP was 10th in the final (59.51). Folkert also has the school record in the IM (2:15.09). She was named the Senior Swimmer of the Meet in the OAA Blue Division after she won the 200 free and backstroke and helped the Falcons win both freestyle relays.

"Lauren is a very dedicated swimmer," coach Driska McCullough said. "She was one of the captains and a real leader for the team. She trained very hard and took the other girls with her. She would encourage people to keep up with her and work hard. She really wanted to do her best all the time."

Emily Toro, 200 IM, Plymouth: The two-year captain wrapped up an outstanding prep career, made even more impressive due to the fact she did not swim competitively until ninth grade.

Toro, who has signed a national letter of intent to swim at Grand Valley State University, set five Plymouth records to give her a total of seven for her career.

At the top of the stack was her sixth place finish of 2:07.94 in the 200 IM at the D1 finals in Holland.

The all-stater also placed 13th in the 100 butterfly (58.3) and in the top 20 in the 200 free relay and 400 free relay (16th, 15th respectively).

"She's an interesting case in that she really wasn't a competitive swim-

mer until she began high school," Schade said. "She has great work ethic and coachability."

Abby Aumiller, 50 free, Salem: Aumiller had a personal best of 25.04 in the 50 free, set at the KLAAs Central Division meet at Novi. She also established a Salem record in the 100 back with a time of 58.88.

At the D1 finals in Holland, the senior team captain was part of the all-state 200 medley relay team. The tandem of Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Julia Suriano placed eighth, finishing in 1:49.08.

She showed her ability to excel in multiple events, qualifying for the state meet in the 200 free (26th, 1:59.68) and with the 400 free relay (18th, 3:39.98).

"Abby did four years competing at the state level in any event the team needed from her for success," Olson said.

Christine Peterson, diving, Mercy: The highlight of Peterson's junior season occurred at the Catholic League meet when she won the diving championship with a score of 356.90, which is second only to Allor's state-meet tally. Peterson was a state qualifier, too.

"I was really excited to see Christine win the league meet," Dunworth said. "That validated and justified all the time and energy she has put into diving."

"I don't want to say she walked away from the state meet disappointed, but I know she's that much more committed to being a point scorer next year."

Ellyse Conn, 100 fly, Mercy: In her first year of varsity competition, the freshman finished 10th in the state in the butterfly (57.16) and sixth in the backstroke (57.51). Conn also is the Catholic League runner-up in the latter and was third in the IM.

"It's always great to get the freshman who walks in there and is already extremely well schooled and puts in the time," Dunworth said. "Ellyse is that person. You thought she was a junior the moment she got there. She's very mature emotionally and experience-wise in the sport."

"It's not only a pleasure to have her on the team and a huge plus, but I think she helped push the upper classmen as well."

Destinee Barmore-Hicks, 100 free, Canton: The junior won Canton MVP honors for the third consecutive year and scored the most points by any of the team's 59 members.

Highlights were many, finishing 22nd at the D1 state meet in the 50 free (24.82), 28th in the 100 free (55.35), 13th as part of the 200 medley relay (a school record time of 1:50.88, sharing the mark with Emily Meier, Hannah Jenkins and Delaney Adams) and 24th in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:42.98 (with Meier, Abby Madison and Madeline Madison).

Barmore-Hicks scored her season-best time of 24.71 in the 50 free at the conference meet, good for fourth place.

"Destinee has set goals next year to score at state meet in the 50 free," coach Ed Weber said. "I'm sure with great off-season training and the excitement of her senior year she will prevail."

Annie Valentine, 500 free, Mercy: Valentine, who was named to the all-area team four straight years, capped an outstanding career at the state meet by scoring in two events again. She was eighth in the butterfly (57.66) and 12th in the IM (2:10.63). A versatile swimmer, her 500 freestyle time (5:09.73) was good enough to put her on another all-area team. Valentine, who will swim at Penn State, is the league champ in the butterfly and runner-up in the IM.

"Annie is exceptionally special," Dunworth said. "She is the standard by which everybody is measured in the pool every day. It doesn't matter what set we're doing. If you line up with Annie next to you doing the same thing, you know she does not relent. From the moment practice starts, she is relentlessly on task. For her the best is yet to come. She has a lot of faster swimming ahead of her."

Jordan Ewald, 100 back, Mercy: Ewald finished 10th in the state in the backstroke (57.95) and third in the Catholic League. She also placed 11th in the IM (2:10.08) at the Division 1 meet, and she was fourth in that event in the Catholic League.

"She's a real bright spot on the team," Dunworth said. "She's always exceptionally positive and a very talented athlete. I was hoping Jordan

would be as good as she was last year, and she just knocked my socks off. She was so much better. Every kid works hard and has a positive attitude, but I think Jordan might

have the market cornered on being positive."

Hannah Knoop, 100 breast, Mercy: Knoop finished 19th in two events at the state meet, swimming 1:08.19 in the breaststroke and 59.77 in the butterfly. Her breaststroke time ranks third in the area. She also was second in both events at the league meet.

"I was very happy for Hannah to do as well as she did this year," Dunworth said. "I think she found 'I can do swimming because I like it, not just because it's the routine I'm in.' Hannah grew up and grew into that identity as a swimmer this year."

"She came as close as you can to scoring without scoring (at the state meet), and that does not sit well with her. I know she's planning to step up her game. There are always kids who want to achieve more, and that's her."

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS
200 medley, Salem: Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Julia Suriano teamed up at the D1 state meet in Holland to earn all-state honors with an eighth-place finish of 1:49.08.

The quartet also set a new Salem record in the event, one of three relays they established new standards in.

In the 200 free relay at the KLAAs Central Division meet, they finished in 1:41.39 to establish the record as well as breaking the record in the 400 free relay.

In addition to the versatile talents displayed by the Zhang twins and Aumiller, the 200 medley team featured Suriano, a junior who has already been selected one of the Rocks' captains for next season.

Suriano qualified for the state meet in two other events. In the 500 free, she just missed making it back for the finals with her 17th-place time of 5:15.37. In the 100 backstroke, her finish of 1:01.59 earned her 31st place.

"Julia is one of the top practice swimmers ever for Salem," Olson said. "We look for an outstanding senior year in 2013."

200 freestyle, Plymouth: Toro, Dombkowski, Linda Erickson and Alexa Earls teamed up to set a school record with a mark of 1:39.66. The tandem came close to that mark at the D1 finals in Holland, placing 16th (1:41.15). In the 400 free relay, they set a school record with a time of 3:38.82.

Augmenting Toro and Dombkowski were Erickson and Earls.

"Linda is a very talented swimmer that has been an important piece of a team that has won three of the last four KLAAs South Division championships," said Schade about the two-year captain.

At different points of her career, she set school marks in the 100 back, 100 fly and 200 IM and added to the total with this year's records in the 200 free and 400 free relays.

Erickson is undecided so far about her college choice. She is seeking an appointment to a military service academy.

"Earls continued to make a splash in just her sophomore season and already a team leader Schade said has been elected as a captain for the 2013 team."

In addition to being part of the school-record 200 and 400 free relays, she set a Plymouth record in the 100 back. At the D1 state meet, she also competed in the 200 IM (16th, 2:11.04) and 500 free (23rd, 5:17.04).

