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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual State of the Chamber breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at The Inn at St. John's.

At the event, attendees will hear from chamber leadership, including Julie Bernard of Ilmor Engineering, about what the chamber has planned for 2012 and how folks can become involved.

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John Early II pressing a sole to an old shoe in need of repairs.

# Heart and sole

## Cobbler helps clients put best foot forward

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

After Plymouth entrepreneur John Early started a mobile shoe shine company polishing and buffing shoes across southeast Michigan, he quickly realized his customers needed a cobbler shop for repairs - so he opened one in Canton.

Lawyers, bankers, accountants and other customers from Detroit to Midland have been putting their best foot forward

ever since After retiring from his financial sector career, Early, 52, embarked last March on his idea to start The Shoe Shine Guys. He bought a shuttle bus and a sprinter van so that he, son-in-law Mike Kompoltowicz and sidekick Bob Keller could take their skills to Detroit landmarks such as Chase Tower, the Dime Building, One Kennedy Square and One Detroit Center, then roll on to office centers in places such as Troy, Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Saginaw



Plymouth entrepreneur John Early is president of The Shoe Shine Guys, the mobile shoe-shine business he started in March 2011.

and Midland.

"We can shine 75 to 100 pairs of shoes in one day using both trucks," Early,

company president, said. They walk in, collect shoes their customers want shined, work their magic inside their vehicles for \$6 a pair and return

the finished product. "The vehicles are totally rigged out with shoe shine equipment," Robin Oesterwind, the company's mar-

keting manager, said. Customers who refuse to throw out a pair of \$300 Cole Haan shoes with worn-out soles needn't worry, either. They can send them with The Shoe Shine Guys back to Early's subsidiary, an old-

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# ce fest is a go

# Mayor calls for more support

By Matt Jachman **Observer Staff Writer** 

A special events permit for the 2012 Plymouth Ice Festival, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Jan. 20-22, was approved by the Plymouth City Commission on Tuesday.

But, amid talk by commissioners of setting hard-and-fast deadlines by which event organizers must pay for city services related to those events, the approval came with a warning from Mayor Dan Dwyer.

"If the community doesn't step up and support this event, it'll be a moot point, because we won't have it," Dwyer said.

Dwyer said City Attorney Robert Marzano is studying possible changes to the city's events policy that would require organizers of all events that rely on city services, not just the Ice Festival, to pay the city's related costs within a certain time frame. Dwyer said he favors such a deadline, though he isn't set on how much time should be given.

The \$19,000-plus bill for last January's Ice Festival wasn't paid until recently, and some commissioners indicated Tuesday they think that was too long.

"There's no penalty for not paying," said Commissioner Gerald Sabatini. "Are we giving these applicants a loan, a float?" Sabatini added later that he appreciates Ice Festival organizers efforts in a difficult economy.

Festival producer Sam Walton, who was not at the meeting, seconded Dwyer's plea on Wednes-

"This event can't continue to go without community support. It just can't," said Walton, whose Signature Professional Group took over festival planning in 2009. "The challenge for events like this is, once they go away they never come

But Walton said this year's festival, which is marking its 30th anniversary, is shaping up nice-

ly.
"I'm definitely excited about this year. I think it's going to be a good one," Walton said. The free three-day festival will feature well

over 100 professional ice sculptures displayed in

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# Plymouth institutions retooled in 2011

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Businesses came and went, longstanding institutions were reinvigorated and new ones introduced, and redevelopment efforts tentatively began to take shape in Plymouth and Plymouth Township last year.

**By Matt Jachman** 

Observer Staff Writer

But, in the wake of the Great Recession, with officials' eyes fixed on the bottom line, the issue of how firefighting and emergency medical services are provided dominated local

headlines in 2011.

The question was settled in Plymouth last February, when the City Commission voted unanimously for a partnership with the Northville Fire Department. Plymouth and Northville officials have since focused on logistics, buying trucks and equipment, hiring and training on-call firefighters, and creating the space to house everything. Plymouth officials expect to save at least \$400,000 a year, after start-

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Sheila Paton (left), with volunteer Sue **Egleston Tuesday** at the Plymouth **Cultural Center on** election day, was one of four new trustees elected to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in November.

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up costs, with the arrangement.

The Plymouth-Northville partnership became official on Sunday. The plan also includes a bigger role for Huron Valley Ambulance in responding to medical emergencies.

#### **Heated debate**

In the township, the question is still open; the Plymouth Community Fire Department will lose more than \$900,000 a year, and between 25 percent and 30 percent of its work load, with Plymouth's departure. Township officials, who manage the 23-person department, have said cuts are coming but have not announced specifics.

Meanwhile, voters will weigh in next month on whether taxes should be raised to support the department: A proposal that would create a special assessment district of all the taxable property in the township will be on the Tuesday, Feb. 28, prima-

ry ballot. The proposal is a result of a petition drive and court fight by the Citizens Action Group of Plymouth Township, whose members are unhappy with the ballot language, which would allow an unlimited levy for fire department maintenance and operations. Township Board of Trustees members, however, have said they are not planning to raise taxes.

#### **Rebuilding mode**

On the business front, Plymouth Township began to retool after blows to its industrial centers during the recession.

Changan Automobile, a major car-builder in China, opened a \$7 million research and development facility on Halyard Drive, in a vacant Dow Chemical building. Other manufacturers, too, announced plans to expand or purchase major equipment, and the township, along with Northville Township, in September announced a long-term vision for a 1,000-acre advanced-technology industrial park that would straddle the Five Mile border between the

communities. In Plymouth, plans for the 789 Building, at Ann Arbor Trail and Main, overcame a series of hurdles, and construction is under way where a vacant gas station stood for about 20 years. The first floor will be a food court for five different eateries, while



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Area firefighters, including fire departments from Canton, Livonia and Northville Township, battled a blaze at the Park Manor apartments in Plymouth in February.



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Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer The Miracle League of Plymouth's Bilkie Family Field opened for baseball players in August.

space on the second floor could be for office or restaurant use.

Downtown Plymouth saw plans for other new restaurants: Panache 447 on Forest, which is set to open this week, and the Sardine Room on Main, which will open early this year. The Greek Islands, a Coney Island restaurant, is due to open in April in the 99-year-old former bank building at Main and Penniman.

#### **Local politics**

City officials' move to increase Plymouth's liquor license cap, for establishments outside downtown, from eight to 10 licenses also affected eating and drinking places: The Grecian Cafe, whose owner plans to restyle the restaurant and rename it Giovanni's, and the Liberty Street Brewing Co., where a winemaking operation is being introduced, quickly obtained new licenses under the raised cap.

Two township restaurants, Blue Margarita II and Moonlight Diner, were opened on Ann Arbor Road last spring by veterans of the industry, but both suddenly closed in the fall.

It was a quiet local election season, with no local elections in the township and no competition - just two candidates for two

spots — in Plvmouth's City Commission race. Meg Dooley and Diane Bogenreider took the commission spots, as incumbents David Workman and John Barrett both decided not to run again.

Barrett was elected to the Board of Education for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Plymouth-Canton schools fought money woes, securing a concessionary contract with teachers and privatizing bus

drivers in efforts to slash costs. Plymouth-Canton high school teacher Ray Schepansky received probation for carrying a concealed weapon onto school property.

The Plymouth-Canton school board in May hired interim Superintendent Jeremy Hughes, and district voters in November ousted incumbents in favor of school board newcomers Mark Horvath, Mike Maloney, John Barrett and Sheila Paton.

Township officials, who were facing a 40-percent hike from the city of Detroit in the wholesale price of water, spent months negotiating with the city and, after agreeing to equipment upgrades, were able to hold the increase to 18 percent, passing on only a portion of that to residents and businesses. Officials expect the system improvements and waterconservation measures will help keep water prices down this year.

#### Population, crime numbers

Police in both communities were pleased with an overall drop in crime, particularly violent crime, as reported by the FBI. The city saw just seven reported incidents of violent crime in 2010, compared to 23 the year before. In the township, there were 19 reported incidents of violent crime in 2010. down from 22 the year before.

Other important numbers released last year by the federal government

- the 2010 U.S. Census results — were fairly flat for both communities. The census showed that Plymouth's population grew by 1 percent, or 110 people, to 9,132. In the township, the population went down by 1 percent, or 273 people, to 27,797. The closure of the Western Wayne Correctional Facility, which was operating during the previous census in 2000, was responsible for a portion of the township's population decline.

In Plymouth, a fire displaced residents of the Park Manor apartments on Plymouth Road in February, and the remains of the complex have since been razed, with no immediate redevelopment plans. There were no serious injuries. Also in Plymouth, a less-serious fire in June struck the Meadows Condominiums on Deer Street.

#### Local gems, old and new

The larger Plymouth-Plymouth Township community was in the spotlight in July, when the Concours d'Elegance of America, a display of hundreds of classic, rare and vintage automobiles, was held at the Inn at St. John's after decades at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester Hills. The show brought hundreds of visitors and several ancillary events, and both organizers and exhibitors raved about the

new venue. In town, the Penn Theatre, which turned 70 years old in December, in July reopened after an extensive interior remodeling that included new drapes, new seating and a new floor covering. Another local cultural institution, the 67-year-old Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, in March became the Michigan Philharmonic, a change officials said reflected its increasing importance in the state's classical music scene.

And the Miracle League of Plymouth in August opened the \$500,000 Bilkie Family Field on Theodore Street, a baseball park especially designed for players with special needs. It is just the third such ballfield in the state, and a late-summer league based there quickly took

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# Reps boast perfect voting records

State Rep. Kurt Heise, the Plymouth Township attorney and former head of Wayne County's environment department, achieved a perfect voting record during the Michigan House legislative session of 2011.

"I take my job to represent the people of my district very seriously" said Heise. "I don't want to miss a vote because miss-

ing a vote means residents in my district have missed the opportunity to be heard in Lansing. These are the critical votes that are re-inventing Michigan, creating jobs, and putting our economy back on track."

The nonpartisan Web site www.michiganvotes.org compiles the voting histories of lawmakers in the Michigan House and Senate.

#### AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

#### **ART EXHIBITS**

Date/Time: Begins Jan. 10; reception for the artist 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20

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

Details: The PCAC begins its new year of monthly art exhibits with "slacker art," a collection of oil paintings by Andrew Slackta, his first solo exhibit. The self-taught artist's landscapes run the gamut from realistic photo recreation to expressionistic. his still-life pieces combine formal composition with a distinctive mix of pop art and his unconventional portraits display elements of surrealism and emotional sophistication. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact: Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information, or visit www.plymoutharts.com.

#### **UPTOWN AUDITIONS**

Date/Time: Jan. 11-12, 4-6 p.m.

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

**Details:** Auditions for Plymouth Uptown Players will be held at the PCAC. For those who cannot make the audition times, drop-in auditions will be held at the first rehearsal (Jan. 15). The first rehearsal is Sunday, Jan. 15. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday from January-April, between 1-5 p.m. A fee of \$150 and a current PCAC membership are required to participate. The season will conclude with a weekend of performances April 20-22.

Contact: Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Date/Time: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1:30-3 p.m. **Location:** Plymouth District Library

Details: The PCCA Writing Club will host quest speaker Jeff Jahn, owner of Keepsake Family Tree Video, who will present a documentary that he produced and other mixed media. He describes his business as "Telling the Stories of the Not So Rich and Not So Famous on Modern Media." He will demonstrate what can be done with old photos, 8mm film and videotapes to build a family history to put on DVD for preservation, restoration and narration

of memorable events that families want to share.

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#### **DRUM CLASSES**

Date/Time: Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 5-6:30 p.m. Location: Artico House, adjacent to the Plymouth Community Arts council, 724 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Join instructor and professional drummer Pat Paul Sorise at the Plymouth Community Arts Council for a new series of Drum Classes in the New Year. First will be Beginner Drum Set 100 (5-5:45 p.m. for ages 7 to adult), which will introduce students to holding drum sticks, drum rudiments, how to count and play quarter and eighth notes and introduce/play the drum set. For the advanced and experienced drummer the PCAC will open a new section of Advanced Drum Set 200 (ages 7 to adult, 5:45-6:30 p.m.). This class will identify drums/ cymbals, wrist and hand techniques and basic foot patterns.

**Contact:** To learn about other great opportunities at the PCAC or a complete list of classes offered visit www.plymoutharts.com or stop in the PCAC at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, or call (734) 416-4278.

#### **MOPS MEETINGS**

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

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

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fashioned cobbler shop known as The Great American Shoe Company, in Canton's Golden Gate shopping center on Lilley south of Joy. Early bought the business in August.

There, workers such as 61-year-old master cobbler Ace Shukeireh can repair a half-sole and heel, a woman's high-heel tips or fix whatever ails a shoe.

"I like to work with my hands, and I love being a cobbler," said Shukeireh, who has repaired shoes since his early teenage years in his birthplace of Jerusalem. "When people really like their shoes and they're comfortable on their feet. they like to get them fixed and keep them as long as they can."

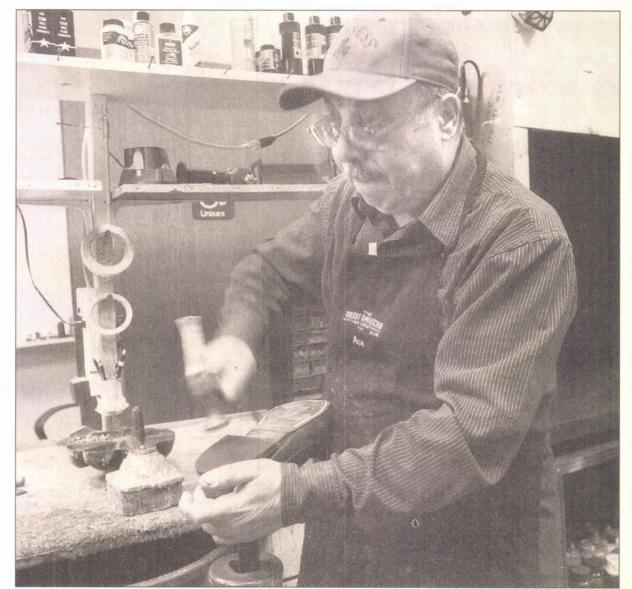
Given a rough economy, he said, it's cheaper for a professional to pay \$48 for a half-sole and heel repair than to spend several hundred dollars on new shoes.

As the number of cobbler shops continues to dwindle, Shukeireh said he believes the Canton shop has "the best reputation in the state of Michigan." He's a confident cobbler, with good reason.

"Ace can pretty much fix anything that's leather," said John Early's son, John Early II, the shop's vice president. "I've seen Ace fix canes, hockey gear, snowboard boots. As long as it has leather on it, there's a strong possibility he can find a way to fix it."

Once he's done, The Shoe Shine Guys simply return the repaired shoes on their next out-

Shukeireh, a Northville resident, has



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Ace Shukeireh fits new heels to a customer's shoes.

repaired purses, tents, car seats, boat covers and other items. It's clear he knows his work — especially shoes. Inside the cobbler shop, he picks up a pair that looks beyond repair.

Yet, fix them he can. "The name is worn off of these, but they are Italian shoes," Shukeireh said, holding a pair of old but repairable shoes. "I can tell by the feel of the leather that they are Italian."

Early bought the cobbler shop in August, five months after starting The Shoe Shine Guys. It's clear by



Derrick Martinez applies dye to the edge of the sole.

the nostalgic decor shoes from the early 1900s, an old shoe stitcher and nailer that he respects the cobbler's profession.

"It has become somewhat of a dying art," he said

Early estimated that 80 percent of the shoes his company shines are men's, though women account for 70 percent of shoe repairs. Much of his business comes from Detroit and other cities with large office towers, but locals also bring in their shoes.

His neighbors have welcomed his business. Just ask Sharon Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Art Studio, just two doors down.

"We're really glad he moved in," she said. For more on the company, go to www. theshoeshineguys.com or call (734) 645-2286.

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#### ICE FEST

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Kellogg Park and in front of some downtown businesses, plus vendors, live entertainment, celebrity appearances, ice-carving contests, winter sports such as snowshoeing and cross country skiing, and children's activities such as pony rides and a petting zoo.

While continuing the focus on the sculptures that the festival has been known for, Walton, during his tenure, has also concentrated on adding new events in order to broaden the festival's appeal. "That's a response to the market-

place," he said. Walton acknowledged fundraising hasn't been what he'd like, saying that a slow economy has made it especially tough for small local businesses to pitch in. But the money pledged so far for this event, more than \$70,000, is in line with expectations, he said. More cash should be coming in in the next two weeks, he said.

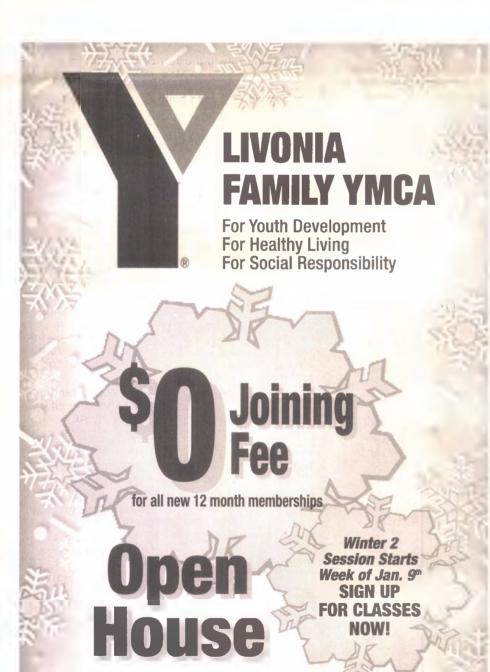
Recent Ice Festival budgets have been somewhat under \$80,000, compared to well over \$100,000 just a few years ago. Walton wants to take the show's budget back to that level and beyond, and said he's optimistic about the future.

"As I see the Michigan economy continue to grow a little bit, I'm becoming more and more encouraged," he said.

Walton landed two big sponsors for this year, McDonald's Corp., at \$15,000, and the MGM Grand Casino, at \$10,000. "We really appreciate them stepping up to the plate and playing a major role," he said.

Walton said this year's festival will be one that cements those commitments as well as attracts

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

# Pedestrian hospitalized after SUV jumps curb

**By Matt Jachman** Observer Staff Writer

Police in Plymouth are asking for the public's help in the search for a hit-and-run driver who ran down a pedestrian on a Main Street sidewalk shortly after midnight Dec.

The 30-year-old male victim was at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills on Tuesday with serious injuries to his lower torso, said Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski. He was struck about 12:30 a.m. Dec. 29 by a light-colored Ford Escape that was heading west on Main when the driver lost control

and the vehicle jumped the curb, went on the sidewalk and clipped a streetlight pole.

On a surveillance video, from a camera at the nearby Grecian Cafe, it appears the Escape's driver failed to negotiate the curve as westbound Plymouth Road turns southward and becomes Main Street west of Mill. The driver continued heading south on Main, Grabowski said.

The victim, who lives in Plymouth, was walking alone at the time and was not able to provide much descriptive information. "It all happened so quick," Grabowski said.

The crash was also captured on

video by the in-car camera of a police patrol car in the area, he said; the officer stopped to render aid to the victim, Grabowski said.

Police are looking for a newer model, light-colored Escape with damage to the driver's side and a missing or shattered side-view mirror, and are asking that anyone with information about the vehicle or its driver call them. Grabowski can be reached at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 272; detective Josh Carroll's extension is 258.

Callers can also use the main police number, (734) 453-8600.

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## Teen charged in pizza robberies

**By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer** 

A Canton teen accused of phoning in two separate, bogus pizza orders has been charged with robbing the delivery drivers after they showed up outside darkened homes where the defendant allegedly lurked, police said.

Patrick Allen Reid, 18, was arraigned Sunday on multiple criminal charges including armed robbery amid allegations he robbed pizza delivery drivers in the same neighborhood northeast of Palmer and Lotz roads

Reid was arraigned Sunday on two counts of armed robbery, two counts of unarmed robbery, two counts of larceny from a person — all felonies - and one misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

Reid was jailed with two separate bonds totaling \$60,000/10 percent, meaning he would have to post \$6,000 for his

for a Jan. 13 preliminary examination to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted as charged, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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# He has been scheduled

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# Child porn suspect waives local hearing

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A Monroe man facing computer-related child pornography charges after his arrest in Plymouth Township last month is due to be formally charged in Wayne County Circuit Court on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Tavis Greene, 24, remains free on bond after waiving his preliminary hearing Dec. 29 in 35th District Court before Judge Ron Lowe, who sent him to Circuit Court on 12 felonies.

Greene was arrested Dec. 9 and arraigned the next day on six counts of using a computer to communicate with another to commit a crime, three counts of distribution of child sexually abusive material and three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material.

Authorities said investigators found evidence of child pornographic materials - and that some children in those materials appear as young as 10 — on a computer belonging to Greene. The investiga-



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Tavis Greene, charged with multiple pornography-related counts, is due in Wayne County Circuit Court Jan. 12 after waiving his preliminary exam in 35th District Court last week.

tion had been conducted jointly by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police.

Greene was arrested at the Plymouth Township home of a friend with whom he had been staying. Each of the 12 counts he faces is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Greene is free on a \$100,000 cash or surety bond.

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## School loses new computers in burglary

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Nineteen new Apple computers, worth several thousand dollars each, were stolen from a classroom at the Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth during a Christmas Eve break-in.

Police officer Josh Carroll, the detective in charge of the case, said the burglar or burglars appeared to have broken a window at the back of the building, then opened it from the inside and climbed through. A door was then opened from the inside to exit with the computers, Carroll said.

The computers, all from the same classroom, were new for this school year, Carroll said.

The burglary was discovered on the morning of Dec. 24 by a maintenance man. Starkweather, an alternative high school and adult education center on Holbrook, is in a residential area, but Carroll said there no known witnesses to the break-in.

Carroll said police are checking up on leads in the case and studying fingerprints found at the scene. Anyone with information is asked to call Carroll at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 258.

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With an estimated crowd of 80,000 over three days, the 2011 Green Street Fair hosted over 200 exhibitors and 30 sponsors showcasing. demonstrating and selling eco-friendly, organic, and green products.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Fort Box will be back when the Green Street Fair returns to Plymouth May 4-6.

Planning for the Fifth Annual Green Street Fair is underway and will include new highlights and exhibitors.

Highlights of the 2011 Green Street Fair will include exhibitor displays, recycling workshops, Fort Box, Flip Your Lid, live entertainment, organic cooking demonstrations, street performers, interactive displays, children's activities, fitness and wellbeing demonstrations, art installations and

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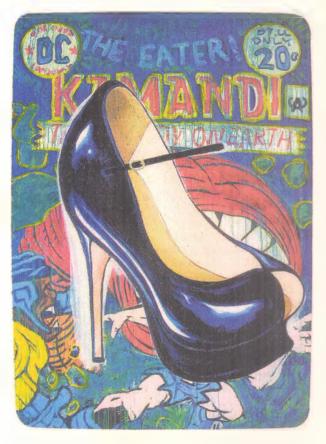
The Northville Art House will present a show that reflects an artist's diversity yet ultimately spotlights his unique vision - Etch, Sketch and Stilettos: The Work of Topher Crowder

- Jan. 6-28. Crowder, an adjunct professor at Schoolcraft College, burst upon the art scene eight years ago after a journey of fixing computers, merchandising beer, designing Christmas ornaments in a plastics factory and packing boxes in an audio/video supply warehouse. "I always wanted to be an artist. I would take apart laser printers, put them back together and make art out of them. I couldn't suppress it anymore!" Inspired by animated Saturday morning cartoons, vintage postcards, comic books of the 1960s and 1970s, Crowder's early works were, in effect, detailed stream-of-consciousness line drawings.

