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Mayor ousts 3 directors to shape his new team

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

After winning a landslide victory in the Nov. 6 election, Mayor William Wild has moved swiftly to reshape his administrative team.

In a flurry of changes, Wild has ousted Economic Development Director William

Caya, Controller/Purchaser Dwayne Harrigan and computer-systems Director Charles Nalbandian. Their departures became effective Friday.

Wild also confirmed Friday that Senior Resources Director Peggy Ellenwood has notified him that she plans to retire Dec. 14, citing personal reasons.

Wild, elected to finish the two years remaining on former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli's term, has moved quickly to assemble an administrative team that he believes can help him move the city forward.

Caya, hired in April 2006 by Cicirelli, was making \$68,709 a year. He will be replaced by Westland Chamber of

Commerce President Lori Fodale, who will start her job in January after a brief maternity leave.

Fodale, who also has chaired the city's Downtown Development Authority, has worked extensively with the business community, and she has been a strong supporter of Wild.

"I'm proud to work in his administration," she said Friday, adding that economic development "is my passion. This is a dream come true for me."

Harrigan, hired in March 2002 when Cicirelli was mayor, was making \$72,751 a year. His job duties included handling payments to vendors

and coordinating bids. His successor will be Jade Smith, a Comerica vice president and branch manager in Milan, who formerly worked for a LaSalle branch in Westland.

Like Fodale, Smith has been active in Westland, formerly serving on the chamber board

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Alexis Christi, 6, (from left), Chance Johnson, 10, Maddie Kernahan, 7, and her sister Olivia, 6, helped paint the rocks that Doreen Gregory has in the rock garden at her Westland home.

Rocks are 'canvas' for her artwork

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It's amazing what Doreen Gregory has in her front yard — horses, a snake, reindeer, a lizard, Spider-Man, a spare eyeball or two, a cat with a candy cane for a tail.

Just don't bite into the candy chocolates, no matter how delicious they look. They're hard as a rock.

Actually, they are rocks. Gregory took up rock-painting as a hobby at her Westland home, and now she's getting help from neighborhood youngsters and her Canton grandchildren.

Passers-by can marvel at the rocks, painted all shades of bright colors, as they walk by or drive by Gregory's house at 32468 Cowan, east of Venoy. Beware the sign, though. It reads, "Smile, You're on Camera."

Gregory estimated she has 120 works of art in her rock bed. She started her project in May, and she and her helpers



Doreen Gregory holds up her favorite rock, which would be right at home in Kentucky's horse-farm countryside.

have saluted special days like the Fourth of July, Halloween and Thanksgiving by painting special rocks.

"Now we're doing Christmas," she said, standing in her front yard with a group of young painters.

The project was inspired by rock-painting books by author Lin Wellford, and

Gregory hopes to start teaching classes as early as this month. She can be reached at (734) 421-5041.

Gregory uses an area inside her garage for her art work, and she isn't telling lies when she says, matter-of-factly, "I'm really good at drawing."

Some of the larger rocks reveal entire scenes, such

as a cozy house blanketed by a Christmas snowfall or a horse farm reminiscent of Kentucky's bluegrass area.

Ten-year-old Chance Johnson of Westland painted a small rock that looked like an eyeball during the Halloween season.

"I just kind of go with the holiday," he said.

Gregory's grandchildren — Maddie Kernahan, 7, and sister Olivia, 6 — come from Canton with their mother, Amy, to paint.

Maddie said she made a cat with a candy cane for a tail because "it was fun."

Gregory got some of her rocks from Barson's Greenhouse in Garden City. She brought some back from visits to places like Lake Michigan. Others she found in her own neighborhood.

"It's a good hobby," Gregory said. "You just take a dirty old rock, clean it up and make it into a masterpiece."

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Suspects bound over on 2 felony charges

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann stand trial later this month in Wayne County Circuit Court, they'll only be facing one life sentence instead of two in the Nov. 7 death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

After a preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court, the defendants, charged with killing and beheading Sorensen and then disposing of his body, were bound over by Judge Michael Gerou on one count of first-degree, premeditated murder and one count of mutilating a corpse. The murder charge carries a mandatory life sentence without parole; the mutilation charge is a 10-year felony.

Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township and Letkemann, 18, of Westland are scheduled to be arraigned at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit Dec. 14.

A third count — felony



DETROIT NEWS POOL PHOTO

Isam Ayyash, a 17-year-old Churchill High School student, testified defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz called him to come help move the body of the victim, 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

murder — was dismissed by Gerou. It was based on the idea Orlewicz stole a gun from Sorensen, but Gerou ruled because the theft occurred after the murder, it didn't meet Michigan's statutory requirement.

Evidence introduced at Friday's hearing also showed the murder was allegedly supposed to happen a day earlier. According to a statement given

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3rd man faces trial for armored car robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A third defendant was ordered Thursday to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he robbed a Loomis armored car driver Oct. 17 outside the Sav-a-Lot store at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman.

Jerrel Pittman, a 19-year-old Detroit, was bound over for trial after the driver identified him as the accused bandit during a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court. If convicted of unarmed robbery, he could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison.

Pittman is accused of grabbing a bag containing \$15,000 from the armored car driver and fleeing into a nearby residential neighborhood, where police said he was captured.

The money, however, was never found.

Pittman's hearing had been delayed until Thursday because his attorney, Regina Triplett, had earlier asked for a police lineup to see whether the victim could identify him. Westland police Sgt. Steve Borish arranged for the lineup, but Pittman refused to participate.

Ultimately, Pittman's decision didn't matter because he was identified in court as the teen who robbed the driver. Pittman remains jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond as he awaits trial.

Two other defendants already had been ordered to stand trial after they voluntarily waived their preliminary hearings.

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Christian Hall, 18, of Sterling Heights is facing trial for unarmed robbery amid accusations he tried to take a gun away from the armored car driver while Pittman was taking the money and fleeing. Police have said Hall was held by the Loomis employee until authorities arrived and arrested him.

A third defendant, 24-year-old John Brandon Pittman of Detroit, is facing trial for unarmed robbery and conspiracy to rob. John Pittman — Jerrel Pittman's cousin — is accused of orchestrating the robbery.

John Pittman is accused of planning the robbery on a route he formerly drove for Loomis. He has since been fired from the Highland Park company.

Loomis officials and police became suspicious after they said John Pittman showed up at the Westland robbery location even though he no longer drove that route. Police Sgt. David Heater has said authorities suspected all along that the incident was "an inside job."

Hall and John Pittman, like Jerrel Pittman, are jailed in lieu of \$100,000 cash bonds. They, too, could face penalties up to 15 years in prison, if convicted.

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KNOW THE SCORE
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Civic Chorus puts its own spin on holiday favorites

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

When 55 singers put their joyous voices together this season, they'll deliver a new kind of fa-la-la.

The Livonia Civic Chorus is tuning up for a number of holiday shows, including a performance this weekend with professional handbell group Classical Bells, Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village, and a lively show Dec. 16 at Churchill High School.

"Christmas is tricky," said musical director Donna Gleason. "You don't want to be singing the same stuff you hear in department stores."

"Silent Night" is on the program, but don't expect the version sung in church. "Even when we do 'Deck the Halls,' it's not the typical fa-la-la. It's a different fa-la-la-la," said group president Geri Leiter.

A do-wop arrangement of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" includes a dance routine reminiscent of a '50s girl group. The men have fun with their moves, too.

"We work hard to make sure people smile and express themselves," said Gleason, of Farmington Hills. "We want it to be visually fun and fun to listen to."

The chorus, sponsored by the Livonia's parks and recreation

department, is now in its 43rd year.

Members come from different backgrounds. Not all can read music; some have degrees in music. Through practice tapes, vocal coaching and help from fellow members, everyone learns.

"We're not the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, but for a community chorus, we're very good," said Leiter, of Oak Park, a member for 20 years.

The group practices Tuesday nights at Frost.

Westland resident Kim Alderman is in her 29th year with LCC. She and her brother Kurt Meyer followed in their late father's footsteps

to join.

"We have a ball," she said. "It does help you get in the Christmas spirit."

Rehearsals include a fair amount of laughter and encouragement.

Accompanist Rimma Stolbov of Wixom said the group is "full of love, kind of like family."

Baritone Alan Vlad of Farmington Hills has been a member for 10 years. Between singing with garage bands and community theater, this is just one way he keeps in touch with his musical upbringing.

This season, he looks forward to singing the jazzy rendition of "Deck the Halls."

In mid-January the group begins rehearsals anew to put on a spring musical with a theme. Sometimes it includes a skit, or it could be all songs about love, Leiter said. This year's "Bond and Beyond" played on the "007" in 2007.

LCC uses proceeds from membership dues and concert ticket sales to give music scholarships to Livonia high schoolers.

The group's performances this season include Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village on Dec. 7, 19 and 23; and in concert Dec. 16 in Churchill High School's auditorium.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Surplus food

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, south of Palmer, to eligible residents living north of Michigan Avenue.

The pickup time and location for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 - or the second Monday of each month - at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for more information.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will collect their food at Taylor Towers and should contact the building manager about the distribution

day. Greenwood Villa residents pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

The December distribution will include frozen beef, noodles and tomato sauce. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

Further more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Blood drive

There's still time to make a donation at an American Red Cross blood drive at St. Damian Parish, 30055 Joy, Westland. The blood drive runs until 2 p.m. today (Dec. 2), and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call (734) 716-2057.

Holiday Fest

The 20th annual Family Holiday Fest and Tree Lighting, hosted by Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills, will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

The old-fashioned celebration will feature indoor holiday crafts and unique seasonal games, such as fruitcake bowling, from 4-5:15 p.m. and a short outdoor community tree lighting and sing-a-long with an indoor visit from Santa Claus afterwards.

There's a \$4 per person charge for crafts and games. Call (734) 261-1990 for more information or visit www.nankinmills.org.

Businesses collect food for Starfish

Starfish Family Services is holding an agency-wide food drive this month in order to assemble food boxes for needy families in the community over the holiday season.

Six businesses - Hollywood Video in Garden City, Macy's in Westland (customer pickup entrance), Conrad Insurance Agency in Canton, Hermann's Old Town Grill in Plymouth, Averill Tax and Accounting in Novi and Lifespan Clinical Services in Livonia - as well as Starfish Family Services in Inkster will feature collection bins at its entrance for people to donate items. Supplies needed include non-perishable food items, such as soup, canned fruits and vegetables, boxed dinners, boxed side dishes and pancake mix.

"This is the time of year that many families struggle to put food on the table," said Ann Kalass, CEO of Starfish Family Services. "We want to help alleviate some of the stress for parents and caregivers so that families can enjoy a brighter holiday season."

Starfish Family Services is the largest private, non-profit human service agency in Western Wayne County. The organization offers 12 specialized programs to help educate and empower at-risk families and children in southeastern Michigan.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REGULAR ELECTION DATE TO THE ODD YEAR MAY REGULAR ELECTION DATE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "School District"), will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on the 10th day of December, 2007, at the Administrative Service Center, located at 1333 Radcliff Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135, on the proposed adoption by the Board of Education of a resolution to change the School District's regular election date for the office of school board member from the May regular election date in both even and odd years to the odd year May regular election date. Such change in the regular election date of the School District, if approved, would be effective for all elections occurring after January 1, 2008.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said public hearing is being held on the issue of whether to change the School District's regular election for the office of school board member to the odd year May regular election date. If the resolution set forth above is not adopted, the School District's regular election will continue to be held on the May regular election date in both even and odd years.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the resolution set forth above, if adopted, would have the effect of extending the term of office of four current members of the Board of Education by a period of twelve (12) months, as permitted by law, in order to facilitate transition to the odd year May regular election date.
THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 642 of Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and will be offered the opportunity at said public hearing to speak concerning the proposed adoption of said resolution. Written comments may also be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, 1333 Radcliff Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135, prior to said public hearing.
Roy Watts
Secretary, Board of Education
School District of the City of Garden City
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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE
The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.
Petition #2625 - Katie Bohr/St. Theodore Parish, 8200 Wayne Road
Request for a temporary sign variance from Section 15:3.2, of Ordinance 248 in order to erect a temporary sign on their site from January 18, 2008 to February 2, 2008 to advertise a Vegas Night Party to be held on February 1st and 2nd.
Petition #2626 - John Gavin/Custom Sign Center/Tim Horton, 715 S. Wayne Road
Request for a 60 square foot wall-mounted sign area variance from Section 15:6.2(a) of Ordinance 248 in order to install an additional 60 square feet of wall-mounted signage on the north side of the building.
Petition #2627 - Jim Anderson/Huron Sign/Fort Knox, 39205 Ford Road
Request for a 14' sign height variance from Section 15:7.5(c) of Ordinance 248 to erect a 28 foot high free standing sign where only a 14 foot high sign is allowed.
Petition #2628 - Arthur & Lynn Abel, 29100 Warren
Request for a side-yard fence location variance from Section 22-304(a) and a 16" side yard fence height variance from Section 22-303(C), Article X of the City of Westland Code of Ordinances as a result of the installation of a 6' high privacy fence in the west side yard of the home.
Petition #2629 - Joseph Endreszl, 31546 Palmer Road
Request for a non-conforming structure variance from Section 5:2.3. of Ordinance 248, in order to construct a 190 sq. ft. addition to the first floor and an 240 sq. ft. addition to the second floor of the home.
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Summit looks at ways to help homeowners SUSPECTS

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Westland Mayor William Wild participated Tuesday in a U.S. Conference of Mayors summit in downtown Detroit aimed at helping homeowners avoid foreclosure. The meeting was chaired by Detroit.

"Foreclosure rates are on the rise throughout the nation, and Westland is not immune to this problem," Wild said in a prepared statement. "Many are characterizing this crisis as the greatest economic challenge of our time, and we as local leaders cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand."

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, other mayors, lenders, banks, and nonprofit organizations participated in a closed-door session to discuss ways to collaboratively help reverse the trend and provide assistance to those in the midst of the storm.

Wild and Kilpatrick were joined by U.S. Conference of Mayors President Mayor Douglas Palmer of Trenton, N.J.; Mayor Jerry Abramson of Louisville, Ky.; Mayor Michael B. Coleman of Columbus, Ohio; Mayor Richard Kaplan of Lauderhill, Fla.; Mayor Elaine Walker of Bowling Green, Ky.; Mayor Virg Bernero of Lansing,

and Mayor Brenda Lawrence of Southfield.

Several banks agreed to help fund the toll-free "Hope Hotline," (888) 995-HOPE, where homeowners are advised of ways to get on track with mortgage payments by financial counselors to help avoid foreclosure.

The Mortgage Association's Web-based database also was discussed at the summit. The database, which is currently under construction, will allow local officials to find out which lender is responsible for foreclosed homes in their cities. The database also will identify who the lender has contracted locally to oversee the maintenance of the home.

While many foreclosures within Wayne County have been attributed to the state's sluggish economy and job losses, it was revealed that predatory lending practices and mortgage schemes are largely responsible for the loss of homeownership nationwide. At the conference, lenders warned that 2008 will bring more of the same as subprime and other adjustable rate mortgages are scheduled to reset in the spring.

Mayors also learned that poor communication between lenders and homeowners exacerbates the problem.

"Often times the only contact homeowners receive indicating that foreclosure is on the horizon is the actual notice of foreclosure," Wild said. "We as mayors need to be prepared to offer assistance and guidance for our residents, sooner rather than later."

Thus far in 2007, Westland, Michigan's 10th-largest municipality, has recorded a total of 523 home sales, which is near tantamount to the number of foreclosures, a total of 424, according to the mayor's office.

"In most cases, a resident's home is their single largest investment," Wild said. "It is my hope that by working with the industry, we can protect this piece of the American Dream."

This forum marks the second collaboration this year between the city of Westland and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In September, the city participated in the annual Mayor's National Dollar Wise Campaign to help promote fiscal responsibility among youth and their parents at the local level.

by Letkemann to Canton Township police, Orlewicz had arranged for a meeting at his grandfather's Canton home on Tuesday, Nov. 6, with Sorensen.

For an unspecified reason, according to Letkemann's statement, Orlewicz "aborted" the plan. In his statement, introduced into evidence during the testimony of Canton Police Detective Michael Steckel, Letkemann noted Sorensen had been dropped off by an unknown driver, and speculated Orlewicz worried that driver would know the site where Sorensen would have been last seen alive.

In a taped conversation Letkemann had with Canton police Sgt. Rick Pomorski and Steckel on Nov. 10, Letkemann said Orlewicz got Sorensen to come back out on Nov. 7 and, after Sorensen used the bathroom, the trio went into the garage. Letkemann, in his conversation with police, said he entered the garage first, followed by Sorensen, with Orlewicz bringing up the rear.

"(Orlewicz) shut the door behind us and then just did it," said Letkemann, who said in a written statement that Orlewicz cut Sorensen's throat from behind, then stabbed him. "I don't know why he killed him."

While Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said initially, at a Nov. 12 press conference, that this was a "thrill



DETROIT NEWS POOL PHOTO

Lisa Chin, a 19-year-old cashier at ACO Hardware, testified she saw defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz buy four cans of drain cleaner in two separate trips to the store two days before the murder.

killing" and had nothing to do with money, evidence introduced Friday suggested just the opposite.

In his written and taped statements, Letkemann told police he agreed to help Orlewicz because he owed the younger teen \$100. And Ashleigh Scarlett, 23 of Livonia, a friend of Sorensen's, testified the victim told her the afternoon he died he was meeting "J.P." and expected to collect \$3,000 for an unspecified "job."