"Alexa is one of our leaders in the pool with an outstanding work ethic and will to win," Schade said. "She's another athlete who dedicates herself to prepare every day to realize success."

400 freestyle, Salem: Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Suriano teamed up yet again to give the Rocks another a record-breaking relay performance with a time of 3:36.56.

That performance was good for first in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

They added to their achievements with an 18th-place showing at the D1 state meet in the 400 free relay, finishing in 3:39.08.

Olson said the Zhangs, Suriano and Aumiller "always was a good mix," with the lineup excelling both in the 400-free and 200-medley relays.

"Lisa Zhang led off, which she did very well in, we always got off to a great start," Olson said. "We had Julia Suriano going second ... she felt very comfortable and always swam a good leg."

"Linda Zhang handled that third spot and Abby always anchored that relay. They all felt very comfortable in whatever position they were needed in."

2012 STATE QUALIFIERS

SWIMMING & DIVING GIRLS STATE QUALIFIERS

Canton: Emily Meier, Hannah Jenkins, Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks, Madeline Madison, Caitlin Orr, Claire Green, Abby Madison; **Churchill:** Amanda Washko; **Farmington:** Lauren Folkert, Yurika Ueda, Kate Capozzoli, Kayla Hamilton; **Harrison:** Miranda Shelly, Emily Brunett, Mikayla Doecker, Paige Kondek, Katie Romero, Ellen Leever, Emma Sutherland, Molly Miller; **Ladywood:** Morgan Jones, Alaina Tarnacki, Kim Solak, Abby Pelon, Alaina Stevenson; **Mercy:** Annie Valentine, Maddy Loniewski, Elliott Schinella, Kathleen McGee, Roxanne Griffore, Ellyse Conn, Erica Allor, Christine Peterson, Jordan Ewald, Hannah Knoop, Christine Edwards, Michaela Bargardi, Hannah Schmidt, Emma Michalzuk; **N. Farmington:** Emma Gell, Emma Bradley, Annika Gidley, Lindsay McDonald, Nicole Tini; **Plymouth:** Sarah Dombkowski, Emily Toro, Linda Erickson, Alexa Earls; **Salem:** Abby Aumiller, Stephanie Solterman, Julia Suriano, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang; **Stevenson:** Brenna Gabrielson, Julia Hurley, Sara Stemen, Brenna Erickson, Sarah Cauzillo, Rachel Arceri, Merrill Froney, Andrea D'Amour.

BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:45.75
Salem 1:48.66
Livonia Stevenson 1:50.75
Canton 1:50.80
Farmington Harrison 1:52.11

200 FREESTYLE
Sarah Dombkowski (Plymouth) 1:52.02
Kathleen McGee (Mercy) 1:52.34
Lauren Folkert (Farmington) 1:56.46
Abby Aumiller (Salem) 1:56.53
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 1:56.68
Linda Zhang (Salem) 1:57.19
Madeline Madison (Canton) 1:57.51
Sarah Cauzillo (Stevenson) 1:57.53
Michaela Bargardi (Mercy) 1:59.30
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 1:59.45

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 2:05.09
Linda Zhang (Salem) 2:06.00
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 2:06.72
Emily Toro (Plymouth) 2:07.35
Kathleen McGee (Mercy) 2:08.42
Annie Valentine (Mercy) 2:08.50
Ellyse Conn (Mercy) 2:09.66
Jordan Ewald (Mercy) 2:10.08
Alexa Earls (Plymouth) 2:11.04
Caitlin Orr (Canton) 2:12.56

50 FREESTYLE
Elliott Schinella (Mercy) 24.04
Roxanne Griffore (Mercy) 24.14
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 24.53
Destinee Barmore-Hicks (Canton) 24.71
Abby Aumiller (Salem) 25.04
Amanda Washko (Churchill) 25.14
Katie Romero (Harrison) 25.19
Ellen Leever (Harrison) 25.23
Christine Edwards (Mercy) 25.34
Brenna Gabrielson (Stevenson) 25.43

ONE-METER DIVING
Erica Allor (Mercy) 359.00
Christine Peterson (Mercy) 356.90
Skylar Tisko (Mercy) 287.00
Melissa Green (Canton) 266.45
Macalah Williams (John Glenn) 263.60
Nicole Lasecki (Canton) 262.35
Megan McKeenan (Plymouth) 258.60
Sydney Grenier (Churchill) 254.20
Bridget Maul (Salem) 254.00
Katy Telega (Plymouth) 251.10

100 BUTTERFLY
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 56.96
Annie Valentine (Mercy) 57.02
Ellyse Conn (Mercy) 57.16
Emily Toro (Plymouth) 58.06
Miranda Shelly (Harrison) 58.12
Sara Stemen (Stevenson) 59.03
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 59.09
Delaney Adams (Canton) 59.60
Hannah Schmidt (Mercy) 59.71
Hannah Knoop (Mercy) 59.77

100 FREESTYLE
Roxanne Griffore (Mercy) 52.41
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 52.90
Amanda Washko (Churchill) 53.43
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 53.44
Barmore-Hicks (Canton) 54.02
Christine Edwards (Mercy) 54.20
Brenna Gabrielson (Stevenson) 54.81
Sarah Cauzillo (Stevenson) 54.92
Linda Zhang (Salem) 55.48
Delaney Adams (Canton) 55.78

500 FREESTYLE
Sarah Dombkowski (Plymouth) 4:55.82
Kathleen McGee (Mercy) 4:59.74
Annie Valentine (Mercy) 5:09.73
Emma Michalzuk (Mercy) 5:12.15
Alexa Earls (Plymouth) 5:14.00
Julia Suriano (Salem) 5:15.02
Claire Green (Canton) 5:15.21
Merrill Froney (Stevenson) 5:15.52
Linda Zhang (Salem) 5:19.56
Evelyn Stein (Stevenson) 5:22.34

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:37.83
Plymouth 1:39.66
Farmington Harrison 1:40.64
Salem 1:41.39
Livonia Stevenson 1:42.25

100 BACKSTROKE
Elliott Schinella (Mercy) 54.91
Ellyse Conn (Mercy) 57.51
Jordan Ewald (Mercy) 57.95
Michaela Bargardi (Mercy) 58.79
Abby Aumiller (Salem) 58.88
Brenna Gabrielson (Stevenson) 59.03
Lauren Folkert (Farmington) 59.38
Christine Edwards (Mercy) 59.66
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 1:00.24
Amanda Washko (Churchill) 1:00.27

100 BREASTSTROKE
Linda Zhang (Salem) 1:05.24
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 1:05.34
Hannah Knoop (Mercy) 1:08.19
Hannah Jenkins (Canton) 1:08.61
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 1:09.49
Emma Gell (N. Farmington) 1:09.60
Delaney Adams (Canton) 1:09.93
Mikayla Doecker (Harrison) 1:10.17
Jensen Pecora (Mercy) 1:10.37
Julia Hurley (Stevenson) 1:10.77

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:30.90
Salem 3:36.56
Plymouth 3:38.82
Livonia Stevenson 3:39.21
Canton 3:43.73

MOSS

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the season, but certainly we're probably getting close to it."

