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Prelim to be delayed for murder suspects

Judge imposes gag order on police, lawyers

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Murder suspects Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township and Alexander

Letkemann of Westland will be in Judge Michael Gerou's courtroom for their preliminary hearing at 35th District Court in Plymouth Monday. But they aren't expected to

be there for very long. Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior, and Letkemann, a former Livonia Churchill High School student who got his diploma through the adult

education program, will waive their right to have the hearing within 14 days, as mandated by law, the Observer has learned.

The hearing, designed to determine whether enough evidence exists to suggest Orlewicz, 17, and Letkemann, 18, will be rescheduled for later

this month, perhaps Nov. 30. The two are charged with

killing 26-year-old Daniel Sorenson of River Rouge, cutting off his head, burning his hands and feet to forestall identification and dumping the body in a Northville Township field. Police say the slaying took

place Nov. 7, the body was discovered the next morning and Sorensen's head was recovered two days later in Hines Park in Dearborn Heights.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller

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At a gallop



John Glenn High School students Kyle Rudnicki (center) and Alexandra Barnes (right) sits straight in the saddle during hunt seat egitation.

Glenn equestrians ride into state competition

STAFF WRITER

Horseback riding is second nature to Kyle Rudnicki and Alexandra Barnes. Barnes has been riding since age 6, Rudnicki started at the ripe old age of 2. They've done the horse show circuit all

over the state. But this fall they rode for their high school as members of the John Glenn High School Equestrian Club all the way to state competition, collecting championships at the district and regional meets along the way.

"It was awesome," said Barnes, a freshman. "We did pretty good."

It is a pretty good showing, considering the organization is in its infancy. It only received club status this fall.

"Both girls are wonderful to work with," said John Glenn teacher Linda Willman, who with Dana Rudnicki serves as cocoach. "Both are excellent riders who take pride in what they do and above all else have a lot of fun working with and showing their horses."

Willman has been trying for several years to get the district to recognize riding as a sport, but faced with concerns about liability and transportation, school officials said no. She and Rudnicki were able to resolve the concerns and get the club designation. It came two days after the

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City plans 3rd sweep to gather late falling leaves

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Westland city workers will likely make an unusual, third sweep through neighborhoods to pick up leaves that are falling late due to an unseasonably warm autumn.

Barring a sudden onslaught of harsh winter weather, Public Service Director Kevin Buford said workers will start a third, citywide sweep with leafremoval trucks the first week

of December. The two-week program will start almost as soon as workers finish a second sweep that is expected to end Nov. 29.

That came as welcome news to 57-year-old Paul Nichols, who held a leaf-blower Friday morning as he pushed leaves from his mother's front yard on Wilmer, near Ford and Newburgh.

"That's a good idea," he said. Nichols, who drives from Garden City to help keep his mother's yard clean, said some residents delay blowing or raking their leaves to the curb until the last minute - or they wait so long they actually miss the last sweep.

"This might help them," he said of a third leaf-pickup pro-

Buford conceded that city officials have received numerous phone calls from residents

worried that their leaves aren't falling fast enough to meet the usual leaf-pickup deadline.

"You wouldn't believe the amount of calls we're getting," he said. "I personally have been getting 15 to 20 calls every day from people."

The third sweep will happen in early December as long as an unseasonably warm fall isn't followed abruptly by a sudden deep freeze.

"If we get three or four inches of snow or if the leaves are frozen to the ground, we wouldn't be able to do it,"

Buford said. Westland started its leafpickup service in 1994. Some cities don't have a separate program to sweep leaves off streets, and some local officials in past years have suggested eliminating it as a cost-cutting measure.

That hasn't happened yet, however, and many residents have come to rely on the city

Nichols said some years the leaf-pickup program does appear to start too early.

Buford has heard similar comments, and he said city officials next fall may revise the leaf-pickup program to make it more productive for residents and city workers,

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Westland man gets 19-28 years in prison for robbery, shooting

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will spend 19 to 28 years in prison for a robbery and shooting that happened Feb. 3 on Belding Court, in the Norwayne neighborhood on the city's south side.

Vincent Edward Emery, 25, was sentenced Thursday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Dean Bill, three weeks

after a jury convicted him of multiple felony charges.

"I absolutely think justice was served," said police Sgt. Michael Harhold, who was in charge of the case. "My belief from the facts of the case is that this was a dangerous individual whose

a society." Emery shot a 29-year-old man in the arm while they and others were inside a Belding Court

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residence. The victim, who was treated at Garden City Hospital, was visiting with a 23-year-old woman who told police she had known Emery since high school.

Emery had been staying at the residence with a relative who lived there.

Police cited robbery as a motive for the shooting, and a jury in late October convicted Emery on charges of armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), felonious assault, felony firearm, and being a felon in possession of a weapon.

The trial included testimony from victims in the robbery, Harhold has said.

Emery fled Michigan after the incident, but he was extradited after he was captured while working for a Red Roof Inn near Huntington, W.Va.

The lengthiest sentence

imposed by Judge Bill was 17-26 for robbery. He was accused years for assault with intent to do great bodily harm, but the felony firearms conviction will add a mandatory two years to

that term. Bill gave Emery lesser terms for the other felonies, but those will be served at the same time as the longer sentence.

A second defendant, 24-yearold Jason Shuford, already was serving seven-20 years in prison

of holding the same gun and threatening the female visitor during the incident.

Shuford also is serving one to four years in prison for escaping from the Wayne County jail before he was captured in Ohio. He managed to slip from jail after he and another inmate switched identities.

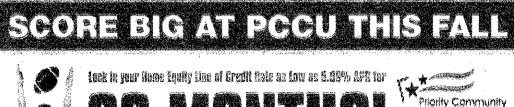
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Armored car driver faces trial on robbery charge

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A former Loomis armored car driver, accused of orchestrating the robbery of another worker in Westland, is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit

John Brandon Pittman, 24, was ordered to stand trial on charges of unarmed robbery and conspiracy to rob after. he waived his right to a preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

Pittman is accused of orchestrating a robbery with two other suspects that happened Oct. 17 outside the Sava-Lot store at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, on the city's northeast side.

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Pittman, jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if he's convicted as charged. A notguilty plea has been entered

Police believe that Pittman planned the robbery-gone-

awry on a route he formerly drove for Loomis, an armored car company based in Highland Park.

Police Sgt. David Heater has called it "suspicious from the beginning that this might be an inside job."

Company officials and authorities became suspicious after Pittman showed up at the robbery scene, even though he no longer drove that route and had no apparent reason to be there.

One of the two other

defendants already has been ordered to stand trial. Christian Hall, 18, of Sterling Heights had earlier waived his preliminary hearing and faces trial for unarmed rob-

Hall, accused of trying to take a gun from the Loomis driver, was held by the employee until authorities arrived at the robbery scene, police have said.

A third defendant, 19-yearold Jerrel Pittman of Detroit, John Pittman's cousin, is

scheduled for a Nov. 29 hearing on a charge of unarmed robbery. He is accused of grabbing a bag containing \$15,000 and fleeing the scene before being captured in a nearby residential neighborhood by Police Chief James Ridener and Officer Mark Cholak.

Jerrel Pittman's defense attorney, Regina Triplett, has asked for a police lineup for the younger Pittman to see whether the Loomis driver can identify him.

Like John Pittman, Jerrel Pittman and Hall could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if convicted. They also are jailed in lieu of \$100,000 cash bonds, and not-guilty pleas have been entered for them.

Authorities have said the money seized during the robbery is still missing, even though police combed the neighborhood where the incident occurred.

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wouldn't comment on the delay in the preliminary hearing, citing the gag order imposed Thursday by Gerou. Neither Joseph Niskar, the lawyer for Orlewicz, nor Raymond Cassar, the attorney for Letkemann, returned

a call seeking comment. They wouldn't have commented, anyway, because lawyers on both sides Thursday worked out an agreement barring attorneys, law enforcement officials and subpoenaed witnesses from talking to the media about the case.

Orlewicz's attorneys filed an emergency motion with the court following a press conference conducted Monday by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, at which she labeled the murder "a thrill kill" and used words like "bone-chilling" and "hor-

Niskar wouldn't comment on why he brought the motion, but in the motion he said Worthy "should have known her statements would have a 'substantial likelihood' of being widely publicized and, as a result, 'materially prejudicing' the potential jury" in a potential trial.

While asserting in a response to the motion that her office never violated the Modern Rules of Professional Responsibility, Worthy agreed to the gag order "so long as all parties, lawyers, agents and/or employees of the lawyers in this case are so

But not everyone was happy about the order. Although all parties eventually agreed to it during a lengthy meeting with Gerou

before Thursday's hearing, Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann, said prior to the hearing he didn't want the order.

"I'm not in favor of a gag order," Cassar said. "If it goes into place, it will scare people away and we won't get as much information as we've been getting through the media. Right now, so many people are coming forward because of what they've seen or read."

While he signed the gag order, Gerou did say he would continue to release all public documents to the media.

■ In other developments: Copies of search warrants executed in this case reveal the kind of evidence police from several jurisdictions collected as the investigation rolled on.

The highest number of items seized came from the Beacon Hill Drive home of Orlewicz in Plymouth Township in a search conducted Nov. 9.

Police seized, among other items, two knives, a machete, various clothing, a cell phone, a sample of a gasoline/oil mixture, a .38-caliber cartridge found in a jewelry box, a gun and computer equipment.

Police also retrieved a box of .38-caliber ammunition from the Canton Township garage where police say the killing took place.

Police also seized a pair of shoes they say were worn by Letkemann, and they searched a pickup truck belonging to Sorensen. searching for clues to the murder, including blood, prints, body fluids and other evidence.

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girls had competed in the first meet of the season.

"I think once they realized we'd already started without the approval and when they saw all the schools around us have it, they decided we should do it, too," said Rudnicki.

OTHER COMMUNITIES

John Glenn joins teams from Ann Arbor, Belleville, Livonia, Monroe and Milan, to name a few, in District 7 which takes in Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties. The three district meets were held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Van Buren Township.

The two teens compete in English and western equitation (the ability to ride correctly with control over the horse and what it does), showmanship, trail and speed and action classes. They spend as much time as they can training with their horses, which are boarded on farms outside Westland.

Barnes has been horseback riding since age 6 and boards her horse at a quarter horse farm in the New Boston area. Rudnicki, who has been riding since age 2, has four horses at Sandy Hills Farm in Superior Township. She takes two horses to the meets, an older horse for showmanship and a young mare she is training for compe-

"We both go out to the farms three-four times a week or more, if everything works out well," Rudnicki said.

Parents are an important part of equestrian sport/shows, according to Willman. Parents horses and equipment to meets and help out during the com-

"Parents have to be involved," she said. "Go in any teen barn and you'll see parents helping

The Westland Jaycees will be

at Westland Shopping Center

7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov.

23 to collect Christmas cards

for U.S. troops. The group will

have cards to sign, and it also

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Cards for troops



Members of the John Gienn High School Equestrian Club are riders Alexandra Barnes (top, left) and Kyle Rudnicki (top, right), assistant coach Barb Turbull (standing, from left) and coaches Dana Rudnicki and Linda Willman.

ABOUT THE MIHA

What: The Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association.

When: It was founded in 1974 by a group of teachers and judges who saw the need for a competitive outlet for their high school equestrians. Chuck Schroeder and Gerald Fuller were the first to arrange competition between Milford-Lakeland and Hartland that year.

In 1975, they were joined by Wanda Keech and Virginia Bennett and the four formed the

out getting them ready. It's a very positive atmosphere for kids to learn and grow in," she

Because the club has two riders, it competes in Division D of the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association. Barnes' and Rudnicki's horsemanship was good enough to win the district championship and they placed second in regional competition, earning and an opportunity to compete in the state championship.

COMPETITION

shipping costs.

"The cool thing about our team is there's only two rid-

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committee that soon became the In its 34th year, MIHA had 2,111

registered riders on 343 teams across its 20 districts. It also has added a Junior Division, making interscholastic competition available to students in grades six-eight. In its second official year, 2007, the Junior Division had registered 865 riders on 181 teams in 19 districts.

Where: For more information, visit the MIHA Web site at www. miha.org.

ers and they scored higher in points that Division B and C teams that carry 10 riders," said Willman.

"We probably would have done real well last year, but we were in Division C," added Rudnicki. "Two is the top number of riders in Division D. We had three so we were in C which has a little more stiffer competition. I think we would have won had we been in D last

Willman is hoping to expand club membership. A story in the school newspaper brought in some inquiries, including a father of a student who used to show horses.

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Jaycees hotline at (734) 226-

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Westland, MI, 48185 or call the

Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191.

Toy drive



Kyle Rudnicki puts her horse through its paces in hunt seat equitation during district competition.

"He's trying to convince his daughter that it's a hobby she should get involved in," Willman said, adding that students don't need to have a horse to join the club, but do need a horse to compete.

"Students without horses can participate as grooms and help out the riders during competition," Willman said.

Club status now allows the team to begin fund raising to offset fees related to competition. District meets cost \$45 per rider, but the cost goes up at regionals and state where the teens paid \$750 each for the four-day competition.

And Willman also hoping to get district officials will have a change of heart and make riding a varsity sport.

"I want to see this become a sports team because these kids are competing for their school, varsity letter," she said. "Both our riders and horse are athletes who compete very hard for the honor of our school."

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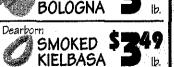
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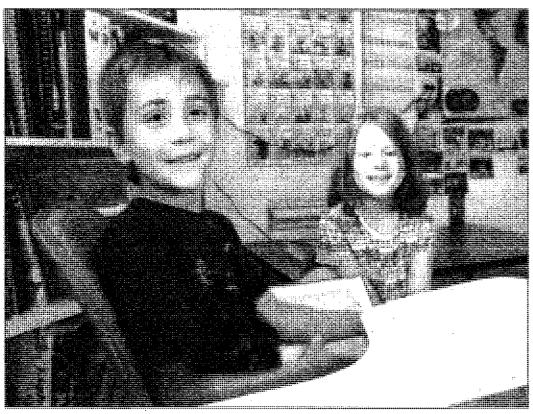


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James and Leah Eichelberger may be only 6 and 7 years old, but they are published authors who are donating a portion of prize money from winning the "Reading Rainbow" contest to the William P. Faust Public Library.

Young writers use contest earnings to buy books for library

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

"Meet Mercury. He is rocky. Meet Venus. She is poisonous.

You already know Earth." So begins a voyage through the solar system, contrived by Livonia first-grader James Eichelberger.

Take a look, it's in a book - Reading Rainbow.

James' animated story, We Learn About Space, was a first-place winner in the 13th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Awards. He wrote it last year, in kindergarten. The book was ranked in the top 30 nation-

James' big sister, Leah Eichelberger, who is now a second-grader, also took firstplace locally for her story,

Glitter, the Star Who Makes a Friend, about a little girl who gets lost. She's still working on other books in her head, she

featured on "Reading Rainbow" and can be read online.

The two young authors were recognized at the Westland Public Library on Monday for using their contest winnings to help buy books for the children's library collection.

Each received a \$1,000 grant awarded to their schools by Starbucks Coffee Company. Because the Eichelbergers are home-schooled, they chose to donate to the family's church, Main Street Baptist in Canton and the Westland library. The children's librarians there have always been friendly and were encouraging when they

found out about the Reading Rainbow contest, said Colleen Eichelberger, James and Leah's

They contributed books from James' and Leah's books were the Five in a Row series for homeschoolers, which combines children's literature with lesson plans for home-school educators and classics like Madeline.

When he grows up, James wants to be a chef and an astronaut. Earth is his favorite planet. It used to be tied with Pluto, but, as he learned last year, "Pluto is not a planet. He is a frozen rock in space, a floating rock."