The hearing also featured the first public appearance of "Izzy," the third "person of interest," Worthy mentioned at her press conference. "Izzy" is a nickname for Isam Ayyash, a

17-year-old Livonia Churchill High School student who testified Friday that he was called to the scene by Orlewicz to help dispose of Sorensen's body.

"(Orlewicz) asked me to come to his grandfather's house because he needed help lifting a body into a truck," Ayyash testified. "I walked in and asked, 'Is this a joke?' and they said, 'no.'"

Ayyash, granted immunity by the Wayne County prosecutor for his involvement, testified Orlewicz asked him to give him his clothing. When asked why, Ayyash testified, "Because his were covered in blood."

Other witnesses included the manager of the ACO Hardware store at Joy and Main, who testified she saw Letkemann in the store two days before the murder, looking at items in the tool aisle; a 19-year-old cashier at the same store who testified Orlewicz bought four bottles of Drano in two separate trips to the store; and Sorensen's 20-year-old girlfriend, who testified that she who drove Sorensen to Orlewicz's grandfather's Canton home the day before the murder.

Letkemann's attorney, Raymond Cassar of Farmington Hills, argued his client was guilty of nothing more than being an accessory after the fact because he didn't participate in the actual killing, but Gerou dismissed that notion and bound Letkemann over on both charges.

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MAYOR

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and in service groups like the Rotary Club. He is expected to start his new job within a couple weeks, Wild said Friday.

Nalbandian, hired in September 1998 when Robert Thomas was mayor, was receiving a salary of \$72,751 a year.

"That's a position I'm not going to fill at this time," Wild said Friday.

The city already has an outside company that provides computer support. Wild indicated he will evaluate whether his administration would be best served by hiring a new director to replace Nalbandian or by simply continuing with an outside company.

Ellenwood became senior director more than six years ago, after Cicirelli started her first term as mayor. She declined to discuss her personal reasons for leaving her

\$80,834-a-year job.

"They are just that — personal," she said. "I love the seniors in this city, and I will miss them, but I have to do what I have to do."

Wild confirmed that Ellenwood will be replaced on an interim basis by the senior Friendship Center's deputy director, Barbara Marcum. Wild plans to talk with her and "a couple other candidates" as he evaluates the position.

"I know that Barb does a nice job, and she's got a good relationship with the seniors," Wild said.

He declined to comment on other possible administrative changes. He was elected in November after serving as an appointed mayor since January, when Cicirelli became a district judge.

"Now that the election is over, what I'm looking to do is bring in some new people with some new ideas that share my vision on customer service," Wild said. "I'm trying to get

the team I'm going to move forward with in place by the first of the year, so Jan. 1 we can hit the ground running."

Wild was announcing his decisions late in the week to his staff, and he was planning to meet Friday afternoon with Westland City Council President Charles Pickering.

Wild said he appreciates the job that the departing directors have done, "and we wish them well."

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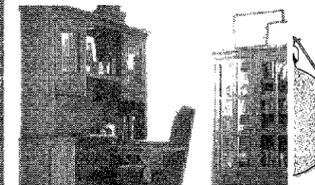
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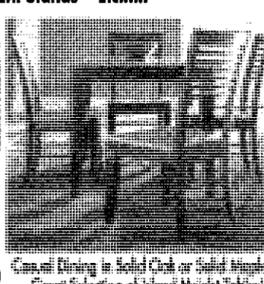


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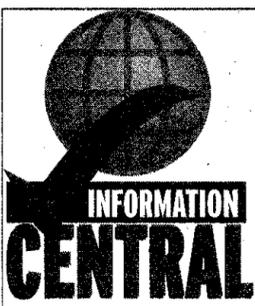
Whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Lughnasadh, Eid, Diwali or any of the celebrations of light or harvest home that most religions have at this time of year, there's probably special songs associated with it.

To honor these traditions, the Public Library of Westland is pleased to present two special musical presentations.

Today (Dec. 2), the Cynnabar Collegium Musicum, an 11-voice Medieval choir will be presenting seasonal music from the Middle Ages. This unique concert is suitable for all ages, and no registration is required.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we go from a choir to a solo performance as Paul Vondiziano presents classical music and original compositions for guitar. This performance promises to "fill up" quickly, so reserve your seat by calling the library at (734) 326-6123. There is no charge for either concert.

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car, while you're wrapping presents, or just sitting around digesting turkey - we have that, too. Just check out the "Holiday" drawers of music CDs and cassettes.

If you feel the need to carol, we have sheet music to help you out with the words (no, it's NOT Hark, the Harold Angel Sings...) in the 780s in our book collection.

Finally, if you're rather watch someone else sing in the privacy of your own home, we have some seasonal video chestnuts like "White Christmas" with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye or "It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie" with our

favorite furry puppets.

Whatever holiday you're celebrating this season, we here at the Library hope you have a very merry one. Seasons Greetings, and all the very best in the New Year.

Highlighted Activities
Holiday Stamping With Carl: 7 p.m. Dec. 4.

Join us for a stamping session as we create beautiful holiday cards and gift bags. All supplies will be provided. Seating is limited so call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to sign up.

Paul Vondiziano: Rediscovering the Concert Guitar: 7 p.m. Dec. 11.

Enjoy a soothing evening of music with renowned classical guitarist Paul Vondiziano. Mr. Vondiziano will be regaling us with selections from the classic masters such as Bach as well as his original compositions. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library for more information.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Jane Lowry. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Tree of Life grows support for Angela Hospice

The Angela Hospice Tree of Life, held annually at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, is a familiar site to holiday shoppers. The Tree of Life opened this past weekend next to Von Maur, and includes seven lighted trees bedecked with over 1,200 gold angel ornaments.

Community members can remember their loved ones by placing an angel ornament on the trees when they make a donation to Angela Hospice.

"The benefit of this fundraiser is twofold," said Angela Hospice president Sister Mary Giovanni. "It provides a meaningful way for people to pay tribute to their loved ones during the holidays, while offering much needed support for our programs serving terminally ill patients and their families."

The Tree of Life first started in 1988, with one tree at Angela Hospice's office, then located in a small house on Levan Road. The fund-raiser has expanded each year along with the organization, which now serves over 1,400 families per year through its home hospice program and at its Care Center at 14100 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

"We have been blessed with the support of the Southeast



Debra Renauer of Redford checks out the angels on the Angela Hospice Tree of Life, which will remain at Laurel Park Place through Christmas Eve.

Michigan community, which has allowed us to continue to grow and reach out to more people with our hospice and grief support programs each year," said Sister Giovanni. "It is a privilege to extend our philosophy of compassionate, Christ-like care to more children and adults who can benefit from these services, and we are so grateful for the opportunity."

Holiday fund-raising efforts will continue at the Tree of

Life through Christmas Eve, and will extend to the Max & Erma's restaurant in Laurel Park Place, with a benefit on Dec. 13.

The hospice will also hold a free holiday grief workshop for children ages 5-12 on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Angela Hospice Care Center. Registrations are now being accepted.

For more information about Angela Hospice's programs, visit www.angelahospice.org, or call 734-464-7810.

Diabetics needed for exercise study

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Wanted — people 60 and older with diabetes who don't exercise regularly.

The Maplewood Community Center in Garden City is a host site for a diabetes exercise study that is being conducted by the University of Michigan and Ann Arbor VA Healthcare Systems.

"We have a lot of seniors in our community who deal with diabetes. Also, I thought it would be good publicity for the community center," Maplewood supervisor Cheryl Stepanian said. "The exercise classes will be held at

Maplewood."

The study is looking for 15-20 people to participate in the free 10-week program, which is scheduled to begin in late January. Garden City residency isn't required. The volunteers will be in two different control groups in an effort to study the best way to improve overall fitness and diabetes control.

"They're asking people to sign up now because they need to do health assessments before the study," Stepanian said. "They're only taking a limited number of people and time is needed for the assessments."

To be eligible for the study, participants must be 60 years

or older with diabetes and no recent health changes. They must currently exercise less than two hours per week, be able to walk across a small room without a cane or walker and be willing to exercise three times a week for 10 weeks.

Free health assessments will be provided, including a stress test, fasting blood draws and measures of body fat and bone density. Additionally, participants who complete the study will be paid \$300.

Anyone wanting more information or wishing to participate in the study can call Tisha Moore at (866) 444-3302.

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Emergency fund, Roth IRA are solid savings options

Dear Rick: My wife and I are able to save about \$300 a month. I want to use the money to pay down on our mortgage. My wife wants to invest in a Roth IRA. We have a 30-year mortgage at 5 percent. We are in our early 30s and are both funding our 401(k) accounts through work. We have no money in savings, no children and our goals are retirement. What do you recommend?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

you to have immediate access to money without being forced to sell long-term investments. For example, with the market that we're currently in it's certainly not a good time

to sell.

If an investor needed money and did not have an emergency fund, they may have no alternative but to sell investments at the wrong time.

The one thing that makes an investor successful is the ability

to have options. If you had an emergency fund of money, you could always access it immediately if needed. Having an emergency fund protects your other investments.

I recommend you establish an emergency fund of money with the \$300 per month. A proper emergency fund is three to six months of living expenses. Someone more on the aggressive side can have a three-month emergency fund while someone more conservative may feel more comfortable with a six-month fund.

The money should be kept in money-market accounts, short-term or ultra short-term bond funds and short term

CDs. Emergency funds don't necessarily pay the highest rates of return, because liquidity and access is the primary goal.

Once the emergency fund has been established, then I prefer the Roth IRA option versus paying down on the mortgage. When you consider the financial implications of each, I think it is clear that the Roth IRA is the most fiscally responsible alternative.

When you use excess money to pay down a mortgage, the return on that investment is the reduction of principal and the interest that it saves. The interest saved is the return on your investment.

In your case, the mortgage is

at 5 percent and tax deductible. Most people find themselves in the 28 percent bracket, that means the after-tax cost of a 5 percent mortgage is (5 percent x 0.28 percent = 1.4 percent and 5 percent - 1.4 percent = 3.6 percent) 3.6 percent.

The issue is can you earn more than 3.6 percent by investing money long term into a Roth IRA. I think it's a slam dunk and you will earn more than 3.6 percent. Coordinate the Roth with what you have in the 401(k) plan.

I recommend people fully fund a Roth IRA even before investing in a salary deferral program such as a 401(k).

Not only can people who are

presently working contribute to a Roth IRA but those not working and who do not have earned income can take advantage of a Roth IRA by converting an existing IRA.

Bottom line is that a Roth IRA is the best tax shelter available. After all, you can virtually invest in anything that you choose and all the income grows tax free for as long as you want.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

New online service helps students compare credits

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

One of the biggest frustrations for students transferring from one college to another is trying to determine which credits and how many credits will transfer from one institution to another.

The problem was highlighted in the report by the Cherry Commission on postsecondary education chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry. The commission proposed creation of a "transfer wizard."

A new online service drawing on information from 50 colleges was launched Nov. 8 to provide a one-stop site for comparing equivalent courses. The site — www.michigantransferrnetwork.org — is a collaboration between the Michigan Association of College Registrar and Admissions Officers and Michigan State University. It was launched at the annual meeting of the association.

"We got together with Michigan State and they said we could do this and not spend millions of dollars," said Howard Shanken, registrar at Grand Rapids Community College and president of the association. "MACRAO worked with Michigan State to get a full-time programmer. In February of this year, Kristin

Schuette of Michigan State began to work on it."

The Michigan Transfer Network is still a work in progress, but Shanken said more than 50 colleges have loaded or are loading their courses into the program. He said 550,000 courses are listed on the site.

"Say I'm at Henry Ford Community College and thinking of transferring to Wayne or Michigan State. I have a psychology course and I'm not sure if it will transfer. I can confirm a course in advance or find out if a course is full," Shanken said. "This reduces the errors students will have when transferring from one institution to another and that can become very expensive."

Donna Nordman, director of counseling and career services at Schoolcraft College, said the service is a great tool for transferring students.

"I think it's a good thing for students, providing a place where students can go, one place, to look up multiple colleges," she said.

Laurie Snyder, transfer coordinator at Schoolcraft, said it has been frustrating for students who haven't been able to get the information they want when they want it.

"If you were a transferring student, you'd have to go to

each school's Web site. Now you can go search by class you want to take, school you're transferring to and school you're transferring from," she said.

Nordman said transferring from Schoolcraft hasn't been a problem but this service will make it easier.

"Our courses transfer quite readily as do our degrees," she said. "We line them up with other universities as we did many years ago."

Shanken said the association is planning to add Advanced Placement and college level examination program equivalents for high school students entering college.

Snyder, who attended the association meeting where the service was introduced, said that phase two will give students a better idea of how individual courses fit into a college's overall program.

She said MACRAO provides guidelines for which core courses transfer most easily. Schoolcraft also advises students in its catalog about core courses.

"If we can get all the schools on, it will be a very useful tool," she said.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

'Lunch with Mrs. Claus'
 Ashford Court Senior Residence on Joy west of Newburgh in Westland will hold a "Lunch with Mrs. Claus" at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, and Tuesday, Dec. 11. Mrs. Claus will be on hand both days with goodies and door prizes. Seniors are invited to enjoy lunch and tour of the senior community. Seating is limited. Call Ashford Court at (734) 451-1155 for reservations - by Tuesday, Dec. 4, for the Dec. 6 lunch or by Saturday, Dec. 9 for the Dec. 11 lunch.

Holiday Dinner Dance
 The Moonsters Ballroom Dance Club of Livonia hosts a Holiday Dinner Dance from 7-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Roma Banquet Center, 32550 Cherry Hill in Garden City. A family-style dinner starts at 6 p.m. Ballroom music will be provided by the Mike Wolverton Band. Formal attire is requested ("Sunday best" will do). Members and associates pay \$27; guests \$29. Some proceeds benefit charity. No refunds after Dec. 1. Joe Castrodale, (248) 968-5197.

Bowling with Santa
 The Westland Celebration Foundation is sponsoring Bowling with Santa noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Garden Lanes, 29145 Warren Road, Garden City and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The cost is \$8 and includes one game of bowling, slice of pizza, pop and a visit with Santa. There also will be a present for each registered child and souvenir photos are available for \$2 each.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Craft show
 Lathers Elementary School will hold a craft show 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the school at Harrison and Marquette in Garden City. There is a \$2 entry fee or two non-perishable food items.

Benefit concert
 The Chancel Choirs of Divine Child High School in Dearborn will perform a benefit concert in the main chapel at St. John's in Plymouth Township 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, for the Capuchin and Mannas Meal Soup Kitchens of Detroit. This will be a full Madrigal concert by 35 members of the choir in full madrigal attire. The evening will feature a student violinist performing in the lobby before the concert, Elizabethan readings accompanied by mandolin, and a wide variety of Madrigal and Christmas vocal selections. The price of admission includes a 'sparkling' afterglow (sparkling cider and juice with pastries). Admission is a minimum donation of \$15. St. John is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-1111.

Free health class
 A free health class, "Avoid Holiday Weight Gain," will be presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. You can have your cake and eat it too-if you know the secrets. Are you confused about good and bad oil? Not sure if the carb diet will work? Is butter really better? Sugar substitutes vs. real sugar, is there really a difference? Exercise? Who has the time? Take a natural

approach to a healthier, new you. The class will be held Limited to 30 seats. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

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@yahoo.com

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 The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy-and-swap toys and trains show noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer west of Merriman, Westland. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available and parking is free. There will be operating train layouts of various gauges and more 150 dealer tables.

Charity Event
 United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency, will hold its second annual Charity Event Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese/dessert reception followed by a holiday concert by the Canton Concert Band at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to individuals who do not have medical insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by contacting Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820. Donations can also be sent United Home Health Services, 2200 Canton Center, Suite 250, Canton, MI 48187 or by visiting the Web site at www.uhhs.org.

Senior Alliance needs Bank Day volunteers

The Senior Alliance is looking for volunteers to help with its annual Bank Day fundraiser.

The agency, which helps older adults remain as independent as possible within their home and their community, sells cards each year for \$5 at banks around the area to support its holiday meals program.

On Friday, Dec. 7, volunteers

will be inside local banks, selling the cards. People who buy a card will be asked to sign it. The holiday cards sold will be placed with meals that will be delivered to homebound seniors on Christmas Day.

Volunteers are needed to work three-hour shifts - noon to 3 p.m. or 3-6 p.m. - Friday. People interested in helping out can call Jaclyn Kochis, program department specialist, at

(734) 727-2060. TSA provides crucial services every year to tens of thousands of senior citizens across southern and western Wayne County. The services include home delivered meals (meals-on-wheels), holiday meals, care management, family caregiver support, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance, long term care options and prescription drug counseling.

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Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly

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Monday, Dec. 3

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 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 (734) 458-3242.

Childbirth Education (fifth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program 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) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management

Education (second 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 register.

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.

Blood pressure and cholesterol testing noon to 2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked free of charge, cholesterol level tested (\$5) or Lipid panel done (\$10) on the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of the hospital. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Power Hour at 3 p.m. 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

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Wednesday, Dec. 5

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Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussions on new diabetes information by attending this group. Day and evening sessions are available. This group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances 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.

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion.

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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.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.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.

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Attn: Sheila King, Supervisor of Business

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after Monday November 26, 2007.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects - Engineers - Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the MCGRAW-HILL CONSTRUCTION DODGE PLAN ROOM, Detroit, Michigan; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

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Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

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Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date of receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On DECEMBER 11, 2007 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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LEGAL NOTICE

"The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wayne Masonic Temple Association, a Michigan non-profit corporation, will be held at the corporate office at 37137 Palmer Rd., Westland, Michigan on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at eight o'clock P.M. for the election of officers and such other business as may properly come before said meeting."

