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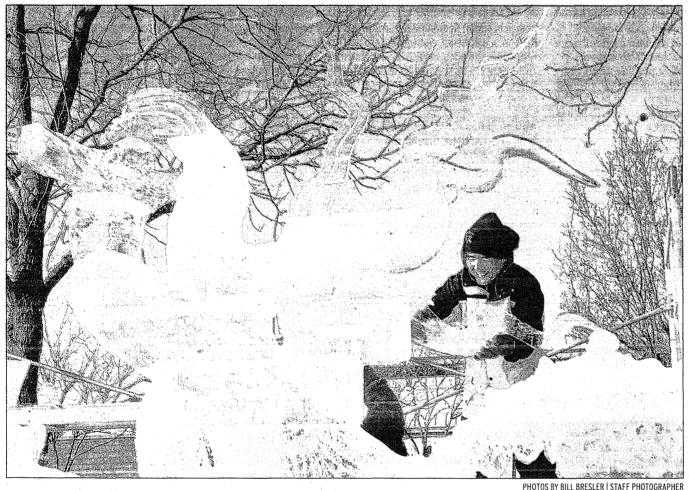
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## Convicted killer seeks new trial

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the 18year-old Plymouth Township resident convicted last year of killing and beheading a River Rouge man, finds out next month whether he'll get another day in court.

Orlewicz, sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing and dismembering the body of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, is scheduled to appear before Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow in a motion hearing set for Feb. 13.

The hearing, designed to seek a new trial for Orlewicz, reportedly will include testimony from a defense expert. However, Detroit attorney Elizabeth Jacobs, who is handling Orlewicz's appeal, declined to discuss the hearing in any detail, other than to confirm the date.

Likewise Maria Miller, spokesperson for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, declined comment, citing a policy of not talking about cases

Orlewicz was convicted in

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy at the time labeled the killing a "thrill kill," a label thought prejudicial by Orlewicz's attorneys, who said the killing was done in selfdefense. The jury didn't buy it, instead depending largely on the testimony of Alexander Letkemann of Westland, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for his tes-

April 2008 in the November

2007 death of Sorensen, who

grandfather. Orlewicz then

died in the garage of Orlewicz's

beheaded Sorensen, burned his

fingertips in an attempt to pre-

vent identification and dumped

The body was later identified by

a fingerprint not destroyed in

the burning.

the body in a Northville field.

20- to 30-year sentence. A third teen, Isam Ayyash, who helped Orlewicz load Sorensen's body onto a truck, was granted immunity in exchange for his testimony. No one else has been charged in the

timony. Letkemann is serving a

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Jean Pierre Orlewicz will be in court next month seeking a new trial after being convicted of first-degree murder and felony murder last year.

## Hot reception for ice fest

## Annual festival proves popular with crowds

BY BRAD KADRICH

Neither Leslie Mahlmeister nor her friend, Linda Irwin, had ever been to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular before, the event having been one of those "I've heard about it but never gone" items for the two friends.

That changed Saturday, when Mahlmeister and Irwin joined thousands of other spectators lining the streets around downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the 27th annual show, which featured more than 100 sculptures crafted from thousands of pounds of ice during the three-day festival.

They came away impressed.



The northwoods tableau certainly fit the weekend's frigid temperatures at the ice festival.

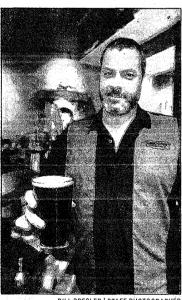
"I thought they were pretty cool, and fun to see," said Mahlmeister, a Harper Woods resident. "It was fun, a different thing to do. It was pretty neat."

Festival organizers couldn't estimate an attendance figure, since admission is free and the show is open 24 hours a day. However, they called the festival "one of the most well-attended ever," and said retailers reported business up some 25 percent over previous years.

"Great crowds, stunning works of art and cash registers ringing. That is why the event was started 27 years ago," event producer Mike Watts, of Watts Up, Inc., said. "It continues to be free of charge, and everyone appreciated that this year. It is open 24 hours and appropriate for all ages so families can enjoy it together."

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## New brew on tap in Old Village



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Joe Walters and one of the four

brews currently on tap, a dry stout.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Joe Walters is living every home-brewer's dream. On Dec. 8, he opened the doors of Liberty Street Brewing Company in Plymouth's Old Village. Now he's not just serving up pilsners and porters to friends, he's a partner and general manager of the area's only microbrewery.

The microbrewery is in the midst of a weeklong grand opening celebration, with more than just fresh beer on tap.

Walters began working on this venture more than two years ago. He scouted locations across the area, beginning in Chelsea The Liberty Street spot proved the eighth time was the charm.

It took perseverance but Walters can finally welcome customers – about 100 at a time - into the charming historic building. The brewhouse was custom-built next door and the upstairs tasting room was renovated to match the charm of 115-year-old

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red brick walls and warm wood that make the main bar a cozy escape.

Pint glasses gleam along mirrored shelves at the main bar downstairs. Tall tables and barstools beckon customers with a taste for hand-crafted beer. As for the décor, Walters said, "it is all done very elegantly."

Elegant yes, but hardly pretentious. Customers can come in and expect to find 12 hand-crafted beers on tap upstairs or downstairs. Six varieties - Liberty Street's Blonde, Irish Red, Pilsner, IPA, Stout and Porter - will be mainstays at the bar.

Please see BREWERY, A3

## Police tracking down credit card bandits

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Police are trying to determine the identities of two women who reportedly used a credit card stolen from a purse Jan. 12 at Gallimore Elementary School.

The pair reportedly used the credit card on the same day to purchase items at Wal-Mart in Canton.

"We're working closely with the schools to try and identify them," said Canton Police spokesperson Sgt. Debra Newsome. "As far as we can tell they aren't employees of the school district."

**Plymouth-Canton Schools** Director of Community Relations Frank Ruggirello

said police are investigating the theft of credit cards and money from four schools in the district - including Allen Elementary and Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township and Smith Elementary in Plymouth - all possibly on the same day.

"We try to keep an eye on everyone who comes into the building, but it becomes very difficult during arrival and dismissal times," Ruggirello said. "We always remind staff to keep their personal belongings locked up.

Anyone with information on the suspects' identity is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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

### Comedy for a cause

An evening designed to benefit Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's only live theater company, Thursday, Feb. 5, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. (you must be 21 or older to attend). Cost is \$15 per person, and tickets can be purchased at www.ticketleap.com or calling (734) 334 - 0564.

Joey's requires a \$5 or twodrink minimum. The ticket also provides a 25-percent discount for dinner at Kicker's. Show tickets must be purchased in advance. The event also includes a 50-50 drawing.

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Contact the studio at (734) 207-8970 or info@ MetroDanceCompany.com for more information.

#### DAR meets

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The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meets 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

The program will feature a tour of the Lincoln Room and "A look at Lincoln after 200 years, with speaker Gary Packer, member of the Abraham Lincoln Bi-Centennial Committee for the State of Michigan.

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The topic of the lecture is 'The Beauty of Bronze."

The PCAC also presents a Brown-Bag lecture at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon.

The topic is Life After Death, and the lecture starts at noon.

The lectures are free. For more information, visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-

### Prisoner family support

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope4healing@rocketmail.com for more information. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain.

Meetings are free and run 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

### Plakas investiture

The investiture of James A. Plakas as judge of the 35th District Court will be held at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at The Inn at St. John's, Grande Ballroom, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. A reception will immediately follow. Judges are asked to bring their robes. The public is welcome. For more information, call (734) 414 0600.

#### Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 14.

Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by early February or contact Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will ; tions, contact peep-seniorbe permitted to exhibit at this event.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and

The Post meeting is the second Monday of every month (except July and August) and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a light lunch that follows the meeting. Those interested are welcome; contact Sr Vice Cmdr/Adi Roger L. Kehrier, (734) 453-

Benjamin Karl of Redford plays George and Betty Berryman of Canton is Doris in Barefoot Productions' Same Time,

Next Year, a romantic comedy by Bernard Slade, directed by Barefoot's Craig Hane, and presented Feb. 19-21 and

Feb. 26-28 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 22 and March 1 at 2 p.m. at the old Walker/Buzenberg furniture store in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors 60 and older. The building is located at 240 N.

Main in Plymouth. For tickets and reservations, call (734) 560-1493, visit www.Ticketleap.com or Barefoot's Web site

### **Grief to New Hope**

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning Feb. 9. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Plymouth's Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support.

Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church located on 6 Mile & Haggerty Roads in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at 248-374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call 248-348-0115.

## Saturdays @ The Penn

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society present Saturdays at the Penn @ noon.

The next old-fashioned variety shows for children and families is Feb. 7, with special musical host Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express and special guest performer Like Water Drume and Dance.

The announcer is Timothy Thompson.

Tickets cost \$3 and may be purchased the day of the show. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman in Plymouth. To purchase tickets before the concert or for more information on group purchases, contact Deb Madonna at (734) 377-0914. Visit www.PennSaturdays.com

### PCAC offerings

for more information.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council brings back its camp program for children ages 5-12. The mid-winter camp runs Feb. 23-27, the spring break camp is April 13-17, and the PCAC offers snow-day camps when Plymouth-Canton school officials call a snow day due to inclement weather. All camps run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The PCAC offers Girl Scout programs, with workshops for badges including ceramics and clay, theatre, Her Story and colors and shapes.

There are drop-in art classes with Pam Grossman. The drawing-based class takes place Mondays and Wednesdays, while the youth (ages 6-19) classes are offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Pottery A-Z with Jeff Burda is offered in six-week sessions for children ages 6-12 on Saturdays Jan. 24-Feb. 28, March 7-April 11, April 25-May 30.

All camps and classes are held at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. To register for these programs stop in at the PCAC or call (734) 416-4278. More information on all programs is available at the PCAC Web site, www.plymoutharts.com

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## Beloved teacher succumbs to breast cancer

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Angie Lipford loved her three sons - Matthew, 23, David, 21, and Daniel, 17 family, friends and life.

But what really kept her going the past five years while battling breast cancer was her special education students at Discovery Middle School.

Lipford never complained about the deadly disease which buried itself in her bones and liver. Not even Saturday morning, when she passed away at the age of 47 with her family at her bedside.

"No one will ever know how much she suffered because she was just so darn independent in that way," David Lipford, of Canton, said at his mother's memorial Tuesday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. "I only knew positive times with her. She would come home and talk to me with such a huge smile on her face about what happened that day in class. It made me so happy that she found something so meaning-

ful to her." Angie Lipford always wanted to be more than just her students' teacher. She wanted them to know they really mattered and wanted to do whatever she could for them. That's how Janelle Hansen of Canton remembers Angie Lipford.

"She was a great lady who always went above and beyond, which didn't stop at the classroom," said Hansen, whose son Drew, 18, had Lipford while a middle school student. "Several times she would come to outside activities, like Special Olympics, to encourage him. When Drew took therapeutic horseback riding, she came and took pictures, put them into a book and wrote a story about what he did to help him process and understand the whole event. She was incredible."

Lipford found her niche late in life, getting her degree from **Eastern Michigan University** in 2001. She immediately began teaching at Discovery.

"She loved her kids, and individualized her teaching as much as she could to get them to be as good as they could," Discovery Principal Roche LaVictor said. "She never complained about her cancer. She was a pillar of strength around here.

Even after she was diagnosed with cancer, Angie Lipford participated in a cou-





Matthew, David, Angie and Daniel Lipford.

ple of 60-mile breast cancer

"When you have cancer, you are angry, and this is a way you can fight back," Lipford said in 2007. "After the initial shock, you realize you have to fight this, and walking in the 3-Day is therapeutic. I'm scared to death, but you pray a lot and have to have hope."

Lipford taught until the Christmas break and used much of her remaining time with her mother and three

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Mary Mason of Canton was a student teacher with Lipford for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years and planned a bowling fund-raiser for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Super Bowl in Canton to help raise money for Lipford. Mason says the event will go on, with proceeds going to help her sons, who lived with her.

"She was a strong advocate for her kids," Mason said. "It wasn't about her, it was about what she could do to make

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The other taps are reserved for Walters' own creativity, seasonal specials. Imagine Pumpkin Pie Ale in the fall and you get the picture.

This month, Walters will introduce his Liberty Light Pilsner, a cold-aged lager brewed in a classic German

Though Walters lives in Farmington Hills he's looking to relocate to Plymouth and said the community has been very welcoming already. "The demographics are perfect," he said. There isn't another microbrewery for at least 12 miles, he estimated. And that means Walters has cornered the market on freshness and quality in western Wayne County, and he's serving it up by the pint or half-pint.

Those measurements are true, too. Patrons drink from 10- or 20-ounce beer glasses and pay \$3-\$5. They have the option to sample beer at 5 ounces for \$1.50 or order up a sampler of four for \$5.

Half-gallon growlers, holding 64 ounces, are sold to-go

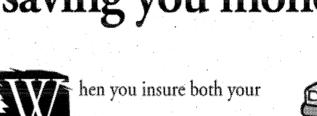
for \$17 though a discount is offered on refills. And refill on a Sunday or Wednesday for just \$9. He'll soon add one-liter Snarlers to that list. They'll be pressurized to keep the beer fresh longer and allow patrons to cellar-age them. Five-gallon kegs are also available, and run about \$40.

Beer might be the focus, but it's not the only item on the menu. Walters blends his own root beer and serves soda, coffee and other drinks. A light food menu features his specialty Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cheese Filled Breadsticks and the popcorn is always free. Patrons are encouraged to order from area delivery menus and have food from other establishments delivered right to their table — it's a service meant to make up for a tiny kitchen.

Though the establishment has only just opened, Walters said he is receiving "a lot of positive feedback. People have come from St. Clair Shores. It's a destination."

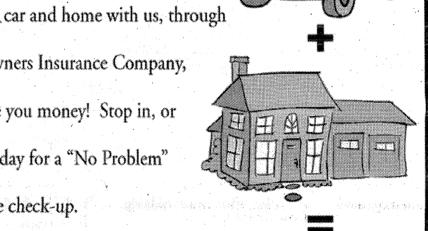
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## The latest trends in eyewear fashion

BY AMY SKIMIN SPECIAL WRITER

If you're ready to try a new look for the new year, don't forget about your eyes. A new pair of glasses can offer you a quick style upgrade while improving your vision.

This year, rectangular frames are big, with designs around the temples for women and a heavier, European look for men, according to Lisa Dubuis of Henry Ford OptimEyes in South Lyon (pictured above).

A popular new line of frames for men is the Randy Jackson collection, designed by the "American Idol" judge for which it was named.

"That's the latest one that we just got in," Dubuis said.

The list of popular women's brands reads like an inventory of designer handbags, with names like Juicy Couture, Valentino, Bebe, BCBG and Kate Spade.