To read the Eichelbergers' books online, go to www. detroitpublictv.com/rr2007/ winners.shtml

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Pompon team will march in parade

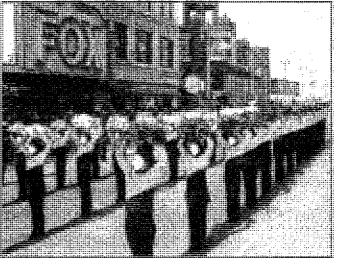
The Mid-American Pompon All-Star Team, including girls from Garden City and Westland, will perform for the 21st consecutive year in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in

The team started in 1986 with only 40 members and has grown to 228 performers from high schools all across Michigan. It practices together only one day prior to the parade.

The team will gather for practice Wednesday at the Novi Sheraton. The girls will be responsible for learning routines from a DVD created for them by the Mid-American Pompon staff.

The team's performance style is traditional pompon. During the parade, they will perform their routine up to 40 times. The team's patriotic uniforms are red, silver, blue and black with metallic pompons.

To be eligible to try out for the team, girls must be a member of a high school varsity pom/dance team. Each year team members are selected based on outstand-



The Mid-American Pompon All-Star Team, with members from Garden City and Westland, will perform again this year during America's Thanksqiving Day Parade in Detroit.

ing showmanship, academic stature and pompon/dance performing abilities.

This year the team also will perform Dec. 26 at the Motor City Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit. The team also has had the honor of performing at presidential inaugural parades for Bill Clinton and George W. Bush; at the Fiesta Bowl and Citrus Bowl parades; the 1996 Olympics

in Atlanta; Sea World of Ohio; Pistons and Ignition sporting events; Epcot Center; and on Carnival Cruise Lines.

In all, the team has had more than 2,000 performers participate over the years in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

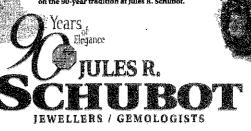
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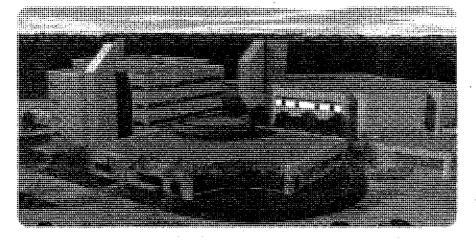




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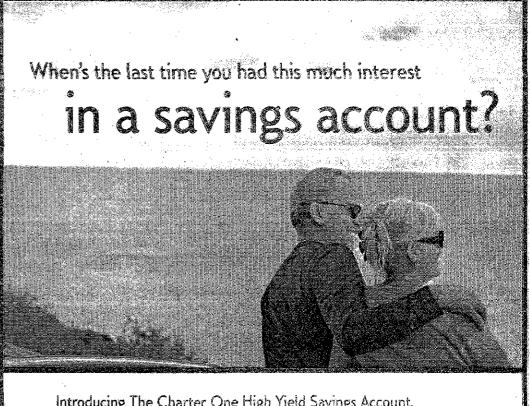
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Drive St. Damian Church, 30055 Joy. Westland, will be holding an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Community Room, Call (734) 421-6130 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also

welcome.

New Year's Eve party Ring in the New Year with Jimmy Howard & Company at a New Year's Party at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia Monday, Dec. 30, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; party goes until 1 a.m. Dinner (oven-baked chicken and port tenderloin) served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Due to the Christmas holiday, tickets must be purchased by Dec. 19. For more information, call Linda at (734) 507-9173 or Mary Ann at (734) 654-0115, or e-mail parties.2go2@vahoo. com

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In recognition of World AIDS Day, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Women's Resource Center, Student Activities Office, and new student group Keep A Child Alive will host the second annual AIDS Awareness Luncheon noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29. The theme will be "Get Educated; Get Tested; Get Real." Hear the life story of someone living with HIV. Get educated on the real facts about HIV/AIDS. Find out how to get tested and how to protect yourself. The event is free and open to the public, it will be held in Kochoff Hall C in the University Center on the main U-M-Dearborn campus, Make reservations by calling the Women's Resource Center at (313) 583-6445 or e-mail at womensresourcecenter@umd.umich. edu by Monday, Nov. 26.

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan, a regional orchestra, has openings for interested student musicians in its intermediate and advanced orchestras, as well a sax choir.

Rehearsals are on Saturday mornings at Churchill High School on Newburgh north of Joy Road, Livonia, For more information, call Kathy Bilger at (734) 464-8704 or by e-mail at auditions@ LYPM.org.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venov, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 8-p.m. Check it out on the Web at www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660,

Casino fund-raiser Enjoy an afternoon at the Greektown Casino on Sunday, Nov. 18, to benefit St. Damian Youth Group, Tickets are \$25 and include charter bus transportation to and from the casino and a \$15 coin youcher to use at the casino. The bus departs from St. Damian. 30055 Joy Road in Westland at 1 p.m. and will return back to the church at 7 p.m. Get tickets by calling (734)

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CRAFT SHOWS

St. Michael Lutheran St. Michael Lutheran Church will hold its Holiday Marketplace Arts and Crafts Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the church, 3003 Hannan at the corner of Glenwood, Wayne.

Craft show

Vendors wanted for upcoming holiday craft show at Wayne Recreation Center at Howe and Annapolis in Wayne The event will be 1-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29. There are 25 available tables. People interested in reserving a spot can call (734) 595-1083

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www. ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.: Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

Senior fitness

Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally III, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland, Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support

A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Fibromyalgla

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768,

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Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads, Newcomers welcome, Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

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First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers, interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program, Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend.

Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is: looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice Heartland Hospice is looking

for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

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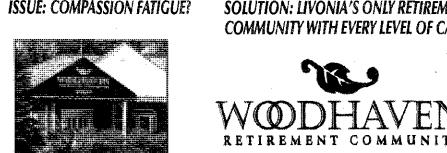
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St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.\

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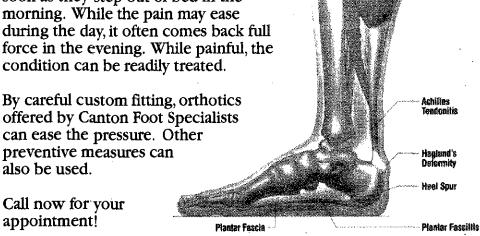
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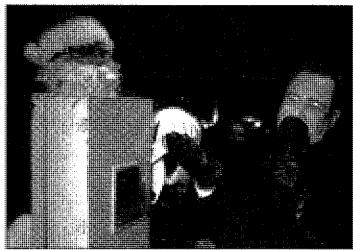
It was Lights On Thursday for Wayne County's annual Lightfest on Hines Drive.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Santa Claus were on hand for the official opening of the county's elaborate fourmile fantasy of lights. Dancers, refreshments and fireworks were all part of the festivities.

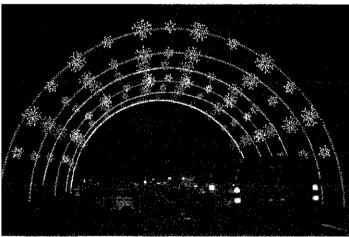
Lightfest continues every evening through Jan. 1. A portion of Hines Drive is closed to regular traffic to allow for viewing the holiday lighting. The program costs \$5 per car. Cars enter Hines Drive at Merriman between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren in

A Family Holiday Tree Lighting will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive near Ann Arbor Trail.

The Friends of Nankin Mills and Wayne County Parks are sponsoring the old-fashioned celebration at historic Nankin Mills. The first portion of the program features seasonal crafts you can make and take home to decorate your tree. Unique seasonal games, such as "fruitcake bowling," "pin the nose on Rudolph" and "reindeer antler wreath toss" are also featured. Cost of the craft program is \$4 per participant. The second part of the program includes a short outdoor community Tree Lighting and Sing-along with an indoor visit from St. Nick, sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills. Refreshments provided. This is the 20th year the Friends have held this event. There is no cost for the tree lighting and Santa Claus.



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano joins Santa Claus in flipping the switch to turn on the lights during the opening ceremonies for the Wayne County Lightfest Thursday night.



Cars make their way through the lights after the opening ceremonies for the Wayne County Lightfest Thursday night.



Fireworks explode over the lights during the opening ceremonies for the Wayne County Lightfest Thursday



Advertising **Correction Notice**

The Lowe's circular in this week's newspaper contains an error. The correct price for the White 9-Cube Storage Organizer (#163236/260280) on page 6 is \$54.88.

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THE DIFFICULTY OF TREATING PAIN IN THE ELDERLY

For a doctor, relieving a patient's pain is a responsibility of the highest order. But in treating pain in the elderly, as occurs in the back, after shingles, from an osteoporotic fracture, or as the result of advanced arthritis of the hip or knee, the doctor faces a dilemma.

The side effects of pain medication in people entering their eighth or ninth decade of life, that is age 70, 80 or beyond, can outweigh the benefit from pain relief.

For example: The accepted way to initiate pain relief is to prescribe non steroidal antiinflammatory drugs. This class includes ibuprofen and naproxen. For the elderly, the main problem with the non-steroidal drugs is not that they irritate the stomach, but that these medications can interfere with proper kidney function and even cause kidney failure.

The difficulty for the elderly person prescribed narcotics such as codeline, oxycodone, morphine or methadone is more then the profound constipation these drugs can cause. Their potential effect to make an elderly person dizzy, unsteady or disoriented greatly diminishes their Because of the side effects on the elderly of many pain relieving medications, the use of

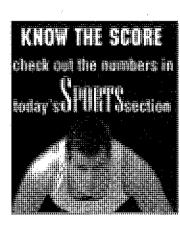
acetaminophen has gained wide acceptance in the medical community. But as safe as this drug is, it can cause fiver damage if taken in high doses over a long time.

Thus, the doctor's dilemma in prescribing pain medication; to weigh the pain benefit a

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Santa Claus greets the crowd as he enters the stage to help turn on the lights during the opening ceremonies.





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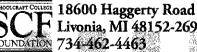
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Olympic success starts with goals, hard work

BY REBECCA JONES. STAFF WRITER

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Her shirt said, "Hockey is Life," but Morgan Stacey didn't want to get out of bed last Saturday morning.

Teresa Renaud said she dragged her daughter to Churchill High School to hear five Olympians tell their success stories. When it was through, Stacey jumped up and planted a kiss on her mom's temple. She was invited to play hockey with Angela Ruggiero, a three-time Olympic medalist on the U.S. women's ice hockey

"She's one of my top idols," said Stacey, 10, a goalie from Walled Lake, who watched Ruggiero in the Olympics and on TV's The Apprentice. "I want to go to the Olympics."

Ruggiero knows what it's like to want to stay in bed. Growing up, she had hockey practice at 5:30 a.m. Saturday mornings, and she made a commitment to go. That's how you become an Olympic champion.

Stacey was one of 230 people - including gymnasts, archers, swimmers and their parents - who heard from five female athletes about how they made it to the Olympics and achieved success in other areas.

They all had one common dream, about becoming a champion," said master of ceremonies Amy Weber of Radish Creative Group. "They saw a vision. They went for it. They worked. ... They believed in themselves."

SET GOALS, BREAK BARRIERS

The athletes talked about setting goals and breaking them into baby steps.

Shannon Miller — America's most decorated gymnast and a member of the Magnificent Seven, 1996's gold-medal winning U.S. team - said her goals along the way were to "fall less on beam" and to break the 8.0

"Once you break that barrier, all the sudden you see the next goal," Miller said. "Don't set limits on yourself, and don't let other people set limits for you."



Olympians Cheryl Hayworth (weightlifting), Angela Ruggiero (ice hockey), Shannon Miller (gymnast), Natalie Woolfolk (weightlifting), and Sheila Taormina (swimming, triathlon, pentathlete in training) talked about their paths to success in sports and other areas at Sharing the Dream.

Ruggiero, who went to Harvard on a hockey scholarship, said she writes down her goals periodically. For her first semester there, she aimed for a C average, figuring Harvard was hard. Her average was a B-. By her senior year, she upped her goal and was getting straight As. She may go back for an M.B.A.

"Harvard is just one point among my athletic accomplishments that show the power of the mind," said Ruggiero, who was offered a job by Donald Trump.

DECIDE TO WORK HARDER

Sheila Taormina, a Livonia native and veteran of three Olympic games, had a goal to compete at the Olympic trials, but never believed she had what it took to make it to the games themselves until she was 23 years old and ready to

Now, her dream to be the first American to participate in three different sporting events at the Olympics. Right now, she's training up to 12 hours a day for the modern pentathlon, which includes swimming, running, horse jumping, shooting and fencing. That dream might not come true, she said, but she's giving it her all.

"The only way you have confidence is if you've done the work," she said. "Be the one who decides to work harder than your next door neighbor."

Stevenson High School seniors Eric Valenti and Robert Banish are rooting for Taormina because she's from Livonia and, "it would be cool to see a woman tear it up," said Banish.

Farmington High School's

swim team attended the "Sharing the Dream" event, the morning after they wrapped up their season.

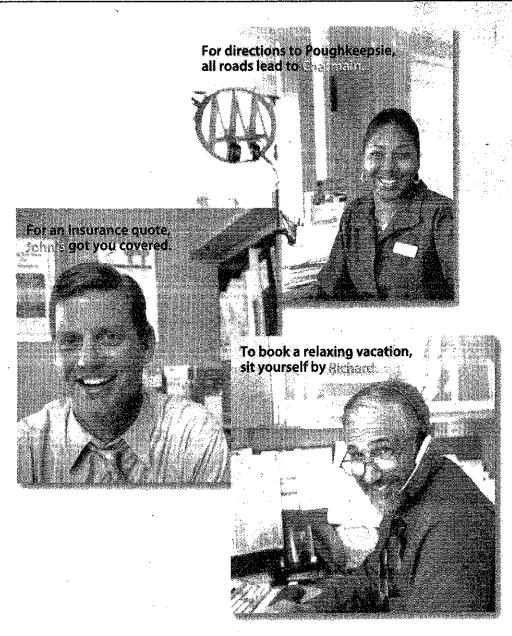
"We wanted to come get a 'reaching our goal' speech," said Danielle Graessle, whose letter jacket was weighed down with medals from swimming and soccer. She said the team was leaving with a positive attitude. "It will definitely make us try harder."

Champion weightlifters Cheryl Hayworth and Natalie Woolfolk both found their way into weightlifting after getting their start in other sports. Taormina helped organize the event to give youngsters the opportunity to meet an Olympic athlete and help them

realize they could be one too. Since then, the group has had calls from St. Louis, Atlanta and California asking them to

Afterward, the athletes decided to open their personal training sessions that afternoon to all the participants in the crowd.

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Childbirth Education (second of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery, Class runtime is 21/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Heart Pals Cardiac Support Group at 7:30 p.m. Group support is offered to cardiac patients and/or their significant other Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-

Diabetes Self-Management Education (fourth of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Power Hour at 3 and 5 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call

Yoga (second of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to

register.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 Power Hour at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we quarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic

at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP

users: Did you know that most insur-

ances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information. Alzheimer's Support at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's

Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. The group

will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower level classrooms of the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building (attached to the main hospital), 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information. Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia. and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium, Call (734) 458-4330 for

more information. Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH!) at 7 p.m. Are you or someone you know hard of hearing? You're not alone. A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every third Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 15

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Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/ Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.



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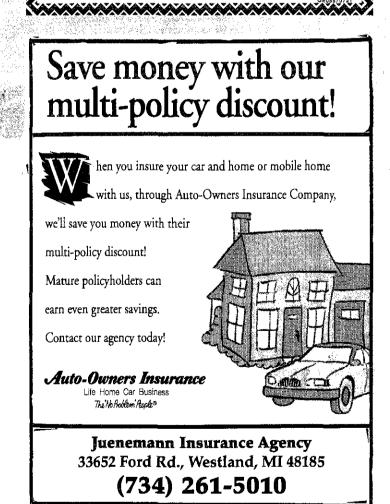
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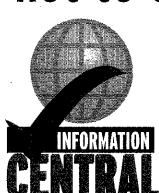
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The number of people who are vegetarians is constantly growing. If you don't believe it, just look at the menu the next time you're out to eat. Many dining establishments specially mark items that are suitable to vegetarians, others offer vegetarian substitutions, and almost everywhere offers at least a few vegetarian options.