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To the People of Garden City:

On Friday, November 9th, I was put on administrative leave by Garden City Public Schools. They accused me with a list of trumped up charges, some of which are too ridiculous to even repeat. My crime? Publicly exposing the security breaches at the high school. It came to my attention that the high school office had been left unlocked for at least two weeks in spite of a work order that was put in by a secretary to get it fixed. Besides an open invitation to vandalism or worse, the office contains access to confidential student, staff, and family information. I reported this to union representatives, the Garden City Police Department, concerned citizens, and the District Superintendent, Dr. Richard Witkowski. Their response was to not even address the issue but to distort the facts about my involvement, and basically, threaten me with my job. In 2002, I internally, through the PTA and staff meetings, tried to voice my concern about the obsolete and time delayed attendance procedures then in effect which, theoretically, would allow a child to not be reported absent or missing until the next school day. The response given to me by the administration was: "There never will be a computer in every classroom to use for attendance." Computerized, real time attendance is now a reality at the high school. At that rebuff, I voiced my frustration by writing a letter to the Observer. I was immediately called to the Administrative Center and told by then Assistant Superintendent, Stephen Kelley, that: "Although I can't forbid you from writing letters to the editor, I can remind you that I'm the one who hired you." I stood down since I wasn't yet tenured. But recent events in the community and in the school have forced me to speak out again for the sake of the safety of the children and the community's right to privacy. There is a teacher at the high school who is so incompetent that this person falls asleep on the job, letting the kids do what they want. One time, students were lighting fires in class. Nothing has been done to this teacher. Instead, I have been persecuted for trying to improve the system. Also, I have, over the years, suggested to the administration that volunteers from the law enforcement community lecture the staff about what to do and what not to do when faced with a hostile individual. I am a former Federal law enforcement officer myself so I know these procedures exist. They ignored my repeated requests. As a conscientious, informed, and experienced individual, the silence has more than deafened me. It has seriously depressed me. I have alarmed some people. Good. My objective has been accomplished. What remains is pure theater. A great burden has been lifted off my shoulders and I have never before felt freer, happier, and more empowered. And that weight now rests where it should. Furthermore, several laws and regulations have been broken by the School District and the City Government and a private citizen who lives in Garden City and who works for Blackwater. I list these in detail:

An excerpt from the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C., subsection 552e(10):(e) Agency requirements: Each agency that maintains a system of records shall-- establish appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to insure the security and confidentiality of records and to protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to their security or integrity which could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness to any individual on whom information is maintained; According to the Act, Garden City School District fits the definition of an "agency". Check the link below for more info: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/privstat.htm> Furthermore, under the State of Michigan existing Whistleblowers' Protection Act 469 of 1980 it states that in Section 15.362 that: "An employer shall not discharge, threaten, or otherwise discriminate against an employee regarding the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, location, or privileges of employment because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, reports or is about to report, verbally or in writing, a violation or a suspected violation of a law or regulation or rule promulgated pursuant to law of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or the United States to a public body, unless the employee knows that the report is false, or because an employee is requested by a public body to participate in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry held by that public body, or a court action." Direct link to the PDF document: www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-act-469-of-1980.pdf I have both verbally and in written reported the breach of security at the high school's main office to numerous citizens, teacher union representatives, law enforcement officials and school district officials. I have those documents and witnesses. Continuing with more excerpts from Federal Law: under U.S. Code Title 18, Part 1, Chapter 96, subsection 1961 it states that: "(e) [2] 'Whoever knowingly, with the intent to retaliate, takes any action harmful to any person, including interference with the lawful employment or livelihood of any person, for providing to a law enforcement officer any truthful information relating to the commission or possible commission of any Federal offense, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.' This is known as "racketeering". It is ABSOLUTELY a federal crime that can be prosecuted by the FBI. I have documents from multiple officials from both City government and the School District and an individual from the private security company, Blackwater, that are involved in this issue who can be prosecuted under this definition. More information: <http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/18/1961.html>

And finally, there is FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Protection of Pupil Rights Act which states: "The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education..." <http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/20/1232g.html>

By leaving the high school office open and accessible for at least two weeks, the District has, in effect, violated these laws by allowing anyone to walk in off the street and gather personal information about students, families, and staff at the high school. Because of my valid concern and disclosure of this breach of security, I am being unfairly persecuted and shunned. Does anyone care about anything anymore? Have we become a community, a nation, that is so afraid to stand up for what's right that we allow our privacy rights to be comprised without even so much as a whimper of outrage? If you believe the Orwellian adage that if you have nothing to hide, therefore you have nothing to fear, than you have already sacrificed one of your most precious, God given, Constitutional rights and you will allow the State, or a representative of it, into intimidating you into further submission. As Ben Franklin once said, "Those who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security, deserve neither liberty or security." This breach of local security and lack of concern regarding it is prevalent in our society. It brings us one step closer to martial law. In 2007, Congress passed the massive John Warner National Defense Authorization Act. Buried deep within the law is a provision that grants the President power to use the Armed Forces to patrol the citizenry. It reads in Section 1076, Subsection 333: The President may employ the armed forces, including the National Guard in Federal service, to-- "(A) restore public order and enforce the laws of the United States when, as a result of a natural disaster, epidemic, or other serious public health emergency, terrorist attack or incident, or other condition in any State or possession of the United States, the President determines that-- "(i) domestic violence has occurred to such an extent that the constituted authorities of the State or possession are incapable of maintaining public order; and "(ii) such violence results in a condition described in paragraph (2); or "(B) suppress, in a State, any insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination, or conspiracy if such insurrection, violation, combination, or conspiracy results in a condition described in paragraph (2).

This is a revision of the 1807 Insurrection Act which outlaws posse comitatus, forbidding the President from recklessly using the Armed Forces against the people. Under the current law, all the President has to do is declare a national emergency and the Armed Forces and National Guard will be on the streets with tanks, establishing checkpoints, rounding up random civilians for detention, and forever abolishing Constitutional rights as we have known them. This is not the America I grew up in. These people are not the people who value freedom, privacy, and property rights in the land of the Free and the home of the Brave. And the saddest thing is that nobody cares about anything but their own behinds while our collective rights are being dismantled under the radar. Study the Constitution. Speak truth to power. Protect your children and the elderly. The window of opportunity will not be open for very much longer.

John Byk
Garden City, MI

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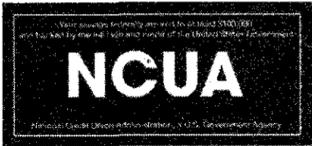
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- Dec. 6-Thurs. - Plymouth Choir 7pm-7:30pm - JC Penney Court
- Dec. 11-Tues. - Phil Gram All Stars 6pm-8pm - East Court
- Dec. 12-Wed. - 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet - 6pm-8pm - Throughout the mall
- Dec. 14-Fri. - Our Lady of Good Counsel 10:45am-11:30pm - JC Penney Court
3 D's & W - 6pm-8pm Throughout the mall
- Dec. 18 -Tues. - Phil Gram All Stars 6pm-8pm - East Court
- Dec. 19-Wed. - 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet - 6pm-8pm - Throughout the mall
- Dec. 21-Fri. - 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet - 6pm-8pm - Throughout the mall
- Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY, MALL & OFFICE CLOSED!

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Michigan: What we once had is now gone

Change — it is something we are going to hear about more and more. Change is coming at us at warp speed and it is not going to slow down anytime soon. What we once had is now — gone!

My 20-year-old daughter, Katherine, made me think about change when she asked the other day, "Dad, is it true that when you were growing up, you had to be home to get a phone call?" Yes, we did, I sheepishly admitted and we also had to stretch the cord to hide in the closet to have privacy to talk to your friends. We had to go outside to play with our friends, we could not e-mail, i-mail or text them.

"Only the wisest and stupidest of men never change." — Confucius

The world is rapidly changing. Michigan and its citizens are going to have to change or the world will pass us by. Gone are the days when you could drop out of school and get a high-paying job at Ford, Chrysler, GM or one of the major suppliers and enter the American Dream.

Gone are the days where the U.S. automobile manufactures had a near monopoly. Gone are more than 400,000 good-paying manufacturing jobs since the beginning of this cen-



Tom Watkins

Gone are the days when learning took place only between the two pages of your textbook, four walls of your school or the six-hour school day. Today, thanks to technology, learning is an increasingly virtual experience that can take place anytime, anyplace, 24/7.

Country singer Montgomery Gentry said it best with these lyrics: "Gone like a freight train, gone like yesterday; Gone like a soldier in the civil war, bang bang; Gone like a '59 Cadillac, like all the good things that ain't never coming back; She's gone!"

Everyone should read John Kotter's book *Our Iceberg Is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions*. He's a leadership and change guru and award-winning author of *Leading Change* and *Heart*

of Change.

This easy-to-read fable is about a penguin colony's ability to recognize its world is changing and the steps the birds take to adapt and then lead change. *Our Iceberg Is Melting* is based on the author's research on successful organizational change and the eight steps needed to bring it about.

Things are going to change — how we anticipate, react to and lead change will separate winners and losers in the 21st century, technologically driven, transformational, disruptive, global knowledge economy.

"There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered." — Nelson Mandela

Here are some suggestions to both adapt to change and lead it:

- Life-long learning and the ability to learn, unlearn and relearn will be critical skills. We must be willing to invest in education for yourself, your family and the broader community. Our only option to remain economically relevant and globally competitive will be the continued investment in education from the cradle to the grave. Talent will be the commodity that will rule in the 21st century.

- Become an entrepreneur. Yes, entrepreneurs can and should exist in private business, government and education. Entrepreneurs have a high tolerance for risk and are seeking new, better and more efficient ways of getting the job done. They embrace the future and drive forward and do not keep their eyes fixated on the rearview mirror. They don't just react to change — they lead change.

- Reform, restructure and reinvent. Individuals and government at every level must become efficient and effective. Pretending the world has not changed significantly should not be an option. Denial has a way of catching up with us individually and organizationally. If your roof is leaking — fix it. Better still, anticipate and take preventative measures before it leaks.

- Become a pioneer, not a settler. Clearly, the safe route is to follow others that have come before, but leaders reap the greatest rewards.

- Think globally, connect technologically. *The World Is Flat*, the book by *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman, has gained much acclaim. If you accept his premise, the only question then becomes what are you doing as an individual and

organization to tilt the world in a way that benefits you? In today's world, all interactions are global. No business, government or educational organization is immune from global and technological realities. How are you plugged in to this new reality?

Change is the most talked about and least acted on concept in most organizations today. There is built in resistance to change. The status quo has powerful allies in all organizations. It is easier to dig organizational moats than to build successful bridges to change. Yet bridges help move you forward, while moats only keep the invaders at bay for brief periods of time.

As individuals and a state, we must realize that we must change — because the rest of the world is. They are not waiting for us to catch up. They're gone!

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LETTERS

State has 'natural heritage'

Over the course of the last few months, I have been repeatedly asked the same question from out-of-state friends: What's so great about living in Michigan? In the media there seems to be nothing positive about our economic situation, housing market, and now crime rates in the big cities. But for me, the answer is simple: Michigan's natural heritage.

For those who criticize Michigan, clearly they have not experienced the pure beauty of Tahquamenon Falls which encompasses a plethora of unique plant and animal species, or hiked the Western Dunes (Warren, Ludington,

and Saugatuck) which provide a flyway for migratory birds and offer views of Lake Michigan that are positively breathtaking at sunset.

And thanks to leaders such as Governor Milliken, who established the Wilderness and Natural Areas Act, The Department of Natural Resources has the privilege of protecting our most cherished places for future generations.

Danielle Korpalski

Redford

Quicken move a regional win

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation have nothing to be ashamed of

in their role to keep Quicken Loans and Rock Financial in the state of Michigan.

I can understand that some people in Livonia will be disappointed by the decision that as Governor Gilbert and his management team at Quicken Loans made to move their headquarters to Detroit. We know that feeling because we've felt it many times in Detroit as companies quietly shut their doors here and reopened them in suburbs all around the city.

A few of us even recall 30 years ago when General Motors moved a transmission plant from Detroit to Livonia. They earned valuable state tax credits in the process that Mayor Coleman Young didn't oppose, because he knew it was better to have a factory in

Livonia than Indianapolis.

Granholm and the State of Michigan were involved to keep Quicken Loans from moving to Ohio. Or Arizona. Or any other state. Period. And don't think that Ohio and Arizona weren't pitching feverishly. They were. And they have an impressive set of incentives that they likely offered, including low interest loans, grants for utility or street improvements, tax exemptions, tax credits and tax abatements. They probably could have matched whatever Michigan offered. So we were very fortunate to even stay in the game by offering Gilbert

key intangibles — such as the chance to take on a major role in developing a revitalized, re-energized and exciting downtown.

Sure, when a business is deciding among Livonia, Southfield, Ann Arbor or Detroit we are all going to be pitching against each other, and the Governor shouldn't be taking sides. But that wasn't the game we were in with Quicken Loans. If it were football it wasn't Michigan vs. Michigan State, it was Michigan vs. Ohio State.

In the last year 13 economic development organizations in southeastern Michigan

agreed that when the region is competing in a global arena it makes more sense for us to work together than separately. And in the first six months of this year the group has been responsible for 65 projects representing almost \$2.3 billion in investment and 4,800 retained or new jobs.

In our next report the region will be counting another 4,000 retained jobs from Quicken Loans. That's something we should all be cheering.

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Holding court

Experienced Glenn, Wayne cagers could contend

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

BOYS HOOP PREVIEW

Although the boys will share the basketball stage this winter with the girls because of the court-mandated MHSAA seasons switch, don't think that the boys at Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial will have to take a back seat - at least on Monday, Dec. 17.

That's when Wayne's Alumni Arena should be buzzing as the Zebras entertain their rival Rockets in what promises to be an early season showdown of two of the Western Lakes Activities Association's better teams.

Glenn returns four starters from last year's 14-7 squad, which captured the WLAA's Lakes Division title.

Leading the way is first-team All-Area pick Earl Hardison, a 6-1 senior forward who averaged 16 points and 7.8 rebounds per game, along with 6-foot point-guard Keshawn Martin, who 12 points and seven assists.

They are joined by 6-3 senior forward Stefan Marken (12 ppg) and 5-11 junior point-guard Austin Anderson.

"From top-to-bottom I think the league is going to be better," Glenn second-year coach Dan Young said. "Some of the established teams are adding good JV players. It's a test for everybody."

Wayne went 11-10 a year ago, but had to forfeit four victories after using an ineligible player.

Second-team All-Area pick Mike Lee, a

speedy 5-10 senior guard who averaged 14.3 points per game, leads the way along with third-team All-Observer selection John Hill, a 6-2 senior forward who averaged 11 points per game.

They are joined by holdovers Robert Woodson, a 5-11 junior point-guard; Jeremy Lovelady, a 6-10 senior center who averaged eight points and seven rebounds per game; and 5-10 senior guard Martez Abney.

"We definitely have the offensive capability to be really good," Wayne eighth-year coach Wayne Woodard said. "We've got to get better defensively and with our rebounding."

Teams in the Western Lakes may also have to keep their eye on Livonia Churchill (10-11), which also returns a veteran cast led by 6-3 senior forward Ryan Rosenick, a second-team All-Area pick who averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds, including 14 double-doubles.

Senior Ryan Whittum, a 6-1 senior guard, should also give the Chargers stability in the backcourt.

"This is the toughest I've seen our Lakes Division in six years," Churchill sixth-year coach Jim Solak said. "It should be fun."

Livonia Stevenson (8-16) is coming off its first Class A district championship since 1989, but the Spartans were probably the hardest hit by graduation losses. Stevenson

lost its all-time leading scorer Luke Knochel, who averaged 22 points per game and finished with 1,175 points. Backcourt-mate Chris Mulcahy is gone along with coach Brad Miller, who spent only one year with the Spartans before leaving the reins to 23-year-old Mike Allie, a former Stevenson player and 2002 grad who is the area's youngest varsity coach.

"Replacing Luke Knochel is not an easy task," Allie said. "But the team is determined to repeat as district champions."

Another new coach in the area is Jeremy Rheault, who takes over for Russ Keberly at Livonia Franklin (2-19).

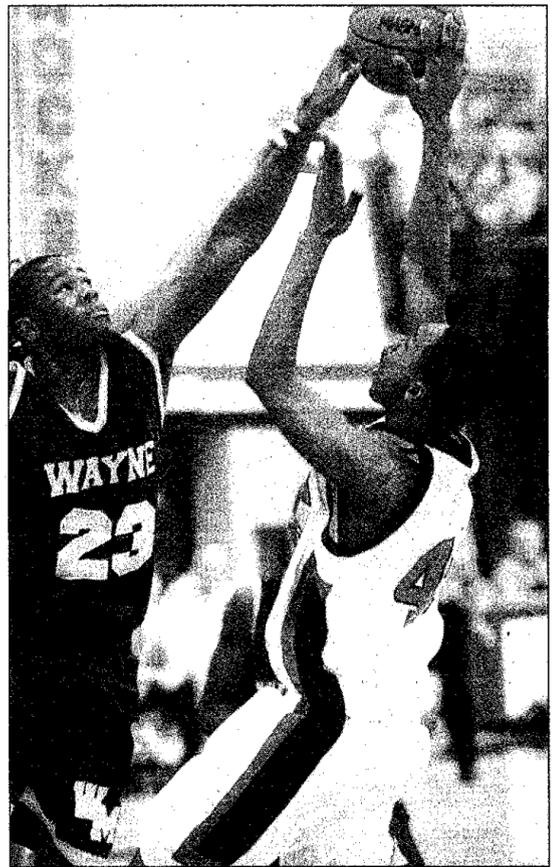
Rheault, who was head coach at Canton, has been encouraged by some early returns. "We're trying to develop a unit and play together," he said. "I think we're going to get it pretty quick. Everybody is positive."

