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City will use federal money for Norwayne housing

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland will use nearly \$2.1 million in new federal dollars to demolish or renovate dilapidated homes and build new housing in the Norwayne subdivision, a long-struggling

area hard hit by foreclosures and abandoned properties, city officials confirmed.

Norwayne, a World War II-era subdivision built for wartime factory workers and returning soldiers, has faced difficulties even in prosperous times. But, city leaders believe

that it could be noticeably improved with neighborhood-stabilization money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Norwayne, bounded by Palmer, Glenwood, Wildwood and Merriman, contains both run-down and spruced-up

duplexes, four-unit residences and single-family homes. Its history includes producing many prominent city leaders including former state Rep. Justine Barns and the late Mayor Thomas Brown, among others.

"It was the best neighbor-

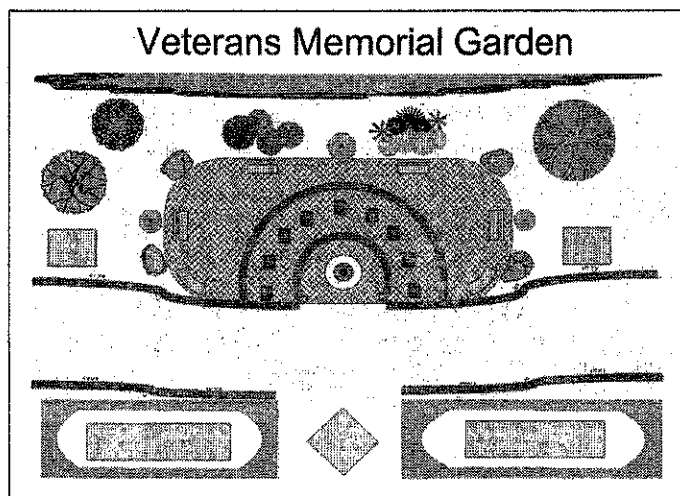
hood I ever lived in as far as the friendliness of the whole neighborhood," said former Westland City Councilwoman Sharon Scott, who grew up on Armada Court where her father was a firefighter. "I loved it. We had good times, block parties. Everybody stuck

together."

Norwayne, a densely populated area that still has small shopping centers, a city housing department and a Salvation Army center, has declined over the years, but city leaders have

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Veterans group proposes a memorial garden



The proposed Veterans Memorial Garden will feature flags, memorials to American wars back to the Civil War, plantings and benches.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While city and Wayne County officials are hoping to get the green light to remediate a portion of Central City Park, a veterans group is already fronting a plan that would turn an area near Friendship Lake into a Veterans Memorial Garden. "Our goal is to dedicate it in 2011," said Kenneth Mehl of the Westland Veterans Association. "We want to make it an educational place and a place where veterans of all eras can come and have peace, solitude and even closure."

The park is proposed for the east side of the lake along Carlson. It would feature a flag pole in the center surrounded by stanchions rep-

resenting the different wars, going back to the American Civil War. There would be benches on the edges of the memorial for people to sit and meditate and areas for armament to illustrate the conflicts.

"It's a very calm area that we feel we could turn into something to honor all veterans," said John Welshman, who did the design. "We want to put in walkways that go around the pond and do a lot of history, so schools could take children there and educate them."

The area has been fenced off since problems with contamination in the park became public two years ago, so the group isn't certain of the acreage needed to accommodate the plan. However, once the fence is down the group will be able to see where the plan



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland Mayor William Wild and Joseph Tebor, District 4 Senior Vice Commander of Bova VFW Post 9885 gave their remarks about the new American Flag deposit at the Westland Library.

can go, Mehl said.

He estimates it will cost some \$500,000 to build, if it is approved by the city, and organizers hope to get corporate sponsors to help defray some of the costs.

The group got an indication it has the city's support from Mayor William Wild who told the veterans that "it's a great concept."

"It's something very doable and that we can work with DEQ (Michigan Department

of Environmental Quality) on," Wild said. "We can take your concept and overlay it on the area and see it as a positive thing for the community."

Mehl told the crowd the association already has held several fund-raisers and has secured a \$10,000 donation from the Foundation for American Veterans to cover the cost of the flag pole. Lori O'Brady, a representative of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, presented them

with a U.S. flag.

In addition to the American flag, flags of the different branches of the service as well as the MIA/POW flag would be displayed.

Mehl said brick pavers also will be sold to help pay for the construction. The cost would be \$100 for a 6-by-6-inch brick, \$250 for a 6-by-12-inch brick and \$500 for 12-by-16-inch brick.

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Teens face trial in assault of delivery man

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A pair of teenagers will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court amid accusations they attacked a pizza delivery man who was beaten with a baseball bat and robbed outside an apartment building on Westland's north side.

Ray Andrew Lake, 19, of Canton and Cornelius Edward Mickels, 18, of Inkster will stand trial after they decided to waive their preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court — a decision that averted testimony from potential witnesses.

Lake and Mickels could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if they're convicted of armed robbery for an incident that happened Halloween night at Hawthorne Club Apartments, on Merriman between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren.

Both teens remain jailed with \$100,000 cash bonds, and not-guilty pleas have been placed in court records for them. They chose to waive their preliminary hearings when they appeared Thursday in front of 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

According to Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick, the pizza delivery worker was treated for injuries and released from a hospital after he was attacked around 11 p.m. Oct. 31 and beaten with a baseball bat. The victim already had made a delivery to an apartment when the assault happened, Karrick said.

"He was walking back to his car when two guys came out of the shadows," Karrick said. "One of them hit him on the head with a baseball bat. They took his money and fled on foot."

Westland officers, along with police dog Friday, rushed to the scene and arrested two teens, including one who was running north from the apartment complex and another who was hiding in a laundry room, Karrick said.

It wasn't clear why the Canton and Inkster defendants had been to Hawthorne Club Apartments.

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Westland veterans dedicate flag depository

BY SUE MASON
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Westland residents have a spot to turn in their worn and tattered U.S. flags with the opening of a flag depository in the lobby of the William P. Faust Public Library.

City officials and members of the Westland Veterans Association dedicated the depository last week in connection with the announcement of plans for a Veterans Memorial Park.