For those of you who need a crash course, vegetarians are people who do not eat meat but generally eat dairy and egg products. Vegans do not eat any animal products including cheese, milk, and eggs. The reasons behind the choice are as varied as the people who choose to become vegetarians. Some people do it because they want a healthier diet that is lower in fat and cholesterol. Others believe it is wrong to kill animals for their flesh while others are opposed to the condition that animals are forced to live in before they are slaughtered. And there are some people who just don't like the taste of meat.

The good news for anyone who is considering becoming a vegetarian, or even just cutting back on the amount of meat they eat, is that it isn't that hard to be a vegetarian. There are so many meat substitute products on the market now that being a vegetarian doesn't

are past due.



mean you have to give up bologna sandwiches, chicken fajitas, or even a hotdog or hamburger at the 4th of July barbecue. In fact, being a vegetarian can put you in a position to try things you may never have eaten otherwise.

As always, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is here to help. A great introductory source is Vegetarian Sourcebook which talks about health aspects, lifestyle, and philosophies behind being a vegetarian. The number of vegetarian cookbooks is astonishing. Some of our newest additions are One Dish Vegetarian Meals and Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone. If you want to keep to a vegetarian diet while you are pregnant, we have books for that. Your son or daughter decided to stop eating meat?

Animals or Slaughterhouse: the Shocking Story of Greed,

Neglect, and Inhumane Treatment inside the U.S. Meat Industry. Whether you are a vegetarian, are thinking about becoming one, or just know a few, we'd love to help you learn more. For more information,

stop by the library or call us at

Try Help! My Child Stopped Eating Meat!, The Young

and A Teen's Guide to Going

Vegetarian. Or just stop by and read the latest copy of

Vegetarian Times magazine.

For anyone interested in

the ethics behind eating meat

and factory farming, try The

the Emotional Lives of Farm

Pig Who Sang to the Moon:

Vegetarian's Companion,

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Highlighted Activities

734-326-6123.

Adult Book Club 7 p.m. Nov. 20: Join us as we discuss 1776 by David McCullough "Based on extensive research in both American and British archives, 1776 is a powerful drama written with extraordinary narrative vitality." (from the publisher's description) Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

Internet 201 7 p.m. Nov. 26: An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required.

Victorian Christmas Craft Night 7 p.m. Nov. 28, Come learn about the evolution of Christmas customs and crafts with local historian Bethany Stawasz. After a presentation about the history of Christmas, you will make-and-take your own Victorian Scrap Art ornament. Call the library to reserve your seat. 734-326-

Information Central in compiled by Children's Associate Bernadette Dewyer. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734)326-6123.



Davenport U. locates in Livonia

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

The fall of 2008 will see a new arrival, Davenport University, on the Livonia higher education scene. Davenport officials were in town early this week to meet local people, and got a warm reception.

"We feel this is a very good area to serve," Davenport President Randolph Flechsig said Monday at a Livonia Rotary meeting at Laurel Manor. The private university, based in Grand Rapids, has some 13,000 students, and offers programs in information technology, health care and business.

Flechsig also attended a press conference Tuesday at the construction sit for Davenport's Livonia Campus on Victor Parkway. Mayor Jack Engebretson, Mayorelect Jack Kirksey and city council members attended the event sponsored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

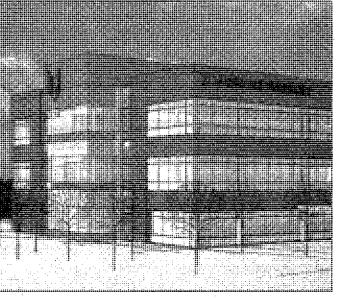
"For us how far they get three years out after graduation is important," Flechsig told Rotarians and guests. Affordability is an issue with college these days, and he pointed with pride to his school's cost of \$65,000 for a bachelor's degree. Davenport also has master's programs, including in business administration.

"We work very hard to keep tuition down by making scholarships available," he said.

Davenport has broken ground on a 40,000-squarefoot facility at 19499 Victor Parkway (northeast corner of I-275 and Seven Mile). The campus is scheduled to open in September 2008.

The Livonia campus, at, will focus on business and technology. Online courses will be a key component: "That's not for everyone, but it is becoming an integral part of education."

The facility will feature common areas, meeting rooms, 26 classrooms, an MBA seminar room, a 2,000square-foot library information commons, student and



Davenport University will open its Livonia facility at Seven Mile and I-275 in the fall of 2008.

faculty lounges and offices

Flechsig cited such pluses as faculty with real-life experience who can meet the needs of nontraditional, older students. The library will be open to the community, he noted, adding Davenport offers internships to students and competitions through business clubs.

"It gives them a practical approach to their learning." Class size averages 15 and technology is up to date, Flechsig said.

"If you offer the right programs, you can attract entities into the community. That's something we can't lose sight of in Livonia." Flechsig mentioned Ann Arbor's great reputation in that regard, adding 90 percent of local Davenport grads will work locally.

"We're here because we believe there's a need." Flechsig emphasized Davenport will fit into the current higher educational system, working with the Livonia Public Schools, Automation Alley, other local schools and the community.

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, was pleased to hear Flechsig's presentation. "Choice is always an asset," Jeffress said. "Davenport becomes another choice for them. I think that's

great."

Schoolcraft officials are beginning to meet with Davenport on such things as courses and credit transfer. "There's always some tweaking that goes on," Jeffress said.

"We're wishing them success," not only for Schoolcraft but also for the community.

Jeffress would like to see Livonia as a "destination of choice" for higher education. Some students, such as in Schoolcraft's noted culinary arts program, do well with two-year degrees but Schoolcraft focuses on preparing students as if they'll go to college four years, he said. Livonia-based Schoolcraft also has a Garden City campus.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, introduced Flechsig and his colleagues Monday by noting there are already six institutions of higher learning in Livonia Schoolcraft, Madonna University, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Phoenix and Northwood.

"His arrival at Davenport (in 2000) created a laser focus on quality education," West added, describing the school as relevant to needs of employers and service-oriented for students.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185

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Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or

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Shurgard) located at 24920 Trowbridge St., Dearborn, Mi 48124 (313)

277-7940 on 11/26/07 at 9:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal

within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees

Personal property described below in the matter of:

2164- Holly Rundels- boxes, shelf, boxes, suitcase

1550- Be Da 1st inc- boxes, bags, totes

1136-Winston Greene-boxes, totes, bags

2116- Patrick Clark- boxes, bags, totes

2142- Charise Valentine-desk, chairs

2287- Deirdre Francis- boxes, bags, totes 2400- Jodi Beydoun- boxes, tv, recliner

2464- Nicole Turner- boxes, bags, totes

1248- Anthony Mccarthy- boxes, totes, bags

1444- Rimmon Oneil- bags, chairs, refrigerator

1116- Charles Jones- boxes

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Bid Package

Consisting of Media Center Additions to: Edison Elementary Patchin Elementary Schweitzer Elementary

will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

101 Earthwork / Site Utilities 103 Selective Demolition

104 Concrete Footings & Foundations

Concrete Flatwork

106 Masonry Structural Steel 107

108 Carpentry & General Trades 109 Roofing

110 Manufactured

Wall Panel Systems Caulking

113 Hollow Metal / Wood Doors / Finish Hardware (Supply)

114 Aluminum Glass & Glazing 115 Metal Studs, Drywall, & EIFS Acoustical Treatments

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118 Carpet / Resilient Flooring 120 Painting

122 Signage

128 Casework 130

Window Treatments Plumbing 140

142 HVAC Electrical 143

148Landscaping

149 Temporary Fencing

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Monday, November 19, 2007, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 9:30 am on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the Patchin Elementary School Media Center located at 6420 Newburgh, Westland, MI 48185. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project sites and to answer any questions that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

106- Deanna Harper- bed, sofa, tv

233- Debra Hitts- boxes, totes, decorations 654- Raymond C. Dennis- refrigerator, toolbox, golf clubs

720- Carla Johnson- refrigerator, stove, boxes 834- Eleni M. Segos- boxes, totes, chest

104- Hillary Mesler- snowblower, boxes, totes 940- Jeffrey Woodward- tv

945- Leantre Terry- refrigerator, boxes, totes 1116- Jennifer Wheeler- crib, dresser, boxes

1122- Sharon Sexton- cabinet, hoxes, couch

116- Lori Tecmire- boxes 126-Stephanie Gestrich- golf clubs, snowblower, tools

144- Kristen VanWassehnova- boxes 218- Krystyn Overbeck-boxes, mattress, entertainment center

238- Kimberly Sidar- boxes, totes 512- Janet Pielak- speakers, boxes, bike

620- Robin Baumann-washer, dryer, totes

622- James Adams- guitar, dresser, tv 657- Kymane R Clark- boxes, totes, bags

800- Gregory Bader Jr.- boxes, totes 820-Barbara Gorno-Ac, totes, bags 835- David Moore- tv, stereo, dvd

921- Kindra Moore- crib, box, table

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

7040- Rebecca Grauman- boxes, totes, bags

7009- Danielle Van Dixon-boxes 2043- Robert Peecher- kitchen supplies, vending machines

3013- Jennifer Stoneberg- tv, stereo, sofa

3087- Ricky Beasley- futon, couch, chair

4019- Dennis Cole- tv, stereo, fishtank 4032- Frank Makdesion- boxes, tv, sofa

4083- Chris Bastian-sofa, bed, dresser 5006- Patrick M Laffrety- washer, treadmill, refrigerator

5013- Tyre Smith- boxes, totes, bags 5051- DeAnna Cushman- sofa, loveseat, boxes

5069- Carl Hicks- washer, dryer, box 5086- Marie Long- boxes, totes, bags

6010- Carol Mcculley- sofa, tv, dresser

6049- Robert Hammond- freezer, tv, sofa 6071- Paul Emerson- table, boxes, moniter

6080- Christine Newsome- boxes, bikes, tools 6187- Keith Thompson- mattress, boxes, dresser

7080- Patricia Keys- vending machine, refrigerator, lawnmower 9066- Rosemary Boyd- totes, luggage, tent

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after publication as required.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY Zoning Ordinance Adoption / Text Amendments

A Zoning Ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the City of Garden City. The amendments would modify and add sections of the zoning ordinance to allow and regulate automotive and / or vehicle rental establishments within the Central Business District.

Including Section 154.005 Definitions, Section 154.067 Minimum

Off Street Parking Requirements, Section 154.136 Automotive or

Vehicles Sales, Section 154.162 Regulated Uses, Section 154.301 Permitted Uses and Structures, Section 154.352 Permitted Uses and Structures, Section 154.357 Development Standards. The area affected by this modification include the Central Business District of Garden City. Defined as businesses along Ford Road

from Brandt to Garden, and Middlebelt Road from Bock to Maplewood. The zoning ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of 7 days

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Community Development Department, Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

> Paul C. Zelenak Community Development Director

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3650 Enterprise Dr. Allen Park, Mi 48101 (313) 441-3117 11/27/2007 at 12:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due. Personal property described below in the matter of:

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B121- Venessa Williams- boxes, toys

A106- Tracey Wilburn- bags, boxes, tv B072- Michael Kowalski- tools, totes, shop vac B113- Keith Litinski- dresser, stereo, microwave

B117- Engrid Gudger- lawnmower, couch, washer B141- Michele Cicotte- fishtank, dishwasher, totes

B149- John Mason- boxes B240- Jeffrey Franklin- mattress, table, boxspring B253- Crystal Cook- totes, washer, dryer

B260- Christina Jones- bed, box, clothing B282- Nefertiti Morris- sofa, mattress, washer

B286- Robin Addison- boxes B367- Sharmanya Jamison- stove, dresser, chair C013- Ted Konesky- dresser, bags, boxes

C016- Katie Day- refrigerator, bags, boxes C034- Nasir Khan- tables, weight, chair

D002- RJ Randolph- boxes D026- Cher ri Pye- stove, ac, totes D034- Julia Hightower- boxes, bags, bed

D044- Cortny Smith- washer, dryer, stove E042- Sally Porter- table, totes, boxes

F013- Larry Phillips- ac, stove, refrigerator F018- Bradley Moscarello - boxes, dresser, stereo F032- Antoine Williams- tv ,tools, lawnmower

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Tax strategies for those who want to give to charity

Dear Rick: In your column last week you mentioned something about an expiring tax law that allows someone to donate their required minimum distribution. I think it's a great idea and I'm going to do it. My question to you is does it make a difference if I donate investments that I have a gain in or investments that I

have a loss in? In a traditional IRA, it does not make a difference because you do not have a cost basis. So it does not make a difference

- from a tax standpoint - what securities you donate. In addition, it makes no difference to the charity either. Typically, when a charity receives a security, it can liquidate the security without tax consequences.

The tax law that allows people over 70½ to make



Rick Bloom

contributions through their IRAs and include that number in the required minimum distribution

Money Matters expires this year. If you're over 701/2 and charitable in nature, this

is an excellent tax strategy to consider.

For individuals who donate on a year-by-year basis if you can, using your IRA does provide a great opportunity. However, if you are not eligible to donate through your IRA then a couple of tax strategies can save you money in making charitable contributions.

For those who are charitable in nature, a good strategy is

to gift appreciated securities. Securities that have a gain can be gifted to a charity and you can deduct the fair market value on your tax return. In addition, you do not have to pay the capital gains associated with those securities.

By donating appreciated securities, you avoid the capital gains tax on the gain and still can deduct as a charitable contribution the fair market value of the securities.

On the other hand, you do not want to donate securities you have a loss on. In those cases, a better strategy would be to sell the investment, recognize the loss for tax purposes then donate the cash proceeds. By doing it this way, you get the best of both worlds - you can write off your charitable contributions and deduct the loss on the sale.

Before you donate

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ago and it has been severely

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fund. He told me I would

have a 2 percent penalty to

charge me a penalty to sell

and if so, what should I do?

Unfortunately, they can

charge you a penalty to

liquidate your investment.

Penalties are common in the

financial world. What is even

sell the investment. Can they

appreciated securities or cash Share Class Mutual Fund. If vou sell the investment prior to to a charity, make sure that you check the charity out to assure holding it for at least five years, it is legitimate and worth your there is a penalty. Typically, the penalty reduces itself so Dear Rick: I was at one of after that period there are no your library talks, and you penalties.

> I am not a fan of B-Share Mutual Funds and I generally recommend investors avoid them. In addition to the penalty, most B-Share Class Mutual Funds also have much higher management fees on a year-by-year basis. On the whole, they are not very investor-friendly.

Should you sell the investment or stay with it? If the fund has been underperforming other mutual funds in its same category for a two-to-three-year period, then generally I say sell the investment.

For as long as I have been in the investment world, I

have also stated that fees do matter and it is one way for investors to immediately get higher rates of return on their money and that is for everyone to be sensitive about fees. I recognize many professionals in the financial world will tell you that fees are how they earn their living. They will tell you that they're entitled to fees because they are providing professional services. I don't have a problem with that concept, however, the problem that I have is when fees are not readily disclosed.

The great majority of people that buy commissioned investments do not understand fees and costs because companies do what they can to hide fees from investors. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. You can hear him five on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. on WDTK 1400 AM.