Another new coach in the area is Brandon Bekius, who spent two years as JV coach at Lutheran High Westland (14-8).

He replaces Dan Ramthun, who stepped down this fall after nine seasons to concentrate on his administrative and pastoral duties at the school.

Bekius, a native of Hamilton, played four seasons at nearby Concordia University. His biggest task will be replacing second-team All-Area guard Kyle Ramthun, who averaged 19 points per game and was MVP of the

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Wayne's John Hill (left) and John Glenn's Earl Hardison both return for their respective squads this season.

Patriots' second-half surge stops Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS HOOPS

Pat Cannon appropriately called it "the tale of two halves."

The Livonia Stevenson girls basketball coach was right on the mark, but on the wrong end of the scoreboard Friday night as visiting Livonia Franklin pulled away in the second half to spoil Cannon's debut with 53-30 triumph.

"Franklin is a heckuva team and they'll go far," said Cannon of the 2-0 Patriots. "We let down in the second half. We had a lack of intensity, but that's fixable."

After trailing 13-11 after one quarter and most of the first half, Franklin first-year coach Dave McCall chucked his man-to-man defense in favor of a zone using a box-and-one on Stevenson's 5-foot-4 freshman point-guard Sarah Smith, who impressed with nine first-half points.

"We isolated on her (Smith) and I thought Nicole Emery did a great job shutting her down," McCall said. "After that adjustment, we started clicking. It

was a great job for a sophomore."

The Patriots never trailed after Emery's three-pointer, which made it 21-20, with 2:56 left in the first half.

Franklin then outscored Stevenson 16-5 in the third quarter and 14-5 during the final eight minutes.

"At halftime I said it's time to step it up, calm ourselves down, fix our spacing on the floor and play defense the way we can play defense," McCall said. "Offensively we did not force it as much into the middle and it opened things up."

The prime beneficiary of Franklin's second-half offensive surge was 5-8

junior Brittany Taylor, who finished with a game-high 21 points, including 12 in the second half. Twin sister Brianna contributed nine points, while Ashley Price added with seven.

"Defensive rebounding hurt us," Cannon said. "Brittany had putback after putback. It caused matchup problems, but it's something that is also fixable."

Franklin committed only 12 turnovers and shot 23-of-55 from the field (41 percent). The Patriots were only 2-of-10 from the foul line.

Sophomore guard Anastasia Newton

finished with a team-high 10 points for the Spartans, who committed 23 turnovers and shot only 13-of-26 from the line. Stevenson was 7-of-33 from the field, including just 1-of-18 in the second half.

"The box-and-one took her (Smith) out of the game," Cannon said. "They (Franklin) made it hard and we did not set enough good screen. We came in with a freshman point-guard and that's a tough road to hoe, but I thought she (Smith) did a great job."

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Blazers bumped off again, 56-51

Preseason top 25 pick Livonia Ladywood is off rough start to the girls basketball season.

On Thursday, the Blazers fell victim to host Flint Powers Catholic, 56-51, dropping to 0-2 overall. Senior forward Brianna Adams paced the 2-0 Chargers, who led 30-20 at halftime, with 13 points. Junior center Grace Herzog scored seven of her nine points in the third quarter.

Flint Powers connected on 22-of-34 free throws (64 percent) and 16-of-37 shots from the floor (43 percent), while Ladywood was 11-of-20 from the line (55 percent) and 17-of-53 from the field (32 percent).

Ladywood's leading scorers Alison Szczyпка (19) and Jenna Anastos (15) both fouled out. Amber Drabicki added seven.

Center Alex Serowoky went to the bench in the first half with three fouls.

"The kids played hard, but we got into huge foul trouble and it was frustrating to deal with," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said.

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GIRLS HOOP WRAP

and Jessica Angel tallied 19 and 15 points, respectively, to lead the Wildcats (2-0) past host Westland John Glenn (1-1).

Brittany Holbrook paced Glenn, which trailed 32-21 at halftime, with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Chanel Payne added nine. Novi was 18-of-23 from the foul line, while Glenn was 12-of-17.

CLARENCEVILLE 33, WHITMORE LAKE 28: Amanda Moody scored nine points and Amber O'Halloran added eight Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (1-1) solved the zone defense of Whitmore Lake (0-2) to break a 13-all halftime deadlock.

Jessica Catley had eight in a losing cause. HURON VALLEY 41, LUTHER SOUTH 25: Lauren Adlof scored 11 points Friday to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-1) past visiting Newport Lutheran South (0-2).

Nicole Schaffer and Katie Kipfmüller each added six for the Hawks, who pulled away with a 25-14 second-half run.

South was 6-of-20 from the foul line, while Huron Valley was 5-of-15.

BRIGHTON 54, WAYNE 48: A 28-2 second-quarter run Friday propelled the host Bulldogs (2-0) past Wayne Memorial. Trena Barbee scored 12 in a losing cause.

Natalie Bisaro and Jenny Cheslak each tallied 11 for Brighton.

INTER-CITY 43, HURON VALLEY 33: On Thursday, Amanda Ison scored 15 points and Whitney Runkle added 13 Thursday as host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (2-0) downed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-1) in a non-conference game.

Lauren Adlof scored 14 and Katie Kipfmüller contributed 10 for the Hawks, who couldn't overcome a 23-16 halftime deficit.

DEARBORN 42, CHURCHILL 31: Laura Inch tallied 12 points and Meredith Berce added 10 Wednesday as the visiting Pioneers (1-1) beat Livonia Churchill (0-2) in a non-conference matchup.

Darcy DeRoo had eight points and six rebounds for the Chargers, who had to play catch-up after trailing 17-10 after one quarter. Shannon Getchen also scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds.

HAZEL PARK 60, CLARENCEVILLE 32: On Wednesday, Shawricka Thomas netted 16 points and Alycea Dias added 12 to lead the Vikings (1-0) to a season-opening victory at Livonia Clarenceville (0-1).

Hazel Park led 28-21 at halftime and 40-28 after three quarters before breaking it open with a 20-5 fourth-quarter run.

Senior guard Amanda Moody led the Trojans in scoring with 12 points. Cheney Kemp chipped in with 12 rebounds and six blocks.

Churchill corrals Mustangs, 5-3

Nate Milam scored his 13th and 14 goals of the season Friday as unbeaten Livonia Churchill rallied from a 1-0 first-period deficit to beat host Northville, 5-3, in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover boys hockey win at the Novi Ice Arena.

Josh Proben added a goal and assist for the 5-0 Chargers, who rallied with four second-period goals.

Nick Harakas and Stefan Kubus also scored for Churchill. Keith Yackley chipped in with two assists.

Drew Lameroux, Alex Brewin and Ross Riehl tallied goals for the Mustangs (4-1).

Greg Wirrick made 21 saves for Churchill, while Ted Keranen had 25 for Northville.

FRANKLIN & SALEM 0: Tyler Barnes had a hat trick and one assist, while Eric Volk contributed two goals and two assists Friday as Livonia Franklin (3-1) routed host Salem (1-4) at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Alex Wypych contributed four assists in the win, while Brandon Pump, Dan Ostrosky and Derrick Davis tallied the other goals. The game ended on the eight-goal mercy when Davis scored with 11:09 left in the final period as the Patriots were killing off a four-minute five-on-three penalty situation.

Franklin netminder Austin Mesler made 20 saves en route to the shutout.

STEVENSON 4, W.L. WESTERN 2: After losing 8-1 in a previous meeting, Walled Lake Western (0-4) kept it close Friday against host Livonia Stevenson (4-0) as netminder Ben Shabam made 45 saves. Mike Voran had a pair of goals and an assist for the Spartans, who led 3-2 after two periods. Zach Roberts and Ian Curran also scored for the Spartans. Ben James had a goal and assist for the Warriors. Stevenson netminder Richie Dunphy had to make just seven saves.

CHURCHILL 5, CANTON 1: Special teams played a big role as Livonia Churchill (4-0) earned a WLAA crossover win Wednesday over

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the visiting Chiefs (4-1) at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on Nate Milam's power-play goal from Keith Yackley at 5:43 followed by Mitch Carpenter's power-play goal from Josh Proben and Stefan Kubus at 10:55.

In the second period, Yackley scored from Milam and Garrett Mienier at 4:20 and Scott Sundberg followed with a goal at 11:29 from Mike Woynick and Christo Papaionnou.

Milam's 12th goal of the season from Tyler Cotter at 3:49 of the third period came short-handed as the Chargers were killing off a five-on-three. Kory Sosnowski scored for Canton from Nick Timlenko and Ryan Lash on a five-on-three power play at 4:53 of the third. Churchill goaltender Greg Wirrick stopped 17 shots.

FRANKLIN 3, W.L. CENTRAL 1: On Wednesday, Livonia Franklin (2-1) skated past Walled Lake Central in a Western Lakes crossover on Brandon Pump's power-play goal from Daniel Ostrosky and Dave Muller at 6:06 of the second period, which proved to be the game-winner.

After a scoreless first period, Franklin's Derek Davis scored at 3:51 from Ryan Hudie and Robbie Ringe, but Central tied it at 4:55 on a Corben Titus goal from Evan Flynn and Jack Kennedy.

Robbie Beattie scored an insurance goal from Tyler Barnes and Alex Wypych at 4:15 of the third period for the Patriots.

Franklin goaltender Austin Mesler stopped 20-of-21 shots, while Central's Brett Malbin made 45 saves.

G.P. NORTH 5, LADYWOOD 1: Alexa Quinlan tallied two goals and one assist Wednesday as host Grosse Pointe North (3-0-1) defeated Livonia Ladywood (1-3-1) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game played at the Grosse Pointe Civic Arena.

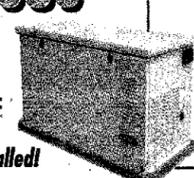
Ladywood, which managed only 14 shots, got a second period goal from Abby Kienbaum. It was 3-1 after two periods. Goaltie Michelle Wrynienko stopped 40-of-45 shots for the Blazers.

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KEVIN DEBEAR, SR., SALEM: deBear saved his best for last, finishing with a personal-best 15:56 at the Division 1 state meet, which earned him 20th place. He placed first in the WLA Lakes Division Jamboree, first at the WLA conference meet and second at the Regional meet. He also captured the title at the Traverse City Invitational and placed fifth at the Wayne County Championships.

"Kevin has been a model Salem runner since he began running as a freshman," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "He has improved tremendously since his freshman year and his steady increase in training has matched his improvement. Kevin was the lone representative for Salem at last year's state meet, and he achieved three of his biggest goals at the state meet this year: earn All-State honors, break 16 minutes and break into the All-Time top 10 list at Salem."

DUNCAN SPITZ, JR., CANTON: The junior capped a sensational season by earning All-State recognition at the Division 1 state meet. The Chiefs' MVP was also the champion at the WLA Western Division meet (16:25), third at the WLA conference meet (16:33) and first at the Division 1 Regional at Schoolcraft College.

"Duncan is the best runner in school history," state Canton coach Bill Boyd. "He runs more miles in the off-season than anyone on the team. He sets high goals for himself and his team and is a leader at practice."

"His school record in 2006 (16:24) is no fluke. Duncan works hard and earns everything he accomplishes."

ROB CURTIS, JR., SALEM: Curtis closed out a spectacular season by posting a personal-best 16:29 at the Division 1 state meet, finishing 74th. He was second at the WLA Lakes Division Jamboree, 15th at the Division 1 Regional meet. He also placed fourth at the Traverse City Invitational and seventh at the Wayne County Championships.

"Rob ran all year as the No. 2 runner and will look to fill the No. 1 spot left by Kevin deBear on next year's team," said Baker. "Rob continues to impress with his positive attitude and tremendous work ethic, and he will be a leader on next year's senior-led team."

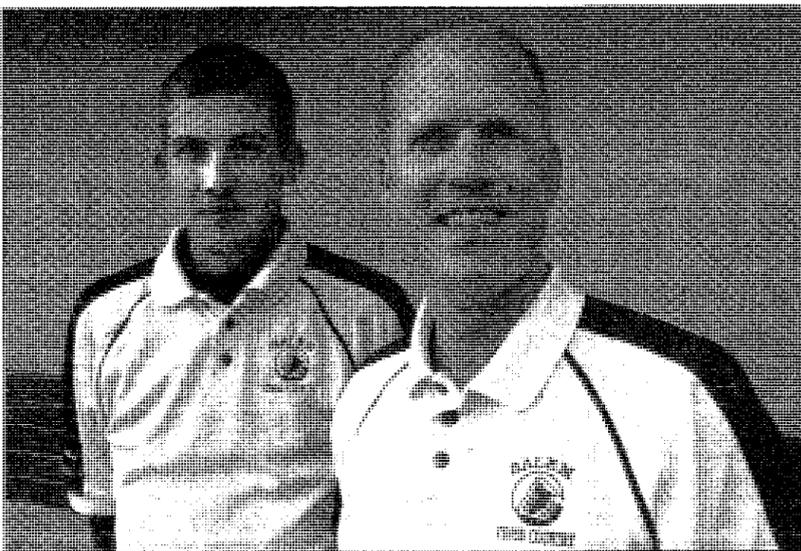
JOE VARILONE, SR., CHURCHILL: The senior capped a stellar season with a 54th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet with a season-best time of 16:21.4. He qualified for the state meet by placing 11th at the D1 Regional in 17:03.

"Joe is an outstanding leader and person as well as being a very, very good runner," said Churchill coach John McGreevey. "His personal qualities transcend running. Joe is an excellent student who cares deeply about the world around him. He offers his time to other students and he is a wonderful role model. He is very serious about the sport of cross country and he always gives his best effort before and during competition."

EVAN SIRENA, SR., FRANKLIN: Sirena enjoyed a consistently productive senior year, placing 91st at the Division 1 state meet along with top-10 showings at the D1 Regional (seventh in 16:57), WLA Conference Meet (ninth in 16:46), Western Division Jamboree (seventh in 16:56) and Livonia City Meet, which he won in 16:59. The two-time state qualifier is the second-fastest Franklin cross country runner of all time.

"Evan joined the team as a sophomore and quickly dazzled me with a time trial of 25:14," said Franklin coach Walt Reaser. "It wasn't long before he figured out that hard work in practice means better times in the meets. His effort in practice made me look forward to the next meet to see how much time he was going to take off again."

"Evan has set the bar high for all future Patriot runners to follow. Because of all his



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Salem boys cross country coach Geoff Baker (right) was named 2007 Coach of the Year after leading the Rocks to an outstanding season. He is pictured above with assistant coach Steve Aspinall.

qualities -- great runner, great teammate, great leader, sly sense of humor and great intestinal fortitude -- the team and I will miss him."

DEREK HOERMAN, SR., CANTON: The four-year varsity runner and MHSAA Scholar-Athlete earned All-WLAA and All-Region honors while turning in the sixth-fastest time in school history (16:34). He was voted the Chiefs' "Hardest Worker" and was a captain.

"Derek has been the backbone of Canton's rebuilding program," said Boyd. "His work ethic leads the team and inspires the younger runners to do their best each day. He is one of the best all-around people I have coached."

KYLE CLINTON, JR., CANTON: The 11th-grader had a stellar year, earning All-Division, All-WLAA and All-Region honors while running a 16:33 at the Division 1 state meet, which was the fifth-fastest time ever recorded for a Chief runner. He was voted team co-MVP along with Duncan Spitz.

"Kyle is one of the best runners in school history," said Boyd. "He gives 100 percent each day and never complains. His teammates elected him MVP and a captain."

CRAIG COWING, JR., SALEM: Cowing finished with a career-best 16:54 at this year's Jackson Invitational. He was also fourth at the WLA Lakes Division Jamboree, 20th at the WLA Conference Meet and 10th at the D1 Regional race.

"Craig has been a key member of the Salem cross country team since his sophomore year," said Baker. "He did a nice job filling the No. 3 role for Salem this year. He had a difficult job trying to close the gap between the top two runners and the rest of the top seven."

MARK WATERBURY, JR., CHURCHILL: Like his teammate Varilone, Waterbury saved his best effort for last when he posted a time of 16:40 at the Division 1 state meet. The time was two seconds faster than his previous clocking of 16:42 at the Wayne County meet.

"Mark had a very good season," said McGreevey. "I do not think he knows how good of a runner he really could become. He

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is an excellent student who loves to laugh, but also possesses a very sensitive and compassionate side for his teammates and others. Mark is very tough and usually runs his best races when the conditions are less than ideal. I am expecting better times and a great year in 2008 for Mark."

SPENCER LYLE, JR., LUTHERAN WESTLAND: Lyle enjoyed an accolade-filled campaign in which he won five different races including three invitationals. Among his triumphs were firsts in the Catholic Central Division 2 race (17:00), the Falcon Invitational Division 2 race (16:39.5) and the Division 4 Gabriel Richard race (17:19.1). He was fourth in the Metro Conference with a personal best time of 16:31, and he was the D4

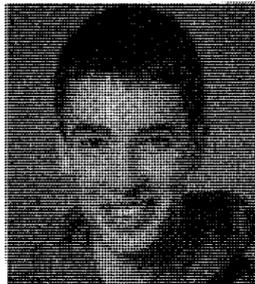
Regional champion with a clocking of 16:01. The Academic All-State performer's time of 17:52 at the D4 state meet was good enough for 11th place.