"There's nothing better than to show the U.S. flag and when it's at the end of its life cycle to properly dispose of it," Mayor William Wild said.

The Westland Veterans Association donated the mail box that features patriotic flag graphics donated by Westland Car Care and Collision. It got its first flag from Joseph Tebor, a member of the Bova VFW Post 9985 and the District 4 senior vice commander.

"It's my honor to deposit the first flag for this occasion," Tebor said.

The flag was one of many collected at the Bova Post for proper disposal. The Bova Post has joined with the Romanowski VFW Post 6896, also in Westland, in collecting flags.

According to Tebor, the

posts had close to 1,000 that were disposed of during ceremonial burning, usually done around Memorial Day.

"I can't think of anything more discouraging than seeing a flag in a trash can," said Tebor, adding that the box at the Bova Post "is almost full."

Access to the depository is available during library hours — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

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Marine veteran Len Janus of Westland thought it was 'beautiful' to have a place to drop off flags.

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Westland will make its pitch to minority franchise owners

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland, struggling like many cities to lure new businesses to vacant buildings and storefronts, will make a direct appeal this week to women and minorities who are looking for franchise opportunities.

Lori Fodale, the city's economic development director, will make a sales pitch Wednesday in Detroit dur-

ing the 2008 Detroit Area Franchise Opportunities Seminar for Women and Minorities.

Fodale will promote Westland — the only city to co-host the event — by setting up shop during the seminar, scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wayne State University's McGregor Memorial Conference Center.

"I will have a table showcasing our vacant retail spots," she

said.

Moreover, potential business people from across the area will attend the seminar to learn more about starting a franchise and exploring ways to finance a new venture.

"It's offering our Westland residents (and others) an opportunity to educate themselves on becoming a franchise owner," Fodale said.

To register, visit www.mmbdc.com. The cost is \$20

and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and session materials. And, to learn more about franchising, visit www.franchise.org.

Mayor William Wild has said the seminar could become another tool to help promote Westland as a place for new businesses.

"Westland has always been a strong retail destination, and by participating in this seminar, we hope to market Westland

as a franchise-friendly city and showcase the wide array of retail opportunities for both large and small franchises," Wild said in a prepared statement.

Westland will be involved along with organizations such as the International Franchise Association (IFA), Detroit Economic Growth Corp., Wayne County Business Development Division, Michigan Minority Business Enterprise Center and

Coca-Cola.

According to a 2006 study by the IFA, the three primary obstacles hindering minority franchise ownership are information, relationships and capital. Miriam Brewer, director of diversity for the IFA Educational Foundation, has said that Wednesday's seminar is intended to address those hardships.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Attorney sworn in

Amy M. Bunker, daughter of Fred & Joy Bunker of Westland, will be sworn in this month as a new attorney by the State Bar of Michigan. Bunker, who graduated cum laude from the Michigan

State University College of Law in May 2008, formerly received an master of science degree in chemistry from Central Michigan University and a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Michigan State University.

Before graduating from law

school, Bunker was employed for many years as a research chemist for several major pharmaceutical companies including, Parke-Davis, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, and Pfizer. During this time, Bunker co-authored many scientific papers and became a co-inventor on numerous patents.

In addition, Ms. Bunker has recently been honored by the Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society as the 35th Annual recipient of the Rossman Award, an award which recognizes the Journal article that has made the greatest contribution to the fields of Patent, Trademark, and Copyright law during the period from July 2006 to June 2007. She has recently accepted a position as in-house

legal counsel for the Cayman Chemical Company in Ann Arbor.

Vets honor helpers

Veterans Haven, a local organization dedicated to helping veterans with everything from finding jobs to securing emergency housing, has honored two people who have "gone above the call of duty" to help veterans, founder Vince Berna said.

The group recently honored Westland City Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer for organizing a Lee Greenwood concert at the Dearborn Performing Arts Center to raise money to help veterans. The organization also gave an award to former Westland Housing Director James Gilbert,

who led the charge to provide transitional housing for veterans.

Stottlemeyer and Gilbert were honored during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Haven Outreach Center in Wayne. Several local dignitaries, including state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Westland Mayor William Wild, also attended to show support for Stottlemeyer and Gilbert.

Holiday reunion

Former Wayne County General Hospital employees and retirees are invited to kick off the holiday season with the 24th annual holiday reunion 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, in a private dining room at the Golden Corral restaurant in Westland. The restaurant is

on Warren between Central City Parkway and Newburgh. Those attending should notify the cashier when arriving.

Nutcracker Ballet

More than 70 dancers from Bunny Sanford's School of Dance will perform the Nutcracker holiday classic 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road just west of Farmington. Tickets are \$5. This special production features original choreography and costumes from the Nutcracker Ballet that formerly appeared at the Fox Theatre and Detroit Opera House. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Bunny Sanford's School of Dance at (734) 464-7440.



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stubbornly refused to stop fighting for a neighborhood that now houses residents with low and moderate incomes.

City officials hope to continue to transform Norwayne using the nearly \$2.1 million in HUD money that has certain restrictions on how — and where — it can be used. Specifically, the dollars have been allocated to states, counties and local communities plagued by foreclosures, subprime loans and abandoned homes.

"While the Norwayne subdivision is undoubtedly one of the oldest areas of our city — having existed for over 65 years — it is an area brim-

ming with promise," Mayor William Wild said. "Presently, Norwayne is an area that has long been neglected and includes substandard multi-unit duplexes in various degrees of disarray. This, in turn, has contributed to the city spending a disproportionate amount of city resources in Norwayne in an effort to elevate the standard of living."

Wild said the new program will mark an effort to continue revitalizing Norwayne "from the ground up." However, the effort is not a foreclosure-prevention measure.

Earlier this month, city workers and volunteers spent a Saturday cleaning up the neighborhood and hauling out 115 tons of debris, similar to an effort last fall. Moreover, Dorsey Road, a major thoroughfare in Norwayne, has

been repaved, and the Wayne-Westland school district has spent \$6 million renovating Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementary schools. (The latter school is partly named after Justine Barns.)

Now, the city will identify foreclosed and abandoned properties, then use the neighborhood-stabilization money to work with nonprofit and for-profit developers to provide single-family home ownership opportunities for people whose incomes are higher than the subdivision's median income. The money is intended for uses such as demolition, site preparation, construction, appraisal, home buyer assistance and budget counseling.

