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Jaycees, Rotary play Santa helpers to city

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It's not on his resumé, but longtime Westland community volunteer Gary Bulson sure seems like one of Santa's helpers.

He certainly delivered the holiday gifts this month,

turning over \$20,000 to city officials to improve a neighborhood park, boost historic preservation efforts, keep police motorcycles on the street, buy Christmas toys for needy children and support child fire-prevention education.

To be sure, Bulson didn't raise the money by himself. He

got help from others involved in the charitable Westland Jaycees and Rotary Club.

With a few volunteers at his side, Bulson was the front-line spokesman Monday evening when he brought the donations to appreciative city leaders during a Westland City Council meeting.

"I like those nights," said Bulson, owner of the Westland-based Men on the Move company.

The largest single donation of \$13,000 came from the Rotary Club to help pay for a quarter-mile walking path already installed in Rotary Park, near Marquette and Wayne.

The money boosted the city's adopt-a-park program and helped pay for the \$28,000 project, Westland Parks & Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

Bulson and volunteers also made several donations on behalf of the Jaycees, including \$3,000 for the city fire

department's child fire-safety program; \$2,000 for the police department's motorcycle unit; \$1,000 for the Westland Goodfellows' "No Child Without A Christmas" campaign; \$500 for the Westland Historic Village Park's pres-

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Lori Millbauer lifts her daughter Sarah, a fifth-grader at Edison Elementary and a member of the Junior Girl Scouts, Troop 162 place a bagel with bird seed on one of the spruce trees outside the Westland Bailey Center.

Decking the trees

Students and scout troops helped decorate the trees Wednesday between Westland City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center. Mayor William Wild and Santa also were on hand. Children also had an opportunity to make their own Victorian scrap art ornament inside the Bailey Center. The afternoon included a sing-along and refreshments.



PD Graham first-grader Ashlyn Kiedrowski (left) and second-grader Jason Hamilton who is a cub scout, pack 765 pick out the pine cones dipped in bird seed to be hung on the spruce trees outside the Bailey Center.

'Amazing': Soldier in sync with his poetry

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

"Passion, Ardor, Eagerness. And you say that these are they

Which will deliver me from the sins of my father."

Adrian Massey remembers clearly where he was when he wrote his very first poem: fall 1999 while studying at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

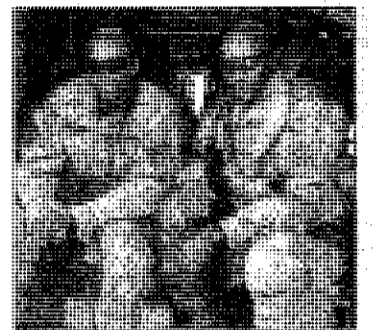
And eight years after the fact, he easily recalls the first few lines of that poem, *Passion, Ardor, Eagerness*, written about "accepting the pain I carried growing up without my father."

"For the first time the grudge was gone and I felt better," wrote Massey in an e-mail from Iraq where he is serving a second tour of duty with the U.S. Army. "That poem is the only poem that has not been typed into a Word document, but it is folded in a memento box on its original paper."

An Army captain soon to be a major, Massey is now a published poet with the release of his book, *A Soldier's Poetic Response: A Slice of His Life* by Robbie Dean Press in Ann Arbor.

The poetry covers a broad spectrum of subjects from a tribute to fallen comrades and recalling the day when he was 6 years old that his mother told his father to leave to the Vinyl Joe Music Café in Ypsilanti and poems written for his brother, Darren, and daughter, Anaya.

"Poetry to me is a lifestyle, it's the natural rhythm of who we are," Massey said. "It's the expression of the human expe-



U.S. Army Capt. Adrian Massey (right) says that being in Iraq has made his poetry darker and more serious. Beside him is Sgt. Johnathan Garrison, Stryker vehicle operator and driver.

rience."

Massey's journey to poetry and the military started at Wayne Memorial High School where school psychologist William Gray and colleague Lynn Malinoff met him in 10th grade.

'INSPIRATION TO OTHERS'

"He's an amazing young man and his poetry and success have been an inspiration to others," said Gray. "It's amazing the motivation people get from him."

According to Gray, Massey was led to believe he wasn't college material, so he and Malinoff helped get him in a six-week program at Eastern Michigan University. Students who passed were invited to attend the university. Massey passed, but he faced a problem, paying for his education. He looked over what was available and went with the ROTC program.

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B-I-N-G-O: Woman dances with joy after \$64,671 win

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland bingo devotee Anayes Barmakzian didn't hold back when she won \$64,671 while playing at the Cherry Hill Bingo Hall in Inkster.

"I danced across the floor and cried at the same time," she said.

Barmakzian, 53, won after

she filled an entire bingo card within the allotted 52 numbers that had been called out during a Big Money Bingo game at the hall at Cherry Hill and Henry Ruff roads. By the rules, the game would have ended if she or another player hadn't won with the 52nd number.

"I couldn't believe it," Barmakzian said. "I never win this kind of money. The most I

ever won was around \$1,000." She raked in her winnings Saturday, Dec. 1, in the statewide Big Money Bingo game.

Michaleen Lewis, who helps run bingo games in places like Inkster and Livonia, said Big Money Bingo players pay \$3 for a card that has three games on it.

"She won on the very last number to be called that day,"

Lewis said.

Big Money Bingo has a progressive jackpot that starts at \$10,000 and grows each day until it is won. The game begins at 49 balls drawn, and the number of balls drawn grows by one each week until a winner is declared.

For more on the game, go online to www.michigan.gov/cg and click on the Big Money

Bingo link.

Barmakzian said she only plans to keep \$5,000 of her winnings for herself. She said she will give the rest to her son, her daughter and her 10-month-old granddaughter.

"I want to save some money so she can go to college," Barmakzian said.

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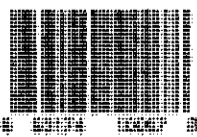


Anayes Barmakzian, sitting, holds a winning bingo card that paid \$64,671. At her left is another bingo player, Josie Gresser of Wyandotte.

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Rescue workers learn how to save trapped drivers

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

In one scenario, a sports car has slammed under a school bus, and the injured driver could die unless firefighters get him out of the damaged vehicle within minutes.

In another crash scene, a car has flipped over and landed upside down, partially wedged under a bus as paramedics scramble to save lives.

These situations may be rare, but Westland rescue workers are better prepared for them following a recent training program led by Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal.

Not long after the three-day course had ended, he said, local firefighters had to rescue a teenager who accidentally drove a vehicle under a parked semi-trailer on a city street, stopping with his face only inches away from the truck. The teen survived.

"He hit it hard enough to where his face was almost right up against the semi-trailer," Neal said.

In all, 60 of the city's 80 firefighters have received the latest training aimed at rescuing victims in situations that can seem almost impossible. Using special equipment, they may have to pry open a door or peel back a car roof like opening a can — all without moving an injured driver.



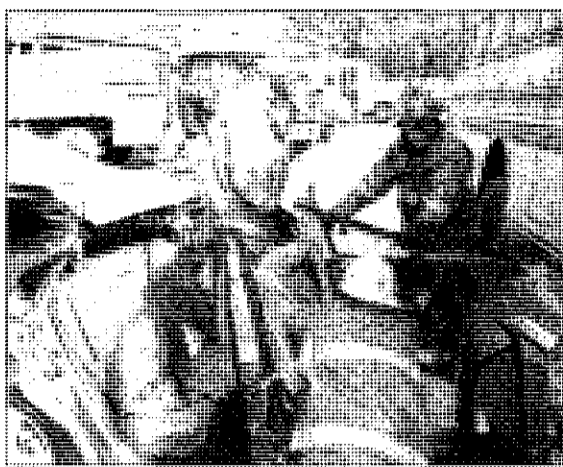
Westland firefighters respond to a mock crash in which a car is flipped upside down and partially wedged under a school bus.

"We want to cut the car away from the patient as opposed to taking the patient out of the car," Neal said. "One small movement can further injure or paralyze a patient."

With help from a front-end loader brought in by the city's public service workers, firefighters staged six mock accidents in a three-day period. They used a full-sized school bus given to them by Michigan Truck Parks of Westland and two Mazdas donated by Auto Alliance of Flat Rock.

It marked the first time local firefighters had a chance to practice their training so extensively with a large vehicle — the school bus. They placed dummies inside the vehicles.

Firefighters also worked on mock patients, putting blankets over them and practicing ways to keep them calm until the rescue effort was completed.



Westland firefighters train to respond to crashes in which they may have to rescue victims from precarious situations.

Called an "extrication exercise," Neal said the training was only the latest way the fire department is upgrading its skills in hopes of better serving people whose lives may depend it.

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New playground equipment coming

Soon, students at Cleveland and Hayes elementary schools will have something new to look forward to at recess — new playground equipment.

Cleveland students will be able to climb the megarock, run across the funnel bridge and slide down the wave climber.

Hayes students will have the choice between the big foot slide, wishbone slide, spiral slide or L-shaped tube slide, among other bridges and platforms of their new playscape.

Both schools have only one playscape. The district's goal over the next several years is to have every elementary school, with appropriate space, to be outfitted with two playscapes, said Rod

Hosman, director of administrative services.

Both colorful playscapes, from Game Time Inc., will cost \$92,531, including installation.

Wood chips will be spread on the ground underneath.

Hayes and Cleveland PTAs will contribute some of the funding. The remainder will come from the sinking fund, a voter-approved millage, which generates \$6 million per year for building and site improvements.

Jackson Center will also get new play structures, which are designed for younger children. One structure there had to be removed for safety reasons.

The school board voted unanimously Nov. 19 to approve the purchases.

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HELPERS

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ervation efforts; and \$500 for a new Bailey Recreation Center holiday tree.

The Jaycees also has donated 200 smoke detectors to the fire department, which will give them to

people who need them. Mayor William Wild lauded the Jaycees and Rotary Club for investing in the city.

"It shows what type of organizations we have here in the city of Westland," he said. "They raise the money and put it right back in the community."

Rotary Park's walking path will provide another

place for residents who formerly walked at Central City Park, which is closed off until a plan is developed to address the issue of contamination, mostly with lead.

Rotary members "spotted a need and stepped up to the plate," Wild said.

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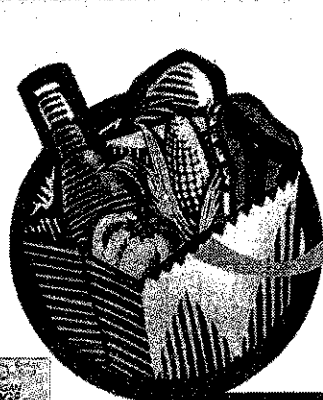


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Budget battle not likely to affect term limit law

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Democratic state Rep. Paul Condino characterized the 10-month partisan fight over the 2008 state budget the result of a "perfect storm" and an "ugly process."

Republican Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop agreed the process and outcome of the battle was "horrible," but was a necessary part of standing up for philosophical beliefs and holding true to core principles.

And while both expressed hope future budgets will be adopted without the degree of rancor experienced this year, their comments at the Observer & Eccentric's annual Journalist of the Year breakfast made it clear the two parties remain far apart on how the state should be run.

