

Wayne High presents Carmichael's 'Name'

What would you do if you suffered temporary amnesia and stumbled into a bed and breakfast off season only to find you were expected for the weekend? That's the question playwright Fred Carmichael asks in his comedy/mystery, *Don't Mention My Name*, being presented by student thespians at Wayne Memorial High School this weekend.

The play will be presented at 7 p.m. this evening through Saturday at the high school's Stockmeyer Auditorium.

In the play, the amnesiac finds an attractive real estate lady calls him by one name and the housekeeper by another. A business executive and his secretary appear with a confirmed reservation and call him by another name.

The executive's wife surprises them all and calls the hero by a different name, and a nightclub singer enters with her hearty boyfriend and recognizes him by yet another name.

The young man and the real estate lady band together to solve the mystery, discovering that people are not who they seem and even though each works for a different government agency, they all have the identical purpose.

Tickets for *Don't Mention My Name* are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults and are available at the door.

WYAA raffle has new Pontiac as the prize

Christmas will come early for the lucky winner of a raffle sponsored by the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

A drawing for a 2007 Pontiac G6 will occur during the city of Westland's annual tree-lighting ceremony, which starts at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in front of City Hall on Ford Road.

With the drawing days away, WYAA members who have been selling raffle tickets are asked to return the stubs.

"All year long, our participants have been selling raffle tickets to help raise funds to fund our sports - baseball, football, cheerleading, softball, volleyball, basketball - and with the drawing rapidly approaching, it's time for our parents to drop off those raffle stubs," WYAA spokesman Keith DeMolay said.

The ticket stubs should be dropped off at the WYAA building at 6050 Farmington Road, north of Ford, DeMolay said. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 2.

The car was donated by Red Holman Pontiac in Westland, DeMolay said.

In other WYAA news, the organization's annual membership meeting will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the building at 6050 Farmington. The meeting will include such business as the election of a board of directors for the 2007 year, DeMolay said.

Mural adds realism to police training room

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

The work of three Franklin High School art students goes largely unseen - but not unappreciated - in the basement of the Livonia police station.

A bright mural depicts the intersection of Plymouth and Farmington roads on a fall day. The landscape helps add realism to the Firearms Training System Room where officers are trained to make split-second decisions to shoot or not shoot.

"Basically, it's a big video game," said Franklin High School Police Liaison Officer Jeff Weiss, talking about the training system. Scenarios play out through audio and video.

Although officers are focused on what appears on the screen at the front of the room, Weiss came up with the idea of a mural along the side walls to add perspective.

"The painting is there for the effect of realism, so you feel like you're there," said Ryan Gilliland, one of the painters.

"They wanted to keep it local. They wanted to have Livonia landmarks," said art teacher Jeremy Rheault. "It's basically as if you're standing in the center of Plymouth road, and it (gives) a perspective."

Gilliland and Chelsea Tucker, who both graduated from Franklin last fall, and senior Tony Hope brought the mural to life last spring.

Tucker painted the trees, Gilliland did the roads and Hope designed the cars.

"It is one of the top murals in Livonia," Rheault said. "It is a shame the public cannot share in the viewing the artwork."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Franklin High School Police Liaison Officer Jeff Weiss, (left), with Livonia Franklin graduates Ryan Gilliland, Chelsea Tucker and senior Tony Hope. The young artists added realism and local flair to the department's Fire Arms Training System site.

The mural took shape in two- and three-hour increments after school from April through graduation in June.

The three students even spent spring break at the police station, painting. Hope estimates it took at least seven gallons of paint to cover the two 8-foot-by-20-foot walls.

"All of our styles and techniques are in it," Hope said. "None of us have ever done anything this large."

All three have fine arts backgrounds.

Tucker attends the Collège for Creative Studies in Detroit. Gilliland will be attending Grand Rapids' Kendall College of Art and Design in January.

They worked off an overhead projection from actual photos at the intersection, including the gas stations and restaur-

rants. Students mixed all the hues from four paint colors.

"It's bright, it's vibrant. It's an excellent composition," Rheault said.

Other Franklin art students helped early on, but much of that work got covered as the mural went through artistic design.

The Firearms Training System room, which has been in use for eight years, was upgraded last year. Officers from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township use the room for training.

The new training system cost \$68,000.

Half of the money came from federal grants.

The outside departments and the Michigan Municipal

Risk Management Authority chipped in, and Livonia paid the balance.

For their work, students earned an artist's salary.

"All they gave us was the paint. And sometimes they would buy us a pizza," Hope said.

Hope said he's OK with the fact that the mural is off-limits to the public.

"It would be nice for everyone to see it," he said. "It's a training room for the police. ... We knew that going in."

Residents may get the chance to see the mural if the department hosts another open house. It is also a training room used for the Citizens Police Academy.

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Lutheran High holds annual juried show

There will be a familiar face and several new ones at the annual fall arts and craft show Friday and Saturday at Lutheran High School Westland in Westland.

The juried show will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the school at 33300 Cowan Road east of Wayne Road in Westland.

The show will feature quality hand-crafted items and feature such artists as Painter Jim Williams of Highland will join newcomers Jan and Gary Bower of Traverse City.

Williams, who was featured at the school's Spring Celebration in March, does oil paintings of area landmarks and will be back with new designs, such as Comerica Park, Santa at 12th floor of Hudson's, Ford Field, the Palace, and others.

He is a self-taught impressionist realist painter whose

work depicts a style that is partly derived from the study of classical 19th and 20th century American and European artists.

Jan Bower is an oil painter who does exquisite portraits, mainly of children, while her husband has authored a children's book, *I'm a Michigan Kid*, which she illustrated.

The show also will feature a free kid's craft corner put on by the Student Council, face painting, bake sale and hourly door prizes. The Lutheran High Chamber Singers will be performing, as well as area Lutheran grade school choirs, including one from Hartland.

There also will be some individual performances by Lutheran High students.

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CORRECTION

The location of the Michigan Christmas Show, where Mary Denning will build a Gingerbread Village and conduct demonstrations, was omitted in some editions of the Nov. 23 *Observer*. The show will take place at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road in Novi.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
December 12, 2006 - BOARD OF REVIEW**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to correct mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors. PA74 of 1995 authorizes the December Board of Review to hear appeals for poverty exemptions, but not for poverty exemptions denied by the March Board of Review. This applies to current year only.

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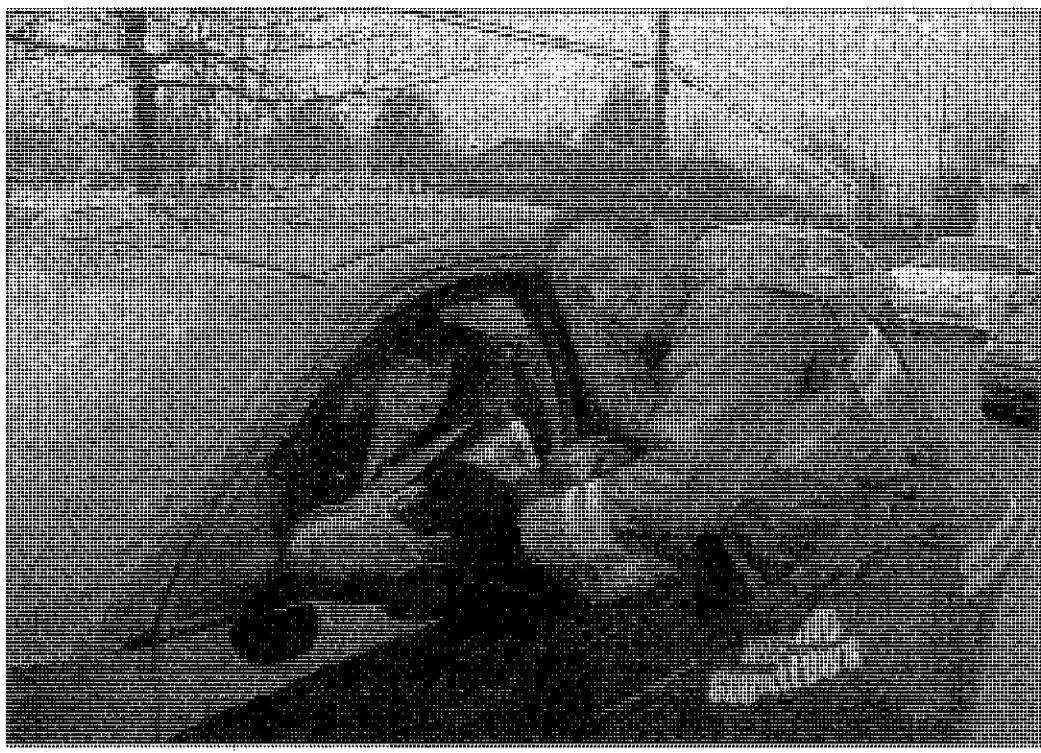
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Westland Fire Department Capt. John Adams collects money during the Goodfellows fund-raiser. Adams, alone, collected \$1,141.53 in donations.

Strong newspaper sales good news for Goodfellows' efforts

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Despite a sour economy, Westland Goodfellows volunteers saw revenues from their newspaper street sales soar by 52 percent this year in their campaign to buy Christmas gifts for needy children.