The city also will broaden its rental rehabilitation program by working with developers to renovate foreclosed

and abandoned properties for families with incomes up to \$34,950.

The effort will require the city to amend its federal Community Development Block Grant action plan by Dec. 1, and the proposal will be reviewed by HUD. Westland Housing and Community Development Director Joanne Inglis said the federal aid is expected to be used within a four-year period, although the dollars will have to be committed to certain projects within 18 months.

"It's on a very fast track," Inglis said, adding that the program is expected to have a tangible impact on Norwayne. "I think it has the potential for being incredibly significant."

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Glenn principal eager to help teenagers learn

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Ingham's new role as principal at Westland John Glenn High School suits him just fine.

"Good," the first-year principal said of the new school year. "Kind of reconnecting with the staff and the kids." He'd been an assistant principal at Glenn up to six years ago when he became principal at



Ingham

Ingham said of Glenn. "It's busier than the middle school. We just got done with the fall sports season. Being in a large

Adams Middle School, also in the Wayne-Westland district. He served for five years at Adams prior to being tapped for Glenn.

high school there's always something going on."

Winter sports will start right after Thanksgiving, including boys and girls basketball. "We have a new gym. That's helped out a lot," he said.

Ingham, who lives in Howell with his wife and 10th-grader son, did his undergraduate work at the University of Connecticut. "I grew up in New England." Graduate school was at Marymount

University in Alexandria, Va., and Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where he earned a master's degree from each.

Ingham has several goals for his first year at Glenn, including making connections with the community. That brought him to a recent Westland Rotary lunch as a guest at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

Ingham and his colleagues

also hope to refocus energy on student achievement. "We felt our scores were too low," he said of helping Glenn students succeed and face bright futures.

He's an avid reader: "I read and research all the time." Ingham also enjoys hunting and fishing.

"Any free time I am usually outside," he said.

Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superin-

tendent, is glad Ingham's on the job. "I think Dave is an excellent fit for John Glenn High School," said Baracy, citing Ingham's experience as a Glenn assistant principal and later at Adams.

Ingham turned around Adams academically, Baracy said. "His forte is high school," Baracy added, citing the principal's personality and background in curriculum and leadership.

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Davenport enrolls 900 students at Livonia location

Davenport University's new location in Livonia has attracted a near-capacity fall enrollment of about 900 students.

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The 40,000-square-foot facility with 26 classrooms, several computer labs and a library on three floors, opened for its first semester on Sept. 3 at 19499 Victor Parkway. Prior to construction of the building, Davenport University did not have a location in the area and was not well known in the community.

"Now that we have a new building highly visible from I-275 and an enrollment of hundreds of students, we look forward to becoming an asset to this community and known for bachelor's and master's degrees that prepare students for today's knowledge careers," Fleming said.

Bachelor's and master's degree programs are offered at DU Livonia days, evenings,



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Davenport's Livonia campus has a three-story building with 26 classrooms and covers 40,000 square feet.

weekends and online to accommodate traditional-age students and adult learners. The new location will also be the site of the university's first executive M.B.A. program beginning winter term. Other programs include accounting, finance, human resources management, marketing, computer gaming and technology, computer networking, network security, and a master of science in information assurance.

Harry Belafonte keynotes ACLU of Michigan dinner

Singer/activist Harry Belafonte will be the keynote speaker at the American Civil Liberties of Michigan Annual Dinner Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

"It is truly an honor to have such a committed advocate for social justice addressing our supporters after this historic election," said Kary L. Moss, ACLU of Michigan executive director. "Mr. Belafonte is not only a consummate entertainer, he is a man who has dedicated himself to the rights and liberties that we so cherish in this country."

Belafonte has been an activist his entire life. He was a leader during the marches in Selma and Montgomery, Ala., as well as the Freedom March in Washington, D.C. in 1963, he has continued to be an activist. In 2005, he founded "the Gathering for Justice" to address the plight of children in the criminal justice system



Belafonte

and to pass the torch from the elders of the civil rights movement to the next generation of prepared young leaders. In 2001, he and his former wife set up the Harry and Julie Belafonte Fund for HIV/AIDS. In addition, he has had a career as a recording artist, concert singer, movie, Broadway and television star, as well as a producer. He has received a Tony, four Grammys (including a lifetime achievement award) and the first ever Emmy for an African American. He has been a UNICEF goodwill ambassador for 20 years and received accolades for work in Africa and the civil rights movement.

During the event, the ACLU of Michigan will honor Attorney David Moran and The Arcus

Foundation.

Founded by Jon Stryker, Arcus focuses its philanthropy in Michigan on advancing social justice that is inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity and race and recently added two priority areas: Religion & Values and the Michigan Racial & Economic Justice Initiative, which fights poverty and racial injustice in Michigan.

Co-honoree David Moran has been a cooperating attorney with the ACLU of Michigan for many years and represented the organization in three criminal cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He worked as a criminal appellate defense attorney at the State Appellate Defenders Office for over ten years and then began teaching law at Wayne State University. This year, he joined the law faculty at the University of Michigan where he founded an Innocence Project.

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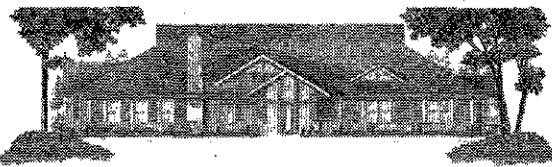
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NCATE and Madonna University recognize that graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the Madonna University College of Education to:

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Hospital programs focus on healthy living

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Nov. 17
Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Childbirth Education (third of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Learn coping techniques like breathing, relaxation and massage, pain management options and stages of labor. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Nov. 18
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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

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

Babysitting class (second of two) at 3:30 p.m. This two-session program is designed to prepare future babysitters with the skills necessary to care for young children. Topics include basic childcare needs, emergency preparedness and airway obstruction. Participants receive a certificate. There is a \$30 fee. Call (734) 458-4330 for details and to register.

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

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, please call (734) 458-4392.

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BiPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR -Adult (ARC) at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, this class provides hands-on CPR training to adults. Participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims, age 8 and above. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 20
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"Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. This meeting is free of charge. Call 734-458-3311 for further information.