But both agreed the budget fiasco would not be enough to spur the legislature to scrap term limits, even though both agreed the lack of experience in Lansing contributed to the process.

"I don't believe terms limits was the primary cause of what happened, and I think it will take a citizen initiative to bring about any change to the law," said Bishop, a lifelong Rochester resident.

Added Condino, a Southfield resident who will be term-limited at the end of next year, "I agree with the senator."

Asked why voters should return any incumbent to office next year, Condino acknowledged it will be "real tough" to regain the public's confidence.

"You have to understand we started in January with the perfect storm of a \$1.8 billion deficit and the loss of the single business tax," he said. "We did a good job of coming together in creating the new business tax. But the question that should be asked of every incumbent is what did he or she do to be part of the solution."

Bishop said it was important for voters to understand why the budget crisis grew to the magnitude it did.

"I was disgusted by how our state government performed. But you have to understand it happened because people stood up for what they believed in," he said. "I felt like I was at the Alamo, but I wasn't willing to give in to the pressure of going with the easy solution."

Without a true reform of state government, Bishop added no amount of tax increases will solve the budget crisis.

"State spending is out of control and we have to take a look in the core areas of community health, corrections and state government operations," he said.

Bishop said the state should give serious consideration to turning over transportation, health care and food service operations at the state's prisons to the private sector.

Condino, reflecting just one area where the two political parties appear far apart on the issues, said the state instead should focus on moving documented mentally ill patients out of the prison system and into less expensive continuing care options. When he added he opposed privatization of the prisons on "moral and ethical grounds," Bishop responded, "I don't think it's a moral issue to save money."

Marty Budner tapped as top journalist for O&E in 2007

Marty Budner, sports editor of the *Birmingham Eccentric* newspaper, was named the 2007 Journalist of the Year by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The award was presented to Budner Friday morning at the annual O&E Journalist of the Year breakfast held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Budner is a veteran journalist and a well-known figure in the world of local sports. He has won numerous awards over 31 years with the O&E. Budner has won either a Suburban Newspaper Association or Michigan Press Association award for sports writing, sports section, sports columnist or sports feature every year at least since 2000.

Budner was nominated for the award by *Eccentric* editor Greg Kowalski. "Marty has an incredible understanding of the local sports scene and knows how to present it to the readers in a fashion that they relate to," Kowalski wrote in the nomination.

Budner was also cited for his "accurate, comprehensive and thorough coverage."

"It's a great honor," Budner said. He added that he is proud to be among the journalists who have won the award over the years. "I've always considered it a team effort," he said of producing the sport section.

The judges singled out a column that he wrote about Joe Clinton, Troy Athens basketball coach who died



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Sports Editor Marty Budner is the 2007 Observer & Eccentric Journalist of the Year.



Executive Editor Susan Rosiek presents Marty Budner with the Journalist of the Year award.

suddenly last summer. The judges noted how Budner brought a sense of history to the piece reflecting his long acquaintanceship with Clinton.

Judging of the nominees was done by a panel of journalists not associated with the O&E. The award was presented by Susan Rosiek, O&E executive editor.



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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

income taxes not only on the deferred income, but also on the principal itself. For example, if you inherited someone's 401(k) and the plan was worth \$50,000, all of that would be subject to ordinary income tax. On the other hand, if you inherited \$50,000 of someone's stock portfolio and it was not in a qualified plan (IRA), then that same \$50,000 would be tax free.

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the stock down the road for \$30 a share, your gain for tax purposes would be \$10 a share (\$30 - \$20). It doesn't matter whether the person you are inheriting the property from paid \$1 or \$100 per share, your cost basis is the fair market value as of the date of death.

It is important to review who you've named as your primary and secondary beneficiary. Doing some good tax planning in this area can save your beneficiaries on taxes.

Dear Rick: I'm going to buy a new car in the very near future. Should I buy or lease?

I do not believe there is one right answer. The real question is what is better for your situation? I lease my cars, but that doesn't mean you should lease.

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Another issue is how many miles you drive on a yearly basis. The more miles you drive, the more beneficial it is to buy vs. lease. Typically, if you are driving more than 15,000 to 18,000 miles a year, then the benefits derived from leasing are reduced.

There are some other non-financial issues that enter into the equation. One is convenience. Leasing is a good way to go for people who want new cars every few years and do not want the hassle of having to sell a used car. Before you go shop for a car, you should decide ahead of time whether you are going to buy or lease. This will help you focus on selecting the right car for your situation.

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

DMP will have oversight of O&E/Mirror

Effective Jan. 1, the Detroit Media Partnership will assume administrative and financial oversight of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Mirror Newspapers. The properties were formerly part of HomeTown Communications Network which was purchased by the Gannett Co, Inc. in November 2004.

The Observer & Eccentric newspapers include 12 suburban editions published Thursdays and Sundays. Mirror Newspapers

is a weekly newspaper serving six communities and is published on Sundays. Printing and production will continue to be handled by the Port Huron Times Herald, also a Gannett property. The publications will remain editorially independent and will be a separate operating unit.

Gannett Co. is the majority owner of The Detroit Media Partnership, which runs the business operations of the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

Pet photos available at humane society

There's no better way to say "Happy Holidays," while helping the animals of the Michigan Humane Society than with a holiday picture of Santa and your pet.

The MHS is hosting pet holiday pictures with Santa at the Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland, on two consecutive weekends in December. Santa, and his elves, will be posing for pictures with pets on the following dates, from noon to 2 p.m.: Sunday, Dec. 9; Saturday, Dec. 15; and Sunday, Dec. 16. Elves will be giving out doggie goodie bags and candy canes to all children attending. All companion animals are welcome.

For each photo taken, MHS asks for a \$5 contribution to help the organization continue to provide the vital programs and services for more than 100,000 animals the organization cares for and touches each year. Each photo will be printed immediately, and placed in a holiday photo card for pet-lovers to take home.

Photo participants should enter at the Pet Education Center door, located to the right of the adoption center entrance, with candy canes leading the way. The MHS reminds pet owners to avoid any activities which may be uncomfortable, stressful or pose any risk to your pet. When deciding to bring your companion animal into a public environment, please be sure that he/she is properly socialized and is able to interact with other animals.

The Michigan Humane Society Berman Center for Animal Care is located at 900

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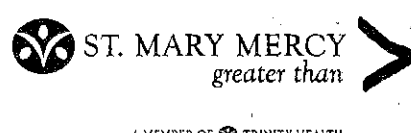
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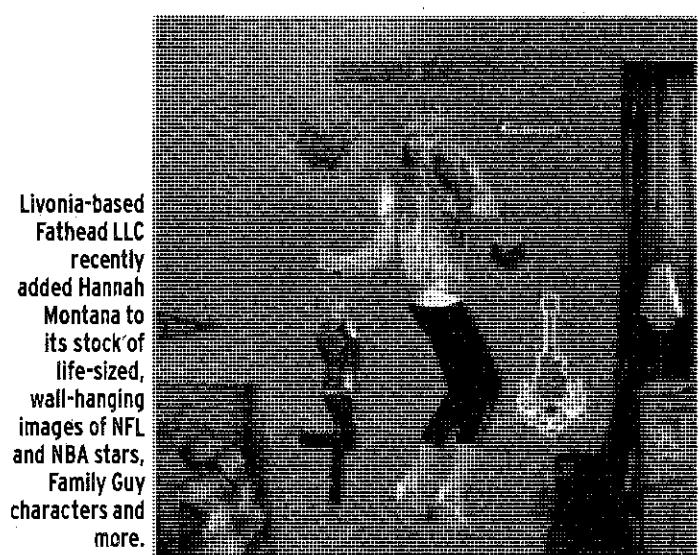
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Livonia-based Fathead LLC recently added Hannah Montana to its stock of life-sized, wall-hanging images of NFL and NBA stars, Family Guy characters and more.

It was a 'G.N.O.' and 'The Best of Both Worlds' for Hannah Montana fans

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

The high-pitched eruption of screams, followed by a mad rush of moms dragging their wide-eyed, four-foot tall Hannah Montana fans through The Palace corridors, set the stage for an unforgettable night.

Dubbed by many as the "event of the year" — and for thousands of 6- to 12-year-olds, their first concert ever — the Hannah Montana show Wednesday night met and, yes, exceeded expectations.

"I loved it!" said Caroline Hinnant, 9, of Franklin. "It looked a lot different than I imagined and there were fireworks and smoke everywhere!"

Her excitement was shared in every jam-packed row of The Palace of Auburn Hills, starting with the popular trio the Jonas Brothers.

"I really liked it," said Allison Hilborn, 9, of Birmingham. "It was really loud!"

Her dad, Craig Hilborn, was among the handful of men to brave the mass of 17,000 or so screaming Hannah Montana fans.

The best idea of the evening? "Earplugs!" Hilborn said.

The 90-minute show, bathed in G-rated pop rock style, was indeed *The Best of Both Worlds* for fans. The first half of the show featured the Disney Channel's blond-wig wearing Hannah Montana, in glittery costumes, tall, fancy boots and confident gallivanting around the multi-level stage.

The second half featured the "real" 15-year-old Miley Cyrus, with long, brown, curly hair and a more casual persona befitting the Tennessee teenager turned pop icon.

A sea of bopping tween fans — many sporting long, blond wigs likely left over from Halloween — sang along and twirled their \$10 glow sticks in the air to the hugely popular songs, *G.N.O. (Girls Night Out)*, *I Got Nerve*, *Nobody's Perfect* and, of course, Disney's Hannah Montana TV show theme song, *The Best of Both Worlds*, to name a few.

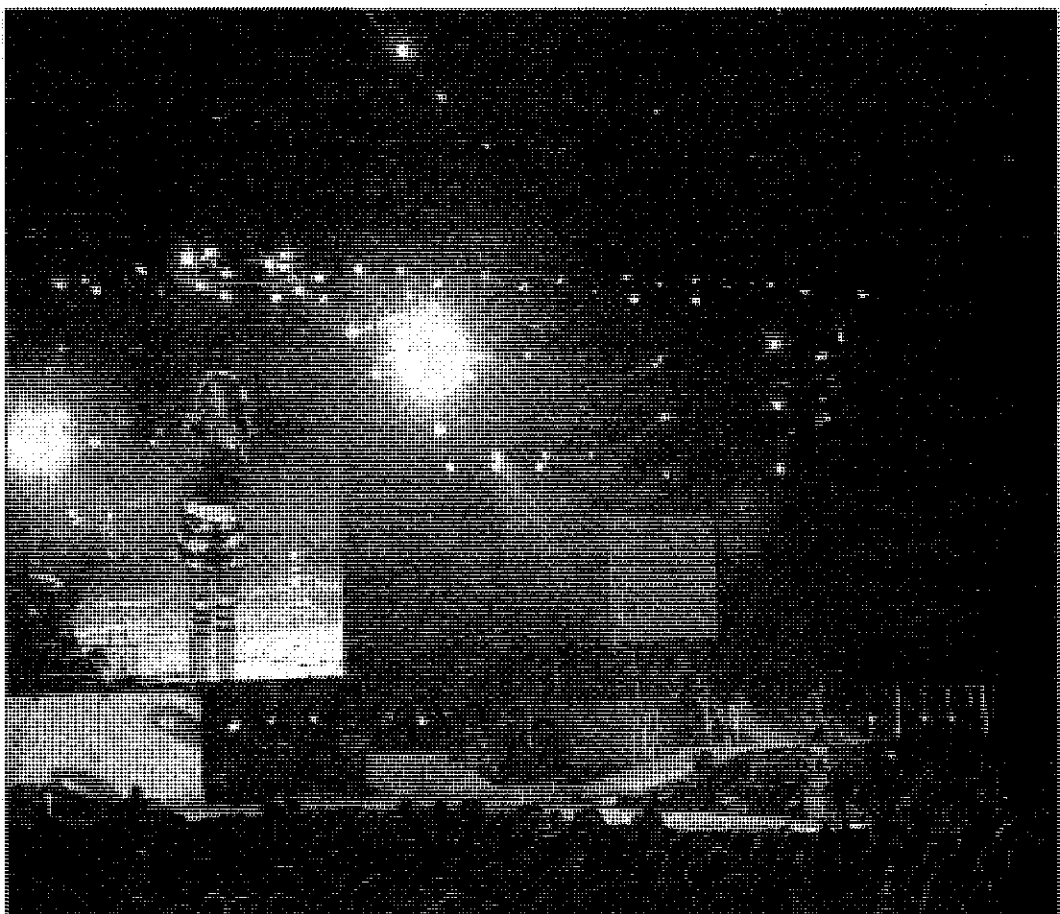
At least two moms in the crowd said it's OK for their 6-year-old daughters to "love" Hannah Montana.