The nonprofit group's post-Thanksgiving fund-raiser in major city intersections raised \$15,873 on Friday, compared to \$10,427 a year ago.

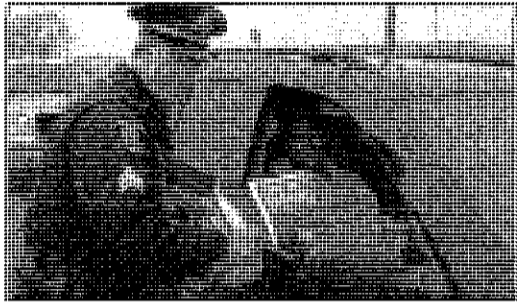
"It was actually quite inspiring," said Vic Barra, Goodfellows donation chairman. "I was worried that we weren't going to do as well."

The organization, which last year helped more than 600 children, welcomed the spike in revenues as it anticipates an even greater demand for help this holiday season.

Public safety workers collected the bulk of donations, with firefighters raising \$8,450 and police officers bringing in \$5,013, according to revenues posted on the Web site, www.westlandgoodfellows.org.

Fire Capt. John Adams, who issued a friendly challenge from firefighters to police officers, attributed stronger sales to more volunteers working longer hours during the dawn-to-dusk campaign in major intersections.

"Our exposure was greater," he said. Some volunteers worked longer hours possibly due to milder weather than the bone-chilling temperatures of some previous years, Adams said.



Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch sells a Goodfellows newspaper to raise money for Christmas gifts for needy children.

The longer hours by more volunteers likely helped to offset smaller donations that some people made, Adams said.

Compared to some years when many donors gave \$10, \$20 or even \$100, Adams said he noticed smaller donations this year. Still, he commended donors for giving what they could afford.

"People were very generous," Adams said. Barra announced that the next Goodfellows fund-raiser will be 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Stryker's Lounge, on Ford Road east of Hix. He said a disc jockey will spin music, and there will be raffles of such items as televisions and cameras.

Those who still want to donate to Goodfellows or who want more information may call Adams at (734) 467-3261.

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Taste Fest aims for sellout

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Budget-minded holiday shoppers who've worked up an appetite might want to consider sampling food from 21 restaurants - all for \$20.

Qdoba Mexican Grill - new to Westland - and Old Country Buffet have become the latest two restaurants to join the lineup for Holiday Taste Fest.

Only 50 tickets out of 500 remain for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual event, scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available at chamber offices on Ford Road, east of Newburgh. Call (734) 326-7222.

Restaurants will offer food samples in hopes of converting the Taste Fest crowd into a potential new customer base.

Some eateries will offer filling samples while others, such as Old Country Buffet, will bring desserts and restaurant coupons.

Taste Fest ticket prices rose from \$15 to \$20 this year to help cover rising expenses, but chamber President Lori Brist said regulars didn't seem to mind.

It's still a good deal, she said. "It's like a dollar a restaurant."

The chamber also will sponsor an auction featuring such items as Detroit Pistons basketball tickets, Lions football tickets, Red Wings hockey tickets, monthly massages for a year, and monthly flowers for a

year, Brist said.

"We've got some great auction items," she said.

Other participants in this year's Taste Fest include Casa Fiesta, Fire Mountain, the Hellenic Cultural Center, caterer Hickory BBQ & Grill, Johnny Carino's, Lakeshore Grill at Macy's, LeCakery Bake Shop, LongHorn Steakhouse, Maria's Italian Bakery, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Miller beer distributor O&W Inc., Red Robin, Souper Sandwich Carver, Starbuck's Coffee Co., Toarmina's Pizza, Uno Chicago Grill, Westland Big Boy, and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's culinary arts department.

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LEAD

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County Health Department has agreed to perform testing on Westland youth and adults at no cost," Cicirelli said Tuesday, calling the tests "fairly painless."

Children 6 months old to 18 years old will be tested by pricking the skin of a finger and taking a small blood sample, Helmkamp said. Blood will be drawn the usual way for people over 18, he said.

Walk-ins will be welcome, but Helmkamp urged anyone who wants to lock in a specific time to call (734) 727-7056.

"If people are in the building and in line by closing time, they will be served," he said.

Adults involved with youth athletic groups, such as Little League baseball, are encouraged to talk with their teams and consider calling to reserve a block of time, Helmkamp said.

"They can call on behalf of a group," he said. People who call for appointments will be given priority over walk-ins when their time slot comes up, Helmkamp said.

Meanwhile, officials early this week were awaiting the latest round of soil tests that will give them a better indication of how to proceed with cleaning up Central City Park. Any plan will require approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

For now, the park remains closed except for a paved walking path.

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16-year-old faces attempted murder charge as juvenile

A 16-year-old Livonia boy was charged with assault with intent to commit murder Wednesday in Wayne County Juvenile Court. He's accused of slamming a fellow student head-first into the floor of the cafeteria at Franklin High School last week.

The teen was charged as a juvenile and bond was set at \$10,000 cash, according to Livonia police Lt. Greg Winn. Officials were looking into moving the case to Oakland County, Winn said, since that's where the teen's father lives and juvenile cases are generally based on where the father resides rather than where the incident occurred.

The student injured in the assault Nathan Carlin, 16, returned to school this week. In a television interview, Carlin said he remembered trying to walk away after a confrontation, but being picked up and slammed into the floor. It happened just before school on Nov. 22.

Carlin was unconscious and bleeding from the head with neck and spinal injuries as he was flown by helicopter to University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor.

He awoke the next morning and has recovered quickly since then, despite having hairline fractures to the base of his skull and spine.

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JUNIOR MISS

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program in Mobile, Ala., in June.

Baker started watching the Junior Miss program four years ago when fellow dancer Ashlee Baracy won the program. Baker and Baracy danced at the same studio, and, according to Baker, "a bunch of us went to watch."

Baracy now teaches at the studio and wished Baker good luck in her quest for the honor and gave the teen a pair of earrings.

Baker said she was "pretty calm" for the program, but was nervous about the interview with judges, which counts as 25 percent of the scoring.

"The interview portion was the hardest, you go in not knowing the judges or what they're going to ask," she said. "There's an element of surprise. It was scary, but it turned into a nice conversation rather than a judgmental thing."

With the local program under her belt, she now must get ready for the state program. She did a musical the-

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ater dance to *My Strongest Suit* for the local event and plans to stick with it for the state competition.

She also plans to bone up on current events by watching a lot more news and check out current events on the Internet.

This isn't Baker's first venture into competition. She been in competitive dance for 13 years and was a Dance Masters of Michigan Miss Dance finalist. She also was a runner-up for Teen Miss Washtenaw.

And as Baracy's win inspired her, Baker's selection as Junior Miss has caught the attention of her 13-year-old sister Kirstin.

"I think she wants to do it

because she saw how excited I was," she said. "Actually, she told me she wants to do the program in high school."

Bower also was attracted to the program after seeing friends participate. They encouraged her to give it a try, she said.

And she was surprised at her selection "because there were so many great girls there." "I'm still going 'wow,'" she said.

The surprise also extends to her parents, Dana and Suzie Bower.

"They couldn't even talk, they were so surprised," Bower said. "They said they know I'm a great kid."

She received flowers and congratulatory calls from her aunts and grandmother and is appreciative of her friends who were there to cheer for her.

"It's nice to have that support, to have them there cheering for you," she said.

Bower, who played a flute solo for the program, found the poise portion of the program the most difficult. Finalists are asked a question, drawn randomly from a bowl. They were given the questions the day before the Nov. 18 program,

but they had no idea which one they would be asked.

While her plans after high school include majoring in cell and microbiology at Michigan State University, for now she's getting ready for the state program. Like Baker, she will expand her knowledge of current events. But she has another goal.

"I plan to get more in shape for fitness," she said. "I want to learn more about eating right and about being healthy."

Bower broke the mold with her Junior Miss participation. Her older sisters — Brittany, 21, and Nicole, 19 — were into dance and sports. Neither were involved in the scholarship program.

She also has a younger brother, Zachary, 12.

Not only is she glad she did well in the program, she's also happy she did it.

"I got to know a lot of new people, I had a lot of fun," she said. "It was nice to do something different. It was well worth it."

"All of the girls who did it were committed to the program."

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Catherine's event helps Toys for Tots

Everyone is thinking Christmas, but at the Catherine's clothing store in Westland, the staff is thinking about Toys for Tots.

The plus size women's clothing store at 34764 Warren at Wayne Road is offering a day of fashion, food and fun Saturday to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves program.

The event runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes fashions and drawings for a variety of prizes. For every new unwrapped toy brought to the store, people will receive a ticket for the hourly drawings.

The prizes include gift certificates for Pizza Hut of Livonia, DeLuca's, Back Home Bakery, Red Robin, Famous Dave's BBQ, gift basket from Marco's Fine Wine and Deli, Baker's Square, a floral arrangement from Flower King in Livonia and movies

tickets from Emagine Theater in Canton.

There also will be a bake sale and raffle with the money raised going to purchase toys for older children ages 10-12.

This is the second time this year the store has held the event. It first came in October.

The Toys for Tots program got its start in 1947 in Los Angeles, Calif., when a group of Marine Corps reservists collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. Now the official activity of the Marine Corps Reserves, Toys for Tots distributed 15 million toys to 6.5 million needy children in 2003.