The deadline is fast approaching. It's the NHL's own version of Washington's fiscal cliff.

"I don't know if antsy is the word, it's more frustration," Moss said. "All of us want to play hockey, but I think as far as players, everybody is on the same page. We've given so much back and haven't got anything yet, so it's frustrating, certainly."

And despite the long lockout, which reaches back to September, Moss believes the players remained unified.

"Don Fehr (the NHL-PA union chief) is great at keeping everybody informed — we have conference calls all the time," Moss said. "You can go on our (NHLPA) website and everything is up there as far as what's going on and the players

that have been at meetings. We're lucky because Shane Doan (of the Coyotes) has been at a lot of the meetings, so he's come back to Phoenix updates us with what's going on, so it's been great that way. All the players are on the same page. It's frustrating, but everyone's together."

Since signing as a free agent with Phoenix, the six-year veteran of the Calgary Flames has spent a majority of the time in the desert, but has returned home to be with his family for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"We have anywhere from 15, up to 20 (players)," Moss said. "It kind of depends. Three weeks ago, we had enough guys in Scottsdale to have a full-blown scrimmage. Sydney Crosby, Shawn Horcoff, Danny Cleary. We had a lot of guys and it was good to have a full-blown game four days in a row."

"It's a pretty good group of guys down there."

The favorable Phoenix weather also has been a bonus despite the lockout.

"You can do a lot more," Moss said. "We've been hiking, play tennis, golf ... you can do more outside. You change it up a little bit because the workouts are a little boring after awhile."

"We've been skating pretty much four days per week pretty much during the lockout. It's getting old, I'll say that."

Some NHL players have opted to play in Europe during the labor stalemate, but Moss is staying put after undergoing ankle surgery which cost him a majority of the 2011-12 season. He says the ankle is fine.

"It's good, 100 percent, ready to go," Moss said. "There's no problems with it at all."

"It's something you have to think about. Going to Europe is tough. I think I could go over there maybe, but thing is you have to get disability insurance to cov-

er your NHL contract. I've had my fair share of injuries over the past few years, so disability insurance would not be cheap, so it would just be a matter of weighing the risk. Is it worth it going over there for few months? And if something happens ... you're risking it. I would like to play hockey somewhere so I'd like to cross that bridge when I get to it. I'm still pretty optimistic that I hope the NHL can realize the situation and hopefully get us a deal."

The issues between the two sides are numerous with the sticking points the length of NHL player contracts and how to share the revenues.

"The owners wanted a 50-50 (revenue) split, they got that," Moss said. "Now we've gone on to the contract issues and they want to take back a lot of the players' contract rights. I don't know what they want exactly. I think now they want the five-year term lim-

it on contracts and only a five percent variance. They want no cap on the escrow."

"There's a lot of issues now because every time they (the owners) say 'give us this,' and we give them that, there's no give-and-take. Whenever this thing ends they're going to get a heckuva deal, but I don't understand why we've had to miss this much time for them to realize that."

Meanwhile, Moss sits and waits while the two sides try to hammer out a new collective bargaining agreement.

"It is boring," said the 220th pick of the 2001 NHL Entry Draft. "I think guys in other cities are maybe bored more than I am Scottsdale because the weather has been so great. There's a lot of outdoor activities to keep you busy."

"But I'm getting antsy, I'll say that."

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REYNOLDS

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"She's kind of more laid-back on me," Reynolds said of Rademacher. "But when she sees something that I could have done, she says, 'Hey, do that.' She constantly says that to other people, and I'll take that from them, and put it into the back of my head."

Reynolds does have a dependable safety valve to go to inside in 6-1 sophomore center Shareta Brown, the nation's leading scorer averaging 26

points per game.

"It's nice, it's really nice," Reynolds said. "She (Brown) can pass, she can dribble and she can drive. She shoots, she can do everything. It's nice, because when you throw that ball up to her, she's gonna get it. And if she doesn't, she's mad about it. She'll do it like next time."

Reynolds figured she'd get minutes as a freshman, but wasn't sure what her initial role would entail.

"I knew there were a lack of guards, so I knew I'd get some play-

ing time," she said. "But I just worked really hard and I started being with the starters in practice, so it kind of gave me a little clue ... and I just wanted to work hard every day."

Rademacher, meanwhile, says her freshman point-guard brings many intangibles to the table.

"She's pretty amazing at making things happen right when we need it," the Detroit coach said. "It seems like when we need a basket, and that clock is ticking down, she somehow is able to get the ball and put it in bas-

ket whether it's a pull-up jumper, whether it's a layup or whether it's a 'three.' She almost knows when we exactly need to put two points on the board. And she does it."

Reynolds has led the Lady Titans in assists eight of the 12 games and scored a season-high 17 points in a blowout win Dec. 22 against NAIA opponent Madonna University. She has notched double figures in scoring five times, including 14 against Ohio University.

"I remember her in high school and she was really offensive (mind-

ed) and that was the only piece of the puzzle that I was nervous about having her at the point-guard because a lot of times you can't score as much from that position," Rademacher said. "But she has absolutely managed and flourished in that role, so if there's ever a point where we need push her to the 'two,' or is more of a natural scorer, we can do that. But she's taken on that point-guard and distributing like it's her job."

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BASKETBALL

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the Motor City Roundball Classic hosted by Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Dajuan Jones added 12 points for the Tigers, who led 28-19 at halftime and 47-30 after three quarters.

Scott Gring was one of three Canton players to score in double figures with 12 points.

Jordan Nobles and Gregory Williams chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

The Chiefs made only 7-of-24 shots from beyond the arc (29 percent).

N. FARMINGTON 62, HENRY FORD 43: Sterling Sharp, a senior forward, tallied a game-high 26 points, including eight three-pointers, lifting North Farmington (4-2) to a victory Saturday over Detroit Henry Ford in a game played at Ecorse.

The Raiders also got 16 points from Jeron Rogers in the win.

COUSINO 51, PLYMOUTH 40: On Saturday, Daymen Hargdes tallied 18 points as Warren

Cousino turned back the Wildcats (3-3) in a game played at the University of Detroit Jesuit.

Josh Priebe scored 17 to lead Plymouth.

FRANKLIN 56, RICHARD 44: Michael Gluth and Andrew Lebbos scored 13 points apiece Friday leading host Livonia Franklin (2-4) to a consolation round win over visiting Riverview Gabriel Richard (1-4) in the Patriot Invitational.

Franklin trailed 29-25 at halftime, but took the lead with a 16-11 third-quarter run and put the game away with a 15-4

surge in the final period.

Olushakin Cole and Alex Armstrong added nine and eight points, respectively, for the Patriots, who committed a season-low seven turnovers.

The 6-7 Gluth and Tyrone Rayford also combined for 14 rebounds.

Colton Jarrett paced the Pioneers with a game-high 16 points.

Tournament champion White Lake Lakeland placed junior Brad Govan and sophomore Grant Osborne on the all-tourney team, while runner-up Dearborn Heights

Crestwood had brothers Imran and Bilal Abduljami earn spots.

Lebbos and Rayford, both seniors, made it for the host Patriots, while seniors Jacob Camilleri and David Ritchie represented Gabriel Richard.