Dubuis expects the big styles now will stay popular for a while — "at least a couple of years," she said.

Of course, it's also important to take into account what will look good with your

facial shape. Dubuis said a good rule of thumb is to look at frames opposite the shape of your face. A person with a round face, for example, would best be able to pull off

rectangular frames.
Also remember to take skin tone and facial size into account when selecting new glasses. You don't want to pick a frame in a color that will wash you out or in a size that will look too big or too small.

If you can't figure out what looks best on you, just ask. Dubuis and other employees are there to help.

While you're thinking about new glasses, don't forget to protect your eyes from the sun with a new pair of sunglasses. As well as looking stylish, sunglasses also shield eyes from harmful UV rays.

Exposure to UV rays from sunlight has been associated with the development of cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

This year, bigger is definitely better when it comes to stylish frames, especially for women. Expect to see a lot of over-sized, plastic frames both in stores and out on the street.

## Revolutionary heart care

New equipment treats heart attacks below patient reaches hospital doors

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

Cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, are the nation's No. 1 killer, according to the American Heart Association.

Annually, more than 500,000 patients are admitted to emergency rooms suffering from heart attacks nationwide.

When the time comes for immediate treatment, Garden City Hospital's Emergency Services staff is standing by, trained in effective treatment methods that can save your life.

Current procedures involves opening up a blocked coronary artery with a balloon-tipped catheter and should be performed in 90 minutes. Today, only 32 percent of patients are treated effectively within that timeframe, the American Heart Association reports.

Garden City Hospital's emergency department acknowledged this reality and purchased a new telehealth system, CAREpoint EMS Workstation with Rosetta ™ Lt 12-Lead ECG capability — high-end equipment to expedite the diagnosis and treatment of heart attacks before a patient even reaches the hospital doors. The hospital will introduce this equipment to its patients Feb. 2.

"This technology will allow us to bridge the gap from when a patient is in the ambulance to when they enter the emergency department," said Barb Coldren, Emergency Services Director. "The pre-hospital 12-Lead ECG data sent from EMS will help the physicians within the emergency department determine the best treatment path for the patient while en route to the hospital, therefore decreasing door-to-balloon time, and ultimately mortality."

When EMS responds to

an individual experiencing chest pain, they will now have the Rosetta 12-Lead ECG to transmit patient information instantly to the CAREpoint EMS workstation housed in Garden City Hospital's emergency department. While in the ambulance, patients will be hooked up with ECG leads and live, streaming ECG transmissions will be sent directly to the hospital. This

will allow physicians to confirm a heart attack diagnosis and ready the cath lab prior to the patient arriving.

"We believe that this system will change the way patients view emergency care," Coldren said. "Patients are used to receiving care when they enter the emergency room. This technology will allow emergency physicians to begin caring for them, before they even

Make it a point to maintain a healthy heart, with smart nutrition choices, good fitness habits and regular medical check-ups this year and the next.

If you're in need of treatment and don't know where to begin, Garden City Hospital offers a range of non-invasive and invasive procedures, where expert staff is on-hand to assess your needs and provide you the utmost in specialized care.

The hospital features a state-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterization Lab for invasive procedures, including placement of pacemakers, implantable loop recorders (ILR) and implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICD) and cardioversion.

Non-invasive tests — including electrocardiogram (ECG), a variety of stress testing options, echocardiogram, transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) and tilt table test — are performed every day on patients from across Metro Detroit.

Health education is just as important as seeking treatment for those with heart needs. The American Heart Association recently reported that heart failure patients who participated in exercise training quickly improved their quality of life.

## Community Assistance Pricing 'caps' emergency medical costs during hard times

Today, healthcare is more expensive than ever, making it more difficult to stay healthy.

But don't sacrifice your wellness because you're worried about the bills – check out the Community Assistance Pricing program at Garden City Hospital's emergency department, so you don't have to chose between your family's health and your budget.

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## Update your smile

BY MIKE HOGAN SPECIAL WRITER

Most New Years resolutions have something to do with looking or feeling better, but it can be hard to know where to start.

Local dentists think good health starts with the mouth. Visiting your dentist can

Visiting your dentist can have a great impact on both your health and your appearance.

Looking to improve your

smile? Teeth whitening is now so commonplace that whitening kits of all prices and varieties can be found local supermarkets.

But for a more professional look, cosmetic dentists offer more effective ways to brighten smiles.

Dr. John Halmaghi in Southfield is fully certified in whitening techniques, like BriteSmile.

"It can last up to two years, assuming (the patient) takes care of their teeth," Halmaghi said.

Halmaghi applies a painless, light-sensitive gel to the teeth. He then uses a special BriteSmile light to activate the gel. The whole process takes just over an hour. A patient can even have the process completed on the same day as a consult. After a few follow-up processes at home, a patient can see results within a few weeks.

But how white is too white?
"If your teeth are transparent, you've gone too far," said
Dr. Richard S. Bernstein,
Farmington Hills.

Bernstein is an expert in the business of designing smiles. Bernstein believes each smile should be as unique as the person using it.

"One size does not fit all," Bernstein said. "I follow certain principles that will bring a more pleasing nature. It's an art when you're doing this."

Bernstein is a member of the American Society for Dental Aesthetics, an organization built around the idea

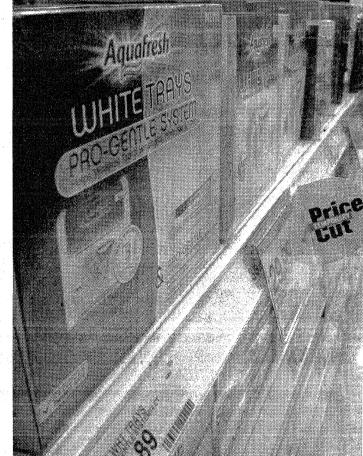


PHOTO BY MIKE HOGAN

At-home whitening kits are available at most supermarkets, but cosmetic dentistry processes are more effective.

that teeth should not only be healthy, but they should also be pleasing to the eye. He is the only member who operates in Michigan.

Designing a smile usually involves shaping the teeth to help them have a proportional nature. In addition to shaping and using veneers, Bernstein also provides Invisalign, the popular, nearly invisible alternative to braces.

Invisalign uses a series of molds that are replaced every two weeks. The molds are expertly made of acrylic and use pressure points to quickly and painlessly set teeth straight. Best of all, Invisalign molds are virtually unnotice-

Visiting the dentist isn't just

about how you look, as many dentists like Bernstein will say. A regular checkup can keep the whole body healthy, just by preventing the growth of gum disease. Bacteria from gum disease can easily travel into the rest of your body.

"Once you have gum disease, you never get rid of it,"
Bernstein warned.
"You can only maintain it."

Children as early as age seven should be seen by an orthodontist to evaluate if changes in the child's skeletal (jaw) pattern are needed, the American Association of Orthodontics recommends.

Between improving your appearance and your health, a new you is just one dentist appointment away.

## Reverse mortgage may help some seniors meet expenses

o one segment of society is immune to the current economic turmoil. However, one population more affected than others is senior citizens.

Seniors are always one of the most vulnerable because they typically do not have many options. For example, for seniors who are retired, it is very difficult to get back into the workforce.

One option they do have is a reverse mortgage which are generally for people 62 years and older. A reverse mortgage allows one to use the equity in his/her home during. their lifetime. Reverse mortgages are not for everyone, however, they do



**Money Matters** 

Rick Bloom

for seniors in certain situations. It is important to understand the terms

provide opportunities

of a reverse mortgage. In a typical case, the homeowner receives a set amount of money from the mortgage company. The money can be

used to pay off a mortgage on the existing property or to cover living expenses.

The bottom line is the customer (senior citizen) decides how to use the

The reverse mortgage has an interest factor but unlike a traditional mortgage there is no monthly payment. The reverse mortgage is due either upon death of husband and wife or upon sale. What's nice about a reverse mortgage is there is no liability for your loved one. If, upon your death the reverse mortgage balance is greater than the value of your home, the mortgage company can take the home. It cannot seek payments from your loved ones. If the reverse mortgage is worth less than the property, the house could be sold, the reverse mortgage paid off, and the balance

paid to the beneficiaries.

The key to remember about a reverse mortgage is that during your lifetime you can stay in your house for as long as you want and you do not have to make any payments.

During the boom in the real estate market, many people were using reverse mortgages to buy second homes, take vacations, or even pay for a grandchild's college. In today's economy, reverse mortgages are most often used to provide a cash flow for seniors so they can continue to maintain their lifestyle.

In today's market of falling real estate prices, the value of a reverse

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love all gluttonous feeder-

mortgage is not as great as it used to be. However, it still can be an effective vehicle to help seniors cover liv-

ing expenses. Reverse mortgages have fees so it's important to shop around. Take the time to understand the terms and

how it works. An informed decision

will guarantee you do the right thing.

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## Even maligned squirrels have their place in nature

very now and then someone writes a request for a master plan on how to banish squirrels from their suburban yard. Others are more extreme, "I wish I could kill them," behaving as if squirrels that express their acrobatic antics at bird feeders have morphed into sabertoothed beasts.

Something puzzles me. The squirrels that are the subject of that disproportionate anguish and anger are not red squirrels, those energized hyperactive rodents that chew holes in roof eves and host wild-winter, pitter-pattering, nut-gnawing chit-chattering all night attic

parties. The offenders are almost always black squirrels, which are actually gray squirrels.

Jonathan Schechter

breath, grab that coffee and settle back down for a winter's morning ramble on

Take a

Confused?

squirrels in our county: OAKland. And I hope you noticed the emphasis on OAK in Oakland. Oaks mean acorns. Acorns means squirrels. And

the survival instincts and learned behavior of squirrels have made them masters of their art:

Raiding easy pickings at bird feeders. Darwin would look back and smile. And I could end this ramble here and simply say, "Accept squirrels!" I won't.

Gray squirrels are generally a silvery gray color, and are the squirrels that the Red Coats noted in the lofty tree tops as they marched on the rebellious colonists. All sides in the Revolutionary War feasted on squirrel stew. My neighbor still does. Gray squirrels have a strong preference for oak forest and dense woods. The

"black squirrel" is simply a melanistic phase of the gray.

Red squirrels are small, but larger than a chipmunk. These vocal squirrels chatter warnings of danger and have a preference for pine cones and other conifer cones. With a reddish back and a white belly and their mastery at tunneling through snow and lightning fast grab and stash feeder hits

they are a pleasure to watch. Time for me to scatter sunflower seeds, nuts and apple cores. And, if birds want to visit my feeder that welcomes all, that's just fine with me. Birds have to accept the social interspecies hierarchy of

manipulated ways in our not winter day's entree. Perhaps so wild kingdom of squirrels. they taste like furry chicken. And fresh coyote tracks near

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## Library's value has never been higher

The perpetually sagging Michigan economy generally means nothing but doom-and-gloom for businesses, retailers, employees and just about everyone else in the

But the news isn't all bad, at least not for the Plymouth District Library. Bolstered at least partially by a cashstrapped clientele seeking cheaper ways to entertain themselves, the library for the first time reached the million-item checkout mark in 2008.

There are all sorts of reasons for the hike in circulation at the Plymouth District Library. First and foremost, library director Pat Thomas does a great job running the place, and publicity hawk Susan Stoney is excellent at keeping news of the library's various programs out in front of the public.

The milestone shouldn't have come as much of a surprise, since the library's circulation has been rising steadily over the years. It hit 925,000 items in 2006, then rose to nearly 947,000 in 2007 before cruising past the million mark last year. Circulation jumped 7 percent.

And while the library's collection of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs is as popular as ever, Thomas is finding people are also using the library more for practical reasons: job hunting and resume writing, as well as the do-it-yourself items on things like energy efficiency and home improvement.

Patrons are looking for any money-saving port in the current economic storm.

And they're finding a lot of them, apparently. The library hit the million mark despite being able to draw from only about 37,000 city and township residents, which according to Thomas gives the Plymouth District Library one of the best per-capita checkout rates around.

It's not just the catalog of items available for checkout; the library also does a great job with its programs. Offerings include story times for kids, computer classes, programs directed at teens and informative seminars and the like for adults.

The Kevin Costner film Field of Dreams used the premise, "If you build it, he will come." The Plymouth District Library has proven the adage true, building on strong community support from a public willing to pay a separate library tax and a clientele using the library in record numbers.

The Plymouth District Library has always been a strong resource in the community, even when times were good. It should come as no surprise that, with tough times abounding, the library should prove to be stronger

## Look beyond holidays to help those in need

It sounds simple enough. You need to go to the groce store to pick up a few things. Nothing special, just some coffee, cereal for the kids, tea, maybe some canned fruit and - oh, yeah - some toilet paper.

Not a big deal, right?

Well, unfortunately, it is a very big deal for a growing number of people, many of whom live right in our hometowns. The list of people needing such basic things grows with each announcement of yet another company planning layoffs.

That list of items amounts to what is most needed in January by the Rochester Area Neighborhood House, which operates a food pantry that is housed in First Congregational Church in Rochester.

January. The holiday hoopla is over, and so are the pleas for donations of money, food and clothing to help our neighbors. But the need is as great - no, greater

– than ever before. There are plenty of ways in which you can help. Here are a few of the organizations which provide food pan-

tries and would welcome your contributions. Troy People Concerned acts as a referral agency, while St. Anastasia Catholic Church, also in Troy, has a food

pantry. Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City has a food bank that distributes food that serves 500 people -200

families - each month. It relies on donations and is a partner with Gleaners. Gleaners is one of two major agencies which battle hunger, the other being Forgotten Harvest. Forgotten Harvest, based in Oak Park, picks up food from restau-

rants and grocery stores for distribution to shelters and soup kitchens. It doesn't take food from the public, but it does take contributions. The John Bolde Memorial Food Depot at the St. Mary

Outreach in Wayne also relies on food and monetary donations that help purchase food from Gleaners.

The Plymouth Salvation Army has a food pantry, and it's always taking donations. That is just a brief sampling of organizations that could

use your help. Check with your town hall, service organizations or local churches for other ways to offer help. Remember, as tight as your own budget is, there are a lot of folks out there who are really hurting.