This is the third year that the store has served as a drop-off site for Toys for Tots. It's located in the Westland Crossings shopping center at Warren and Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call (734) 422-2527.

AROUND WESTLAND

Pancake breakfast

There's a good chance Santa Claus will be on hand for a pancake breakfast, hosted by the Westland Jaycees, 8-10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Applebees on Warren Road in Westland.

Tickets are \$6 for all-you-can eat pancakes, meat and juice. Proceeds will go to benefit various community projects, such as the Jaycees' annual Easter Egg Scramble and Spring Youth Dance.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Jenn or Mike at (734) 437-6354.

Grand opening

Nature Nook will hold a grand opening celebration 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at its new location in Westland Shopping Center.

Located in the former Griffin's Grill, the independent florist now features an atrium filled with fresh plants and holiday merchandise.

Christmas party

An unwrapped toy is the price of a ticket to the Westland Community Foundation's annual holiday event Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the media center of John Glenn High School.

The get-together will be 6-8 p.m. and feature classical holiday music performed by the John Glenn Singers and refreshments and hors d'oeuvres prepared by the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

The toys will be given to the Salvation Army's Westland Corps. John Glenn High School is on Marquette, west of Wayne Road. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call (734) 595-7727.

Hospital reunion

The 22nd annual holiday reunion of former Wayne County General Hospital's staff and retirees is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Golden Corral restaurant, on Warren

Road between Newburgh and Central City Parkway. The reunion will be held in a private dining room.

Anyone associated with the hospital is invited to attend. For more information, call Patricia Ibbotson at (734) 561-0177.

The hospital on Merriman Road closed in 1984, and the building was torn down in 2000. Many people have connections with the hospital or worked in the buildings on the grounds, including the Eloise Post Office, which closed in 1979, or the commissary, which is now used as a homeless shelter.

Holiday music

The sounds of the season will echo through Westland Shopping Center with musical performances by local groups.

The five-piece Phil Gram All Stars will perform classic holiday music 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, in the East Court, while 3 D's & W, a barbershop quartet, will perform throughout the mall 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 and 20, and Friday, Dec. 15 and 22.

Also performing will be Plymouth Baptist Church Choir 8-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the JC Penney Court, and Our Lady of Good Counsel Choir Group 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 15, also in the JC Penney Court.

Youngsters can stop by and see Santa 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. now through Saturday, Dec. 2, Dec. 4-9 and Dec. 11-14. Additional hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 16, 17 and 23 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, the mall will be open a variety of hours during the month. It will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. now through Thursday, Dec. 7. Other hours include 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 8 and 17, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 11-15, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 16, 18-23, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

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Cable legislation pits AT&T against Michigan Municipal League

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Michael Watzka, a spokesman for the Michigan Municipal League and PROTEC, calls a state House bill to reform cable television franchising "outrageous in its nature," a bill designed to implement AT&T's business plan that would cost local communities millions in franchising fees.

Michael Marker, a spokesman for AT&T, counters that the bill opens up competition that will result in lower cable costs, more technological innovation and actually increase the amount of money received by local communities.

House Bill 6456 sailed through the House Nov. 14 on a strong bipartisan vote of 80-21. The state Senate was expected to take up the bill beginning this week during the short lame-duck session before the Christmas break. Despite the House vote, the bill has strong opposition from the MML and the communities that it represents.

Initially, traditional cable providers such as Bright House and Comcast were opposed to changes in cable franchising legislation, but negotiations over the summer brought the cable companies and the telecommunications companies that want to move into providing video service, AT&T and Verizon, together in support of the House bill introduced by Rep. Mike Nofs, R-Battle Creek.

Watzka said the interests of MML were "dismissed" at these meetings.

"The meeting was really between AT&T and the cable companies. Cable was swung enough to back the bill," he said.

Marker said all parties were involved in the talks.

"Mike Nofs, Andy Dillon (D-Redford) and others interested

in the issues went out of their way to have interested parties voice their concerns," Marker said. "They would have a dramatically different take. It was an open door discussion."

UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE

Under HB 6456, the state will provide a standardized form for "uniform video service local franchise agreements." The bill spells out the requirements for obtaining a franchise. Providers must still enter into franchise agreements with local communities. But Watzka argues that the communities will only be able to rule on the "completeness" of an application and "rubber-stamp" the agreement or, under the bill, the franchise will be granted.

"This is a local function, contracts are for locals to decide," Watzka said.

MML has objections to several specifics in the bill. According to the bill, new entrants into the cable market are required to provide service to 25 percent of customers in the service territory within three years, 50 percent within six years and serve 30 percent of low-income households within five years.

"You serve everybody using our right of way, you have to serve everybody, have to make it available," Watzka said.

He said typically cable companies were given three years to build out.

"The cable companies that compete in these municipalities don't have 100-percent availability in these communities. It's been that way for 10 years," Marker said. "Where has the Michigan Municipal League been on community build out? AT&T has done more on build out and you don't see build out requirements in other sectors of the economy."

Watzka argues that the bill's

CABLE BILL OPPONENTS HOLD RALLY AT CAPITOL

Opponents to the House Bill 6456 held a rally at noon Tuesday at the Capitol Rotunda in Lansing.

Groups opposed to the legislation, which is now being considered in the state Senate, include Public, Educational and Government TV, Protec (the Michigan Coalition to Protect Public Rights of Way), the Michigan Municipal League, the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors and Google.

Google has raised concerns over "net neutrality." Google, which recently agreed to locate 1,000 employees in Ann Arbor, wants to guarantee that residents will have access to YouTube, the video internet service that it recently acquired. Net neutrality is the principle that major telecommunications providers will not be able to exclude Web sites from the Internet.

The rally will end with the presentation of 18,000 signatures from Michigan residents in support of "net neutrality."

The bill's opponents are asking the Senate not to pass any legislation during the current lame-duck session, which ends in the middle of December. A new Legislature takes office in January.

provisions for customer service are inadequate. The bill requires providers to have a local or toll-free telephone number for customer service. The Michigan Public Service Commission would review disputes between the provider and customers.

"A cable provider has a contract with the city. A homeowner calls Comcast, but can

call a local cable operator office in the city and contracts will make providers provide service," Watzka said.

FRANCHISE FEES

A major issue between the two sides is whether local communities will lose money.

In a column in the *Observer & Eccentric*, Farmington Hills Mayor Vicki Barnett, president

of the MML, wrote that communities will lose more than \$55 million statewide due to lost franchise fees and in-kind services to municipalities and schools.

"Currently, these dollars are what the cable operators pay to use, or rent, these rights-of-way which you, as a resident, own," Barnett wrote. "This money which your local community uses to maintain the right-of-way and provide essential services including public safety."

She said the programming provided on public access television was paid for by these fees.

Marker said he didn't know how the MML substantiated its figure, but that a study by Robert Crandall and Robert Litan for Criterion Economics showed that Michigan communities would actually see an \$8.9 million to \$14.8 million increase in franchise fees. A study by Lawrence Technological University says that Michigan consumers would save between \$269 million and \$673 million annually in cable fees because competi-

tion would force providers to lower their fees.

Marker said cable fees have been "out of whack" and escalating too quickly for consumers.

While AT&T has been advocating for a new video service bill in Michigan and other states, it has also been lobbying for a national video service bill through Congress that would put service licensing with the Federal Communications Commission.

But Marker said it was important that Michigan act quickly to take advantage of AT&T investments in new video technology.

"Economists have a theory of conducive markets," Marker said. "If you have onerous build out requirements for one state and more attractive opportunities in another state, the states with more attractive opportunities will have more investment."

He said he was "cautiously optimistic" about the Michigan Senate passing a similar bill.