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Friday, Nov. 21
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DAILY PROGRAMS

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

Library has books to help with food allergies

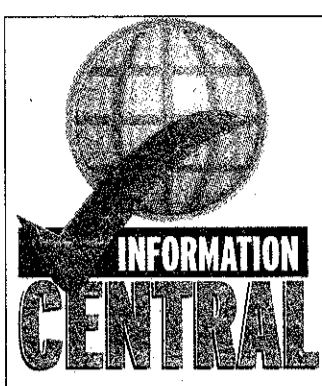
With Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching, many people start thinking about the family gatherings and what food should be served. For some families, this can be a very confusing menu to put together. Many people have to consider not only individual likes and dislikes, but also health issues and food allergies.

The National Center for Health Statistics recently released the results of a new study regarding food allergies. They found that 3 million children in the United States have some type of food allergy, an increase of 18 percent in the past 10 years. Ninety percent of all food-related allergic reactions can be traced back to the following foods: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (cashews, walnuts), fish, shellfish, soy and wheat.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has many materials that may help you plan that special-diet menu. Some of the newer titles include Grace Cheatham's *Gluten-free, wheat-free and dairy-free recipes*; Jacqueline Mallore's *Wheat-free Cook*; Shari Lieberman's *Gluten Connection*; Ann L. Gittleman's *Get the Sugar Out*; Leslie Hammond's *Kid-friendly Food Allergy Cookbook*.

A lot of people need to watch what they eat because of a medical condition. Some titles to consider include New American Heart Association cookbook; Cancer survival cookbook by Donna L. Weihofen; and Diabetes and heart healthy cookbook.

You may also want to check



out the following Web sites using the library's Internet computers or at home. *The Special Diets Resource Guide* Web site (www.specialdiets.org) is a directory of products, suppliers, services, Web sites, and other resources for people living on a restricted diet due to medical conditions.

The Cleveland Clinic (<http://my.clevelandclinic.org/disorders/allergies>) has put together a comprehensive section on food allergies and the foods that you should both include and exclude from your diet.

Medicinenet.com (www.medicinenet.com/special_diets_and_recipes) has information about special diets, healthy foods, and recipes for changing dietary needs.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Michigan is open Monday-Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES
Capital Market Outlook: 3rd quarter review, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Join Andrew Gagne, associate financial adviser, who will help you put current market conditions in perspective to help you become a better-informed investor. Learn about the economic outlook, the market outlook and diversifying your investment portfolio.

Adult Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18. Join us as we discuss *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel. Galileo Galilei's telescopes allowed him to discover a new reality in the heavens. Drawing upon the remarkable surviving letters that Virginia wrote to her father, Dava Sobel has written a fascinating history of Medici-era Italy, a mesmerizing account of Galileo's scientific discoveries and his trial by church authorities, and a touching portrayal of a father-daughter relationship. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

1960's Book Club, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. Join us for a book discussion of Chaim Potok's classic: *The Chosen*. In 1940s Brooklyn, New York, an accident throws Reuven Mather and Danny Saunders together. Despite their differences (Reuven is a Modern Orthodox Jew with an intellectual Zionist father; Danny is the brilliant son and rightful heir to a Hasidic rebbe), the young men form a deep, if unlikely, friendship. All are welcome. Copies of the book can be picked up at the reference desk.

Susan Hanson of the William P. Faust Library in Westland compiled this report.

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Former 'Survivor' thrilled to work behind the camera now

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Make every heartbeat count."

Keith Famie brought his film work and philosophy to Farmington's Harrison High School students Nov. 12 and urged juniors and seniors to appreciate every moment of their lives and the lives of family close to them.

The former metro-Detroit chef and former star in the 2000 TV series "Survivor" has taken a new turn in his life by way of film production.

He is a 1978 graduate of Farmington High School. Famie learned that he enjoyed being behind the camera more than he enjoyed being in front of the camera.

In the last two years, he has won seven Emmys in the last two years for four productions about different ethnicities in the Detroit area — Polish,

Greek, Arab American and Italian.

His next story on India will air at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 on Channel 7.

"It is really about elders," Famie said about his work.

He realized when his father, Albert, died four years ago from Alzheimer's disease that he had never taken the time to film him to tell his story.

Famie is also working on films about what it is like to be blind. He has featured a 15-year-old blind girl who goes to school in Grand Rapids. She was born without eyes. He also features Captain Ivan Castro who is in the military's Special Forces Division of the U.S. Army. He was struck by mortar fire. The 39-year-old ran a triathlon and climbed a mountain since he lost his eyesight.

Famie's film company, Visionalist Entertainment Production is based in Wixom and specializes in human inter-

est productions.

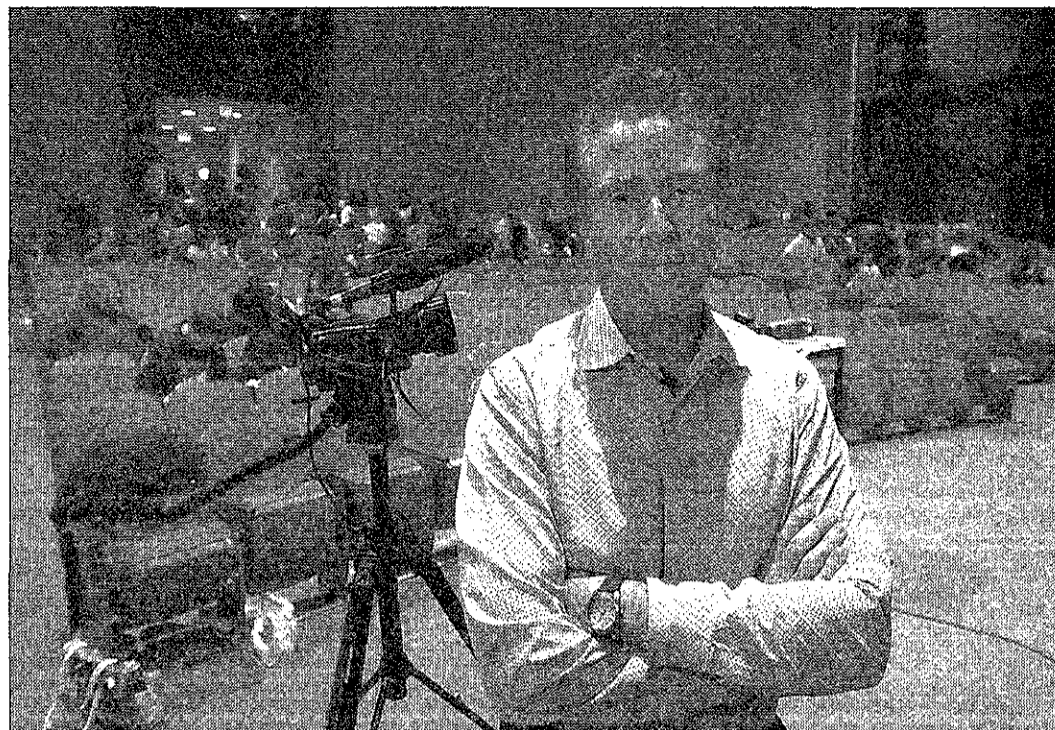
Famie wants students to know how quickly time passes and urges them to appreciate their elders and their history.