Things have changed. After earning an MFA at Wayne State University, Crowder said, "I have a lot of time to make up for. It's not about being successful. I want to try everything and any-

His show, organized by Jeff Cancelosi, at the Art House will include:

 Shoe paintings -- pop cultural streams of consciousness capturing the dichotomy and conflict inherent in male and female stereotypes in today's world.



"Yves Saint Laurent Patent Leather 'Tribute' Peep Toe Platform" - acrylic on canvas by Topher Crowder

 Day-Glow plexiglass creations -- intricately detailed biomorphic, mechanical shadow images of the human form that have morphed out of his early ink line drawings.

 Crowder's sculptural "studio weavings" -art constructed from the tattered remnants found anywhere and every-

where. Crowder's reverse vandalism signs -- unfinished boards branded with messages, left intentionally in forgotten pub-

lic spaces as unspoken invitations for public interaction, the art itself "finished" only when the anonymous person chooses to engage (most often through spray-painted graffiti).

The show will open in the Art House's upper gallery with a reception and artist's talk on from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 and will continue through Jan. 28 during the Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays).

## Family Buggy rides into the sunset with fond goodbyes

By Susan Steinmueller **Observer Staff Writer** 

Lee and Teddi Landes are among the diners who are saying a fond farewell to The Family Buggy in Farmington Hills this

"It's just something special. People are happy here," said Teddi Landes of Livonia as she enjoyed a meal with her husband Tuesday evening. "It has a homey feeling. The food is more like home cooking."

She said that she has been going to the restaurant since it first opened in Detroit.

"It's like home," said Lee Landes. The Family Buggy will close for business on Sunday, Jan. 8, after 44 years in various including Detroit, Livonia, Roch ester Hills and its current longtime location on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

#### Fond farewell

For owners Don and Peggy Payne of Farmington Hills, it's also a fond farewell. Over the years, customers and staff have become like family, they said.

"I'll miss just working with all the kids who work here and seeing all the customers," said Peggy Payne. "That's going to be the hard part because we won't see them."

However, said Don Payne, the economic environment gave them no choice but to end their 44-year run.

"It's obviously with mixed emotions," he said, but after three years of putting money into the business to make it work, he said he had to make the decision. "I don't own the building and I have twice

the space I need," he said.

Payne, 70, of Farmington Hills also said he's ready to retire.

#### Overwhelming response

Both said they've been overwhelmed with the response since announcing the closing in October. People have been lining up and

filling the 240-seat restaurant to capacity day after day, he said.

"We've just been showered with a ton of love from our customers," he said. "We've had some wonderful notes and letters."

Payne said that it was while growing up in Benton Harbor that he first got the idea of going into the restaurant business. He said when going out to eat, he thought about how things could be run better.

He also learned lessons about working with people from his high school band director, Bernie Kuschel, who is honored with a plaque in the restaurant. Payne said he was able to pass that along in working with and training his own staff members.

Payne graduated from Michigan State University in 1963 with a marketing degree and in 1965 with a restaurant management degree. He met his wife at MSU, who gave up teaching to join him in the restaurant business.

From the beginning, he strived for a woodsy, warm feel.

"I like the idea of the barnwood and antiques," he said. "If you put in modern decor, it starts getting dated."

The restaurant opened in 1967. It started off slowly, but after Detroit food critic Molly Abraham wrote an article, "all of a sudden, we had all the business we need-

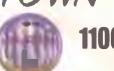
Payne, a cancer survivor, said he'll now have more time to write inspirational letters and poems to cancer patients and sur-

He'll also have more time for his two grandchildren. The couple's two daughters, Colleen Villa of North Carolina, and Janet Payne of Farmington Hills, a teacher at Dunckel Middle School, each have an 8year-old daughter.

The restaurant hours this weekend are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

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# Student station shifts formats

As WSDP gets ready to celebrate 40 years of broadcasting, the station has changed its music format.

Now known as The New 88.1. Plymouth and Canton's Hit Music, the station Dec. 31 began playing Top 40 hits from artists such as Adele, Maroon 5, Kelly Clarkson, Journey, Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift, The Fray and Bon Jovi. Listeners can follow the changes at the station by listening at TheNew881.

"We're excited to bring The New 88.1 to listeners in Plymouth and Canton," said Kyle Linford, Program Director. "We look forward to serving the community in the months

The New 88.1 is looking for a new name for the station. Listeners can e-mail ideas to The-New881@gmail.com. Everyone who submits an idea will be entered in a drawing to win a \$100 gas card. Contest rules and details are available at the station's website.

The station's staff is also working on an Internet-only station that will continue 88.1FM's former independent alternative format, "The Escape."

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station is staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools. The station has been serving the Plymouth-Canton Community since Feb. 14, 1972.



The high school youth group at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton delivers warm clothing and blankets to Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Ministry in January 2011. The Canton church, on the west side of Sheldon just north of Ford Road, is again collecting clothing, blankets and toiletries for Fort Street.

# Canton church teens reach out to help homeless

**Bv Julie Brown** Observer Staff Writer

As director of Open Door Ministry at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Ben Ogden works with homeless people. Most of his work is in Detroit, but he visited Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton the night of Dec. 26 as part of the high school youth group's Boxing Night.

The teens slept outside in the church parking lot, warming themselves by a fire in a trash barrel and using cardboard boxes to keep warm. The Canton church has done such a program for 17 years, and it includes collecting blankets, warm clothing and toiletries for Open Door Ministry.

"It certainly for a night represents a pretty fair representation," Ogden said of the suburban teens' experience. He visited Geneva around 9:30 to 10:45 p.m.

to talk to the group. Ogden's been director since 2008 and at Fort Street Presbyterian in some capacity since 2003. He appreciates a group of suburban students willing to volunteer - important as other volunteers get older - as well as being mindful of homelessness.

"So it's definitely important," said Ogden, an Oak Park resident who visited Geneva for the fourth year. "They're great kids.

There are many causes of homelessness, Ogden said, but that discussion is less important when someone is on the street in wet clothing while it's freezing.

"If we don't clothe them, they'll die," he said. There's a lot of poor public opinion of the homeless, Ogden said, but "none of them are significant when we're trying to keep people alive."

He said suburbanites are busy with their lives, and don't always know their immediate neighbors let alone those a couple of cities over. "I think it is to some degree a lack of knowing," he said of suburbanites. "I think more than anything it's a lack of awareness.

Among the eight high schoolers who stayed overnight in the church parking lot was Madelyn Degener, 15, of Canton, a freshman at Plymouth High School.

"It was really amazing," she said of the first-time experience. "It was really emotional, thinking about the people who have to do that every night."

She appreciated Ogden's discussion of homelessness. "It helped us understand more about it," said Degener, who will participate next

Substance abuse and mental illness are major factors in homelessness, according to Ogden. "It's an enormous number of people that have issues," he said.

Young people born into those families and with limited educational opportunity don't have much chance to succeed, Ogden said.

'That person isn't going to last long in that community," he noted of those released when state mental hospitals closed. Families were often ill-equipped to care for a mentally ill family member.

Ogden appreciates the help from Geneva Presbyterian, which is welltimed and ties in with the British/Canadian custom of Boxing Day, in which clothing no longer needed is boxed up for the less fortunate. Ogden said his facility clothes some 100 men and 75 women a week now, and donations drop after Christmas.

"The need of our guests grows," he said. Our giving starts to decline."

Boxes are outside

Geneva Presbyterian Church, on the west side of Sheldon just north of Ford Road, for donations to the Open Door Ministry through Jan. 13. Needed are coats, mittens, gloves, hats, blankets, and socks in good condition, as well as toiletries.

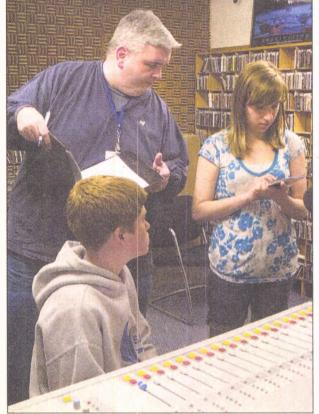
This is the seventh year Dan Degener, Geneva youth elder and Madelyn's dad, has par-ticipated. "We all end up, kids and adults, with a really good understanding of what it would be like to have that as your everyday experience,' Dan Degener said. "It's a great eye-opening experience.

"Our big goal is to remember what it would be like to be out there every night," he explained. There's quiet time as well as prayer and a Bible verse.

This year, about eight young adults who are alumni of the Geneva program stopped by with treats and visited. They didn't stay outdoors all night, Dan Degener said.

On Jan. 14, the Canton church will use a 26-foot truck to move the donated items to For Street. In the past, the truck's been filled.

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FILE PHOTO The student-run WSDP changed to a Top 40 format Dec. 31.

### Teddy bears, hats brighten holidays for the needy

Plymouth Community United Way is warming the hearts and hands of those in need thanks to the generosity of donors.

The nonprofit organization's second annual drive to collect hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for the homeless has yielded more than 1,200 items so far. Donations of hats. gloves and socks can still be dropped off at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth. For information, call Nick Stonerook at (734) 453-6879, ext. 3.

On Dec. 5, the 12th annual Teddy Bear Toss vielded more than 800 stuffed animals that were distributed to shelters and children's charities. Fans tossed the bears onto the ice after the first goal at the Whalers hockey game. The event is held in conjunction with Compuware Arena and the Whalers.

The Plymouth Community United Way raises funds year round for nonprofit agencies that provide basic human needs such as food and rent and utility assistance, and services such as bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, hospice care, grief support for children and adults, programs to develop skills, confidence and character in boys and girls, and counseling and safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Visit www.plymouthunitedway.org or call (734) 453-6879 to learn about a variety of ways to give and volunteer.



United Way staffer Betty Nolan adds to the pile of teddy bears the organization has collected.

High schoolers and adults at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton filled a 26-foot truck for delivery to Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Ministry in January 2011. The Canton church is again collecting warm clothing in good condition, blankets and toiletries for the homeless.

## Madonna film class celebrates premiere of 'Clayman'

By Kary Feick
Correspondent

More than 300 people filled Theater 2 of Detroit's Renaissance Center for Madonna University's recent student Capstone film premiere of Clayman.

Friends, family, sponsors, cast, crew, Madonna students and faculty poured into the theater and, when the doors closed, at least 30 more people found themselves in the standing room area in the back.

Hosted by Madonna University's fourth Capstone Film Class, the Dec. 17 premiere of the film *Clayman* brought in more than \$1,000.

"I was blown away at the response of the premiere and so proud of the class. It exceeded my expectations by far," said Jennifer Champagne, award-winning producer and Capstone Film Class instructor. "The response we received for a student film shows that film is still loved and supported in Michigan."

The premiere featured Clayman's trailer, commercials for Livonia Bakery & Cafe, Hello Faz Pizza and Vogue Vintage, a music video for Detroit's The Infatuations and the student short film Clayman.

The students also spent time building social media existence on Facebook and Twitter, which they used as a tool to gain attention for the premiere.

#### 'Great content'

"It's great that we made a buzz with social media, but we actually delivered some great content. The location was pretty cool, a bit of a jump from the standard Madonna lecture hall," said Hannah Welch, Capstone Film Class



KATHLEEN THOMPS

Madonna University's premier of the student film Clayman featured an after party with a red carpet and media wall photography opportunity. Pictured above are cast, crew and professors who worked on the film. One day on set a cast member walked in wearing a mustache, and the whole crew made paper mustaches. Noah Fisher, who plays Big Bully in the film, provided each person at the party with a mustache, carrying on the tradition from production.

social media director.

Over the past year, 12 undergraduate students from Madonna University wrote, produced, shot and edited the short film *Clayman* as part of their Capstone Film Class.

The Capstone Film Class is a senior-level class in which students gain film experience through an intense movie-making process of preproduction, production, postproduction and exhibition of a film. Due to the complexity of learning something new for the first time, Champagne provided each student with a guiding mentor from the industry to help with his or her specific film assignment. A number of mentors, as well as sponsors, supported the class by attending the pre-

"We are very fortunate to have professionals in the industry, such as Jennifer Champagne, willing to give of their time and talents to help educate our new filmmakers in the 'Hollywood methods' of making a film," said Chuck Derry, director of Madonna University's Broadcast



CHLOÉ BORAI

On the set of Clayman, sinister Chris, left, (Matt Branistareanu) and Shawn (Zachary St. Pierre) share a conversation about being bullied and the many thoughts going on inside Shawn's vast imagination. In action, cinematographer Adam Woloszyk carefully examines the scene, picking the best shot, and writer/director Walid Jaward focuses on the story of Clayman.

and Cinema Arts program and Capstone Film Class professor.

"We are always looking at new ways for our students to succeed in the 'business' and stay on top of the latest developments, and the Capstone Film Class is one of the best of its type in the state."

### After-party at Fishbones

Following the premiere, the class hosted an afterparty at Fishbones in downtown Detroit. A Capstone Film Class mentor and Michigan cinematographer, Christos Moisides, has a family connection to Fishbones and provided the class the Hermes room for the after-party.

"My family has been a mainstay in Detroit for over 40 years with great businesses. I will always support those striving for creative excellence if I have the ability to," Moisides said. "Jennifer Champagne has done such an amazing job with the students. I wanted to thank her for her dedication as much as I wanted to reward the students."

When the after-party kicked off, approximately 200 people from the premiere filled the room, causing the Fishbones staff to set up more tables.

The party featured a red carpet, media wall, photography opportunities, a live performance by the award-winning The Infatuations and an awards ceremony for cast, crew, students and their supporters.

"The after-party was a good time for us to thank many people and to hang out and have a good time," said Cory Davis, Capstone Film Class producer.

"We will be submitting Clayman to many film festivals," said Davis, who plans to use the money made at the premiere to cover film festival costs.

"I really think the movie will do well. Clayman will always be something special to us all. When I think about it right now, I have so many great memories and I'm kind of sad our class is over. Many

of us have become close friends, and working with everyone was an honor," he added.

### 'Dreams do come

true'

The story of *Clayman* puts a spin on the classic debate of good vs. evil, but through the eyes of Shawn, an elementary school child. Shawn wrestles with his own imaginative demon as a result of observations of his world as well as the mystery of his absent father.

"My goal with Clayman was to tell the best story possible from day one, and I feel that the story was conveyed as best as possible to the audience," said Walid Jaward, Capstone Film Class writer/ director. "My vision was showcased just as I imagined it." Jaward's script was chosen for production by the Capstone Film Class and he was also selected as the director of the film.

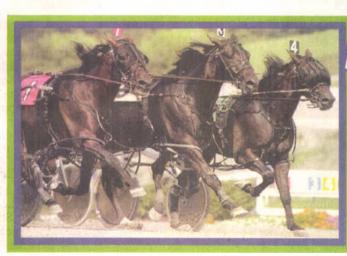
"I was genuinely happy the moment *Clayman* started to play on the Silver Screen. It was beyond surreal and the one thing that crossed my mind was, 'Dreams do come true.' I was honored, humbled, lucky and grateful to have shared that experience with my family and friends."

For more information on the 2011 Capstone Film Class journey, visit Facebook.com/Capstone-FilmMU or Twitter.com/ CapstoneFilmMU

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Lyon Township resident Lisa Burnia, co-owner of YesMichiCAN, shows off 'Don't Mess with the Mitten' T-shirts and hoodies.

# Local owner shows pride in The Mitten

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

If you've got a student out of town, a family member in the military or you just want to spread state pride, Lyon Township resident Lisa Burnīa's company, YesMichiCAN might have just what you want.

"Don't Mess with the Mitten" T-shirts, hoodies and auto air fresheners could be just the right gift for out of town guests, Michiganders who had to leave their beloved state and Michigander wantabes.

"We want to show our pride in Michigan," Burnia said. "We grew-up here and we want our kids to stay here."

Merchandise can be found at independent retailers throughout Michigan, or ordered online and shipped. A portion of all proceeds are donated to Bridgepointe, a Michigan-based charity that helps families throughout the state.

The Northville-based company uses all local vendors, including Tshirts from Border Bros. in Plymouth, screen printing at the Identity Source in Novi and layout by Pryor Design in Ann Arbor.

The company was founded in 2009 by lifelong friends, Terri O'Brien, of Northville. and Burnia.

"We've been friends since we were 12 and ever since the auto bailouts and learning about friends who were losing their jobs, we wanted to do something to help," Burnia said.

Their slogan is, "We can't do everything but we can do something to help neighbors, family and friends," Burnia

The merchandise can be found at independent retailers throughout Michigan or ordered online and shipped directly to college students, military personnel and Michigan natives who have moved out of state. To learn more about the products call O'Brien or Burnia at (248) 347-4350 or visit www.yesmichican.com.

Look for new YesMichiCAN products, including baseball caps, in 2012.

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## Importance of teams in successful organizations

This is the conclusion of a three-part series on teams. Part I was featured Dec. 22 Part II was published Dec. 29.

**By Martina Bogdanoska Guest Columnist** 

o team can be without a leader. The basic role of a team leader is to direct the group to achieve a common goal. Its structure can be understood as the sum of the following activities:

1. Setting team goals 2. Certification of personal expectations within the team

3. Using the skills and qualities in the most efficient way possible

4. Giving a personal example by their own behavior

5. Talking about problems as they occur

6. Regularly monitoring the work of the individual and the group and giving feedback

7. Providing healthy relationships between the team and other teams in the organization. 8. Ensuring the successful execution of the task.

There are several ways in which the leader can move the team. They are not difficult and can be easily achieved. To inject enthusiasm into the work of the team, you first need to solve those problems that can be quickly solved. The leader should not impose targets that are easily met. Identify the problems and talk about them with the

• To generate a sense of urgency, team members



Martina Bogdanoska

them an immediate task for which they are responsible. But it should be sufficiently flexible to allow changes that will shape

their goals and approaches. • Identify clear rules of behavior. Each team develops rules of behavior that help the team achieve its set goals. Some of them could be the following: no interruption of telephone calls, the existence of constructive confrontation, mutual respect in communication.

 Continuously inform the team leader. New information causes the team to redefine its understanding of goals and to help clarify goals.

• Enable joint development. The team should spend a lot of time together, especially at the beginning of its formation. Creative perspectives of team members as well as personal connection require mutual interaction.

The team leader should possess certain skills and values:

• To coordinate members - not to give commands

 To assist in determining, analyzing and solving problems

· To encourage cooper-To motivate team

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• To respect

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The team needs to have four types of people to support a successful team: people who contribute, people who cooperate, people who are good at what they do and people who believe in the cause.

Perhaps the most important element for effective teams is the climate or atmosphere in which they operate and that they themselves have created. Successful teams do not create artificial tension. There is a commitment to the task and purpose and no signs of boredom, disinterest or dissatisfaction. The atmosphere of the team is relaxed. There is a healthy competition among members and they have high expectations. This leads to openness and honesty in discussion and the adoption of decisions even if they are not correlated with other attitudes and opinions.

Teamwork is a feature with an established and affirmed system of communication. Teams should be created if they are not already established.

#### Martina Bogdanoska

is pursuing her doctoral degree in the field of human resource management within health care. She is an inspirational academic interested in transforming health care through innovative thinking. She holds a doctoral degree in dentistry and a master's degree in health management.

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#### **PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **New VP**

Plymouth resident Michael Mark has joined Health Management Systems of America as Executive Vice President of Sales and Product Development. Mark will be responsible for conceptu-

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managing and directing the execution of sales plans and initiatives. HMSA is headquar-

tered in Detroit, with additional offices in Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Eastpointe, Livonia, Sterling Heights and

Dearborn. Mark has a wealth of consulting experience in the managed care industry at the C+ level. He holds a BBA degree in Finance and Administration from University of Detroit Mercy. He was previously Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at The Mark Group, LLC, and has served as Senior Vice President of Healthcare at Science Applications International Corporation, Senior Vice President at Computer Science Corporation, President and CEO of Health Plus of Michigan and President and CEO of The Blue Care Network.

Mark specializes in corporate start up and turnaround, with additional experience at Superior Consultant and Keane Corporation. In his time at Health Plus of Michigan, the company achieved status as one of the top 25 fastest growing managed healthcare companies in the

#### **Dance, piano lessons**

Registration for the winter season is now open at Metro Dance Company in Plymouth. Dance classes are available for all ages and experience levels, 21/2 to adult. Piano lessons are available for ages 5-adult. Beginners welcome.

Winter piano lessons begin Jan. 12 and dance classes begin the week of Jan. 16. Register early before time slots fill. Register online today at www.Metro-DanceCompany.com or by phone at (734) 207-8970.

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## Park bird count returns Jan. 7

**By Philip Allmen** Staff Writer

Bird lovers can help see what's hanging out around Kensington this winter during the metropark's annual bird count next weekend.

Kensington staff organize three counts a year: spring, fall and winter

"We want to see what kind of species are here," said Mike Broughton, interpreter at the Nature Center. "Over time things change at the park, the environment changes."

The spring and fall counts feature migratory birds. The winter count focuses on those feathered creatures that enjoy the cold weather.

What's most common? "Chickadees, of course," said Broughton. "Any birds you see at your feeder are common.'

There are some birds that migrate south to areas like Kensington, including the junco. Conditions are good to see the snowy owl this season, as well, though Kensington staff have yet to see any. "That would be an exciting one if we found it," Brough-



Kensington Metropark is looking for volunteers for its annual New Year's bird count, scheduled for Jan. 7.

The 36th annual New Year's Bird Count will be Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Kensington Nature Center on the west side of the metropark. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m.,

out the park in groups to see how many different bird species can be identified. The total number of birds seen can be estimated. Those results will be compared to previous

Bird counts have been fairly consistent, according to Broughton, and occasionally volunteers

counts, said Broughton.

will find a different, interesting species, typically during the spring and fall counts when birds are migrating.

Following the bird count, lunch will be served at the center. The program is free and beginners are welcome. The program is geared for adults and children in middle school or older.

"We'll be outside the whole time," said Broughton. "It's not meant for younger children."

Volunteers are asked to dress for the weather, including waterproof footwear, as well as bring binoculars. Register for the program by calling (248) 685-0603.

Last year's bird count tallied 47 species, including the wood duck, bald eagle, pileated woodpeckers, golden-crowned kinglets and a yellow-bellied sapsucker. That total is average. In 2010, the bird counts noted 183 species.

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# Volunteers needed for Rouge stonefly search

Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who want to help look for stoneflies in the Rouge River on Saturday, Jan.

The search begins at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. No searching is done in Dearborn; volunteers carpool out in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams located around metropolitan Detroit

Volunteers must preregister by Jan. 20 on the FOTR website at www. therouge.org or by calling (313) 792-9621.

Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are sensitive to pollution, making them good indicators of water quality. Friends of the Rouge volunteers have been looking for stoneflies every winter since 2002. Last year, 95 volunteers participated, but very few stoneflies were found. The lack of stoneflies was attributed to extreme cold during and around the date of the hunt. The search date was moved to a week later in

hopes of finding more of the sensitive creatures.