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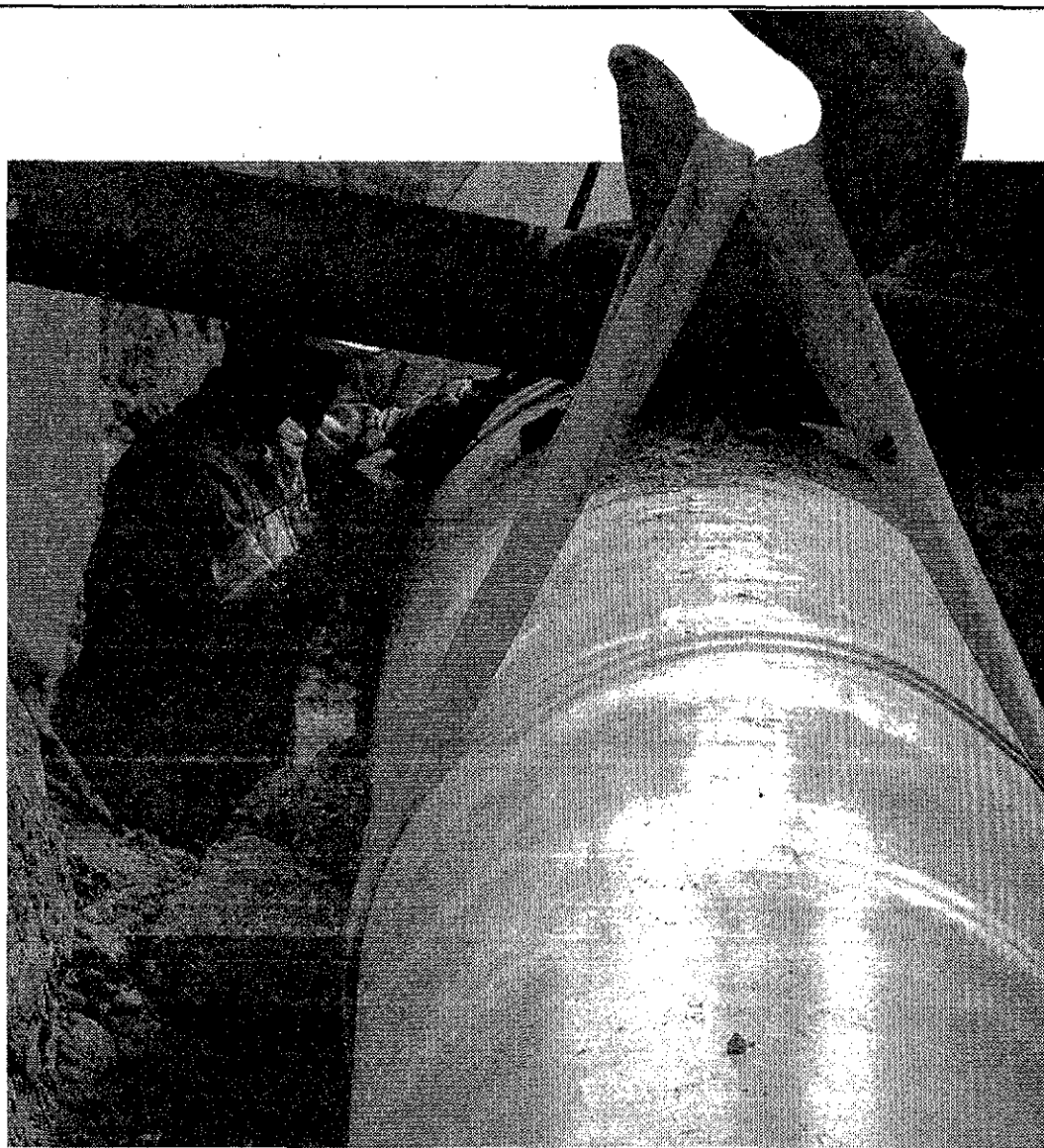
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Students can register now for winter 2007 classes, with classes starting Saturday, Jan. 13. They can choose from online, touchtone telephone or walk-in registration.

In addition to the traditional 15-week classes, students may choose seven-week and 12-week courses. Students can register easily online at the Schoolcraft Web site,

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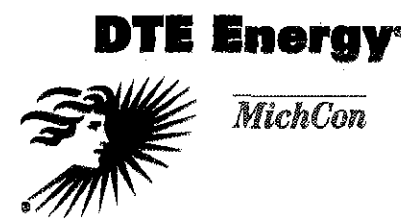
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OUR VIEWS

Shop locally this holiday season

When shopping for gifts this holiday season, be sure to visit the locally owned stores in your hometown.

Not only will you find unique items not available at large chain stores, your purchases will benefit your community — and, ultimately, you.

A recent study by Civic Economics in the Chicago area found that for every \$100 consumers spent with a local firm, \$68 remained in the local economy. But for every \$100 they spent with a store belonging to a chain, just \$43 remained in the local economy.

The local firms spent a larger portion of their revenue on labor (28 percent compared to 23 percent), creating more local jobs and sometimes paying better wages and benefits than large chains.

They also purchased goods and services from other local businesses at more than twice the rate of chains, helping local accountants, computer consultants, insurance brokers, sign makers, contractors and an endless number of other local business people also make a living.

And the local firms contributed more to local charities and fund-raisers than their national counterparts, contributing to the well-being of the community.

The study supports what local chambers of commerce have known for a long time — and what makes common sense: successful local businesses help a community thrive.

They offer consumers more choices, put money in the pockets of others who live and own businesses in the area and care more about the people who live there.

A vibrant local downtown or business district also positively impacts property values in surrounding neighborhoods.

Of course, a locally owned store can't stay in business if people don't shop there.

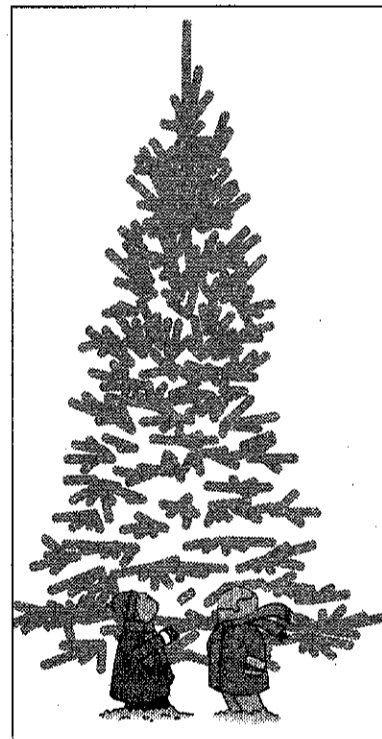
So this holiday season, make your local downtown or business district one of your first stops.

You may find everything you need right there.

Priceless 'gift' holds spirit of the holidays

Before heading out to the malls and down city main streets to shop this holiday season, parents ought to pause a moment to think about a particular gift their children can really use.

It's so small, it often gets overlooked. But it's also so big, that it won't fit under a tree.



For your children, however, it's so important that they will keep it for life. The gift is the generosity of spirit, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and experience.

The "visions of sugar plums" children have these days are often expensive and numerous. But there is another side to giving, one that starts with caring and a clear-sighted understanding that, for some people, it takes more than sitting on Santa's lap to get basic necessities.

The impact of the generosity of spirit has more outcomes than the best-stocked toy store. With a sensitive nature, our

children are gifted as quick learners, hugging tightly that lesson for a lifetime of use.

That truth is borne out by youths in our communities, such as at Adams Middle School in Westland.

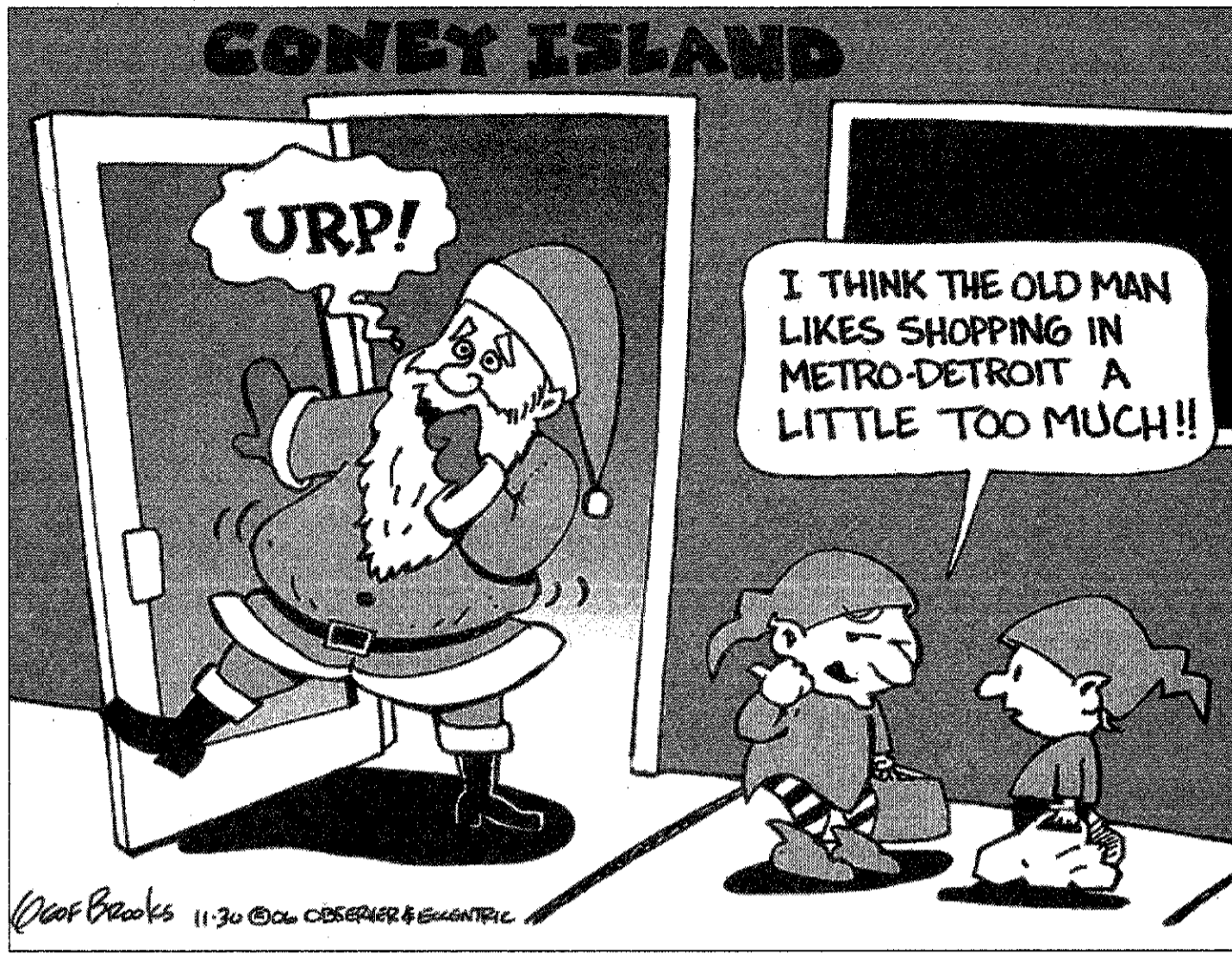
At Adams, students are using proceeds from recycling paper for a "Random Acts of Kindness" program.