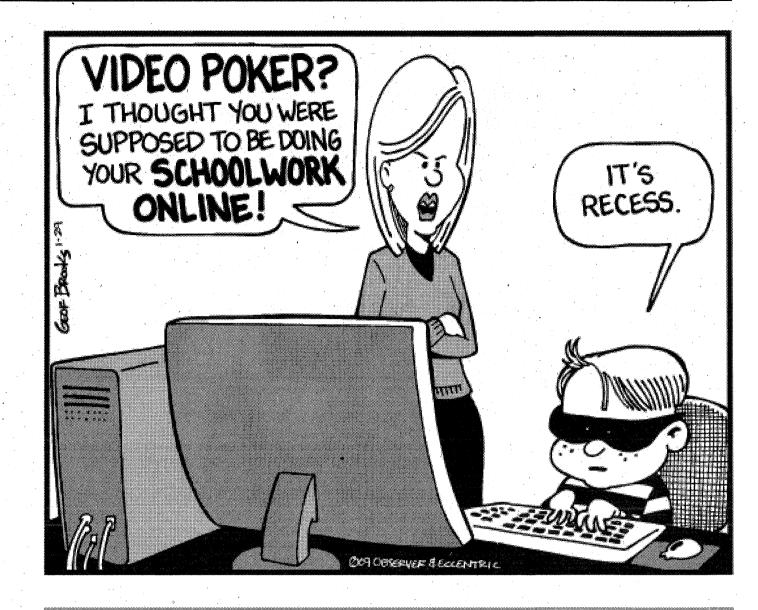
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## Salaries 'touchy'

I don't know if it was more amusing or pathetic that in a discussion of the attempt of the Plymouth-Canton Schools to balance its budget, that teacher salaries were described as a "touchy subject."

Given that it is difficult, at best, to get elected to the school board without the endorsement of the teacher's union, I guess it is not surprising that the subject is "touchy." I am confident that teacher salaries and benefits are the single biggest expense in the budget.

Good luck addressing a \$7 million deficit if your single biggest expense is virtually off-limits.

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## Reporter moves

As a longtime loyal *Plymouth Observer* reader/subscriber, I am absolutely amazed that your organization would remove Tony Bruscato from his duties covering Plymouth.

Tony is a quality journalist who doesn't miss a thing on his beat. He enjoyed Plymouth and it showed in all his stories. He is ethical, responsible and respected in this community. Everyone in town knows him. And he rarely, if ever, gets scooped.

While I have never supervised Tony or edited his copy, I just can't understand why he would be pulled off this beat. His institutional knowledge of the community could never be replaced.

Please tell me this decision will be reconsidered. If not, I'll reconsider whether it's worth my time and money to renew my subscription.

**Phil Nussel** 

## Plymouth

## Doing the flip-flop

And the winner of the "no class" award goes to ... His Majesty ... the messiah ... President Obama. Despite the comparisons that are being

made between former President Bush and President Obama in the media where Bush is hated and Obama is the beloved, the fact is that at the outset of the Bush administration, the former president attended a Democrat retreat as a show of goodwill and to try to set the tone for bipartisanship in Washington. President Obama, on the other hand, is showing his "bipartisanship" with his own version of "it's my way or the highway" attitude.

The liberal Democrats have been Bushbashing since his inauguration, complaining he spent too much money on his inauguration celebration while Obama has spent three times that amount and not a peep from the mainstream media about it.

In a recent Fox News story, Obama told Republican leaders at a meeting "you can't just listen to Rush Limbaugh and get things done." So what he was saying was; Republicans need to see things Obama's way. So much for tolerance of ideas!

Included in the Fox news article, in a meeting on the "stimulus" (read that as welfare programs, bailouts and more spending), Obama told Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., "I won. I will trump you on that."

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Cantor was objecting to Obama's "proposal to increase benefits for low-income workers who don't owe federal income taxes." In other words, Cantor was objecting to a government welfare program.

Obama's plan is sending us into a socialist-type government that we may not be able to come out of without a total collapse of the economy. Bush was no prize with his spending, but he at least made an effort to be bipartisan and stuck to his guns as to what he believed was right while Obama flip-flops on a daily

> Phil Solarz Westland

## **Reioice for Obama**

It was worth every boring media account, every potent but tired tale of inequity, every well-intended but misguided generational lecture and sermon. Even cultural pity, warm collective handshaking and boundless embraces from those like me who shared the memory of our  $country \dot{s} \ tortured \ racial \ legacies - none$ of these things or truths measured up to the raw reality of today.

This day was sacred to the essence of words unwritten, emotions unmatched and belief suspended but occupied with love. Today I can whisper to myself, sing Negro gospel hymns in my shower and echo these words in moments of silence as well as in the corridors of the public

President Barack Obama of the United States of America.

**Greg Thrasher** Birmingham

## **Conflict unfortunate**

Undoubtedly, there is nothing more heart wrenching than seeing images of children, wounded or orphaned by the violence of war and conflict. Yet, those same images, often taken out of context relative to the circumstances of conflict, only convey a small portion of the conditions under which such things happen.

The latest fighting between Israel and Hamas is callously and mistakenly portrayed by the media as simply an innocent group of underarmed civilians defending themselves against the perceived aggression of a nation intent upon denying them the right to independence.

Nothing is farther from the truth. While both sides have grievances, the manner by which those differences are being resolved includes a nation whose goal is to live in peace with its neighbors via discussion, compromise, and treaty, and a terrorist faction whose sole intent as outlined in their charter, is to obliterate that nation and its inhabitants at all costs, including daily barrages of missiles into civilian areas.

And here is where the photos of orphaned and wounded children takes on relevance. When the citizens of Gaza voluntarily and gleefully elected as their representatives the terrorist organization Hamas, they were complicit in their agreement with the manifesto to destroy the nation of Israel at all costs, including its women, children, the elderly and infirm. And, when Hamas, for years, daily sends missiles indiscriminately into Israel from civilian areas, then hides in civilianoccupied homes and apartments, stores arms in mosques where families and children congregate, indoctrinates their children to be homicidal bombers, and uses their own children as human shields, then the logical and unfortunate outcome one might anticipate is that children and civilians will be the unfortunate, and sometimes innocent victims of the very conflict that Hamas initiated the day a truce was ended.

The folly and naïveté of the West is to mistakenly believe that peace in the Middle East is attainable with a culture and history that embraces death, including that of children as a means to martyrdom, whose tenets have, and continue to preach violence to attain domination as a result of "submission," and whose "true" adherents are intractable in their beliefs of sharia law over civil law.

Ed Kohl

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## Go green

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently signed legislation that provides tax credits over five years to companies developing and manufacturing advanced batteries in Michigan. She has signed legislation that provides tax credits to promote films made in Michigan.

These are both positive steps to boost local employment, but an even larger step must be taken quickly to prevent additional unemployment in our manufacturing sector. Gov. Granholm should aggressively push through a similar tax credit package targeted at green technology industries in Michigan that develop and manufacture solar or wind energy components.

These industries can immediately leverage the available skilled workforce of Michigan and the talent at our engineering colleges while helping to diversify Michigan's economy beyond automotive. By moving quickly, the governor can make our state a leader in supplying components like wind turbines and photovoltaic membranes that will be needed to address President Obama's call to double the production of renewable energy within the next three years.

Joey Lebovic Farmington Hills

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## QUOTABLE

"The unilateral modification of the contract mid-term is a violation of ... the Public Employment Relations Act ... As the employer completely disregarded the terms of the contract as written and committed a substantial breach." Robert Fetter, AFSCME lawyer, writing his charge that Plymouth Township officials committed unfair labor practices by changing seven union jobs from full- to part-time jobs without consulting the union

## Carvers ice wins in competitions | Seniors get helping

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While thousands of spectators wandered the streets around downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park admiring the sculptures at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the folks creating them were busy with the other part of the event: the high school and college carving competitions.

The event included competition among high school and college carvers, as well as the 100 or so sculptures on display. Winners in the competitions included:

■ College team: Gold Amanda Yu and Joseph Dear, University of Michigan: Silver - Jiming Chia and Max Weston, U-M; Bronze - Ryan Perkins and Austin McHenry, U-M, and Adam Langmeyer and Aren Stobby, Wayne County Community College.

■ College Individual: Gold - Gernail Franklin, Oakland Community College; Silver - Leo Gurevich, OCC; Bronze -Harry Werwinski, Henry Ford Community College; Amanda Yu, U-M.

"I am very proud of the students' accomplishments." said Chef Richard Teeple,



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Gerneil Franklin of the Oakland Community College ice carving team competes in Saturday's competition, carving a

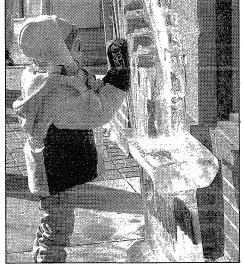
HFCC Hospitality instructor and Ice Carving Club faculty advisor, who in addition to Werwinski's performance had students finish fifth and ninth. "The Plymouth Ice Festival is a great way for students to display their creative sides and

learn from each other." ■ High School Individual: Gold - Wesley Varilone, Oakland Tech Southwest; Silver - Lisa Stricker, Romulus; Bronze - Oksana Habsburg, Oakland Tech SW, and Catherine Wood,

Romulus.

Names of all the contestants and their scores, as well as color photographs, are available on the Web site at www. wattsupinc.com

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Three-year-old Ellie Brandon examines a sculpture in front of a Main Street business. Ellie, sister Charlotte, and mom and dad Pam and Mark Brandon are from Livonia.



It's hard to think spring when your teeth are chattering.

## hand with taxes

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local seniors who need help with tax returns aren't on their own. The popular AARP Tax-Aide program is about to start for the year.

Tax help for local seniors begins Wednesday, Feb. 4, by appointment only at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

AARP will again offer tax preparation for seniors. Volunteers will be available every Wednesday Feb. 4 through April 8, with appointments from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Appointments must be made in advance by calling the Plymouth Community Council on Aging office at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

"Typically, we don't do complicated returns," said tax volunteer Don Bain of Plymouth Township, who's been involved about four years and taught some training sessions for the program for this year. Seniors with rents or royalties from a side business will need to go elsewhere.

Most of the seniors helped have Social Security income, pension income, interest and possibly distributions from IRAs or 401(k)s, Bain said. Few itemize their returns, as most have mortgages paid off and don't have enough deductions to itemize.

"It's a lot of fun," Ford Motor Co. retiree Bain said of volunteering. This year, he'll be an electronic return originator, checking returns by computer at the library and sending them electronically to the Internal Revenue Service.

The volunteers have a number of laptops at their disposal to help seniors, and Bain noted a typical

appointment takes a half hour to an hour, depending on details. He used to do home visits with a computer to help shut-ins file their returns.

"It's convenient for them here in Plymouth. It's right at the local library," said Bobbie Pummill, Plymouth Community Council on Aging director. Her office can arrange Plymouth transportation to the library if needed.

"Most of them don't have a really difficult return," Pummill said. "We had 330 taxes that they prepared" last year.

She attributes the program's popularity to its being free, and noted many seniors come back year after year. The program's been in Plymouth at least since 2002; it's intended for those age 60 and up, with no income limits.

There were 22 Plymouth site volunteers last vear. Pummill said. They're appreciated, and invited to the Council on Aging lunch each June.

"It is a very vital service to the seniors," she said. "It just has grown through the

State returns are done as well. There's help offered at other nearby sites, including 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 5 through April 9, at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main in Northville. An appointment is needed in Northville as well, Bain said, and the number there is (248) 349-4140.

Pummill said some seniors go to Canton, Westland or Livonia sites, as they're not limited to their own community. Livonia's help is walk-in on a first-come, first-served basis, while some others require appointments.



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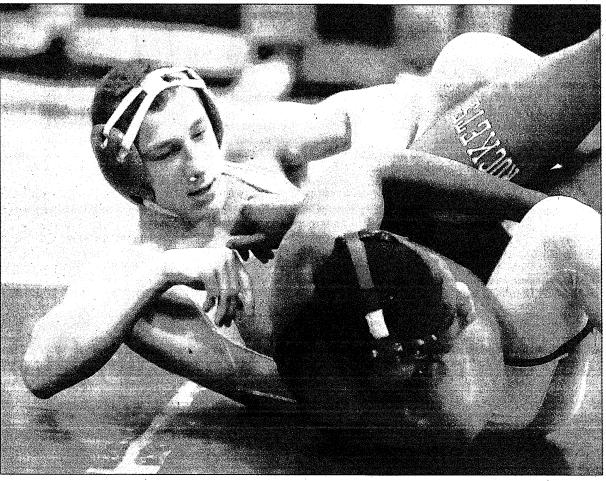
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Canton's Donnie Watkins (back) pinned Westland John Glenn's Mikkel Tipton in Tuesday night's 140-pound match. The Chiefs won, 45-28.

## Mang Malas

## Canton grapplers earn pivotal win at Glenn

See match-by-match results, Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team didn't have much time to savor Tuesday night's emphatic 45-28 victory over Westland John Glenn.

Approximately 22 hours to be exact.

That's how much time that elapsed between the Chiefs' important KLAA South Division triumph over the Rockets and Wednesday night's equally important match against Livonia Franklin.

"I really liked how we came out and wrestled aggressively against John Watkins at 140, Brent Winekoff

Glenn," said first-year Canton coach Cory Mancuso. "We won a couple matches that we knew were going to be close."

What, if anything, did Mancuso learn about his young team Tuesday night?

"I learned that we have a pretty darned good team," he said. "You have to be pretty good to beat a team as good as John Glenn at their place. Hopefully, we can keep it going." Of the eight matches the Chiefs

of the eight matches the Chiefs won, Mancuso pointed to Carl Lucke's 3-2 nail-biter over Joshua Austin as possibly the most pivotal.

Five Chiefs registered pins: Jeremy www.hometownlife.com.
Filippelli at 130 pounds, Donnie
Watkins at 140, Brent Winekoff at ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 9

145, Keith Zech at 171 and Tyler Bourcier at 215.

The Rockets' most-impressive victories came from
Steven Wakeford at 103; Mark
Thompson at 125; Jeff Adkins,
who defeated Anthony Abro, 64, in overtime at 152; and Zaid
Ammari, who notched a pin at
160.

John Glenn's Dustin Gajowiak pinned Canton's Robert Lincoln in 1:18 in the heavyweight showdown.

For results of Wednesday's Canton-Franklin match, visit www.hometownlife.com.

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## Shamrocks get nod leading up to Observerland

**BY ED WRIGHT**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When asked which team is the one to beat at Saturday's 18th Annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational, the same two-letter response rolled off the tongues of several area

That acronym is short for Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which is long on talent this season.

The state-ranked Shamrocks' confidence will be sky high following a recent dual-meet triumph over perennially powerful Davison.

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"They probably have more depth than the other teams," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "If they lose a ight they can plus in another teleptod

No. 1 wrestler at a weight, they can plug in another talented wrestler without losing much, if anything."

"CC is probably the favorite going in," concurred

Westland John Glenn coach Bill Polk. "They've been com-

There are several teams that are capable of winning."
The tournament begins at 9 a.m. at Livonia Churchill
High School. Admission is \$5, except for Frost Middle
School students, who get in free with a student I.D.

ing on strong lately. But it all comes down to match-ups.