Volunteers must dress for the weather and be prepared to be out in the cold for several hours. Only trained team leaders go in the water; volunteers search through samples on the bank. Children five years and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. Groups of up to six people can be accommodated.

The Annual Winter Stonefly Search is part of a long-term monitoring program coordinated by Friends of the Rouge. It is supported by the Fred A. and Barbara M. **Erb Family Foundation** and conducted in partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Services and the Alliance of Rouge Communities. A report on the results from the Fall Bug Hunt held Oct. 15 was just completed.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. For more information, go online to www.therouge.org.

### Former O&E executive, artist and musician remembered

Margaret Halava, whose remarkable careers ran the gamut from public service to business to music to painting, passed away at age 93 on Dec. 12, 2011. She was a former Farmington resident, past president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and a longtime corporate leader at the former parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"Margaret's range of capability was prodigious," said Philip Power, for whose newspaper publishing company she worked for 20 years.

"She brought enormous energy, terrific focus and ferocious loyalty to everything she did," said Power, founder and president of the Center for Michigan, a think tank based in Ann Arbor.

Power was, for nearly 40 years, owner of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., a group of 62 community newspapers in Michigan and Ohio which included the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Halava's career at HomeTown Communications ended with her retirement in 1987 as vice president for human resources.

Previously, she served as secretary to two Michigan governors — G. Mennen Williams and John B. Swainson - and as district manager for Congressman Billie S. Farnum. She also held positions at the Mackinac Bridge Authority while the bridge was being built.

She followed her passion for music by enrolling in the School of Music at Michigan College, later Michigan State University. Insisting she needed a better way to support herself,



Halava

father insisted she enroll at Acme Business

School, but she remained a passionate violinist all her life. She played violin at high levels, becoming Concert Master of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra.

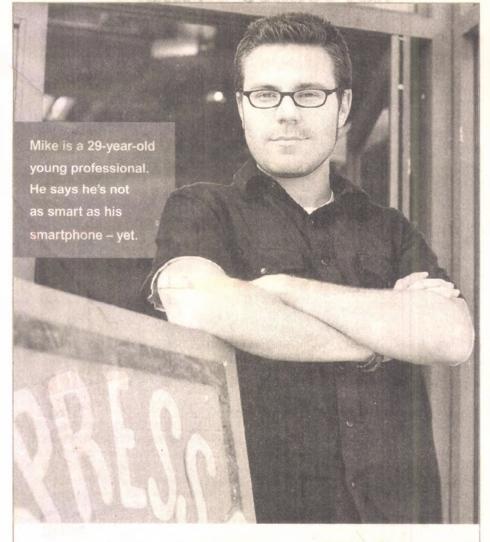
Her interest in and growing skill at watercolor painting enriched her 17 years on Maui, Hawaii, where she moved after her retirement from business. While in Hawaii, she also taught both watercolor and violin to chil-

She moved back to Michigan in 2010, where she lived in the Independent Living Area of Burcham Hills Retirement Center in Okemos. Her family held an enormous party there to celebrate her 93rd birthday, shortly before she passed away.

She is survived by her sons, Donald Ricks and Neil Halava and her daughter, Gail Halava, together with eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

"Shortly before Margaret was born, somebody up there broke the mold," Power said. "I've never known anybody with as remarkable a range of talents as Margaret Halava. Her life enriched profoundly her family, her friends and her business associates."

Memorials honoring her life can be made to The Lansing Symphony Orchestra, 501 S. Capital Avenue, Suite 400, Lansing, MI 48933.



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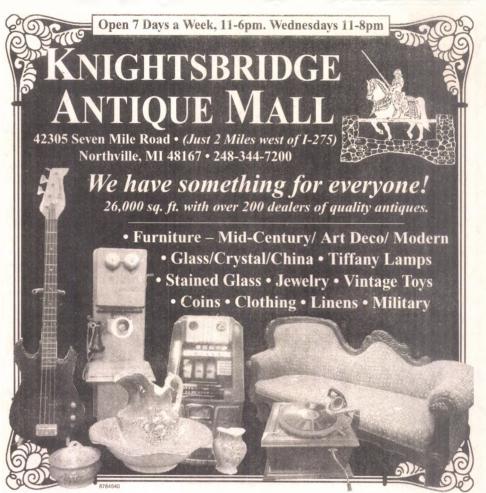
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**OUR VIEWS** 

# A new year

## Let 2012 be better for all

To know where we are going, we need to know where we have been. In looking back to Jan. 1, 2011, who would have thought we'd face yet another year of financial crisis, that a newly elected governor would link words like transparency, dashboard and best practices to money and that reinventing the state and creating a business-friendly tax structure would leave cities and school districts facing their biggest challenge yet?

Last year was the pivotal point in a decade of decline in Michigan, a point when we were all put on notice that what was will no longer be. President John F. Kennedy's message more than 50 years ago is just as relevant today as it was then. We can no longer ask what our government can do for us, but what we can

New Year's Day is when many people decide on a resolution, a goal they hope to accomplish in the coming year. The success rate is dismal at best. Of the 45 percent of Americans who usually make New Year's resolutions, only 8 percent are successful.

According to Stephen Shapiro, one of the foremost authorities on innovation culture, collaboration and open innovation, the less happy we are, the more likely we are to set New Year's resolutions. That's is especially true for those who set money-related resolutions: 41 percent are not happy, 34 percent are moderately happy, and 25 percent are

And since there is no correlation between happiness and resolution setting/success, Shapiro recommends that instead of looking forward to what you want, we should spend our time reflecting on what we have, which is especially important during these troubling economic times.

Shapiro has a point. We should reflect on what we have. In Michigan in 2011, a lot was asked of all of us. We made sacrifices to help move the state forward and did whatever we could to help those who didn't have any more to give.

And as dismal as it is here in Michigan, we still have a lot. It may not seem like it, but we do. We still have police officers patrolling our streets and firefighters to respond to every emergency. There may not be as many as in the past, but they are still there to keep us safe.

We still have good schools and good teachers to educate our children. There may be less money, a curriculum may be more rigorous and a few more children in a classroom in the past, but they are learning and being prepared for life in the 21st century.

Our wealth can be measured in more than dollars. We are a caring, generous group of people and that caring spirit of residents is apparent in all we do for those who are less fortunate. We need only look to this past Christmas to see how much was done by volunteers to make it merry for youngsters and adults

As we start the New Year, we do have a hope that it will get better for all of us, even if it is only a small improvement. We hope that this is the year that instead of hearing about job losses, we see the unemployed getting jobs. We also hope for an end to home foreclosures and that the shine will come back to the tarnished dream of home ownership.

And what we hope for most in this coming year is a return to sensibility and civility in government. We can't hope to make progress toward a better life with acrimony and self-serving posturing. Government shouldn't be about which party is in control and how they want to subjugate the minority, but about we the

And we the people also must do our share. If we do, 2012 may be a better

We can only hope.

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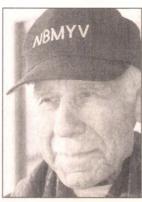
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#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### Is the presidential campaign season too long, too short or about right?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Too long. They just take up too much time. People are not really paying attention and it's costing a lot of money. I think they could streamline it and make it more attractive."

**Ed Smith** 

Plymouth Township



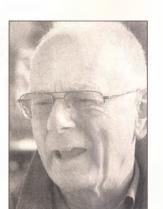
"I would say it's too long. It just seems to be a lot of back and forth ... starts losing focus on what's really at hand."

Joe Humeniuk Plymouth Township



"I don't think it would be too short. I think it's kind of good to have it long because you can hear what people are going to say, their ideas."

Michael Smokovitz Plymouth Township



"Way too long. It's ridiculous. You just become deadened by all the input from all the different candidates."

> Jim Rawlinson West Bloomfield

#### **LETTERS**

#### Fire 'facts'

I am a resident of Plymouth Township. This is my home, where my family lives and where I want them safe. I am not a lawyer, and I will leave the legal aspects of the fire department situation up to Mr. Cronin and our attorney.

But I would like to address the basic, common-sense, aspects of the issue of our fire department:

1. The board has refused to acknowledge the Steve Mitchell poll stating 73 percent of residents would support a 1mill increase in taxes to maintain the current fire depart-

2. The board has refused to accept the federal government "safer" grant of \$880,000 over two years to fund the department.

3. An article in the Observer implied the firefighters have not shared in the economic hits felt in the private sector; the truth is the board has refused to accept firefighters' offer of \$350,000 in concessions (including paying 20 percent of their health care costs).

4. The township has refused the union's offer to transport all EMS patients, at a net revenue increase of \$400,000-\$500,000 per year.

5. The board is "hanging its hat" on the legal aspects of the special assessment district law that the citizens were

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required to follow, based on township law. They don't care that 4,000 landowners signed a petition asking them to put a 1-mill, five-year millage on the

6. They say "your safety is their top concern," yet they've reduced the qualifications of their "paid on-call" firefighters. And they've increased the "paid-on-call" firefighters residency requirements from five miles outside of the township to 15 miles.

7. The township states the workload will be reduced by 30 percent. In 1995 when the joint fire department was

formed, the total run volume was 2,564 for "both" the city and the township. In 2011. the township-only run volume is expected to be 2,700, a 5percent increase in workload. Staffing for the department peaked at 32 in 2000-02; today it is 24, a 25-percent reduction.

8. In Supervisor Reaume's \$4,000 mailer to the residents, he stated in two occasions that "initially, we will offer the same service delivery model." What he hasn't told you, that "after initially," there are plans to close the Lakepointe station; lay off an additional six firefighters, and only staff two stations with a total of threefour firefighters.

Tom Kelly

Citizens Action Group of Plymouth Township

#### Hold it!

While I know nothing about the banned book, Gretchen Miller or Supt. Jeremy Hughes, I sure know something about ignorance of the law.

Is your article the end of the story? Is the school board willing to just brush this off as "without knowing there was such a process?"

Banned books, one-man decision, not following rules, ignorance ... hmmmmm, doesn't sound good to me.

Nan Cooper Plymouth

#### **GUEST COLUMN**

## Focus remains jobs moving into 2012

**By Kurt Heise Guest Columnist** 

y first year serving you in Lansing has been a busy one, filled with historic reforms and new ideas. With your help, I look forward to continuing this important work in the new year.



**Kurt Heise** 

Job creation continues to be my top priority. I will continue to support spending, tax, and regulatory reforms that make Michigan competitive for job creation, and that foster an environment for

growth.

I introduced the very first bill of 2011 to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) surcharge. That surcharge, and the job-killing MBT itself, were eliminated in a reform package that also erased a \$1.5 billion deficit, and cut taxes over \$700 million over the next three years.

As vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee, I also led the effort to eliminate unnecessary judgeships across the state, making government smaller and more efficient. I'm sponsoring additional money-saving judicial reforms in 2012.

Responsible spending and reforms by the governor and Legislature helped us balance the budget and even achieve a surplus last year. The state now has money to pay down long-term debts; I'm also advocating that we reinvest some of this surplus into public education for our kids

Unemployment has been dropping from its all-time highs, and many of our job creation reforms are just now taking effect. This past summer, Newsweek named Michigan the No. 1 state for job growth. This past fall, Bloomberg said we were No. 2 in their economic evaluation of the states. And, perhaps most importantly, Fitch Ratings upgraded our state's bond rating outlook to "positive," saving the state millions of dollars on our financing projects.

As the federal government, Detroit, and Wayne County have seen their credit ratings go down, Michigan's is going up, as Lansing makes the tough decisions to live within our means. This is what you hired us to do.

My door is always open. I've personally held over 100 coffees, library hours, one-on-one meetings, and advisory board meetings in 2011, and visited over 4,000 homes with my 'what's on your

mind' flier. My citizen advisory boards cover education, senior issues, small business, and local government, and are open to the public - nobody is turned away, nobody is hand-picked, dissent is welcomed, and discussions are always lively!

I'm also working with Northville and Plymouth leaders to develop jobs along the Five Mile corridor, putting the Robert Scott Prison up for sale, pushing for Detroit Water & Sewer reforms, supporting Canton's I-275 improvements, supporting common-sense environmental laws, and voting to make education funding a priority — even where I've had to disagree with

my own party. In 2012, I believe Michigan will continue its way back to the top. While our economy is recovering and growing stronger, there is no such thing as "good enough" for me. I will continue to work hard every day to bring new opportunities and jobs to our communities.

**Kurt Heise** is the state representative for the 20th House District, whose district includes Plymouth, Northville and part of Canton. He can be reached through his website at www. repkurtheise.com, by phone at (855) REP-KURT, or via e-mail at kurtheise@

# Sweet Dreamzzz celebrates decade of helping kids get good rest

**By Susan Steinmueller Observer Staff Writer** 

When it comes to getting a good night's sleep, the gift of a sleeping bag can mean a lot to a child in a low income family.

Nancy Maxwell, executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. based in Farmington Hills, has seen many grateful recipients of the sleeping bags and blankets that the non-profit group pro-

"A little girl told our program director that she couldn't wait to go home because her sleeping bag was perfect for her closet, and that's where she slept," she said of one recent recipient at a Westland school.

Another child, a homeless boy at an Ypsilanti program, told them, "Thank you so much, I now have a bed."

#### Celebrating 10 years

Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. is celebrating 10 years of providing sleeping supplies and sleep educa-

It began when Kathleen Donnelly, of Farmington Hills, read an article about a boy in Detroit who slept under his coat in a burned out house with no heat.

Donnelly and a group of friends helped the boy and his mother, then went on to provide sleep kits to a low-income Detroit school, with the help of hundreds of volunteers and donors.

As the need became apparent, Donnelly and co-founders Maria Borri and Maxwell incorporated Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc.



A Head Start parent receives a sleep kit at a new program launched at the OLHSA agency in Oakland County.

in 2001. Its mission is to ensure that every child has a warm, comfortable night's sleep and is educated regarding the importance of sleep.

"I think sleep is probably the most overlooked component to a child's health and well-being," said Maxwell, of Farmington Hills.

Getting enough sleep also means better academic performance, she

The program has served some 33,000 children in southeastern Michigan so far, she said.

#### Various programs

Sweet Dreamzzz has programs for at-risk early childhood and elementary school children. Additionally, it has enrichment programs for all students, and holds

parent and employee workshops.

Schools with at-risk children are pre-qualified for the program and there is a waiting list.

"It's the teachers who are saying we need the program," said Maxwell. "They see that the kids are coming in tired or unkempt."

Children learn about a good night's sleep through the Sweet Dreamzzz Rest. Educate. Motivate. (R.E.M.) Sleep Education Program. It was designed with the assistance of Wayne State University Professor Monica Tracey and the National Institute of Health and Human Services.

The Sweet Dreamzzz kits include a sleeping bag for 4- and 5-year-olds, a blanket for 3-year-olds,

a stuffed animal, a reading book, sleep activity book, crayons, toothbrush and toothpaste and a chart for parents to track good sleeping habits.

#### Caregivers, too

In the past year, the elementary program launched a curriculum that included a missing piece - parents.

The two-week curriculum for Oakland County children was for a nonprofit agency, OLHSA, and its federally funded Head Start preschool and Connections programs.

Surveys showed a very positive response, she

Parents not only established good bedtime routines as they read Goodnight Moon to their kids, but learned such things

#### **SLEEP TIGHT**

Sweet Dreamzzz recommends the following hours of

- ages 3-5: 11 to 13 hours
- ages 5-12: 9-11 hours
- ages 12-18: 8½ to 9 hours • adults: 7-9 hours

Sweet Dreamzzz gives the following examples of good sleeping habits: • Engage in relaxing behavior one hour before bed time,

- such as bathing and reading in low light.
- Stop screen-time one hour before bed, including television, video games and computers.
- Develop a routine for bed time.

as the appropriate num-

ber of hours of sleep their children needed. "Their children were coming to school sleep

deprived," said Maxwell, because parents believed they needed less sleep than they did. After their children received enough sleep, "the parents were saying, my child is better behaved."

"We tell them sleep is totally free — you can give your child this gift and it costs you nothing other than to establish a sleep routine and provide a warm, comfortable, quiet place to sleep."

#### Lots of help

The program costs \$15,000-\$17,000 per school, said Maxwell.

Donors and volunteers contribute to their mis-

The pilot OLHSA program was funded by a \$40,000 grant from the Detroit Auto Dealers **Association Charitable** Foundation Fund through the Community Foundation for Southeast Mich-

School and communi-

ty groups from Bloomfield to Garden City and Plymouth have collected and donated sleep kit supplies, she said.

Volunteer "sleep teachers" deliver the sleep education program.

The annual R.E.M.ember Celebration recognizes those who help the program.

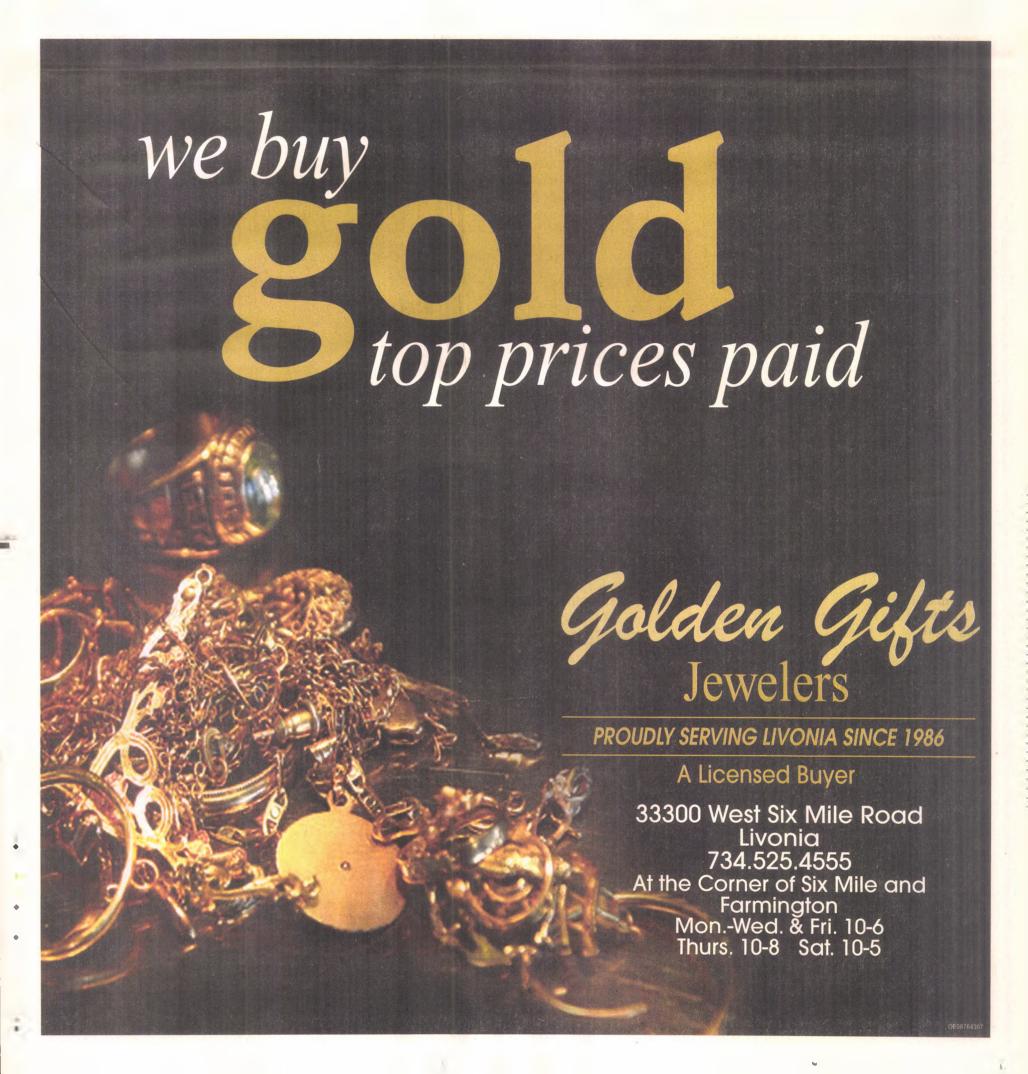
In 2011, the Susan M. Fezzey Volunteer Award of Excellence was established in honor of Fezzev. a dedicated Farmington volunteer. The first recipient was Candace Collins, a Farmington Public Schools teacher, who received it at the October celebration.

Maxwell looks forward to continuing to help children get a good night's sleep.

"The waiting list has grown," she said. "Having the waiting list itself is motivation."

To find out more about Sweet Dreamzzz, visit sweetdreamzzz.org. The address is 23660 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Phone: (248) 478-3242

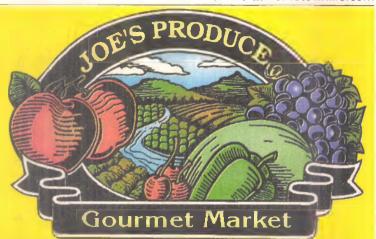
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# SPORTS

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# Raiders' rally nets win over city rivals

North Farmington beats Farmington in boys basketball

> By Dan O'Meara Observer Staff Writer

Though his team trailed by 18 points in the second half, North Farmington coach Todd Negoshian wasn't about to give up on his basketball team Tuesday.

His faith in the Raiders (4-4) was rewarded as they rallied from a 42-24 deficit early in the third quarter to defeat city rival Farmington in a boys game, 71-

"I just thought, if we could battle for 32 minutes and play a complete game, win or lose, the tide would turn and things would start going our way,"
Negoshian said. "We looked better defensively and, with a little more intensity, the tide turned

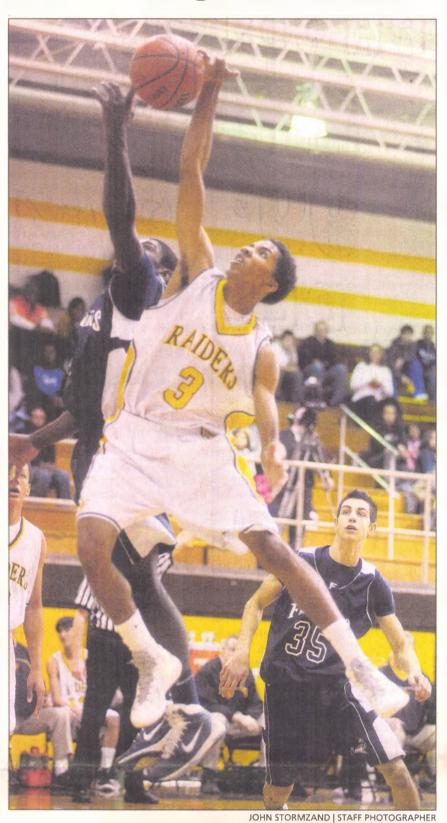
"The biggest thing is our guys really stepped up to the challenge at halftime. We needed to play hard. We played two soso games over break and didn't play well. We needed to make sure we played well over the final 16 minutes."

Farmington (2-3) got control of the game in the first half and led at halftime, 34-22. A run of eight unanswered points that included a pair of three-point plays by Ken Hammond and Chris Hare expanded the lead to 42-24.