And for those gifted with a generous spirit, their gift in turn of volunteering can be priceless.

That a child's gift lasts a lifetime is seen in all those adults who work with the Goodfellows, collect food and don't think twice about dropping something into the Salvation Army's red bucket at the store.

It isn't shiny and bright, but the generosity of spirit is one gift continually found anew through compassion, but it must be acquired first.

Parents won't have to pay for it at the checkout, but our children are sure to treasure it always.



LETTERS

Bad judgment

While I don't like beating a dead horse, I cannot help but voice my opinion, again, regarding the contamination in the park.

In the *Observer's* Nov. 19 edition, an article stated that a 2002 letter was received by Mayor Cicirelli, City Attorney Angelo Plakas, and Planning Director Bruce Thompson basically informing them of the contamination. Mayor Cicirelli stated that officials didn't believe the lead contamination posed a serious health threat to children. Mayor, I don't believe I've ever read or heard that you are an expert in lead contamination, yet you make this uneducated decision.

The mayor also stated in this article that city officials didn't get called to the table for talks about the problem until earlier this year. Mayor, are you not a leader? Why didn't you institute the talks? Perhaps if you would have spent less time on your campaign and silent campaigning for Laura Toy, more important things could have been accomplished.

An editor's note in a letter submitted by Roger Caldwell stated that the problems at the Central City Park became public just days before the November general election. How fortunate for you, Mayor, that almost all of the absentee ballots had already been mailed. Perhaps if people would have known about this, you wouldn't have gotten their vote.

Mayor, if your display of bad judgment carries over to decisions you make in the courtroom, heaven help anyone who has to appear before you.

Shirley Tenney
Westland

Close park for good

I'm a resident of Westland and feel very let down by our mayor.

I really liked Mayor Sandra Cicirelli and thought she did a very good job for our city, but not anymore. The mayor, our city attorney and planning director knew of this lead contamination problem in 2002 and never told the city residents they were hired to protect.

I really don't care how much Cicirelli says we didn't think there was a serious health problem. Who is she to make the decision for all the parents whose children played anywhere in Central City Park?

I know there are others that knew of the contamination long before she did and think all of them should have to pay some kind of a price for letting anyone use the park, but Mayor Cicirelli is the last, and it has been brought to the attention of all the city residents that she has kept it a secret since 2002 with the help of Angelo Plakas and Bruce Thompson.

I, for one, feel that these three should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Jail time should be served by all three, they put lives at risk to exposure of lead and who knows what else. The message should be sent to all future city officials that something even close to this will not be tolerated. I say make these three pay and big time.

I am not a parent of kids that played in the park and I'm mad. All you parents should get even with the Sandra Cicirelli and Angelo Plakas and Bruce Thompson, get active and put them in jail.

The Park should be completely closed and never opened up for public use again.

The lead and other poisons were buried underground and thought to never be a problem in the future. Well, I guess it didn't work. Does anyone want to take a chance on the poisons coming back to the surface after all the remediation is done and all the money has been spent?

I, for one, don't think it is a wise idea to ever use the land again. This was once a dump for more than just road material. Everything was dumped back there. My uncle worked for Wayne County and has told us how everything was dumped back there in the 40s and 50s. I thought it was land back of the park. Guess I was wrong.

Please keep this land closed for any further use of any kind. Do you want to play or live on top of a landfill? — and that's what it was.

Jim Work
Westland

Stop attacking Graunstadt

I would like to say something to Mr. Charles Pickering of the Westland City Council. Even though I do not live in the City of Westland any longer, I still hold Westland in very high regards. I grew up in the neighborhood near Ford and Newburgh and still have family and friends that still reside there today. I will always hold Westland near and dear to my heart.

With that said, let me move on. I find it utterly repulsive that Councilmember Cheryl Graunstadt has become a victim of your attacks! Mrs. Graunstadt was elected by the people to do a job. She has always been upfront and honest with all the people of her community! I think that is something that you sir, desperately lack!

I have had the distinct honor and privilege of knowing Mrs. Graunstadt for some time now. I look to her for strength, knowledge, wisdom and vision in this ever-changing world that we live in. I commend her with a great deal of respect for serving the people with a very personal dedication for the position which she has been elected to serve.

Mr. Pickering, as you know, Councilmember Graunstadt is extremely informed as to environmental issues with her own personal investigations with Cooper School. Your attacks do not warrant any reason upon Cheryl Graunstadt!

I consider Mrs. Graunstadt a friend, and I will not sit quietly while you personally attack her because you have your own agenda. Cheryl is a person whom the people can trust without any doubt, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! With that said, I am hopeful that you would contain your personal remarks about Cheryl Graunstadt to yourself! And, stop the petty attacks! Please, grow up Mr. Pickering.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

A slap in the face

I felt as if I was slapped in the face when I heard about Central City Park having lead contamination and other possible contaminants. I'm a breast cancer survivor and have participated in the Relay for Life event for the last four years, believing I was safe at our own city park. Now, how many other people are thinking like me? Do I have lead in my body?

My family and grandchildren have been

to the park more times than I can remember, enjoying walking, biking, riding, playing on the ground during the fireworks. My question now, should my entire family be tested for possible lead in our bodies?

All the citizens of Westland have been deceived, first by the mayor who has had the knowledge for several years about the problem at the park, then allowing the American Cancer Society to hold its annual relay. Shame on the city leaders, putting numerous people in possible jeopardy.

As for Cheryl Graunstadt, she has always stood up for the citizens, then most of the time is "shot" down at the council meetings.

Finally, the timing for this news came after the election. That makes me wonder, did I make a mistake at the polls?

Sue (Susie) Yerger
Westland

Court is wrong

I'm a student of a philosopher who says the only way someone can help save the wetlands without stepping over anyone else's rights is to get government to enforce our unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as stated in our Declaration of Independence and reaffirmed in our Constitution's Ninth Amendment. And I believe that because it makes sense.

Fat chance, though. Last year our Supreme Court said we don't even have an unalienable right to our own property in the *Kelo vs. New London* trial in Connecticut. It's really worse out here than people realize.

If those so-called brilliant, supposedly honest and maybe innocent Supreme Court judges (but I don't see how) made a mistake by not recognizing that our right to property is a corollary of our right to life, i.e. Declaration of Independence, and reaffirmed in Ninth Amendment, which means our right to property follows naturally from our right to our own life in a free country. Do you think they do not even believe we have a right to our own life? Because, if we can't manage our own property (everything we own), what are we — slaves? Why did they not tell the state in the *Kelo vs. New London* that all Americans have a unalienable right to their own property as guaranteed by the Ninth Amendment as any honest person would say — and that's that.

There is something rotten going on in our country.

Paul L. Gruchala
Westland

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QUOTABLE

"Please listen and tune into that meeting if at all possible. We'll probably have some good discussion regarding things like enrollment numbers, funding from the state, programs and fund equity."

- Livonia school board President Lynda Scheel about this week's committee of the whole meeting

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Governor: State now needs bold action, not timid moves

An open letter to our governor.

Dear Gov. Granholm, Congratulations on your re-election. You rolled up a remarkable winning margin — 533,409 votes — against a fantastically well-funded opponent. That establishes you as the most gifted political communicator in recent Michigan history.

With the House of Representatives now Democratic (led by Speaker-designate Rep. Andy Dillon, D-Redford, a smart and sensible guy) you are much better positioned with the Legislature than you were during your last term, when the Republicans ran things. Back then, they were darned if they were doing to let you get anything done for fear you'd take credit for it during the campaign. This time around, I'd guess both the House and the Senate will be less partisan and more inclined to collaborate.

They'll need to. Michigan is facing its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The University of Michigan's economic forecasters have just issued a very gloomy prediction. They think our state will likely lose another 24,200 jobs next year and 9,200 more in 2008. That will mean eight straight years of job losses.

By the end of this year, according to those highly respected economists, Michigan will have lost a net total of 170,000 manufacturing jobs since 2001. True, we've seen worse.

The state lost nearly 15 percent of its jobs back in the early 1980s, double today's loss, but then the employment outlook improved sharply as the auto industry surged. It won't this time around. General Motors, Ford and Chrysler should sell around 8.8 million vehicles this year, two million fewer than in 2001.

All this brings me to the decisions you face in your political and legislative agenda for the next four years.

You have two basic choices. You can be bold, setting out a far-reaching agenda for restructuring our economy and laying the foundation for our future prosperity in a rapidly globalizing world.

Or you can be cautious and non-confrontational, limiting your reforms to baby steps. Given that big-time but highly necessary changes are easier to make at times of crisis, I urge you to be bold.

Here's how I see some of the main issues.