If the Shamrocks prevail, it won't be easy. Several teams — including defending champion Canton, Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn — figure to be in the mix when the event's finals roll around in the late afternoon at Livonia Churchill High School.

"This is a big tournament for our kids," emphasized firstyear Canton coach Cory Mancuso. "I know they want to win it all and defend their crown. Catholic Central is probably the favorite. Their lineup is stacked from top to bottom."

Franklin coach Dave Chiola knows as well as anyone what it takes to hold up the Observerland trophy at the end of the day. The Patriots won the tournament three consecutive years before placing third in 2008.

"The key is scoring points at a lot of weights, which is what we did when we won it," said Chiola. "This year, we've been strong in the lower and upper weights, but we've struggled a little in the middle. We seem to be a different team week to week this year. Some weeks we look really strong; the next week we'll look like we've never wrestled."

Last year, the Chiefs racked up 212.5 points to edge runner-up Catholic Central by 18 points. Franklin was third with 178.5. Canton placed first in just two weights at the 2008 tournament, but the Chiefs conquered the 18-team field by advancing five grapplers to the finals.

Among the returning elite wrestlers is Canton's Donnie Watkins, who has lost just once at 135 and 140.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kyle Biega, pictured in a game earlier this season, connected on a pair of three-point shots to help the Chiefs topple Plymouth, 52-46, Tuesday night in the Phase III gymnasium.

## Chiefs shine at line to upend 'Cats

For more basketball coverage, see Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Canton's Dietrich Lever had been shooting free throws at a carnival Tuesday night, the Chiefs' super sophomore would have won a whole bunch of stuffed animals.

During the peak of crunchtime against cross-campus rival Plymouth, Lever calmly swished all eight of his free-throw attempts to help the Chiefs hold off the Wildcats, 52-46.

As a team, Canton drained 16 of 18 shots from the charity stripe while the Wildcats connected on just 12 of 22.

"So much of shooting free throws is concentration, so we just try to make sure the guys maintain their focus," said Dan Colligan, when asked what the secret was to his squad's off-the-charts accuracy from the line. "I was especially proud of the guys tonight, the way they settled down and made their shots under pressure.

"We've been running hot and cold

shooting free throws. We made 19 of 23 against Franklin and then went five for whatever the next game. It was nice that we made them tonight."

Canton improved to 6-3 overall and 3-0 in the competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

Plymouth slipped to 5-4 and 1-2, respectively.

"We missed too many free throws down the stretch and we had too many unforced turnovers," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, assessing his team's painful loss. "Dietrich made some nice free throws in the fourth quarter, but that's what good players do."

Lever led Canton with 14 points. The slender but scrappy sophomore also tied teammate Marlan Glenn with a team-high six rebounds.

Glenn added 10 points to the winners' cause while Dan Stoney and Kyle Biega both added six. Stoney found nothing but twine with all four of his freebies.

A pair of sophomores — Justin Moss (15 points, 10 rebounds) and Brennen Beyer (seven and six) paced the Wildcats, whose also received seven points apiece from senior guards Cliff Buttermore and Brad Lineberry.

It appeared Canton was going to coast to a victory with 4:15 to play when a Glenn triple extended the Chiefs' lead to 45-37.

However, Plymouth whittled its deficit to 45-43 over the ensuing two-and-a-half-minutes thanks in large part to Beyer, who scored five consecutive points while pulling down three clutch rebounds during the game-tightening span.

A pair of Lever free throws with 1:26 left padded the Chiefs' lead to 47-43.

After Glenn and Moss traded single free throws, Moss nailed a pair with 28 ticks left to bring Plymouth to within 48-46.

That's as close as the 'Cats would get, however, as the cool-as-a-cucumber Lever hit the target on four more free throws during the final 19.7 seconds to seal the deal.

Canton hit 15 of 43 field goals (34.8 percent) while Plymouth was 16 for 47 from the field (34.0).

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## St. Edith football registration info

Registration for the St. Edith youth football program will be held Feb. 8 from 2-4:30 p.m. in the St. Edith gymnasium, which is on Newburgh south of Five Mile in Livonia.

Livonia.
For more information, visit www. stedithcyo.com.

The program offers teams for kids in third through eighth grades.

## 2009 Salem baseball clinic

The 2009 Salem varsity baseball clinic will be held Saturday, March 21, and Saturday, March 28, in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Session 1, which is for players 11 to 15 years old, will be held March 21 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Session 2, for players 7 to 10 years old, will be held March 21 from 1-4 p.m.

Sessions 3 and 4, both for players 7 to 10 years old, will be held March 28. Session 3 will run from 9 a.m. to noon while Session 4 will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of each session is \$25, which includes three hours of instruction from the Salem coaching staff and varsity team members; a snack served after each session; and a T-shirt.

Space is limited to 75 participants per session.

For more information, contact Cathy at (734) 451-0761 or at posler5@gmail.com.

## SPARQ challenge

Canton-based Velocity Sports Performance will be holding a Nike SPARQ Challenge at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, for baseball players age 12 or older.

Players can receive an official Nike SPARQ Rating to compare their athleticism to other baseball players across the country.

To register, call (734) 485-2561 or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

Velocity Sports Performance is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.



### THE WEEK AHEAD

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## **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Friday, Jan. 30 Agape at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m. PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 29 Friday, Jan. 30

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Churchill GIRLS PREP HOCKEY Saturday, Jan. 31 PCS at Bloomfield Hills at Southfield Sports Arena, 8 p.m. BOYS PREP HOCKEY.

Friday, Jan. 30 Churchill at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m. Salem at Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 7:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31

Salem at Lakeview, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING Saturday, Jan. 31 Observerland Tournament at Churchill, 9 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 29 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth at Canton nool

PREP GYMNASTICS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 31 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 31 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 1 p.m TBA - time to be announced

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 30 Windsor at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 Mississauga at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.

## **WRESTLING RESULTS**

## CANTON 45 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28

Tuesday at John Glenn
103 pounds: Steven Wakeford (JG)
decisioned Daniel Filippelli, 14-5;
112: Waleed Faraj (C) won by default;

119: Carl Lucke (C) dec. Joshua Austin,

**125:** Mark Thompson (JG) dec. Mitch Wolski,k 3-1;

Wolski, k.3-1; 130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned Devonteno Anderson in 48 seconds; 135: Jared Stephens (JG) won by forfeit; 140: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Mikkel

Tipton in 3:41; 145: Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Mike

152: Jeff Adkins (JG) dec. Anthony Abro, 6-4 (OT); 160: Zaid Ammari (JG) pinned Austin

**171:** Keith Zech (C) pinned Zach Redden

189: Pat Durocher (C) won by default; 215: Tyler Bourcier (C) pinned Gerald Powell in 1:18; 285: Dustin Gajauak pinned Robert

#### Bulldogs' high-scoring line. esis Chelsea, a state-ranked Division 3 team that hasn't lost to Salem in recent mem-

The triumph improved the Rocks to 8-6-3 overall while Chelsea slipped to 7-4-1. "Chelsea is a very skilled team with a couple of high-

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's hockey team has

been on such a hot streak the

ice hasn't melted beneath the

its third consecutive victory

- a 4-3 home win over nem-

On Friday, Salem registered

past week, it's a wonder the

Rocks' skates.

scoring forwards, so this was a good win for us," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "We seem to be playing better every game. The guys are buying into what we're talking about.'

The Rocks ripped 49 shots at Chelsea's goalie while their

### PREP HOCKEY

net-minder — senior Adam Powers - stopped 23-of-26

Ossenmacher was particularly pleased with the play of the Dave Russell-**Nick Genetty-Patrick Patton** line, which neutralized the

"This was the first time this season we tried to match up with the other team's top line and Dave Russell's line responded and did a great job," said Ossenmacher.

After Chelsea scored an early goal to open the contest, Salem evened the game at 1-all when Mario Macari scored off assists from Josh Jarvela and Kurt Driscoll.

Salem seized the lead for good mid-way through the second period when Ryan Quigley deposited the puck in the net thanks to helpers from Macari

Salem icers continue sizzling streak, 4-3

Driscoll extended the winners' lead to 3-1 with a thirdperiod lamp-lighter that was assisted by Macari.

After Chelsea narrowed its deficit to 3-2, Sam Ott provided what turned out to be a pivotal insurance goal mid-way through the third. Kyle Zink and Russell assisted.

Chelsea netted a 5-on-3 goal with less than two minutes to play, but the Rocks killed a lastminute penalty to secure the

"Kyle Powell, a defenseman, played probably his best game of the season," said Ossenmacher. "He was the best player on the ice Friday night.'

**CANTON 5, WALLED LAKE** NORTHERN 0: On Friday, the Chiefs rode the first shutout of the season from senior goalie Zane Birchler to their 12th win in 15 games.

"We played three periods of solid hockey," said Canton coach

Balanced attack leads Chiefs over Wildcats, 43-28

Dan Abraham, whose 12-2-1 team is ranked No. 9 in Division 1. "We used our speed to control the game. It was a good team win."

Canton raced to a 2-0 firstperiod leads thanks to goals from Ryan Lash (from Alex Berlin and Anthony Bonnett) and Mark Barath, who was assisted by Donny Barlow and

A.J. Rosales. Bonnett extended the winners' edge to 3-0 with 1:28 left in the second period thanks to assists from Barlow and Berlin.

A.J. Rosales (from Nick Tomilenko and Bryan Davison) and Berlin (from Lash and Ryan May) capped the scoring with third-period goals.

"That was the second game in a row we've only had three penalties, which was a big key for us," emphasized Abraham. "When we're five-on-five, I think we can play with anybody."

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## **SWIM RESULTS**

## SALEM 126 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 60

Tuesday at Salem 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Alex Suriano, Joe deTassanyi, Adam Seroka, Noah Santer), 1:54.11; 2. Churchill, 1:54.94; 3. Salem, 200 freestyle: 1. Max. Mills (S), 1:55.46;

2. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 2:02.72; 3. Scott Carpenter (S), 2:04.99. **200 IM:** 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 2:11.43; 2. Joe deTassanyi (S), 2:18.22; 3. Chad Newton

50 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 23.69; 2. Nate Larson (LC), 24.89; 3. Paul Cherewick

(S), 25.03.

1-meter diving: 1. Andrew Richards (LC), 210.60 points; 2. Travis Holt (LC), 199.10; 3. Alex Porambo (S), 143.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Jeremy Wellman (S), 1:00.90; 2. Max Mills (S), 1:00.92; 3. David Vincentini (LC), 1:03.05.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Nate Larson (LC), 54.71; 2. Paul Cherewick (S), 55.45; 3. Aaron Micek

**100 backstroke:** 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 1:02.83; 2. Alex Suriano (S), 1:03.13; 3. Patrick

100 breaststroke: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:04.66; 2. David Vincentini (LC), 1:08.54; 3 Joe deTassanyi (S), 1:11.58.

SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-3.

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## **SPORTS BRIEFS**

### GCYBSA baseball and softball news

Registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association's 2009 season will close March 10.

GCYBSA offers T-Ball through 18U baseball and 8U through 18U softball.

Registration information is available online at www. gcybsa.com.

For more information, contact cott@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5489.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Noah Santer (S), 5:16.49; 2. Scott Carpenter (S), 5:29.68; 3. Alex Lamberand (LC), 5:42.27.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Max Mills, Aaron Micek, Paul Cherewick), 1:39.63; 2. Churchill, 1:44.99; 3.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Aaron Micek, Stan Kuang, Matt Collingwood), 3:47.45; 2. Salem, 3:48.16; 3.

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#### Tuesday night. Sparked by its pressure

defense, the Chiefs claimed a 16-6 first-quarter lead before the Wildcats stormed back to cut its deficit to two points. However, Canton closed the first half with a 7-0 run to take a 23-14 advantage into the intermission.

A late second-quarter flurry

of points sparked Canton's 43-

28 victory over host Plymouth

Sara Schmitt led a balanced Canton scoring ledger with 10 points. Kari Schmitt added nine, Melanie Pickert chipped in with seven while Robyn Mack and CarolAnn Sexauer both scored six.

Sara Schmitt and Pickert hauled down a team-high six rebounds while Kari Schmitt and Pickert both registered four steals.

Shaakira Haywood led Plymouth with 11 points and six rebounds. Stacey Klonowski had six points.

Haywood scored all seven

Plymouth points in the fourth "Overall, we had a pretty balanced attack," said Canton

### **GIRLS HOOP WRAP**

coach Brian Samulski, whose team improved to 9-2 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA's South Division. "Our pressure defense was effective in the first quarter, but they made a nice run to get back in it."

Plymouth slipped to 3-8 overall and 1-2 in the Central Division.

NOVI 33, SALEM 27: On Tuesday at Novi, the Wildcats broke open a two-point game with five minutes left with four consecutive free throws - two the result of a Salem technical foul - and a basket off an in-bounds play moments later.

"It went from two to eight just like that," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose team dropped to 4-7 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA Central Division. "It was a great game up to that point. Every shot was contested by both teams."

The Wildcats improved to 8-3 overall and 3-0 in the Central.

Novi led 8-7 after one quarter, 15-13 at the half and 24-21 with eight minutes to

Chelsea Davis enjoyed a stellar game for the Rocks, racking up eight points, 11 rebounds, six assists and four blocked shots. Sara Stone added six points; Tracy Whalen netted five; and Victoria Brotz and Rachel Norman both twined four.

Caroline Johnson paced Novi with 11 points. Chantel Hill chipped in with 10.

Salem hit just 5 of 12 free throws. Novi was 8 of 12 from the line.

PCA 49, INTER-CITY 38 (OT): On Tuesday at Inter-City, the Eagles outscored the Chargers 13-2 in the extra session to improve their record to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Freshman Kristin Malcolm into the fourth quarter.

continued her strong play, netting 20 points and 12 rebounds. The ninth-grader scored six points in the fourminute overtime.

PCA's other standouts included Jessica Murphy (10 points), Michaela Wheeler (eight), Autumn McKenzie and Megan Greve, who pulled down three key rebounds in the fourth quarter.

PCA nearly won the game in regulation, however, a Malcolm shot at the buzzer bounced on the rim three times before rolling off.

We were kind of sluggish in the first half," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "At halftime, I looked them in the eye and said, 'This game's not over,' and they responded. The girls played with more energy in the overtime than they did the first four quar-

Amanda Isom led Inter-City with 17 points.

PCA trailed 30-26 heading

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A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll** Call Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Deputy Chief Kerr, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Lt. Mulcher, Barb Caruso Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Tour of Cell Block and Booking Area - Renovation Update On July 8, 2008, the Board authorized contracting with CDPA for preliminary architectural and engineering drawings for the renovation to the cell block and booking area. The architect met with the department several times; each time providing drawings. The department has approved a final preliminary drawing for the Board to review. Item 2. Award Legal Bid Explanation of the types of publications submitted to newspapers. The history of legal and advertising cost from 2002-2008. The Request for Proposal for newspaper bids were reviewed. Adjournment: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion -Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. carried unanimously.

Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site <a href="https://www.canton-mi.org">www.canton-mi.org</a> after Board Approval. Publish: January 29, 2009

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Canton Special Board Proceedings-January 17, 2009 A Special Board meeting was held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 for the leadership Team at the Holiday Inn Express on Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to call the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Roll Call: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Taj, Williams. Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Eva, Director Faas. Meeting Purpose: Discuss requirements and develop a consensus on how the Board will work together as a team and prioritize Study Sessions, facility tours and other information requirements of Board members. Board Communications - How we work together - Rules of Engagement: Role of Trustees, full-time Electeds and Directors, Questions/Contact - call or e-mail directors or full-time electeds on RBA's (Request Board Action) for Board Meetings – share information, Agenda protocol, support, consent calendar, etc., Closed session protocol, E-mail protocol –Phone canvassing on items, etc., Open Meetings Act – when can we be together, How we handle citizens complaints, Reimbursement of expenses, Signing your name – stationary – implies Township policy. When is it right? When is it better to have full time elected, director or other management send letter?, FOIA, and Rules of Engagement. Overall Philosophy of Canton Government: Mission – Vision, Review focus areas, Determine level of service – Are you happy with our current level of service? Finance and Budget: How budget process works - administration and board - role of trustees, 2009, 2010 and beyond. Other: Study Sessions, Facility Tours, Economic Development, Possible Training Opportunities, Commissions, Committees, etc. Adjourn: Motion by Caccamo, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 12:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Phil LaJoy, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charte Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular busines

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## Novi rocks Salem with barrage of threes

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Novi's boys basketball team scored more points in the first quarter Tuesday night — 31 · than most teams score in a

And Wildcat senior guard Chris Bellamy scored more points in a game -31 – than many players score in a week.

The two offensive explosions combined to lead Novi to a 71-54 triumph over Salem in a key **Kensington Lakes Activities** 

#### **BOYS PREP HOOP**

**Association Central Division** contest played in the Rocks'

The win lifted the Wildcats' record to 7-2 overall and 3-0 in the division. Salem dropped to 3-6 and 1-2, respectively.

The Wildcats used torrid shooting from beyond the arc to gain a 51-26 halftime advantage. Led by Bellamy's five, Novi netted 11 triples in the first half alone.

To the Rocks' credit, they never quit. In fact, at one point in the fourth quarter, they chopped their once-daunting deficit to single digits before the Wildcats' regained the

momentum and pulled away. "We slowed things down in the third quarter and crawled back into it," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We got it down to seven at one point in the fourth quarter, but we missed a couple shots and before we knew it their lead was back up to 13. We expended a lot of energy

with our comeback."

Anthony Mullins led a balanced Salem scoring attack with 12 points. Joe Posler added nine, including the Rocks' lone three-pointer.

Salem was 19-for-27 from the free throw line. The Wildcats made 10 of 12 from the stripe.

PCA 60, INTER-CITY 55:

On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles prevailed thanks to the strong play of Spencer Wiard (20 points, six rebounds), Brent Zinn (17

points) and Justin Govan, who registered 14 points and 17 rebounds despite feeling under the weather.

Tyler Barber paced Inter-City with 17 points.

The victory improved PCA's record to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The Chargers dipped to 3-6 and

"We've been working hard at improving our half-court offense -moving the ball quicker against zones —and that work paid off tonight," said PCA coach Mike Doyle.

"We moved the ball better tonight than we had in recent games."

The Eagles trailed 24-21 at the half before posting a 21point third quarter to secure a

42-36 lead. The win was PCA's first over the Chargers in at least five years, Doyle said.

The Eagles won despite struggling from the free throw line, where they made just 18 of 35 attempts.

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Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, January 29, 2009

#### New worship schedule

Sunday worship at 8 a.m., Faith Forum at 9 a.m., worship and Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414.

#### Time change

Worship is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. For more information, visit www. livonfaith.org.

### **Church moves**

Westwood Community Church has moved to 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Service time is 10-11:15 a.m. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday. Children's

#### church.

**ENDOW** ■ St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths.

Course VI, called "Salvifici Doloris" addresses the Christian meaning of suffering. Based on the writing of Pope John Paul II, this is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, in the convent meeting room. The class began Jan. 13.

Based on Pope John Paul II's "Mulierus Dignitatem" (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), the Course II group, meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays (began Jan. 22), in the convent meeting room behind the rectory, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Women of all ages and faiths are welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com.

St. Aidan Catholic Church also offers ENDOW. The eightsession course focuses on the ideas about human beings and God that St. Thomas Aquinas explores in his work Summa Theologiae, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, through March 5, in the parish office conference room at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.

com or call (734) 425-5950. Facilitator is Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

#### Couples prayer series

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, through Feb. 18, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Cost is \$55 per couple. Those unable to pay because of financial difficulty may register and join the group. To register, visit www.coupleprayer.org or send e-mail to davidjconrad@staidanlivonia.org. The six-week Couples Prayer Series is for married or engaged couples, and designed to nurture a life-long pattern of sharing daily prayer together.

#### **UPCOMING**

#### Healing training

Learn how to receive and offer the healing of one's body, heart, mind and spirit in Christian training sessions 6-10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information or to RSVP, call (734) 427-3660. Steve and Beverly Bubb, directors of the Community Healing Rooms of Southeast Michigan lead the two sessions.

#### Special needs dance

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and its Open Arms Ministry hosts a valentine's dance for adults with special needs, developmental disabilities, and their caregivers 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the church 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Snacks will be served. Reservations required as space is limited. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@ arounddetroit.biz no later than Friday, Feb. 6. If Livonia schools are closed due to inclement weather, this event will be canceled.

#### Bethany singles

■ Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 7, in Redford. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane for information at (734) 261-5716.

■ Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City, 48135. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy at (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peerto-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

#### Sunday night lights

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and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere.

#### Special needs Bible class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class Monday, Feb. 9, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@ arounddetroit.biz.

#### Kids against hunger

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosts a benefit for Kids Against Hunger, 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 and available by contacting Jeanne Baldwin at (734) 414-8900, by e-mail at jagonyer@ameritech.net, or Dan Herriman at (734) 459-5440 or dherriman@herriman.net. The event will feature a Las Vegas-style wedding chapel, silent auction, the new Liberty Street Microbrewery beer, strolling buffet dinner with cash bar and dancing. Attendees will have the opportunity to renew their yows at the chapel to help raise money for Kids Against Hunger, an international food relief campaign that began in 1999. It has operations in metro-Detroit and distributes a specially formulated dry rice-soy casserole to starving children and their families in Detroit, elsewhere in Michigan, the U.S. and more than 40 other countries. Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth regularly organizes food packaging activities by partnering with other local organizations that provide both funding and volunteers for their packaging events. Proceeds from the event go to assist in defraying the cost for the food that is packaged.

#### Hunger workshop

Bread For The World, a Christian non-partisan hunger legislation organization, holds a Hunger Offering Of Letters workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 North Campbell, Royal Oak. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30 a.m. For information, contact Bob Krzewinski at (734) 487-9058, e-mail wolverbob@gmail.com or visit www.breadmichigan. org. During an Offering of Letters, individuals and congregations are asked to write to Congress on specific hungerfighting legislation. This hunger advocacy event is free and open to the public.

#### Valentine's Day dance

7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, north of Ford Road. Music by Solitaire. Tickets \$8. For information, call Kay at (734) 522-8868 or Sally (734) 421-0699.

#### **VBS** preview

Presented by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. A day of meeting Christian publishers to view their curriculum. Sit in on four of 20 workshops. This is a nondenominational event. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org. Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7:30 p.m. Ash

Wednesday, Feb. 25, Lenten Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

### Music at St. John's

Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

## All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of allyou-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome:

## Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF. org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

## **ONGOING**

## Church schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion each Sunday, Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information, call (734) 427-

## Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Sundays 8 a.m. worship; 9 a.m. Adult Faith Forum, 10 a.m. worship service, Sunday School and Nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

## Sunday school

Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

#### Hall rental Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600

Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

## **Parkinson Support**

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

## **Overeaters Anonymous**

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1, Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722

## Mid-week Service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverne, Redford. Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30

#### New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

#### Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

#### Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

#### Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford: Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### **Eucharistic adoration**

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

#### Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia.

The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

### Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

### Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

## **Single Place Ministry**

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8-p.m. opening, 8-9-p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace. org. Cost is \$5.

## Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@ shonlobal net.

## Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome.

#### For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

## Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi.

This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc. org for updates.

## Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

## New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

## Day of service

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the. Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a selfguided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.ora.

To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

## **Worship Service**

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

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sense of humor and touched so many

people in his lifetime from long time

friends to volunteering with Hospice

for many years. He will be missed by

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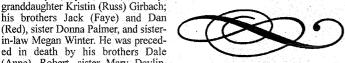
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ANNE LOUISE

POTTER BRADEN Passed away peacefully in Wailuku, Hawaii, on January 23, 2009, after a long, happy and productive life. Anne Louise was born May 24, 1918, in A good man has left us. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation", the likes of which we will not see again. Allan Richard Wiseley, age 83, Reno, Nevada, the granddaughter of early California pioneers, Comstock soldier, farmer and businessman, Joseph Mercy Hospital after a valiant ers. She spent her school years in the struggle, surrounded by his family who loved him dearly. Richard was degree in business from the University born in Ypsilanti, MI, on June 7, 1925, of Illinois in 1939. In 1941, she marthe son of Marcus Willoughby and Dorothy (McClumpha) Wiseley, the eldest of seven children. Raised in the University of Illinois. In 1951, the cou-Plymouth area, he graduated from Plymouth HS in 1942 and attended MSU. He was a sergeant in the US Army during WWII, serving in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. He married Dilys Elizabeth Church, the Girl Scouts, the Beverly Hills Garden Club and the Oakland Richards on June 15, 1957 in Franklin, Michigan and remained devoted to her until his dying day. After they were married, they moved to the farm near Dexter. He owned Huron Farm Supply, a John Deere dealership in Dexter for Louise moved to Hawaii in 2000, Anne 30 years. Richard enjoyed his grand-Louise's contributions are cherished children and spending time at his cabin on Lk Huron (and Lucky Strikes). A McCoy of Buena Vista, CO, and her recent highlight was visiting the WWII memorial in Washington with Pride by four grandchildren, Annie McCoy and Honor Flights. Mr. Wiseley is sur-Hylok of Santa Fe. NM. and Shane. vived by his wife, children Mark (Sonja), Lisa (Jeff) Kuebler, Brett Wailuku, HW; and by her daughter-in-(Tina), and Derek (Kathleen), all of the law Chris Brogden Braden and son-inlaw Michael McCoy. Dexter area, 7 grandchildren, Nicholas



#### DOROTHY A. "DOTTIE" KIDWELL

MI, she was the daughter of Albert H. and Isabel M. Evans Green. Dottie lived in Huntington Wood, MI, Summit, NJ and Birmingham, MI. She attended the University of Michigan and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1961. Dorothy married Thomas "Joe" Kidwell on June 23, 1962 in Birmingham, ML, he survives. Mrs. Kidwell taught elementary school in Warren Fitzgerald and Kalamazoo School Systems. She moved to Indiana in 1988. She was an avid reader, member of Friends of the Troy Library, MI., treasurer of the Friends of Plainfield-Guilford Township Library and member of several local reading groups. Dottie loved her family, was proud of her sons and enjoyed her many friends. Survivors include her husband, sons: Thomas W, of NCY and William J. of Clarkston, MI, brother: Donald F. Green of Santa Rosa, CA. Visitation was held from 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in Ĥall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield, with the service at 8:00 pm. Burial will be 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 29, 2009 Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, Ml. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of the Library 1120 Stafford Rd Plainfield, IN 46168.

Midwest and received a bachelors ried Joseph David Braden of Granite City, Illinois, also a graduate of the ple and their two children settled in Birmingham, Michigan, where Anne Louise was an active member of the Birmingham Christian Science County Republican Women's Club. She played the piano beautifully, hit a wicked softball and beat everyone at Scrabble. Her husband of 54 years, Joe Braden, passed away in 1995 and Anne by her daughter Katherine Braden son Richard Braden of Wailuku, HW; Joseph Paul, and Jenna Jean Braden of

Age 69. Of Guilford Township,

Hendricks County. Passed away on January 24, 2009 in St.

Francis Hospital, Mooresville.

Born May 28, 1939 in Lansing, Online condolences may be made at www.bakerfuneralservice.com

Age 69. January 25, 2009. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Dear father of Tina, Mark (Dawn) and Sean. Loving grandfather of Jack. Memorial Gathering Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road (One Mile West of Farmington Road) Thursday 1 p.m. until time of service 7 p.m. Memorials to Angela Hospice preferred. **GREGORY T. HUBBARD** Jan. 26, 2009. Loving son of the late

GIOVANNI "JOHN"

**DESANTIS** 

Gabrielle and G. Barry. Dearest brother of Kathleen Kurko, Marie (Gene) Eicher, Dave (Carolyn) and Paul (Mary). Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Friday 2-8 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. at Stanley Turowski Funeral Home, 25509 West Warren (three blocks east of Beech Daly), Dearborn Heights. In state Saturday 10:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church until time of mass at 11 a.m. Memorial donations to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

## JOHN PHILLIP MACUNOVICH

Age 92. First spark & biggest heart of a great family spread across the continent, died 12/31/08. He routed mail countrywide for 42 and traveled the world for 30 years. Survived by wife Marya, seven children & eight grandchildren. Private memorial service 1/31/09. Donations to Visiting Nurses Ass'n of the Inland Counties, CA More info at 248-569-7201 or rickmacgameon@netzero.net

## LEONA MAE McINTYRE

Age 89. Of Canton, MI. Jan. 24, Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

## OBITUARY

The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

#### Deadlines: Friday 4:15 PM for Sunday

Wednesday 9:45 AM for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue

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### **Worship services**

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton, For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

### Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

**Celebrate Recovery** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www. celebraterecovery.com and www. wardchurch.org/celebrate.

#### Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

#### Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

### **Adult literacy classes**

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

#### Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www. DueSeason.org.

#### Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly; Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

#### TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920

#### Church service

Learner's Bible study

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne

Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093 for information.

#### **Eucharistic adoration**

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

#### Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

#### Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

**Bet Chaverim** Services open to all in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton, Call (734) 646-3864 or visit www.betchaverim.com.

#### **Detroit World Outreach**

**Trinity Episcopal Church** 

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions. energized contemporary music, hightech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care.

#### Call (734) 699-3361. **Shabbat Rocks**

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

#### **English classes**

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

#### Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

#### Services

St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584.