The Raiders climbed back to within one, 46-45, and were down three at the end of three, 50-47. Caleb Hogans and Do'rrell Foster combined for 16 points in that period.

"I think we lost our aggressiveness," Farmington coach Terrance Porter said. "They made their run and we didn't make a run back. They became

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North Farmington junior Sterling Sharp and a Farmington player go after a re bound. Jeron Rogers (0) and Nick Gojcaj (35) follow the action.



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Canton's Pia Simon is the picture of concentration as she works the uneven parallel bars during Tuesday's dual meet against Northville.

## **Canton gymnasts** spring to victory

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Thanks partly to the return of Ayana Lewis from injury, the Canton girls gymnastics team opened its KLAA schedule with Tuesday's 144.45-129.05 win over Northville.

The Chiefs (3-0 overall) won three of four events in the A-team competition during the dual meet at Plymouth High School.

Lewis — the Division 1 state champion on vault last season scored a 9.15 on vault (third place) in her first competition of the sea-

She really was at her best on floor exercise, sharing first place in that event with teammate Melissa Green.

"You can see the height on her floor,' said Canton coach John Cunningham, about how the diminutive Lewis jumped high off the mat during floor exercise. "She's got elastic legs. It's fantastic, really.

Other Canton A-team firsts were scored by Erica Lucas on vault (9.625) and Nicole Lasecki on balance beam (8.925).

"I think 144.45 is a tremendous score, this early in the season," Cunningham said. "I'm really pleased with that. But we've got a lot of room for improvement.'

Cunningham's 2010-11 team finished second in D1 with a 146.5. Sharper routines as the year progresses could

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## Rocket wrestlers romp to Elks tourney victory

By Ed Wright **Observer Staff Writer** 

Westland John Glenn's wrestling team ended 2011 with a bang, launching a victorious assault on 20 other teams Friday in the Plymouth Elks Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Salem.

The Rockets scorched the brackets to the tune of 161.5 points to wrestle the title away from runner-up Livonia Franklin, which pinned down 151

Saline placed third with 115 points, followed by Howell and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, both tied for fourth with 111.5.

The host Rocks' 65

points were good enough for 15th, two slots better than Wayne Memorial (56).

Other Observerlandarea teams competing included Redford Union (18th place), Livonia Churchill (20th) and Garden City (21st).

Leading the Rockets' championship charge were weight-class champions Kyle Gillies (112 pounds) and Kevin Wacker (145)

John Glenn received second-place points from Jordan Brandon, who was upended 5-3 by Wayne's Dimitrus Renfroe in the 215-pound final.

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Livonia Franklin's Omar Haymour (facing camera) defeated Westland John Glenn's Dylan Morantes in this secondround 285-pound match at Friday's Salem Varsity Wrestling Tournament.

# Chiefs ramp it up, edge Hornets

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Canton's boys basketball team at times resembled an acrobatic troupe during Tuesday's 42-36 win over visiting Saline in the first game following the holiday hiatus.

There were flying blocks, diving stops and plenty of spin moves through the paint as the Chiefs (5-1) turned up the intensity in the second half to win the nonconference tilt. It was Canton's first

game following the holiday hiatus. After Saline closed out the second quarter on an 11-0 run to go up 22-18 at the intermission, Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy stressed the importance of playing harder and defending stronger against the previously undefeated Hor-

"We came in at halftime and our coach was pretty fired up," said Canton senior forward Paul Baumgart, who led the way with 15 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. "He got us ready to play when we came out for the rest of the game."

Canton evened the score at 31-31 after three frames before taking over midway through the fourth.

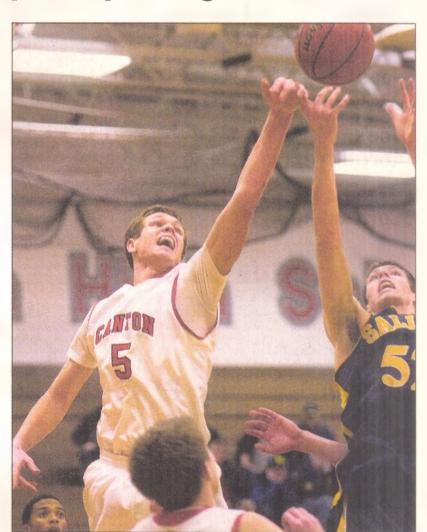
Junior point guard Josh Mayberry (nine points, six assists, five rebounds) hit a jumper to make it 35-35 and then delivered feeds to Baumgart down low for two more buckets. Canton never relinquished the lead after that.

"Coach tells us to have urgency," Mayberry said. "So I just thought about fighting hard.'

**Energized** 

He and his teammates immediately took heed following the locker room pep talk.

Mayberry connected on a bank shot and a rainbow trey from well behind the three-point arc during the first 2:10 of the third to put



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Vying for a rebound Tuesday night are Canton's Paul Baumgart (5) and Saline's Michael Smutny (52).

Canton back in front (26-24).

Also coming up clutch in the stanza was senior guard Kyle Adams, who drained two triples (one from each corner) to account for all six of his points.

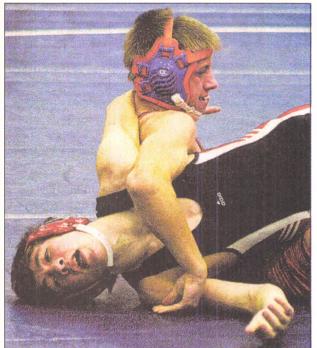
"Defensively he (Mayberry) was pretty good," said Reddy, agreeing that it was one of the player's best games so far. "He was really good offensively in the second half. He made a three and maybe two pull

ups in the lane."

Saline head coach Matt Seidl, whose team fell to 6-1, said Mayberry "was quick and we didn't do a good job of containing him."

"Another key was they must have blocked six or seven shots around the rim," he said. "That's unique in high school."

Chipping in with six points each Please see CHIEFS, B2



PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

Garden City's Britton Borlace (top) gets the upper hand against Clinton's Mike Sexton during a 119-pound match at Friday's Salem Varsity Wrestling Tournament.

#### WRESTLING

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"I was pleased when I heard the final results because I really didn't think we won the tournament," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I wasn't very pleased with how our guys performed on the day but collectively as a team, they got the job done. This season has had its ups and downs so far but we look forward to turning the page in 2012. Hopefully, this tournament started us off the right way and we will continue to take steps toward districts, regionals and the state tournaments."

The Patriots were bolstered by first-place performances from Gabe Martinez (125), Jordan Atienza (140) and Allen Steele (171).

"I was pleased overall with the way we performed," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola. "There were 21 teams, and a lot of the competition were teams we don't see that often.

"Jordan Atienza is wrestling really well right now. Each match he looks a little better. He has such a wide arsenal of moves it's hard for me to know what he's going to hit, much less his opponent. He's matured a lot since last year which I think is going to pay off at the end of the year.

"Gabe and Danny Martinez are also wrestling very tough. They drill and wrestle each other a lot in practice, and are constantly making each other better. Danny took his first loss, but overall I was happy with how they are both wrestling. Allen Steele got back on track after a rough Wayne County tournament and looks like he's heading in the right direction."

Salem's best efforts came from 160-pounder Tyler Gross and 189pounder Jake McCabe, both of whom placed second in their respective weight class.

"Jake McCabe lost a tough match in the finals to Skochelak from Henry Ford," Salem coach Pete Israel said. "He was a takedown away from tying things up and battled to the finish. With matches like that one, along with a few tweaks, Jake will be very competitive at 189.

"Tyler Gross had a good outing, too. He was pretty dominant until the finals, but I think this is a good mid-season learning moment and he will continue to improve."

RU's Collin Rankin cont<mark>inued</mark> his strong junior

season, placing fourth at

The bulk of Churchill's 34 points were the result of a pair of fourth-place showings.

Garden City's highest finish was eighth.

**2011 Plymouth Elks** Wrestling Tournament FINAL STANDINGS: 1. John Glenn, 161.5; 2. Livonia Franklin, 151; 3. Saline, 115; 4. (tie) Howell and Crestwood, 111.5; 6. Woodhaven, 101.5; 7. Dexter, 91; 8. Richmond, 87.5; 9. Monroe Jefferson, 80; 10. Lincoln, 73.5; 11. Yale, 70; 12. Henry Ford, 69; 13. Lincoln Park, 67; 14. A.A. Pioneer, 66; 15. Salem, 65; 16. Melvindale, 63.5; 17. Wayne, 56; 18. Redford Union, 44.5; 19. Clinton, 43; 20. Livonia Churchill, 34.5; 21. Garden City, 33.

103 pounds: 1st place: Kendall Freeman (L) decisioned Mohammed Yousef (M), 4-2; 3rd: Billy Cobb-Gulley (AAP) pinned Tim anner (MJ) in 2:54; 5th: Zeke Breuninger (D) dec. Xavier Nuckles (R), 8-1

112: 1st: Kyle Gillies (JG) dec Taylor Tickner (SLN), 5-4; 3rd: Ramzy Yousef (M) dec. Josh Perez (LC), 2-0; 5th: Dylan McLeod (LP) dec. Danny Brandt (HF), 9-2.

119: 1st: Ben Calandrino (H) major dec. Dan Martinez (LF), 15-7; 3rd: Ali Ayache (DHC) dec. Jordan Markey (L), 6-3; 5th: Alex Muzljakovich (R) pinned Tyler Foland (MJ) in

125: 1st: Gabe Martinez (LF) pinned Jake Jones (LP) in 5:01; 3rd: Nick Kupke (HF) dec. Adam Bruley (SLN), 5-1; 5th: Sejad Al-Hussein (DHC) dec.

Quinn Dupraw (JG), 7-2. 130: 1st: Alex Calandrino (H) major dec. Nate O'Sullivan (SLN), 10-0; 3rd: Andrew Barron (M) dec. Tevin Machart (HF), 7-3; 5th: Austin Cattera

(R) dec. Tito Sanchez (W), 12-6. 135: 1st: Cody Volker (MJ) major dec. Adeeb Alcodray (DHC), 15-4; 3rd: Quandre Thomas (AAP) dec. JP Birmingham (D), 3-1; 5th: Eric Smither

(C), dec. Moe Salameh (DHC), 140: 1st: Jordan Atienza (LF) pinned R.J. Smith (Y) in 5:32; 3rd: Hayden Hughes (H) dec. James Chapman (LP), 11-4; 5th: Alex Cornelius (SLN) dec.

Logan Robbins (R), 8-6. 145: 1st: Keven Wacker (JG) pinned Bailey Bischer (Y) in 1:09; 3rd: Beau Barton (R) pinned Roberto Davis (LP) in

1:55; 5th: double forfeit. 152: 1st: Eddie Nuttall (L) dec. Derick Hillman (W), 9-7; 3rd: Danny Muzyka (DHC) major dec. Anthony Long (JG), 10-2; 5th: Ryan Wellings (SLN) major dec. Nick Frazier (LF), 17-5.

160: 1st: Drew Bames (D) pinned Tyler Gross (SLM) in 40 seconds; 3rd: Mickey Sutton (W) pinned Chris Slattery (SLN) in 4:01; 5th: Sam Ekanem (WM) pinned Jacob Gulette

171: 1st: Allen Steele (LF) dec. Hunter Dunn (MJ), 12-8; 3rd: Danny Croft (JG) pinned Collin Rankin (RU) in 2:04; 5th: Kevin Cook (C) pinned Samer

Abboud (DHC) in 4:52 189: 1st: Dave Skochelak (HF) dec. Jake McCabe (SLM), 11-9; 3rd: Chris McCowan (JG) won by default over Raed Mourad (ĎHC); 5th: Nick Maher (W) dec. Daven Gardiner (RU), 6-5. 215: 1st: Dimitrus Renfroe (WM) dec. Jordan Brandon (JG), 5-3; 3rd: Youssef El-Sayed (DHC) dec. Jani Hilliard (AAP), 5-4; 5th: Chris Gutmann (W) dec. Robbie Keefer (H), 4-3. 285: 1st: Shawn Chamberlain (D) pinned Omar Haymour (LF) in 38 seconds; 3rd: Cam Englund (H) pinned Manny Haddad (LC) in 1:26; 5th: Quintin Ruddell (W) pinned



Salem 112-pounder Alex Arble eventually escaped from this hold by Wayne's Tyler Mulligan to record a second-period pin at Friday's Salem Varsity Wrestling Tournament.

## North girls claim FPS hoops crown

North Farmington captured the Farmington Public Schools city championship in girls basketball Tuesday with a 48-39 victory over host Farmington Harrison.

The Raiders (5-2) were outscored in the first and fourth quarters by a combined tally of 23-18, but they dominated the middle periods, 30-16.

"It was a nice win for us," North coach Tim Carruthers said. "We struggled early and then we really played well. The kids executed well and we shot the ball a little better than we have in the past couple games.

"Harrison was ready for us. They had a good game plan, and our kids didn't panic with it."

Senior guard Jasmine Harris (U-Mass) scored a game-high 22 points for the Raiders, who led by 17 in the fourth quarter. She also had seven rebounds and three assists.

Holly Snabes netted 10 points; Megan Keller had a balanced effort with eight points, five steals and four rebounds, and Kaitlyn Kendall added six points and five rebounds.

Kyla Roland led the Hawks (1-6), who jumped to a 6-0 lead, with 15 points. Marissa Cotton added 11 and Tiera Park-

North sank nine of 20 free throws; Harrison was 7-of-8 at the foul line.

**DIVINE CHILD 45, MER-**CY 35: The host Falcons took charge of the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams in the first half Tuesday and held on

through the second. Divine Child, the defending Class B state champion, rolled to a 25-9, halftime lead and withstood a Mercy comeback in the second half (26-20).

"We were just very sluggish early in the game at both ends of the floor," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "We struggled shooting the ball early. That impacted our defense because we were missing shots and were slow getting back on defense.

"We played a little better in the second half, but we still need to play a little faster, at a faster tempo. This is what we can expect in the Central Division where we're going to have to match other teams' level of competitiveness. That's what we look to do next time out."

Cara Miller scored 12 points and Morgan Blair 11 for Divine Child. Mercy was led by Sarah Benson and Sam Bauer with 10 and nine points, respectively.

Both teams are 5-2 overall. The Falcons made three of four free throws, the Marlins four of 12.

Mercy plays host to Pontiac Notre Dame

Prep in a Catholic League crossover game Friday.

**INKSTER 38, CANTON** 36: Despite an excellent defensive performance against high-powered Inkster, the visiting Chiefs were nipped in Tuesday's non-conference matchup.

Canton, which lost for the first time this season, fell behind 10-5 after the first and trailed 20-17 at halftime. Inkster held a 32-28 lead entering the fourth.

"The girls played extremely hard," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "We just came up a couple plays short. Defensively, to hold them to 38 points is outstanding.'

It didn't help that the Chiefs (5-1) hit only six of 13 free-throw attempts, while the Vikings made nine of 12.

Canton senior point guard Robyn Mack scored 20 points and collected six rebounds while Kiara Schneider tallied six points and eight rebounds.

Contributing four points each for the Chiefs were Kelsey McDougall and Rachel Winters.

W.L. CENTRAL 55, FRANKLIN 35: Despite falling behind 11-7 after one quarter, host Walled Lake central (2-4) cruised to a victory Tuesday at home over Livonia Franklin(1-5).

Kara Bierell led the victorious Vikings with 16

Central outscored Franklin 18-7 in the second period to take a 25-18 halftime lead and put it away with a 17-4 thirdperiod run.

Junior guard Katelyn Devers paced the patriots with 16 points.

Franklin shot 16-of-26 from the foul line, while Central made 2-of-9.

**CHANDLER PARK 51, N.** FARM. 50: North Farmington outscored Chandler Park Academy by three in the fourth quarter, 16-13, but the Raiders fell short of making up a 38-34 deficit at the end of three periods Dec. 30 in the Motor City Roundball Classic.

Chandler Park jumped to a 17-5 lead after one quarter, but North rallied to get within two at halftime, 23-21.

North senior Jasmine Harris (University of Massachusetts) scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead all players in both categories.

Kaitlyn Kendall had 16 points, four rebounds and three steals for the Raiders, and teammate Megan Keller had seven points, eight rebounds and four steals. Holly Snabes and Stevie Jones chipped in five rebounds apiece.

Chandler Park was led by Rashawn Hankins' 15 points; Jada Ivy added 10. Each team made five free throws; North shot 10 and Chandler Park 11.

## Daniels' FTs catapult Glenn boys by Tigers

Just in the Nick of time. Junior guard Nick Daniels scored a game-high 23 points, including four straight free throws in the final 23 seconds to propel Westland John Glenn to a 59-55 boys basketball win Tuesday night at home over Belleville.

Isaac Everette's basket with 51.1 seconds to play in regulation tied the game at 55-all and Daniels sealed the win with four consecutive foul

Senior forward Eric Covile chipped in with 19 points for the Rockets, who improved to 3-2 overall.

Jamie Pearson and Bryce Moon tallied 21 and 14, respectively, for the Tigers (4-2)

Glenn trailed 41-39 heading into the final period before going on a 20-14 fourth-quarter run.

The Rockets made 12of-21 free throws (57.1

percent), while Belleville nailed 14-of-18 (77.7 per-

JOHN GLENN 44, G.P. **SOUTH 30:** Junior guard Nick Daniels scored 13 points Friday as Westland John Glenn (2-2) posted a non-league victory over Grosse Pointe South (2-2) in the Metro Detroit Basketball Coaches Association Christmas Tournament at Ypsilanti.

Senior forward Eric Covile added 11, while and James Pruitt each chipped in with six for the victorious Rockets trailed 20-17 at halftime before going on a 13-3 third quarter run to take a 30-23 advantage.

**Desmond Cervera** 

Glenn then outscored the Blue Devils 14-7 in the final period. Kevin Reck led South with six points.

Glenn went 3-of-4 from the foul stripe, while South hit 4-of-8.

#### **CHIEFS**

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for the Chiefs were senior center Terrell Sewell (also tallying seven boards and two blocks) and freshman guard Greg Williams (six points in his first varsity start).

For Saline, guard Garrett Stark scored 11 points and added seven rebounds. Contributing 10 points and four boards was 6-8 senior center Michael Smutny.

#### **Buckle down**

Seidl said Canton's work ethic was a major factor to the outcome. The Chiefs outrebounded Saline by a 32-25

"We usually hold our own or even dominate the glass," Seidl said. "Tonight, Canton took it to us. They got a lot of offensive rebounds (nine), more than we're used to giving up.

"They kind of outworked us tonight,

which is not what you want to say after

Canton turned second efforts into spectacular displays in the second half. With less than two minutes to go in the third, Sewell came flying out of nowhere to block Matt Grasley's layup attempt. Baumgart soared to spike another

lavup bid, this one by Gabriel Becton, as that frame ended. Then in the final minutes of the con-

test, and Canton nursing a 39-36 lead, senior guard Miles Felton flung himself along the sideline near the scorer's table to save an errant in-bounds pass from all the way across the court - helping the Chiefs maintain possession. "Our second half, we played with

the urgency we need if we're going to win," Reddy said. "We're going to be a good team if we do that. Canton will visit Westland John

Glenn at 7 p.m. Friday, looking to make it two straight victories in 2012.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Making his way through a maze of Saline players is **Canton junior forward Scott** Gring, one of several Chiefs whose hustle helped them earn a 42-36 win.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Jan. 5 Thurston at Woodhaven, 3 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 Thurston vs. Westside Christian at Woodhaven Tourney, 3 p.m. South at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m. HVL at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m. C'ville at Lutheran North, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at S. Lyon, 7 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Jan. 5 Thurston at Woodhaven, 3 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. Athens at Farmington, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Troy, 7 p.m. Oxford at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Harrison at W. Bloom., 7 p.m.

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

PCA at Roeper, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6 Thurston vs. Westside Christian at Woodhaven Tourney, 3 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. S. Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Northville at Salem, 7 p.m. South at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m. C'ville at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m. N.D. Prep at Mercy, 7 p.m. Regina at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY Friday, Jan. 6 Plymouth vs. Warren Mott at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m. Franklin vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 Canton at Midland, 5:15 p.m.

Wat. Mott vs. North-Harrison at Farm. Hills Arena, 7 p.m. Salem vs. Big Rapids at Ply. Cultural Center, 6 p.m. Plymouth vs. Flushing at Arctic Edge, 7:30 p.m. Churchill vs. S.C. Shores Unified at S.C. Shores Arena, 7:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. G.P. North at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 5

Friday, Jan. 6 Harrison at Lake Orion, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 Lakeland Invitational, 8 a.m. Bishop Foley Invitational, 9 a.m. CC Invitational, 9 a.m. Howell Invitational, 9 a.m. Wyandotte Invite, 9:15 a.m. Clarenceville Tourney, 9:30 a.m Roch. Adams Invitational, TBA. PREP BOWLING

Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5 Ladywood vs. A.A. Richard at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 Ladywood Holiday Tourney

Seaholm at N. Farm., 6:30 p.m. Adams vs. Farmington-Harrison, 6:30 p.m. at Farmington High. Saturday, Jan. 7 Salem Invitational, noon. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Thursday, Jan. 5 Livonia Blue at Plym., 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 Rockford Inv., 10 a.m. Fraser Invitational, TBA. **COMPETITIVE CHEER** Wednesday, Jan. 4 Franklin Quad, 6 p.m. Stevenson Quad, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5 Canton Quad, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 Novi Invitational, 9 a.m. Allen Park Tourney, 10 a.m. Oxford Invitational, 10 a.m. Titan Invitational, TBA. **MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Saturday, Jan. 7 MU at Davenport, 3 p.m. S'craft at Wayne County, 3 p.m.

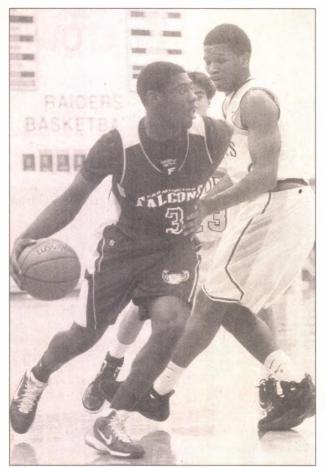
at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING** 

Thursday, Jan. 5

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Saturday, Jan. 7 Davenport at Madonna, 1 p.m. S'craft at Wayne County, 1 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Saturday, Jan. 7

Saginaw vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.



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Farmington's Bryan Green looks past Do'rrell Foster for an open teammate.

#### RAIDERS

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the aggressors, and we didn't match their inten-

"In the first half, we were doing a great job of attacking their pressure, getting layups and wideopen shots; we were passing the ball.

"In the second half, we lost some of that. We started dribbling through their pressure. They forced some turnovers and they capitalized."

Foster, who was 23-of-18 at the foul line and scored a game-high 30 points, pulled the Raiders within one again in the fourth quarter, 54-53, with four straight free

Hogans, a junior point guard, nailed consecutive three-point shots following Farmington turnovers to give North its first lead since the first quarter, 59-54.

The Raiders never trailed after that, although the Falcons got as close as one, 60-59, and three 66-63. Hogans, who finished with 26 points, and Foster were 5-of-6 at the line in the final half minute to secure the win.