■ **Taxes:** Sure, the \$1.9 billion hole in the general fund created by the repeal of the Single Business Tax will have to be filled. But you have a terrific opportunity to go further and force a hard look at the structure of our entire tax system.

Should the rate of the sales tax be reduced and the base broadened to include services? Should the personal property tax, which hurts capital-intensive industries like manufacturing, be reduced? Should the income tax be made progressive so richer people pay more?

These things need to be looked at — hard.

■ **Education:** The Cherry Commission you appointed several years ago recommended we double the percentage of our high school graduates who go to college, but nobody discussed how to pay for it. You've said you want

to increase the merit college scholarship plan to \$4,000, and you can probably get that through the Legislature.

But why not go a bold step further? The Kalamazoo Promise pays full tuition to all graduates of the Kalamazoo public schools.

Why not look to see if there is a way that could be scaled up to create the Michigan Promise? A GI Bill for all Michigan citizens, whether kids leaving school or laid-off workers looking for serious retraining, would have a profound impact on our economy.

A profound impact, that is, for decades to come.

■ **Budget and spending:** Tom Clay, the respected director of state affairs for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, has just finished a new study of our budget situation. He points out that Michigan has faced a chronic structural billion-dollar-plus budget deficit for the past six years. Now all the relatively painless one-time accounting fixes to balance the budget have been used up.

So he concludes that — unless serious changes are made — the budget deficit will certainly balloon over the next decade, causing a "fiscal train wreck." Sure, you can probably cobble together a budget fix for the next fiscal year. But wouldn't it make more sense to take a hard multi-year look at our financial affairs?

One small example: compared to our neighboring states, we imprison more people for longer periods of time.

If our incarceration rate were only average, we'd spend \$500 million less each year on prisons. Could adjusting sentencing guidelines fix this?

■ **Public investments:** Businesses in trouble take a hard-eyed look at investments to beat the competition. We should do so, too.

We ought to concentrate on our "enduring assets," those that can't be moved, those that help us compete worldwide. Instead of cutting back state support for universities (especially research-oriented ones), we should be investing in them.

Instead of paying lip service to the environment, we ought to invest in our "North Coast" resources such as the Great Lakes.

We shouldn't do this to please the "tree huggers." We should and must do it because the lakes and a healthy environment represent the future of economic development in our region.

William Shakespeare had it right in Julius Caesar:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

What you achieved in the election is very, very rare: a mandate. Use it boldly, and you'll go down as a great governor. Waste it in timidity and caution, you'll be remembered, if at all, as not much more than average.

With every good wish,

Phil Power

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Phil Power

LETTERS

Thanks for 23 years of service

On Nov. 28, Virginia Braun attended her last meeting of the Historical Commission as a member. She is retiring after serving 23 years on the commission.

One of her accomplishments was restoration of the Perrinsville one-room schoolhouse. She served as chairman for the project which took several years to complete.

During the 23 years she spent endless hours on maintaining the historical archives in order to preserve Westland's history.

Thank you, Virginia, for your years of service and I wish you happiness in your retirement. You will be greatly missed.

Jo Johnson

chair

Westland Historical Commission

Thanks for a place to sell

I live in Wayne now, but I have sold Westland Goodfellow papers for 40 years or so. I wrote a letter to thank Dick's Sporting Goods and I am going to paste it to you now. I will for my entire life be a Westland Goodfellow:

Why the Goodfellows?

When I was around 10 my Mother stood outside with my brother and I selling Goodfellows papers at the old A&P at Venoy and Palmer. We stood out there for several hours raising money, for kids I didn't know. Later that year was my first packing night, and when I saw all those toys, I knew we did something good. The next day I was with my Dad delivering, and there is where I became hooked.

I saw what I considered the greatest gift of Christmas, "a Mother's tear." You never know what circumstances may lead you too need the Goodfellows, but we're there to make sure no child goes without Christmas.

This year although I am now 49, with Muscular Dystrophy, and in a wheelchair, but with Dick's Sporting Goods, I passed on my selling to my 12-year-old daughter Jeanne. The Goodfellows tried a few places to find a spot for us to sell, and the other stores have policies against allowing us to sell. Dick's never even gave it a second thought. They are an outstanding group over there, even as they were changing shifts there employees tossed into the pot. I thank them for allowing me to pass on a dream.

I don't know about you, but I know where I'm going to shop.

Glenn E. Tolliver
Wayne

Bravo to CAPA show

To the Livonia School Community:
Kudos to the Livonia Schools CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) Program for

the excellent production of *Jekyll and Hyde* — The Musical, performed recently in the Carli Auditorium at Churchill High School. The CAPA program was initiated about 20 years ago, and this production attains the goals and reaches the high standards that were set at that time.

Under the direction of Gail Mack, the cast, crew and dancers were superb. The orchestra, which was conducted by Maria Cimarelli, was outstanding. We also need to applaud the CAPA parents group for their hard work and sacrifices. We will probably be seeing some of the very capable actors such as Ethan Hedeem and Taylor Alfano on the professional stage — look out Broadway, here they come!

I think it would also be appropriate to thank the past and present boards of education who had the foresight and courage to support programs of this nature.

Bravo! You can watch for future CAPA programs on their Web site — www.starvingcapa.com. Your entertainment dollars will be well spent.

Connie Hierta

Westland

LPS changes are working

Regarding the article that appeared on the front page of the Nov. 23 *Livonia Observer* titled "Parents: LPS changes not working," I have to express my resentment about this article as this implied that ALL parents are unhappy with the Legacy Initiative. This is blatantly untrue.

Yes, we have lost quite a few students overall but not all are lost due to the LI. Many would agree that the economy has played as big a role in the decrease in enrollment as the LI has played.

I believe that we will regain many new students in the next few years if the economy starts to get better. However placing the entire loss of student enrollment on the LI is wildly inaccurate.

Our family is happy with the new setup of schools, and we have a happy, well-adjusted sixth-grader at Cooper Upper Elementary this year.

Our child is now eager to get up and go to school, which has been a real struggle in past years.

She is enrolled in band and World Languages and our household has really enjoyed the new experiences that she is gaining this year.

Please be very careful in how articles are titled and written in the future as this is a very misleading piece. The schools have done a great job transitioning our children into the new structure and should be commended for this.

Ann Murphy

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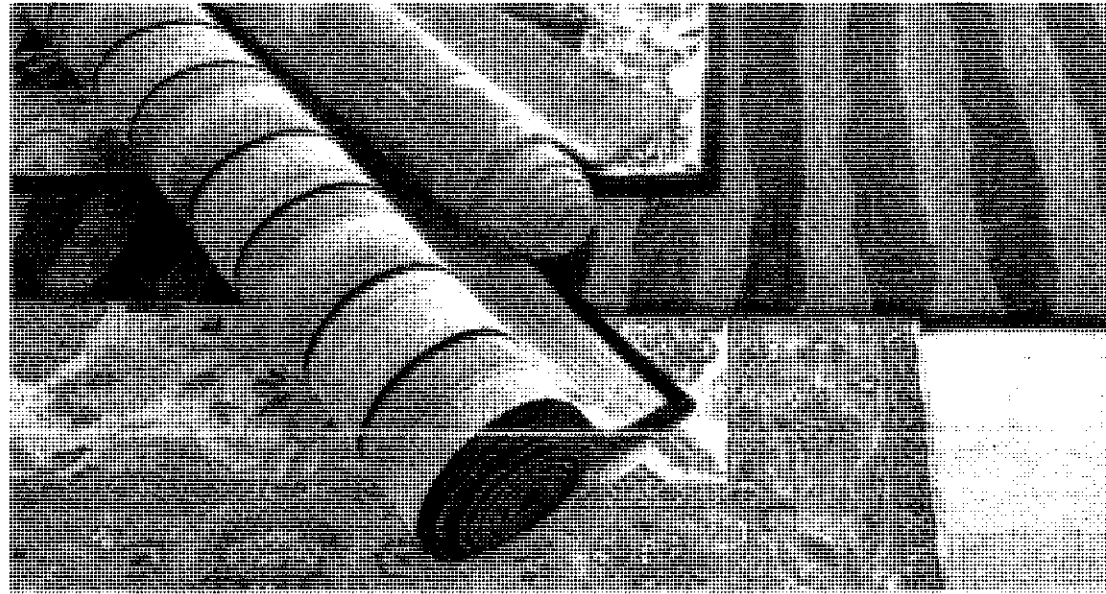
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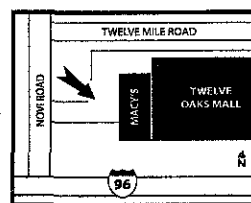


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Judge prevents cuts to mental health agency

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Cynthia D. Stephens granted a preliminary injunction Tuesday preventing the state Legislature from cutting \$3.5 million a month from the Wayne County Mental Health Agency beginning Friday.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and a group of mental health consumers filed a lawsuit Nov. 16 seeking an injunction to prevent the state from imposing a monthly penalty against the county for not turning its Detroit-Wayne County Community Health

Agency into an authority. The lawsuit contends the penalty is unconstitutional and hurts services to the county's approximately 47,000 mental health clients.

In a bench ruling Tuesday, Stephens agreed the funding cut by Lansing posed an immediate harm to consumers. Ficano said he was pleased with the decision.