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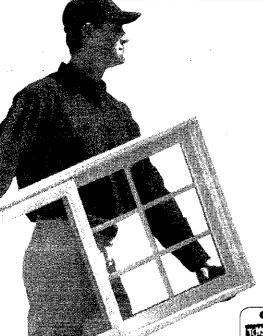
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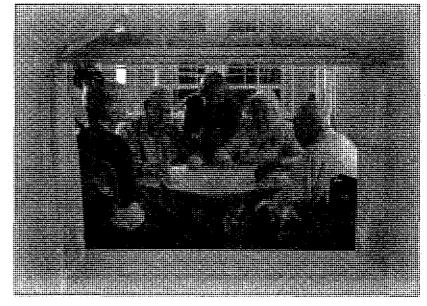
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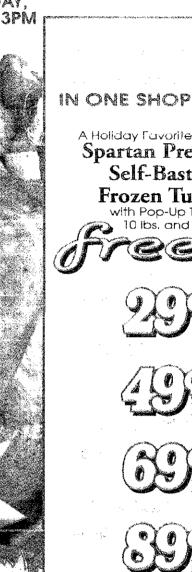








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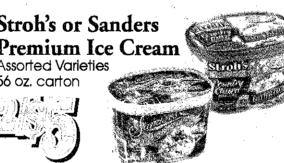
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These days in southeast Michigan, more and more people are crossing the line from making ends meet to the other side. Sometimes it's their fault, often it isn't. But does that mat-

With companies downsizing and jobs disappearing, our state is stuck with the nation's highest unemployment rate. If our state's home foreclosure rate isn't the nation's highest, it's close to it. Add to that the spike in the cost of fuel - for home heating and gasoline for our vehicles - and many of us are just a few paychecks away from disaster.

Many are already there.

A story that ran in many of our Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in September told of a woman standing in a Salvation Army office line seeking help in paying her utility bill. The family fell behind after her mother had a heart attack, she said, and she figured she could end up on the streets in a couple of months. That would be November.

The woman told our reporter that when she was young and had money she used to help folks out with donations all the time. "God says kindness done from the heart will never go unanswered," she said.

Those of us who still have jobs and can make the bills might be tempted more than ever to protect what they have and scrimp on giving to help those less fortunate. But that isn't the answer; there are other places to save money.

With more and more people on the other side of that line, there's a greater need than ever to pitch something into those red kettles, write a check to the local Goodfellows, drop a toy into a Toys for Tots collection box or find a way to help your favorite service agency dedicated to those in

This is the time of year that many service agencies draw their biggest collections, but they must stretch through the rest of the year. It's time to be thankful about being on the good side of that line and time to remember those who aren't. It could be us one day.

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Congressman Thaddeus McCotter supposedly VOTED A.GAINST: Legislation to increase the money you pay to the government, AND wasteful government spending of your hard-earned tax dollars.

I have requested three times not to receive future mailings, yet I continue to receive full color, double-sided, card stock mailings from the U.S. House of Representatives using the franking privilege. The document states "This mailing was prepared, published and mailed AT TAXPAYER I XPENSE." Stop wasting taxpayer money. The 8.5-by-12 mailing had a photo of someone's hands in someone's wallet. Whose hands, Mr. McCotter?

> Dianne Marietti Livonia

Following the leader's mistakes

Thank you, Joe (Golonka) from Westland, for your "Opinion" letter printed in the Nov. 11 issue of the Observer. My husband and I agree with every word in every paragraph that you wrote. You express opinions we have developed over years of watching Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's moves. It is clear that he has rubber-stamped every single mistake on every single issue that the selfish and short, sighted Republicans and their leader have led us into with their agenda of intimidation and deception.

To add a brief commend to your astute observations regarding Mr. McCotter's "I Work for You" mailing: The heading is striking in its irony, as is the tiny, tiny, almost invisible print stating that "This mailing was prepared, published and mailed at taxpayer expense." His position as "Chairman, House Republican Policy Committee" is also note-

Surely there can't be a sufficient number of uninformed/stupefied people in our congressional district to justify the moves McCotter has made. Joe, we echo your words: "He

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We look forward to the coming election when we expect to welcome a new, true representative as this so-called "representative" exits "stage right."

B. J. Davis Livonia

Veterans proud to share

claims to work for me?'

The (Take a Veteran to School Day) program at Holmes Middle School was great. and I appreciate being invited to share my experiences.

I'm sure that at the end of the program the kids had a much greater understanding of the sacrifice all veterans have made. The kids had many good questions during the program. and had more to ask during lunch.

I left that school with a great feeling of pride and accomplishment. Thanks to all of the teachers and young adults who participated. Finally, thanks to Bright House Networks and the Observer for reporting this educational program on veterans.

> Gary Busch Northville

Markings of intelligence?

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Anne X. George

Livonia

Rollover Democrats

One Democratic senator told me that the Democrats were frustrated about Mukasey but that they didn't have a choice. Bush had threatened to install an acting attorney general if they blocked the nomination.

Wow. The Democrats rolled over again after being blackmailed by a lame duck president who has a lower approval rating than Richard Nixon.

Apparently political calculation takes precedent over upholding the Constitution, and the Democrats believe that by pinning the mess squarely on George Bush and the Republicans, they will win in '08.

Until then, they will do nothing to stop him. They will make impassioned speeches but they will not lift a finger to stop the confirmation of an attorney general who couldn't say that waterboarding is torture. They will irresponsibly allow the Republicans to pass the Protect America Act after yet another phony terrorist threat.

The Democrats were swept back into power after promising to change the course, but they roll over every time. They continue to allow the worst president in history to stay the course, shred the Constitution and thumb his nose at the rule of law.

I cannot imagine what it will take to get them to stand up and do what is right.

Katie Jacob Birmingham

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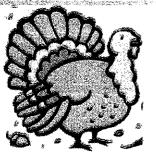
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4, 6-1), who opened the

offs Saturday against host Central College (10-

Silvernail All-Star

Albion College wide receiver Josh Silvernail

(Livonia Clarenceville)

play for the American

has been selected to

Association's NCAA

Division III all-star

team that will represent the U.S. against the Mexican National Team in the 2007 Aztec Bowl

on Saturday, Dec. 8, in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Silvernail is one of 50

Division III seniors from

around the country who

Silvernail, who caught

will make up this year's

a team-high 34 passes

for 804 yards and five

touchdowns, was a

first-team All-Michigan

Intercollegiate Athletic

season for Britons (2-8,

Association pick this

Nebus in minors

Former Livonia

player Mark Nebus is now starting his first full minor professional

season, as a forward with the expansion Port Huron Icehawks of the International Hockey

Nebus so far is scoreless in six contests with the IHL team, including Sunday's 6-5 shootout

victory over visiting Flint

But he did see action

games (including regu-

lar season and playoffs)

in 2006-07 after finish-

ing his collegiate hockey

career at Wayne State

University (2003-07).

Last year, after tal-

lying six goals and 12

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Wayne State, the 6-foot, 200-pounder split time

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Patriots usher in new hockey era with 9-3 win

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

It was mission accomplished for Scott Wirgau in his debut Friday night as Livonia Franklin hockey coach. Hat tricks by juniors Tyler Barnes and Ben Kubiak carried the Patriots to a season-opening 9-3 win over visiting

Pinckney at Eddie Edgar Arena. Wirgau replaced Terry Jobbitt, who retired at the end of

last season following 25 years behind the Patriot bench. "We came in to accomplish two things tonight – get that first one under our belt and we wanted the kids to have a

great time, and we did both," Wirgau said. A total of 26 penalties were whistled in the game, including 16 against Pinckney (1-1) which opened its season earlier in the week with a 9-5 win over Ann Arbor Gabriel

Richard. "Half of our team is new and we're adjusting to each others' skills," said Pinckney assistant coach Ted Kroll. "Franklin outskated and outplayed us, and the boys had trouble holding their composure. Penalties hurt us."

Barnes and Kubiak (both power plays). Barnes scored on a high wrister from the slot along with a shorthanded breakaway effort after a steal near the blue-

Franklin led 4-2 after one period on pair of goals each by

line by teammate Tyler Miller. Luke Eibler and Mike Luck countered with goals for the Pirates against Franklin senior netminder Austin Mesler,

who had only a total of three practices and one tryout following the Patriots' long football playoff run which ended only last Friday in the regional. Mesler, who stopped 23 shots, appeared to get more comfortable as game wore on. He made a spectacular

sprawling save in the final period to thwart a Pinckney

breakaway. "I'm still getting used to it," said Mesler, who played starting linebacker for the 7-5 Patriots. "I felt it's been awhile, but I knew what to do. I have a few bumps and bruises (from football) - nothing major. I've played hockey forever. Maybe another week of practice and I'll be back to normal."

Mesler faced a lot of rubber during his junior year

Please see PATRIOTS, B3



Franklin's Tyler Barnes takes a slap shot and scores the first goal at 2:39 of the first period during Friday's season-opening 9-3 win. Defending is Pinckney's Andrew Nabozny.

Madonna University midfielders Keith Sied (No. 15) and Emilio Giorgi (No. 21) converge on Embry Riddle forward Sam Litchfield during Wednesday's NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship first-round match at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas. The Crusaders, in their first-ever trip to the nationals, suffered a 2-1



Crusaders nipped in NAIA Nationals

Madonna University's men's soccer team lost 2-1 to Embry Riddle (Fla.) in Wednesday's opening round of the NAIA National Tournament at Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas.

The 14th-seed Crusaders, who made history by way of their first-ever trip to the

nationals, trailed 1-0 early in the game when Eagles midfielder Phil Middleton took advantage of some defensive miscommunication near the Madonna goal and buried a shot behind MU senior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons.

Madonna did draw even

Please see CRUSADERS, B2

Lansing CC harriers 'chips off old Block'

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

setback.

Chuck Block has always gone the distance when it comes to his running endeavors.

But the 51-year-old Livonia native may have surpassed all his achievements as an accomplished runner and race promoter-director as he guided Lansing Community College to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 men's cross country championship held Nov. 10 at Rend Lake CC in Ina, Ill.

Lansing CC, capturing its first men's harrier title since 1999 when it was a member of the NJCAA Division II, scored 111 points to edge Iowa Central

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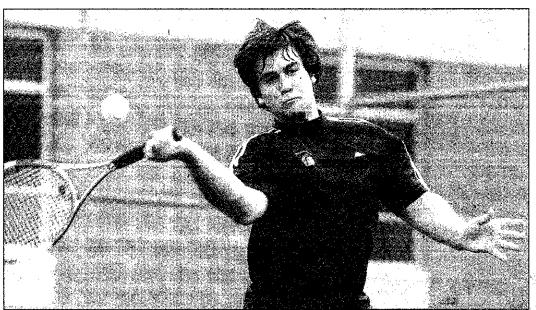
(120) and Central Arizona (129) for the crown.

Block, a 1974 Franklin High grad, was also named NJCAA Division I National Coach of the Year.

"These are the moments I'll never forget, I'm on top of the world and quite thrilled," Block said. "We're the best junior college team in the country. It's unbelievable."

Rex Kiptuli, the Michigan Intercollegiate champion, and Justin Koech, both natives of Kenya, were Lansing CC's toptwo finishers in 12th and 21st

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Stevenson skates to 8-0 win in Mitchell's debut as coach

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It took only two periods for Dave Mitchell to notch his first win as Livonia Stevenson boys hockey coach.

Stevenson scored three times in the first period and added five more in the second period to mercy Utica Eisenhower, 8-0, in the season opener for both teams in the Metro Invitational Friday night at Novi Ice Arena.

Eisenhower was a late replacement for Milford in the Metro Invitational.

"I'm very happy with our guys," said Mitchell a former assistant at Livonia Churchill. "We played our style and shared the puck, that was the key thing. It was a good team

Senior Mike Voran led the Spartans with three goals and two assists.

Other Spartans getting

PREP HOCKEY

into the scoring act included Sean Lerg, one goal and three assists; sophomore Cole Rochowiak and Ian Curran, one goal and two assists each.

John Vella and Zach Roberts completed the goal scoring for the Spartans.

Pat McHugh started in goal for the Spartans and Richie Dunphy came on to complete the shutout.

Churchill cruises, 7-2

Senior Nathan Milam recorded a hat trick and one assist as Livonia Churchill rolled to a 7-2 triumph over host Novi, a Division 1 semifinalist a year ago, in the Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena.

"I'm pleased for the first game," said Churchill coach

Pete Mazzoni, whose team finished 23-2-3 a year ago. "We moved the puck well and had a lot of guys going to the net."

Stevenson opened up a 3-O lead after one period and outscored the Wildcats 2-1 in each of the final two periods.

Garrett Miencier, who plays on the same line as Milam, chipped in with two goals, including a shorthanded effort, along with three assists.

Scott Sundberg and Tyler Cotter also tallied goals for the Chargers, who outshot Novi 28-12.

Keith Yackley also collected two assists.

Matt Fegert and Robbie Knurek scored for Novi.

Churchill used two netminders - Greg Wirick, who played the first two periods, and Derrick Daigneau, who finished up.

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CRUSADERS

just before halftime when senior defender Darrel Quinn scored. He chipped in the rebound of a Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson) shot that had hit

the post. But the 19th-seed Eagles regained their lead early in the second half, on a

shot by senior defender Hugh Davey. The Crusaders, who finished 14-3-3, had several chances to again tie the match, but could not solve senior goal-

keeper Ian Levine. Embry Riddle improved to 9-6-3

with the triumph.

Two other opening round matches

also ended 2-1, with No. 13 Maine-Fort Kent edging No. 20 Northwestern (Iowa) and No. 18 Mid-Continent (Ky.) nipping No. 15 Judson (Ill.). The fourth opening game went to the tournament host, 17th-seed Mid-America Nazarene, 2-0 over No. 16 Covenant (Ga.).

Lady Ocelots ousted

It was two-and-out for the thirdseeded Schoolcraft College women's soccer team in the NJCAA Division I Nationals hosted by Darton (Ga.) College.

In Thursday's opening round, No. 6seed Iowa Western CC (21-1-1) scored a goal in each half to down the Lady Ocelots, 2-0.

In Friday's consolation round, No. 2 seed Polk CC (Fla.) built a 3-1 halftime lead and held on for a 3-2 triumph. Polk (16-5) was upset a day earlier in the opening round by Laramie County CC (Wyom.), 3-0.

Schoolcraft ends its season with a 15-3 overall record under first-year coach. Deepak Shivraman.

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PATRIOTS

- nearly 800 shots - as the Patriots stumbled to a 3-21 record.

"This sound a bit strange to say, but I'm hoping he's half as good as he was last year because we'll win games alone riding on his shoulders," Wirgau said. "He's just a great kid."

Franklin put the game away by outscoring Pinckney 3-0 in the second period on goals by Dave Muller, Kubiak and Miller.

During the final period, Franklin took three penalties in the first 3:35 only to have Pinckney reciprocate with four of its own.

Barnes and Alex Wypych each scored unassisted for Franklin, while Dalton Brennan countered for Pinckney with a power play goal.

Senior defenseman Jordan Short, who was also coming off Franklin's extended football season, collected two assists along with sophomore Dalton Pennington, Kubiak and Wypych. Other assists went to Devon Bower, Dave Muller and Josh Richardson.

"What we taught these kids is puck control and attack the triangle," Wirgau said. "It's a sophisticated system, but I've



Franklin's Robbie Beattie gets ready to unload a shot during Friday's season-opening 9-3 victory over Pinckney at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

game, we took eight penalties

Wirgau said. "Once we get our

control game down, there will

be less sticking and hooking."

The 1-0 Patriots are off until

and we want to reduce that,"

been jamming the fundamentals down their throats for three weeks. I think they have a pretty good grasp of the basics and it gives us great opportunity to build as a team.'