THURSTON 60, W.L. NORTHERN 58: On Friday, Rayvlon Croon tallied 20 points and Xzavier Bowen added 19 points to lead Redford Thurston (5-1) past Walled Lake Northern.

Gage Throgmarter poured in a game-high 31 points for the Knights.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of **STRATTON HILL SUBDIVISION ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** to be located in the City as follows:

STREET
Stratton Hill Court

FROM
Drake Road

TO
Cul-de-sac

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project, which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:	\$ 123,300
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	80.77%
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT:	\$ 99,600
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 9,900.60

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

T1N, R9E, SECTION 04, INCLUDING TAX IDENTIFICATION PARCEL NUMBERS:

22-23-04-301-010 through 020

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the **14th of January, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.**, to hear and consider any comments in opposition or in favor of said improvement.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. **The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.** An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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The Plymouth Prep hockey team poses Dec. 21 with representatives from Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan with boxes overflowing with donated canned goods and other non-perishable food items at Plymouth Cultural Center. The prep team, a travel club team not linked to the school district but used to develop players for the varsity program, organized a hockey game against the Salem Prep to culminate a month-long drive to collect 1,000 or more food items. Spectators were asked to bring canned goods in lieu of an admission fee.

Hockey event scores for Gleaners, area's needy

Countless needy families will be getting much needed supported thanks to the efforts of the Plymouth Prep hockey team and boosters Linda Johnson, Rick Covault and Linda Baldwin.

They teamed up to organize a benefit hockey doubleheader Dec. 21 at Plymouth Cultural Center, which helped the Plymouth Prep team cap off a monthlong drive to collect more than 1,000 canned good items for Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

Spectators brought canned goods to gain admission to the opening game between Plymouth Prep and Salem Prep (they could also bring them to attend the second game on the bill, between Plymouth and Salem alums).

According to Gleaners, Plymouth Prep's food drive resulted in 1,565 pounds of assorted food, enough to provide approximately 1,200 meals for hungry neighbors in need.

The stands were nearly packed for that game and the subsequent alumni game.

Quality goaltending across the board and good defensive hockey was the recipe for the opener, a 2-1 win for Plymouth Prep.

Plymouth got on the scoreboard first with a first period power play goal by Andrew Jossey with assists to captain Corey Smith and assistant captain Michael Scarpello.

Salem answered midway through the game on a rocket of a shot by freshman sniper Zach

Goleniak, who rifled the puck over the Plymouth goalie's shoulder.

Despite outshooting the Rocks 14-5 in the second period the game was tied entering the third, which opened with solid pressure by the Wildcats.

Finally, Scarpello scored a gritty goal while crashing the net after Mitchell Langell and Jake Silvester worked their way to the front.

Plymouth had a chance to add some insurance and put Salem away but a few outstanding saves by Salem's sophomore goaltender kept the game at 2-1.

Salem battled in an effort to tie the game, including a power play where the Rocks kept the heat on Plymouth goalie Chris Johnson.

The final minute of the game was played in Plymouth's end with Salem having six attackers. Six Salem attackers swarmed the net in a flurry of opportunities only to be thwarted by Johnson and his defense.

Alumni game

The second game of the evening featured more than 40 alumni players from Plymouth and Salem. Most participated in the game while others manned the benches and cheered from the stands as alumni from the early 2000's suited up another time for their old school.

Regulation play ended with the Wildcats leading 5-1. Then came a 10-minute bonus period where the Rocks closed the gap to 5-4 before giving up an empty netter in the final minute for the 6-4 final.

After a few incredible saves by Michael Justus (Plymouth) and Joe Moore (Salem), Plymouth found a way to get on the board with a nice goal by former captain Kyle Callahan (assisted by Pat Smiatacz and Ryan Renault).

Plymouth blueliners led on offense, too. Kevin Matusiak scored on a nice solo rush up the ice beating Moore on a quality shot. The third goal was by smooth skating Justin Bauer, on a nifty feed by defensive partner Tyler Lazorka.

In the second, Wildcats' defenseman Jake Jossey sent the puck up to Tyler Sanders for another goal, making it 4-0.

Salem's Mark McGee scored to finally get the Rocks on the board, snapping a bullet past 'Cats goalie Rich Guglielmi.

Before the end of "regulation," Plymouth went up 5-1 when defenseman Jake Jossey scored.

During the extra session, Salem closed the gap to one goal on markers by Nick Hayes, Kyle Downey (from McGee and Ryan Quigley) and Quigley (with 37 seconds left).

But the Rocks could not even things up and Pat Smiatacz added an empty netter for the final margin.

Following the game, the alumni teams met for the traditional handshake and a team photo.

Plans are to continue with the alumni games. Former PCEP players interested in future games should contact Darrin Silvester (darrin-silvester@gmail.com).

Hawks soar to lopsided triumph

Farmington Hills Harrison ran its girls basketball record to 7-1 Saturday with a resounding 58-18 victory Saturday over Detroit Consortium College Prep in the Motor City Roundball Classic hosted by Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

The Hawks, who raced out to a 30-14 halftime lead, got 16 points and four steals from Marissa Cotton.

Amber Stephens chipped in with 15 points, four assists and four steals, while Kyla Roland posted a double-dou-

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ble with 10 points and 10 rebounds to go along with four blocks.

Tatiana James paced the Cougars (4-3) with nine points.

Harrison made 6-of-8 foul shots, while Consortium was 8-of-12.

PCA 75, FRANKLIN ROAD 36: Karen Windle scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds leading Plymouth Christian Academy (5-2) to a lopsided win over Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-5) in the Motor City

Roundball Classic Friday at Country Day.

PCA shot 60 percent from the floor (30-of-50) as four other Eagles scored in double figures led by Rachael Fuller (14), Martha Mullett (13), Emily Gerulis (12) and Jenna Abraham (10).

Jennifer Malcolm also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Kristen Massey scored 20 points, while Elise Schmid added 10 for the Warriors, who trailed 35-21 at halftime and 65-24 after three quarters.

Stevenson matmen fifth at Ionia

Livonia Stevenson's wrestling team kept busy over the holiday break finishing fifth Saturday in the 15th annual Mike Adamson Invitational hosted by Ionia.

Carson City Crystal edged Lansing Eastern for the team title, 285-283, while Jack-

son Lumen Christi (238), Hudsonville Unity Christian (217.5) and Stevenson (212) rounded out of the top five in the 10-team field.

Stevenson's Jake Kelley, a 171-pounder, finished 5-0 on the day to earn a first-place medal. Adding thirds and

going 4-1 for the Spartans included Marco Lytwyn (112), Trevor Demers (125), Kody Roy (152) and Connor Vaughan (160).

Matt Spohr contributed a fourth at 189 going 3-2. The Spartans, 0-2 in dual matches, return to action Saturday at Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 3

Farm. at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 4

Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.

S. Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

Pontiac at N. Farm., 7 p.m.

PCA at L. N'west, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 3

PCA at L. N'west, 5:30 p.m.

Farm. at Lake Orion, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 4

Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.

Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.

Harrison at Adams, 7 p.m.

Mercy at A.A. Richard, 7 p.m.