"This brings tranquility to it. It was unfair to consumers and providers," he said Wednesday. "We're pleased that she saw it for what it was, a penalty for Wayne County that's not the same for the other 82 counties. The other counties have an

option as to whether they have an authority or not. It was unfair to Wayne County."

He said there have been major improvements in the operations of the Mental Health Agency over the last three years that have been acknowledged by the Legislature.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Health Agency is a division of the county's Department of Health and Human Services. For fiscal year 2006-07, the agency has an approximately \$540 million budget to serve those with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbances and substance

use disorders through a countywide network of services and programs. The agency also provides crisis intervention, suicide prevention and homeless programs.

The agency is currently under the control of a 12-member Mental Health Board, six appointed by the county executive and six by the mayor of Detroit. Ficano has suggested a 13-member board with the county executive getting an extra appointment.

County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh of Redford said Wednesday the judge's decision was good news for the agency and mental health consumers.

"It would have been a terrible burden on the agency. The Legislature said they didn't want it to come out of services, but out of administration, but I didn't see how that could be done," Cavanagh said.

Observer & Eccentric names ad manager

Jeannie Parent has joined the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* as manager of retail sales for Wayne County and Farmington. She replaces Frank Cibor, who is manager of classified sales for the *O&E* and *Mirror Newspapers*.



Parent

"Jeannie's experience in the publishing business and in this market is a perfect fit for this position," said Marty

Carry, advertising director for the *O&E/Mirror Newspapers*. "She brings new ideas, a creative energy and a passion to help local businesses be successful."

She is a past member of the Board of the Newspaper Special Section Network and on the Advisory Board of The American Press Institute in Reston, Va.

Before coming to the *O&E*, Parent was national account representative for the last three years at Greater Detroit Newspaper Network.

"I came to the *Observer & Eccentric* because I believe in the power of suburban newspapers and the importance of local news to our readers," said Parent. "I enjoy working with local advertisers to help come up with creative solutions to their marketing and advertising needs."

She holds an associate's degree in communications from the University of Windsor.

"I am fortunate to have a great seasoned team working with me at the *Observer* group and look forward to meeting many of the advertisers. I hope to become more involved in the local communities that we serve and gain more insight into the local business landscape."

Parent is married. Her family includes husband, Ron, and four daughters ages 27 (twins), 24 and 13. Born and raised in Wayne County, she lives with her husband in Windsor, Ontario.

Parent's advertising experience includes retail manager, national sales manager and business development manager for more than six years at *The Windsor Star*.

An avid long-distance runner, Parent has completed 10 marathons. She qualified for the Boston Marathon in 1996. She also enjoys golf and plays in a competitive mixed doubles curling league in Windsor.

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 - Promote relationships with physicians that support improved care outcomes
 - Support the delivery of services in the most cost-effective location by the most appropriate provider type
 - Ensure that the fees paid contribute to quality, affordability, and accessibility to health care in Michigan

- Physician groups must meet the following standards to apply for participation:**
- A physician organization, preferably with 30 or more TRUST physicians that specializes in oncology or other areas which BCBSM identifies in the future*
 - A partnership, association, corporation, individual practice association or other legal entity that has its own Tax ID and can receive and distribute income from the practice among members.

* BCBSM will be accepting applications from physician organizations that specialize in oncology. In the future, BCBSM may expand the gain-sharing program to include organizations with other specialties. Any expansion will be announced in BCBSM's provider publications or other communications.


- When determining participation in the program, BCBSM will consider, among other things:**
- The number of BCBSM members served by the applicant
 - Ability to provide performance reports to individual physicians within groups and initiate processes to improve performance
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 - Physician groups in the BCBSM Physician Group Incentive Program

All organizations interested in applying must forward a non-binding letter of intent to BCBSM by **December 15, 2006** to:

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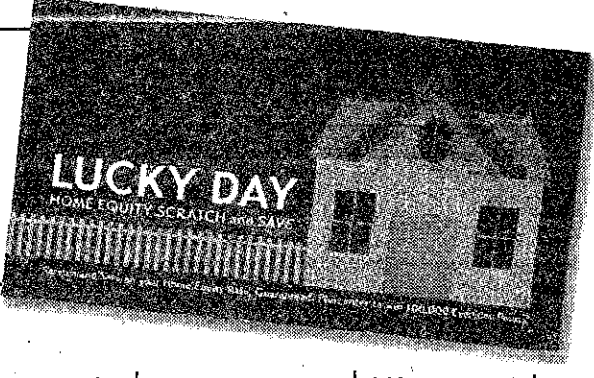
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Mailing options can bring holiday cheer to U.S. troops

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Serving overseas during the holidays is never easy. Even if the people are nice and everyone in the barracks is trying to make it homey, it's cold comfort when all someone wants is a simple slice of home.

In a warzone — where the people are not friendly and explicit displays of holiday cheer are forbidden by religious law — the distance feels all the more like the other side of the world. Feelings of isolation are more pronounced when the calendar reminds you of who you should be seeing on a particular day.

Although not every person has a family member or friend serving, many people want to extend a hand to those fighting in Iraq and elsewhere around the globe this holiday season. For them, and for the troops, there are a few good options open.

Mary Merritt of Romeo has been shuttling approximately 200 care packages to soldiers in the Middle East every month for the past three years. The most recent mailing, 614 packages, went out last month.

She used to have a lot of company. "There were a lot of people in the beginning, but it petered out," Merritt said. "When it was new everyone wanted to be involved but a lot of people don't have time now."

She, on the other hand, hasn't parked in her garage in three years. The spot that used to shelter the Chevy is packed full of stuff for the soldiers. It's not the kind of stuff that makes holiday shopping commercials, but it's the kind of stuff that makes a difference on the other side of the world.

"We call it the taste of home," Merritt said. "It's the kind of stuff you can pick up at 7-11 but you can't get there."

They send out coffee, hot chocolate, candy, soap, eye-drops, Band-Aids, potato



Mary Merritt and former Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Michael Hagee. She said there used to be a lot of people sending care packages to soldiers abroad, but that number has dwindled as the war has gone on.

chips, beef jerky, cookies, books, paper and Christmas cards they can send back home.

Most of what the Merritts send to the Middle East is sent to the First Battalion, 24th Marine Division out of Selfridge and Lansing, but they do take requests.

"I get names from commanders who have heard about us requesting packages for people who aren't getting mail," Merritt said. "I got a call from a commander from Kuwait and we're sending those packages soon."

All of the things they're sending out were donated, from the coffee (Starbucks) to the candy (Walgreens) is donated — the rub is the postage. The last mailing cost almost \$5,000.

"We're lucky to get all the donations we do," she said. "100 percent of the donations go to postage."

Donations to the cause can be made, tax-deductible, to WMA Motor City, P.O. Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065.

MILITARY CARE KIT

Two years ago, the USPS started offering a Military Care Kit, Mili-Kit, for people to send items to overseas post-

ings. The kits are similar to Aerogrammes in that they contain Priority Mail boxes, tape and customs labels needed to send a package overseas.

The Mili-Kit is free. The cost to send it to any APO/FPO is \$8.10 each with no-weight restriction.

The real restriction in this case is a new one. It used to be concerned people could send military personnel packages at random by addressing them to "Any soldier." That's not allowed anymore.

"The column 'Dear Abby' used to have an option like that," said USPS Communications Specialist Shannon LaBruyere. "After 9-11 the Department of Defense stopped accepting packages like that."

This is part of the rationale behind the Mili-Kit, making it easier to send something to service personnel. While by law they can't offer free postage, the USPS has created the mailing kits to make gifting as easy as possible. As of Nov. 2, more than 150,000 Mili-Kits have been sent out since the beginning of the program in 2004.

In every case, people wanting to send anything to a particular service member who is

MAILING RULES

Sending items by mail to APO/FPO addresses is similar to regular mail, but there are some differences. Once the Post Office delivers to the APO/FPO, the mail becomes the property of the Department of Defense and will be screened.

Remember: Items will be delivered to the desert, where temperatures regularly exceed 100 degrees. Battery powered items can activate during shipment, leave batteries wrapped separately.

In order to reach a particular APO/FPO in time for Christmas, the following windows of opportunity apply. Missing one (or all) of these windows doesn't mean a parcel will miss the date, but making the proper dates virtually ensures on-time arrival.

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reached through an APO (Air/Army Post Office) or FPO (Fleet Post Office) must go through the USPS (see sidebar). Private mail carriers like FedEx, UPS and DSL do not serve APO or FPO addresses.

The Mili-Kit can be obtained at any USPS office, online at www.usps.com or by calling (800) 610-8734.

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Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Series presents the Michigan Opera Theatre performing a selection of Broadway classics and holiday music, Friday, Dec. 1 at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the campus' Smith Theatre. Admission is \$15.

The four-member group is composed of soprano Maria Cimarelli, mezzo soprano Betsy Bronson, tenor Karl Schmidt and tenor-baritone Mark Vondrak, accompanied by

pianist Margaret Kapasi. Surprise guest artists will also be featured.

In addition to familiar seasonal airs, the two-act program will highlight music from the classic and contemporary musical theater including selections from *Phantom of the Opera*, *South Pacific* and *My Fair Lady*.