The Novi resident was invited to Harrison High School in Farmington Hills because his son Josh, is a junior in Katerina Gadjev's World Literature classes. His daughter, Alicia, graduated from Harrison High School in June.

"If you walk away with anything, I hope that you walk away knowing that anything is possible," Famie said. "You can do anything in life that you want."

Junior Shelby Ferrara called Famie's presentation "awesome" especially the stories he told about how blind people have adapted.

"It was really touching," Ferrara said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keith Famie at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday card party

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will hold a holiday card party from 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffles, light meals and snacks. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets cost \$8 and will be available at the door. Proceeds will go to the church building fund.

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Ss. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer Road, one mile west of Merriman Road. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is 9

a.m. the day of the show.

Charity casino

If you are looking for a place to show your skills at Texas Hold 'Em, the Canton Charity Casino, western Wayne County's only charity poker room at the Shark Club on Ford in Canton every Thursday through Sunday. The Canton Charity Casino offers nightly tournaments as well as continuous cash games and a venue for players of all skill levels. Non-profit, charitable organizations are licensed by the State of Michigan to sponsor each weekend, allowing them to raise funds for their special causes. The hours are 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday (tournament at 8 p.m.) and 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday (tournament at 5 p.m.) The Shark Club is at 42070 Ford, just west of Haggerty in Canton. Non-profit groups interested in sponsoring a fund-raising weekend can call (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to scpokertb@gmail.com.

Class reunions

Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983 and 1984 will hold a reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriman north of Warren Road, Westland. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and

open bar (casual attire). Advanced tickets only must be purchased by Sept. 30. Contact one of the following committee members for additional information: '83'- Lori Westerholm at (734) 834-6796, '83'- Mary McCollough (Potvin) at (734) 658-1014, '83'- Mary Ann Brefka (Stempin) at (734) 729-6783, '83'- Mark Tyl at (313) 587-0092, '83'- Lori Hagedorn (Schuler) at (313) 730-1303 or '84'- Renee Liske (Scott) at (734) 425-7826.

■ Garden City High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$65 before March 1 and \$75 March 2-June 1. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Tickets are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or by contacting Paula at gchsi1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have

no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free-will offering will be taken to support the bands. For more information on Higher Rock, visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

CRAFT SHOWS

Garden City Knights of Columbus
Crafters are needed for the Garden City Knights of Columbus second annual craft show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22, at the hall, 30759 Ford, Garden City. For more information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373 or Vicki at (313) 538-0204.

Lathers

Crafters and vendors are being sought for Lathers Elementary School's second annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. The cost of an 8-foot space is \$20. All of the proceeds going toward new playground equipment. Contact Lisa at crafter2007@yahoo.com.

St. Sebastian

Crafters are needed for St. Anne Altar Society's Fall Craft Fair from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20710 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charmaine at (313) 278-1266.

St. Sebastian Catholic School needs vendors for its craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the school, 20700 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Michelle at (313) 586-1133 or (313) 563-6640.

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sts. Peter & Paul Church will hold its 20th annual arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, in the church hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. There will be a raffle and bake sale. Cabbage rolls and other ethnic food will also be available. Admission is \$1. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia at (734) 522-9653.

EDUCATION

St. Raphael

St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is accepting open enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year for preschool through eighth-grade. Programs include 3-4-year-old preschool, technology updates and a host of extra-curricular activities. Computer labs, new classroom technology, Japanese class, and chess club are some of the school's newest additions. The school has a strong academic program and also offers religion class, weekly Mass and sacramental preparation including Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Latchkey and busing is available, and all faiths are welcome. For registration information or to learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School, contact the school

office at (734) 425-9771 or visit www.straphael-gc.org.

Willow Creek

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment in its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. Willow Creek is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

St. Damian

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

Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, is currently enrolling for 2008-2009 school year. Morning sessions for the 3- and 4-year-old programs are available. Potty training is not required. There is a certified teacher. The 4-year-old program runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The 3-year-old program runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, call (734) 459-6689 or visit www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

YWCA preschool

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2 1/2 to 5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To all residents and interested parties, the Council minutes will be available for review on the internet at:
www.gardencitymi.org

You can access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk/Treasurer

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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction November 18, 2008 at 11:15 A.M. The auctions will be held at **Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.** The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to State law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 6855 Yale, Westland, MI, November 22, 2008 at 1:05 p.m.

#105	Roberta Williams
#107	Tammy Viecelli
#222	Rochelle Glaspie
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#1137	Shawn Gehr
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Units Contain: Misc. household items.

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Rockettes kick off Salvation Army's yule drive at Laurel Park in Livonia

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maj. John Turner of the Salvation Army and his wife saw the Rockettes of Radio City Music Hall fame perform in Branson, Mo., when the couple traveled for their 25th wedding anniversary.

They really enjoyed the show, and Turner, general secretary for the Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan Division, is glad the Rockettes were available to kick off the Red Kettle campaign this year.

"We're just pleased they've chosen to come out and help us," said Turner, who was at Laurel Park Place mall Friday for the kick-off. "This is not uncommon that a group would help us."