#### **Single Point Ministries**

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

#### Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

#### The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult

Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday movement Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10211:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong,

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information or send e-mail to gary@

#### energeticarts.org. Worship services

At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

#### SIMPLY SELF STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on February, 17, 2009 on or after 9:30 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are cash only. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E. Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184. 734-728-8204.

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#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL** Pastor - Reverend Paul Undlin Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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**HOSANNA-TABOR** 

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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# Strictly Business

### **BUSINESS MILESTONES**

#### Construction update

From the Plymouth Downtown Development

■ Ironwood Grill - Build-out of the new restaurant in the space formerly occupied by The Book Cellar & Cafe continues. Owners hope to be open in the spring.

Parkside Development - The developer plans to have contractors on-site in the near future to continue working on electrical and mechanical systems in the interior of the building.

Elite Family Eye Care - Build-out of the new eye doctor office continues in the space formerly occupied by the Riley Grace Boutique on Forest.

#### On-line services

Citizens Bank has launched its latest convenient on-line banking tool. Online Account Opening.

Personal checking, savings and certificate of Deposit (CD) accounts can now be opened through Citizens Bank's Web site banking program. Clients can visit www.citizensbanking.com to see the latest CD rates and account comparison charts to determine the best account for them, and then click to open the account. The new account can be funded from an existing Citizens Bank account or from any other financial institution.

Citizens Bank is part of Citizens Republic Bancorp, a diversified financial services company providing a wide range of commercial, consumer, mortgage banking, trust and financial planning services to a broad client base.

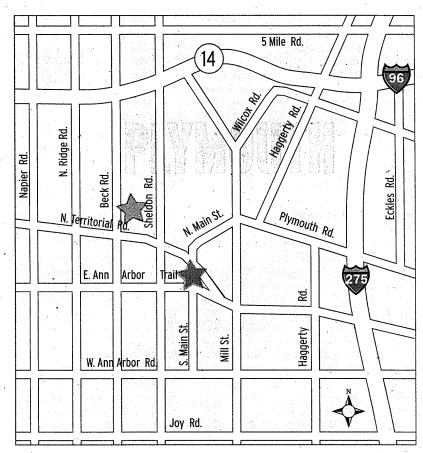
#### **Kids Against Hunger**

The Kiwanis of Colonial Plymouth are hosting a Dinner Dance that includes a Las Vegas Wedding Chapel to benefit the Kids Against Hunger program that packages tens of thousands of meals each year. The event will be from 6-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Social Hall. The cost to attend is \$35. For more information or to purchase tickets call (734) 414-8900.

Web site launch International Minute Press recently launched a new Web site (www.myprinter.intlminutepress.com) which features several customer utilities designed to enhance customer service and provide a more efficient way to do business with the company.

Customers now have 24-hour access to request estimates, place orders or send files directly from the home page. The site was developed as a result of testing done by print buyers and their preferences. As a result, the site features an additional Resources & Support section filled with helpful information of interest to print buyers and marketing

International Minute Press provides a full range of printing and marketing services. The company, which began business on Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township in 2003, now, operates in a larger facility at 1058 South Main Street in Plymouth. For more information about their company, visit their Web site at www.myprinter.intlminutepress.com or call them at (734) 414-6203.



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

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

### **CHAMBER CHAT**

## February mixer to be held at museum

he February After Hours Business Mixer will be at the Plymouth Historical Museum 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in conjunction with the new Lincoln Exhibit, which features artifacts owned by the President. The event is sponsored by Monroe Bank and Trust.

After Hours are great networking events attracting between 60-80 people. There is no fee to attend and there will also be light hors d'oeuvres served. The museum is located at 155 S. Main St. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or at (734) 453-1540.

■ The recent ribbon cutting at Plymouth's newest hot spot, the Liberty Street Brewing Company, drew a large crowd of Chamber members. The microbrewery is located at 149 Liberty Street in Old Village. To see pictures of the grand opening and learn more about Plymouth's first microbrewery go to plymouthmich.org/business\_news.html.

■ Web Site of the Week: Laginess Insurance - To help members see other web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring the web site from the Laginess Insurance: www.laginess.com.

■ New members include: LT Communications, Lorraine Turowski, 40135 Newport



(734) 560-1031; Bargain Appliances, Khalil Abboud, President, 44465 Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-2222, bar-

Dr., Plymouth,

MI 48170,

gain\_appliances@att.net ■ Ice Spectacular photos available - The chilly temps lent themselves to a great Ice Spectacular this weekend. There is a link to a one and half-minute slide show put together by the Chamber of Commerce that chronicles the Ice Spectacular (http://www.flickr.com/ photos/plymouthmichigan/ sets/72157612842192174/ show/) where you can see the first ice blocks being set in

place and the transition into

the beautiful sculptures. ■ The Kiwanis of Colonial Plymouth are hosting a Dinner Dance that includes a Las Vegas Wedding Chapel to benefit the Kids Against Hunger program that packages tens of thousands of meals each year. The event will be from 6-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Social Hall. The cost to attend is \$35. For more information or to purchase tickets

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached at (734) 453-1540.

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**Engraving Connection:** 

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Observer: Talk about your business, including the types of services and/or products you

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**Engraving Connection: We** do the high end engraving jobs like Waterford Crystal, Nambe, Reed & Barton, etc. Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

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Name and title: Rex M. Tubbs, owner Hometown: Canton Business opened: Oct. 15, 1978 (30 years in business)

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**American Institute of Architects** Detroit (AIA Detroit) announced the election of Southfield architect Jeffrey R. Zokas, a Plymouth resident, as its 2009 president. Zokas will focus on increasing membership value and will explore opportunities to reach out and provide new and improved programs and benefits that impact every

member segment of the organization. Zokas is a Principal at Harley Ellis Devereaux in Southfield. His recent projects include the University of Michigan's Ultra Low Vibration Laboratory and the Michigan State University's Facility for Rare Isotope Beams. Zokas received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1974 and a Bachelor of Architecture in 1975 from Lawrence Technological University and completed graduate management courses at the University of Michigan in 1976. In 1978, he became a licensed architect in the state of Michigan and a member of AIA. He also is licensed in Ohio, New York and Indiana.

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center has named Timothy Sell of Plymouth chief of cardio thoracic surgery. In this role, Dr. Sell will report to the chief of surgery and be responsible for implementing and leading quality and safety initiatives, credentialing, accreditation compliance and other matters concerning the thoracic

surgery division. Sell is a board-certified cardio thoracic surgeon. He received his medical degree from Duke University, and conducted an internship and residency at Vanderbilt University, with a final residency conducted at the University of Michigan Medical Center. Sell, 47, practices in Dearborn and is a resident of Plymouth.



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## Wayne weatherization program seals cracks, saves energy

The Wayne County Weatherization Program offers free home weatherization to low-income residents in a number of communities.

Income requirements are: \$15,600 for a family of one; \$21,000 for a family of two; \$26,400 for a family of three; \$31,800 for a family of four; with \$5,400 added for each additional family member. To apply, call (734) 727-7297. FIP, SDA and SSI recipients automatically qualify.

These are some questions and answers about the Wayne County weatherization program: Q. What is the Weatherization Assistance Program?

A. The low-income home weatherization assistance program is administered statewide by the Michigan Family Independence Agency. Eligible low-income households receive free energy conservation services. FIA contracts with 33 agencies throughout Michigan to provide these services. There are four Local Weatherization Operators (LWOs) to service different parts of Wayne County.

Q. Who is eligible for these weatherization services?

A. Any low-income homeowner or renter may be eligible if they meet current federal poverty income guidelines.

Q. What is the cost to me for this service?

A. The service is provided free of charge to those who qualify. FIP and SSI recipients are automatically qualified for the program. Q. If I rent, do I need to have permission before services can be performed?

A. Yes. Before any weatherization services can be provided, the landlord or manager of the rental building must sign a landlord agreement. Q. What steps are involved in having my home weatherized?

A. An application of eligibility is filled out; a pre-inspection of the home is completed by a certified inspector, work is performed by a licensed contractor and a certified post inspector will inspect the completed work on the home. Q. What determines the weatherization measures that will

be installed on my home? A. The measures to be installed depend upon what the pre-inspector finds already existing in your home, what measures are determined to be most cost-effective and the amount of funds available to complete the measures. State and federal rules limit the amount of dollars per home. Therefore, the amount of dollars spent and the type of measures installed may vary between households. Q. Can I tell the pre-inspector which weatherization

measures I want? A. No. The state has done extensive research on which measures save the most energy and therefore, the agency cannot allow program participants to pick and choose measures. To receive the

weatherization services, you must allow the agency to follow state-set guidelines. Q. I live in a mobile home. What kind of measures will be

A. Mobile home measures may include: cold air infiltration, i.e. weather stripping of leaky doors, tightening up drafty windows, floor insulation, storm windows and health/safety measures. Q. How do I know if I am getting quality materials and

A. State and federal rules require that all materials used must meet or exceed specific quality standards. FIA also sends field staff to all parts of the state to check on workmanship, material quality and to provide training and technical assistance. Q. What results can I expect from the weatherization completed on my home?

A. Studies show a 15-30 percent reduction of fuel costs. However, your results may be higher or lower depending upon your personal habits, changes in household occupants and/or extreme weather conditions. You can expect your home to feel more comfortable and less drafty, and that the job will be performed in a professional manner.

Q. If I am determined eligible, how long before my home is weatherized?

A. The length of time may vary from a week to one year. Since funds are limited, not all eligible clients can be served immediately. Other factors also influence the length of your wait, since there are state and federal priority groups, including senior citizens, handicapped and public assistance recipients.

Q. How do I apply for weatherization?

A. Call the Local Weatherization Operator for

■ Wayne County Weatherization — serving the 18 western Wayne County communities, including Taylor, (734) 727-7297

■ Downriver Community Conference — serving the Downriver communities, (734) 362-3475

■ Wayne Metro CSA — serving Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Dearborn and the Grosse Pointes, (313) 843-2550

■ City of Detroit, DHS — serving the city of Detroit, (313) 852-5634

Q. Who funds these weatherization program services? A. The federal government contributes to the operation of the weatherization program. While funding levels vary from year to year, there has been a weatherization program in Michigan since late 1974. Each year, about 4,000 eligible homeowners and renters benefit from the program. In addition to these direct services, the weatherization program provides jobs, stimulates the state economy and conserves scarce energy

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 6-10, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County, Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
6735 Bostonhill Ln	\$140,000
43584 Geri Dr	\$160,000
3470 Hannan Rd	\$220,000
1885 Otter Pond Ln	\$137,000
7971 Oxford Dr	\$420,000
2094 Preserve Cir W	\$163,000
42103 Starlite Ct	\$150,000
Farmington Hills	*
21616 Albion Ave	\$160,000
37284 Aspen Dr	\$300,000
33622 Colfax Dr	\$155,000
29811 Eldred St	\$112,000
29857 Eldred St	\$120,000
28685 Glenbrook Dr	\$295,000
29350 Kennedy Ct	\$390,000
20804 Middlebelt Rd	\$100,000
32345 Nottingwood St	\$78,000
26517 Old Homestead Ct	\$245,000
29200 Valley Bend Ct	\$263,000
31935 W 14 Mile Rd	\$100,000
29847 White Hall Dr	\$270,000
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V.	Livonia		48956 Running Trout Ln	\$134,000					
	38700 Ann Arbor Trl	\$125,000	Novi						
	19475 Antago St	\$99,000	23738 Harvest Dr	\$263,000					
	18668 Bainbridge Ave	\$163,000	40891 Kingsley Ln	\$312,000					
	9827 Blackburn St	\$165,000	45168 Roundview Dr	\$265,000					
	28643 Buckingham St	\$121,000	44466 Stone Rd	\$300,000					
	14482 Fairway St	\$233,000	24777 Sutherland Dr	\$275,000					
	16860 Farmington Rd	\$162,000	29329 Whistler Dr	\$255,000					
	15078 Houghton St	\$148,000	Plymouth						
	37972 Lyndon St	\$147,000	628 Blunk St	\$417,000					
	18924 Melvin St	\$154,000	49712 Draper Cir	\$145,000					
	18725 Middlebelt Rd	\$33,000	42629 Five Mile Rd	\$100,000					
	29687 Nottingham Cir	\$148,000	12965 Glenmore Ct	\$375,000					
	38804 Roycroft St	\$190,000	800 McKinley St	\$167,000					
	20062 Saint Francis St	\$78,000	12044 Talltree Dr	\$275,000					
	14720 Susanna St	\$170,000	9060 Tavistock Ct	\$195,000					
	15447 Williams St	\$188,000	Redford						
	Milford	New Contract	9151 Riverview	\$82,000					
	1755 Bristol Dr	\$420,000	8954 Winston	\$109,000					
	667 Hill Crest Ct	\$226,000	South Lyon						
	626 River Oaks Dr	\$245,000	26300 Daria Cir W	\$80,000					
	31033 Star Trl	\$240,000	919 Oak Creek Dr	\$200,000					
	1301 Wixom Trl	\$140,000	23556 Prescott Ln E	\$379,000					
	Northville		Westland						
	19409 Althea Ct	\$107,000	34008 Blackfoot St	\$146,000					
	613 Carpenter St	\$200,000	37228 Booth St	\$131,000					
	16964 Country Knoll Dr	\$205,000	7740 Donna St	\$109,000					
	19769 Hayes Ct	\$107,000	5886 Herbert St	\$44,000					
	16332 Horseshoe Dr	\$160,000	33459 Krauter St	\$75,000					
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Court of Appeals where the Court of Appeals in effect created a new property right of a neighboring property owner's association, outside of a subdivision. to enforce restrictions Robert Meisner created by a subdivision plat or by deed. Under

the Court of Appeals decision, this right may not be based upon any action, plan or grant of a common grantor for a common subdivision. Rather, the neighbors need only show proximity and claim reliance on knowledge of the restriction to have a right to enforce the restriction. That certainly changes the situation for many community and condominium associations.

Q: We have a number of elderly members in our community and I am wondering how they might discern whether or not something should be done in the event that one of these people

affect the safety of other members or the conditions of the buildings. In effect, what are the signs or triggers?

A: While this is not a full proof answer, some of the signs that one can observe as potential warning signals of problematic individuals would be: (1) repeated questions by the elderly person, (2) wondering, (3) inappropriate dressing, (4) repeated requests, (5) substance abuse, (6) compulsive hoarding and/or (7) frequent visits from strangers which might create the possibility of exploitation. Your best advice is to consider whether there are state or local agencies that can assist elderly members of your association. You may also wish to call the elder care locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging at (800) 677-1116, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST or visit www.eldercare.gov for more information.