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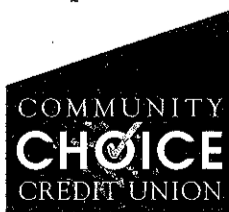
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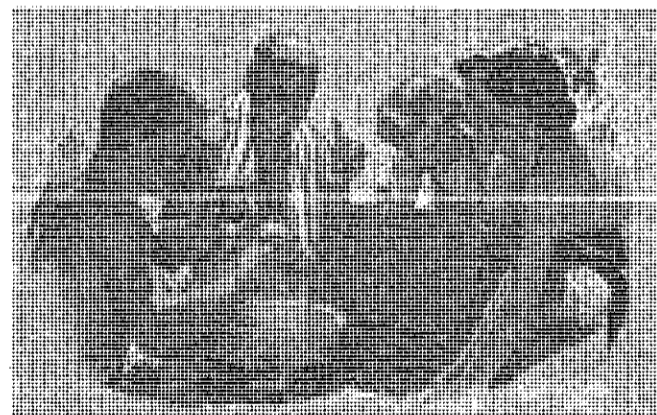
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Adoption Associates makes connections, one family at a time

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Baby Yi Xiang (ee-shang) was left at the gates of an orphanage in China when she was one day old.

A red note was left by the birth mother, listing her date of birth and a "good wishes" message.

Now 21 months old, little Grace Yi Xiang Gdowik can be found toddling through her Farmington home, happy-go-lucky and the apple of her adoptive parents' eye.

"Just to see her grow — she's just thriving," said Beth Gdowik.

Beth and her husband Joe decided on international adoption for a number of reasons. They knew there is a need for adoptive parents in China and their hearts led them there, working with Adoption Associates, Inc., in Farmington Hills.

"There are one-and-a-half million girls in China who need to be adopted. It's hard to overlook that," said Joe Gdowik.

Their experience was so good, they're now doing paperwork to adopt another child from China.

"We definitely want to have a



Karen Jackson, of Adoption Associates Inc. in Farmington Hills, talks about international adoptions, which she specializes in. She keeps a bulletin board updated at the office.

sister for her," said Beth Gdowik, noting it will take about 13 months for the second adoption to be completed. "We want them to be somewhat close in age."

The Gdowiks, both in their 40s, are learning parenthood is a somewhat profound experi-

ence. "It's just fantastic. You're pushed to limits you never thought you'd be," said Joe Gdowik. "There are moments of fantastic joy, then there are moments of pain and frustration."

Beth Gdowik said they're

fortunate.

"Just to be able to be parents, to be a family and have a child to love," she said.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Making those connections is a specialization of Karen Jackson, international case work manager at Adoption Associates, Inc., a nonprofit, statewide adoption agency.

Jackson has been handling international adoptions for 32 years.

"My heart is really with international adoptions," she said. "There are just so many children in other countries who need families. It's heart-warming to match couples with children."

Jackson has worked with Korea, China and Latin America. Traveling abroad is considered a perk for Jackson.

"I love to travel," she said.

She visited an orphanage in southeast China's Hunan Province in September and October. She worked with a



These children live in an orphanage in Jisou, in the Hunan Province of China.

team to remodel an orphanage so it could be divided into rooms with electrical, plumbing and furniture for the children to live.

"We try to give back to the country and to the orphanages," said Jackson. "We always want to help in some way with a children's orphanage project."

The agency spearheads a humanitarian project called Hearts Toward China. To learn more, visit online at www.adoptionassociates.com.

The fall trip to China was Jackson's second trek to that country.

"It was an awesome experience," she said. "We worked very hard at sanding, taping and painting and laying new floor (at the orphanage). And, we also were able to spend some time with the children who will be living on the floor that we completed. The government officials and orphanage personnel were all very gracious hosts and very appreciative of our help."

She works with the China Center of Adoption Affairs when pairing a child with adoptive parents.

"It's a very organized and orderly system," she said.

THE PROCESS

International adoption sometimes seems too complicated and expensive, said Jackson, but she wants people to know it's not as daunting as it may seem. November is National Adoption Awareness Month, a perfect time for Jackson and Adoption Associates to spread the message.

"A common misconception is that adoption is too expensive and not for the ordinary family," said Jackson. "There are fees associated with adoption, but the cost is made more manageable through a tax credit of \$1,200 from the State of Michigan, as well as a \$10,630 federal tax credit for

qualified families."

The tax credit is based on income — couples can take the full amount if their household income is under \$150,000.

The amount decreases as income approaches \$190,000.

"Many employers offer significant adoption reimbursements and our agency also partners with a local bank who offers interest-only loans for families waiting for their tax refund," said Jackson. "All of these things begin to make the cost of adoption less intimidating and allow a couple to concentrate on what is most important — building their family."

For detailed information on the adoption process, Adoption Associates will host a free informational meeting from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12 at Adoption Associates, located at 26105 Orchard Lake Road, at the corner of 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0990 for information and to RSVP.

Jackson also assists families in education and preparation.

"We want to help them recognize that their family will change with adoption," said Jackson. "We do feel it is very important that the family be educated and well prepared to help their child grow in their community."

There are social issues to consider as well. Jackson noted the Farmington Hills area is very diverse, which helps.

"Families need to recognize that their family will receive some attention in public — it's usually positive, but not always," she said.

She offers some advice for couples who are considering adoption.

"Listen to your heart," she said. "Some families only consider domestic adoption, then they realize they can expand their thinking."

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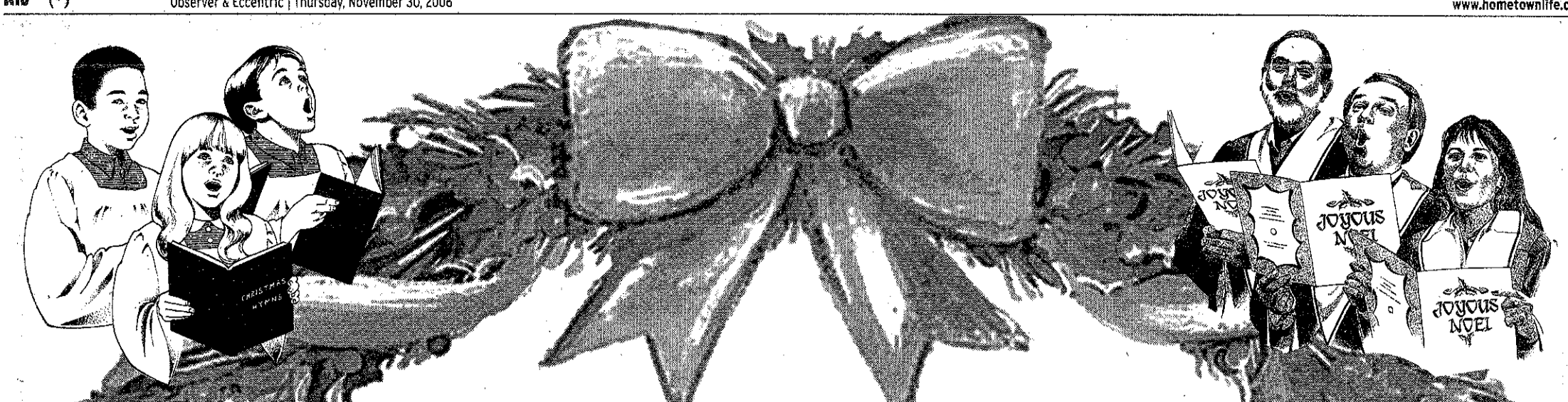
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Quick Reference Guide to Holiday Hours and Entertainment



DECEMBER 2006

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 10am-9pm | 4 10am-9pm | 5 Phil Gram All Stars 6-8pm • East Court 5-piece band playing classic holiday tunes 10am-9pm | 6 10am-9pm | 7 Plymouth Baptist Church Choir 8-8:30pm JC Penney Court Singing classic holiday tunes 10am-9pm | 8 10am-9pm Holiday Mocktail Mixer 11:30am-1pm East Court MADD, SEMCA and local dignitaries present creative ways to make non-alcoholic drinks for the holiday season | 9 9am-10pm |
| 10 10am-9pm | 11 9am-10pm | 12 Phil Gram All Stars 6-8pm • East Court 5-piece band playing classic holiday tunes 9am-10pm | 13 3 D's & W 6-8pm • Throughout Mall Barbershop quartet singing classic holiday tunes 9am-10pm | 14 9am-10pm | 15 9am-10pm Our Lady of Good Council Choir Group 11-Noon JC Penney Court Singing classic holiday tunes | 16 9am-10pm |
| 17 9am-9pm | 18 8am-10pm | 19 Phil Gram All Stars 6-8pm • East Court 5-piece band playing classic holiday tunes 8am-10pm | 20 3 D's & W 6-8pm • Throughout Mall Barbershop quartet singing classic holiday tunes 8am-10pm | 21 8am-11pm | 22 8am-11pm 3 D's & W 6-8pm • Throughout Mall Barbershop quartet singing classic holiday tunes | 23 8am-11pm |
| 24 7am-6pm | 25 Closed for Christmas | 26 8am-9pm | 27 10am-9pm | 28 10am-9pm | 29 10am-9pm | 30 10am-9pm |
| 31 10am-6pm | | | | | | |

JANUARY 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 10am-6pm | 2 Normal Hours Resume | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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