The only downside to the evening was that the Patriots were whistled for eight penalties. "We want a more smooth

Monday, Nov. 26 when they travel to the Lakeland Ice Arena

to play Waterford Kettering.

season to continue and I love football, but I'm glad to be playing hockey. I've been playing (hockey) a long time."

this year," said Mesler, who is in his fourth season as Franklin goalie. "We have some guys who can score. I wanted the football

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Saturday, Nov. 24

place in the 8-kilometer race. They posted times of 24 minutes, 42 seconds and 25:40, respectively.

Other placers for Lansing CC included Adam Smith (Ovid-Elsie), 22nd (24:40); Ian McDowell (Lansing Catholic Central), 26th (25:55); and David Weeks (Eaton Rapids), 30th (26:03).

"You need a good, solid-five," said Block, who has been the Stars' head coach since 2000. "We really have no superstar. We did it with depth. We were ranked No. 5 going in and we actually liked being the underdog."

Lansing CC, however, won't be the under the radar in 2008. Although Shae Kermiet (61st) and Drew Wilson (89th) both graduate, the Stars' top

five runners are all freshman and are eligible to return next

season. "We have a good shot at going back next year," Block

Lady Ocelots 32nd

In the NJCAA Division I. women's nationals Nov. 10 in Ina, Ill, Schoolcraft College placed 32nd in the 33-school field with 765 points.

Iowa Central captured the team title with 111.

Schoolcraft's top finisher was Livonia Stevenson grad Rebecca Rehberg, a sophomore who was 120th overall in the 5,000-meter race in 20:20.35.

Other finishers for the Lady Ocelots included eshman Britni Strong, 16 h (21:20.47); freshman Sheray 3rown, 178th (21:40.28); sophomore Emma Czaplicki (Farmington), 188th (21:58.75); and freshman Allison York, 209th (22:43.05).

Walker's triple lifts Ocelots

They may starting calling him "Marvelous" Marvin Walker.

The 6-foot-1 freshman guard from Highland Park hit a last-second three-point shot last Saturday (Nov. 10) to enable the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to nip host Alpena, 59-58, in a matchup MCCAA-Eastern Conference teams.

Walker led the Ocelots with 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds, sparking the conference-opening victory.

Also chipping in with nine boards was Ryan Matthews. Schoolcraft improved to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Eastern

1 and 0-1. CAMPBELLSVILLE (KY.) 78, MADONNA 63: In Friday's opening round of the Huntington (Ind.) College Tournament, Madonna University slipped to 1-4 overall against Campbellsville (Ky.) University.

Conference, while Alpena fell to 0-

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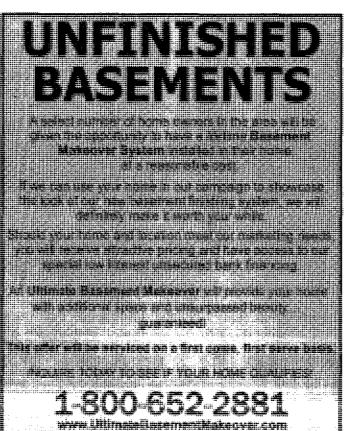
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Nov. 20
Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Tuesday, Nov. 20 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m Friday, Nov. 23 (Kalamazoo Valley Thanksgiving Tourney)

Schoolcraft vs. Owens CC (Ohio), 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 - Madonna at Wayne State, 1 p.m. (Kalamazoo Vailey Thanksgiving Tourney) Schoolcraft vs. Edison CC (Ohio), 4 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 25
(Kalamazoo Valley Thanksgiving Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs. Lake Michigan CC, 2 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 23 Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware, 2 p.m.

Whalers vs. Sudbury at Compuware, 7:05 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

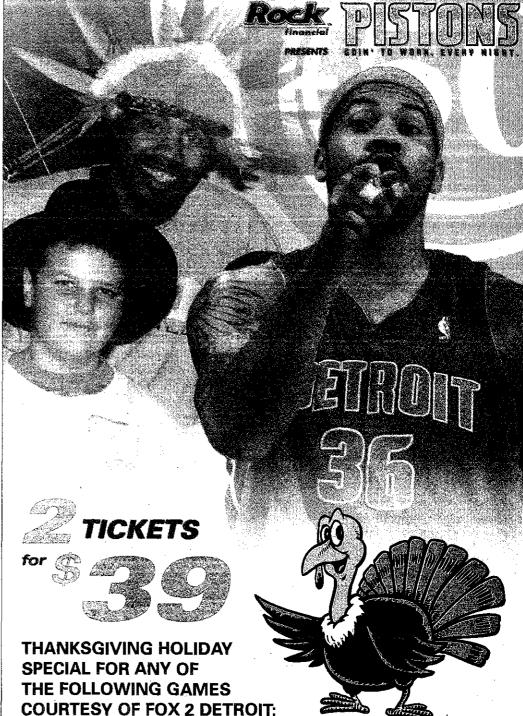




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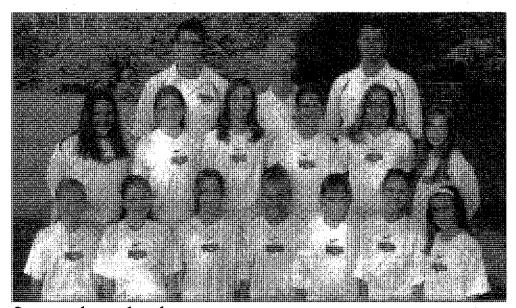
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CYO runner-up

The Livonia St. Edith varsify girls soccer team enjoyed a banner season (grades 7-8) reached the finals of the Catholic Youth Organization playoffs Oct. 18 before losing Royal Oak Shrine, 1-0, at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep H.S., St. Edith advanced with a 4-0 semifinal win Oct. 14 over Warren St. Anne at Allen Park Cabrini H.S. after a 3-0 quarterfinal victory Oct. 10 over host Southqate St. Pius. Members of St. Edith, who finished 12-1-1 overall, include (front row, seated from left) Jackie Deacon, Alexandra Mularoni, Claire DeWitt, Sarah Osborne; (second row, kneeling from left) Madison Ericson, Mia Kudron, Victoria Sears, Kelly Capoccia, Erin Reece, Megan Callahan, Megan Krajewski; (third row, standing from left) head coach Harold Sears, assistant Linda Riethmiller, Morgan Chops, Haley Walter, Megan Riethmiller, Christina Ilitch, Kelly Campbell, assistants Rachel Maceri and Mark Krajewski.



Soccer turnabout

The Livonia St. Edith Parish School junior varsity girls soccer team (grades 4-6) rebounded from a 1-6-1 fall 2006 season to capture their division in the Catholic Youth Organization with a 6-0-2 record for the fall 2007 season. Team members include (kneeling, from left): Hannah Daniels, Sinead Cox, Emma Hollinger, Kendall Romano, Sarah Stubbe, MacKenzie Darr, Nicole Reece; (second row, standing from left) Dlivia Williams, Sarah Doyle, Hayley Lawrence, Mykela Hawkins, Rachel Donabedian, Brittany Wollenweber; (back row, from left) assistant coach Pete Romano, head coach Vern Stubbe, and assistant coach Chris Darr. (Not pictured is dedicated practice helper Ron Wollenweber.)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Toys For Tots Skate

The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will stage is 2007 Christmas exhibition to benefit Toys For Tots from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each skater will provide their own music and choreographed program for 90 seconds.

Bring one unwrapped toy for a donation and

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Bowl for Wayne scholars

The Zebra Parents Advisory Council of Wayne Memorial High School will stage its Bowling for Scholars from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at Wayne Bowl, located at 36900 Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund. Included in the \$15 cost is rental shoes, pizza and pop, 50-50 raffle.

Tickets are available at the Wayne Bowl. For more information, visit zebra-pac@hotmail. com; or call the Wayne Bowl at (734) 721-7530.

WYAA girls fastpitch

Registration for the 2008 Westland Youth Athletic Association girls fastpitch softball will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Dec. 1 at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford).

The WYAA fastpitch softball program is a member of the Western Wayne County League with teams from 30 surrounding communities. It involves both travel and tournament play.

The registration fee is \$25. For more information, call WYAA during normal business hours at (734) 421-0640.

WYAA hoops signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays throughout the month of November at the WYAA Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford

The WYAA offers leagues for ages 7-8 (Right Start), 9-10 (Freshman), 11-12 (JV), 13-14 (Varsity) and 15-18 (Senior with 18-year-olds required to be in high school with a valid I.D.)

For more information, call (734) 421-0640.

Elks Hoop Shoot

The 2007 Elks Hoop Shoot contest will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Registration, which starts at 8:30 a.m., is open to the following boys and girls age groups: 8-9, 10-11, 12-3. There is now fee.

Each contestant will shoot 25 free throws. Firstplace winners in each age division advance to district competition in January.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Softball coach wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a varsity girls softball coach for the 2008 season. Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Recumbent cyclists

The Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists will stage a bicycle ride at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and 22 at Willow Metropark's Washago Pond Shelter, located off I-275 (Exit 11).

For more information, call (734) 487-9058; or visit www.wolverbents.org.

Baseball lessons

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding. Marketing showcase sessions for high school play-

Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Hoop training

ers are available.

A-Game Basketball Skills Training will stage individual and small group workouts for boys and girls seeking to take their game to the next level each Saturday throughout the year.

For more information, call coach Paul Tripp at (248) 563-0858; or e-mail AgameSkills360@yahoo.

Spitfires' Neuvirth haunts Whalers, 5-3

The Windsor Spitfires built a 3-0 into the second period and withstood a third-period rally to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 5-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at Compuware Arena.

A sellout crowd of 3,797 saw the game on Scouts' Weekend at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth had a six-game winning streak snapped and is now

12-7-1-0 on the season, good for third place in the OHL's West Division. Windsor remains in first place in the OHL West at 15-5-1-3.

First star Mickey Renaud led the Windsor attack with a pair of goals and now has 11 of the season. Eric Wellwood (3), Adam Henrique (9) and Brad Snetsinger (14, fifth against Plymouth in four games) added single goals for the Spitfires.

Joe McCann (5), Andrew Fournier (team-leading 18th) and Tyler J. Brown (first OHL goal) all scored for Plymouth. Plymouth outshot Windsor,

35-34. Former Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth – acquired by Windsor last Tuesday from Plymouth - recorded his second straight win in goal for Windsor in stopping 31-of-34 Plymouth shots.

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DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, the-ater, travel, cining, fitness. Wishing to meet Ny.

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SF, 31, 5'9; brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice taiks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a rice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. \$\frac{12}{2}\$13820

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SBF, 58, looking for a cultural man who enjoys

SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cales, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM; 48-68, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. 2720/254

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SWF. 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 55°, average build, employed, educated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 27210/247

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SBF. 29, morn of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness.

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Easygoing, expressive DVM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. #112288

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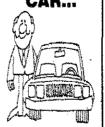
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FIRST-TEAM SINGLES LAWRENCE WASHINGTON, SR., SALEM: The senior was Western Lakes Activities

Association champion and regional runner-up. He finished his glorious career as a Rock with an 80-11 overall record, including an 18-2 mark this season.

"Lawrence is the best overall player we've had at Salem in the past 12 years," said Salem coach Bill Nelson. "The best player before him was Xinning Li, who is now an orthopedic doctor. I'd love to see Xinning and Lawrence play. It would be a great match."

GINO MCCATHNEY, SR., LIV. STEVENSON: The senior captured the Division 1 regional at Flat Rock-Woodhaven and also reached the WLAA semifinals at No. 1 singles.

McCathney finished 19-6 overall. "Gino is a solid, all-court player," Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd said. "He's powerful player, aggressive, with a blistering forehand. He's been really good for four years."

ANIXET PATIL, SOPH., LIV. CHURCHILL: The sophomore posted an impressive 18-3 season record including championships at the Division I regional and WLAA tournaments at No. 2

Patil, who recently moved with his family to suburban Chicago, also

captured the Adrian Invitational. "Aniket's unique because he can change the pace, he plays a thinking man's game," Churchill coach Dave Farmer said. "His pace is rare at the high school level. He's always willing to maneuver his opponents around."

AKSHAY MOORTHY, FR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The ninth-grader posted a 16-2 record en route to the Western Lakes title at

"Akshay's a solid baseliner with tremendous spin on the ball,"

Farmer said. "He uses good depth and picks up on his opponent's weaknesses and works them."

DAVE BENSON, JR., SALEM: The junior excelled at No. 4 singles for the Rocks, racking up a 19-3 record. The highlight of his season came in the WLAA conference tournament when he avenged an earlier loss to

Northville's No. 4 player. "Dave is a really steady player," said Nelson. "He really frustrates his opponents because he's so consistent and patient. He's been our No. 4 singles player the past couple of years, but he should move up next year."

MIKE DAROUIE, SR., CANTON: The senior followed up a strong spring with an even better fall as he was the Chiefs' most-successful player. He advanced all the way to the No. 2 singles championship match in the WLAA

Conference tournament in October. "Mike is an excellent player," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "He had a great senior season for us." BRETT FOSTER, FR., SALEM: Only a

ninth-grader, Foster went 19-3 and advanced deep into the WLAA conference tournament.

"Brett has great court presence," said Nelson. "He always seems to know where to be and he anticipates well, especially for a freshman. He was undefeated going into the Canton match late in the season."

CHRIS MARTIN, JR., LIV. STEVENSON: The junior played both No. 2 and 3 singles en route to an 18-8 overall record.

Martin was the regional champion at No. 3 singles and captured the Adrian Invitational at No. 2. He was also a WLAA semifinalist.

"Chris showed great poise and concentration," Ladd said.

"He had some nice wins including a win over (Churchill's) Aniket Patil

in a dual meet. ERIK KOCH, JR., LIV. STEVENSON: The junior was the regional champion

at No. 4 singles and posted a season record of 16-6. Koch was the only Spartan to win

a match at the Division 1 state finals. He was also at gold medalist at No. 3 singles at the Adrian

Invitational. "Erik is a steady player with great anticipation," Ladd said. "He has excellent feet, mental toughness and is a tough competitor with great consistency.

NICK PAYNE, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: the senior was named the Chargers' MVP along with receiving the Sportsmanship Award.

He finished with a 14-4 overall record and took the No. 1 singles crown at the Adrian Invitational. Payne is a four-year letter winner and three-time Scholar-Athlete.

"Nick worked extremely hard on his serve and used it consistently over the last few years," Farmer said. "He's one tough guy who doesn't give up easily.'

SECOND-TEAM DOUBLES

BROCK FOSTER, JR., AND EDUARDO DIAZ, SR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 1 doubles team meshed from Day 1 as they rolled to an 18-2 record. Foster, a freshman, should move into the singles ranks next season while Diaz, a senior exchange student from Mexico, enjoyed incredible success during his only year of American high school tennis.

"Brock is a grinder - he really guts out every point. If he has to hit 50 ball to win a rally, that's what he'll do. Eduardo didn't hit the ball real hard, but he played very smart. He and Brock formed one of our best no. I doubles teams in four or five

TYLER JELENIEWSKI, SR., AND JAKE

BURNSTEIN, JR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 2 doubles team excelled throughout the fall, losing just two matches.

"Tyler is a very quick player and Jake was our No. 3 singles player early in the season until we moved him back to doubles. They came together and had a great season.