Lady at Regina, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 4

Churchill vs. Grand Rapids CC

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Plymouth vs. Mott

at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Midland vs. Canton

at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.

Northville vs. Salem

at Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Ladywood vs. Northville

at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.

NF-Harrison vs. Mott

Lakeland Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at N'ville, 7 p.m.

Farmington vs. Clarkson

at Ice Box, 8 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Jan. 5

Burton-Bendle Inv., 9 a.m.

Roch. Adams Inv., 9 a.m.

L'Anse Creuse Inv., 9 a.m.

Novi CC Invitational, 9 a.m.

Howell Duals, 9 a.m.

Wyandotte Inv., 9:15 a.m.

C'ville Team Tour, 9:30 a.m.

Lakeland Inv., 10 a.m.

W. Bloomfield Inv., 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 3

Monroe vs. Plymouth

at Canton H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Salem Invitational, noon.

W. Bloomfield Inv., TBA.

GIRLS GYMNASICS

Saturday, Jan. 5

Rockford Inv., 9:30 a.m.

PREP BOWLING

Friday, Jan. 4

N. Farm. at Troy, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Ladywood Invitational

at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Jan. 5

Allen Park Inv., 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Jan. 5

Siena Heights at MU, 3 p.m.

Wayne Co. at S'craft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Jan. 5

Siena Heights at MU, 1 p.m.

Wayne Co. at S'craft, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 4

Whalers vs. Owen Sound

at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Whalers vs. Guelph

at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

CRUSADERS

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Senior forward Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) and sophomore guard Rachel Melcher led the Crusaders with 15 points each, while senior guard Shantelle Herring added 13.

The Crusaders fell behind by as many as 10 points in the first half before getting a jumper from Herring and a triple from senior guard Heather Pratt at the buzzer to trail by just five, 35-30, at halftime.

Coming out of the break, MU pulled within three, 35-32, after a pair of free throws

from McGrath, but a 9-0 Warhawks run put the Auburn-Montgomery ahead 46-34 with 15:21 left in the game.

Madonna got to within eight on a pair of occasions, but could not get any closer as the Crusaders shot just 26 percent (10-for-38) from the floor in the second half.

For the game, MU connected on only 22-for-69 (31.9 percent).

Auburn-Montgomery had five players score in double figures led by LaKenya Drayton and Caitlin Cunningham (off the bench) with 15 apiece.

Psachal Maize added 14, while Jazmine Jackson and Katie Williamson contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Kamesha Strong and Maize also collected seven and six assists, respectively.

MU 75, BETHEL (IND.) 49: Kaylee McGrath's 19 points and eight rebounds sparked the Madonna University (8-5) to an upset win Saturday over Bethel College (11-3) in Naples, Fla.

The Crusaders, who led 34-14 at halftime, also got 16 points from Heather Pratt and 15 from Rachel Melcher.

Shantelle Herring dished out a team-best seven assists and grabbed eight boards.

Laura Johnson scored a game-high 22 points for the Pilots, who shot only 12-of-57 from the floor (21.1 percent). Kristen Hicks chipped in with 16.

K-of-C contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. with all age-group contestants recognized for their participation in the event, which will progress through local, district and state competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call Dave Lengel at (734) 516-4930 or email dlengel2@yahoo.com.

Softball camp

Madonna University will hold a series of winter softball camps (ages 7-18) including:

Fundamentals (Camp I) - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26;

Fundamentals (Camp II) - noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. (Cost for each is \$125 by Dec. 1; or \$150).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its Learn to Skate (winter session III) beginning the week of Jan. 14 through the week of March 4 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road.

The eight-week program (25 minutes per session) is \$62 (residents) and \$76 (non-residents).

Classes offered include: ages 4-and-up - 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:20 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills (no sticks, equipment or pucks used) - 6:25 p.m. Mondays; and 3-year-olds only - 5 p.m. Mondays.

There is limited skate rental available at no charge.

Livonia Parks and Recreation, a member of the Ice Skating Institute, also offers various levels of instruc-

tion, private lesson, teams and competition opportunities. Private lessons are available for all levels.

For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

CHS Hall of Fame

The 11th annual Livonia Churchill Athletic Patron Hall of Fame induction will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21 at the Italian-American Hall, 392000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Among the inductees are the 2007 Class A state champion girls volleyball team, former Churchill baseball player Rod Hawraney and parent volunteers Don and Jane DeRoo.

Tickets are \$35 per person (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, dinner and program (from 7:30-9 p.m.)

For more information, call Rob Suida at (313) 617-5448; or email rjsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Baseball coach

Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a varsity baseball coach for the 2013 season.

Interested candidates should send a resume, letter of recommendation and references via mail to: Kevin Murphy, Athletic Director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152; or via e-mail to kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Girls slow-pitch

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer open registration for its 2013 girls 10-and-under slow-pitch softball program, which runs from May through July, by mail from Jan. 7 through Feb. 15.

Walk-in and fax-in registration will be from Jan. 7 through Feb. 22, or until enrollment reaches 160. The fee is \$40 per child (resident) or \$50 (non-resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late registration for residents will be from 9 a.m.-

noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is \$50.

Non-resident late registration follows beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office and openings will be filled until April 29 on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$60.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (hit option No. 2).

Livonia baseball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will have open registration for its 2013 co-ed instructional, T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (7-8) baseball program which runs from May through July.

Livonia or Clarenceville public schools residents can register by mail from Jan. 7 through Feb. 8. Walk-in and fax-in registration starts Jan. 7 through Feb. 8 (or until enrollment reaches 640). The cost is \$40 per child (resident) and \$50 (non-resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late resident registration will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is \$50 per child.

Non-resident registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis until April 29. The fee is \$60 per child.

T-ball scrimmages are played Monday evenings, while coach-pitch is Thursday evenings.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (hit option No. 2).

Weekly 5K runs

All runners, joggers and walkers are welcome to participate in a weekly timed 5-kilometer run-walk at 9 a.m. each Saturday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Participation is free, but you must bring your registrant barcode to earn by registering at www.parkrun.com or www.parkrun.us.

Bible study changes nights

Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta, will move his Bible study class from Tuesday to Thursday this semester at St. Michael the Archangel School, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia.

He'll continue study of the Gospel of St. Luke, but sessions will move to 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next session is Jan. 10. His Bible study class is, basic enough

to suit those who have not studied the Bible before, but also offers in-depth opportunities that will challenge and excite the Bible Study veteran. Classes are open to all, regardless of religious denomination or affiliation, without charge or registration.