"We put them at the line too much," Porter said. "They had 28 points off turnovers. That's the game right there. If we take care of the ball, they don't have an opportunity

to score those points. "In the first half, we limited our turnovers, and we were attacking and scoring. In the second half, we had some

The Schoolcraft College

men's basketball team

returned from its 20-day

layoff Friday by pulling

out a 98-90 overtime vic-

tory at Glen Oaks Com-

The Ocelots, who

improved to 7-3 over-

all, got 28 points and

12 rebounds from Karl

ed 18 points, including

four second-half three-

pointers to help School-

craft erase a 44-32 half-

Guard Mohamed Elhaj,

who dished out 12 assists,

onds remaining in regula-

tion to send the game into

Schoolcraft, getting

some defensive stops

from Deon Dunn and

Reshard Anders, then

outscored the Vikings 18-

10 in the extra five-min-

ute session to earn the

Daniel Hill (Wayne

Memorial) chipped in

hit a triple with 32 sec-

Richmond Jackson add-

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costly turnovers that they capitalized on."

Sterling Sharp added 13 points, which included four triples, for the Raiders, who made 27 of 33 free throws and shot 41 percent (18-of-44) from the floor.

"I just think we started to play with a lot more intensity defensively," Negoshian said. "Greg Joyce really stepped up for us and took a couple charges.

"We had more of an edge to use defensively (in the second half). For the first two and a half quarters, they took it to us and manhandled us with how hard they played. We were not able to match it until late in the third quarter.

"I think Farmington is a very talented team. We knew they were going to be organized, and they were going to play hard. They were playing for the city championship tonight, and Terrance does a great job with them. So we knew what we were going to be facing coming into it."

Chris Morgan scored 22 points to lead the Falcons; Bryan Green posted 18 and Chris Hare 14. Farmington was 11-of-18 at the foul line and 24-of-46 from the field (52 per-

"We knew they were going to pressure us," Porter said, "but it was a situation where we just got away from our game plan in the third quarter. That's something we'll work on in practice over the next week to get ready for our next game."

# Rocks go 1-2 in Traverse City

**By Tim Smith** Observer Staff Writer

The annual trek to Traverse City provided Salem boys hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher with more evidence that his young team is still a work in progress.

The Rocks led in all three games at the Scott Miller Memorial Hockey Tournament Dec. 28-30 in Traverse City. But Salem managed just one victory.

"We continue to get better, but we are still in the process of learning how to win," Ossenmacher

said. "We have had a lead in eight of our nine games this year, but have failed to finish on five of those

"These are all growing pains that can be expected with a young team, but if we continue our progress we should be ready by playoff time."

The highlight was the 3-0 win on Dec. 29 over the Bay Area Reps (a combined team of players from Traverse City high schools).

Lighting the lamp for the Rocks were Michael Manser (two goals) and

Mark McGee.

Goalie Anthony "George" Veresan earned the shutout for Salem.

That win came on the heels of a sloppy 10-7 loss on Dec. 28 to Midland.

An early 3-1 lead evaporated as Midland scored four times in the middle stanza.

McGee registered a hat trick with single tallies by Austin Sartorius, Kyle Downey, Jake Sealy and Jason Newel.

Ossenmacher said his team's best effort went for naught, in a 3-2 loss on Dec. 30 to Traverse City West. Jake Fedel scored both

goals for the Rocks, who ran into a hot goaltender. Salem led 2-1 after two frames only to give it up.

"If we play like this on most nights the outcome will be a favorable one for us," Ossenmacher said.

According to Ossenmacher, the trip to TC "went very well and all the players represented Salem very well on and off the ice."

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## Whalers' Noesen nabs NHL contract, scores three

**By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer** 

Stefan Noesen celebrated his entry-level NHL contract by scoring three goals and assisting on another as the Plymouth Whalers won 7-3 Friday over Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

Noesen also earned an assist Saturday as the Whalers scored five third-period goals in a come-from-behind, 7-4 victory over the host Windsor Spitfires.

The hat trick was the icing on the cake for Noesen. It was announced last Thursday that the

18-year-old right winger signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Ottawa Senators.

Noesen was Ottawa's second first-round pick (21st overall) in the 2011 National Hockey League

With 13 goals and 21 assists in 30 Plymouth games this year, Noesen is the latest in a long line of Whalers to score NHL contracts.

Late last season, forwards Tyler Brown and James Livingston inked pacts with NHL teams Philadelphia and San Jose, respectively.

The Noesen scoring

burst against the Spirit. before about 3,400 fans at Compuware, sparked the Whalers to another big offensive night.

On Dec. 28, Plymouth rolled to a 6-1 win over London. The victory over Windsor gave the Whalers three straight wins and 20 goals scored since coming off the OHL's winter break.

Another player who is on a hot streak is defenseman and team captain Beau Schmitz, of Howell.

Schmitz scored against Saginaw and tallied a hat trick against Windsor. He was honored Monday as the OHL Player of the Week.

In the victory over the Spirit, forward Matt Mistele netted his first OHL goal.

Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci gave Mistele and other rookies extra ice time after the team built a 5-1 lead entering the third period.

Rookie forward Danny Vanderwiel earned an assist in the Windsor

Plymouth (24-9-2-1, first in the OHL West Division) will again host Saginaw at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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## Farmington United wins Brighton Invite

**Farmington United** Gymnastics was a winner in its only competition last month, taking Invitational Dec. 8.

Farmington posted a 144.025 team score to finish ahead of the host school, Howell and Pinck-

Veteran gymnasts Alyssa Bresso and Amanda Lumley led the team with 36-plus all-around scores. Bresso had a 36.925 total

Both were among the team's top four in each event. On the vault, Lumley had a 9.3, Bresso 9.05; bars: Bresso 9.25, Lumley 8.85; beam: Lumley 9.25, Bresso 9.20; floor: Lumley 9.475, Bresso 9.425.

also counted in all events. She had a 9.0 on vault, 8.65 on bars, 9.35 on beam, 8.95 on floor.

Farmington counted scores by Megan Campbell on vault (8.65), Alyssa Millinoff and Sierra Nathanson on bars (8.8), Millinoff on beam (8.4) and Marissa Lapinsky on

regional-qualifying scores were Deanna Burns, Karen Johnson, Kristina Franchi, Julia Marissa Schuh, Rachel

Farmington's second competition is the Rockford Invitational on Sat-

first place in the Brighton

and Lumley a 36.875.

Meredith Jonik's scores

floor (8.575).

Other gymnasts with Matherly, Taylor Cherry, Ewald and Kalli Hooper.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Moose vs. Wings

The Detroit Moose Hockey Club and Detroit Red Wings Alumni will face off at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Arctic Edge Ice Arena on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

All proceeds from the game will be directly donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Interna-

More information about the charity contest including how to buy tickets — is available at detroitmoose.org.

#### **Canton Broncos hoop tryouts**

Boys currently in grades 6-8 are invited to open tryouts for the Canton Broncos travel basketball club. Tryouts will be 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 and 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at High Velocity Sports, 46245

Michigan Ave. in Canton. Player registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12. Each player must bring an adult; a \$5 tryout fee will be

collected to help pay for the gym rental. The Broncos are looking to have enough players to fill a team per each grade level.

For more information, contact Canton Broncos director Mike Cashin, (734) 778-1879.

#### Salem girls tennis meeting Jan. 30

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing on the 2012 Salem girls tennis team is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 in the Salem High School library. It will be the only opportunity for players to order uniforms for the coming season.

Spring tryouts will begin on Monday, March 12. For more info, contact Salem coach Lin Ware at (734) 453-0669 or via e-mail at tenniscoachware@gmail.com.

#### Pitching clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones will be the featured instructor at the pitching clinic hosted Sun-

Jones will be joined by former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, owner and scout of Indy Pro Showcase, along with the Stevenson coaching staff.

Session I (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. until noon followed by Session II (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Stevenson fieldhouse.

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.



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Getting ready to land on the balance beam Tuesday is Canton's Jocelyn Moraw.

#### **GYMNASTS**

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help the deep-and-talented Chiefs approach that mark again.

"We've got lots of room for improvement at 144, and we were 146.5 last year with second place in the state," he added. "So we're just cleaning up, finishing up. We're going to get better."

The team also was without senior captain Marina Milad and Cunningham noted that a few of his girls had their scores docked 5/10ths of a point each for having falls on beam.

Meanwhile, Northville coach Erin McWatt said the main thing about early season matchups is making sure girls continue to make progress on their routines.

That progress could help them begin to work toward qualifying for the state regionals. Girls must reach designated qualifying scores four

times per event to do so. "We're looking to see improvement in every event and improvement

in team totals." said McWatt.

Top Mustangs against the Chiefs included Daisy Ference, who won on uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.7, and Taylor Dempsey — among the top five in three events.

Cunningham said the Chiefs will compete Saturday at the Rockford Invitational, near Grand Rapids. Among teams on hand will be Farmington United.

"It should be interesting, it's a good test. We'll see how we look against the west," he said.

> **CANTON 144.45 NORTHVILLE 129.05** Jan. 3 at Plymouth

VAULT: 1. Erica Lucas (C), 9.625 points; 2. Melissa Green (C), 9.2; 3. Ayana Lewis (C), 9.15; 4. Jocelyn Moraw (C), 9.025; 5. Pia Simon (C), 8.9. BARS: 1. Daisy Ference (N), 9.7; 2. Lewis (C), 9.3; 3. Moraw (C), 9.2; 4. Green (C), 8.7; 5. Taylor Dempsey (N), 8.45. BEAM: 1. Nicole Lasecki (C), 8.925; 2. Moraw (C), 8.75; 3. Lewis (C), 8.7; 4. (tie) Green

(C), Dempsey (N), 8.525. FLOOR: 1. (tie) Lewis (C), Green (C), 9.4; 3. Lasecki (C), 9.3; 4. Moraw (C), 9.05; 5. Dempsey (N), 8.9.

Team records: Canton, 3-0; Northville, 0-2.

throws (72 percent) on the afternoon.

12 points and seven rebounds for Schoolcraft, which shot 18-of-25 free

Karvel Anderson scored a game-high 35 points for Glen Oaks (7-

Ocelots pull out win

in double OT, 98-90

BETHANY (KAN.) 73, MADONNA 58: On Friday, No. 21-ranked Madonna University (10-6) couldn't recover from a 42-31 halftime deficit as Bethany College (4-7) earned the victory at Johnson & Wales University's Wildcat Center in

Denver, Colo. Quenton Jennings, hitting five triples, paced Bethany with a gamehigh 19 points.

Trey Beachum and Haydon Parks chipped in with 14 and 12, respectively.

MU got a team-high 16 points from sophomore guard Travis Schuba, who made 4-of-10 from threepoint range. Sophomore point-guard

Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) added 13 points and five assists, while Eoghann Stephens added 12 points. MU shot only 37.1 percent from the field (23-

of-62), including 6-of-

(27.3 percent).

22 from three-point land

day, Jan. 22, by the Livonia Stevenson High baseball

The cost is \$40 (checks should be made payable to the Stevenson High School Baseball).

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FLAMINI, KEITH

Age 58, December 30, 2011 of Garden City. Loving father of Alicia (Bradley) Jonckheere, Jennifer (John) Jacobs, and Keith (Susan) Flamini Jr. Loving grandfather of 10 grandchildren. Beloved son of Mamie "May" and the late George Flamini. Dear brother of Dorothy (Craig) Teddy, George (Terri), Tim, and the late Donald Flamini. Funeral Service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit:

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### KISCADEN, PAUL

Age 57 of Livonia. Beloved Son of Mahlon and Leone. Loving Brother of Barbara (Joseph) Mendelson. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held Friday 3-8pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Funeral Service Saturday Gathering 10am Service 11am at

Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 6 Mile Rd. Northville (W. of Haggerty). Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



#### McMURTREY, WILLIAM R.

Age 87, beloved husband of Gloria for 65 years, and father of Kathryn and Marcia McMurtrey, departed this "mortal coil" (as he

no doubt would phrase it) on Christmas Eve, 2011. He was preceded in death by his brothers: James, Tom, and Harold, and by his daughter, Deborah. A Hoosier and proud of it, he was born to Samuel T. and Iva L. in Clinton Township, Ind. In his youth he worked as a paperboy, on the railroad, and as a movie theater manager. In 1943, Bill served in the field artillery of the US Army. He entered the Livonia Public School system in 1949, first, as a teacher at Bentley High School and then as a principal of Riley Junior High. He became a well-respected and admired educator and school administrator. To know William was to love him. His tender heart, keen intellect, and dry sense of humor, are and will always be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be scheduled and held in the Spring.

#### PAGE, NORMA RITCH

Age 79, December 31, 2011 Beloved wife of Earl. Loving mother of Sue Page-Girbach and Robert (Linda) Page. Proud grandmother of seven grandchildren. Daughter-in-law of Edith Keller Johnson. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Memorials to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society appreciated.

Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan

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#### In memory of



QUINN, YOLANDA

Born January 6, 1912 Died March 20, 1995. Remembered with love on the 100th anniversary of birth, by her family.

#### SCHULTZ, JANET A.

Of Plymouth. December 20, 2011. Age 60. Loving mother of Matthew and Phillip. Dear sister of James (Cynthia) Allison. Memorial Service Saturday, 14th at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 10101 West Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth at 11:00 am. A Memorial Gathering at the church will begin at 10:00 am. Arrangments by Czopek Funeral Directors (734) 285-9000.

#### SUND, A. RUSSELL

Dec. 24, 2011, age 87, of Howell, formerly of Livonia. Loving father of Gail (Tom) Garrity, Gary (Jennifer) Sund & the late Sandy Sund. Grandfather of ten Dear friend of Lynne Bunce.

#### WIETING III, **HARRY NYE**

Age 86, passed away January 1, 2012, Born in New Haven, Connecticut October 26, 1925, Harry attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He went on to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. Harry attended the University of Michigan earning a degree in business. He was also a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Harry worked for United Technologies Corporation and retired as a Vice President of the automotive division. In retirement he resided in Leland, Michigan and Naples, Florida. Mr. Wieting is predeceased by his mother, Marion Cluff Wieting, his father, Harry Nye Wieting Jr. and three sisters, Klingbeil, Georgia McKisson and Marion Jamieson He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean Wyckoff Wieting, daughter, Gretchen Kay Wieting Sherwood, son, Cary Nye Wieting and daughter-in-law, Patricia Watson Wieting. There are five grandchildren: Roderick MacKenzie Sherwood IV, Hunter C. Wieting Sherwood, Harry Wieting Sherwood, Julia Kay Wieting and Harrison Nye Wieting. A family memorial is planned this summer in Michigan.

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. day, Jan. 8 If including a photo, it must be in jpg format, attached to

#### Jan. 5-11

the e-mail.

#### CATHOLIC PROGRAM

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11-Feb. 15

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Catholics Returning Home," is a six-week series of meetings designed to answer questions and provide a forum for non-practicing Catholics who might be interested in discussing a possible return to the church. Each session will be facilitated by former lapsed Catholics in a very casual, nonthreatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for practical and open questions, answers, conversation, and discussion

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

#### **DVD SCREENING**

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Tuesday,

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5085 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Beth Ahm will honor the memory of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who was a poet, philosopher and teacher of Torah, during the week of his upcoming yahrzeit by screening a DVD of his last televised interview. The interview was conducted by Carl Stern of NBC News a few weeks before Heschel's death. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail Nancy Kaplan at nancyellen879@att.net

#### **FILM SERIES**

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, 15 and 22

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** An Israeli film series explores the beginning of modern Israeli politics and the interplay between Jewish tradition and secular Israeli culture. Howard Lupovitch will introduce each film and lead a discussion afterward. Films are "I Love You Rosa" on Jan. 8, "Three Days and a Child" on Jan. 15, and "Flames of Revolt" on Jan. 22. Cost is \$15 per session

Contact: David Goodman at (248) 851-6880

#### **GRIEF RECOVERY**

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., Sun-

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, near Six Mile and Beech Daly, in

Redford Details: The six-week

support program, Living with the Loss of a Spouse," offered by Widowed Friends, will cover issues related to the grief process, including Ioneliness. A trained peer member will facilitate. Cost is \$20. Widowed Friends is a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: Register by calling Joan at (248) 478-1084 **NEW SERVICE** 

Time/Date: 10:10 a.m. Sunday, beginning Jan. 8

**Location:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth

Details: A new 55-minute contemporary worship service called Impact will feature a praise band, lots of upbeat music and a powerful message in a relaxed atmosphere. Child care will be offered

**Contact:** (734) 453-5280

#### **PARENTING CLASS**

Time/Date: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

beginning Sunday, Jan. 8 Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church. 23925 Northwestern Highway, on the southbound service drive of the Lodge freeway, between Nine Mile and 10 Mile, Southfield Details: This is a five-session parent skills training program designed to help parents break out of established patterns that unwittingly support aggressive, defiant, oppositional and disrespectful behavior. It's designed for parents of children, 10-17. Jerome A. Price, founder of the

Materials cost is \$25 Contact: the Rev. Kimi Riegel or Jerry Price at (248)

Michigan Family Institute in

Southfield leads the classes.

#### **POMEGRANATE GUILD** Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday,

Location: Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile,

east of Greenfield in Oak Park **Details:** The group creates

and studies Judaic needlework. At its next meeting, it will discuss future charity projects. Coming up: At its Feb. 12

meeting, Judy Galperin will teach a Passover runner

#### workshop. Fee for the kit is

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

#### Jan. 12-31

#### **BETHANY**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 21

Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City

**Details:** Friends of Bethany Monthly Breakfast with Kathy and Pat

Contact: Kathy at (734) 956-0715

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 12-April 12 Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden

**Details:** Study is titled Understanding the End Time

Contact: (734) 326-7000

#### **BREAKFAST**

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne

Road, Westland Details: All you can eat pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, 2-10. Sponsored by

St. Theodore Men's Club Contact: (734) 425-4421

#### **CONCERT**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: London, Englandbased Tenors Un Limited present original compositions and favorites in "The Rat Pack of Opera." Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and children, and \$50 for a family ticket, (two parents and two students or children)

Contact: Michele at (734) 464-8513 or e-mail to tenorstickets@yahoo.com

#### WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Jan. 22; check-in starts at 2 p.m. Location: St. Kenneth

Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** Mass followed by refreshments, social time. Widowed Friends is a peer group within the Archdiocese of Detroit that offers activities for widowed men and women in a safe and friendly setting

Contact: Pat at (734) 895-

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# ENTERTAINMENT



# Sing your way through 2012 in a local chorus

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Make your voice heard this year — join a community singing group.

Local adult choirs are beginning to meet for weekly rehearsals — or have scheduled auditions — as they gear up for

spring concerts.

"We are definitely an audition chorus. Your admittance to the chorus is based on audition," said Shelly Addison, manager of the Farmington Community Chorus. "It's not a difficult audition, but your voice is tested, range is tested and ear is tested.

"We say you really don't have to have previous chorus experience but do have to have a feel or ear



for music. You won't pass the audition if you don't have some musical experience."

Reading music is an optional skill. All members receive a rehearsal CD to help them mas-

ter the songs planned for the group's holiday and spring concerts.

"Even if you do read

music, it's still helpful to hear it," Addison said. Auditions for the Farmington Community Chorus are 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17 and 24 at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. The group rehearses from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

The women in the Livonia Community Chorus are decked out in new through early May at the Costick Center. Call Addison at (248) 250-1447 with questions, or visit www. farmingtonchorus.com.

Director Steve SeG-

Director Steve SeGraves and accompanist/ assistant director Susan Garr will lead the auditions.

The spring show runs Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The group repeats its spring concert in August at Heritage Park.

The Farmington Community Chorus is in its 32nd year and draws singers from throughout metro Detroit.

"We've been running about 70 members," Addison said. "We'd like to build that up a little. All voices are welcome, especially men. We're always looking for men."

#### In Livonia

Livonia Civic Chorus could use a few more male voices, too.

"Yes, we'd like to increase the number of 'Men of the Chorus,' Peggy Gaskill, president, wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. She said membership in the mixed group averages about 50 singers.

Rehearsals begin Jan. 10 and run 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, at Gill, in Livonia. Dues are \$50 for the January-May concert season.

The group's spring con-

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# Out On The TOWN





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#### **CHORUS**

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cert, "Legends," will include favorites such as Sentimental Journey, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend and other songs of the 1930s-50s. The show will start at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Clarenceville High School, in Livonia. The Chorus also will perform April 28 at "Water Music," the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's con-

"We're joining them for a selection called 'Froggy' which fits into their water theme," Gaskill noted.

Livonia Civic Chorus members must be able to carry a tune and enjoy singing. Prospective new singers can call (734) 542-9071 or visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org for more information. Gaskill said no formal audition is required.

#### **Classical music**

Plymouth Oratorio Society doesn't audition new members, either. New singers who find the demanding, classical works too difficult generally drop out on their own.

The group is known for tackling works by Stravinsky, Bach and other masters of classical music

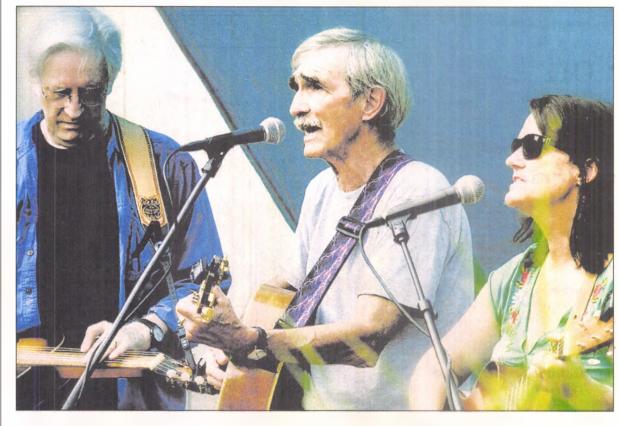
It will sing Requiem by M. Durufle, Regina Coeli and Ave Verum Corpus, both by W.A. Mozart at its concert on Sunday, May 6 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Rehearsals start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 9, at the church, located at 45201 N. Territorial Road. Members should arrive early for the first rehearsal to pay for scores.

Richard Ingram conducts the Plymouth Oratorio Society. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will join the group at its spring show. For more information, call (734) 455-8353 or visit plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

Other local choirs: BeckRidge Chorale — Make an appointment to audition for the chorale or its ensemble, Village Voices, by filling out an application at www.beckridgechorale.com. Auditions are held in September, December and January. The audition tests vocal range, sight reading, the ability to hear and repeat differences in

pitch, and voice quality. Cherry Hill Singers — The group is open to anyone 16 or older and no auditions are necessary. Cost is \$60 for the winterspring semester. Michael Gross, the Artistic Director of the BeckRidge Chorale, and accompanist Brian Long lead the Cherry Hill Singers. They meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Fill out a membership application online at www.beckridgechorale. org; (734) 394-5300



**ENTERTAINMENT** 

### **Tunes from** one-man play

Michigan singer-songwriter Jay Stielstra (center) will perform with trio members John Sayler and Judy Banker at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile, in Livonia. The group will play songs from Stielstra's upcoming one-man play, "Old Man in Love," and other Stielstra favorites, Tickets are \$15. The concert will launch a promotion of the revival of Jay's one man play, which will open in March at the Historic Chelsea Depot. For more information about the performance at Trinity House, call (734) 464-6302 or e-mail to Mail@Trinity-House.org. For more about the Stielstra Trio, visit www. myspace.com/jaystielstratrio.