"I do approve of Hannah Montana's lyrics in her songs," said Kathy Stubbs, of Troy, who brought her daughter, Shannon, to her first concert. "She's a positive role model for young girls and I don't mind my daughter singing her songs."

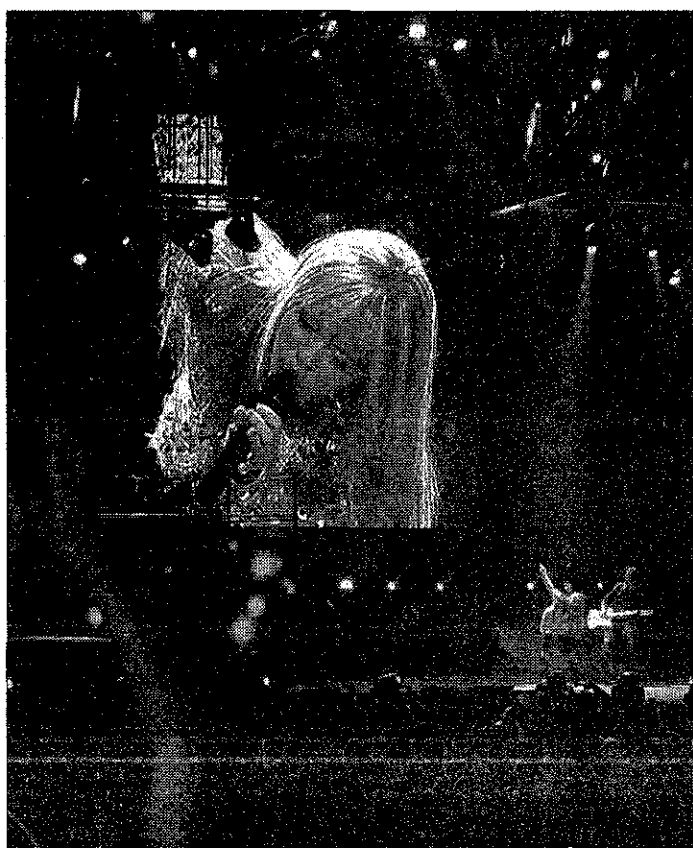
Laura Hentgen, of Birmingham, said she can relate to her 6-year-old daughter Harper's love for Hannah Montana.

"I'm a huge Madonna fan, so I remember what it was like," she said.

Harper's grandfather stood in line Tuesday when more tickets were released to the otherwise sold-out show.



Miley Cyrus, during the second half of the show, egged the crowd on to scream louder at the Palace.



The first half of the show was Hannah Montana, the Disney Channel character, who is a pop star played by Miley Cyrus.

Focus turns to kindergartner at concert

When the Jonas Brothers performed "Hello Beautiful," during their opening act for Hannah Montana Wednesday, concert-goers were looking right into Jessica Djokovic's eyes.

The blue-eyed Rosedale School kindergartner, who dressed like Hannah Montana for Halloween, and her mom, Marie, scored front-row seats to the sold-out show at the last minute — and their luck didn't stop there.

A videographer asked if he could take Jessica's picture.

"When they sang (the lyrics), 'If I couldn't see those eyes,' it was my eyes," said 6-year-old Jessica of Westland.

"They put them on the big screen," explained her mom.

"How lucky can two girls get? To be in the front row. To be serenaded by the Jonas Brothers," said Marie Djokovic, with a hoarse voice on Thursday. "We're still dancing and singing today."

Even though a cough kept Jessica out of school the next morning, she was still able to tell her story to friends. Marie had promised her daughter Hannah Montana tickets for her birthday in October, but they sold out fast.

They entered a drawing through Livonia Public Schools and Laurel Park Place last month, but weren't selected. Then, on Tuesday, there was another drawing and they won.

Marie Djokovic, 34, said she wouldn't change a thing — not even the last-minute notice. "It was incredible," she said.

"It was my first time being in the front row," Jessica said.

By Rebecca Jones



The elaborate stage featured images of Hannah Montana while Miley Cyrus, who plays Hannah Montana, cranked out her popular tunes.

her cousins. "I loved all of the songs — and I love that I get to skip school tomorrow morning!" she giggled.

Maybe her concert T-shirt will serve as an "excused absence" pass.

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Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

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

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

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, December 5, 2007, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 489-1999. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at the John Glenn High School construction trailer located in the back of the school. (36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185) The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project sites and to answer any questions that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction December 11, 2006 at 11:15 AM the auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Rd. Westland, MI, 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting Bid is for Towing and Storage.

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City of Garden City Close of Registration Notice Primary Election, Tuesday, January 15, 2008

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Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for the following office are to be voted on:

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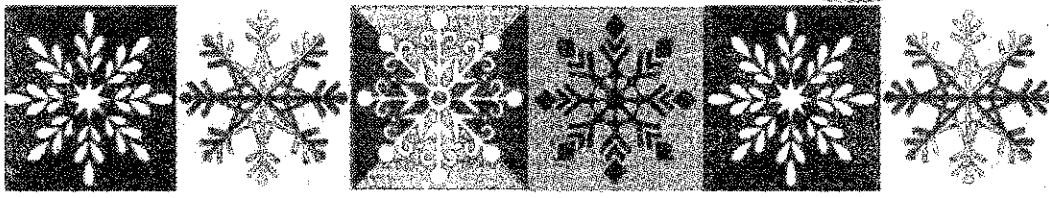
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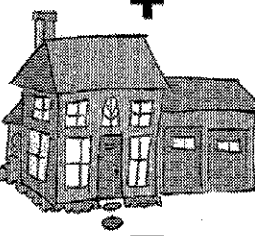
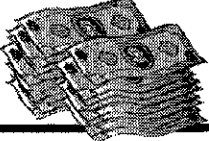
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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.
By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the vision requirement for driving" Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of the 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision as 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves independence and quality of life."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

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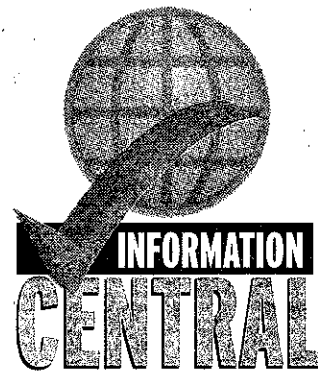
Brush up on international etiquette

Etiquette Abroad

One of the greatest aspects of traveling to foreign countries is the opportunity to learn about other cultures and lifestyles first hand. Whether traveling for business or leisure, it is imperative that you become familiar with the social norms of foreign countries so your trip is not ruined. Nobody wants to be thought of as the "Ugly American," so when you are getting ready for your next international excursion, it is a good idea to review some basic travel etiquette so as not to appear rude, inappropriate or offensive. At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, you can find several books to help you on your journeys.

Even handshakes change from place to place so it is wise to know how to behave overseas before you even get off of the plane. *Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands* by Terri Morrison will tell you whether a formal or informal greeting is appropriate in different countries. This will save you from embarrassment as well as help you develop good relationships with those you meet.

Having good intentions does not necessarily excuse bad behavior. Simple things such



as gift-giving and tipping can come off as offensive if not done in the correct manner. *Behave yourself: The Essential Guide to International Etiquette* by Michael Powell and *Dos and Don'ts Around the World: A Country Guide to Cultural and Social Taboos and Etiquette* by Gladson Nwanna are two vital guides that cover proper greetings, eating and drinking, dress, physicality, gifts, and tips in other countries.

To find out more about etiquette abroad, the Public Library of Westland is a great place to start. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog twenty-four hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

-Andrea Perez

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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.

Bill would cut taxes for disabled veterans

A Westland lawmaker has introduced legislation that would allow local governments to eliminate property taxes for disabled American veterans with incomes at or below twice the poverty level.

"The brave men and women who serve our country so admirably face numerous challenges as they return to Michigan," said State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. "The transition back to civilian life is especially difficult for disabled veterans, which is why we should be doing everything in our power to make sure they have access to affordable housing. This legislation would make it easier for our veterans to stay in their home."

According to the U.S. Census

'For the disabled veterans who are struggling to put a roof over their own heads after returning home to Michigan, this is the least we can do.'

SEN. GLENN ANDERSON, D-Westland

Bureau, there were 6.1 million disabled veterans living in the United States as of 2006. A recent report from the Homelessness Research Institute indicates that more than 336,627 military veterans were homeless over the course of last year.

The report also points to an alarmingly disproportionate representation of veterans among the homeless population. As a group, veterans represent

11 percent of the adult civilian population, and 26 percent of the homeless population.

Earlier this month Fannie Mae released a Gallup poll that found 24 percent of veterans have been concerned that they may not have a place to live, and 86 percent of those surveyed believe that homelessness among veterans is increasing or staying the same.

"As taxpayers, we willingly support the troops and help put a roof over their heads during their time overseas," said Sen. Anderson. "For the disabled veterans who are struggling to put a roof over their own heads after returning home to Michigan, this is the least we can do."

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OUR VIEWS

Self-sufficiency, not entitlement, dominates role of unions today

In a column that celebrates a newfound collaboration between management and labor in the automobile industry, Phil Power does a pretty good job of making a case for cooperation and compromise. Forgetting, however, that human behavior is universal in nature, Power weighs in on labor much heavier than management. "Another deeply ingrained cultural attitude hindering Michigan," says Power, "has been 'entitlement thinking,' the attitude that gold-plated health care coverage or generous pensions are to be expected from any job. Plus, the attitude that workers are entitled to such benefits regardless of what they do or how successful their employer is."



Churchill

Having worked in the automobile industry as a tradesman for almost 45 years, it can be said that, in my experience, nobody, not one single person that I have worked with, has suggested anything remotely close to Power's statement. Self-sufficiency, not entitlement, is considered much more virtuous on the shop floor.