For more information, visit www.livonia-niastmichael.org or call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

January

DIVORCE, GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 3, 2013

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Two new support groups, "Through the Fire" an eight-week divorce recovery group, and "Hope for Tomorrow" an eight-week grief support class, are offered. Both of these programs have been developed and will be led by the Rev. John Straub and his wife, Suzanne, who have more than 10 years teaching experience. Pre-registration deadline is Dec. 16

Contact: (248) 553-3380

DUELING PIANOS

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., show starts 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013

Location: St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Light refreshments, 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Tickets are \$20 and available at the church office

Contact: (734) 421-6130

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Jan. 16

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The church shows the film, "The Freedom Riders," which looks at Americans who deliberately violated Jim Crow laws in southern states in 1961. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 354-4488; www.northwestu.org

GREEN FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17

Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham

Details: PRI's John Hock-

enberry goes inside the organizations that fought the scientific establishment to shift the direction of the climate debate. Film is followed by a discussion with Kathryn L. Savoie, Ph.D., an authorized presenter of the Climate Reality Project, trained directly by former Vice President Al Gore. Free admission. Sponsored by the church's Green Ministry

Contact: www.ccbucc.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house

Contact: www.saintgenevieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13

Location: Prentiss Apartments community room, 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan is a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework. It will hold a "Stitch and Kvell," with members showing off recent projects

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

SPECIAL SERVICE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6

Location: Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: In the midst of dealing with the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, economic hardships, a broken relationship, or a grim medical prognosis, the

holiday season can be filled with sadness, rather than joy. When the hustle and bustle of Christmas is through, January can feel bleak.

"Light in Our Darkness," will be an evening of prayer and song. Participants may acknowledge the hurts in their lives and pray for God's light to enter into their darkness.

Contact: (248) 553-7170

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. cash bar, 6 p.m. dinner

Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, one block south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games, and conversation until 9 p.m. Reservations by Jan. 11, 2013

Other activities: Celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth; stay after for fellowship and refreshments

Contact: Carol at (313) 562-3080 for dinner; Pat at (734) 895-6246 for Mass

February

LECTURE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11

Location: The Berman Center for Performing Arts, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, columnist and author of "The Fed-up Man of Faith," argues against Rabbi Harold Kushner's best-selling "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" and boldly guides listeners to the conclusion that challenging God and his actions is not just a right but also a foremost obligation for human beings. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door

Contact: (248) 661-1900 or www.theberman.org

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BILLOCK, ROSE THERESA

Age 95, December 28, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Cherished mother of Rosemary (Charles) Martin and the late Theresa. Dear grandmother of six and great-grandmother of 12. Also survived by her sister Frances Kryston, many nieces and nephews and her special friend Ruth McCarthy. Special thanks to Compassionate Care Hospice and the staff of Berkley Court. Visitation at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday from 9 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Research Hospital for children. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com



ROLICK, JOAN RUBEN

Age 90, passed away on December 28, 2012 at Brookdale Place in Ann Arbor, MI. Joan was born June 18, 1922, in Rochester, NY. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Samuel. Surviving relatives are Joan's two daughters, Wendy Rolick Busch, son-in-law, Stevan Albert Oswill, Allison (Liz) Hartley, son-in-law, Charles Hartley, son, John, and grandchildren, Michael and Rachel Hartley. Aside from being a devoted mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Joan served on many advocacy committees for the mentally ill in Oakland County. She was a member of the OCAP board, Oakland County's CMH housing task force, and the advisory committee for the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, among others. She will be missed by all that knew her. Donations on behalf of Joan should be sent to: Dreams Unlimited Clubhouse, 1222 Catalpa Dr., Royal Oak, MI 48067. Arrangements, Muehlig Chapel, Ann Arbor. www.muehligannarb.or.com



STEINHAUER, PHILIP FILHART ("BUB")

Of Royal Oak, Michigan, age 52, died suddenly on Friday, December 28, 2012. He was born in Detroit on August 8, 1960, the son of Judith (nee Bogetta) and Gerald. Phil spent his early years in Wayne and his high school years in Chelsea, Michigan. He attended Ferris State University, where he studied business, enjoyed fraternity life, and made life-long friends. On May 15, 1993, he married Kirstin Filhart and she survives along with their beautiful sons, Tyler and Troy. Phil began his career in Chicago and later moved back to Michigan to join his father in his business, Professional Insurance Associates, eventually becoming a partner. This family business has grown with Phil, two brothers and his wife all playing integral roles. Phil loved sports both as a player and a spectator. He was an avid and loyal fan of UM and Detroit teams, but most of all he loved watching his boys play. He and his family treasured their time at their second home in Petoskey, where they spent summer days boating and winter days skiing, often with friends who were always welcome to join them "Up North." If you met Phil, you knew that he had a marvelous and enviable ability to promptly draw you in as a friend. Just a month before his own death, Philip eulogized his father, Jerry, to the theme, "Just Me and My Dad." In addition to Kirstin, Tyler and Troy, Phil is survived by his mother Judi, grandmother Hilda, sister Krystin (Robert) Stephens, brothers Martin (Nancy), David (Kelly) and Matthew (Anne); parents-in-law, Lynn and Joanne Filhart and sisters-in-law, Marsha (Dave) Livingston, Julie (Peter) Francis and Denise Johnson, as well as many nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the American Heart/American Stroke Association are appreciated. Share your memories at: sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

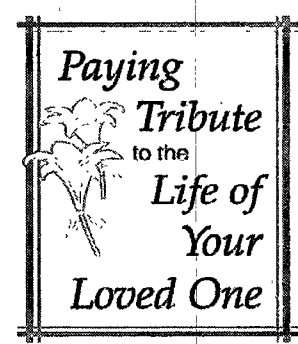
SANTURE, ELISABETH ANN

Age 82, December 25, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Donald; dear mother of Mary (Bill) Carney, David (Christie), and Lynn; dearest grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 10. A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Wayne on Saturday, January 5th at 11 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to Gift of Life or the First Congregational Church of Wayne.

WELLMAN, JENNIE

December 29, 2012, age 91. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Timothy (Terri) Tallmadge, Tamara (Richard) Smith, Bob (Nola) Wellman, Alice (Don) Jordan, Arthur Wellman, Dan (Jennifer) Wellman, Amy (Glenn) Goodsmith and Jack Wellman. Also leaves 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and siblings Earle Bassett, June (Harold) Hansor, Ardith Drury and nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3pm until 8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, where the funeral services will be held on Saturday 11am. Contributions suggested to the Plymouth Historical Museum. Share your memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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Learn to sing an oratorio this semester with local chorus

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will begin rehearsals Monday, Jan. 7 on Handel's *Judas Macabaeus*. It's an oratorio, an unusual choice for the chorus, now in its 27th season.

"In spite of the name of the group, we don't do oratorios very often," said Donald Pratt, the group's business manager. "Oratorios are large works. Essentially, they are unstaged operas because they do have arias and recitatives, but nobody is holding a spear or has a helmet with horns on. Traditionally they tell a story, although this one does not have as much of a story line as you'd think. They were very popular in Handel's day."

Years ago, the Society performed a portion of Handel's *Messiah* and the a part of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, before turning its attention to requiems, Masses and other pieces. For its 25th anniversary in 2011, the group tackled *Elijah* again, singing most of the work. That same year, Richard Ingram, the Society's conductor, began planning for another oratorio performance.

"He decided he wanted to do it this coming season, 2013. I said, that sounds really exciting, because most of us probably haven't done it."

That's one of the reasons that Pratt says experienced singers should



join the Society. They get a chance to sing music they won't find elsewhere.

"Of 45-50 pieces of music, there are only a handful — maybe four or

five — that I've ever sung before I sang them at the Oratorio Society. And that's what is so special about the Oratorio Society — performing major works by master composers, with a professional

orchestra that you probably would have no other opportunity to learn and perform.