#### **GET OUT!**

#### Art

#### **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sun-

days Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus exhibit runs through Feb. 12 and includes 64 works. Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$8 for youth, 6-17. Other exhibits include Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8; Gift of a Lifetime: The James Pearson Duffy Collection of drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs through March 18

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

#### **NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**

Time/Date: Through Jan.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Call for entries to the 6th annual Member Exhibition that runs Feb.

Coming up: "Etch, Sketch and Stilettos," an exhibit of the work of Topher Crowder, runs Jan. 6-28. The artist is inspired by animated Saturday morning cartoons, vintage postcards, and 1960s/1970s comic

books Contact: (248) 344-0497

#### Comedy

#### Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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

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

#### JD'S HOUSE **OF COMEDY**

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday



Michigan Opera Theatre soloists, Mark Vondrak, (left) Betsy Bronson, Maria Cimarelli and Karl Schmidt, will perform Jan. 14 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre.



John Tartaglia brings his puppet show, ImaginOcean, to Canton on Jan. 20.

Time/Date: Scott Henry,

Jan. 5-7; Mark Sweeney,

Jan. 12-14; Jeff Caldwell

Location: 269 E. Fourth,

Contact: (248) 542-9900,

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m.

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#### **JOEY'S COMEDY**

**CLUB OF LIVONIA** Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30

p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Charlie Wiener, through Jan. 7; Dave Waite, Jan. 11-14; Norm Stultz, Jan. 18-21 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE** 

Road, Detroit

**Details:** "There Goes the Neighborhood," a play, runs Jan. 7-8. Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

#### Contact: (313) 494-5800 **CRANBROOK**

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday Location: 39221 Wood-

ward, Bloomfield Hills Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

#### **PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; next exhibit runs Jan. 18-June 17

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the next exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-1/

Contact: (734) 455-8940

#### Music

#### THE ARK

Time/Date: Black Jake and the Carnies, Jan. 6; Jill Jack Birthday Bash, Jan. 7; Deep Fried Pickle Project, Jan. 8; Bitch & Ferron, Jan. 8; Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound, Jan. 11; An Dro, Jan. 12; Mountain Heart, Jan. 13; Theo Katzman: Songwriting Workshop, Jan. 14; The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 14; Bearfoot, Jan. 15

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

#### **BASELINE FOLK** SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month

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

**Details:** The show includes open mic performances and Circle of Friends, this month's featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families and offer free admission to monthly concerts

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464

#### **FARMINGTON PLAY-ERS BARN THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Jan.

Location: 32332 12 Mile, **Farmington Hills** 

**Details:** "From Broadway to Hollywood with the MOT" features soloists "up close and personal" in an intimate setting. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students. Advance tickets are available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets may also be purchased at

www.recreg.fhgov.com or by phone at (248) 473-1848 Coming up: Blackthorn, March 9-10

Contact: https://recreg.fhgov.com or (248) 473-1848

#### **MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC**

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Jan. 15 Location: St. John's Seminary Chapel, Plymouth Details: "Miniature Masterpieces" features music, such as Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," and Mahler's "Songs of a Wayfarer," performed by the chamber orchestra. A new work, "Changes," by Michigan-born composer, Andre Myers, also will debut. Tickets are \$22 general, \$18 senior and \$10, student

Contact: (734) 451-2112; www.michiganphil.org

#### JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Terry Lower Quartet with Terry on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass, Jim Ryan on drums and Edye Evans-Hyde on vocals will perform Jan. 31

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

#### **PLYMOUTH ORATORIO** SOCIETY

Time/Date: Rehearsal starts at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9; come early to register and pay for scores **Location:** First United Methodist Church, 45201 Territorial Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The Society kicks off its rehearsal schedule. New experienced singers are welcome, without audition. The Society will perform "Requiem" by M. Durufle, "Regina Coeli" (KV 127) and "Ave Verum Corpus," both by W.A. Mozart, on Sunday, May 6 at the church. Richard Ingram conducts the group. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will join the Society for the concert.

Contact: (734) 455-8353 or plymouthoratoriosociety. org

#### TRINITY HOUSE THE-**ATRE**

Time/Date: Shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Empty Chair Night show on Jan. 8 starts at 7 Location: 38840 W. Six

Mile, Livonia

Details: Mike Vial and the Great Lake Effect with Jeff Pianki, Jan. 6; Floyd King and the Bushwackers Wild West Show, with special guests Bob Marshall and the Campfire Compadres, Jan. 7; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Chris Buhalis, Jan. 8; Matt Watroba and Robert Jones, Jan. 13; The Jay Stielstra Trio, Jan. 14; Bill Bynum and Company, Jan. 20; Dave Boutette and his Hot Pepper Trio, Jan. 21; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, Feb. 4; Don Ross and Brooke Milleer, Feb. 10; tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2012; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 7-8 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth Details: "Puss In Boots,"

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

**REDFORD THEATRE** Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan.

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," tickets \$4 Contact: (313) 537-2560

#### Museums

**CHARLES H. WRIGHT** Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren

## Olive oil is key in a well-stocked pantry

n increasing number of Americans are choosing to eat in, swapping expensive restaurant meals for budget-friendly dishes they can enjoy at home. One often-overlooked trick to stressfree home cooking and entertaining is simply having the right ingredients on hand. A well-stocked pantry not only makes cooking more efficient, it also helps stretch food budgets and leads to creativity in the kitchen.

Start with these basics and your menu options will be endless. Stock up on basic cooking ingredients, such as common spices and seasonings, including salt, pepper, basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary, red pepper flakes and garlic. Other staples should include olive oil, balsamic and red wine vinegars, and chicken, vegetable and beef broths.

Olive oil is a good all-around cooking oil that offers a variety of flavors. It's also a good choice if you're trying to control fats in your diet. Of the cooking oils commonly available in grocery stores, olive oil is one of the richest sources of monounsaturated fats and is naturally cholesterol-free.

For baking, keep flour, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, nuts and dried fruits in your cupboards. And heartier staples such as canned beans, rice, pasta, onions, potatoes and carrots help round out the basics for delicious home-cooked meals that won't break the

"As Americans rediscover the joy of cooking at home, they're also learning how to cook more efficiently," stated Bob Bauer, president of the North American Olive Oil Association (NAOOA).

The NAOOA has developed several new recipes ideal for cool-weather cooking - from hearty breakfasts to delicious desserts — that highlight pantry staples and offer flavorful meals that are easy to make and fun to eat.

#### Mirepoix Chicken Skillet

Prep. Time: 17 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 27 minutes 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic pepper seasoning
- 3/4 teaspoon thyme leaves 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion ½ cup finely chopped celery
- ½ cup finely chopped carrot 3 cup white wine or chicken broth

Combine flour, garlic pepper and thyme in large plastic food storage bag. Add chicken; shake to coat; set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add vegetables; cook and stir 1 minute. Push vegetables to outside of pan. Add remaining 2 tablespoons oil to skillet; increase heat to medium-high. Add chicken; cook 2 to 3 minutes per side to brown lightly.

Add wine to skillet; cover and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook 8 to 12 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Serve vegetables spooned over chicken or pull chicken into large chunks and mix with vegetables before spooning onto plates.

#### Phyllo Apple Galette

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 40 minutes Total Time: 55 minutes, plus cooling time

- 4 Braeburn or Gala apples, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped
- 6 tablespoons olive oil 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds
- 8 sheets phyllo dough (17- by 12-inch) sheets

2 tablespoons powdered sugar Heat oven to 375 F. In large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add apples, cranberries, brown sugar, cinnamon

Remove from heat; stir in almonds and set aside. Place 1 phyllo sheet in center of baking sheet; brush with olive oil. Top with another sheet of phyllo and brush with oil. Repeat with remain-

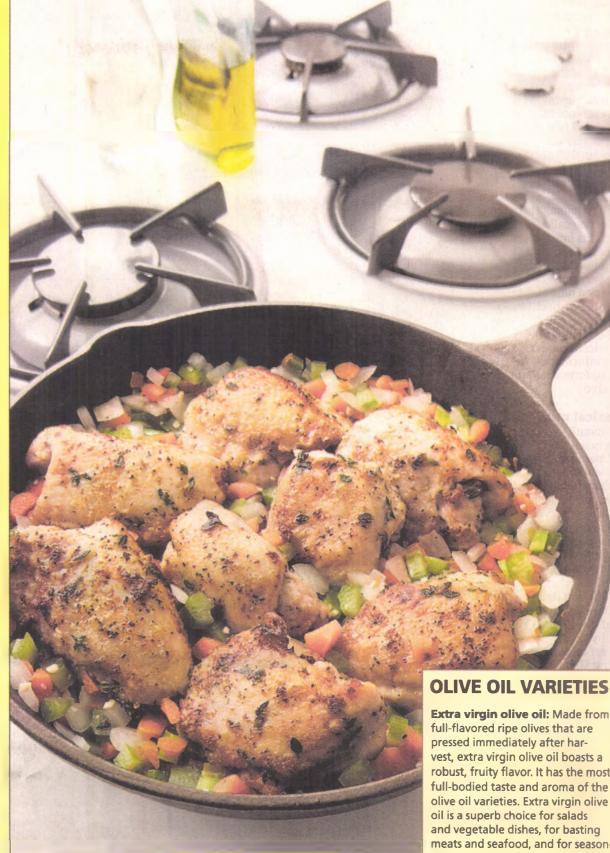
and nutmeg; mix well. Cook and stir 2 minutes.

ing oil and phyllo sheets. Pile apple mixture in center of phyllo, leaving 2 to 3 inch border. Fold sides up to form an edge around apples. Lightly brush edges with oil. Bake at 375 F for 40 to 50 minutes or until phyllo is light golden brown. Cool to room temperature; dust with powdered sugar if desired.

TIP: When working with phyllo dough, thaw if frozen. Allow unopened package to stand at room temperature at least 2 hours before using. Room temperature phyllo is much easier to work with than cold. Keep unused sheets covered with plastic wrap and a dish towel to prevent drying while brushing stacked sheets with oil.



**Layered Phyllo Apple Galette** 



**Mirepoix Chicken Skillet** 



Vegetable-Cheese Breakfast Roll Ups

#### Vegetable-Cheese Breakfast Roll Ups

Prep Time: 12 minutes Cook Time: 6 minutes Total Time: 18 minutes 3 servings

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon tarragon, optional
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse ground pepper 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 coarsely chopped mushrooms 1/4 cup chopped red pepper
- 3/4 cup diced fully cooked ham 3 tablespoons shredded Monterey Jack
- 3 8- to 10-inch flour tortillas, warmed

In medium bowl, beat eggs, tarragon, salt and pepper; set aside. Heat oil in large skil-

#### **Lemon Crunch Cod Fillets**

Prep. Time: 6 minutes Cook Time: 18 minutes Total Time: 24 minutes 4 servings

> 1/3 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs 3/4 teaspoon dried dill weed 3/4 teaspoon lemon pepper 4 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil 1 pound cod fillets, thawed if frozen

1 teaspoon grated lemon peel, optional Parsley, optional Heat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease small baking sheet or

shallow baking dish with additional olive oil; set aside. In small bowl, mix bread crumbs, ½ teaspoon dill and ¼ teaspoon lemon pepper. Drizzle with 2 teaspoons olive oil and mix well until moistened. Set aside.

Pat fish dry with paper towel; place on baking sheet. Brush fillets with remaining 2 teaspoons olive oil; sprinkle

let over medium heat. Add onion; cook 1 minute. Add ham and pepper; cook 2 minutes, stirring once or twice. Add mushrooms; cook and stir 1 minute. Pour egg mixture over

Stir, scraping sides and bottom of pan 2 to 3 minutes or until eggs are desired texture. Remove from heat. Sprinkle with cheese; cover and let

stand 1 minute to melt cheese. Spoon onto tortillas: roll to enclose egg mixture.



**Lemon Crunch Cod Fillets** 

with lemon peel if desired, remaining ½ teaspoon lemon pepper and remaining 1/4 teaspoon dill. Top evenly with crumb mixture, pressing lightly to adhere. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until fish flakes easily in center. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley, if desired.

Extra virgin olive oil: Made from full-flavored ripe olives that are pressed immediately after harvest, extra virgin olive oil boasts a robust, fruity flavor. It has the most full-bodied taste and aroma of the olive oil varieties. Extra virgin olive oil is a superb choice for salads and vegetable dishes, for basting meats and seafood, and for seasoning soups, marinades and sauces. Or use it alone as a dip for breads. Reach for extra virgin olive oil when you desire a full, rich flavor in your

Olive oil: Sometimes described as "pure," olive oil is an excellent allpurpose cooking oil that is more golden in color than extra virgin olive oil. It has a mild flavor with just a hint of fruitiness. It can be used for everything from sauteing and stir-frying to basting grilled or ovenroasted meats, poultry and seafood. Olive oil also works well as a flavor enhancer for sauces, marinades and

Extra light olive oil: With its light golden color and just a hint of olive flavor, it is the mildest of the olive oils. It's an excellent choice for all types of cooking, especially baking. It can be used in place of plain vegetable oil in most recipes. Extra light olive oil also is the best choice for high-heat cooking methods, because it remains extremely stable and won't burn. Extra light olive oil has the same amount of calories and the same nutrient content as other alive ails

#### **Cranberry Carrot** Cookies

Prep Time: 30 minutes Cook Time: 26 minutes Total Time: 1 hour 5 min-

Makes about 2 1/2 dozen

1 (18.25 ounce) package white,

- spice or carrot cake mix 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup quick or rolled oats
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup shredded carrot 1 small apple, peeled, cored and
- finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries 1/3 cup golden or dark raisins
- ½ cup coarsely chopped almonds, optional

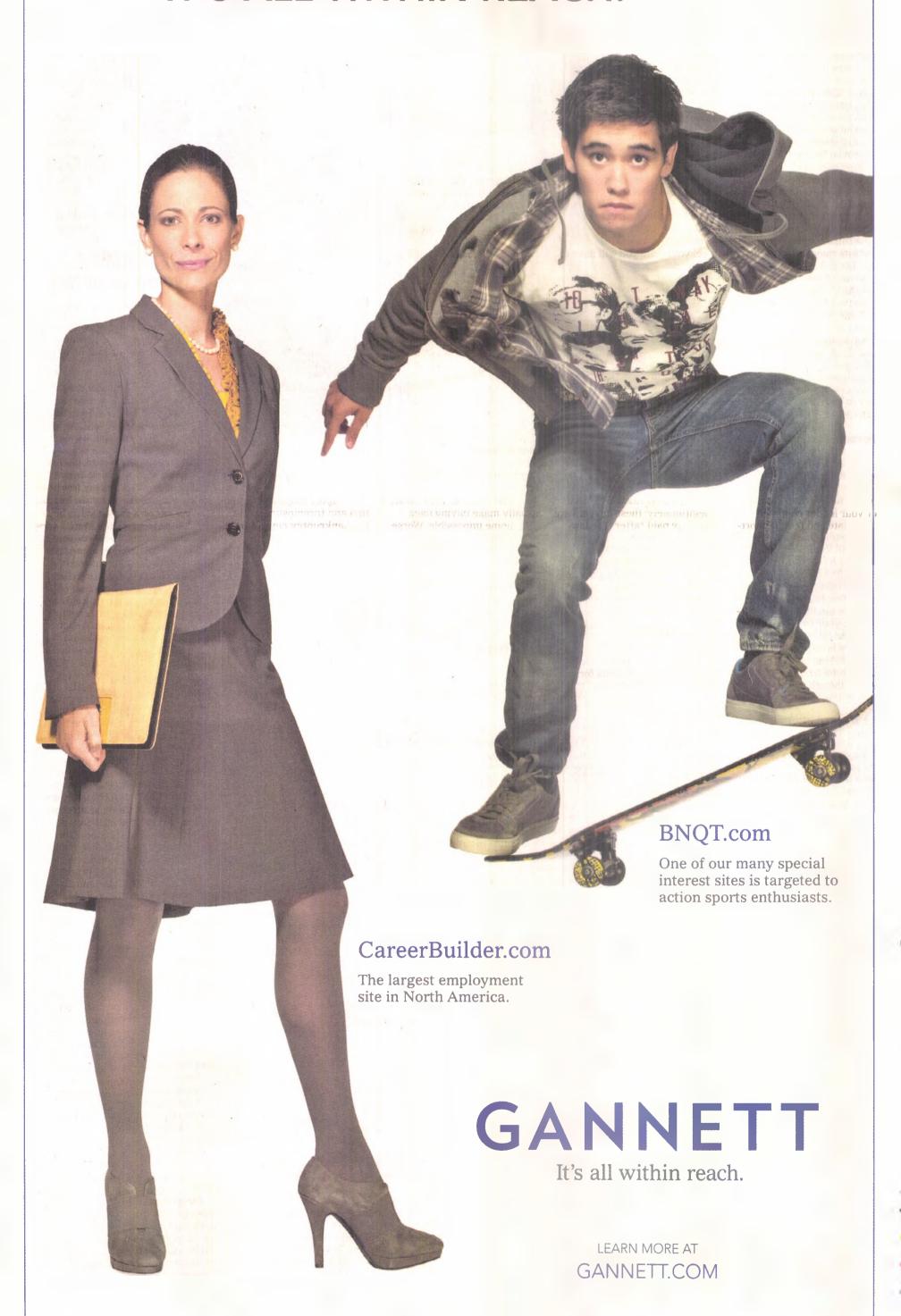
Heat oven to 375 F. Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl; mix well.

Drop by heaping teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10 to 13 minutes or until light golden. Cool 1 minute on baking sheet; remove to rack to cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar, if desired. Repeat with remaining dough.

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# Be wary of home loan scams

Loan modifications are changing every day. Here are some of the most common loan modification scams out there

#### **Phony Counseling or Foreclosure Rescue** Scams

The scam artist poses as a counselor and tells you he can negotiate a deal with your lender to modify your loan or save your house - if you pay him a fee first. The fee may be called a processing fee or administrative fee. He may even tell you not to contact your lender, lawyer or housing counselor - that he'll handle all details. He may even insist that you make all mortgage payments directly to him while he negotiates with the lender. Once you pay the fee, or a few mortgage payments, the scammer disappears with your money.

#### Fake 'Government' **Modification Programs**

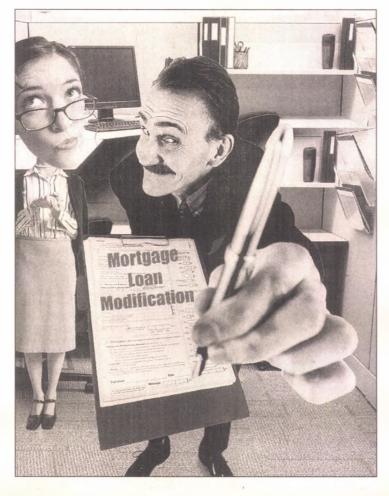
Some scammers may claim to be affiliated with, or approved by, the government, or they may ask you to pay high, up-front fees to "qualify" for government mortgage modification programs. The scammer's company name and website may sound like a real government agency, but the website may end with .com or .net instead of .gov. You may also see terms like "federal," "HAMP," "MHA," "HARP" or other words related to official U.S. government programs.

Contact your lender first. Your lender will be able to tell you if you qualify for any government programs to prevent foreclosure or modify your loans. And you do not have to pay to benefit from these programs.

#### **Forensic Loan Audit**

The scammer who may be called a forensic or mortgage loan "auditor" offers to review your mortgage loan documents to determine whether your lender complied with state and federal mortgage lending laws. The scammer will usually require that you pay a fee to start the process. The scammer may say you can use the audit report to avoid foreclosure, accelerate the loan modification process, reduce your loan principal, or even cancel your loan.

There is no proof that a forensic loan audit can save your home from foreclosure although it's conducted



by a licensed, legitimate and trained auditor, mortgage professional or lawyer. Even if you sue your lender and win, your lender is not required to modify your loan to make it more affordable. If you cancel your loan, you will have to return the borrowed money, which may result in you losing your home.

#### **Mass Joinder Lawsuit**

The scam artist, usually a lawyer, law firm or a marketing partner, will promise that they can force your lender to modify your loan. They will tell you that by joining other homeowners in a mass joinder lawsuit against a particular lender, you will be able to stop a foreclosure, reduce your loan balance or interest rate, receive monetary damages, or even receive title to your house free and clear. Mass joinder lawsuits can be used legitimately; these lawyers are usually paid \*after\* the lawsuit is over, on a contingency basis. However, mass joinder lawsuit scammers will try to "sell" you participation in a lawsuit against your mortgage lender, claiming that you cannot participate in the lawsuit until you pay some type of fee.

#### **Bait-and-Switch**

The scam artist convinces you to sign documents for a "new loan modification" that will make your existing mortgage current. This is a trick. You actually just signed documents that surrender the title or deed of your house to the scam artist in exchange for a "rescue" loan. Thoroughly read any document before you sign it.

#### Rent-to-Own or **Leaseback Scheme**

A scammer urges you to surrender the title or deed of your home as part of a deal that will let you stay in your home as a renter and then buy it back in a few years. He may tell you that surrendering the title will permit a borrower with a better credit rating to get new financing-and keep you from losing your home. However, the scammer may have no intention of ever selling the home back to you.

But the terms of these deals usually make buying back your home impossible. Worse yet, when the new borrower defaults on the loan, you're

Variations:

1. The scammer raises your rent over time to the point that you can't afford it. After missing several rent payments, you are evicted, leaving the "rescuer" free to sell your house.

2. The scammer offers to find a buyer for your home, but only if you sign over the

deed and move out. The scammer promises to pay you some of the profit when the home sells. But the scammer simply rents out your home and keeps the profits while your lender proceeds with the foreclosure. You lose your home and are still responsible for the unpaid mortgage, because transferring the deed does not affect your mortgage obligation.

#### **Short Sale Scam**

Scammers, sometimes called "short sale negotiators" or "short sale processors," may promise to expedite a short sale and usually require you to pay a fee, which is illegal in many states. Some scammers may even include surcharges or hidden fees before the transaction closes, which are also illegal in many states. The scammer may also misrepresent the value of the home to the lender.

A short sale may be a legitimate option for a homeowner in default or homeowner who is current yet the value of the home has fallen - if the lender agrees to the short sale. But homeowners should only work with a licensed real estate professional or licensed real estate attorney since the law requires that the person be properly licensed to negotiate the short sale with your lender. Homeowners should verify licenses with their state licensing agencies.

#### **Bankruptcy to Avoid Foreclosure**

The scammer may promise to negotiate with your lender or get refinancing on your behalf if you pay a fee up front. Instead of contacting your lender or refinancing your loan, he pockets the fee and files a bankruptcy case in your name — sometimes without your knowledge.

A bankruptcy filing often stops a home foreclosure, but only temporarily. Filing bankruptcy stops any collection and foreclosure while the bankruptcy court administers the case. But, eventually you must start paying your mortgage, or the lender will be able to foreclose.