That being said, in the richest country in the world, it is perfectly reasonable to expect that everybody willing to work should have adequate health care coverage and the financial resources to sustain themselves in later years. We do not live in a jungle just yet.

Nonetheless, Power might remember the words of Adam Smith. Rational self-interest is what drives economic behavior said Smith. It is what drove the auto companies and the UAW to collaborate in drawing up a historic contract in which everyone benefits. Everyone understood that the domestic auto industry is in dire straits with recovery less a possibility without dramatic change. Anything other than cooperation and compromise would have been detrimental to the self-interest of all parties, including the general public.

Quoted by Power, David Cole, of the Center for Automotive Research is right. The change to cooperation, rather than confrontation, in labor/management relations has been evolving for a while now. Permanence, nevertheless, is not a foregone conclusion. There is an overabundance of people in the business community whose fondest wish is to destroy anything with a union label on it. Consider the fate of the Employee Free Choice Act in the current Congress and the ability of current trade agreements to decimate America's middle class.

The Employee Free Choice Act addresses current labor law that is broken. Employees are

fired in one quarter of private sector organizing campaigns. In 78 percent of cases, private employers require supervisors to deliver anti-union messages to the workers whose jobs and pay they control. In 50 percent of cases newly formed unions cannot successfully negotiate a contract after two years of the union being certified. In one third of cases, contracts are never acquired.

The Employee Free Choice Act does three things. It strengthens the penalties for companies that illegally coerce or intimidate employees in order to prevent unionization. Secondly, it brings in a neutral third party to settle a contract when a newly certified union and company cannot agree after a four-month period. Thirdly, if a majority of employees sign union authorization cards, validated by the National Labor Relations Board, a company must recognize the union. If one-third of workers want an election, they can still ask the government to hold a conventional ballot vote.

The Employee Free Choice Act was strongly supported by unions, equally denounced by the business community. Indeed, President Bush has vowed to veto it should Congress send it to him.

Trade Agreements, on the other hand, are close to treasonous in their ability to devastate America's middle class. In 2000, John Gannon, then director of the National Intelligence Council stated that "...the relative control and influence of many nation-states over developments within their borders is likely to decline over the next 15 years." Further, he stated "...the decline will not lift all boats." Essentially, the CIA is saying that the middle class is going to take a hit. The position of labor, "fair trade instead of free trade," is in stark contrast to that of business interests.

Bias toward management aside, Phil Power makes valid points concerning education and the need for an entrepreneurial spirit. But we have a long way to go.

With the return of prosperity, both parties could forget lessons learned during difficult times. Both labor and management may again see their self interest in terms of conflict rather than cooperation. Current collaboration may have been a unique necessity at a particular point in automotive history. Further progress is going to require goodwill, understanding, tolerance and an ability to communicate what we have in common rather than what separates us as individuals.

Al Churchill is a member of the executive board of UAW Local 182 Retirees Chapter and a Livonia resident.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lawmakers stepped up

Dunham's Sports is a Waterford, Mich., based full line sporting goods retailer with almost 160 stores in several Midwest states. Dunham's recently opened a store on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

As a service to our customers, Dunham's sells hunting and fishing licenses as a Department of Natural Resources Agent. During hunting season, Dunham's Michigan stores do a significant amount of business providing Michigan sportsmen and women with hunting licenses as well as hunting gear and apparel.

Unfortunately, Dunham's Livonia location was initially denied approval by the Department of Natural Resources to issue hunting and fishing licenses and stood to miss out on a major portion of business this time of year. Since deer hunting season was fast approaching, I contacted state Sen. Glenn Anderson and Rep. John Pastor. Both Sen. Anderson and Rep. Pastor stepped up and took our problem to the Department of Natural Resources.

As a result, the decision to deny Dunham's agent status was reversed, our Livonia store was approved as a hunting and fishing license agent, and we were able to provide local residents with a service they expect from Dunham's. Sen. Anderson and Rep. Pastor served both the needs of their business constituents as well as the citizens they represent. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of both Rep. Pastor and Sen. Anderson in getting this resolved.

John H. Palmer
senior vice president,
Dunham's Sports

COMMUNITY CORNER

Do you think it's time the United States had one presidential primary election day?



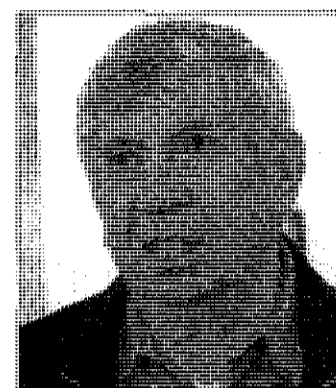
"Yes, I just think that what's good for other states should be good for ours."

Ed Rybiski
Huron Township



"I was thinking more of changing around who goes first, but that sounds like a pretty good idea."

Jerry Goyette
Westland



"No, because as it was until Michigan came into it, it introduced humor to the prospect of electing a president."

Henry Elden
Westland



"Yes, the way things have been going, I haven't gone out and voted, but if it goes like this, I would."

Robin Keywood
Westland

Sounds of the Season

Free Concerts at Schoolcraft College

December 9—Wind Ensemble

Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center

1751 Radcliff Street, Garden City

Featuring the works of John P. Sousa, Dimitri Shostakovich, Hector Villa-Lobos, Elliott Del Borgo, LeRoy Anderson and the holiday favorite *Christmas Song* by Mel Torme and Robert Wells.

December 10—Jazz Band and Synthesizer Ensemble

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

DiPonio Room inside the VisTaTech Center

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18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

The Jazz Band performs holiday favorites by Chick Corea, Dave Bruheck, and Stevie Wonder. The Synthesizer Ensemble's selections range from the traditional to the modern, including *Lacrymosa* from Mozart's *Requiem Mass*, a dramatic rendition of the 1980s hit *Africa* by the pop group Toto, and a special arrangement featuring vocalist Josh Marois, whose voice is electronically transformed to sound like a full choir.

December 16—Choral Union

Sunday, 3 p.m.

Recital Hall inside the Forum Building

Schoolcraft College main campus

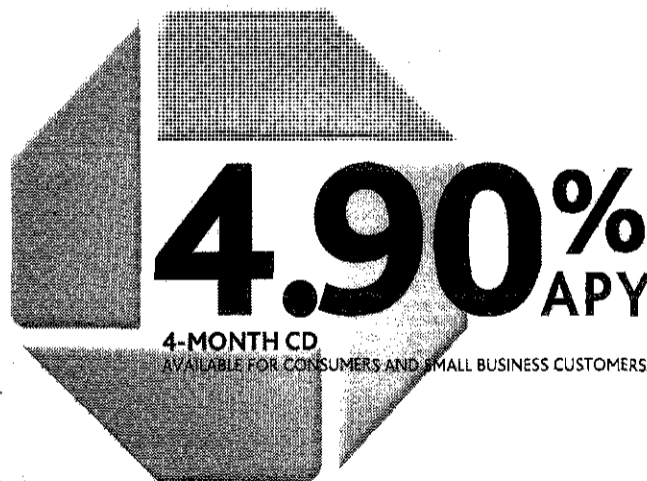
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A choral concert entitled *A Winter's Tale* featuring choral music and poetry readings that capture the spirit of the holiday season. A suggested, but not required, admission donation of one canned or boxed non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, would be appreciated.

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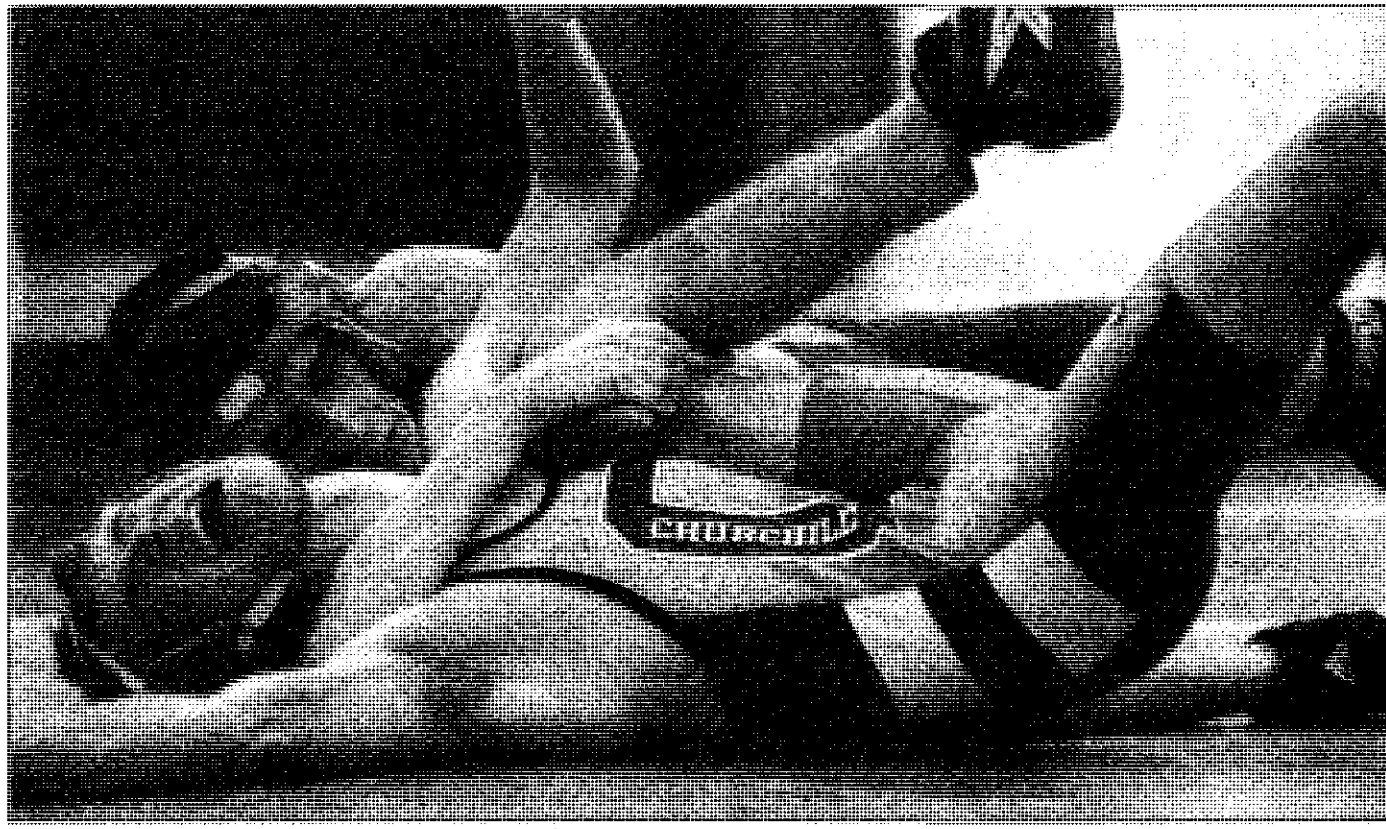
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Franklin's Jared Pieknik holds down Churchill's Matt Hecksel in a 112-pound match during Wednesday's Livonia Public Schools Tournament at Stevenson.