The Radio City Rockettes helped the Salvation Army of Metro-Detroit kick off its annual Red Kettle campaign by ringing bells at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Also present was The Salvation Army Brass Band Quartet.

The Rockettes performed in front of the Food Court, and were joined by Salvation Army officers and volunteers at lunchtime Friday, Nov. 14.

That day marked the beginning of bell ringing for this year's Salvation Army Christmas appeal, which has a goal of \$8.5 million for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties for 2008.

In Detroit suburbs, some people who used to donate are now unemployed and need Salvation Army help.

"It's quite a goal to raise given the economic conditions," Turner said. "We are already seeing an increase in the number of requests."

In Detroit suburbs, some people who used to donate are now unemployed and need Salvation Army help. "It's a problem we're going to face this year, and hopefully only this year," he said. "As they (donors) help us, we help others."

The \$8.5 million is a significant part of the Salvation Army budget. In 2007, the Eastern Michigan Division served some 2.8 million meals, and sheltered an average of 2,100 people per night.

Turner agreed the Salvation Army, both a church and a social service organization, benefits from a strong reputation. It gives 83 percent of each donor dollar directly to programs and services.

"There are bell ringing opportunities," he said, adding some 50,000 bell ringing slots are available for volunteers. There's www.ringbells.org online, where you can sign up by community as a bell ringing volunteer.

The Salvation Army's red kettles will be stationed at more than 300 locations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Red Kettle locations include retailers and businesses such as Wal-Mart, Macy's, Sam's Club, Kroger, J.C. Penney's, Walgreens and Michaels, among others. Red Kettle donations will be collected through Monday, Dec. 24. Contributions also can be made by calling (877) SALMICH or given online at www.salmich.org until Jan. 31, 2009.

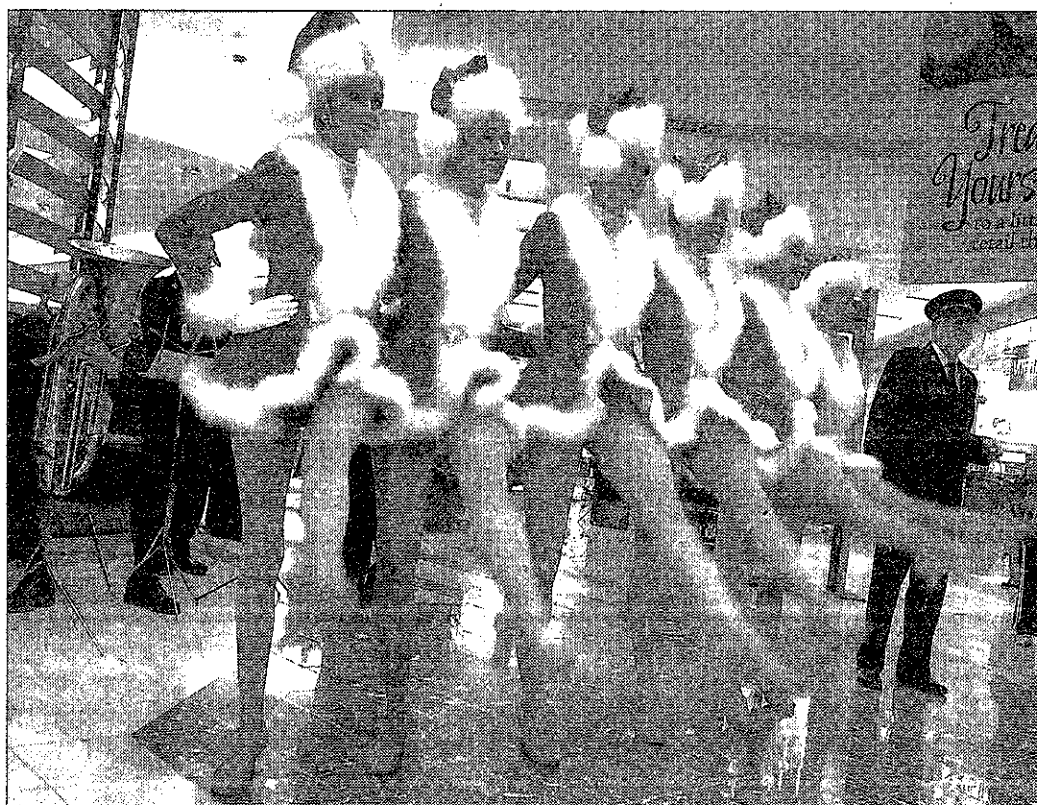
The Eastern Michigan Division raised \$8.2 million in last year's Christmas appeal. "We just look to the community," Turner said. "Southeast Michigan has been a very generous community through the years."

"It's really critical that we make our fund-raising goal," added Turner, who's new to his job, four months ago. Although other donations are appreciated, money's particularly useful as the Salvation Army can get good prices and apply donated money where needed.

The evening of Friday, Nov. 21, there's a large kettle program planned at Detroit's Campus Martius. That 56-foot kettle has 25,000 twinkling lights.

"We're excited about that," Turner said.

The Salvation Army doesn't do bell ringing on Sunday, a day for worship and family time. "That's the whole reason for the season," he said. "We do find time to spend with our families."

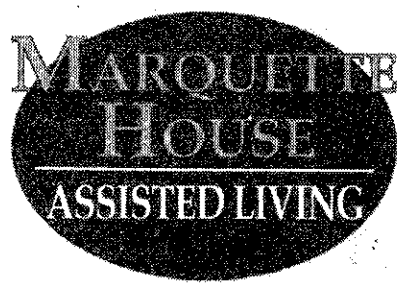


The Rockettes and Salvation Army Maj. John Turner kick off the Red Kettle fund-raising campaign Friday.



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Maj. John Turner, general secretary for the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, gratefully accepts a donation from Ann Bunting of Trenton Friday at Laurel Park Place mall. The Rockettes were also at the mall in Livonia.