"I think people are excited for the season to start, to do another oratorio ... the audience hopefully will be interested to hear a work you might not ever have heard," he said.

Gearing up

The group will practice for its spring concert at 7:30 p.m., every Monday, beginning Jan. 7, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, in Plymouth. The concert is 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the same location. Pratt said newcomers should arrive early for the first session on Monday, which will include registration. Scores cost \$35 and the facilities an insurance fee is \$20. He expects approximately 100 singers from 20-25 communities in southeastern Michigan will sign up.

No auditions are held. Pratt said most newcomers have seen the Society in concert or have

talked with a member and know what they're getting into when they sign up.

"If you're not experienced to do the kind of music we sing, you'll find out soon enough."

He said a few members were music majors in college, but most simply have sung with other choirs and have a "reasonable amount" of vocal experience. Some will get a chance to sing solos in *Judas Macabaeus*. The Society may hire a professional to help out with the most challenging solos.

The Spring concert also will feature a harpsichord in addition to orchestra.

"I always tell people, learning music is the most fun work you'll ever do ... sitting down and learning a piece of music you've never done and all working together and getting ready for a great performance."

For more information about the Society, call (734) 455-8353 or visit www.plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

Opportunities

Other community choruses are gearing up for their spring sessions. Here's a sampling:

• Farmington Community Chorus

The group will perform the works of Steven Sondheim and Stephen Schwartz at a spring concert called "Even Steven," 8 p.m. May 10-11 at Mercy High School. Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Jan. 8, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. Auditions will be held at 9 p.m. Jan. 8, 15 and 22. Prospective members can attend the rehearsal and stay for the audition. All voice parts, ages 18 and over, are welcome. The Chorus also offers an accredited session for Oakland Community College (OCC) students in partnership with OCC's music department. For more information about the Farmington Community Chorus and the auditions, call Shelly Addison at (248) 250-1447 or visit the website at www.farmingtonchorus.com.

• Livonia Civic Chorus

The group rehearses from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Jan. 8, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, Livonia. The spring show is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. For more information about the group, visit livoniacivicchorus.org or call (734) 542-9071.

• Beckridge Chorale

Private auditions are held for this chorus, which performs at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton and Northville High School. Auditions are by appointment only. The Chorale rehearses from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, in Plymouth. It also offers a non-audition group, the Cherry Hill Singers, which rehearses 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 Ridge Road, Canton. Applications for both the Beckridge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers are available at beckridgechorale.org; (888) 459-4887.

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Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 9-26; artist talk and reception runs 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Patricia Candor: Hiding in Plain Sight," presents the personal and creative evolution of an artist from 1978 through the present. Candor is a long-time adjunct professor at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and Lawrence Technological College

Contact: (248) 344-0497

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Candor exhibit



"1986" and other pieces by Patricia Candor will be on exhibit Jan. 9-26 at Northville Art House.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Realee Edgar's realistic paintings feature classic and vintage autos. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5. Refreshments will be served

Contact: (734) 416-4278

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Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 and 10, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 5-6.

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Wreck It Ralph," \$3

Coming up: "Cloud Atlas," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 and 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 12-13

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 4, 2013 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 5

Location: 17350 Lahser, Detroit

Details: "Strangers on a Train," \$4

Coming up: "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," 8 p.m. Jan. 18, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 19; prizes will be awarded to all Marilyn Monroe look-alikes

Contact: (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

UNITY OF LIVONIA CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The film, "I AM," asks the questions, "What's wrong with the world?" and "What can we do to fix it?" Successful Hollywood director Tom Shadyac wrote, directed and narrated the film after a bicycle accident changed his life. His journey from materialism to purpose took him from living in a 17,000 square foot mansion to happily living in a trailer. Shadyac interviews scientists, psychologists, authors, philosophers, and others, including Desmond Tutu, Howard Zinn, Lynne McTaggart, Thom Hartman and Noam Chomsky. Sponsored by Citizens for Peace

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Fishing show



Bobbing for trout is a popular contest at the annual Ultimate Fishing Show in Novi. The show runs Jan. 10-13.

Music

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month

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

Details: The next performance on Jan. 19, will feature John Nativ. Tricia Lloyd will serve as host. Admission is \$5. Individual and family annual memberships also are available

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFPresident@aol.com or call (734) 453-0869

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31

Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center performs; tickets are \$46 for adults and \$36 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: (248) 661-1900; www.theberman.org

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12

At Music Hall



A scene from "Guess How Much I Love You," set for Jan. 13, at Music Hall in Detroit.

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: Anthony Marwood plays violin and Aleksandar Madzar is on piano for this program that will include works by Debussy, Schubert, Beethoven and Gordon Kerry. Tickets range from \$15-\$60

Contact: (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ChamberMusic-Detroit.org

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Peter Oprisko presents "Fabulous Frank," a tribute to Frank Sinatra. The show will feature timeless classics such as "Fly Me to the Moon," "New York, New York," and "Strangers in the Night." Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors. They're available at https://recreg.fhgov.com, by calling (248) 473-1848 or at the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile. Some tickets may be available at the door

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

Location: At Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Latin Jazz All Stars performs Afro Cuban, Salsa, Brazilian, and Latin Jazz. Performers include Arturo O'Farrill, pianist; Chembo Corniel, percussionist; Nestor Torres, on flute; and Steve Berrios on drums. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door

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JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

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

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Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Harper and the Midwest Kind Acoustic Show, Jan. 5; Floyd King and the Bushwackers with the Campfire Compadres, Jan. 11; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and The Potter's Field, Jan. 13; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Jan. 18; David Nefesh and Jeff Reynolds with Anthony Retka, Jan. 19; Lindsay Lou and the Flatbellys, Jan. 25; Billy McLaughlin, Jan. 26. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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WOODWARD CORRIDOR MUSICIANS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13

Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Chamber music concert features "Site for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio"

by Claude Bolling and "Trio in E-flat major, Opus 27," by Frantisek Skroup. Admission is \$10 for adults. Students in K-12th grade are admitted free

Contact: WoodwardCM.org; (248) 546-5818 or LFDDean@aol.com

Theater

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 6-7; 8 p.m. Feb. 9; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feb. 10

Location: 6600 West Maple, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, in West Bloomfield

Details: Sky's the Limit Productions stages Disney's "The Little Mermaid, Jr.," \$16

Contact: (248) 661-1900

FOREVER AFTER PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 1-2 and 8-9; 2 p.m. Feb. 2-3 and 9-10 and 9:30 a.m. Feb. 4-5

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Les Miserables" follows the life of Jean Valjean in 19th-century France as he turns from ex-prisoner to philanthropist all the while being relentlessly hunted by the ruthless lawman, Javert, after he breaks parole. This author-approved abridged version runs just over two hours. Forever After Productions is a community theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. Tickets are \$15. Purchase at www.foreverafternow.com, or call (734) 547-5156. They're also sold at the box office one hour before show time

Contact: www.foreverafternow.com

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia presents "Guess How Much I Love You" and "I Love My Little Storybook." Tickets are \$7 for kids and \$17 for adults or \$30 for a family pack of four tickets

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Broccoli Stir-Fry

Serves: 4

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 2 shallots, peeled and thinly sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 cup assorted Asian mushrooms (maitake, white buna-shimeji, enoki, yellow foot, shiitake)



Broccoli Stir-Fry

- ½ head Napa cabbage, shredded
- 1 ½ cups of broccoli florets
- 1 ½ cups snow peas
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- Sprouts for garnish

Heat large sauté pan with oil over medium high heat.