You could lose the money you paid to the scammer and your home. Worse yet, a bankruptcy stays on your credit report for 10 years, which makes it difficult to obtain credit, buy a home, get life insurance or even get a

\$161,000

# Bedbug issue calls for action

Q: Our condominium has had incidents of bedbugs in the units, but the full extent is unknown. The association has mandated treatments by all and asks for proof of it. Some of the co-owners have complied and some have not. What is your experience with how communities have addressed it, and should the condominium exercise self-help to enter and treat and then charge back those who have not complied or supplied proof of treatment? Or have some associations just treated all as a common expense to make sure that it gets one?

A: This issue has not been widely discussed among condominium association practitioners, but it would be



Robert Meisner

my belief that to the extent that bedbugs have infiltrated from the exterior, that it may well be an association responsibility to pursue. On the other hand, if the

origin of the bedbug is within the individual unit, that may be the responsibility of the individual co-owner to take care of, all, of course, depending on your condominium documents. Obviously, it is hard to trace the origin of bedbugs and the Board of Directors, with the advice of counsel, will have to establish a policy which best suits the accomplishment of the end result, that is, to get rid of bedbugs.

Q: Our condo association board was doing a good job, but there were a few people, we think "crazies," that challenged them on everything. At times, the "crazies" crossed the line and our lawyer had to write them a letter. Now, they have gotten themselves elected to the board, intimidated some of the old directors into resigning, and, basically, have taken over the association. They have fired our manager, our accountant and our lawyer, and who knows who else. What can a simple homeowner do to deal with the situation?

A: Most condominium bylaws

provide for the removal of a director or directors on the vote of more than 50 percent of the co-owners, and require that a special meeting be scheduled at which you can hold such a vote upon the submission of a petition signed by one-third of the co-owners. You may wish to retain the services of an attorney who could assist you in this process. Before circulating the petition, you may want to contact members of the Board of Directors who may not be aligned with the "crazies" to try to gather additional information about the abuses that may have been undertaken by the new board. Unfortunately, to the extent that those directors breached their fiduciary duty, hired incompetent or no persons to take over the management of the condominium, are proceeding without proper or any legal advice and are otherwise acting maliciously or vindictively against former members of the board and/or professionals retained by the association, legal recourse in court may be the only available option that you have. In that case, you would need to retain an attorney who could bring a derivative action on behalf of the association against those directors to seek an injunction to keep them from undermining the operation of the association. Hopefully, the other co-owners in the condominium will help you handle the matter financially because their investment in their homes may well be at issue.

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

#### HOMES SOLD-REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS/WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 19-23, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON  2383 Amber Dr  42240 Beechwood Ct  7231 Briargate Dr  42456 Castle Ct  2288 Cleveland Way  1756 Crestview Dr  4168 Elizabeth Ave  44573 Fenwick Dr  43701 Fleetwood Dr  45755 Gainsborough  1591 Glengarry Wood  45965 Graystone Ln  46425 Killarney Cir  443 Lenox Dr  6495 Marshall St  50880 Murray Hill Dr  1623 Orchard Dr  45127 Quaker Hill Dr  40017 Rolling Green C	ls Ct \$285,000 \$132,000 \$167,000 \$315,000 \$235,000 \$187,000 \$45,000 \$163,000 Ct \$138,000
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44151 Sheridan St	\$121,000

GARDEN CITY	
28825 Birchlawn St	\$15,000
31137 Block St	\$87,000
28907 Bridge St	\$35,000
32502 Brown St	\$85,000
31550 Marquette St	\$30,000
30645 Sheridan St	\$95,000
LIVONIA	
35024 Bristol Ct	\$264,000
8823 Crown St	\$67,000
29740 Curtis Rd	\$69,000
30504 Fairfax St	\$164,000
16142 Fairlane Dr	\$149,000
16919 Fitzgerald St	\$133,000
32918 Illinois St	\$125,000
38616 Jahn St	\$100,000
18720 Lathers St	\$90,000
19243 Levan Ct	\$277,000
17557 Louise St	\$115,000
15123 Marsha St	\$155,000
34658 Munger St 18675 Myron St	\$193,000 \$109,000
38530 Northfield Ave	
17333 Parklane St	\$200,000
36296 Pickford St	\$138,000
15463 Susanna Cir	\$210,000
15022 Taylor Blvd	\$230,000
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9834 Westmore St	\$90,000
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9192 Redbud Ave	\$161,000
634 5 Harvey St	\$335,000
9399 Village Manor D	r \$288,000
51308 W Hills Dr	\$325,000
12348 White Tail Ct	\$460,000
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9557 Berwyn	\$52,000
26109 Elsinore	\$68,000
15563 Gaylord	\$33,000
11363 Hazelton	\$58,000
18303 Lennane	\$11,000
26032 Lyndon	\$56,000
15141 Sumner	\$49,000
11711 Virgil	\$36,000
WESTLAND	400,000
38071 Carolon Blvd	\$24,000
31024 Grandview Ave	
32231 Grandview Ave	\$44,000
8410 Haller St	\$18,000
34852 Linden Ln	\$85,000
29024 Manchester St	\$30,000
7421 Manor Cir	\$19,000
8223 Milburn St	\$43,000
6826 Moccasin St	\$65,000
6926 N Wildwood St	\$80,000
7102 Timber Ridge Trl	
37523 Vincent St	\$127,000
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#### HOMES SOLD-REAL ESTATE

These are residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 12-16, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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BIRMINGHAM	
560 Berwyn St	\$335,000
1950 Bradford Rd	\$110,000
1290 Lakeside Dr	\$910,000
2553 Manchester Rd	\$280,000
313 N Eton St	\$40,000
717 N Old Woodward	d Ave Unit
\$160,000	
1285 S Bates St	\$304,000
518 Townsend St	\$1,150,000
547 W Merrill St	\$369,000
533 Wallace St	\$635,000
BLOOMEIELD HILLS	

\$150,000

245 E Berkshire Rd

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174 Kirkwood Ct 500 N Woodward Ave # \$218.000	\$605,000 # 100
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35420 Heritage Ln FARMINGTON HILLS	\$111,000
37564 Baywood Dr	\$244,000
31188 Berryhill St	\$180,000
31145 Bycroft St	\$147,000
29386 Chelsea Xing	\$255,000
24397 El Marco Dr	\$155,000
29742 Fox Grove Rd	\$130,000
21219 Inkster Rd	\$20,000
21293 Juniper Ct	\$99,000
30324 Le Mans Dr	\$182,000
25699 Livingston Cir	\$260,000
32315 Middlebelt Rd	\$112,000
29727 Monterey Cir	\$142,000
30812 Mystic Forest Dr	\$230,000
28627 Oak Point Dr	\$210,000
21166 Osmus St	\$35,000
35054 Quaker Way	\$289,000
30715 Shiawassee Rd # 30111 Southampton Ln	\$160,000
36916 Tina Dr	\$252,000
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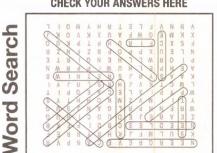
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## Resolve for 2012: Eat healthy and exercise

n today's youth-oriented society, it is rare to witness a sold out crowd gather to enthusiastically greet a 73-yearold female actress.

However, that was the case last fall when Jane Fonda captured the imagination of a crowd of mostly women at Florine Mark's 12th annual Remarkable Woman

The two-time Oscar winner looked terrific — fit, rested and

happy. A breast cancer survivor, Fonda shared her formula for maintaining and or restoring a zestful quality of life that serves well throughout life — eat

Susan Rosiek

healthy foods, exercise daily and foster only positive relationships.

So I offer you — readers of Hometown Life Woman — the same advice for 2012. Resolve to take care of yourself

Inside you'll find some help — from food plans (not diets) to exercise to motivation in Barbara Devo's column.

Start slow or take small steps but resolve to get fit in 2012. There's an eating plan and exercise regimen for

Here's to your success in 2012 no matter what self-improvement plan you decide to adopt.

And if it's January that means it's time for The North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit.

The Charity Preview is set for Friday, Jan. 13, and the show is open to the public Jan. 14-22. Cars, trucks and more will be on display. The auto industry has a huge footprint in the metro area and women are emerging as major players in the business.

See today's story on local women who are making a difference in the auto industry — as engineers or on the retail side of the business.

As always I welcome your comments and suggestions for upcoming editions of Hometown Life Woman.

Happy New Year! Make it the best one

Susan Rosiek executive editor/publisher

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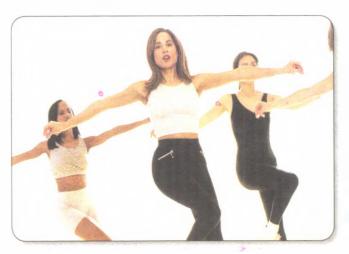




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# A new year or a new you?

By Barbara Deyo

Guest Columnist

hat did you want to be when you grew up? Are you doing it? If you aren't — have faith in the fact that it's never too late to change. You can always reinvent yourself. The rewards are well worth the journey.

My father, Bill Deyo, said to me when I was 19, "What do you want to do, Barb, sell little things or big things? It doesn't matter, you are selling yourself." My dad raised me like a boy. He taught me to work for myself, earn it myself, and "figure it out" myself. So I did.

A good friend of mine, Tom T., said to me, that every few years, I hit the "reset" button. My motto is, if you don't like it, change it. Or as Steve Jobs once said, "Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle."

I didn't always want to be a makeup artist. But, it was something I fell into young. I was good at it and fortunately, I was always able to make a good living doing it. It took me leaving the profession for about a year to realize I did love it. I just needed to do it on my own terms.

Deyo for face and body is actually my third adaptation in the past decade.

Sometimes it takes a little trial and error to get it the way you want it. Don't be afraid to try and fail — more than likely, you will try and succeed.

The most important thing is you have to try. And my biggest piece of advice is: Don't make decisions based on fear.

Erin Rose, founder of www.positivedetroit.net and www.pickmidate.com cautions to make sure you are in it for the right reasons.

#### Be bold

"Be authentic," said Rose. "I wouldn't be successful if I wasn't passionate about Detroit, plain and simple. If you create a business solely because you are seeking 'fame and fortune' but have little to no passion for it, you will burn out



real quick. Do what you love! I'm an advocate for doing things big, so make a change. Don't settle for mediocre or recreating the wheel. Do it big!"

She equates her success to these key factors: It solved a problem. It was original. It was a niche market. And it was the right timing.

"Every time I get that fearful feeling in my stomach, the same one when I was creating Positive Detroit, I know I am onto something. I know that the risk is worth it. Get to know yourself and learn to trust your instincts," said Rose.

J. Chris Newberg — maybe you know the name from last season's *America's Got Talent*. A decade ago, at 31, he decided to throw stability out the window and pursue his dream of being a comedian.

"I have been in love with entertainment as long as I can remember," Newberg said. "It fuels me. Whether I become huge or remain anonymous, I

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# Women advance along road to success in auto industry

**By Valerie Olander** 

Contributing Writer

From the time a new vehicle is conceived in the design studio to the time it's driven off the dealership lot, women auto workers are involved in every aspect of its creation and technology.

Women are making strides in the male-dominated industry, comprising about 23 percent of the total auto workforce. Fewer hold management and corporate positions. Less work in automotive sales, although women make up more than half of all new car buyers and influence 85 percent of all car sales.

"The culture has changed as more women have entered the workforce and more women have gained respect in the field of engineering," said Karina Morley, 48, of Canton, who has a 28-year career with various automotive companies, such as Chrysler and Ford.

Currently, Morley works for Management Engineers, LLC, a German consultancy firm that advises on business process improvements.

For example, Morley recently helped a client shave 25 percent off the cost of labor, parts and manufacturing for a new steering system to be launched soon.

"I have absolute horror stories from blatant sexual harassment to not receiving work because the company was afraid I'd have a family. Things have changed in the last 20 years," Morley said.

Now, the mother of two boys, ages 14 and 17, with a stay-at-home husband, she can laugh about announcing her pregnancy while working on an international project in England in the early 1990s.

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# Delicious, guilt-free ways to satisfy winter cravings

hen cold weather hits, so do comfort-food cravings. And although comfort foods like cookies and quesadillas taste great, they're not so great for your waistline.

To help you satisfy your cravings without winter weight gain, here are some tasty tips from "Hungry Girl" Lisa Lillien's new book, Hungry Girl Supermarket Survival: Aisle by Aisle, HG-Style!

• Check out the seasonal options of tea bags that pop up during the holidays, such as candy cane or sugar cookie. You'll get sweet satisfaction without all the calories.

• Dunk-a-fruit. Grab some orange segments and dip them in a sugarfree vanilla pudding snack cup. Or, plunge some apple slices into no-sugar-added caramel pudding.

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• It's easy to overdo it when pouring dressing straight from the bot-

tle onto your salad. And those calories add up fast if you double or triple the serving size. So portion out a serving first, and consider using the dip-don't-pour method to make it go further.

• To make the most of a single serving of brown rice, stir in tons of diced veggies, fresh or thawed from frozen. Peas, carrots, bean sprouts, broccoli, coleslaw, shredded cabbage and finely chopped cauliflower are all great for this. Another tip? Don't make rice your main course. Fill your plate with lean protein and veggies and then enjoy a serving of fluffy rice on the side.

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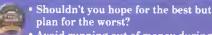
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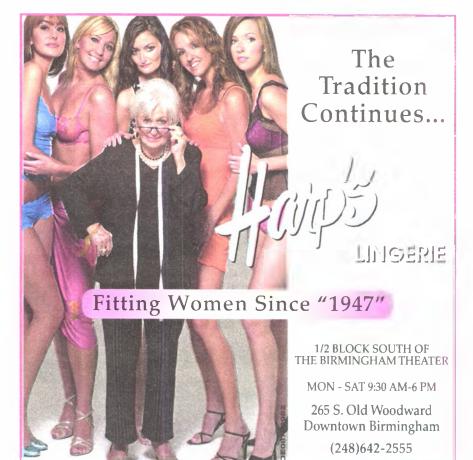
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"I remember one (Englishman) asking if the company was mad because 'now you have to go home.' I said, 'No. I'm not going home, I'm going to continue working," she said.

Judith Williams, 46, of Plymouth, who works at Visteon as the global coordinator of finance for the electronics division, said she pays little, if any, attention to being outnumbered by men in her office.

"There are women in various roles in all levels of the organization so I guess it just doesn't seem to be obvious to me (that the field is male-dominated)," she said.

**Key roles today** 

Today, women play key roles in the male-dominated industry, such as designing braking systems and overseeing the offshore software development teams for component development.

Once upon a time, former General Motors vice president of styling, Harley Earl, who is credited with such stateof-the art designs as the tail fin and wrap around windshield, had been called a visionary for being the first automotive designer to hire women.

In the 1950s, he received national media attention for hiring a group he called the "Damsels of Design" to provide insight on fabrics, colors and interior details, such as compartments for sunglasses and gloves, a door pocket for umbrellas and elastic components to keep grocery bags standing up straight in the trunk.

Earl saw the importance of women in the making and marketing of vehicles.

Since then, women have been part of research and development of soft-touch electronic controls, such as radio push buttons that replaced fingernail-breaking mechanical ones, and seat belts that fit and protect pregnant women. The introduction of the minivan was all about targeting women as important consum-

There still are improvements that need to be made, such as a better center console design to store purses and gas pedals more conducive to high-heeled shoes.

"Whether it's the interior, features like OnStar, the trim, leather and detail, automakers have come a long way in knowing what women want," said Kelley LaFontaine of LaFontaine Automotive Group, which has six dealerships in metro Detroit, including its flagship Cadillac Buick GMC outlet in Highland Township.

At LaFontaine Automotive Group's six

dealerships, the business has been influenced by two generations of women: Maureen LaFontaine and daughter, Kel-

Michael and Maureen LaFontaine opened their first dealership in Dearborn about 25 years ago and have grown to six in the metro area. Maureen overseas domestic auto sales while her husband concentrates on imports. Daughter, Kelley, 36, is in charge of the company's public relations and marketing.

"She's been recognized numerous times for all she has done, especially being a woman working in a field dominated by men. I think what she has done has been amazing," Kelley said.

Making a difference

Maureen's influence is evident at the flagship dealer, which was No. 1 in Buick GMC and Cadillac sales last year.

The dealership, built in 2008 and awarded for its "green" construction, was designed with the woman in mind. It features a salon, boutique, cafe and Kids Zone.

"She knows a working mother of four wants one-stop shopping. She wanted to accomplish more than having a service area where all there is, is smelling coffee in a square room," Kelley said.

Susan Ianni is one of only a handful of women serving as general manager of a dealership. She worked her way up from the ground level to become the head of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

"My friend encouraged me to try it. At the time there were no women in the industry. I was a mom with three kids and I needed to make more money," she

She had been working at Silhouette/ American health club in 1984 and had no background or education in the automotive industry when she started out selling cars at Stewart Chevrolet. She triumphed by being compassionate with customers and passionate about Chevrolet vehicles.

"I loved selling but I hated negotiating and the inconsistent pricing," she said.

By 1988, she was the sales manager at Gordon Chevrolet and proposed a oneprice policy, also known as red tag. It was almost unheard of at the time.

"The problem with the car business then is that women, college students or anvone youthful or with little knowledge about buying a car tended to get gouged at the dealerships. It was terribly inconsistent pricing," she said.

By 1991, she was named general manager of the dealership, a position she still holds today.

"I still love the business and I love the way we sell at one price," she said.

## Making the exercise resolution a lasting commitment



By Helen Niemiec
Contributing Writer

he gyms are packed in January, filled with people who have made exercising and getting fit a New Year's resolution. By February, the numbers have thinned out and another resolution goes unfulfilled.

Personal trainers and gym owners all agree that setting unrealistic expectations and not making exercise a priority is what dooms most resolutions. Their universal advice: make it a priority by putting sessions on your calendar and then working around that schedule, find an exercise routine that is both enjoyable and fits your schedule and think of it as fun and not drudgery.

Maggie Williams, owner of Curves of Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills, said that a total workout plan is ideal though the hot trends of Zumba can be an added inducement to attend. Zumba is exercising to Latin music, focusing on cardio and flexibility.

A number of gyms, including the Livonia YMCA and Mid America Fitness, are offering spinning classes, another popular fitness routine. Spinning is done on a stationary bicycle, with segments done seated and then standing, and is a cardio work-

> While those options. as well as Jazzercise offered in some areas. are popular and can draw crowds, all say that each person exercising needs to look at total body fitness in the overall plan. A Zumba or a spinning class can supplement a fuller routine that will incorporate not only a good cardio workout (which promotes heart health and also fat burning) but toning for mus-

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ty and core strength emphasis, which aims to enhance stomach and back muscles.

All agree that no one should start blindly and need to consult the fitness personnel or personal trainer before charting out an exercise course.

"When you have a good trainer, you're investing in yourself," said Suzanne Schulz, personal trainer with Sports Club of Novi.
"You will learn safe guidelines for exercise." Once you learn that, the sky is the limit."

She said to look at a personal trainer as a "tour guide," someone who will help the new person wade through the different exercise routines and classes available.

Jenny Schild, owner and personal trainer, Body Within Fit, in the Milford/South Lyon area, said that a trainer will point people in the right direction for classes to take.

"Exercising at home is fine and people should try to do something every day, even if it is just going for a walk. It depends on a person's commitment to do a real exercise program at home. It's better when people are in a gym or facility so they can be monitored to make sure they are exercising properly. An injury is a real setback to any successful exercise program," Schild explained.

Changing up a person's exercise routine will help keep the resolution as well, said Karen Blazaitis, owner, Mid American Fitness in Farmington.

"Mix it up because the same routine can get old," Blazaitis said. "There's always something new so try them. In addition to a cross training program, try a toning class or Zumba or spinning. Make it fun."

Ericka Dawydko, fitness director at the Livonia YMCA, said people need to be realistic and clear about what they want to accomplish.

"Set realistic, measurable goals and then take it month by month," she said. "When people see an improvement, such as a weight loss or the ability to use heavier hand weights or notice increased stamina, they are more likely to continue on an exercise program. We're here to motivate people and keep them working on their goals."

The Livonia YMCA, along with the other facilities, does initial assessments, which include weight and body measurements. They are taken so progress can be tracked, showing a person where they've improved even if they don't see it themselves.

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# Getting started on an exercise plan

etting started on an exercise plan isn't difficult, but there are three steps all personal trainers and gym owners do recommend.

#### See a doctor

Becoming fit shouldn't hurt a person. Trainers agree that anyone who hasn't exercised in a year needs to see her doctor before setting out to the gym.

"Check with your doctor about possible limitations," suggested Karen Blazaitis, owner, Mid American Fitness in Farmington. "People with high blood pressure, diabetes, bad shoulders or knee or hip replacements can exercise. We just need to know these limits so we put together a program that helps and not hurts."

#### Personal assessment

Each exercise facility offers personal assessments so the trainers can determine what activity level is best for the new member.

"A personal trainer can do a fitness assessment and then have a conversation about what the person wants out of an exercise program. We can point a person in the right direction for classes to take or exercises to do at home," explained Jenny Schild, owner and personal trainer, Body Within Fit, in Milford and South Lyon.

#### Set reasonable expectations

"Remember you start where you are. If you ran a 10K 10 years ago, that was 10 years ago. Be reasonable and be kind to yourself," said Suzanne Schulz, personal trainer, Sports Glub of Novi.

#### You get out what you put in

"Make exercise a priority and

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# How to lose weight in 2012

By Sally Rummel
Contributing Writer

ou'll be seeing less of Christina Knevels-Pescarino of Birmingham in 2012 than you did last year.

That's because she got a head start on a healthy lifestyle by joining Weight Watchers six months ago, before the throngs of New Year dieters begin their resolutions for 2012.

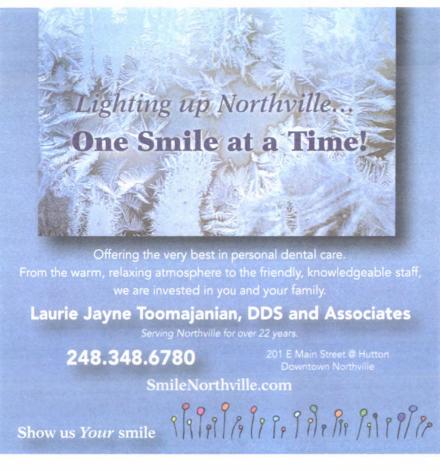
"This is the most successful I have ever been," said Knevels-Pescarino, who is pleased with her "slow and steady" weight loss of between half pound and a pound a week. "I like that you can choose to eat whatever you want. It's not a strict diet. It will work

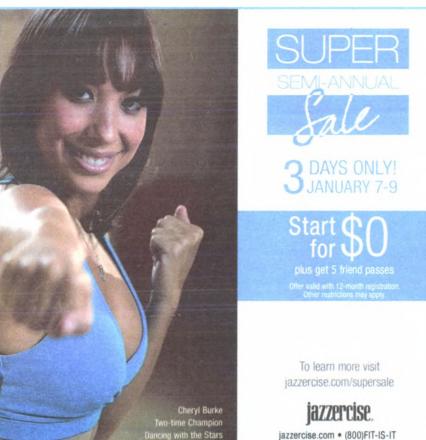
for you as long as you make the right choices at the end of the day."