Franklin makes Hay in mat win

For wrestling results, see Page B4

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's not even Christmas yet, but Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola received an early present under his tree Wednesday night at the Livonia Public Schools Invitational.

Tournament MVP Cody Hay pulled off two big victories to capture the 215-pound class as the Patriots three-peated as team champion with 201.5 points, just edging host Stevenson (197) for the title. Churchill placed third with 160 in a meet which featured a slightly different format with the absence of Livonia Clarenceville, which elected to schedule a meet Wednesday at Romulus Summit Academy.

The three remaining schools used a round-robin, tri-match format, but scored it based on an individuals' performance in each of the 14 weight categories. Individual and team totals were tallied based on either

a decision (three points), major decision (four), technical fall (five) or pin (six).

The Patriots took six individual titles led by Hay, Dan Woodall (189), Brandon Billian (140), Matt Hintz (135), Justin Jacobsen (119) and Jared Pieknik (112).

Hay, a junior, proved to be the trump card as he edged Churchill's Jon Scheckel, 6-4, in his first match and then upset Stevenson's Matt Greenman, 5-4, to earn the crown.

"He was truly the MVP of my team tonight," Chiola said of Hay. "On paper, it was probably the biggest mismatch of the night. He was facing a regional qualifier (Greenman) who almost made it to 'state' last year."

"Cody was an average JV guy for two years. He doesn't have the best physique or technique, but for six minutes he doesn't let up. He showed determination, heart and endurance. He never gave up."

Chiola was pleasantly pleased at the result because he figured the Patriots were underdogs.

"For 12 of our 14 starters, it was their

first city meet," the Franklin coach said. "I knew it would be close with all three teams, as close as it has been since I've been here (eight years). A couple of matches went our way and a couple didn't go our way. Stevenson is a solid team. They really have no holes in their lineup. We probably got more pins. I was surprised we got through."

Stevenson individual winners included Tommy Myslock (119), Raz Markosian (145), Brent Cetnar (152) and Ziad Kharbush (171).

"Everybody knew it would be tight and all-in-all everybody performed pretty well," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "It was a one-match swing and the most exciting City meet I've been involved with."

"Not winning 215 surprised me. That last match our guy made a few mistakes, but their guy (Hay) deserved to be MVP."

Churchill also boasted four individual champions including Jacob Meadows (103), Andrew Murray (130), Curtis Castleberry (160) and Mark Parrish (285).

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The Producers Churchill tallies 9 in victory vs. Pats

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There's no denying Livonia Churchill's hockey team can put the puck in the net.

It was further evidenced Friday night as the 6-0 Chargers skated to a 9-1 mercy-rule victory over Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena. Churchill's senior scoring machine, forward Nathan Milam, started out the game notching his 15th goal of the season at the 20-second mark on assists from Ken Masiarczyk and Travis Satkowiak.

Mike Woynick made it 2-0 just 2:12 later from Milam and Nick Harakas, while Masiarczyk scored on a power-play from Scott Hamill and Cody Atkins at 6:41.

Franklin, meanwhile, had its chances during the opening period.

David Muller hit the left post on a breakaway effort and Alex Wypych was robbed by Churchill netminder Derrick Daigneau on a sprawling pad save.

The Chargers held an 13-8 first-period shot advantage.

"We were Jekyll-and-Hyde the first period - good offensively and not so good defensively," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "The shots were pretty even and we were able to capitalize, and they were not. It could have been a different ballgame real quick."

At 4:10 of the second period, Franklin's Ben Kubiak scored from Tyler Miller and Robert Beattie to slice the deficit to 3-1. But Churchill responded with a pair of rebound goals - Garrett Miencier from Woynick and Harakas at 4:16; followed by Kody Strong from Dan Bostick at 13:15 for a 5-1 advantage.

"All we talked about was defense," said Mazzoni, referring to the first intermission. "I

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Singles

Elks Shoot champs

Winners of the 39th annual Livonia Parks and Recreation and Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246 Hoop Shoot contest, which attracted 45 youths ages 8-13 last Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, include:

Justin Raju, Boys 12-13 (19-of-25); Jacqueline Shields, Girls 12-13 (11-of-25); Matthew Freed, Boys 10-11 (19-of-25); Natalie Spala, Girls 10-11 (19-of-25); Jeren Murray, Boys 8-9 (13-of-25); and Emma McCammon, Girls 8-9 (9-of-25).

The six division winners advance to the Southeast District Finals Saturday, Jan. 5 at the Flat Rock Community Center against eight other finalists from the metro area.

College mat note

In his first career start, Eastern Michigan University red-shirt sophomore Rece Cox (Canton-Westland John Glenn) erased a 4-1 deficit by using a reversal move at the end of the second period to pin Ohio University's Clay Tucker as the Eagles captured their Mid-American Conference wrestling opener Thursday night at home, 31-6, against the Bobcats.

SHS hockey alums

Livonia Stevenson High School's inaugural alumni hockey game for all former players will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The Stevenson-Franklin varsity game follows at 8 p.m.

Alumni area encouraged to stay after and watch the varsity game and receive refreshments.

Interested alumni should contact Kyle Zagata at (248) 924-0789; or e-mail k.zagata@yahoo.com.

Blazers end Nouvel's 30-game win streak

Livonia Ladywood evened its girls basketball record at 2-2 Friday at home by upending defending state Class C champion Saginaw Nouvel, 52-42.

The Blazers overcame a 12-6 first-quarter deficit to end the Panthers' 30-game winning streak.

"We had a good inside-outside game, a good mix of shots," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "We also came out with good energy and that was a key for us."

A field goal by Jenna Anastos and a triple by Amber Drabicki sparked a

GIRLS HOOPS

20-10 Ladywood second quarter run.

Anastos and Alison Szczycka each scored 14 points and combined for 16 rebounds. Alex Serowoky added 10 points, seven rebounds, five assists and two blocks.

Jennifer Ryan scored 13 for Nouvel. Teammate Kelly Kretz scored all 10 of her points in the first half, but was held scoreless over the final 16 minutes by Anastos.

"We forced her (Kretz) into tougher shots the second half," Gorski said.

Ladywood was 11-of-15 from the foul line (73 percent) and shot 47 percent from the floor (20-of-42).

Nouvel finished 16-of-43 from the floor (32 percent) and 9-of-14 from the line (64 percent).

WAYNE 56, MILFORD 53: Senior guard Trenia Barbee scored a game-high 25 points and Nastassia Goines added 12 Friday as Wayne Memorial (2-2) earned a non-league win against the host Mavericks.

Erica Adams and Melissa Bageris tallied 16 and 10, respectively, for Milford.

Wayne shot 14-of-22 free throws, while Milford was 17-of-26.

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Zebras open season with 94-90 3-OT win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

What a way to start the boys basketball season.

Wayne Memorial squandered a 58-45 fourth-quarter advantage Wednesday night before outlasting host Riverview, 94-90, in triple overtime.

Senior guard Mike Lee poured in a game-high 32 points to pace the victorious Zebras (1-0). He made 13-of-14 free throws on the night, including 7-of-8 in the third OT as Wayne outscored the Pirates, 19-15. Lee's triple at the end of the second overtime knotted the game at 75-all.

Senior guard Steve DiBranco paced Riverview with 30 points, while senior forward Jermaine Williams added 24.

Riverview outscored Wayne 16-3 in the final quarter to send the game into overtime at 61-all. Each team scored seven points in each of the first two four-minute extra sessions.

The Pirates had possession and the final shot three different times at the end of regulation and

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High riser

Churchill's Shauntez Thomason goes over the top to score during fourth quarter action in Friday's victory over Redford Union. For a roundup of area boys basketball games, see page B2.

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'Miss Volleyball' Abron spearheads multi-talented group

FIRST TEAM OH/MH - KYNDRA ABRON SR., LIVONIA CHURCHILL: Abron's 'Miss Volleyball' title says it all about how outstanding the powerful front-row player was in 2007. Chargers coach Mark Grenier rightfully described Abron as the state's most-dominant player and Churchill volleyball's 'most accomplished athlete.'

- 2007 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM OH/MH - Kyndra Abron, Sr., Liv. Churchill S - Christina Seward, Sr., Garden City MH - Becca Refenes, Jr., Luth. Westland OH - Jordan Kielty, Soph., Canton MB - Marie Martin, Sr., Canton L - Lindsey Graciak, Jr., Liv. Churchill MH - Brittany Holbrook, Jr., John Glenn S - Jansan Falcusan, Jr., Salem OH - Rachel Heaton, Sr., Plymouth L - Shabeda Greeley, Sr., Redford Union OH - Kristin Nalezcz, Jr., Churchville OH - Shannon Pietruszka, Jr., Garden City DS/L - Catherine Phillips, Sr., Liv. Ladywood SECOND TEAM MH - Meg Iafrafe, Jr., Liv. Stevenson S - Briana Beyer, Jr., Plymouth OH - Lorin Stenzel, Jr., Redford Union OH - Stephanie Stevens, Soph., Garden City OH - Kelly MacDonald, Jr., Salem S - Kacy Moran, Jr., Canton OH - Kirstin Kirk, Sr., John Glenn OH - Jill Sabej, Sr., Salem S - Allison Patra, Sr., Redford Union THIRD TEAM DS - Jordan Kerr, Sr., Liv. Churchill S - Julie Rhodes, Sr., Liv. Ladywood OH - Amanda Quartz, Jr., Garden City S - Sara Ross, Sr., Ply. Christian MH - Ashley Price, Sr., Liv. Franklin

- S - Megan Schulz, Sr., Red. Thurston OH - Lauren Aclof, Sr., Huron Valley Lutheran OH/S - Amanda Moody, Sr., Clarensville OH - Kaylee McGrath, Jr., Liv. Stevenson OH - Mandi McManus, Sr., Plymouth COACH OF THE YEAR Jen Barnes, Canton HONORABLE MENTION Garden City: Danielle Campbell, Kellyn O'Brady, Redford Union: Brittany Dupree, Sarah Sanders, Danielle Sweeney, Thurston: Bobbie DeBoit, Kelli Mapes, Ladywood: Ashley Hines, Rachel Fuller, Alendra Mirabito, John Glenn: Aranda Phare, Stacey Truskowski, Churchville: Jackie Griseck, Shannon Warner, Jessica Stroud, Franklin: Brianna Taylor, Brittany Taylor, Liz Holloway, Stevenson: Natalie Fenech, Clarensville: Katie Blacker, Amber Mills, Lutheran Westland: Julie Jongsma, Lauren Gieschen, Allyson Yankee, Huron Valley Lutheran: Emily Helwig, Sarah Schaffer, Kayla Stockdale, Plymouth: Kate Spangler, Lindsay Jewett, Ashley Beczisko, Canton: Hannah Mills, Lauren McPartlin, Ellie Keny, Salem: Alysaa Matchette, Kerry MacDonald, Nicole Mergel, Plymouth Christian: Miriam Monroe.

libero," said RU head coach Rachel Clor. "She is quick to get to the ball and is great at reading a hitter. She was key to starting our offense (by) making great defensive and serve-receive passes."