Cook shallots until translucent, about 2 minutes, add garlic. Cook for 1 minute.

Add mushrooms and cook until liquid dissolves, about 5 minutes.

Add cabbage, broccoli, snow peas and bell pepper; cook for 3 minutes. Top with sprouts. Serve immediately.

Broccoli with Fusilli and Red Pepper

Serves: 6 to 8

- 1 ½ cups broccoli florets
- 3 teaspoons salt, divided
- ½ pound fusilli pasta
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and sliced into long thin strips
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 lemon zest
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 ½ tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Freshly grated Parmesan (optional)

Cook broccoli for 3 minutes in a large pot of boiling water with 1 teaspoon salt. Remove from water with slotted spoon. Place in large bowl and set aside.



Roasted Broccoli

In same water, cook pasta according to package directions, about 10 minutes. Drain well and add to broccoli.

While pasta is cooking, in small sauté pan, heat oil and cook sliced red pepper, garlic and lemon zest over medium-low heat for 3 minutes.

Off heat, add 2 teaspoons salt, red pepper flakes, pepper and lemon juice. Mix and pour this over broccoli and pasta. Toss well.

Season to taste, sprinkle with cheese (if using), and serve.

For added protein, shred ½ of a cooked store-bought roasted chicken, then toss with pasta and serve.

Roasted Broccoli

Serves: 4

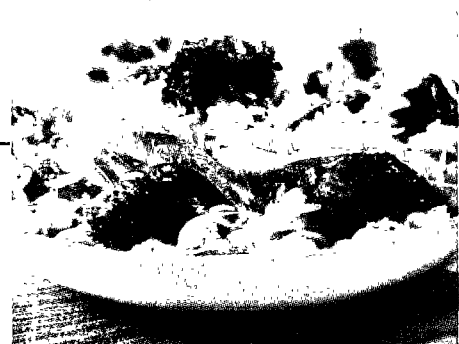
- 1 ½ cups of broccoli florets
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan
- 3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
- 1 teaspoon chopped basil (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F.

In large bowl, toss broccoli with garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper.

Place broccoli in a single layer on baking sheet. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes, turning once during cooking, until crisp-tender.

Broccoli with Fusilli and Red Pepper



Remove broccoli immediately to serving bowl and toss with lemon juice and zest, Parmesan, pine nuts and basil. Adjust seasoning to taste and serve hot.

Broccoli and Fresh Tomato Pizza

Yield: 1 pizza (serves 6 to 8)

- 1 whole wheat 12-inch ready-to-bake pizza crust
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ¾ cup shredded mozzarella-provolone cheese blend, or ½ cup shredded mozzarella and ¼ cup shredded provolone
- ¼ cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup of broccoli florets (raw and quartered)
- 2 Roma tomatoes, chopped coarse

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place pizza crust on cookie sheet.

Pour olive oil into small pan; heat and add garlic. Stir for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer to small cup to cool. Pour garlic olive oil mixture over crust, distributing evenly.

Sprinkle mozzarella-provolone blend evenly over crust. Sprinkle cheddar cheese evenly over top of mozzarella-provolone blend.

Place broccoli on top of cheese; distribute evenly. Place tomatoes on top of pizza; distribute evenly.

Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven; let sit for 2 minutes before slicing and serving.

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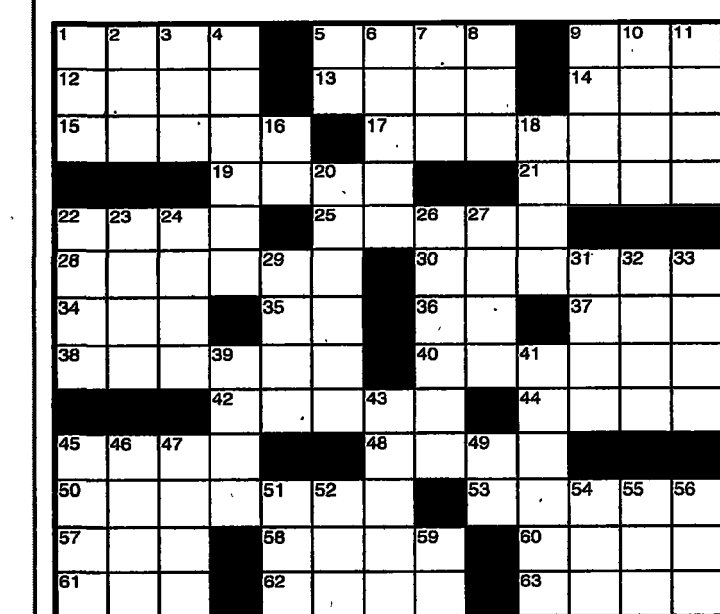
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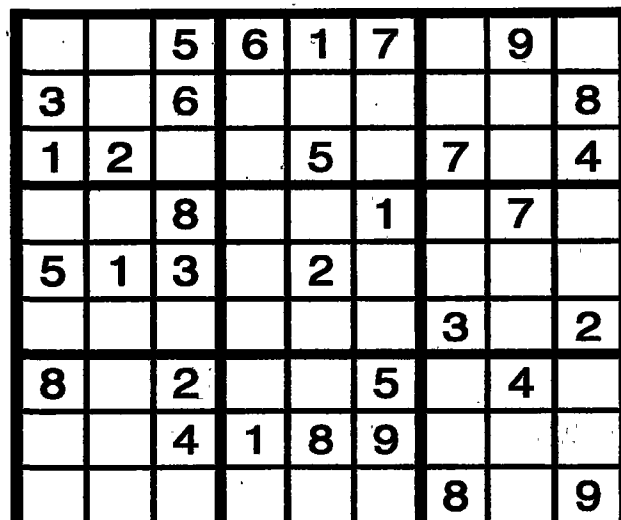
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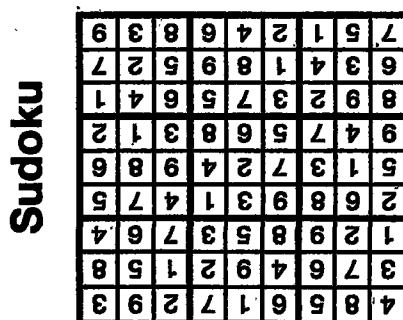
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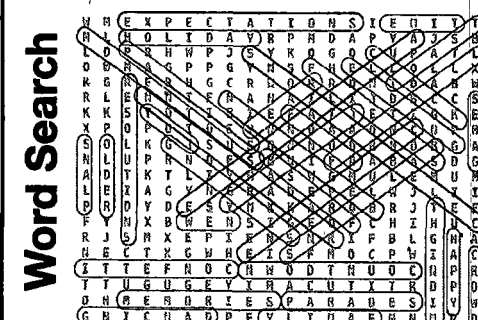
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