Making small changes and creating new habits and behaviors has become the diet plan of choice for many health experts. Health professionals all across the board are touting the benefits of behavior modification in making lasting lifestyle changes that can result not only in losing weight, but also keeping it off.

Weight Watchers just debuted its new three-step process of behavior modification — called the PointsPlus 2012 PowerStart. It encourages members to change their environment by getting rid of foods that challenge them

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Hungry Girl's Hey Mambo! Veggie Italiano Quesadilla Makes 1 serving

1/3 cup canned cannellini (white kidney) beans, drained and rinsed

1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning 1 large low carb/high fiber tortilla with

1 wedge The Laughing Cow® Light Mozzarella, Sun-Dried Tomato & Basil cheese

4 cup sliced zucchini

1/4 cup sliced red bell pepper

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1/4 cup chopped onion 1 piece Mini Babybel® Light cheese,

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cream
Place beans in blender or
food processor with 1 tablespoon water; blend until mostly
smooth. (Or place beans in bowl
with 1 tablespoon water and
mash with fork.) Add Italian
seasoning and mix well.

Lay tortilla flat; spread half of the upward-facing side with bean mixture. Spread cheese wedge on other half; set aside.

Bring skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium-high heat on stove. Add veggies and, stirring occasionally, cook until softened, about 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer veggies to side of tortilla spread with cheese wedge.

Top veggies evenly with chopped cheese. Fold bean-covered side of tortilla over other side and press gently to seal, forming quesadilla.

Remove skillet from heat, respray with nonstick spray, and return to medium-high heat. Place quesadilla in skillet; cook for about 2 minutes per side, until outside is toasty and inside is hot.

Cut into triangles and, if you like, top or serve with marinara sauce or sour cream.

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# GOOD and good for you MEALS for a flavorful NEW YEAR

Staying true to wellness goals in the New Year doesn't always mean cutting out your favorite foods. In fact, having delicious meal options makes it easier to keep resolutions on track by increasing satiety and curbing the impulse to over-eat.

One solution to health-conscious meal planning is flavorful, nutritious pork. Today, pork tenderloin is one of the leanest proteins available, containing only 3 grams of fat per 3-ounce serving. What's more, studies show that trim, protein-packed cuts like the tenderloin make you feel fuller longer, keeping cravings at bay.

Nutritious, inspired meals for the New Year don't have to be complicated. Follow these simple tips for delicious meals that won't derail your health and wellness goals:

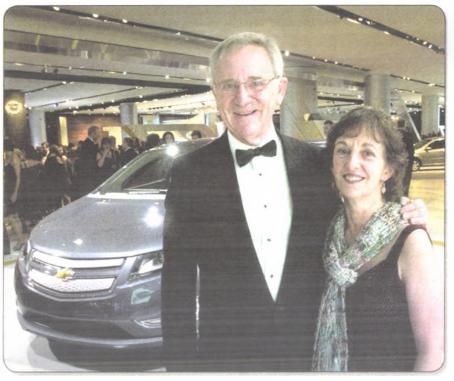
• Slim Down with Leftovers: Control portion sizes by immediately reserving part of the dish for later use. Precooked tenderloin and chops can be repurposed throughout the week for healthful salads, wraps and stir-fries—keeping meals diverse while cutting down on prep time during hectic weeknights.

• Dress it Up: Tenderloin and chops are a no-brainer for fast family dinners, but they are also a perfect fit for elegant occasions. Stuffing chops with vitamin-packed veggies or rubbing tenderloin with flavorful herbs and spices elevates simple meals without the added richness of heavy sauces.

• Lean, Mean, Juicy: To keep them tender, lean cuts like chops and roasts should be cooked to an internal temperature of 145°F, with a three-minute rest, for maximum enjoyment.

For more information, including recipes to help you maintain a healthy diet year-round, visit www.PorkBeInspired.com or Facebook.com/PorkBeinspired.

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FILE PHOTO

Tom and Eileen Landry, of Highland, pose in front of the Chevrolet Volt during the 2011 Charity Preview.

# Charity preview is Jan. 13

Ticket proceeds for The North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, Detroit's premier black-tie gala, raise millions for children's charities. Tickets are \$250 (\$240 of which is tax deductible) and can be purchased online at charitypreview.com or by calling (888) 838-7500.

The gala will take place at Detroit's Cobo Center, Friday, Jan. 13. Charity Preview is presented by RBS Charter One.

Proceeds from the event support vital services for children of all ages in the Detroit area. Since 1976, the NAIAS Charity Preview has raised over \$84 million for southeast Michigan children's charities — over \$33 million of which was raised in the last seven years alone.

"Charity Preview is proof that the people of our region are among the most generous in the world," said Bill Perkins, NAIAS 2012 chairman. "In good times and in bad, we roll out the red carpet for our guests and they respond, year-after-year, and help make Charity Preview one of the largest, single-night fundraisers for children anywhere in the world."

Perkins added, "We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in exciting cars and entertainment to the biggest event in the Motor City supporting children's charities, and the best of the auto industry."

Beneficiaries of the Charity Preview include: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit, The Children's Center, Judson Center, The Detroit Institute for Children, Think Detroit PAL, March of Dimes, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, and the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.



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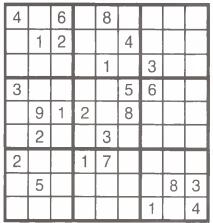
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## Sudoku

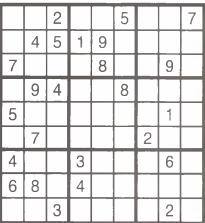
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Beginner



Level: Intermedia



Level: Advance

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## Keeping resolutions while on the go



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Roasted Fig and Blue Cheese Salad for Glad® To Go Containers.



Year after year, saving money and eating healthier rank high on the list of New Year's resolutions, but as many know all too well, busy schedules can make it hard to keep these resolutions up.

"Pretty Delicious" author and "Top Chef" alum Candice Kumai has partnered with The Glad Products Company to create delicious recipes that help bring healthy food out of the kitchen, and in turn, help to save you both the cost and calories associated with eating lunch out.

"Now there's no excuse for us to break our New Year's resolutions," says Kumai. "My recipes are not only healthy, delicious, convenient meal time options, but they fit into our everyday lives while helping to save money, time and calories and reduce waste."

For additional recipes, lunchtime tips, coupon offerings and more, visit www.Facebook.com/Glad.

#### Spicy Tequila Lime Shrimp Salad

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 5 minutes Serves: 4

#### For the shrimp

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil 1 garlic clove, minced

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

Pinch red pepper flakes

1 pound medium shrimp, deveined

3 tablespoons high-quality tequila

Salt, to taste

1 teaspoon dried chipotle powder

2 to 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

#### For the salad

4 cups dark, leafy mixed greens

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup roasted red peppers, sliced thin

1/2 cup black beans, drained and rinsed

1 avocado, sliced thin

#### For the dressing

½ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt

3 tablespoons high-quality tequila

1 tablespoon grated lime zest

1 teaspoon hot sauce

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

Pinch of sea salt to taste

Add olive oil to a large skillet over medium heat. Once oil is hot, add chopped garlic and cook for about 1 minute. Add cumin and red pepper flakes, and let flavors blend together.

Add shrimp and toss. Carefully add tequila and cook until alcohol burns off. Season with salt, and add dried chipotle powder. Once shrimp are cooked, add chopped cilantro, toss and put aside on a plate.

Toss mixed greens in a large salad bowl and add in roasted red peppers and black beans. In medium bowl, whisk all of the dressing ingredients together and alter to desired taste by adding additional hot sauce and salt. Top with avocado slices and sauteed shrimp.

#### Roasted Fig and Blue Cheese Salad

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 20 minutes Serves: 4

#### For the figs

2 cups fresh black mission figs, sliced in half

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon honey

1/4 teaspoon sea salt

#### For the salad

½ cup blue cheese, cut into elegant wedges or thin slices

6 cups mixed salad greens with arugula

½ cup candied walnuts

Sea salt to taste

#### For the dressing

3 tablespoons honey

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1/4 teaspoon sea salt

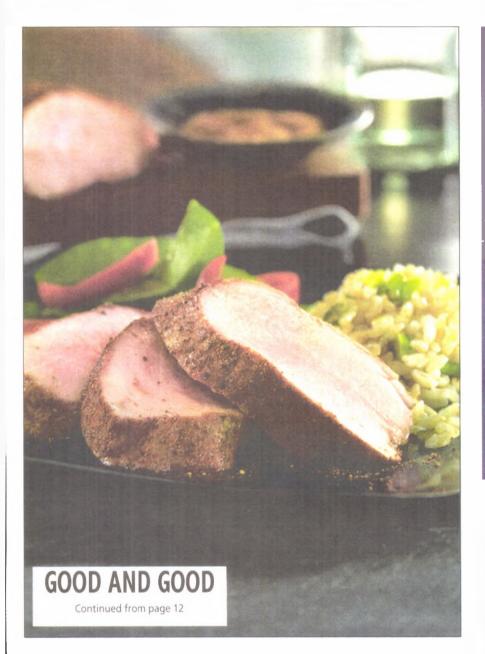
To roast figs, preheat the oven to 350°F. Remove stems off end of each fig, then slice fig in half. Roast for approximately 30 minutes or until a bit golden brown. Remove and cool slightly.

In small mixing bowl, mix 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, olive oil and honey. Add figs and toss to coat evenly. Marinate for 5 to 10 minutes.

Whisk honey, mustard, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup balsamic vinegar and sea salt together to create dressing.

Place greens in large salad bowl; toss in candied walnuts. Serve with two fig halves on top of each salad with a blue cheese wedge.

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### Roast Pork Tenderloin with Asian Dry Rub

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 15-17 minutes

- 2 pork tenderloins (1 pound each), trimmed
- 1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 145°F. Line a medium baking pan with foil.

Stir together brown sugar, ginger, cinnamon, salt, black pepper, cloves, and cayenne pepper in small bowl. Rub pork with brown sugar mixture.

Place pork in prepared pan and roast for 15-18 minutes or until the

pork's internal temperature reaches 145°F. Remove from oven, cover loosely with foil, and let stand for 3 minutes. Cut into slices.

Serving Suggestion:

Serve the sliced pork tenderloin with brown rice tossed with thinly sliced scallions and fresh chopped cilantro. Steamed bok choy or broccoli drizzled with a tiny bit of Asian sesame oil make quick and easy side dish options.

Makes 4 servings, plus leftovers Nutritional Information per Serving:

Calories: 140; Fat: 2.5g; Saturated Fat: 1g; Cholesterol: 75mg; Sodium: 210mg; Carbohydrates: 4g; Protein: 24g; Fiber: 0g

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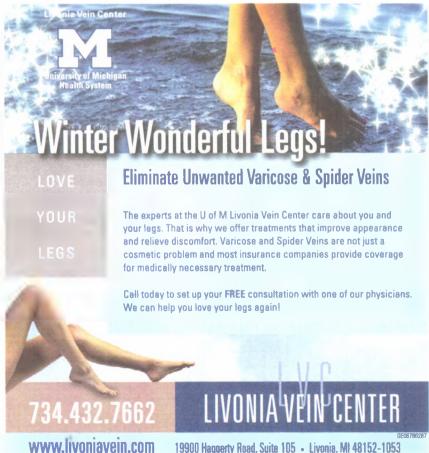


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#### **NEW YOU**

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will fight to remain true. Own who you

are." One of his goals has been to be on the

Tonight Show. "Thirty-two times I submitted my

audition and 32 times I was told no. On No. 33 — they said ves.'

By the way, he didn't make it past the first round of live shows of AGT - but guess what? Howie Mandel is executive producing a new show for him for NBC Universal. See www.jchrisnewberg.com.

This leads me to another famous quote from my dad: "With every adversity comes an equal or greater benefit.'

Tom T. is a born entrepreneur. He started his first businesses at 14, cutting grass and DJ'ing friends' parties. He obtained his finance degree at Michigan State, and at 22, launched his own real estate investment company.

"I saw an opportunity and started flipping houses," he said, while he continued to build his DJ'ing career. Today, he travels the world extensively, owns his own record label, Detox Recordings, and as I always tease him — DJ's eight days a week. His words of wisdom: "The rewards are not always financial." www. ditomt.com

Khalil Ramadan runs the "family business." When I say "run" I mean run. He is the visionary; the one that assembles his dream team down to every detail. Best known for the multi-award winning Crave Lounge in Dearborn — www. cravelounge.com — Khalil produces, negotiates, designs, hires, trains, develops, markets, and so on ...

His first business was an ice cream truck when he was 16. He begged his father to buy it for him, and recalls, "I went around with my little brother and

sold ice cream cones all day. We ate more than we sold. However, I realized the 'buying/selling concept' and I knew I wanted to work for myself."

In his 20s, Ramadan spent several vears in Europe modeling and wanted to bring that sense of style back home to Detroit.

"It's not always about making money, but whatever I do. I want it to be beautiful and I want it to be the best."

#### Take the plunge

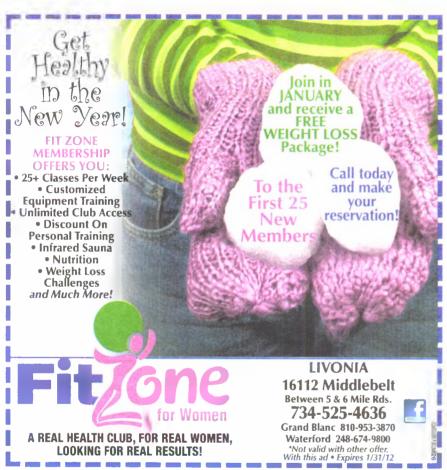
Erika Patterson, at 34, finally took the plunge and started her creative production company, Plume, "a one-stop shop for all things creative," this past year (www.plume-inc.com). After years of working for a variety of local companies, and raising a family, she vacillated with the idea of starting her own busi-

"I was always torn between the needs of my children and doing something for myself. I wanted to show my children you can be a good parent and still have a fabulous company of your own."

And you can. As a single mother myself, I know the risks and rewards of being a business owner. You have no idea what kind of paycheck you are going to have, you don't get paid vacations, and there are no sick days or health benefits. The rewards may not be always be financial, but, if you work hard enough, they can be. And you will never know unless you try.

Don't be afraid to hit the reset button.

Barbara Deyo, owner of Deyo Studio for face and body is an internationally acclaimed makeup artist, having groomed the faces of Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Kerrie Washington, Shaun Robinson and more. She has been named Best of the Best by Allure, Hour, Real Detroit and WDIV. Devo Studio is located at 576 N. Old Woodward Ave. 2nd floor in Birmingham — (248) 203-1222, www.deyostudio.com



#### Sudoku Answers

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#### **EXERCISE**

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"It's really what helps people stick around. No one is judging you. People of all shapes and sizes come and what matters is that you are exercising," Dawydko said.

Williams agrees that some are shy about getting started because they don't look like a magazine cover model.

"We're as non-threatening as it gets. We all come to exercise and enjoy the experience," she said. Williams was a member at the Oxford Curves, loved it so much and saw results, so she bought a franchise and opened the studio in Birmingham.

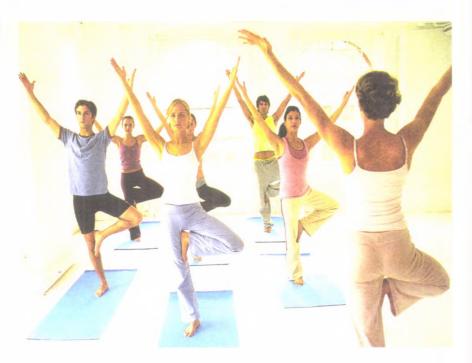
Her story is basically what all gym owners and personal trainers have as their New Year's resolutions for all members — that exercise becomes a lifestyle change.

"If you exercise often enough and enjoy it, you miss it when you don't do it," Williams said. "Instead of dreading going, you don't want to miss it. We know that we feel better when we've finished a session. We've got more energy and we're happier. It's a real boost."

Schulz encourages people to keep in a program and keep moving. "When you don't use major muscle groups or work on agility, that's when knees get stiff and you're more apt to hurt your back when doing things like moving a piece of furniture. It's very true that if you don't use it, you lose it."

Dawydko agreed. She said she's had members tell her that when they lost their footing on the ice, they were able to recover better than in the past.

"It's little things like that. You work on your balance and agility and you can avoid getting hurt. Your body works with you if you work with it," she said.



#### **PLAN**

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put it in your calendar. Schedule around it so you don't forget. If you exercise two or three times a week, you'll see better results than if you drop in occasionally," said Maggie Williams, owner, Birmingham/Bloomfield Curves.

#### **Exercise with a friend**

If it's difficult to walk into a gym alone, find a friend to go with you, who may also need the encouragement of a friend to get started.

"It's helpful if you have a friend but you can't let someone else sabotage your health efforts," said Ericka Dawydko, fitness director at the Livonia YMCA. "Make sure your friend is as committed to long-term health benefits as you are. Otherwise the trip to the gym followed by going out for coffee ends up being just a trip to the coffee shop."

Dawydko said there is a camaraderie that forms in exercise places. Even if close friendships aren't formed, there are others to chat with and share information.





# Here are a few weight loss program choices

**Weight Watchers** 

Weight Watchers has debuted PointsPlus 2012 PowerStart to incorporate a three-step behavior modification process into its program. Members have a daily target of PointsPlus food values, based on how a person's body processes protein, fat, carbohydrates and fiber. All fruits and most vegetables now have a zero-points value and a group of Power Foods is encouraged for meal planning. The program is based upon the four pillars of food, exercise, behavior and support.

Cost: \$20 registration fee and weekly fees between \$10-\$15, depending upon location. An online Weight Watchers program is available at a reduced cost.

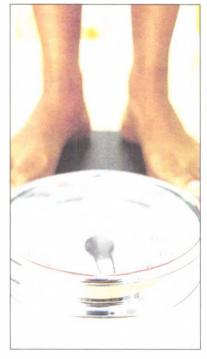
#### Physicians Weight Loss Centers

This is a weight loss franchise with at-center and online programs available. Local franchises include Livonia, Novi and Plymouth. Clients can choose between six different weight loss system options, plus 150 specialized foods, nutrients and weight loss products. Counseling is also included as part of the program. Costs vary by program.

**Jenny Craig** 

The weight loss brand marketed by celebrities including Queen Latifah, Valerie Bertinelli and Phylicia Rashad boasts a sensible approach to weight loss, advocating losses of about one to two pounds per week. The program addresses mind-body aspects of weight loss by helping clients adopt healthful eating and exercise habits, as well as encouraging them to examine the underlying causes of their weight problems.

Cost: Signup costs include weekly one-on-one counseling, personalized menus, motivational plans and assorted manuals and guides, depending on membership level. The prepackaged foods generally cost \$12 to \$18 per day, or \$84 to \$126 per week.



**NutriSystem** 

This at-home system (no office visits or weigh-ins) involves eating the company's prepackaged meals exclusively. The 28-day program includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks (you may add fresh vegetables, fruit and dairy). Support is offered through a free website.

Cost: To lose about 30 pounds, a dieter would spend approximately \$1,199.80 for all pre-packaged foods, except fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy.

#### **Medical Weight Loss Clinics**

Everyone knows their TV jingle, "the shape of things to come," but people may not know that is Michigan-based company has 34 locations in Michigan and Ohio. Medical Weight Loss Clinic is administered by Michigan board-certified physicians, who use an exclusive behavior education program and one-on-one counseling to help people lose weight for good. Costs vary by program.

To find out more about how diets rate, visit: www.topdiets.com and www.dietchoices.com.

#### DIETS

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to overeat, use their internal cues to choose a nutritious food over a less nutritious choice and to plan their eating in advance for the week to anticipate obstacles or special events.

"This is the first time a weight loss plan has tackled the behavior before tackling the food," according to Florine Mark, president and chief executive officer of The WW Group in Farmington Hills.

Members also have another choice in the 2012 Weight Watchers program. They can choose to lower their daily PointsPlus target to 26 from the previous 29. PointsPlus assigns a point value to each food, based on its fat, carbohydrate, protein and fiber content. "It's really a buffer for members in their daily tracking," said Laurie Poma, media relations specialist for The WW Group. "Now they can lower their target while still hitting their daily nutritional needs. It's all a mindset. If it helps a member lose even just one pound, it will set them in the right direction for long-term success."

Behavior modification is key at weight loss programs utilized at the St. John Providence Health System, which serves residents throughout metro Detroit. People who are interested in losing weight will find that modifying their behavior is essential to success—whether they follow the hospital's medical weight loss program or undergo bariatric surgery.

"We take it from a behavioral focus," said Kathy LaRaia, vice president of St. John Providence Oncology and Weight Management programs.

Whether the weight loss "tool" is a focused team approach like St. John's medical weight loss program, or is bariatric surgery, the goal is the same: longevity, quality of life and feeling good about yourself, according to LaRaia. St. John Providence Health System performs over 700 bariatric surgeries per year, including the newest bariatric program at Providence in Southfield, which debuted in September.

People who want to start their New Year 2012 off on a healthy foot might want to attend a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Providence in Southfield, "Keeping Healthy Resolutions."

"This is part of our ongoing lecture series called 'Conversations in Health' that we hold at Providence each month," said Nadene Cook, St. John Providence Health System marketing and community relations director.

People who want to lose weight in 2012 should keep the following things in mind:

- In order to stick with a weight loss plan, a dieter has to make sure she can follow it comfortably without disrupting her lifestyle and food habits. To stick with a diet plan long term, a dieter has to work around a schedule, not against it
- The diet program selected has to be an affordable choice so that the person using the plan can stick to it long term. Some weight loss programs charge by the number of pounds lost for example, Jenny Craig Weight Loss Center, while others charge for special menus and packaged foods, for example, Nutri-System. Find out by calling the program you're most interested in, to see how varied the costs are before you decide to join.
- Check out online programs, too. Many of them provide affordable plans, from Today Show nutritionist Joy Bauer.com to eDiet, diet.com, fasttrack. com, weightwatchersonline.com, etc.
- A weight loss plan should include a person's favorite foods. Everyone has their own nutritional preferences and habits, which must be addressed for long term success. A vegan wouldn't fare well on the Atkins diet, and a pasta lover wouldn't do well on a high protein, low carb diet. Denying one's favorite foods forever is a guarantee of diet failure, experts say.
- Make sure a diet plan matches a person's personality type. Some weight loss programs, including Weight Watchers, are best known for weekly meetings and member support. Others, like Jenny Craig Weight Loss Centers, encourage members with one-on-one consultations. Weight loss program like Nutrisystem and Physicians' Medical Weight Loss incorporate the use of pre-packaged foods for portion and calorie control.

The most important aspect of any weight loss program is that more calories are expended than are taken in, and that it fits a dieter's ability to thrive in its environment.

"The Weight Watchers program works very well, as you long as you follow it," said Knevels-Pescarino, who's in her mid-30s and works as a magazine advertising sales representative. "It's especially important to go to meetings. Even if I choose to not go on the scale, I'm still at the meetings for moral support."

She also suggests "buddying up" with a friend or relative so you can help each other with your weight loss efforts. "My mom has been my weight loss ally," said Knevels-Pescarino. "She's lost 30 pounds so far."

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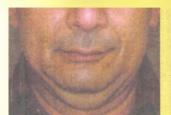
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