MIKE GRECO, SR., AND PAT MCHUGH, SR., LIV. STEVENSON: The senior duo combined for an 18-7 record at No. 1 doubles. They reached the regional

finals won, captured the Adrian Invitational and took third at Novi. "They were always moving to the net, a smart, steady team that played poised under pressure," Ladd said. "They moved together for place-

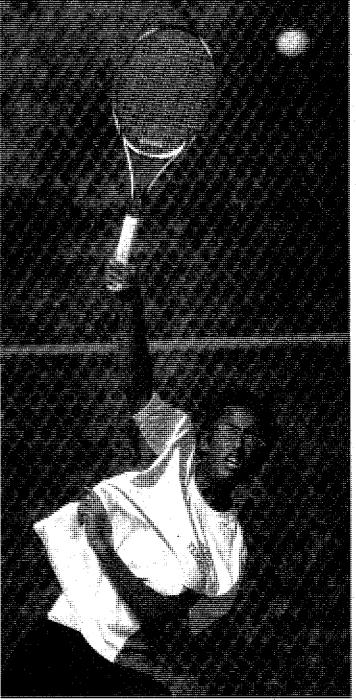
ment rather than power. They were

unflappable, gracious and great COACH OF THE YEAR

BILL NELSON, SALEM: The 20-year coaching mentor led the Rocks to first place in the WLAA Lakes Division and third place at the .WLAA conference tournament. The team's lone blemishes in conference duel meets were a loss to Northville and a draw with Canton.

"We had very good senior leadership this year along with four freshmen who came in and added some punch," said Nelson, a social studies teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth. "The highlight for me this season was watching the team come together and jell the way it did. A lot of times, teams will have good singles play, but their doubles will struggle, and vice versa, but that wasn't the case for us this year. Everybody was consistently good.

"We're really going to miss Lawrence (Washington) and Tyler (Jeleniewski) next year. They provided us with great leadership."



Churchill's Aniket Patil was the Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 regional champion at No. 2 singles.



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Virtual colonoscopy promising

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yet show the virtual Peter's colonoscopy works just as well at spotting potentially cancerous

growths as the traditional test. In a traditional colonoscopy a long, thin tube is inserted through the large intestine and is often done under sedation and can be uncomfortable. The virtual colonoscopy uses a CT scan to take X-rays of the colon. It is said to be faster and more comfortable.

Colonoscopies are recommended for everyone over age 50. Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death.

Maria from Belleville e-mails. She suffered a mini-stroke and wonders how she can prevent having another stroke in the future.

Maria, two major studies discovered treating patients quickly for mini-strokes could dramatically cut their risk of a major stroke.

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Plan ahead to maintain weight during the holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Tamara Lark is going to enjoy pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving and Christmas cookies. Even though relatives usually look to her for guidance when it comes to food, the registered dietitian goes right ahead and eats the goodies baked only once a year.

The holidays are not the time to think about losing pounds, but maintaining weight. Balancing calorie and fat-laden foods with fruits and vegetables can be the key to avoiding those extra pounds.

Lark gives a presentation on planning for healthy holidays Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Along with providing recipes and tips, she'll talk about coping with holiday stress.

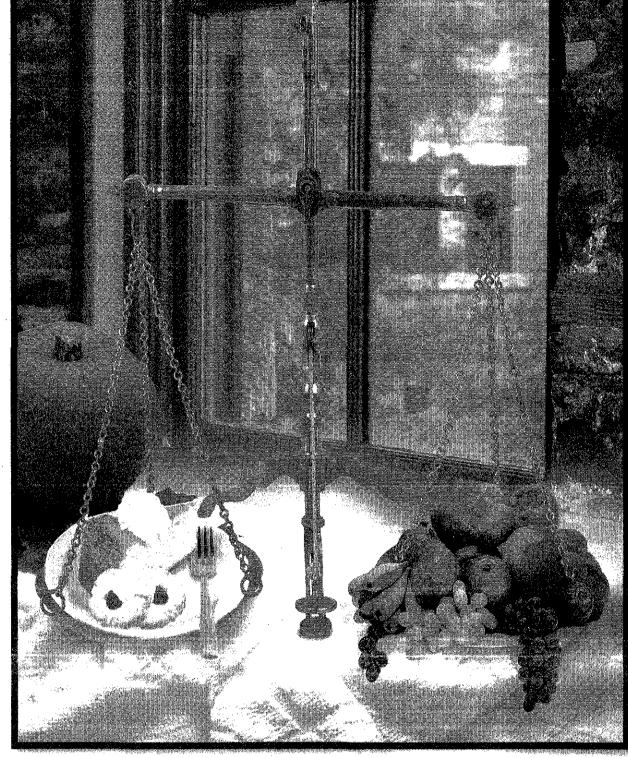
"If you're not allowing yourself to enjoy things you look forward to all year, you're setting yourself up. It's more important to practice portion control. I always say eat in moderation," said Lark, who works in the community outreach and bariatric surgery programs at the hospital. "Dietary downfalls are because celebrations are food focused. Realize you're not going to lose weight during holidays, but work to maintain your weight. Enjoy the holiday foods and make good dietary choices during the week. Look over menus and make healthy choices. The more prepared you are the more likely to attempt healthier things."

Suzanne Burns plans to taste a little bit of everything when she eats Thanksgiving dinner with her parents at a restaurant. Whenever she's in an uncontrolled situation, the 51-year-old registered dietitian samples each food. If she likes the sweet potatoes she won't eat the white potatoes, only half of the stuffing, and puts her gravy on the side. When it comes to dessert she's always torn between pumpkin and apple pie. Burns orders one and shares the other with someone else.

At this time of year Burns tells her diabetic patients to think small when it comes to goodies. Take a thin slice of pie so if someone offers another type of dessert you won't have to deny yourself.

people is you don't have to eat it all in one day," said Burns, a diabetes instructor at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. "Especially when it comes to holiday situations, what can I get you to eat or drink is one of the first things out of the hostess's mouth. I tell my sister-in-law, please don't make me eat. During holidays you're doing multiple visits in a day. You don't want to be insulting, but you also have a responsibility and obligation to yourself. There's nothing saying you can't pick up a plate and have a few bites and set it down and nobody's going to know."

Like Lark, Silvia Veri won't deny herself the Italian sausage stuffing on



"One of the things I like to impress on her parents' table. During the rest of the year the registered dietitian keeps not only herself but patients on track as supervisor of the Beaumont Weight Control Center in Royal Oak.

"I come from an Italian family. At Christmas we tend to have fish the night before Christmas, For the feast of seven fishes we have seven different types of fish. Each culture has their own traditional foods that they only have once a year so enjoy it," said Veri of Troy. "If you don't enjoy it then you end up overcompensating for it the day after Thanksgiving and through till

Calories usually begin to mount long before everyone sits down for

Thanksgiving dinner. People snack on nuts and candy so by dinner time they might not even be hungry but eat anyway. Veri suggests keeping healthy foods around to fill up — a fruit or vegetable tray and water, diet pop, tea, or any

drink that's sugar- or calorie-free. Veri plans to eat Thanksgiving dinner at her parents, but when cooking she shares leftovers with everyone walking out the door.

"When you're going to a party it's similar to eating out. Don't go overly hungry. Have something small before going to the party like cheese and crackers," said Veri.

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PLANNING HEALTHY **HOLIDAY MEALS**

What: A presentation by registered dietitian Tamara Lark on eating healthy for the holidays When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 Where: in Classroom 10 on the fourth floor of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Professional Building, enter south entrance of the hospital off of Levan in Livonia Details: Pre-registration required. Call

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Physician urges caution when it comes to holiday foods

Dr. Chad Mayer cautions holiday cooks and hosts to be cautious this Thanksgiving when preparing and serving food. Cross contamination or transferring ingredients from one food to another food occurs easily while preparing and serving holiday meals. This puts a food allergic person at higher risk for an allergic reac-

A food allergy is an immune system response to a food that the body mistakenly believes is harmful, according to Mayer, a St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Allergy and Immunology specialist and Director of the Comprehensive

Food Allergy Clinic. The body then creates a chemical, histamine, to protect itself. Histamine can trigger many allergic symptoms that can affect the respiratory system, gastrointestinal tract, skin or cardiovascular system. In some cases, this may be confused with food intolerance (i.e. lactose intolerance) or food poisoning.

Among the reactions to an offending food item are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hives, wheezing, tongue and throat swelling, drop in blood pressure, and death. While a mild allergic reaction such as hives may be treated with an antihistamine, a more signifi-

cant reaction requires physician-prescribed epinephrine. Significant reactions are those with more than one symptom, with or without respiratory symptoms. With any significant allergic reaction, 9-1-1 should be called whether epinephrine was administered or not.

Mayer says that the most common childhood food allergies are milk, eggs, soy, wheat, peanuts and tree nuts. Adults are likely to have reactions from fish or shellfish as well as peanuts and tree nuts.

Mayer calls the buffet style of serving foods on Thanksgiving "a dangerous setting to be in when people have food allergies." He adds that serving spoons often go from one dish to another, causing cross contamination spreading the allergy-causing agents to the non-allergy-causing foods.

About 6 to 8-percent of children and 4-percent of adults have food allergies. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, food allergies account for about 30,000 emergency room visits and 200 deaths each year.

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the purified, allergy-causing agent is scratched into the skin's surface, with little or no pain to the patient. The site is monitored for redness and swelling. A positive Skin Prick Test indicates the possible association between the food being tested and the patient's reaction to the food. Mayer notes, in general only about 50 percent of patients who test positive will have symptoms from ingesting that food. A positive test only suggests sensitivity to the food. The test will be confirmed by the patient's history with a particular food and the confirmation of an allergy.

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tion by Dr. Pamela Benitez, breast surgeon at Beaumont Hospitals 7 tor, Minimally Invasive and 8ariatric p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in the first Surgery; and Paula Magid, program floor classroom at the Beaumont director and post-op patient. Call Royal Oak Cancer Center, For more information, call (248) 551-8585. Sharing & caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and To educate community about joint

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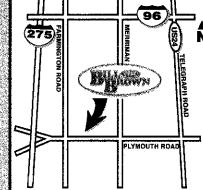
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Welcome the stranger at Thanksgiving

hen the Pilgrims arrived on the shores of what has come to be called the North American continent they met some strange people. The inhabitants of these shores, earlier generations of Native Americans, saw people for the first time that they had never seen before. As the story goes it seems that the two groups of "strangers"

Paul Melrose

to each other were able to sit down and break bread together. Indeed, it is suggested that without the help of the Native Americans the Pilgrims would have perished. If you think about it, then, welcoming the stranger has some real benefits to it. When I think about

the way people behave there are those mental health theorists and practitioners who might say that they are running away from the stranger within themselves. What do I mean by this? I mean that each of us has parts of ourselves that we are either not aware of or that we know something about and we do not like. For instance, how could it be that we

might think angry or vengeful thoughts, when in fact we do. A particular level of stress could lead us to one time or infrequent physical behavior, completely unbecoming of who we believe we are and how we were raised. "No, I don't abuse alcohol," says a client, only for that client to report that they are addicted to a hard drug, an over-the-counter drug, the Internet, or work. The stranger within ourselves is so subtle that we often ourselves don't recognize its presence. Others

than we might. But they only see us from the outside; we see ourselves from the inside. But who knows the real us? Well, in fact we both do; we just have

different perspectives.

may sooner meet the stranger in us

The stranger in ourselves grows and develops often because that characteristic of our personality has not been appreciated or welcomed into our total experience of life. When we are a child and throw a tantrum how easy it is for the parents, particularly under the stress of the moment, to make a quick sharp remark, while not intended, causing us to feel bad about this expression of feelings, differently from finding the time and forum to both set limits that the behavior is not acceptable, but also does not call the child a bad or shameful person for expressing feelings that way, especially if it is age-appropriate.

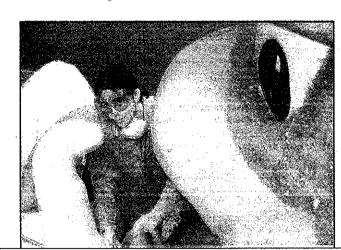
Or consider the adult who looks for ways to take advantage of others' mistakes to move himself/herself ahead in the workplace. What's a little competition they say? But, how desperate is that person deep inside for love and affection? Hard to believe this is true, you wonder? Well, it is; the human being is deeply complicated, very sensitive, often full of more mystery than he/she

might realize. So, perhaps, stories of welcoming which come down to us from the First Thanksgiving experience are a metaphor for the awareness of the strangers in our lives, both within and without, and the gifts they give us to increase the fullness of our lives as we come to meet, know, and understand them. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dr. Paul Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmetrose.com or through (248) 474-4701. The staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center can be reached at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or through (248) 474-4701.

Sharon Scott attaches ruffle to the skirt of a figure on one of the new floats. The Livonia woman enjoys volunteering at The Parade Company. She says, you can't walk in there and not get cheered up when you see the papier mache heads and Santa's reindeer.





Robby Scott of Livonia works on the giant gobbler in the Turkey Trot float.

Volunteers love a parade

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

haron Scott loves the parade so much she's sewn 150 fleece hats as part of a fund-raiser for the organization that puts it on every year. Scott, her husband, Keith, and son, Robby, regularly volunteer to paint and fix floats at The Parade Company in Detroit. In early November, the Livonia mother of three attached a ruffle to a skirt for a figure on one of the new floats while Keith and Robby worked on the baseball cap of the giant bird on the Turkey Trot float. Robby is a senior at Churchill High School. The Scotts' daughters, Courtney, 20, and Danielle, 22, volunteered for years before going away to college.

On Thursday, Nov. 22, they'll all head down to Woodward Avenue for America's Thanksgiving Parade. In addition to selling fleece hats for \$10 to support the parade, volunteers will collect hats from parade goers along the route and pile them in the Circus Train. The donations will be given to C.O.T.S., Lighthouse of Oakland County and Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac to keep needy children and adults warm this winter. So don't forget to bring an extra hat to the parade.

The parade is a family tradition," said Sharon Scott. "My dad took me as a kid." Keith used to run in the

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Bob Sasin of Plymouth is one of the Distinguished Clowns in this year's American Thanksgiving Parade.

AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING

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11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 24-25. Admission \$5, children age 2 and under free.

Redford couple counts their 17 blessings

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Beth Sentman recalls the list of names without hesitation. The Redford mother remembers the birth of every one of her 17 children. She never used all of the names she wanted to but that doesn't mean she and husband John plan to have any more children. Beth jokes that "faced with the choice of another pregnancy or firing

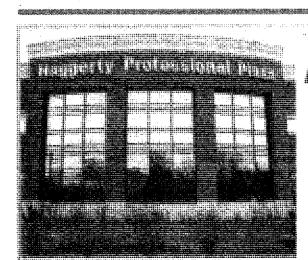
squad, line me up." Humor helps the Sentmans face the daily challenges of raising a super-size

Beth was only 19 when she married John without having learned one domestic skill. Over the years she became an expert at tripling and quadrupling recipes. She passes on her tips on http://tlc. discovery.com, the Web site for the Kids by the Dozen series on which the family is featured. Beth calls herself a thrift store

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John and Beth Sentman gather with kids Jessica, Joe, Becky, Anna, John Jr., Alex, Michael, Philip, Philomena, Vincent, Virginia, Edmund, William, Ryan, Robert, Timothy, and grandchildren Mahdi, Joey, Sophia, and Abe. The only family member missing from the photo is son Richard.



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17 CHILDREN

queen. She brags about buying a second stove, a 1979 self-cleaning Kenmore for \$79, because it's not easy to cook for her large family on one stove.

The first episode of the Sentmans' story airs again at 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, and 1 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, on the TLC/Discovery Channel. The series premiered on Oct. 15 with the Passing the Torch installment where John and Beth turn over planning for the annual July 4 celebration to the children.

"I'm very happy. I feel privileged to be a mother of 17," said Beth Sentman, 50. "For meals I don't know who will be home so I cook a lot. In the kitchen we have a trestle table. That gives me more work space on the benches. Cooking for 19 people you have to use as much horizontal space as possible. Meal times can be chaos. but it's a fun chaos."

Beth doesn't mind the turmoil although it does get a little crowded in the dining room when everyone is assembled for Thanksgiving dinner. She grew up in a family with nine children.

"Thanksgiving is a lot of fun," said Beth. "We bring another table in the dining room. All the older children have a fit if we don't all sit in the same room."