"Spencer had a great season, mostly due to the fact that he has made large strides in learning how to race," said Lutheran Westland coach Jeremy Fabris. "I'm proud of the steps he has taken within the last few years to really understand what it takes to perform to the best of his ability."

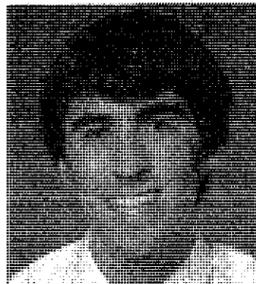
JUSTIN HUEY, SR., PLYMOUTH: Huey's second-straight trip to the Division 1 state meet yielded a 166th-place finish in 17:10.1. Huey was a bright light for the Wildcats this season, as he finished fourth at the D1 Regional meet with a clocking of 16:53.



Kevin deBear - Salem



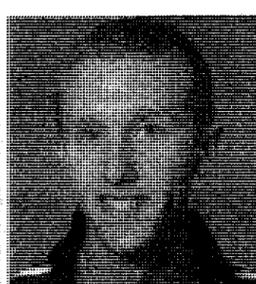
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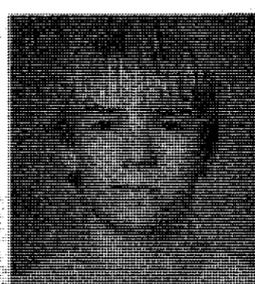
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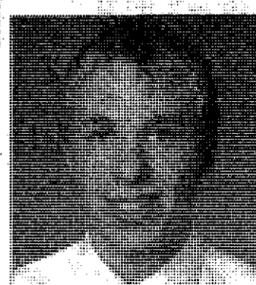
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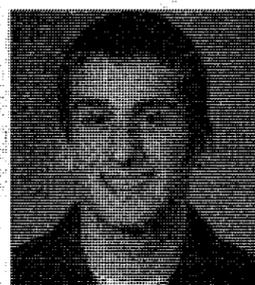
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BOYS BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOKS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Jim Solak, sixth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 10-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Brad Evans.
Leading returns: Ryan Rosenick, 6-3 Sr. F (second-team All-Area; 17 ppg; 10 rpg); Ryan Whitlum, 6-1 Sr. G; Daran Carey, 5-9 Sr. G; Nick Seger, 6-5 Sr. F; Andrew Vagnetti, 6-0 Sr. G; Billy Tutowski, 5-10 Sr. G; Nick Kirby, 6-4 Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Shauntez Thomason, 6-4 Sr. F; Scott Sencyszyn, 5-10 Jr. G; Ryan Woods, 5-10 Jr. G.
Solak's 2007-08 outlook: "I'm really excited about our senior leadership and I think our versatility will help us this year. We can go deep into our bench and I think we're better than many more aspects of the game than we have in the past. That's a credit to the kids in the off-season. They got bigger, faster and stronger. We have to get better at consistency. We look unbeatable for two weeks, then we look like we haven't practiced in two weeks."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Jeremy Rheault, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 2-19.
Notable losses to graduation: Tyler Canyock, Alex Reid, Andy Ring.
Leading returns: Ryan Matthey, 6-0 Sr. G; Cole Kelly, 5-10 Sr. G; Kevin Percin, 5-10 Sr. G; Steve Conway, 6-3 Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Jeffery Poole, 6-2 Jr. F; Israel Woolfork, 6-4 Sr. F; Connor Leidal, 6-3 Jr. F; Blake Havel, 6-0 Jr. F; Garrett Gumm, 5-9 Jr. G; Kyle Koppa, 6-2 Jr. F.
Rheault's 2007-08 outlook: "Right now, defensively, we're working together to try and pressure the basketball, and then create turnovers and push the ball. Offensively, I think we're going to struggle in the half-court. I'm concerned about handling pressure, sticking to fundamentals, and taking care of the basketball in the half-court. We're working on sharing the ball on offense and communicating on defense. Right now we have to emphasize defense, rebounding and getting stops to create opportunities in the open court."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Mike Allie, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 8-16.
Titles won last year: Class A district champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Luke Knochel (first-team All-Area); Chris Mulcahy (fourth-team All-Area); Derek Severson, Nate Wilson, Ryan Anead.
Leading returns: Kendall Snow, 6-4 Jr. F; Matt Harris, 6-3 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Richard Chrzasz, 5-10 Jr.

G; Gary Cobb, 6-3 Jr. F; Anthony Dostal, 5-10 Sr. G; Jordan El-Sabeh, 6-4 Soph. F; Mark Grisa, 6-0 Jr. F; Bobby Naubert, 5-10 Soph. G; Casey Quinn, 6-2 Sr. G; Brian Rowe, 6-1 Jr. G; Nate Sergison, 5-10 Jr. G.
Allie's 2007-08 outlook: "With the graduation of five senior starters and the great success of our football team, we have started off slower than I anticipated. We are very young in terms of playing experience at the varsity level, but the team is working extremely hard and improving every day. With all five starting spots open, the atmosphere at practice has been very competitive. We have been stressing the importance of rebounding and taking care of the basketball. I'm very pleased with the effort from Kendall (Snow) thus far as he has proven to be a leader on the court."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Dan Young, second year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Titles won last year: Lakes Division champions.
Last year's overall record: 14-7.
Notable losses to graduation: Rob Jones, Cordarryl Jones.
Leading returns: Earl Hardison, 6-1 Sr. G-F (first-team All-Area; 16 ppg; 7.8 rpg; 4 apg); Keshawn Martin, 6-0 Sr. G (second-team All-Area; 12 ppg; 7 apg; 3 rpg); Stefan Marken, 6-3 Sr. F (third-team All-Area; 12 ppg); Austin Anderson, 5-11 Jr. G; Jordan Manier, 6-9 Sr. C; Dorian Prather, 6-4 Jr. F; Paul Estrada, 5-11 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Derrick Crosby, 6-2 Jr. F; Jeremy Langford, 5-11 Soph. G.
Young's 2007-08 outlook: "It's the second year for all of us being together in the system. Defensively and offensively, it's the same things we've been working on two years. We have to be more consistent, defend, take great shots, and play unselfish. We have to share the basketball. That's all we've been talking about since day one. Those things take time, but that's what we're shooting for. We have to do that against teams that are as good or better than us if we want a chance to compete. With all the guys coming back, the experience we have and adding a few off JV, I think we do have good depth and we'll have more guys that we'll be able to rotate in."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Wayne Woodard, eighth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 7-14 (includes four forfeit losses due to using an ineligible player).
Notable losses to graduation: Marcus Williams, Levertis Hawkins.
Leading returns: Mike Lee, 5-10 Sr. G (second-team All-Area; 14.3 ppg); John Hill, 6-2 Sr. F (third-team All-Area; 11 ppg); Robert Woodson, 5-11 Jr. PG; Jeremy Lovelady, 6-10 Sr. C (8 ppg, 7 rpg); Martez Abney, 5-10 Sr. G; Willie Pompey, 6-0 Sr. G; Matt Lewis, 6-1 Sr. G-F.

Promising newcomers: Daniel Hill, 6-3 Soph. F; Mike Safford, 5-8 Jr. G; Joe Barton, 5-8 Jr. G; Jesse Dorow, 6-3 Jr. F; Ryan Collop, 6-2 Sr. F; Jeremy Vandegriff, 6-3 Jr. F; Jimmel Bennett, 6-3 Jr. F; Delorean Holland, 6-1 Jr. F.
Woodard's 2007-08 outlook: "We shot the really well in our scrimmages, but we were not fantastic by any stretch. We just need to execute our offense better when the chips are on the line. Jeremy (Lovelady) is coming off a fractured foot. He's only practiced three days. He's coming back pretty well. Lee, Hill, Woodson and Abney are scorers. Lovelady can score, too, if he's at full strength."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Corey McKendry, second year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's overall record: 6-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Brian Davis.
Leading returns: Lonnie Fairfax, 5-9 Sr. PG (fourth-team All-Area; 9 ppg; 7.3 apg); Jamie Stewart, 6-4 Jr. G (18.2 ppg); Jeremy Gainer, 6-2 Jr. C (13.6 ppg; 9.9 rpg); Matt Garant, 6-1 Jr. F; Raphael Carter, 6-1 Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Haniyf Mark, 6-1 Jr. F; Darryl Whitaker, 5-9 Jr. G; Josh Robinson, 5-10 Jr. G; Ramsey Hadaad, 6-1 Sr. F; Randy Aubrey, 5-11 Jr. G; Kevin Fairrey, 6-0 Sr. G; Levonte Brooks, 5-9 Soph. G; Deon Handley, 5-6 Sr. G; Kwan Greene, 6-1 Jr. F.
McKendry's 2007-08 outlook: "We've simplified things. Defensively we're only going to do a couple different things, but we want to do it well. It's been refreshing so far this season. Everybody is healthy, grade-point up, proud of the effort in the classroom. We're going to go as those three (Fairfax, Stewart and Gainer) go, they're going to carry us. Jamie (Stewart) is a totally different player than a year ago. He's elevated his game and has really improved. He's a pure scorer."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Brandon Bekius, first year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's overall record: 14-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Kyle Ranthun (second-team All-Area); Sean Vandenbrink, Alex Edwards, Josh Haller.
Leading returns: Ryan Baglow, 5-10 Sr. G; Nate Bachert, 6-2 Sr. F; Sam Ahlersmeyer, 6-0 Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Josh Kruger, 5-9 Jr. G; Micah Hausch, 5-8 Jr. G; Aaron Derminer, 5-9 Sr. G.
Bekius' 2007-08 outlook: "We're guard heavy. Our tallest guy is 6-4 on his best day, but we're a little bit more athletic. We'll be able to run up-and-down a little bit. My concern is rebounding and turnovers due to lack of varsity experience. We're hoping to pressure the ball, push it up the floor, create turnovers. We want to create offense with our defense."

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Metro Conference.
 A darkhorse in the Metro Conference could be Livonia Clarenceville (6-15), which is led by 6-4 guard Jamie Stewart, who averaged 18.2 points per game but missed part of last season with an injury. Stewart, who reminds some of former Trojan standout Donnie Carson (now at Idaho State), is joined by senior point-guard Lonnie Fairfax, who averaged nine points and 7.3 assists per game, and 6-2 junior center Jeremy Gainer, who averaged 13.6 points and 9.9 rebounds.
 "We're small, but athletic," second-year coach Corey McKendry said. "We know we have to rebound and play aggressive. We've been preaching toughness, especially mental toughness."

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

CLARENCEVILLE QUAD MEET
 Nov. 30 at Livonia Clarenceville
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 42
REDFORD UNION 30
 103 pounds: Brent Gilman (C'ville) won by void.
 112: Matt Kibner (RU) pinned Coy Silanpaa, 0:28.
 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) p. Joshua Harrison, 0:44.
 125: Steve Courtney (C'ville) won by void.
 130: Scott Convery (C'ville) p. Raul Garcia, 3:06.
 135: Cody Silanpaa (C'ville) p. Wade Natho, 0:57.
 140: Keith Landon (RU) p. Patrick Walker, 1:40.
 145: Tony Brandt (C'ville) won by major decision over Matthew Belogradich, 9:1.
 152: Derek Robbins (C'ville) dec. Chris Goodyear, 8:4.
 160: Ashton Grange (RU) won by void.
 171: Tim Siedinski (C'ville) won by void.
 189: Justin Thomas (RU) dec. Andrew Jasmier, 8:3.
 215: Alec Martin (RU) dec. Maumer Mesinovic, 6:5.
 286: Trevor Gorman (RU) p. Matthew Neal, 4:26.
RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD 40
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 36
 119: Louie Pliszker (RGR) decisioned Jake Ruth, 8:3.
 125: Pat Pliszker (RGR) pinned Steve Courtney, 5:31.
 130: Tom Cada (RGR) won by technical fall over Scott Convery, 15:0.
 135: Cody Silanpaa (C'ville) p. Ben Glines, 0:40.
 140: Sean Miller (RGR) dec. Patrick Walker, 9:6.
 145: Jarek Weglenica (RGR) p. Tony Brandt, 1:58.
 152: Derek Robbins (C'ville) p. Nick Schroeder, 0:59.
 160: Kyle Hilliker (RGR) won by void.
 171: David Firlik (RGR) won by major dec. over Tim Siedinski, 16:4.
 189: Andrew Jasmier (C'ville) p. Phil Laghy, 2:54.
 215: Dan Callison (RGR) p. Travis Edwards, 0:50.
 285: Matt Neal (C'ville) p. Brian Sakowski, 3:30.
 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) p. Brian Malis, 1:15.
 112: Coy Silanpaa (C'ville) won by void.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 1-1 overall.

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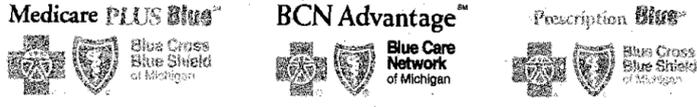
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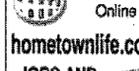
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Trouble in Toyland

Groups release latest findings on safety

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Scrolling down the seemingly endless list of recalled toys on the Consumer Product Safety Commission Web site (www.cpsc.gov) is overwhelming for parents.

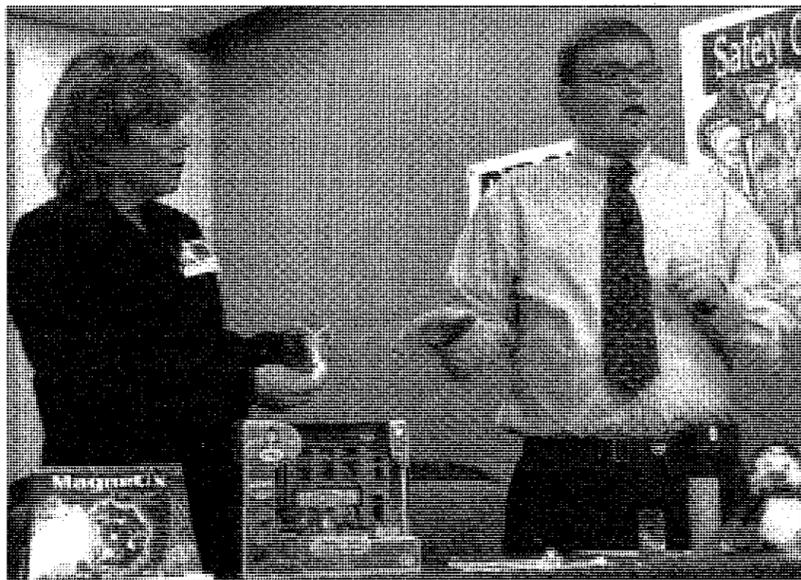
It's Donna Bucciarelli's job to promote safety, but even the Livonia mother is bewildered. She could spend hours on the Internet and still not find information on whether a particular item is safe from lead or toxic chemicals. Eight-year-old Elena loves jewelry, but Bucciarelli decided not to buy any this year unless it says 100-percent pewter or sterling silver on the packaging. Unfortunately, Bucciarelli says most items don't list contents.

Lead content in paints and silver (painted) jewelry really have me worried. Girls love anything that can clip on their backpacks, zippers, any piece of jewelry. I remember doing it myself putting the chain in my mouth and there's no way by looking to tell if there's lead in that," said Bucciarelli, a registered nurse and trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Hospitals.

Bucciarelli tried to find a way to check for lead but discovered the accuracy of home testing kits is questionable so she's in the process of renting and making available a machine that detects the harmful substance in toys at Safety City, U.S.A. in Royal Oak where she is program manager. Safety City educates children and adults on topics ranging from fire prevention to Decking Your Halls Safely (Dec. 11). For information about using the lead detecting machine after Christmas, call (248) 551-0103. Register for the Decking Your Halls Safely seminar for seniors by calling (248) 551-0100.

BUYER BEWARE

Bucciarelli warns parents just because a toy has been recalled not all have been



Holly Bair, Beaumont Hospital's trauma care coordinator, and Aaron Pinkston of the Public Interest Group in Michigan (PIRGIM) talk about dangerous toys such as this lead-containing zipper pull during a press conference at Safety City, U.S.A. in Royal Oak.

removed from store shelves. About a week ago, she saw Aqua Dots in a store after the manufacturer recalled the craft kits because beads were found to be coated with a toxic chemical.

"My husband had ordered Polly Pocket toys and had to return those on a recall because of the magnets. I'm hoping there are no problems with My Little Pet Shop. Those do have magnets, but wouldn't fit through a toilet paper roll," said Bucciarelli.

Smaller toys are the No. 1 reason children end up in the emergency room at Beaumont Hospital, according to Holly Bair, a registered nurse and Beaumont's Trauma Care coordinator. She suggests parents use a toilet paper tube to determine if a child could swallow a toy. If a toy or part fits inside the cardboard tube the toy is a choking hazard.

"It's important for parents to inspect the toy. If you can get a wheel off a truck, a 3-year-old can," said Bair of White Lake. "Parents should check a toy to see if it comes apart easily. Children can choke on toy parts, coins, anything they can get in their mouth, especially 1- to 2-year-olds. That's usu-

ally when they're in their oral stage. Anything with removable parts shouldn't be given to kids under 4. It is the most common injury related to toys. Parents should read labels, if it's confusing, don't buy the toy. Parents need to use common sense and pick age appropriate toys for their children."