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



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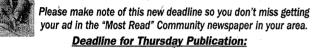
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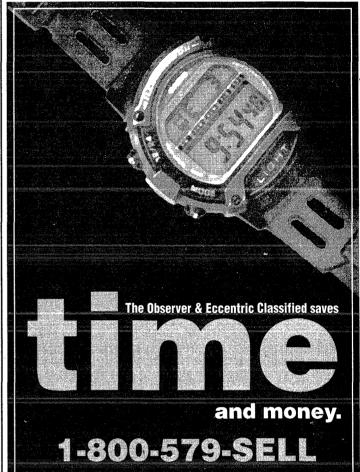
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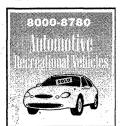
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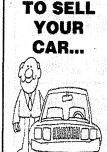
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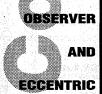








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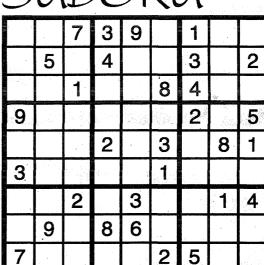
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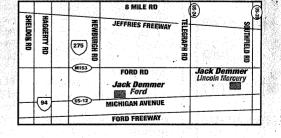
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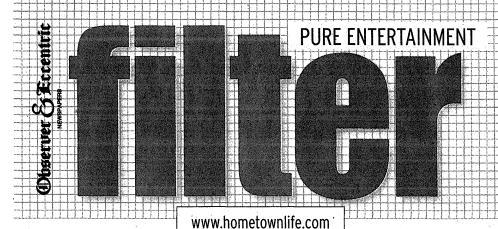
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New ways to go

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

iving a lifestyle that's friendly to the environment is getting New ways to go "green" crop up every day. Following are a business, a restaurant and a fair that have started just in the last year to offer healthy alternatives to people, each in a unique way.

### **BUY IT BY THE CASE**

Yvette and Kevin Berman of Clarkston are meeting the need for organic products by providing them – by the case.

At organicbythecase.com, customers can place an on-line order for cases of everything from biodegradable napkins to organic baby food jars and laundry detergents.

Yvette Berman, who grew up in Troy, says business is good.

"Our vision is making the busy consumer's life easier and more convenient when buying organic goods," she said.

The company, which promotes Michigan organic producers, operates from Orion Township.

"It's been a slow but steady ramp-up since we launched last April," she said. "As consumers become more informed on the benefits of organic food and products, people will become healthier and so will the planet. The future is organic."

## **EAT OUT NATURALLY**

Mind Body & Spirits, which opened last fall in downtown Rochester, not only serves organic food but it's an ecofriendly showcase.

Owner Mike Plesz built cutting edge green" technology into the 1890s building.

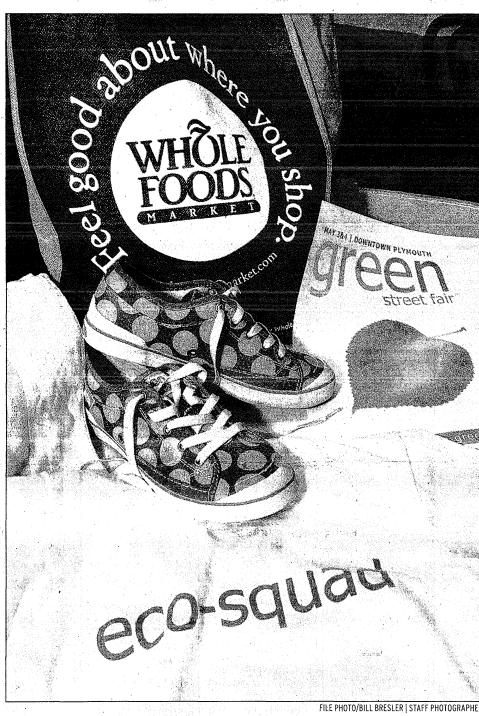
"You can't just build a health focused restaurant and not have it be ecofriendly," he said.

The many "green" features include heating and cooling the building with geothermal energy, which exchanges the earth's temperature with air temperature, and solar photovoltaic technology, which converts sunlight into electricity.

The all-organic menu is enhanced with herbs grown in an on-premises greenhouse, and ingredients from local growers and producers when possible.

The restaurant also offers vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and dairy free selections.

Mind Body & Spirits is at 301 S. Main Street.

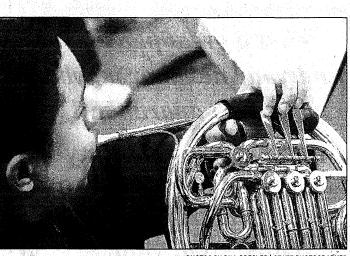


The 2008 Green Street Fair in Plymouth spotlighted eco-friendly products such as these sneakers made with recycled tire tread and canvas shopping bags to replace paper and plastic at the checkout.



Public relations manager David Youngman shows off the greenhouse behind Mind, Body & Spirits in downtown Rochester. The greenhouse, which will grow herbs and other edible plants for the restaurant, contains a concrete-filled wall and water-filled tubes to retain daytime heat and release it at night.

## Please see GREEN, D3 JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Concert shows off kids' talent



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Lorne Carter, 16, of Southfield plays French horn in the wind ensemble of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Danny Lindenmuth can't wait to show off everything he's learned while rehearsing with the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan. Since September the 12-year-old Livonia boy, along with more than 100 children and teens. have given up their Saturday mornings to practice in ensemble and orchestral settings. On Saturday, Jan. 31, they perform the music of . J.S. Bach, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Franz Schubert and John Williams at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Danny plays violin with the Concert and Symphony Strings under Julia Kurtyka, a Livonia violinist who teaches privately and performs with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. His sister, Kristi, 9, is a flutist with the Wind Ensemble and Flute

Choir led by Carl Karoub, principal French horn with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

LYPM offers a variety of performance opportunities from beginning strings to the advanced Philharmonic for students in communities as far away as West Bloomfield and Highland.

"I'm excited because concerts are really fun and you get to show off your talents to everybody," said Danny Lindenmuth, now in his second year with LYPM. Danny is a seventh grade student at Holmes Middle School. "Tve learned how to play in an orchestral environment, learned to play with others. If you don't know how to play with others you're never going to be as good a violinist as you can be."

Danny doesn't have a favorite song on the program but father Dave Lindenmuth does. As LYPM president, Dave's not shy about the

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## **Acclaimed pianist** to perform at **Schoolcraft College**

nton Nel is a world class pianist and he's coming to Livonia. For nearly 30 years the Johannesburg native has concertized all over the world, but thanks to the Friday Night Recital Committee, classical music lov-

> ers won't have to drive far to hear him. Nel performs Beethoven, Brahms, Haydn, and Mendelssohn Feb. 13, at Schoolcraft College.

While Nel has played at large-scale venues Linda Chomin with orchestras from London to Detroit, it's a rare opportunity

to experience this highly-acclaimed performer with only a couple hundred in the audience. In November, pianist James Tocco brought young and old alike to their feet in the recital hall. I've been covering the arts and entertain-

ment for the Observer & **Eccentric** Newspapers 18 years and I'm proud to say I'm part of the committee that makes this possible. It's amazing that a group of volunteers could achieve so much in such a short span of time. This is the second sea-

son for the series sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation and Music Department. The concept was the dream of Donald Morelock, a well-respected piano professor and chairman of the college's music department, but each of the committee members joined for their own rea-

sons. Gail Mondry of Franklin and her husband



Internationally acclaimed pianist Anton Nel performs Feb. 13, at Schoolcraft College. Nel won first prize in the 1987 Naumburg International Piano Competition and has concertized around the world for nearly 30 years.

### **FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES**

What: Features pianist Anton Nel When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 Where: Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students. Call (734) 462-4403 or visit www.

schoolcraft.edu/music

Ira even donated a concert by James Tocco for the first season. Both serve on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival and won the item in an auction at the annual fund raiser. Mondry says she wanted to thank Morelock because "he really does so much for all the kids" he teaches including her son. Nathan, 15, who performed with Tocco at the opening concert in November.

Carol Bonamici comes from a musical family. Her late husband was a music teacher at Redford Union High School and son Anthony teaches piano and chamber music at Hertzen Pedagogy University in St. Petersburg, Russia. She serves on the Livonia Symphony Orchestra board.

"I feel there are large venues like the Opera House. We're looking to fill a niche in a small setting for people who want a nearby facility to enhance their musical appetite," said Bonamici of Livonia. "We're bringing in worldwide talent. It's nice to have something in the suburbs."

Morelock sits at the grand piano in the recital hall pleased with the sound made possible by a new hardwood floor. He's even more excited about the recital by Nel who the New York Times calls

"an uncommonly elegant pianist". "He's marvelous, a charismatic performer," said Morelock. "People can come and have dinner at American Harvest restaurant just a few feet from

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## All that brass

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## Band brings British style to Berkley High

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK O & E STAFF WRITER

Hear a British-style brass band this side of the pond as the Oakland Brass Band hosts "Winter Wonderland," 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Berkley High

The program features a mix of classical, pop and Broadway songs played by talented musicians from throughout the area.

In the British tradition, Oakland Brass Band has a full complement of 25 players, including cornets, a flugelhorn, tenor horns, baritones, euphoniums and trombones.

The group's sole Soprano Cornet is played by

Mike Flickinger of Rochester.

"In England they have a huge history of brass banding. It's been there forever," Flickinger said. "Most instruments are conical, so they have a little warmer, darker sound, and we have some percussion."

The three percussionists in Oakland Brass Band play everything from timpani and triangles to glockenspiels and drums.

The band formed in 2006 with the desire to provide Detroit-area musicians with an outlet for expressing their talent through the brass band style and heritage.

### **OAKLAND BRASS BAND**



Kroesche

What: "Winter Wonderland" featuring solo performances by Dr. Kenneth Kroesche on Euphonium and Clark Irwin on Cornet When: 8 p.m. Jan. 30

Where: Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, Berkley

Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$9, seniors; free, 18 and under; advance sales \$12, general admission; \$7, seniors

Upcoming shows: "Spring Breeze: Ides of March," featuring guest Cornet soloist William Campbell, 8 p.m. March 17; and "Gone Fishin;" 8 p.m. June 12

Information: Call (248) 931-5169 or visit www.oaklandbrassband.com

Flickinger, 37, is a freelance trumpet player and teacher. He said he had his choice of instruments, and discovered the cornet trumpet at an



The Oakland Brass Band performs at Berkley High School 8 p.m. Jan. 30.

"My dad was a high school band director. When I was five he brought a cornet home, I asked him to bring it home, and I learned to play

Flickinger, who attended Big Rapids High School and Central Michigan University, played in marching bands, concert bands, jazz bands and orchestras.

Now, as part of the Oakland Brass Band, he acts as Program Director, lining up guest musi-

cians for the group's concerts. At Berkley High School the band will be joined by soloists Kenneth Kroesche on Euphonium

and Clark Irwin on Cornet. Kroesche, of Rochester Hills, is Associate Professor of Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba at Oakland University. Clark Irwin, of Dryden,

is a freelance trumpet player with an extensive

performance history. Read more about them at www.oaklandbrassband.com.

British brass bands have a great tradition of competitions throughout Europe. The Oakland Brass Band doesn't compete. Instead, they play a 5-concert series each season.

Their upcoming program at Berkley High School includes: William Rimmer, Punchinello; John Newton, Amazing Grace; George Marshall, Ransomed (Euphonium solo); Frederic Chopin, So Deep is the Night (Euphonium solo); Richard Wagner, Rienzi (overture); John Walter Bratton, The Teddy Bears' Picnic; Alexander Goedicke. Concert Etude (Cornet solo): Johannes Brahms, Wiegenlied; Leonard Bernstein, West Side Story; and Derek Bourgeois, Fantasia on Tico Tico.

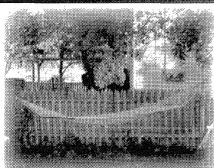
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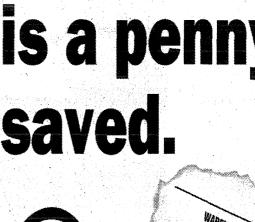
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Green Street Fair, Inc. was founded to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly

### PIANIST EPOM PAGE DI

the recital hall then hear the concert and meet him afterwards at the reception."

Nel's career is quite impressive. He made his debut at age 12 after only two years of study and went on to win major competitions. In 1982 he graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg then pursued Master's and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees at the University of Cincinnati.

In his early 20s Nel was appointed to the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin and over the years had professorships at the Eastman School of Music, and the University of Michigan where he was chairman of the piano department. In September 2000, Nel returned to the University of Texas at Austin to become a professor of piano and chamber music and head the Division of Keyboard Studies.

He maintains a busy performance schedule. Nel just finished four days of concerts in Seattle, Wash., and is preparing to tour with the St. Lawrence String Quartet in Connecticut, South Carolina and Georgia before arriving at Schoolcraft College.

"I've played a lot of big halls and enjoy playing where the audience sits close in," said Nel in a phone interview from Austin, Texas. "You can communicate better. All of the music was first played in a venue like that. The composer speaks on an intimate level. You can play as quietly as you like. I prefer such venues because of intimacy."

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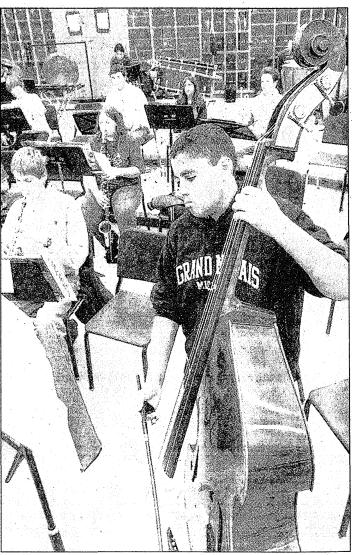
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While much of the program features the classics, the Philharmonic brings to life the contemporary theme from the movie *Superman* by John Williams. On a lighter note as well the Flute Ensemble celebrates St. Patrick's Day early with Galway Piper, an Irish Air.