FAMILY TIES

Vince, a student at Redford Union High School, enjoys every minute spent with his family. Some of the children attend the

Redford Union schools, others St. Joseph in Wayne where the family regularly goes to Mass. It was the parish priest who originally recommended the Sentmans for the series after receiving a phone call from The Learning Channel.

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"It's a little crazy, a little fun. You don't need friends because they're all here," said Vince. "It's great. You never have to be worried about being bored."

Jessica agrees the last 30 years have been a lot of fun. She is the oldest child of Beth and John.

"There are always good times and bad," said Jessica of Canton. "It's a roller coaster. Being the oldest you try to set high standards."

Philomena likes having eight younger and eight older brothers and sisters. She calls herself the middle child. "It's like being in the middle of

a tornado. I've had life lessons I haven't had to learn the hard way," said Philomena, 19.

One downside John Jr. says is that your clothes are not always your own.

"Everything is community property," added Jessica. The tears well up in John

Sentman's eyes as he takes in this moment with his family. He says, it's been a magical summer. Even though the family is close, it was not easy getting them all together for the month of filming. John especially enjoyed renewing their marriage vows 31 years after their wedding. A flower shopping expedition took the family to Westborn Market in Livonia. Later shoots took the family to Costco, and Petland and

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"I married Beth because she was beautiful and effervescent," said John. "We were 19 and 21 when we married. You fall in love and then start learning about each other and accepting the differences."

"It takes patience and perseverance," said Beth.

MONEY MATTERS

John is a loan officer so Beth had to stretch every dollar. It's a little easier now that several of the older children have moved out. They haven't gone far though. All but Jessica still live on the same street.

"You have to be willing to live smart with the money," said Beth. "Groceries are always an issue. At one point our bill was \$2,000 a month or better. We have a big garden and can. We economize by buying a half a steer, and have a freezer just for bread. We go once a month to Aunt Millie's in Ypsi."

Just because the family is thrifty doesn't mean the meals aren't nutritious, said John. Processed foods and soda pop never make it into the house.

"When I'm shopping, I'm on a mission. I have so much time allotted. I generally go with a list and try to synchronize my shopping to save gas," said Beth.

"We've been doing it for so long," added John. "For fruits and vegetables, it's Randazzo's in Westland. We made the decision 10 years ago not to make food choices based on price but nutrient density."

Beth says she shops the outer aisles of the grocery store where the "real food" is stocked. To save money, the family also roasts their coffee beans in a popcorn popper and makes their own laundry

At first the Sentmans worried about how the producers would portray them and their frugal

"We're very private people," said Beth. "We generally don't tell anyoue how many children we have."

"I'm happy we did this," said John. "When I looked and saw all 17 children, and thought we'll have two professionally made DVDs of our family."

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Turkey Trot before the parade until he found out how much fun it was to drive a float. Sharon has enjoyed sewing for years and made her kids clothes and Halloween costumes when they were younger. She even made the wedding gown she wore nearly 25 years ago for her

marriage to Keith. "I especially appreciate the time I spend with my family," said Scott. "We've been volunteering at the Parade Company about five years and have stapled grass on float bases. I've sewn clown costumes. On Thanksgiving I'm having 20 people to dinner but first I go to watch the parade. Keith drives the bus with the entertainer on it. I drive down with the rest of my family and watch on the sidelines. I say, 'see that flower. I painted under that.' It's fun. We always have a good time whether it's freezing cold or nice like it was last year."

NEW FLOAT

While this is the first year for the Half Pipe float featuring professional skateboarders, Scott says she's especially looking forward to seeing another new float featuring a Michigan vacation theme.

"There's a bunch of animals in a car," said Scott. "People have been working on big suitcases. They're taking a road trip."

The Mid American Pompon All Star Team hits the road for its 21st performance in the parade. Based in the All Star Team's Mid American Pompon and Studio in Farmington Hills, the group includes sophomores, juniors and seniors who are on their dance or pom teams in more than 30 high schools from as far away as Grand Rapids to Livonia, Westland and Garden City. Along with the parade the team has performed at Detroit Pistons and Ignition games as well as Disney World. The studio (www.pompon.com) opened in 2002 to not only offer pompon training but classes in adult fitness, yoga, pilates, and cardio

"The students only come to the studio for rehearsals," said team director Danielle Adam of Redford. "We've already sent a DVD with routine instructions

to them. The day before we meet at the Novi Sheraton and practice all day long."

This year 214 of the team's 231 members march in the parade.

"We're looking forward to this big team and hopefully nice weather again," said Adam. "The theme is Hats Off to Detroit and we've tried to incorporate that in our music this year. We're using Detroit music including The Temptations. And we're really excited about the pre-show on Channel 4. This year we're doing an opening number for the national broadcast at 10 a.m. so family members in other parts of the country will be able to watch."

CLOWNING AROUND

Bob Sasin won't be viewing the parade this year. The Plymouth man will be marching in it as part of the Distinguished Clown Corps, but he'll still keep an eye to the sky. For 26 1/2 years he oversaw the giant balloons. Saşin resigned as the parade's balloon chairman last year, but still volunteers at The Parade Company and the Penn Theatre in Plymouth where he's involved with restoration and fund-rais-

ing.
"We had balloon schools to bring in new people so they could see what's involved with handling a balloon," said Sasin, who retired 11 years ago from his position as a facility coordinator/supervisor for Ford Motor Co. "Last year the route changed so balloons have to come underneath the People Mover. There are anywhere from 10 to 30 people on a balloon. The ropes have to be in unison so a balloon flies down the parade route. Last year was a perfect year because there were no winds. The balloons flew as high as they could above the buildings. If there's wind we might not fly them as high."

Sasin has learned a lot about the art of flying parade balloons. In the early years weather balloons with helium were placed inside the bigger bal-

"When I first started balloons were made from parachute materials and had a little motor. The new balloons are sealed tight and have outlets where you blow them up with helium.

They're 75 percent helium, the rest air. The balance changes with weather temperature and conditions," said Sasin. "Years ago the parade had two balloons in a commercial for Pepsi's Sierra Mist. I flew to New York and thought that was neat because that's where the Macy's Thanksgiving parade

comes from." While Sasin is proud of the Detroit parade he's "kind of nervous" about being a clown this year. His wife, Susan, purchased the honor for him.

"She works for Wayne-Westland school district as a special education teacher and I volunteered as a clown one time for her," said Sasin, "but I'm a clown at heart. I always felt with the parade we forget who we are and all become little kids. I've enjoyed it. It's a tradition and I would like to keep it going. We're always looking for volunteers. I highly recommend it. It will be an event they'll never forget. The thing about the parade no matter what the weather is, it goes on."

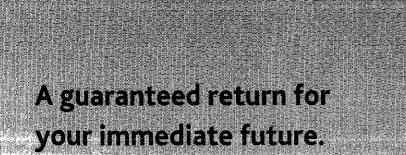
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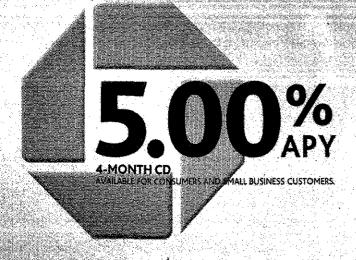
When other Michigan residents will be keeping one eye on the television and the other on prepping the turkey, 25 Detroit area Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network employees will be marching to the beat of a different drummer.

Michigan Blues employee volunteers will include Marc Keshishian, M.D., of Farmington Hills, Anika Heideman of Livonia, and Bhanupriya Nalla of Westland, who will be "red, white and 'blues' all over" as they and Parade Company handlers dress in matching Uncle Samstyle uniforms. Together they will help guide Uncle Sam, one of America's best-known patriotic icons through downtown Detroit.

In addition to the balloon handlers, "clowning around" with parade crowds as part of the Distinguished Clown Corps will be Greg Anderson, of Farmington Hills, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan vice president of corporate and financial investigations.

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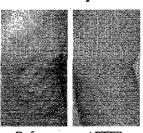
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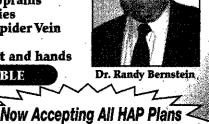
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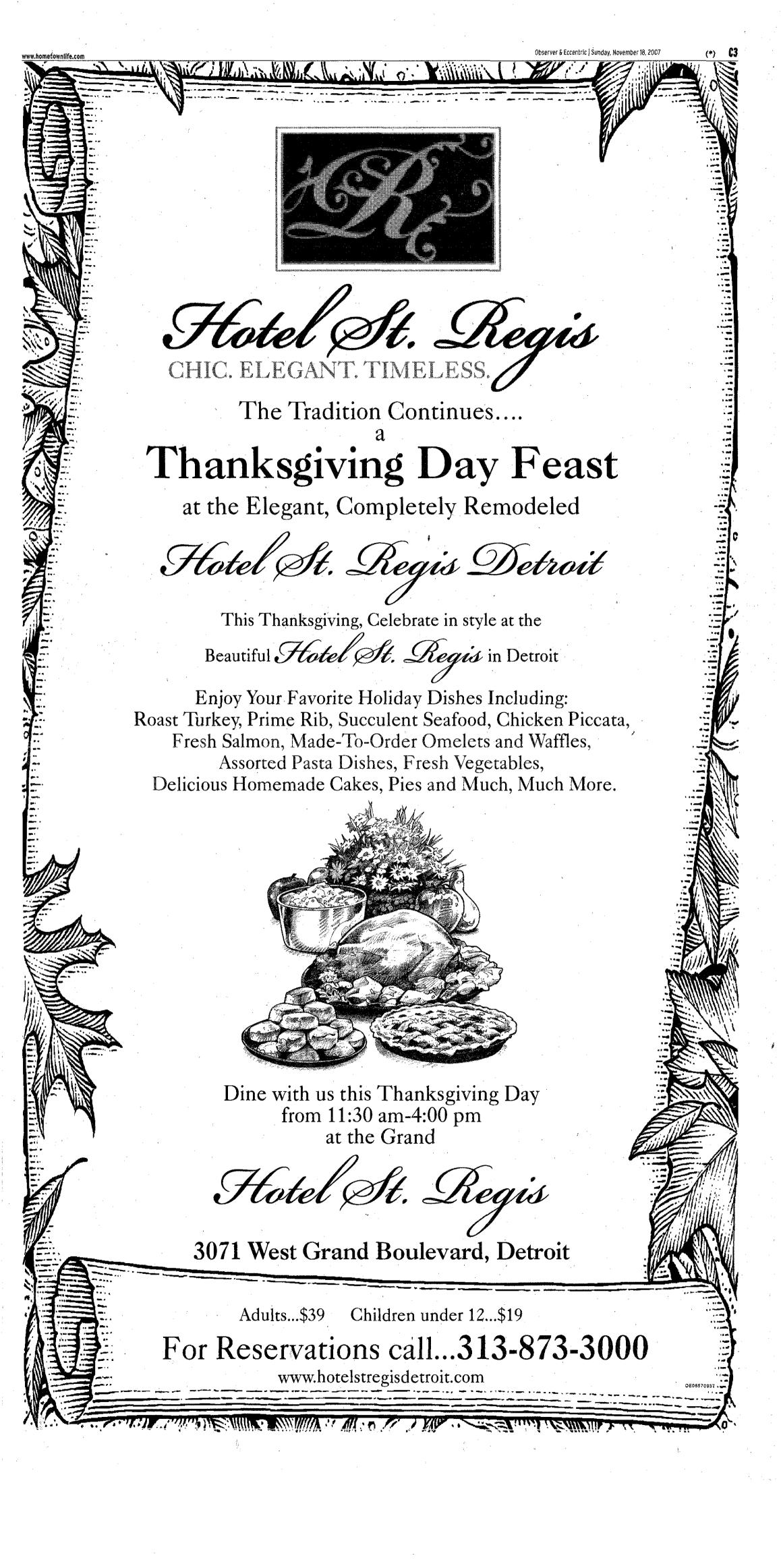
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November 14, 2007, age 83, of Bloomfield Hills. Loving husband of Norma for over 58 years. Father of Jim (Leslie), Patti (Joe), Bill (Karen) and Dave (Cathy). Grandpa of Chris, Megan, Michael and Emma. Also survived by sister Mary (Joe) Savoldi of Traverse City and many extended family memhers and life-long friends. Preceded in death by parents George and Dorothy Abbott and sister Anne Clark. Pete was a graduate of University of Michigan College of Engineering and a member of the 1943-1944 foothall team. He was a Manufacturing Representative and owned his own business, G.A. Abbott, Inc. He summered in Eik Rapids. where he enjoyed fishing, reading, being with his family and watching the sunset over Grand Traverse Bay. Pete was known for his love of col-lege and high school sports. He was a life member of both the UM and MSU Alumni Associations and the University of Michigan Victors Cluh. Family will receive friends Sunday 1-5pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Funeral Monday IIam at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes his memory to the Elk Rapids District Library, PO Box 337, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. View obituary &

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Virginia C. Moseley, a woman of deep love, engaging humor and boundless joy of life, died on Thursday, November 8th in Dover New Hampshire, supported by her family. Born in Monte Vista, CO to Annette and Charles Carr, Virginia spent her early years in Kansas Čity, MO where she met and fell in love with John Moseley. Virginia married John, her high school sweetheart, in 1936 and they had two children, John and Charles. She moved to Whittier, California in 1947 and was an active member of the community, serving as president of the Whittier Woman's Club, participating in many civic activities as a member of the P.E.O. and through the local Methodist Church. Virginia and her family moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1963. There, she continued to pursue her interests in civic life and became involved with many local groups and activities, including the American Artists, the Bloomfield Public Library, P.E.O., Questors and other organizations. She moved to Vermont in 1996 and to Dover, NH in 2000, following the death of her husband John. Always a lady, Virginia was generous and kind, a good mother, and mother-in-law, a doting grandmother and an excellent friend. We are going to miss her deeply. Virginia is survived hy her son Charles, his wife Martha, her two grandchildren, Damon and Adrien and two great-grandchildren. Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Please go to www.taskerfh.com for more informa-



MARJORIE PATTERSON PFLUG

Of Birmingham and Good Hart, Michigan; died November 11, 2007 Marjorie, fondly known as Mimi, was born in Pontiac, February 21, 1926. Daughter of Agnes and Clarence Patterson. She is survived by her loving sister Judith Loughrin; devoted wife of the late John A. Pflug; caring mother of Andrew and his wife Julie; daughter Melissa; Bruce and his wife Marcia; adoring grandmother of eight. Marjorie Pflug's memorial will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flower s gifts may be sent to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Pontiac Chapel of Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home Reflections may be shared with the family at: www.sparksgriffin.com

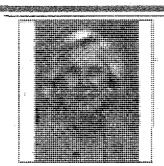
GEORGE PULIS

Of Westland, MI. Age 86. Passed away November 14, 2007. George was born November 11, 1921 to Salvatore and Vincenza Pulis in Paula, Malta. On October 27, 1945 George married his sweetheart Theresa Savona in Malta. He is survived by his daughters, Mary Pulis of Westland, Carmen Pulis of Westland, son-in-law, David Harrison of Pinckney, Grandchildren, Melanie White of Pinckney, Shannon Dimitroff of Westland, David Harrison of Pinckney, great grandchildren, Makenzie, Josie, Bryce, and Nicholas. Preceded in death are his loving wife, Theresa, daughter, Margaret Harrison, and son, Vincent Pulis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church with Fr. John Rocus as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at Borek Jennings Funeral home, Hamburg Chapel where the family will gather with friends on Monday, November 19, 2007 from 4 to 8 PM. Please leave a Message of Comfort to George's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com