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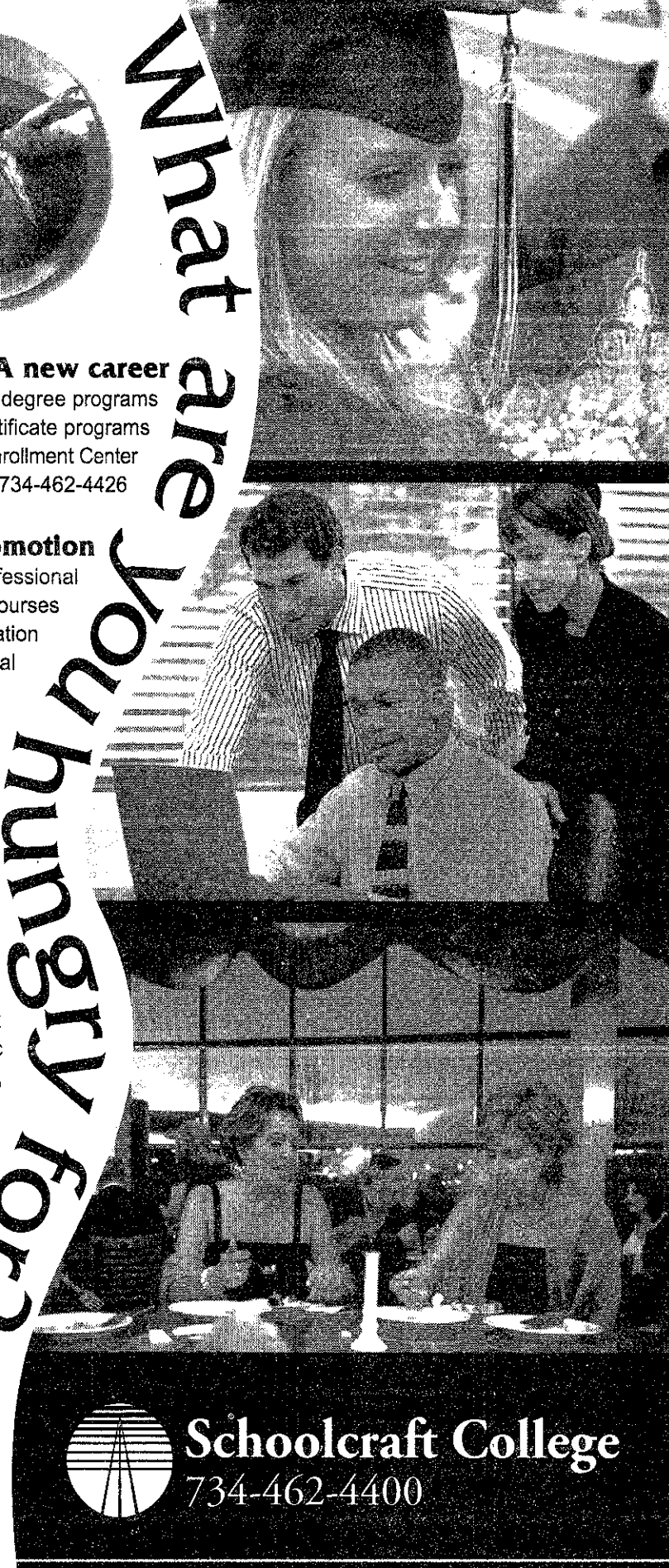


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Rick Bloom

use it down the road for my grandchildren who range in age from 4 to 11. My thought is to invest this money in some stock mutual funds. My friends tell me I'm nuts to invest in the market. They say wait until things improve. What do you think? I love the way you think. I agree with you that the market is "on sale." Now is the time investors should look for opportunities. That does not

mean that the market can't go lower, but there is no doubt that prices are significantly cheaper than they were at the beginning of the year. The problem with waiting until things are back on track is by the time that happens, the bargains will also vanish. There is no doubt that once confidence has been restored in the market, which it will, the prices we see today will be just a fleeting memory.

I believe one should invest based upon his/her goals and objectives, not where the market is. A few years from now many people will be kicking themselves for the mistakes they've made during this unusual and volatile time frame. It does take courage to be an investor and to ride out times such as now. However, always remember that in the past, things have been much worse and not only has

the market survived, it has thrived. Dear Rick: I am a Ford retiree and have been reading all this stuff about a bailout of the auto companies. I've heard all sorts of rumors about how this could affect my pension and health care. Should I be concerned? It is important to realize that the events developing are happening at an incredibly

rapid pace and anything can change in a relatively short period of time. That being said, I do believe concern is justified.

One of the problems the auto industry faces is its legacy costs. General Motors, for example, has approximately \$3,000 of legacy cost for every car. These costs give the U.S. automakers a competitive disadvantage. There is a belief by many that if the auto industry is to get taxpayer money there should be strings attached and one of those is to address legacy costs. If this line of thought prevails, it could mean reduced benefits to retirees. Of course, if one of the Big Three does decide that bankruptcy is the appropriate course of action, then, almost certainly, you would see reduction in overall benefits. Bankruptcy courts have wide discretion with regards to existing contractual relations. I think it is reasonable to assume that if one of the Big Three does pursue bankruptcy protection, retiree benefits in particular, would be affected.

There is virtually nothing you and I can do that would impact what happens with the Big Three. That said, that doesn't mean that there is nothing that you can do in your situation. The best way to face potential cuts in benefits is to immediately look at expenses and where adjustments can be made. In order to survive in times of crisis, businesses look for ways to reduce costs and become more efficient. That is exactly the answer for individuals who face various financial uncertainties.

Unfortunately, many people will wait to make difficult decisions and that is a mistake. Don't wait until the crisis is upon you, prepare now. It won't help reduce the anger but it will reduce the financial impact.

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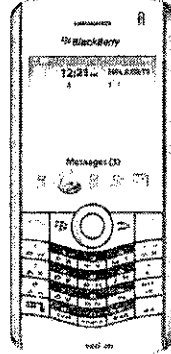
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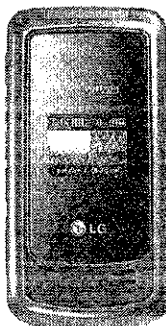
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MILLIKEN WILL BE HONORED AT LIVONIA TRIBUTE DINNER

Former Michigan Gov. William Milliken will be honored 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the annual tribute dinner of the Michigan Political History Society at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Milliken, a Republican, was Michigan's longest serving governor. He became governor in 1969 when George Romney resigned to take a cabinet position in the Nixon administration. He was elected to three times subsequently in 1970, 1974 and 1978.