OH - KATEY RAMTHUN, JR., LUTHERAN WESTLAND: Consistently solid all season, Ramthun helped the cause with 169 kills, 42 solo blocks, 270 digs and 58 aces. Her efforts earned her all-conference first-team and Region 18 honors. "Katey is a great complement to Becca (Refenes) in the middle," Wade said. "Just when the other team exhales as Becca goes to the back row, Katey comes in and takes advantage of their lax approach."

OH - KRISTEN NALECZ, JR., CHURCHVILLE: Strong and athletic, Nalezcz emerged this season with 1,065 attacks, 426 kills and selection to the WLAA-Lakes and Region 18 teams.

"Kristen is very strong, she jumps extremely well and has developed a couple of great shots," said Chargers coach Grenier, who expects more of the same from her in 2008.

DS/L - SHANNON PIETRUSZKA, JR., GARDEN CITY: Almost spectacular in the back row against opponents heavy hitters, Pietruszka made just 61 errors in 963 serve-receive opportunities (93.6 percent) and averaged nearly seven digs per contest (with a total of 876). Pietruszka received selection to the All-Mega Red and Region 18 teams.

"Shannon is the most-aggressive defensive player I have ever coached," said Cougars coach Pace. "She covers more floor and is not afraid to sacrifice her body to make the dig."

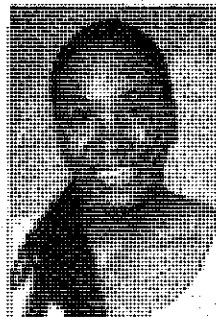
MH - CATHERINE PHILLIPS, SR., LIVONIA LADYWOOD: The hard-hitting Phillips averaged three kills per game and was solid in all phases of her play, said Blazers head coach Erin Craggs.

"Catherine was our most-consistent attacker all year," Craggs said. "She was an all-around player (and) we relied on her to make big plays."

For her efforts, Phillips was named to the Region 18 squad.

COACH OF THE YEAR JEN BARNES, CANTON: In only her second year as the head varsity coach, Barnes led the Chiefs to a spectacular season, which included a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division crown. Her leadership helped the team perform admirably in several talent-laden tournaments throughout the course of the season.

"We worked very hard last year with our workouts at Velocity Sports and with individual training at practice," said Barnes. "A lot of our success was due to the efforts of my assistant coaches - Rob Barnes (Jen's husband) and Mary Kryska - and the girls worked hard to learn our new offense and defense."



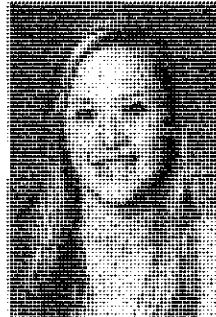
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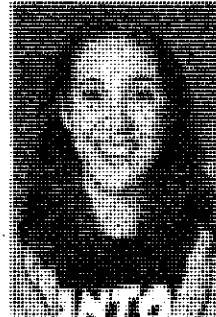
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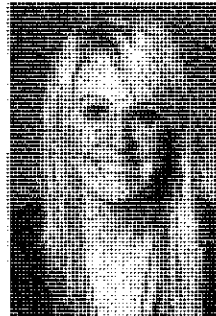
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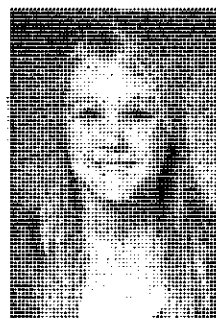
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Shannon Pietruszka Garden City



Catherine Phillips Livonia Ladywood



Jen Barnes Canton Coach

MB - MARIE MARTIN, SR., CANTON: The senior, who is headed to Madonna University with a scholarship to play volleyball, broke her own school record for blocks in a season with 111. She notched 234 kills and served at a 92.6 percent success rate. Martin earned All-WLAA and All-Region honors. "Marie was a huge asset for us in the front row," said Barnes. "She was great on the quick attacks and her blocking was even better. Marie has been a wonderful varsity player for the past four years. She will truly be missed."

L - LINDSEY GRACIAK, JR., CHURCHVILLE: The Chargers' offense usually featured Abron at the end of the line. But Graciak's strong passing and defense usually had a lot to do with Abron getting those opportunities to score.

"One of the reasons why we had so much success this season was because of what Lindsey could do passing and playing defense," said Churchill coach Grenier. "Our offense ran through Lindsey's ability to transition from serve-receive and defense into offense."

Named to the WLAA all-conference and Region 18 teams, she serve-received over 680 balls at a staggering 94 percent pace and averaged 4.5 digs per game. Graciak also ranks third all-time at Churchill in digs with 579.

MH - BRITTANY HOLBROOK, JR., JOHN GLENN: Called a "triple threat" by her coach for how well she hits, serves and defends, Holbrook nearly stole the district final from Garden City with her brilliant performance.

Holbrook had an excellent season throughout, too, with 462 kills, 77 serving aces and an average of five digs per game. Postseason honors included team MVP, WLAA-All

Conference and Region 18 selections. "She is our 'go-to' girl and has carried the load for (John Glenn) on offense all season long," said Rockets head coach Julian Wargo. "I expect her to only get better as a senior."

S - JANSAN FALCUSAN, JR., SALEM: A three-year varsity player, Falcusan has earned the distinction as one of the best setters in the state. She rarely left the court for the Rocks and often hit the floor in search of scintillating digs. A two-time All-WLAA performer, she was voted the team's most valuable player.

"Jansan has just been a great athlete for our team the past three years," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "She's one of the best setters in the state of Michigan. She's very athletic and can play anywhere we need her on the floor. She did a great job of running the team this year."

OH - RACHEL HEATON, SR., PLYMOUTH: Heaton had a sensational senior year for the Wildcats as she was a fixture on the court. She was as effective in the back row finishing off kills as she was digging out would-be kills.

"Rachel was our best all-around player and the one we looked to when we needed a big play," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "She performed well wherever she played and was a major reason for a lot of the success we had this year."

L - SHABEDA GREELEY, SR., REDFORD UNION: Aggressive and dependable at libero all season was Greeley, who keyed RU's co-title in the Mega White.

She earned team MVP honors as well as selection to the All-Mega White squad and Region 18 team after tallying 821 defensive digs, along with 930 serve-receive passes and 80 serving aces. "Shabeda is what you look for in a

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Drug helps prevent bone loss

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Jennifer from Bloomfield Hills e-mails saying her son does not want to go to bed at night. She is worried he is not getting enough sleep. Should she be concerned?

Jennifer, sleep is very important for everybody, but for kids, the lack of sleep may actually cause them to gain weight.

A study at the University of Michigan found for every additional hour per night a third-grader spends sleeping, reduces the child's risk of obesity by 40 percent. Researchers say the magic number is nine hours and 45 minutes. And if children slept more than that it lowered their risk of obesity significantly. Parents, turn off the television and computer, get up and exercise with your children, and make sure they are eating healthy snacks and meals. And get them to bed early tonight!

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Emergency preparedness

Surgeon trains to treat mass casualties

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jeffrey Schock seemed less concerned about his safety than the materials found inside a rocket that landed near the road he was taking into the Israeli city of Sderot in early November. Until then his intense training in emergency and disaster management had consisted only of trauma simulations. The explosive device was real and could have been used by terrorists in Israel or the U.S.

"We pulled over to get a first-hand look at what was happening, the police and military securing off the area. What was interesting there were fragments of the rockets, all kinds of screws and nuts," said Schock of Farmington Hills. "They put all sorts of shrapnel inside so when it explodes it's a population killer as well as a military weapon."

This was one of the harshest lessons Schock learned during the five-day course in emergency and disaster preparedness organized by the Israeli Ministry of Health, the Medical Corps of the Israel Defense Force, and the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel. Men, women and children live with the threat of death and bodily harm every minute of every day in Sderot.

As a physician Schock knew nothing about the practices of Israeli first responders until he and 33 other American and Canadian physicians and health care professionals participated in drills for non-conventional warfare, visited hospitals and medical centers equipped for emergencies, and listened to lectures which not only taught them how to care for victims of terrorist attacks in Israel, but prepare for emergencies back home. Schock is a urologic surgeon at Garden City Hospital and Botsford Hospital, and sees patients at Tri-County Urologists in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. He is also vice chairman of urology at Botsford Hospital.

"We need in the United States to have a greater awareness and not forget the lessons of 9/11 and realize we have to have a constant state of preparedness for a mass casualty event," said Schock. "There are improvements we can make in the United States for hospital preparedness. One concept is scoop and run. Visualize if you're the first responder to a mass casualty event. You don't treat on the scene because there is often a second explosive device intended for hospital personnel. You get them on an ambulance and take them to a hospital or medical center. Here first responders attempt to resuscitate the patient to some degree."

From 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Schock went from hospital to hospital, region to region for extensive courses with paramedics, military and hospital coordinators, and volunteers of Magen David Adom (the Israeli equivalent of the American Red Cross), and visited a military base where they train to handle mass casualties caused by rocket attacks and biological and chemical warfare. He plans to share this knowledge with the staffs at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Warren.

"We trained in suits for chemical warfare in case there's a chemical agent used like mustard gas it provides you a degree of protection with oxygen circulating," said Schock. "It's very challenging treating a patient with those heavy materials with a protection suit on and to not just treat a chemical attack or anthrax, but recognize there's always a possibility. One patient I was talking to him and noticed he had a little rash consistent with botulism poisoning where the body becomes paralyzed."

Besides medical simulations, physicians and health care professionals were briefed on psychological effects.

"We had the opportunity to speak to the population," said Schock. "It's the psychological trauma on



This chemical warfare suit with circulating oxygen would protect Dr. Jeffrey Schock in case of a nerve gas attack.

children, parents and society as a whole. We were able to interview some of them. One lady's house was destroyed and (she) lives in a shelter. We visited a school. What was amazing is life goes on as normal, but you don't know what goes on inside, how do they cope with the threat of rocket attacks.

"What I saw when I landed in Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport was that it's a very modern society living as if everything is normal. They conduct their lives very similar to the way we do in the United States with the knowledge that they could become involved in a terrorist activity."

By quarter after 7 last Monday morning Schock was introducing himself to the patient being prepped for surgery and giving direction to the team he'd be working with in the OR at Garden City Hospital. As a surgeon Schock said the course helped him to be able to immediately respond while treating patients back home. Still he hasn't forgotten

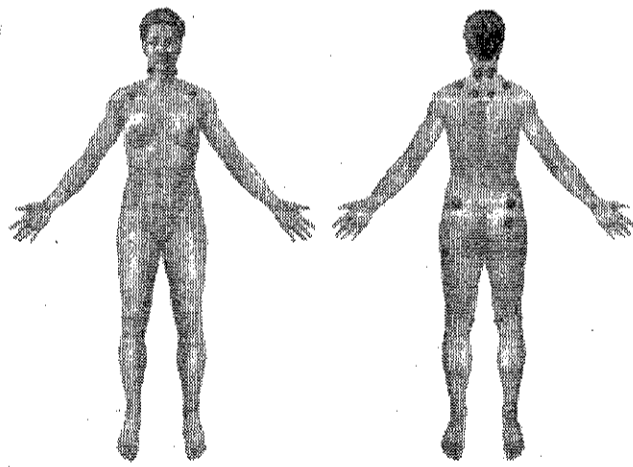
Israel where rocket attacks continue to devastate lives. He's planning on returning in June for two weeks to volunteer in one of the southern region hospitals where he'll see patients and perform surgery using the latest urological procedures for pelvic pain, incontinence, sexual dysfunction as well as cancer.