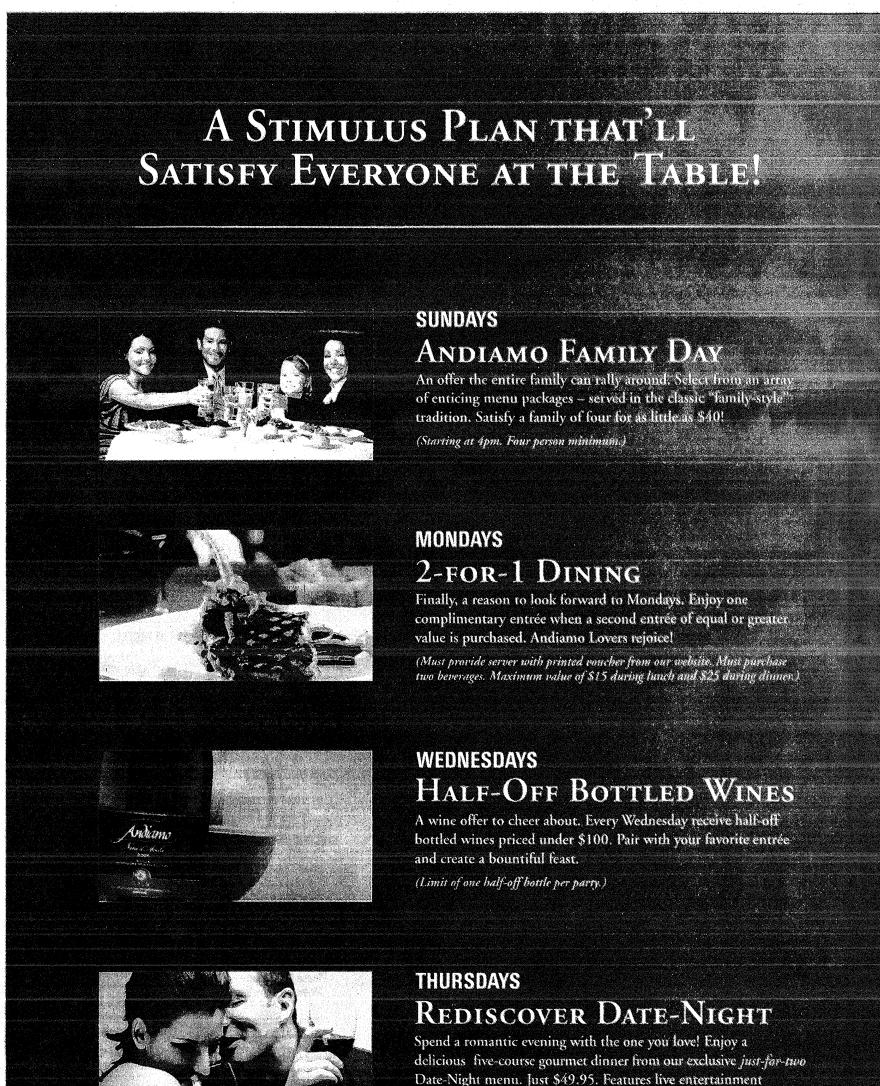
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#### **SAKE WITH FOOD**

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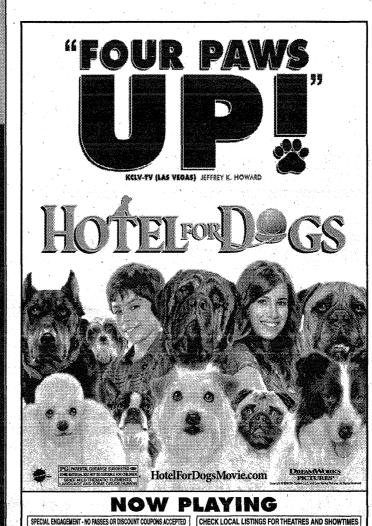
Experiment by pairing sake with non-Japanese cuisine, such as fresh oysters. The fresh, briny character of the oyster pairs particularly well with a chilled sake. Smoked or cured salmon works well because of its salty character. An appetizer of fried and lightly salted calamari with a dipping sauce is very attractive as is shrimp and vegetable tempura.

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Fox Theatre: Ron White, March 14; Spring Comedy Jam with Mike Epps, Teddy Carpenter, Dominique Witten, March 21, 2211 Woodward, Detroit,

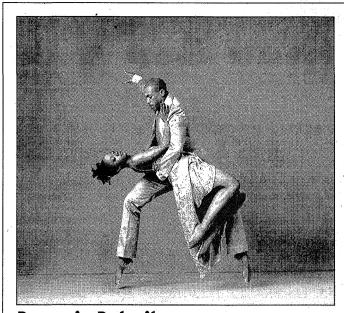
Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com. Masonic Temple Theatre: Laugh-A-Thon with Rickey Smiley, Adele Givens, Red Grant & Rodney Perry, 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets \$51.50-\$67.50, (248) 645-6666

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Horizon, March 10, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. (248)

The Fox Theatre: BB King and Buddy Guy, Feb. 16; Celtic Woman: Isle of Hope, Feb. 20; Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends, March 12, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Joe Louis Arena: Nickelback, Feb. 28, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.

Masonic Temple Theatre: Rain, A Tribute to The Beatles, March 19, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) Majestic Theatre: Galactic, Feb. 4, 4140 Woodward,

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Royal Oak Music Theatre: Just Announced, New Found Glory, April 26, tickets on sale today; Louis C.K., April 17, tickets on sale Feb. 6; Stay & Play Social Club w/Huckleberry Groove, Jan. 30: Umphrey's McGee, March 12; 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www.rovaloakmusictheatre.com.

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(877) GO-GRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu. Fox Theatre: Sesame Street Live "When Elmo Grows Up" Jan. 30-Feb. 15, \$12-\$32; family nights, Jan. 30, Feb. 4 and 12, \$10; Detroit Public Television benefit performance, Feb. 6. (248) 433-1515, www.

OlympiaEntertainment.com. Penn Theatre: Saturdays @ The Penn, old fashioned variety shows, Feb. 7 (featuring Like Water Drum & Dance) and March 7 (featuring Nan Washburn, Conductor, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra); doors, 11:15 a.m.; music, noon; \$3 per child and adult; 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 377-0914,

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Henry Ford IMAX: "Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West," "Journey to Mecca," "The Dark Knight: The Imax Experience," 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313) 271-1570.

Penn Theatre: "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" starts Jan. 30, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) Redford Theatre: "Sunset Boulevard," Feb. 6-7, at

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Detroit Opera House: A Valentine's Rock n' Roll Spectacular featuring The Miracles, The Reflections, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, The Contours, The Diamonds and The Drifters, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7; tickets \$37-\$67, at 1526 Broadway, Detroit, call (248) 645-6666.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: The Necks w/ Pink Eye, Feb. 6, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622

Trinity House Theatre: Songwriters Anonymous Showcase Feb 6: Great Lakes Songwriting Competition Winners Showcase featuring Allister Bradley, Allison Downey and Julianne, Feb. 7, 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www. trinityhouse.org.

Detroit Institute of Arts: "In the Company of Artists: Photographs from the DIA's Collection" through Feb. 15; "Master Pieces: Chess Sets from the Dr. George and Vivian Dean Collection" through March 22, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900

Detroit Science Center: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," opens Feb. 14, 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: Opening reception, "Black Is Black Ain't" and "I Repeat Myself When Under Stress," w/ music by The Sea and Cake w/ The Raw Truth Ensemble, 8 p.m. Feb. 13, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

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#### THEATER - COMMUNITY

Tipping Pointe Theatre: "The Rabbit Hole." Feb. 4-6; "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," April 22-24, 361 E. Cady, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

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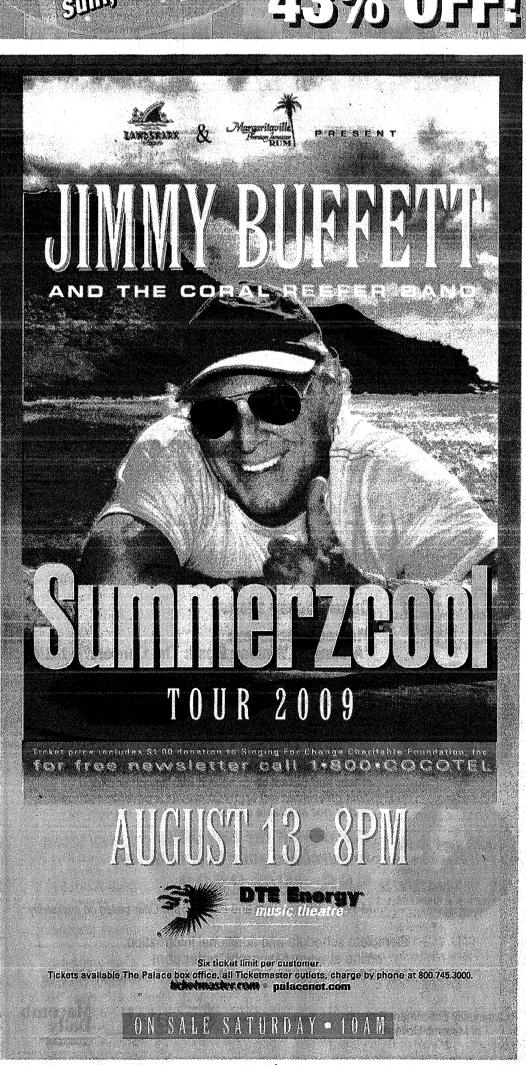
#### THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Detroit Opera House: 1526 Broadway, Detroit, tickets \$33-\$93, Day-of, cash-only \$25 tickets available by lottery 2½ hours before each 8 p.m. show: "Rent" Feb. 17 22; "Fiddler on the Roof," March 3-8, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. Fisher Theatre: "A Chorus Line," through Feb. 1; "Spamalot," Feb. 3-15; "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," March 17-April 5; Mandy Patinkin and Patti LuPone, April 14-19; "Stomp," April 20-26; "Annie." May 5-10; and "Grease," June 9-28.

Fox Theatre: "Jesus Christ Superstar." 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 1, tickets \$30-\$69; Movin Out," March 27-29, tickets \$30-\$75; "Riverdance- Farewell Performances," April 8-12; 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment. com, (248) 433-1515.







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## Michigan knitters come together for a cause

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK O & E STAFF WRITER

For the third year in a row, Knit Michigan aims to spread a little love to cancer patients throughout the mitten.

The non-profit organization makes and donates handmade comfort items - ranging from chemo caps and lap blankets to pillows and teddy bears - for cancer patients and their families.

The organization's "fiberfocused fundraising event," held annually at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, brings fiber artists together to create the items during all-day knitting marathons. The event also raises money through admission fees, donations, auctions and raffles.

The past two years, Knit Michigan raised a combined total of \$50,000. This year's profits will be split between five Michigan cancer organizations (see infobox).

The event is a win-win, according to Bridgit Dean, owner of the Berkley yarn shop "...have you any wool."

"I don't think there's anybody who hasn't been touched by cancer in some way, whether it be a family member, co-worker or neighbor," said Dean, who co-founded Knit Michigan with Joan Sheridan, owner of Heritage Spinning & Weaving in Lake Orion.

"This is a way for the fiber community to come together and have fun while helping a good cause.'

### THE BASIC PATTERN

Whether you knit, crochet, felt or sew, you'll find plenty to do during Knit Michigan, where learning and shopping opportunities abound. Among other

#### **KNIT MICHIGAN 2009**

What: A fiber-focused fundraising event When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Feb. 7: Knit Marathon,

7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Where: Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road,

**Bloomfield Hills** Cost: \$10 minimum donation;

children under 4, free Benefiting: Rose Cancer Treatment Center, Royal Oak;

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit; Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc; Gilda's Club, Royal Oak; U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ann Arbor.

Participating Stores: "... have you any Wool?," Berkley; Gifted, Royal Oak; Knitting Room, Birmingham; My Craft Room, Troy; Skeins on Main, Rochester; and many more. Information: www.knitmichigan.com

things, the event offers: ■ A market featuring 16 different Michigan yarn

■ Lessons in knitting. spinning, crochet and feltmaking.

■ A hands-on weaving demonstration.

■ Silent and live auctions. ■ Spinning and knitting contests with prizes.

A 'tween fiber area for

ages 9 to 13. Children's crafts, including finger knitting with beads, spool knitting,

"painting" with wool and

paper weaving. Door prizes will be awarded hourly, and if you donate comfort items, you'll receive a coupon redeemable at local yarn shops around the state. Patterns can be found at www.knitmichigan.com.



Knitters from throughout the mitten will gather for a good cause during Knit Michigan on Saturday, Feb. 7.

#### **CRAFTING ENDURANCE**

A unique feature of Knit Michigan is the Knit Marathon, where fiber artists put their endurance to the test, wielding their needles from 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

"We'll be making various comfort items. Certainly there is a need for chemo caps, plus other comfort items, like lap robes made from fleece with crocheted edge, and pillows for people to rest their arms while they're getting chemo," Dean said. "We'll have sewing machines set up. You can also bring knitted squares that will be put together to make afghans.'

Of course, you don't have to knit your fingers to the bone. Marathoners are invited to take plenty of shopping and socializing breaks, and the \$90 marathon entry fee includes two workshops, lunch and an informal fashion show.

### **KNITTING TRENDS**

Fiber arts have been surging in popularity, especially with the rise of the DIY craft movement.

Dean said many of her

customers favor portable projects like scarves and socks. Also popular are vests, sweaters, and cowls that can be worn around the neck and pulled up over the head hood-style for extra warmth.

Just as important as the patterns are the fibers used to make them.

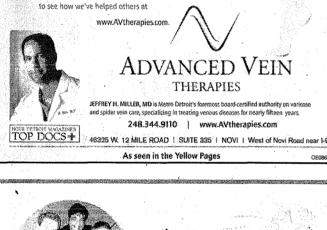
"People are really getting into the beauty of the yarn itself," Dean said, adding that her personal favorite is alpaca. "It comes in a variety of weights and it's just luscious. It's really soft and it's a versatile fiber."

She also loves Shepherd's Wool from Stonehedge Fiber Mill in East Jordan, Mich.

The yarn is processed, dyed and spun in Michigan. It has a really soft hand and I'm just thrilled to have it in my store," Dean said. "I'm thrilled that it's a Michigan company and we can keep the money in the mitten."

Dean is among 16 yarn shops that will have merchandise for sale at the event.

For more information, to purchase tickets or register for the Knit Marathon by Jan. 27, visit www.knitmichigan.com.





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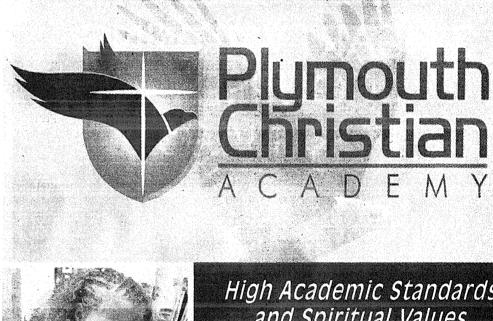
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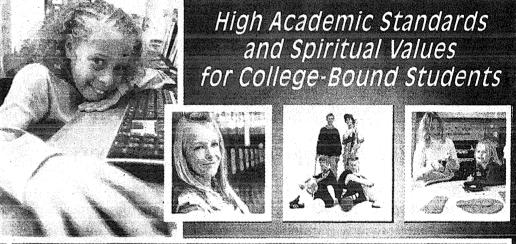
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