Bair recommends reading the 22nd Trouble in Toyland report at www.uspsig.org. Bair and Aaron Pinkston, a representative of the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan (www.pirgim.org), recently announced the results of the study on toy safety. Prior to the press conference, Pinkston stopped at stores to buy items including a zipper pull with a 60 percent lead weight in it, a stuffed animal with removable eyes, balloons (a choking hazard when not inflated), and a panda magnet.

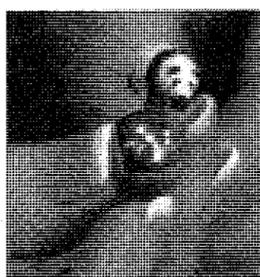
"Annually this is when we call attention to it because we're all out there shopping but we should be thinking about safety every time we go shopping for toys," said Bair. "The problem is if they swallow one (magnet) it will probably do no harm, swallow two and even if in different parts of a child's bowel can attract

and cause an obstruction or perforation. Keep away magnets from any child under age 6 and if they swallow one or more seek immediate medical attention."

ACTION URGED

Pinkston refers to 2007 as the year of the recall. He's encouraging parent to call their U.S. senators and representatives and tell them "the Consumer Product Safety Commission needs more funding and staff to protect our children better so toys don't get on the shelves in the first place. There are far too few inspectors and no government agency required to inspect toys before they get on the shelves. They're working on a bill HR3691 The Safe Consumer Product Act which will allow a third party lab inspection for all manufactured toys."

In the meantime, the Michigan-based Ecology Center releases the results of testing more than 1,500 toys for toxic chemicals on a new Web site (www.healthytoys.org) on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Six similar groups across the country used X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzers to check how toys rank in terms



This panda magnet is not only a choking hazard but could cause intestinal obstructions and perforations if swallowed.

of lead, cadmium, PVC, and other chemicals which could cause reproductive problems, developmental and learning disabilities, hormone problems, and cancer.

"It's a consumer guide to toxic chemicals in children's toys where they'll be able to look up particular products," said Mike Shriberg of the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor. Shriberg has a 2-year-old and another baby on the way.

"If you're shopping at your local toy store you have no idea of the toxic chemicals in those toys. This is somewhere parents can go but it's by no means a comprehensive data base. We chose toys on what we thought parents might be buying. I was most surprised with the sheer volume of toys that tested for harmful chemical toxins, sometimes at very high levels, and they're made in America as well as China. There's no government oversight on toxic chemicals even in the U.S."

Shriberg offers a few tips for parents until legislation is in place.

"I look for products made of unpainted wood and avoid most plastics especially PVCs," said Shriberg. "We'd like for parents to get involved in contacting their legislatures. The Web site has a place for people to write letters to manufacturers. The key thing is we found many toys were free of lead and cadmium which shows manufacturers can make very safe products."

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Check heart before exercising

Shawn from Commerce e-mails concerned about the recent death of 28-year-old marathon runner Ryan Shay. He was in good shape, so how could he die so suddenly?

Shawn, Shay did have an enlarged heart and doctors are now looking into whether that could have caused his death.

Recent studies have

indicated that having an enlarged heart is the biggest cause of sudden death among young athletes. About 125 athletes under age 35 die of sudden death in the United States each year. The vast majority are

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Peter Nielsen

cardiac-related. Heart conditions are often missed because many athletes don't go through proper screening. The American Heart Association and other groups are now pushing for uniform heart screening of athletes.

Ken from Waterford e-mails concerned about his wife. She is a smoker and he cannot get her to quit. What can he do?

Ken, tell her about this new study linking smoking to an increased risk of the skin disease psoriasis.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

December

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Open house and tours
St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Grand Celebration Open House for the community to celebrate the opening of its new Heart & Vascular Center and Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. There will be tours of both new facilities along with musical entertainment from the Livonia Public Schools and 3D's and W Barbershop Quartet, refreshments and free gift while supplies last. Please use South Entrance.

For more information, call (734) 655-1590 or www.stmarymercy.org. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia.

Divorce support group
Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

Gastric bypass seminar
Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy at MBI's upcoming Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Speakers are Dr. Tallal Zeni, medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, program director and post-op patient. Call (734) 655-2693, or Toll free (877) Why-Weight, to register for free seminars.

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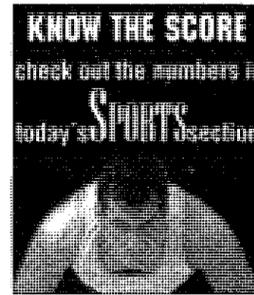
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The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Dr. Michael Hsu 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford road. Hsu, a clinical lecturer and

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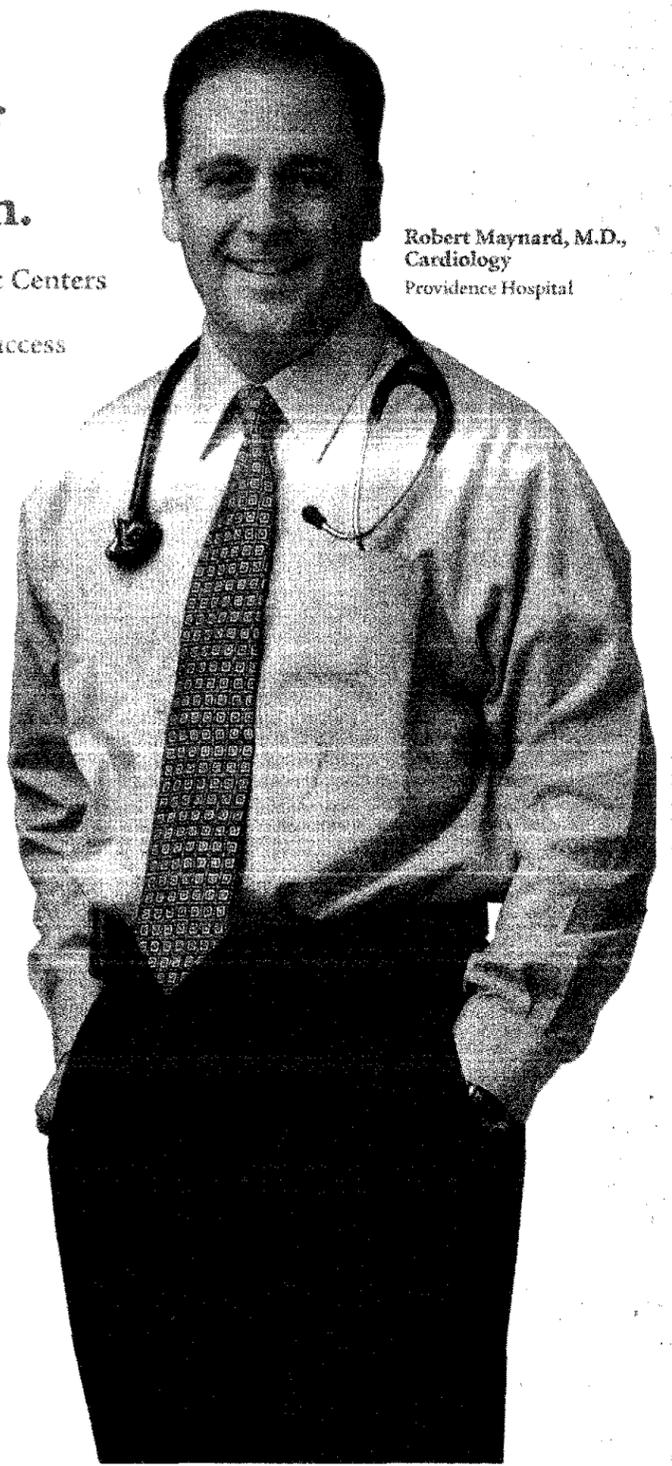
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Cycle of anger can be broken

I feel so bad when I yell at my children. I don't do it often but when I do, I tend to go overboard. Then I just feel like a jerk and a nag. The thing is that I remember how it felt to be yelled at and I promised myself that I would treat my kids differently. I guess that I was wrong ... I treat them the same as I was treated. Don't get me wrong, I don't call them names or hit them, but I get very loud and I know that I am hurting my relationship with them. I want to stop and I try to, I really do, but something will happen and it will trigger me to explode and then I find myself doing it all over again. I guess that I'm writing to ask you if you have any suggestions for me. How can I stop yelling instead of talking when I need to discipline my children?

Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski

I'm glad that you took the time to write this letter because I'm sure that there are many other parents that feel the same way that you do. It's easy to get frustrated by any

number of things and to feel it boil over at an inappropriate time and direct it at people that do not deserve to be the recipients of our anger. When we are done venting and our normal selves re-emerge, we feel remorseful and guilty and promise ourselves that we will never act this way again. And we mean it ... until the next time that we feel overwhelmed.

From your letter, it sounds like you've made the connection between how you were parented and how you parent. For many of us, this similarity is not intentional and it does not fill us with pride. We intend to be a different kind of parent only to find that when we are in the moment, we employ those lessons that were learned in our own youth. After all, as children we were learning how to be parents by watching our own. The lessons that were taught were reinforced time and time again, starting long before any of us were even aware that we were internalizing these lessons.

You yell because you were yelled at. And unless this pattern is disrupted, your children will learn this same lesson ... as will their kids ... and theirs ... and ...

As ominous as this may seem, the cycle can be broken. Any lesson that can be learned can be unlearned, re-learned, or tossed aside.

The first requirement is to identify this anger as misplaced, out of proportion, and exaggerated. Once you accept

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Do you still think about the toy train you received one year as a kid or a doll house your dad made? *The Observer Newspapers* wants to hear about the special gift you received as a child for Christmas.

On Dec. 23, the Hometownlife section will feature our readers' memories. Send your story to hgallagher@hometownlife.com or *The Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Attn: Hugh Gallagher. The deadline for receipt is Monday, Dec. 17.

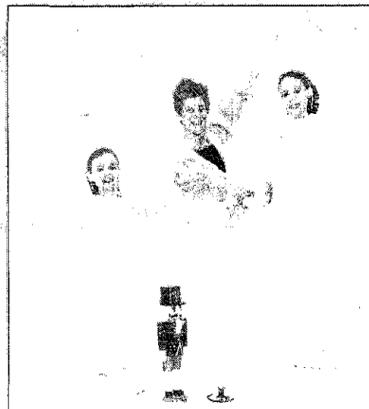
Sweet Dreams



Members of Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet perform the Arabian Dance at Birmingham Groves High School.

'Nutcracker' productions bring families closer together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Lauren Hansen (left) of Canton, Aaron Smith (Garden City), and Lindsay Powers (Plymouth) play the Claras and Nutcracker Prince with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.



Valerie, Olivia, and Ava Lovsin of Canton perform with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

Tom Frasier toned down his portrayal of Herr Drosselmeyer after a little girl burst into tears upon seeing the Farmington Hills man in costume. Like most of the parents in *Nutcracker* ballets, Frasier wants to spend time with his children so he annually volunteers to play the part of the mysterious toymaker who gives the Clara character a doll that magically comes to life. This year the role is especially meaningful because he's handing the Nutcracker to his daughter, Erica, in the 10th anniversary production of the Barbara Hatch Performing Company based in Farmington.

"It's priceless. Spending a Sunday with the girls is fun," said Frasier, a tooling engineer who's been tap dancing 12 years with daughters Erica and Meredith. "I watched my two kids grow up in all the parts."

Barbara Hatch is one of the local artistic directors who needs a lot of help staging the timeless classic with 140 dancers so she regularly calls on parents like Frasier to fill the adult roles.

"There's a lot of family involvement. A lot of parents play parts of parents in the party scene," said Hatch, who's taught at her School of Dance in downtown Farmington for 23 years and has a bachelor of fine arts in dance from Marygrove College.

"It's really an honor to be dancing with my dad and sister in the Nutcracker," said Erica Frasier, a sophomore at Harrison High School. "It's fun because we get closer together as family."

Meredith Frasier enjoys dancing with her father as much as Erica. The 19-year-old University of Michigan sophomore is one of the Snow Flakes.

"It's a lot of fun," said Meredith. "He's very animated and really enjoys the role. We have a lot of fun practicing and performing."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Eric Johnston is quite proud that many of his dancers have other members of their family involved in the

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'NUTCRACKER' PRODUCTIONS

Several ballet companies present Tchaikovsky's timeless classic with local dancers this season.

Plymouth-Canton Ballet and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets \$14-\$18 for adults/teens, \$8-\$10 children. Call (734) 676-5460 or (734) 451-2112.

Livonia Civic Ballet 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors, \$6 under age 12, add \$2 to each at the door. Call (248) 474-8722

Barbara Hatch Performing Company 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 15-16, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, north of Walnut Lake Road. All tickets \$15. Call (248) 476-7074

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, and Thursday-Friday, Dec. 20-21, at Groves High School, 13 Mile and Evergreen, Birmingham. By donation. Call (248) 854-5864

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Church celebration presents living Nativity and concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The members of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia have been hard at work for weeks to make their Advent Celebration a night to remember. While the live sheep, donkey and llama are sure to turn heads of passers-by, Amy Smith hopes the community stops to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by viewing the Living Nativity up close, then listening to a concert by the church's adult Chancel Choir, two adult bell choirs and two youth

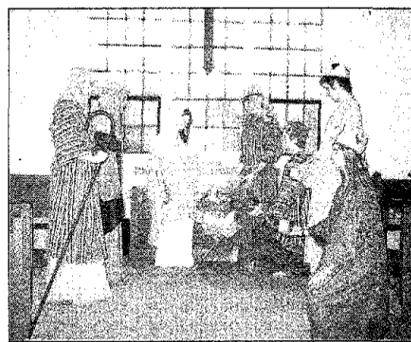
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ADVENT CELEBRATION

When: A Living Nativity starts at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, and continues until just before 7 p.m. when the Christmas Carol Collage Concert begins. Refreshments served in Fellowship Hall 6-6:45 p.m. Child care available for age 5 and under.

Where: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church U.S.A., 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia.

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bell choirs along with a number of soloists.

The church presented a Living Nativity before indoors but never with live animals. Members came up with idea to rent the sheep from Carousel Farms in South Lyon after using one of their donkeys on Palm Sunday.

In the past, the church has been known for its rich musical tradition which members are trying to revive with the Dec. 9 event.

"We want to encourage parents to bring their kids. It's a family event," said Smith, who's coordinating the concert and Living Nativity. Smith serves on the church's worship and music committee. "The Living Nativity will be outdoors on the side of the church facing West Chicago. They should be able to see it driving by. For me personally, it's a really a visual way to celebrate the birth of Christ. It reminds people of what the Christmas season is all about."

"The Collage concert features not secular Christmas carols just Christian carols and brings

it back to what it's all about. That was our main goal for the celebration and people enjoying themselves. We're also offering refreshments in the Fellowship Hall and we've solicited bakers in the congregation to bring their favorite cookies."

Smith is especially excited about the concert which spotlights several performances including the church's Chancel Choir under the direction of Paula Cinnard, an all-male choir singing *Silent Night*, a liturgical dance by Franklin High School student Emma Cole, Sandra Main playing solos on keyboard, Franklin High School junior Amy Afonso playing harp, and a three-generation trio featuring grandmother Helen Thomas, daughter Tracey Conrad and granddaughter Monica Conrad.

"It's a collage concert where the entire venue is dark," said Smith. "There are a series of performances which are literally spotlighted throughout the sanctuary. The theme is Christmas carols we love but it isn't all choral. We'll also have the Praise Team with a more contemporary format. We have a litany of very talented people. We have a tym-

pani band playing, brass, lots of duets and soloists. It's going to be a beautiful event."

Kathy Marzolf says it's always good when the church can highlight kids doing good things like participating in the church's music programs. Marzolf directs the youth ministries which meet weekly for fellowship and activities. This year, they're involved with collecting toys and sorting through canned food for Livonia Goodfellows, but also volunteer their time with Gleaners, Kids Against Hunger, and the Fort Street Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen during the year.

"They're a service-minded youth group," said Marzolf. "The youth group was asked to come in and do a live Nativity. They'll be taking different shifts so we can get more students involved. There's a lot of interest. We'll have Mary, Joseph, three or four shepherds, the Three Kings, and the baby. The kids seem excited to be a part. It helps them feel closer to the actual events of Christmas which sometimes becomes a secular time of year. It helps them put it in perspective."

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ANGER

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that this emotion is not appropriate we can take the necessary steps to counter and control it.

Next, you need to adopt a strict policy of no-anger disciplining. In other words, whenever you find that some type of parental intervention is necessary, calm yourself before acting. Use deep breathing, deep muscle relaxation, yoga, isometric exercises, etc. to counter your anger before it has the opportunity to take control of the situation.

If at all possible, allow the child, and yourself, to take a time out away from the situation and one another before attempting to discuss or render consequences. Also, if you have a parenting partner you may need to utilize a tag-team approach and withdraw from the situation until such a time as you are calm enough to re-enter safely and under control.

Another idea is to make a list of possible negative situations, misbehaviors, annoyances, and other potential anger triggers. Then, using this list as a guide, plan out ways in which to handle each of them

without anger. Remember that a lot of our anger comes from times that we feel threatened, overwhelmed and out of control, so the best way to counter this is to increase our feelings of preparedness and control. By having a ready-made plan in place, we will be less likely to be taken by surprise. We will also be following a plan devised when we are not angry and that is geared toward problem solving and not anger expression.

As I've stated numerous times in this column, I believe that the best interventions are positive and that reinforcements are more effective than punishments. If your plan adheres to this idea, your selected interventions will be less likely to involve anger or to result in unnecessary conflict.