"I'd like to see other professionals participate," said Schock. "The course is designed so they're able to call me up when they need help treating mass casualties. It's not only designed for that but to help to prepare you as an American physician in the event of a 9/11."

For more information, visit apfmed.org. The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel is an organization dedicated to training Israeli physicians and healthcare professionals, and nurturing ties between the American and Israeli healthcare communities.

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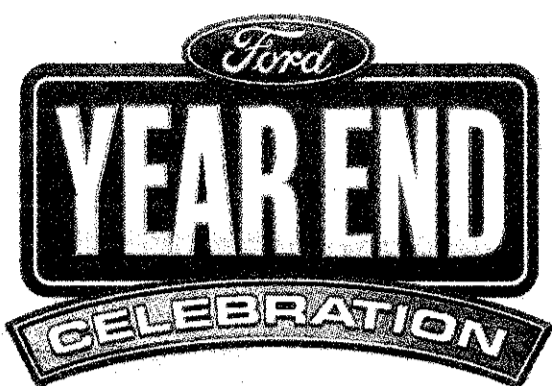
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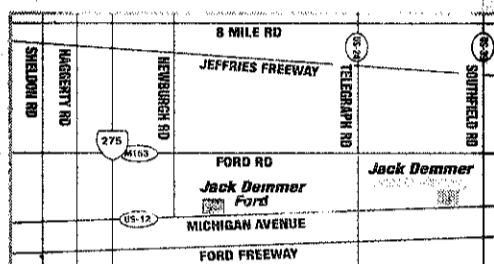
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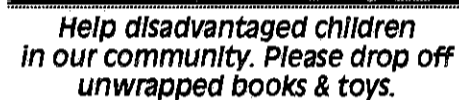
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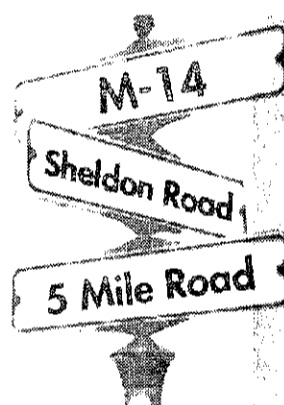
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A time for giving

This is a tough year for nonprofits which help the poor in our communities. Not only have they seen an increased need for food, clothing and services due to job losses and foreclosures, but giving is down for those same reasons.

JA'NOAH HOUSE

Still, Audrey Mattson is hopeful she'll be able to fill the wishes of children in the Brightmoor, Cass Corridor, Brewster Projects and Norwayne area of Westland. Although Mattson's husband Carl died earlier this year, their family is helping carry on the work of the couple's Ja'Noah House in Livonia. Call (734) 522-5077 if you can lend a hand or donate.

"We especially need clothes for boys and girls up to age 10, and especially gloves, even adult gloves to give to the homeless," said Mattson, who's also hoping to brighten the Christmas of girls and boys by including little extras like dolls, cars and trucks.

CAPUCHIN SOUP KITCHENS

Sister Nancyann Turner needs warm socks for the children in the Rosa Parks tutoring and art program at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner. Call (313) 822-8606, ext. 21, if you can contribute. Turner said while people are looking hard for jobs, they're hard to find these days.

"People never think of socks, hats and mittens or if people want to give grocery store and gas cards, anything that's an educational game and jigsaw puzzles less than 200 pieces," said Turner, a Dominican nun from Livonia. "Or sweat-shirts. It helps keep them warm when the heat's down. And kits that include tape and plastic for sealing windows for weatherizing."

Brother Vincent Reyes could use caps, gloves and coats for kids at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Meldrum. The items will be distributed Thursday-Friday, Dec. 20-21. The Capuchins hope to give coats to at least 2300 children. To help, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 203.

"It's unusually cold for this time of year," Reyes said. "When they come into the soup kitchen, they have time to be warmed, but when they leave they're on their own."

FIRST STEP

Theresa Bizoe doesn't want to sound crass, but First Step needs cash donations to help women and children affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. To help or if you're in need of help, call (888) 453-5900 or visit www.firststep-mi.org.

"We encourage people to give gift cards so moms can pick out gifts for their kids. Sometimes we have teenage kids and there may be nothing for a 14-year-old, or to buy things for the shelter, or grocery store cards to buy formula for a baby with special needs, or they could donate gas cards. Lots of times we have to transport

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Holiday magic

Picture books delight children of all ages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

It's a magical time of year when the latest children's books tell stories about magic beads and cats who share their Christmas lists. These Michigan authors, illustrators and publishers offer a treasure of tales for the holiday gift giving season.

'RACHEL AND THE MAGIC BEADS'

Beth Conway never dreamed of writing a children's book. She was only trying to help ease a young boy's pain over a recent move when she sat down with Johnny Buchanan to bring to life the story of his sister, *Rachel and the Magic Beads*. While the authors reveal Rachel is a very special girl, the reader has no idea she has Down syndrome until the last page. Conway said she was trying to show that Rachel was just like any other 12-year-old girl.

"It's a very sweet story. These are magic beads. When you're sad, you shake them," said Beth Conway of Livonia.

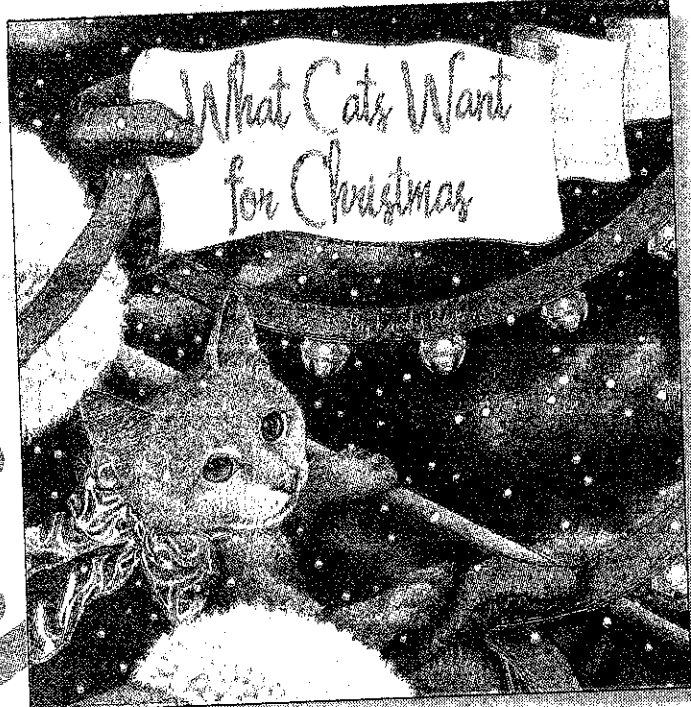
Conway could have used magic beads to find Virginia Bosak to illustrate the book. For 18 months, the story languished until one day Conway met the Livonia artist while she was hanging a show. The two decided to self-publish the book, which was printed in Canada by Friesens. They'll sign copies 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Avalon Faire, 195 W. Nine Mile, Suite B2 in Ferndale; 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Belle Center in Chicago, which supports the rights of all children to be fully integrated in the community. Rachel has been mainstreamed throughout her school years. For more information, visit www.rachelandthemagicbeads.com. The book costs \$7.99 and comes with green beads.

"I love the book," Bosak said. "Everybody who reads it is touched by it."

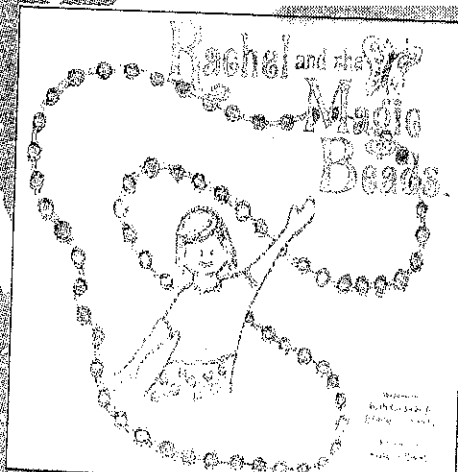
'WHAT CATS WANT FOR CHRISTMAS'

Even though Kandy Radzinski lives with two Scottie dogs, her latest book whimsically reveals *What Cats Want for Christmas* through a cast of feline characters, including one that wants a big silver dish

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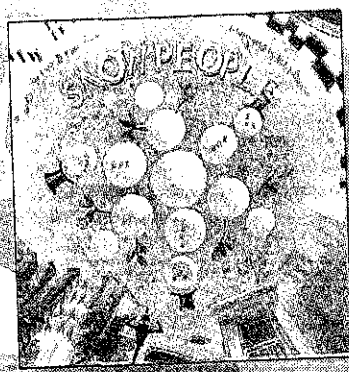
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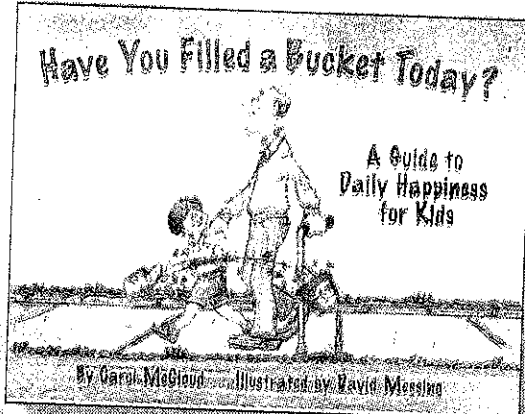
Rachel and the Magic Beads by Beth Conway and Johnny Buchanan with illustrations by Virginia Bosak



The Christmas Boot by Lisa Wheeler with illustrations by Michael Glenn Monroe



Snowpeople by Rick and Ryan Zeeb with illustrations by Trish Burgio



Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud with illustrations by David Messing

Special childhood memories sought

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.



Finnish American Singers go home for the holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The smell of fresh baked cookies is sure to put the audience in the holiday mood for the Finnish American Singers Dec. 16 concert at the Finnish Cultural Center. The goodies go on sale before the concert and are followed by a smorgasbord of Finnish food so the community can experience a taste of Finnish culture. The audience can then settle back to hear Finnish carols.

Ilene Yanke orchestrated the afternoon. She is president of the choral group which hopes to raise funds so that they all can go on singing. Yanke has baked up Finnish prune tarts along with Dee Aebersold of Beverly Hills.

Aebersold has been a member since the

A FINNISH CHRISTMAS

What: Finnish American Singers perform a concert featuring Finnish carols as well as classical music
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Where: Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Newburgh and Gill, Farmington Hills
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group was known as the Loon Lake Singers back in the 1980s.

"I remember when members only sang in Finnish except for *The Star-Spangled Banner*," said Dee Aebersold, who is proud of being 100-percent Finnish.

Aebersold learned to bake Finnish

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Members of the Finnish American Singers, from left, Maire Vint, Ilene Yanke, Diana Haefelan, Dee Aebersold, and Birgit Kuck hold a sample of some of the Finnish baked goods that will be available at their upcoming concert.