MILDRED MARY REMY

Age 93, of Snover, formerly of Livonia, died Monday, October 22, 2007 at Sanilac medical Care Facility in Sandusky, Michigan. She was born November 30, 1913 in Northville, Michigan, the daughter of the late Harry and Sara (Smith) Gilbert. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School. She moved here seven years ago from Livonia and was a member the Snover Heritage United Methodist Church, and the Newhurg United Methodist Church. Mildred married Arthur Norman Remy on August 14, 1949 in Livonia, he died on October 2, 1995. She is survived by her son Leonard Remy of Clinton Twp., her daughter Ann Remy of Snover, her stepson Arthur Remy of Plymouth, her stepdaughters Sylvia Bowerman of Plymouth, and Ellen Bickel of Livonia, her sister Helen Narcisco of Connecticut, 12 step grandchildren and several step greatgrandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Lewis and a sister, Alice Cordon, Cremation was at the Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Memorial services will be held Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 2:00 p.m at the Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. Memorial suggestions to Heritage Uniter Methodist Church, Snover or to the family, Arrangements by Marsh Funeral

Chapel, Sandusky. marshfuneral.comcom



BARBARA S. SOBEY

November 10, 2007 Age 78. Loving wife of Albert. Dear mother of James, Suzanne Dickinson and Daniel (Ann). Grandmother of Rachel Dickinson and Jace Sobey. Sister of John Boyd Mary Barnes and the late Phil Boyd. Memorial service Monday 1pm at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to the Village Cluh Foundation, 190 E Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Born in Indianapolis and graduated from Butler University. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View ohituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



HILDA SWAYZE

Died on October 21, 2007 at the age of 83. Dear wife of Walter Swayze and loving mother of Walter (Susan), Susan (Gerald), David (Jean) and Terry. Beloved grandmother (Nana) of Reid, Jennifer (Marvin), Joni, Heather, David and Diego. Long time resident of the area and active community volunteer. Cherished sister of Wilma and William (deceased). Much loved sister-in-law and aunt of the Swayze family. Hilda was an artistic and giving person. She attended Cranbrook School of Art on scholarship following graduation from Dearborn High School. She painted in oils, quilted, crocheted and made cloth dolls. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church for 83 years and was active in the Alter Guild, St. Quilting Club, the Church Women's Margaret's Episcopal Church Women's Association (ECW), and St. John's Choir. She also fundraised for the church and participated in many mission outreach projects to assist needy families, Mrs. Swavze was known in her neighborhood for helping all the children who needed a mentor. She taught them to cook, bake, sew, knit, crochet, create art projects, and took them to movies and school activities. Mrs. Swayze was a strong supporter of the schools and community. She was actively involved in PTA, Girl Scouts of America, Neighborhood Watch, VFW, and served as local election Chairperson for many years. She also enjoyed traveling and toured Europe with her husband, Walter, after he retired. She most loved babysitting her grandchildren and spending special time with each. She will be remembered for her love of family and will be greatly missed by all.



OBITUARY POLICY

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Deadlines: Friday 4:15 PM for Sunday Wednesday 9:45 AM for Thursday will be placed in the next available issue

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ANNIVERSARY



Walczaks celebrate 50th

Bruno and Cecilia Walczak of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Walczaks were married Aug. 10, 1957, at St. Cunegunda Church in Detroit. The Rev. Alexander Wilczewski officiated the ceremony.

They have six children, Theresa (Joseph) Genevich of Southfield, Michael (Paula) Walczak of Brighton, Steven (Leslie) Walczak of Novi, and triplets, Carol Parker of Canton, Cheryl (John) Gibbons of Brighton and Cynthia -O'Grady of Redford. They have 11 grandchildren, Brett, Steven, David, Christopher, Jake, Megan, Brendan, Kristen, Kayla, Angelinc and Jacquelyn.

They have lived in Livonia for 39 years.

They renewed their vows at St. Colette's annual Anniversary Mass officiated by the Rev. Henry Roodbeen. To celebrate the anniversary, a party was hosted by their children at Ernesto's in Plymouth for family and friends.

The couple, along with all their children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren went on a seven-day cruise to Bermuda. Cousin, Sister Victoria Marie Indyk, a Felician nun, joined them.

Bruno, a DIT graduate, retired from Ethyl Corp. as a chemist. Cecilia, a Wayne State graduate, retired from Schoolcraft College as an adjunct professor in the accounting department. Since retirement, Bruno and Cecilia eniov volunteering at The Henry Ford, doing various jobs the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and the IMAX.

Time to go nuts for Girl Scouts fall products

Everybody knows about Girl Scout cookies, but not everyone knows about the Girl Scouts Fall Product Sale Program, which features a variety of items (mostly edible) that make Sophie Grace Postler great gifts. The Fall Product Sale Program is a tasteful way for girls to gain and advance skills such as setting goals, making decisions, and serving the public. It's also a great hands-on economic lesson that helps Girl Scout troops earn money for troop activities.

The products include wall calendars, honcy roasted peanuts, fruit slices, peanut squares, peanut butter cups, pecan supremes, chocolate covered raising, double-dipped chocolate covered peanuts, all natural trail mix, chocolate covered almonds, giant cashews, and mint trefoil in 95th anniversary tin, all priced between \$5-\$8. A decorative gift box filled with cranberry trail mix

Participating Girls Scouts are now taking orders. Girl Scouts will be staffing booths through Nov. 18 at locations posted on the Web site at www.gsofmd.

A minimum of \$1 per item

goes to the troop treasuries, and individual Girl Scouts earn incentive gifts or cashew cash to spend on programs or at Council Shops. Additional proceeds benefit Council level endeavors including the Leadership Development Program, scholarships and financial assistance, camp development and maintenance, support for the Equestrian Center and farm animals, membership, and volunteer training.

For more information, visit www.gsofmd.org or call (313) 972-GIRL (4475).

ENGAGEMENTS

Fried-Pilon

Jon and Nancy Pilon of Plymouth and Bill and Claudia Fried of Centerville, Ohio, announce the engagement of Dan Pilon and Melissa Fried.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in advertising. He is employed as an account executive at The Taubman Co.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Centerville High School and a 2004 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor of science in marketing. She is employed as an account executive at Young & Rubicam Advertising.



A June 21, 2008 wedding is planned at Addison Oaks in Rochester, Mich.

Kline-Sestito

Donald Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Campione of Novi, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole Kline, to Timothy Michael Sestito of Rome, N.Y.

The future bride is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in business. She works as a manager-in-training with Masco, Contractor Services in Greenville, S.C. The future groom is the

son of Peter and Julia Sestito and Gary and Kimberly Builinski of Rome, N.Y. He is a 2002 graduate of Rome Free Academy and is a professional hockey player. He is currently under an NHL contract with the Edmonton Oilers and plays for their American



Hockey League affiliate, the Springfield Falcons, in Springfield.

The couple plan to marry in July 2008 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Rome, N.Y.

Westwood-Metcalfe

William and Sharon Westwood of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Colleen Westwood, to Dave Metcalfe.

The future bride is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Franklin and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by Cayman Chemical Co. in Ann

The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Franklin, a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft College and a 2004 graduate of Easter Michigan University. He is employed by Doner Advertising in Southfield.



A May 16, 2008, wedding is planned for Martha Mary Chapel in Dearborn.

The couple will honeymoon in Ireland.

BIRTHS

Keith and Renee Postler of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Grace, on April 1, 2007 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She has five siblings, Ashley, 16; Brandon, 13; Alex, 11; Kelsey, 8; and Emily, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Grandparents are Daniel and Paula Peterson of Livonia and Marion Postler of Redford, Great-grandparents are Marie and Hartley Trygg of Inkster.

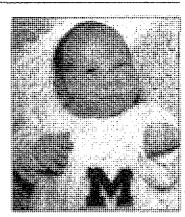
Caiden Matthew Segal

Joy Segal and Aaron White of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Caiden Matthew Segal on Oct. 8, 2007. Caiden was born at

Oakwood hospital. He has two siblings Christopher, 16, and Courtney,

Grandparents are Gordon and Carol Segal of Livonia, Flora Campbell of Highland Township and the late David

Great grandparents are



Harold and Hazel Coffelt of Apache Junction, Ariz.

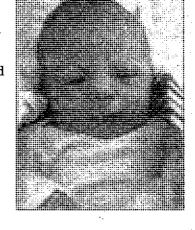
Mason Dean Cummings

Jamie Segal and Sean Cummings announce the birth of their son, Mason Dean Cummings, Oct. 6, 2007. Mason was born at Oakwood

Hospital. Grandparents are Gordon

and Carol Segal of Livonia, Peg and Bob Haverberg of Northville and Larry Cummings of Florida.

Great-grandparents are Harold and Hazel Coffelt of Apache Junction, Ariz.



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7000 Absolutely Free

7010..... Nickel & Dime

7015....Party-Events

7040.....Arts & Crafts

7060.... Auction Sales

7110....Garage Sales

7130....Moving Sales

7140.....Clothing

7180 ... Appliances

7200....Barpain Buys

7228 Building Materials

7230....Budget Lumber

7260 Office Supplies

7280 ... Cameras & Supplies

7300.....Commercial/Industrial

7210 Bicycles

7020 Antiques/Collectibles

7080....Rummage Sale/Flea Market

7150....Baby & Children Items

7199.....Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs

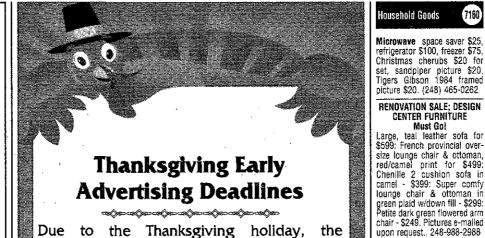
7215....Exercise/Fitness Equipment

7240....Business & Office Equipmen

Restaurant Equipment

7800-7930

7160.....Household Goods



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers will be having early deadlines for advertising:

For the Issue of Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007 Deadline:

Real Estate Display Ads: **Automotive Display Ads:** Recruitment/Apt. Display Ads: **Classifled Liners:** Obits:

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Friday, Nov. 16™ at 4pm

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Monday, Nov. 19[™] at 3pm

Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 11am

Tuesday, Nov. 20[™] at 11am



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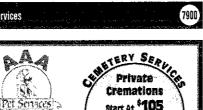
leather loveseat & chair. From Art Van, new \$1300. Asking \$850 pair. 734-981-9025

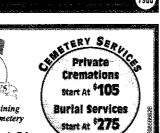
FURNITURE Oak dresser w/mirror \$100. Oak armoire \$75; Oak finish student desk

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7920 Computers

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7340 ... Electronics/Audio/Video

7400 Farm Produce-Flowers.

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7415.....Hay, Grain, Seed

7420 Christmas Trees

7440 Firewood-Merchandise

7459 Hobbies-Coins, Stamps

7480....Lawn, Garden & Snow

7490Lawn, Garden Material

7500 Miscellaneous For Sale

7510 Musical Instruments

7520.....Sporting Goods

7539 Trade Or Sell

7540 Wanted To Buy

7550......Piayground Equipment

Equipment

7450 Hospital/Medical Equipmen

7410 U-Picks

7470 Jewelry

7495.....Tree Sales

7525.....Tools

7350Video Games, Tages, Movies

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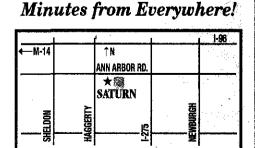
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companies and their vendors. Some of the most heartening news about a workplace in constant flux comes from tales of business relationships splitting DISAGREEMENT

Just how frequently do business relationships break up with acrimony? People within the workplace have different opinions about non-adversarial partings. Robert Ebers, president of Knowing Point L.L.C., in Huntington Manor, N.Y., consults on reorganizations. This puts him in contact with companies terminating employees and clients. He guesses that less than one-third of break-ups are

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Ascher Group Inc., an HR contract staffing firm in Roseland, N.J., believes that the majority of partings are amicable. She says that at the end of assignments, clients tell her company to let the worker know that the assignment has ended, no notice required. When hiring freezes are implemented, partings may be quite abrupt. She says that employees have become smarter about realizing that the sped-up workplace may some day put them in the same company as a person from their past, such as a boss, co-worker, customer or client. MOVING FORWARD

It's essential to know how to move forward together, even as you're parting. Ebers mentions that when both parties internalize the negative impact on their company, they develop "mutual understanding." Then, it's much easier to drop the baggage brought by the disappointment of not being able to continue. It further frees you to develop a productive transition period as you move toward the termination date. "Business is all about relationships," Scott

comments, "and each situation is different. You want

to restate what both sides are to accomplish before parting, and live out your end of the deal."He refers to assembling your "credibility kit," the references you may need for the next stage of your work. Ascher says that remaining friendly is essential.

Suzanne Bates, president and CEO of the Boston-based executive coaching firm, Bates Communications Inc., agrees that restating objectives will help both sides "find common ground. Even if you don't agree on how you got to the crisis point, you can probably agree that you want a smooth transition." Meanwhile, she counsels, "Many factors led to this moment. Get rid of guilt. Decision made."She advocates nurturing your own ability to move forward by reminding yourself that the relationship wasn't working out. Also, she states that you must allow the decision to be final, even though you may be tempted to "delay the pain" by giving the relationship another try.

Some individuals or companies may request "a delayed announcement," Ebers observes. "Respect it. Otherwise, subordinates may feel less need to perform to their peak. More importantly, keep the pressure on yourself in your final days. Even in large cities, most industries are very small. Someone who saw you goof off for the last two weeks



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In that regard, Bates emphasizes that both sides must agree to communicate. This tactic will help "leave others with a good taste in their mouth," Ascher says, "doing the right thing, not getting emotional, but handling the situation as just another business transaction conducted fairly and amicably, not a decision made in haste.'

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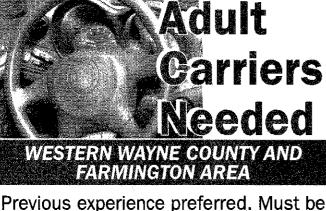
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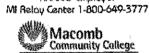
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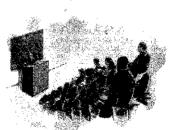
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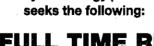
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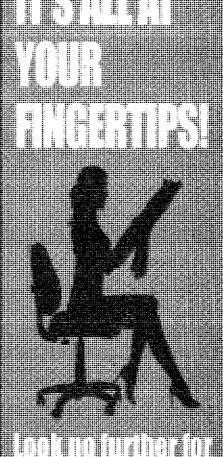
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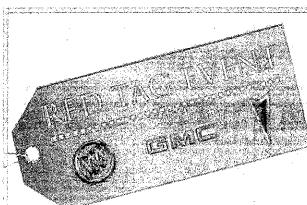
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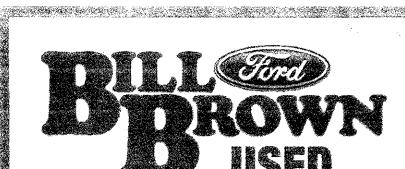
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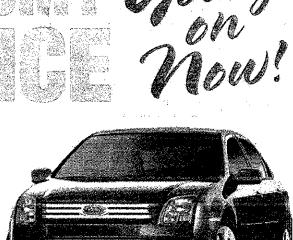
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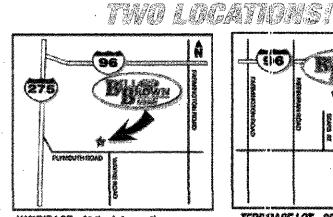


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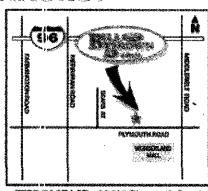


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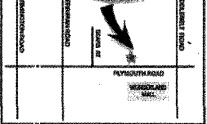
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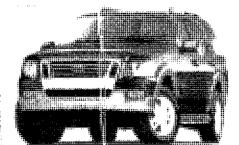


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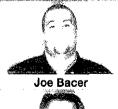
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