For any of these ideas to be successful, you need to become aware of your emotional state. You will need to identify common triggers for your anger as well as learn to detect the onset or initial stages of anger so that you can disrupt or derail it before it becomes problematic.

Try to keep yourself attuned to your emotional state several times throughout the day. You may

find that on certain days, or following certain experiences, you are stressed and need to calm yourself down. If you are stressed at work, feeling ill or tired, etc. you need to recognize that you are more prone to anger and need to use caution in your interactions with others, especially your children.

These are just a few suggestions that may prove beneficial. If you find that these do not help and that your anger is still having a negative impact on your life, you may need to contact a therapist to help you with some more individualized strategies.

Just remember, the goal of parenting is to teach our children how to become adult members of society. We model what it means to be a spouse, worker, neighbor, citizen and parent through our actions. Whether we intend to be or not, we are role models and the lessons that we teach are well-learned. This responsibility is intimidating but the rewards are eternal.

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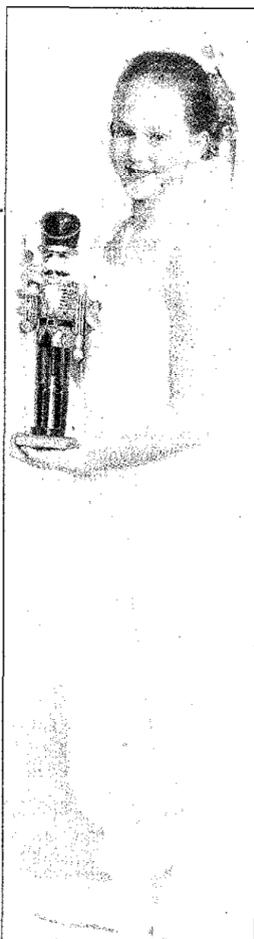
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NUTCRACKER

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Detroit Ballet production which consists of students from Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills and Birmingham Dance Academy.

"It's a family affair," said Eric Johnston.

Leisa and Charles Passarelli play parents in the opening scene, daughters Kaleigh, 13, the Snow Queen, and Tessa Rose, 11, a mechanical toy.

"Last year Tessa was Clara and he was Drosselmeyer," said Leisa Passarelli of Southfield. "He likes to watch his girls and take movies. He's a good ballet daddy."

All five of the Riveras do their part to present the story of Clara and the Nutcracker doll who becomes a real prince. Like the Passarellis, Sharon and Paul Rivera step on stage as parents. Later, Paul reappears as Drosselmeyer. Their oldest daughter, Sara, 16, a Birmingham Groves student, dances the Sugar Plum Fairy. Brother David, 14, is a butler and former Mouse King. Bethany, 11, is Snow Queen. This is Sharon's first time on stage. She usually helps with costumes behind the scenes.

"It's wonderful," said Sharon Rivera of Southfield. "No one's left out. We share in the

opportunity and enjoyment. It becomes a family tradition."

Shani Wozniak won't be on stage with her daughter, Allison, but the Livonia mother and her mother, Patricia Cybulski, more than likely will once again sit in the audience and cry when the 11-year-old girl plays Clara for a second year in the Livonia Civic Ballet production. Allison has been studying ballet at Miss Jean's Dance Arts in Livonia since age 3.

"One of our students Kendall Wagner is playing the Rat King and the Dew Drop. She's second generation. They keep coming back," said company founder Jean Newell.

Allison one day hopes to follow in her grandmother's footsteps as the Sugar Plum Fairy. In the meantime, Wozniak will continue volunteering with the Livonia Civic Ballet.

'LOVES TO DANCE'

"She just loves to dance," said Shani Wozniak. "She inherited that passion. She had been in *The Nutcracker* as an angel and a soldier and a child in opening act but Clara is her first big stage experience. We're very proud of her taking on such a big part and dancing with a partner for the first time. All of the kids practiced every Sunday for 10 to 12 weeks. It's a commitment for them."

Dawn Greene especially appreciates the parent volunteers especially the moms who bake for the sale during intermission to raise money for costumes and props.

"This Sunday is the last rehearsal and moms bring food in," said Greene, artistic director of the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company which dances *The Nutcracker* as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra plays Tchaikovsky's music. Greene's husband Beck plays Drosselmeyer every year.

This is Mark Kelly's second time as a parent in the opening scene with his daughter, Alexandria, 11, and son Ethan, 9. Wife Kris helps dress the kids backstage for roles that include soldiers and an angel in the Magic Kingdom.

"The first time they needed a volunteer they said all you have to do is just stand there. Come to find out I did all kinds of dancing up there," said Mark

Kelly of Canton. "It was a lot of fun."

Annette Schwartz admits to being a little nervous about her daughter, Hannah, performing in the Cincinnati Ballet *Nutcracker* presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre and Detroit Opera House at the Fox Theatre.

Several students from the Bunny Sanford School of Dance in Livonia were selected for parts after auditioning in late October. Hannah, a 9-year-old who attends Garfield Elementary in Livonia, is one of the baby mice.

"I was more upset for the girls who did not make it than happy for my daughter. It was just crushing for them," said Schwartz of Westland. "There were so many nervous parents, we were probably more nervous than the girls."

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DEBRA SUE KENT (nee Wadenstorer)

November 30, 2007. Beloved wife of John. Dear daughter of Laverne and Ida. Loving sister, daughter-in-law and aunt. Funeral Monday 10am (in state 9:30am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23815 Power, Farmington. Visitation Saturday 4-8pm and Sunday 2-8pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.).
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WILLIAM R. LEWELLEN

Age 76, of Bellaire and Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. Bill was born February 3, 1931, in Detroit, the son of Wendell G. and Hazel Hardsog Lewellen. Bill received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN and his MBA at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He spent 37 years at the Cadillac Motor Car Division of General Motors. He founded the Cadillac Museum in Detroit and was a member of the Cadillac LaSalle Club. He was known for his dedication, high standards for excellence, and was a great friend to many. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Millicent Chapman Lewellen. Also surviving are their children; William R., Jr. (Barbara) of Arlington Heights, IL, Geoffrey R. (Kimberly) of Highland, and Julia L. (Edwin) Piotrowski of Brighton and Bellaire; one brother, Donald R. (Carol) Lewellen of Bellaire and Westlake, OH, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Wendell G. (Jane) Lewellen, Jr. The family received friends at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes on Friday, November 30, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Mary Brown officiating. Interment followed in Lakeview Cemetery, Bellaire. Memorial donations may be made to the Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility or The Parkinson's Disease Foundation. Please sign our online guestbook at: www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



VICTOR EDWARD WESSLING

Age 90, retired from the U.S. Air Force, celebrated his homecoming with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at a retirement home in Corpus Christi surrounded by family. Service: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Richland Hills Baptist Church, Richland Hills, with the Rev. Mark Thrash and Dr. James Bass presiding. Interment: 1 p.m. Wednesday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with full military honors. Viewing: 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Richland Hills Baptist Church, 6852 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills, Texas 76118, or Christus Spohn Hospice Care, 6200 Saratoga Blvd., Suite 104, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414. "Wess," as he was known, was born in Alleghen, MI., on June 10, 1917. He was raised in Plymouth, MI, graduating from Plymouth High School in 1936. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1939 and was later stationed at Hickham Field, Hawaii, when Pearl Harbor was attacked. A year later, he was selected to pilot school where he received his wings flying B-17s. Additionally, he was an instructor in the C-46, C-47 and CG-4A glider. While stationed in Japan in 1949, he was transferred to Europe and flew in the Berlin airlift for six months. He served as pilot, flight engineer and in several other capacities. While stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Wess married the former Judy Copeland. He attended First Baptist Church in Austin and was led to the Lord by Dr. W.R. White, who also performed their wedding Dec. 21, 1946. Wess served the Lord overseas and in every state he was stationed. He was the strong, reserved, silent type who served in the background, never seeking praise or recognition. He deeply loved his church family at every station, especially Richland Hills Baptist Church in Richland Hills. Always quietly and faithfully serving, Wess made sure tables, chairs and song books were in place for Sunday school and the evening services at Homewood Retirement Home. The Lord blessed Judy and Wess with two sons, Richard and David, both retired Marines. Survivors: His wife of 60 years and 11 months, Judy; son, Richard (Gail) of Corpus Christi; granddaughters, Heather and Audrey; son, David (Melinda) of Roswell, GA.; grandchildren, Matthew, Amanda and Lindsey; son, Victor Jr. (Diane) of Pico Rivera, CA.; grandchildren, Anita, Victor III, Derek, Janiece and Paige; great-grandchildren, Haley and Brook; sister, Arlene Robinson of Lupton, MI.; and a very close nephew, Jim Sockow (Pat) of Farmington Hills, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bertha (Wright) and Peter Wessling, two sisters, Hazel Melot of Connecticut in 1977 and Ardyth Sockow of Plymouth, MI in 2003.

LLOYD R. BUSCH

Of Pontiac, died November 28, 2007 at 83 years of age. Husband of the late Alice (Sept. 30, 2007). Dear father of Blanche (John) Teatro of Pontiac, Lloyd Busch Jr. of Knoxville, TN and Michael (Debbie) Busch of Waterford. Dear grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of nine. Preceded in death by a sister Marjorie Jockwig. Mr. Busch was a veteran of the US Army, WWII. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a past member of VFW Post #1008, when it was the David Bellisle Post. Visitation Monday & Tuesday 3-5 & 7-9 PM at COATS FUNERAL HOME, Waterford. Vigil for the deceased Tuesday evening, in state Wednesday, December 5, 2007 10:30 AM at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford until the time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Rite of Committal with full military honors to follow at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or to American House, 1915 Baldwin, Pontiac, MI 48340. To send a private condolence go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.



MINNIE MURPHY (nee Tata)

November 26, 2007. Beloved wife of Bernard for 50 years. Loving mother of Brian (Sandy), Michele (Tim) Neyhard, Christine, Sharon (Paul) Welch. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Former employee of Mt. Carmel and St. Mary Mercy Hospitals. A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring of 2008. RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 734-422-6720, in charge of arrangements. Please sign online guest book at: rghharris.com

JEAN PERSONETTE

Age 63, of Mooresville, NC died on Monday, November 26 in Mt Pleasant (SC) at the Hospice Center. Beloved wife of John. Jean was born on April 9, 1944 in Valley Stream, NY to John Charles and Frances Dooley Colwell. She was a graduate of Glen Ridge High School in NJ and Bryant College in RI. She is survived by her husband, daughters Karen Szlosek and husband Mark of Daniel Island (SC), Lauren McCaffery and husband Matthew of Toledo, Ohio; sister Linda Schmidt and husband Ron of Yardley, PA; grandchildren Abby, Jennifer, Sam and Alex; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held in January. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Charleston, Hospice Center, 3870 Leeds Avenue, N. Charleston, SC 29405. MCALISTER-SMITH FUNERAL HOME, DOWNTOWN CHAPEL, is serving the family.

JOAN J. SHAW

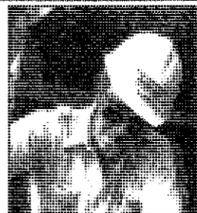
November 29, 2007, age 63, of Westland, MI. Beloved wife of Harry. Dear mother of Benjamin (Gina) Stacy, Michael Shopshire, Christopher Stacy and the late Brian Brown. Step mother of Ernest Michael Shaw and the late Diana Marie Shaw. Sister of Judy (Joseph) Hartman, the late Eleanor Hilday and Claudette Anderson. Grandmother of Brenton, Taylor, Blake and Caden Shopshire. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Service Monday 10am at the UH Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland Family will receive friends Sunday 1-9pm. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfh.com



SUSAN LYNN ZAPINSKI (nee Dever)

Went joyfully to her Lord November 28, 2007, after a difficult battle with adrenal cortical cancer. Born August 26, 1949 in Bangor, Maine to "Danny" and Betty Stanley Dever. She loved family history, books and all kinds of music. She was a graduate of Farmington High School and Oakland Community College. Susan Zapinski trained in library service and worked at private and public libraries. She enjoyed a blessed life with her family and great friends. She leaves with great sadness, her husband of 37 years, Martin B. Zapinski, and her beloved daughters Tracey O'Brien, Tonye Nadwomik, Terrye Kraft and Tandye Calvano. Wonderful Sons-in-law Mark O'Brien, Daniel Nadwornik, Andy Kraft and Robert Calvano. With her many terrific grandchildren Caitlin, Morgan, Susan, Moira, Louis, Abigail, Adam, Jacob, Connor, Cameron, and Gambler. She was a caring daughter to Maurice "Danny" Dever, a wonderful sister to Michael (Kit) Dever, a loving Aunt to host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She is predeceased by her mother Betty F. Dever, her sister Sharon Mook, her aunt Virginia Dever and her grandniece Faye Elizabeth Lewis. Memorial service Saturday, December 8th, 12 noon at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, 33900 13 Mile Rd., Farmington. Visitation Saturday at the church from 11am until the time of service. In lieu of flowers memorials tributes suggested to Farmington Goodfellows, Angela Hospice and Farmington Library. Arrangements entrusted to the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, MI (248-474-5200).
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JANE VENNELL HAVILL

November 25, 2007 Born in Buffalo, NY. Jane was raised in Grand Rapids, MI. After graduating from Stephens College she attended the University of Michigan School of Architecture. Charles and Jane married in 1943, raised their children in Adrian, MI and headed to California where Jane was a docent at the Gamble House in Pasadena and an architectural researcher at Huntington Gardens. After many world and domestic travels Jane and Charles settled in Birmingham, MI to be near family. Devoted wife of the late Charles. Wonderful mother of Becky Dailey (Byron) of Toronto, Susan Weed (Robert) of Birmingham, MI and Charles Havill (Michel) of California. YWG of Robert Weed (Carolyn), Kelly Dahl (Erik), Byron Dailey (Jennifer), Charles Dailey (Melanie), Matthew Dailey, Preston, Meghan, Jess, Robert and Stephen Havill. Also survived by six great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Dearest sister of Ann Hammond of Arizona and loving friend of Linda Chapdelaine of Pontiac, MI. Services were held privately. Memorial tributes to Habitat for Humanity, 14325 Jane St., Detroit, MI 48205. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



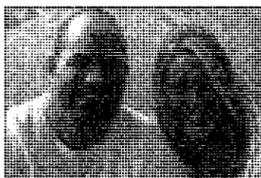
ALEXA LEE IRWIN

November 29, 2007 peacefully in the loving arms of her family. Currently employed in Information Technology for General Motors. Beloved daughter of Alexander and Shirley. Dearest sister of Melissa Hurley (John). Loving aunt of John, Madelaine and Alexander. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Monday 4-8pm. Memorial Mass Tuesday 11am at St. Thomas More, 4580 Adams Rd. (north of Wattle). Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to Sisters of Mercy, 29000 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JEAN B. JUNE

Age 80, of Northville, passed away Nov 28, 2007. She was born on Aug. 22, 1927 in Kingsville, Ontario, Canada to Archibald & Jeannie (McHallam) Brown. She was united in marriage to Peter R. June on April 3, 1948; they shared 30 loving years together until his death in 1978. Jean was an Asst. Branch Manager with Detroit Bank & Trust; which later became Comerica Bank. She was an active member & an ordained elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Jean was a member of the Order of Eastern Star & also a member of PEO. She was a worldwide traveler visiting places like Israel, Scotland, & Mexico; she also loved visiting family members all over the United States. Jean enjoyed needlework, sewing, playing the piano or organ, & starring in theatrical productions. She was active with the Northville Players Club. Jean was eternally grateful to the many people who helped her through her ordeals with cancer & surgery. She felt blessed to have such wonderful friends, neighbors, & kind Samaritans supporting her. She is survived by her loving children Leslie (Dean Whitaker) June, Denise (Bill) Randall, Robert (Catharine) June, Andrea (Bob Hunkler) June & Peter (Kathy) June; her cherished grandchildren (Neil) Lobron, Scott Randall, Robert Randall, Jenn Randall, Julie Randall, Samuel June, Katie Hunkler, Kelsey June, Tyler June, & Taylor Jefferson; & her adoring great-grandchildren Diana, Billy, & John. She was preceded in death by her husband Peter & her parents. Visitation will be held Sunday, Dec. 2 from 1:30-6pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A funeral service will be held Monday, Dec. 3 at 11am, instate at 10am at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076

ENGAGEMENTS



Balko-Ianitelli

Richard Balko of Livonia and Denise Balko of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Balko, to Andrew Ianitelli, son of Sue and Andy Ianitelli of Westland. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2007 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a substitute teacher with Livonia Public Schools. The future groom of Canton is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is a 2007 graduate of the Michigan Institution of Aviation and Technology. He is employed at Otis Spunkmeyer in Canton. A June 2008 wedding is planned for St. Matthew Church in Westland.

WEDDINGS



Petty-Warnick
Rachel Jean Warnick and Aaron Raymond Petty were married June 17, 2007, with Rabbi Robert Dobrusin officiating. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Pamela Warnick of Wilmette, Ill. She is a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. She is employed by Sidley Austin in Chicago. The groom is the son of Drs. Howard and Leslie Petty of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School, a 2004 graduate of Northwestern University and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He is employed by the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court as a law clerk. The bride was attended by Emily Warnick, Betsy Shaw,

Tamar Gontovnik, Shella Neba and Julie Skelton. The groom was attended by Ian Petty, Daniel Petty, Jonathan Warnick, Michael Sadowski and Jason Linker. A reception was held at Radisson Kingsley Hotel in West Bloomfield. The couple honeymooned in Italy. They are making their home in Chicago.