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Elizabeth Druckery and Arienne Baugh of Faith Lutheran Church display one of the blankets the church group sewed for the Soldiers Angels organization.

Piece Makers become Soldiers Angels by sewing blankets

Women of Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia sewed and constructed 15 blankets that were shipped to Soldiers Angels in California.

Soldiers Angels is an organization started by a military mom whose son told her that some soldiers/Marines do not get mail so she created Soldiers Angels and set up a Web site (soldierangels.org) with information on all the ways people can help.

When the blankets arrive at Soldiers Angels in California they are put in a first response back pack which consists of a change of clothes, underwear, sweatshirt, calling card, toilet-ries, and blanket of Hope that go out directly to the combat support hospitals on the ground

in Iraq and Afghanistan. The addition of the blankets make it personalized and are the highlight of the back packs.

The women of Faith Church attached a note to each blanket stating their name, Piece Makers of Faith Lutheran Church, address and e-mail address so the soldier/Marine can relate to a person or group.

The Sunday before the blankets were shipped Pastor Robert Carr offered a prayer asking that the blankets bring love and comfort to those receiving them.

Materials for the project were provided by members of the congregation and through a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fraternal Organization.

BOOKS

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filled with little silver fish. Radzinski just finished painting a watercolor of a Scottie for next year's *What Dogs Want for Christmas* to give her canine housemates equal time since her book, *The Twelve Cats of Christmas*, was also about those independent creatures.

"I think I chose cats because they're pretty and they happened to be in my head at time," said Radzinski, who lives in Oklahoma.

Sleeping Bear Press (www.sleepingbearpress.com) in Chelsea published the book.

'WINTER'S GIFT'

Jane Monroe Donovan's book, *Winter's Gift*, was released three years ago, but continues to be a best seller in the Sleeping Bear Press catalog. It is the first book Donovan's written, although she's illustrated five others.

"I think it remains popular because it's not about materialism. *Winter's Gift* is a different message — it's relationships that are really important," said Donovan, of Pinckney. "My grandparents were the models. They had a good marriage."

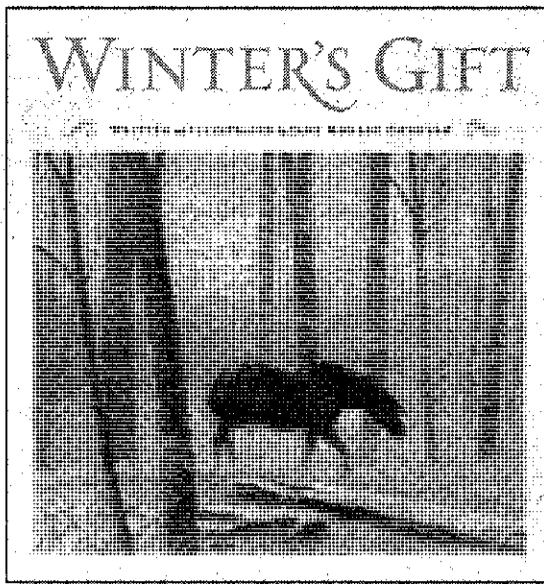
Donovan said her ideas "came in bits and pieces" for the book about resuming life after the death of a loved one.

"I was sitting at an ice rink with my son. You can really imagine being cold, what the horse felt," Donovan said. "It's as much for adults as children. I think maybe older people get one thing out of it if they've lost somebody in their life, it's the idea of having hope. When I read the story to young kids, they're more concerned with the horse being OK, although they do seem to get the connection with the star."

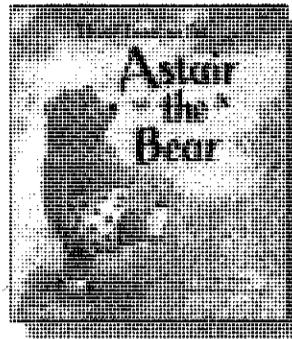
'THE CHRISTMAS BOOT'

The message for Lisa Wheeler's book, *The Christmas Boot*, came to her while working at a toy store. Illustrated by Michael Glens Monroe, *The Christmas Boot* is the 24th book Wheeler's written. It was published by Mitten Press in Ann Arbor (www.mittenpress.com). The story is about a woman who finds a magic boot that answers all her wishes, until one day an old man appears to take it all back.

"You see so much materialism and it's so sad," said Wheeler, of Trenton. "Here was a woman who was given all this and she



Winter's Gift by Jane Monroe Donovan



Three Lessons for Astair the Bear by Martin Brennan with illustrations by Amy Huntington

'THREE LESSONS FOR ASTAIR THE BEAR'

Martin Brennan hopes readers have as much fun as he did rhyming all the lines in *Three Lessons for Astair the Bear* from Mitten Press (www.mittenpress.com). The book was illustrated by Amy Huntington.

"The book came from the words themselves," said Brennan, of Howell. "I had the beginning in my head — 'There was once was a bear named Astair who woke up and said I don't care.' I wanted it to have some humor and conflict. I hope they laugh a little bit, if they scratch their head and reflect on what happens with anger or if it can raise some questions at the very least that they find it entertaining."

'FIRST SNOW IN THE WOODS'

Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick thought they were working on a book about fall when suddenly they came across a photograph of a fawn they'd followed through the first snow in Kensington Metropark a couple of years ago. The husband and wife team have taken more than 400,000 images of wildlife, so narrowing a storyline down isn't always easy. Their third book in a series about animals in the woods is about that fawn. For more information, visit www.carlsams.com and click on books.

"We're trying to teach lessons about nature to kids," said Sams, of Milford, who's won many awards with Stoick for their books *Stranger in the Woods* and *Lost in the Woods*. "The great grey owl generally winters in Canada, but when winters are too harsh, he comes down. The fawn has observed everybody preparing. He gets caught in the blizzard and thinks he's not prepared. The animals listen to that voice in their head. He learns to follow his heart."

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'SNOWPEOPLE'

It was easy for Rick and Ryan Zeeb to write about *Snowpeople*, so when Saks Fifth Avenue contacted them the two brothers simply called on their childhoods in Michigan.

Although their careers later took them to southern California, they never forgot the winters.

Their story about snowpeople deals with diversity. The book, illustrated by Trish Burgio, is available at all Saks Fifth Avenue Stores and at www.saks.com. A portion of the proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Saks has put out children's books before. They wanted it to be about snowflakes and snowpeople. We are musicians and have written a lot of songs together. I hope there is a message to be yourself," said Rick Zeeb, a cartographer (map maker).

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The Finnish American Singers rehearse for their upcoming holiday concert.

FINNISH

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treats as a girl "when everything was made from scratch."

Like Aebersold, Charlotte Lytikainen's parents came from Finland. She has fond memories of the carols she heard at home.

"Singing Finnish songs is easy for me," said Lytikainen, who like Aebersold speaks Finnish. The 83-year-old Farmington Hills resident is baking Finnish cardamom cookies for the bake sale before the concert.

Director Henry Naasko is planning to bake Finnish cardamom cookies as well. He's especially excited about this year's concert.

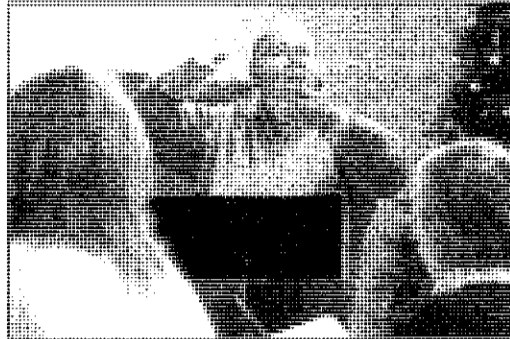
"The theme is bells and almost all the songs have bells," said Naasko, who's of Finnish descent. "And this year for the first time in many years we have new members."

Diana Haefelin joined the singers about 18 months ago. She baked her first coconut hill (cocos makronen) in Germany. Although named the Finnish American Singers, several of the members come from various countries. Although Haefelin and Birgit Kuck were born in Germany, they met after joining the Finnish American Singers. Today, both live in Farmington Hills.

"I start baking before the first Sunday in December," said Haefelin, who sang in two choirs in Germany. She sings her first solo, *Christmas Tree*, at the Dec. 16 concert. "On Christmas Eve we get presents and the next day visit our families."

Maire Vint was born in Finland but grew up in Australia. She made gingerbread cookies in Scandinavian style. Like Haefelin and Kuck she celebrates on Christmas Eve.

"We have a candlelight dinner with Christmas carols playing the background," said Vint of Canton, "then gather around the Christmas tree."



Henry Naasko leads the Finnish American Singers through a song as the group rehearses at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills.



A sampling of the Finnish baked goods that will be available at the Finnish American Singers upcoming concert.

Bill Gramzow experienced some of the Finnish traditions when he visited Finland with Yanke who stayed in the homes of her seven cousins there. The Ypsilanti pianist is inviting the community to taste the food and listen to the music as he accompanies the singers in concert.

"It's impossible to separate a Finn from their culture," said Gramzow, who grew up in Detroit and Redford. "The Finns live their culture. They want you to experience the food. They absolutely love their music."

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GIVING

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people to court," said Bizoe, associate director of First Step.

Bizoe says the shelter is almost always full, so it's crucial to keep it open to provide a safe haven. A couple of weeks ago, there were 30 children and their mothers staying at the undisclosed location.

Two upcoming benefits give the community an opportunity to have fun while helping others. On Wednesday, Dec. 12, IKEA in Canton opens its doors for a discounted shopping day (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.). The cost is \$10 at the door. All proceeds go to First Step. In return, shoppers receive a 10-percent discount.

Brian Duggan holds his 18th Charity Dance and casino night from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$45. The dance is usually sold out, so Bizoe encourages supporters to buy tickets early at www.firststepcharitydance.org.

"Our counselors are looking for white noise machines to help block so other people can't hear the counseling going on, and a list of books we give to clients from our lending library," Bizoe said.

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Volunteer a day of service

Beginning in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center.

"This is an opportunity to examine one's faith," Brother Jerry, executive director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, said. "Jesus gave us instructions on how to treat others. Due to busy schedules, individuals don't always have the opportunity to directly serve others or perhaps they don't know where to start. This is a good starting point. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow."

The Day of Service and Spirituality allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with the guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus

Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. Today, work is underway seeking sainthood for Father Solanus.

"This is an opportunity for a group to provide much needed help. It also provides an opportunity to put a face and a name to those they are helping. Everyone has their own story and something to share. This is an excellent opportunity to share and to listen to those who are often times are ignored," said Brother Jerry.

The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch is included. For more information, send e-mail to crcrane@thecapuchins.org.

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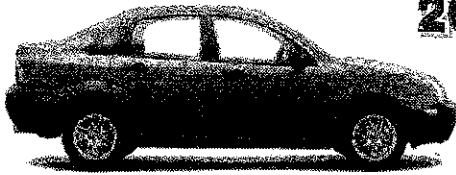
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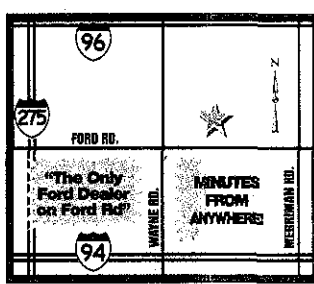
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