Bergman-Massoni

Rachel Michelle Bergman, daughter of Robert and Susan Bergman of Westland wed David Wilcox Massoni, the son of Albert and Carla Massoni of Chestertown, Md., on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007. The Ceremony was held at Battery Park, New York and was officiated by the Rev. Wayne G. Ramey, of Garden



City, Mi. The couple will reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Clark-Bolton

Rachel Clark and Kenneth Bolton were married Sept. 22, 2007, at Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield Mich., with the Rev. Robert Weakley officiating. The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Georgia Clark of Livonia. Dr. Clark graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School, University of Michigan-Dearborn and Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She is employed by VetSelect Animal Hospitals of Dearborn. The groom is the son of Robert and Barbara Bolton of Southfield, Michigan. He graduated from Southfield Lathrup High School and received his electrician's training from Associated Builders Contractors of Southeastern Michigan. He is employed by American Electrical of



Belleville, Michigan. The bride was attended by her close friends from high school Kim Owens Strzempka who was the matron of honor and Laura Flanigan Pennycook who was the bridesmaid. The groom's cousin Richard Bolton, Jr. was the best man and the bride's brother Christopher Clark was the groomsman. A reception was held at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and is making their home in Redford Township.

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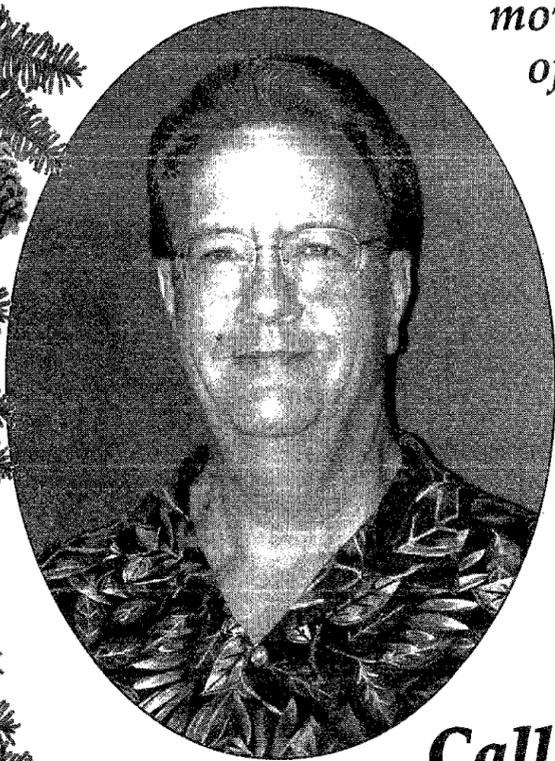
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On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Wind Ensemble entertains at 7:30 p.m. in the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff, south of Ford Road between Wayne and Merriman, Garden City. The concert includes the works of John P. Sousa, Dimitri Shostakovich, Hector Villa-Lobos, Elliott Del Borgo, LeRoy Anderson, and the Christmas Song by Mel

Torne and Robert Wells. The 38-member Wind Ensemble performs under the direction of Paul Michalsen and includes students, faculty and community members. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

On Monday, December 10, the Jazz Band and Synthesizer Band perform at 7:30 p.m. in the DiPonio Room of the VisITech center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The 18-member Jazz Band, under the direction of Richard A. McCall, Sr., perform a variety of selections including several holiday favorites composed by Chick Corea, Dave Brubeck, Stevie Wonder,

Antonio Carlos-Jobim, Isaac Hayes, and Thad Jones.

Under the direction of Barton Polot, the Synthesizer Band's program ranges from the very traditional Lacrymosa from Mozart's Requiem Mass to a dramatic rendition of Africa made popular in the 1980's by pop group, Toto. Two original student compositions, one by Schoolcraft College Recording Technology Major, Matt Lafleur, and one by Alex Partridge, a high school senior, will be performed. A special arrangement featuring vocalist Josh Marois, whose voice will be electronically transformed to sound like a full choir, will highlight the evening. The 11 members of the Synthesizer Band include

Schoolcraft College students, area high school students and faculty members, including Ben Blau, a featured performer with the band.

The Schoolcraft College Choral Union, under the direction of Jonathan Drake with Vickie Wills, accompanist, perform A Winter's Tale concert featuring choral music and poetry readings that capture the spirit of the holiday season 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in the Recital Hall of the Forum Building on the college's Livonia campus on Haggerty. A suggested, but not required donation of one canned or boxed non-perishable food item, will be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.



Cast members as young as age 5 perform in 'Cats', the Broadway musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Motor City Youth Theatre and the Grantland Street Players present the production on weekends from Nov. 30, to Dec. 16, in Livonia.

Young cast on prowl with 'Cats'

Motor City Youth Theatre (MCYT) and Grantland Street Players present the Broadway musical, *Cats*, through Dec. 16, at the Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, one-half block west of Inkster road, one-half mile south of I-96, Livonia. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 children and senior citizens. MCYT is offering a

special rate of \$10 per ticket when 10 or more are purchased in advance. For more information, call (313) 535-8962.

Except for adults who play the roles of Old Deuteronomy (Jim Wyatt, Redford), Grizabella (Brianna Devlin, Livonia), Gus (Chris Chase, White Lake), Jennyanydots (Kathy McAteer Taft, Garden City) and Munkastrop (Lindsay Dowd, Milford),

this is probably the youngest cast ever known to present the Andrew Lloyd Webber production. The children who fill the remaining roles are as young as 5-years of age, the average age, being 11.

Cast members hail from Garden City, Redford, Livonia, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Canton, Dearborn, Bloomfield Hills, Westland, White Lake, and Milford.

Art Club to host presentation

Lin Baum gives a talk as part of the Three Cities Art Club meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in lower level meeting room A at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Enter via the southeast entrance and the attendant will direct you to the correct room.

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significance of their value and spirit in relation to the setting. Baum's slideshow presentation will include examples of the correct use of techniques including examples and discussions of the works of such notable artists as Van Eyck, Rembrandt, Sergeant, and Dali. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of Baum's presentation.

Originally from Livonia, Baum graduated from Franklin High School then went to the University of Michigan School of Architecture and Design. Currently she is a painting and portrait instructor at

Schoolcraft College, CES; and conducts workshops and works with gifted children.

Baum is a figurative, social realist artist. In her oil paintings, she seeks to affirm the value of the person through her art as she strives to give visual expression to the spirit in each.

Club members are invited to bring in 1 or 2 new pieces of art for the Popular Vote competition. Everyone will be invited to vote for their favorite artwork. For more information about the event or club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123, or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

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Revisit Christmases past at Greenmead Historical Park by touring six historic village buildings decorated for the holidays and the Simmons/Hill House which features a crystal theme. Then stop by Newburg Church for a free concert. The sounds and sights of Christmases are waiting for you 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, and 16, at Historic Greenmead on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Admission is \$3

adults, \$2 children.

After Christmas treat yourself and the family to a Candlelight Tour Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 26-27. Tours start at 6 p.m. The last group leaves at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3, children. For more information for any of the tours, call (248) 477-737.

The Christmas Candlelight Tours allow visitors to experience the glow of the Kingsley, Shaw, Newburg

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The concept is simple: Subscribe to the service, which costs \$41 and lasts five years, by visiting the organization's Web site at www.41pounds.org. Give your name and address, and the three brothers will do the rest, calling all the direct mail and catalogue companies and putting you on their do-not-mail lists.

"Our service works best when we work together with the person to stop their junk mail," said Sander, who handles many of the customer service calls.

The organization started in 2006, after Sander started thumbing through the mountain of junk mail that arrived at Tim's house in Ferndale.

"The waste was just disgusting," said Tim. "The whole process is wasteful."

According to the organization's estimates, about 100 million trees are destroyed each year, with 42 percent of all harvested timber used to make paper.

LOTS OF LEGWORK

So, the brothers did some research and found they could stop companies from sending junk mail — if they were will-



Tim Pfannes of Ferndale (left) and brother Sander DeVries founded 41pounds.org with their brother Shane Pfannes (not pictured) as a way to cut down on the large amount of junk mail people receive.

ing to put in the time-consuming legwork.

They tried the concept out on family and friends, many of whom wanted to stop junk mail, but weren't willing to put in the time needed to do it.

Eventually, the brothers hit on an idea. "Let's bundle it together and make it as easy as possible for people to get off these lists."

41pounds.org now has 7,000 subscribers, mostly from California, and has been featured in numerous national publications and television programs.

"We see a lot of good results," said Tim.

Someone who sees those results every day is Chip Asmus of Rochester, who signed up for the service a year ago.

HAPPY CUSTOMERS

"We wanted to teach a lesson to our daughter in first grade," he said.

What Asmus didn't realize was how much junk mail he was throwing away each day without thinking about it. That is, until he and his wife started putting all their junk mail into a box rather than the trash.

"This box kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger," he said.

Before, he and his wife would walk to the mailbox, get the mail and toss out the junk mail before getting to the front door.

"Now, we don't do that," said Asmus. "We're very happy with the process."

Still, even with glowing reviews and all the attention, the organization remains a volunteer effort for the brothers. For every \$41 subscription, \$15 to \$20 of it is donated directly to one of the several charities that partner with 41pounds.org.

Thus, potential subscribers choose from a selection of charities on the 41pounds.org Web site and about a third of what they pay is funneled to that charity.

The rest, said Tim, goes back into supporting and promoting 41pounds.org. The brothers all co-own and operate a for-profit technical support business in Detroit.

SAVE 1 MILLION, RAISE \$1 MILLION

"Our goal was to save a million trees, raise a million for

charity," said Tim.

They haven't quite gotten there yet, but they have raised about \$75,000 for charity so far, and saved what Tim said was "tens of thousands of trees."

With all this earth-friendly vibe floating around, 41pounds.org is now hoping some of their subscribers help spread the love.

Gift certificates are now available on the organization's Web site, just in time before the consumer-intensive holiday season starts.

"Everything's green now," said Sander, "what a great gift to eliminate someone's junk mail."

Buy someone a subscription and print out a certificate for the recipient on the Web site. The certificate will walk the recipient through the sign-up process.

You could say it's green without spending a lot of green.

Or, as Sander put it, "What do you give the person who has everything? Nothing. You take something away."

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Charitable gathering to collect coats and canned goods

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Laura Toy is inviting everyone to the charitable gathering she and state Rep. John Pastor have held for the last five years.

The event takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile in Livonia.

"We're real excited about the event," said Laura Toy, Livonia councilwoman-elect. "This year's particularly hard on families. We're asking people to bring a coat, new or gently used, or canned foods to go to

Gleaners."

Toy has been involved with the charitable gathering since she was a state senator.

"We used to do books. Each year we change it a little bit," said Toy. "The coats are going to go throughout the district. With the economic time, times are tough. People need a little extra help. Gleaners is finding they're in real need of food this year. They're about 40 percent down.

We need to fill up the pantries to help folks with all the foreclosures and people losing their jobs. We ask people to come and donate and show their holiday spirit, to show we're not only receivers but givers."

Class set to focus on dysfunctional families

When you think of the holiday season you may think of stress, shopping and holiday baking, but when the actual time comes most people get to the point of enjoying the festivities and look forward to family gatherings.

However, a great number of people do not have very memorable holidays and the family gatherings turn into unsatisfied expectations, sadness and fighting.

Codependent families struggle through this time of year, but there is hope. Single Point at Ward Church in Northville is offering a free class 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, for those people who find themselves struggling from the effects of growing up with families that "were not quite normal, not quite what everyone would like their family to be like."

Motivational speaker Susan

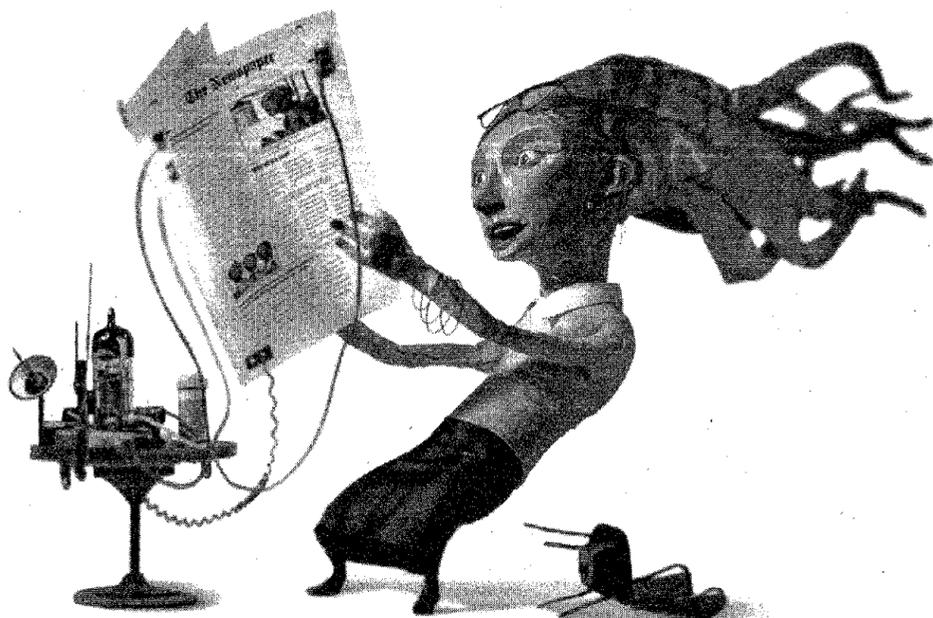
McKenna along with therapist, Arnold Keller, director of psychotherapy and counseling services in Northville, will explain how to determine if you came from a dysfunctional family, what it is doing to your life now and most importantly what you can do to change it or at least how you can change how it affects you.

"Broken dreams regarding the family you never had and family issues that never go away are two things that can continuously wreak havoc in your life whether or not you try to forget them or minimize their affects," said Susan McKenna. "Even though Christmas only comes once a year, you carry the ghosts with you all year long."

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2008 Winnebago Destination raises eyebrows

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By Marty Majchrzak
Avanti News Features



The latest introduction for 2008 is the all new Winnebago Destination. This new breed of Class A motor home comes in two models -- a 37- and 39-foot diesel or gas pusher. That's right, Winnebago is taking full advantage of a gas engine that is normally mounted in front and mounting in the rear.

My tester was the 39W with the diesel chassis by Freightliner, a Cummins 6.7-liter diesel engine that puts out 340 horsepower and 660 foot pounds of torque. Even with my 18-foot Sea Ray boat on the back, loaded down with enough food for six, and camping gear for nine days, this beast of a motor home had plenty of power.

The outside color scheme was a combination of silver and off white called Silver Sky, matched with highly polished steel wheels. It made for one good-looking ride.

Lots of basement storage here. We've come to expect that from Winnebago. This motor home will store anything from barbecues to as many folding chairs you can pack.

In the past all the basement doors flipped up and sometimes there was not enough clearance to load your camping gear, but the new Destination has swing-out doors on gas shocks that open like a refrigerator, which makes life a lot easier.

We arrived at Lake Leelanau RV Park and as we pulled up to the main office to check in, I could already see the heads turning and jaws dropping to find out who was the maker of this coach. The park director showed us how to get to our site, which was right on the lake. As we got down to the lake, we dropped off the boat. I took one look at our site and knew with the other site next to us this one was going to be tricky.

I was wrong; this coach was also equipped with side video cameras that are turn signal activated not only for lane changing, but also by pushing a button on the screen you can move from camera to camera so you can see all around the Coach. Backing into our site was no problem!



The new Winnebago Destination costs about \$200,000 but is well worth it.

The best thing about Winnebago is that in minutes you can be set up and ready to play. A fully automatic, hydraulic jack system levels the coach without any assistance from you. My daughter Amy was surprised at the way this coach leveled itself. While it is doing its thing, you can hook up water, sewer and cable TV. Cool!!!

The Destination comes with two slide-outs -- one that covers the sofa bed and dinette and the other that goes from the kitchen sink all the way to the master bedroom. More than half of this motor home slides out to make the living area huge. It's enough room to put a queen-sized air mattress in the galley that will sleep two more people, like my son Matthew and his fiancée Deanna.

The Winnebago Destination is a spacious design. It has full Flexsteel Ultra leather seats with room for a recliner and foot rest. My favorite is the bathroom, which is totally separate from the rest of the motor home and you don't need to go through it to get to the master bedroom. There is a lot of cabinet space with a contemporary look that comes in maple or cherry.

Camping is always fun and you get a chance to meet a lot of nice people along the way. After our neighbors found out that I was a writer and this was a test drive, they asked if they could see the inside of the Destination.

My wife Donna and I have been doing this for such a long time that she makes a great tour guide.

She handles all the questions from the ladies and I handle the ones from the men. This really gives me a chance to see what other people think and I must tell you the Destination was a big hit. As the week went by, we had 40 people ask to take a tour. Way to go, Winnebago!!!

Our Destination has all the amenities of home, like a 30-inch TV with satellite hook-up, CD/DVD player and home theater sound. It has a four-door refrigerator and a microwave/convection oven that cooks in half the time. My son Jason loved the FlexAire sleep system. A queen-sized mattress with an electric pump inflates in minutes, stores under the sofa and gives you a good night's sleep.

If you're like me and have a passion for motor homes, and are looking for quality, this new model from Winnebago with its new design will be your final Destination.

Write Avanti NewsFeatures motor homes editor Marty Majchrzak at marty.majchrzak@gmail.com <<mailto:marty.majchrzak@gmail.com>>

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