Milliken, from Traverse City, has long been associated with the moderate wing of the Republican Party.

David Murley, president of the Michigan Political History Society and a legal adviser for Michigan House Republicans, said that Milliken is the fourth political figure to be recognized by the society, which was founded in 1993. Previous honorees were longtime Attorney General Frank Kelley, a Democrat; former House Co-Speaker Paul Hillegonds, a Republican; and former Gov. James Blanchard, a Democrat.

Murley said the nonpartisan group has tried to alternate between Republicans and Democrats. Milliken, 86, and his wife, Helen, are expected to attend. Murley said there has been a good response to invitations sent out to people involved in government and politics. Following a buffet dinner, attendees will hear several people associated with Milliken, include former Attorney General Kelley.

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A harmful trend

As the fallout from the election continues to be discussed and analyzed, perhaps the most interesting trend to watch will be the battle for control of the future direction of the Republican Party. Politically conservative politicians, such as Republican Representative Thaddeus McCotter of Michigan's 11th Congressional District, avoided the electoral bloodbath, in part, by choosing not to embrace the rampant anti-intellectualism and jingoistic appeals to ignorance, fear, and intolerance that became the hallmark of the national Republican campaign.

As a lifelong Democrat, my political interests would be well served by the GOP's further embrace of the "Sarah Palin" brand of extreme and hateful far right wing politics. This would certainly ensure long-term Democratic control of our government. However, the Republican Party's ongoing celebration of ignorance and its overt appeals to America's racists, gun nuts, homophobes, xenophobes, and religious zealots obsessed with imposing their warped version of Christianity on our nation, is ultimately a poison to any free society.

America deserves better than to have one side of the political debate dominated by such willful ignorance, as it lowers the level of discourse for all. The grand ideal of democracy can flourish only when healthy debate raises the level of thought. The current Republican embrace of unhealthy know-nothingness is a very disturbing and harmful trend.

Joe Golonka
Westland

Save the Big 3

I would like to personally thank all of the people that read the *Observer*, and who drive domestic automobiles. I have worked in the U.S. auto industry for over 25 years with the last 15 for Ford Motor Co., for which I am currently a senior designer. I have seen ups and downs, good times and bad, but never anything like what we are facing now. So for those of you who drive a Ford, GM or Chrysler product, thank you! For those who do not, shame on you!

When you realize that America has been rocketed into its industrial power on the wheels of the U.S.-based auto industry, your choice should be clear, buy a U.S. produced car

or truck. Sure some of the foreign car companies do assemble their products here with a non-union workforce. And even a few do some research and development here in the U.S. The fact of the matter is that the profits all go home to the country of origin.

The Big 3 (now called the Detroit 3) are the backbone of our great country. The profits stay here! The supply base profits stay here too. Think of the ripple affect of a failed U.S.-based auto industry. The economy of Michigan and the entire U.S. will worsen to new lows. Jobless rates will increase and the housing market and property values will fall even further.

So again, thank you to all who made the correct and patriotic choice to purchase and drive a great American-made product. For those who chose the others, take another look. Ford has a great product lineup with outstanding quality and value. If you know a Ford employee, ask them about any of our products and incentives. We would all be happy to inform you of our efforts. Have you driven a Ford lately?

Jim Drozdowski
Canton

McCain mistakes

Republicans did not deserve to win this election. In 1994 Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America" brought "change." Earnest young Republicans entered Congress to redirect everything from welfare to the size and scope of government. President Clinton agreed, and his administration became financially successful.

In 2000, John McCain vied for president with compassionate conservative George W. Bush. Easy living had changed the "Contract" youngsters; they now over-regulated, over-spent and liked big government. Bush did not prod them: he vetoed nothing.

Senator McCain hampered the Bush administration with bad actions like campaign finance and jury selection compromises with Democrats. Talk shows featured McCain because he insulted Republicans. He enjoyed free TV exposure but was that enough to become the 2008 presidential candidate? Better politicians Romney, Huckabee and Giuliani were available.

Candidate McCain chose conservative Sarah Palin for vice president. Her political instincts were better than his, but McCain

advisers wanted her to be conventional. McCain wrote off Michigan and Palin objected. Many Republicans suffered from that unnecessary action.

President Bush panicked when the real estate market crumbled and sought \$700 billion to bailout banks and finance companies. McCain could have split from Bush, but he also panicked. With no plan of his own, he left the campaign to join Bush.

The campaign never recovered — perhaps Bush's revenge for years of interference and insults.

Bush's legacy is high spending; McCain's is act now, think later.

Sarah Palin was the only conservative in the race. She could be a presidential candidate if young Republicans shove high-spending Washingtonians aside once again.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

'Obscene practice'

We must say, we were outraged with the knowledge outlining Big Three executive perks of sweetheart lease deals. The Big Three, which is about to be the Smaller Two, still justifies this obscene practice of executive auto leasing at subsidized or free rates while production workers are being let go in droves. How an executive can look in the eyes of a worker just laid off and justify this outrageous behavior is beyond us.

Talks are currently ongoing to perhaps merge Chrysler and General Motors, which will cost more jobs. The Big Three are lobbying heavily for a federal bailout. If they are successful, I hope not a dime of my money goes to perks for executives. We are opposed to any additional corporate welfare.

A Ford spokesperson is quoted as justifying this obscene practice as "We want our management employees to drive the latest products. It is a feedback mechanism for quality and customer satisfaction." This according to Marcy Evans.

What a joke. A sad and sorry joke, but a joke nonetheless. We strongly recommend that this practice cease immediately unless available to all employees currently laid off from the Big Three.

Gerald and Dolores Maxey
Farmington Hills

Let adoption be a family option

The month of November is not only important for Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, but it is also National Adoption Month. Each year, Spectrum Child and Family Services, an affiliated company of Spectrum Human Services Inc. joins with government agencies and child advocacy organizations from around the country to encourage individuals and families to consider adoption as a family option.

At first glance, the statistics are staggering: More than 500,000 children under the age of 18 are currently in the U.S. foster care system, with nearly 120,000 of them waiting to be placed in a permanent, loving home. According to the Michigan Department of Human Services, nearly 20,000 children are in foster care, and nearly 5,000 of those children are looking for a permanent, loving home.

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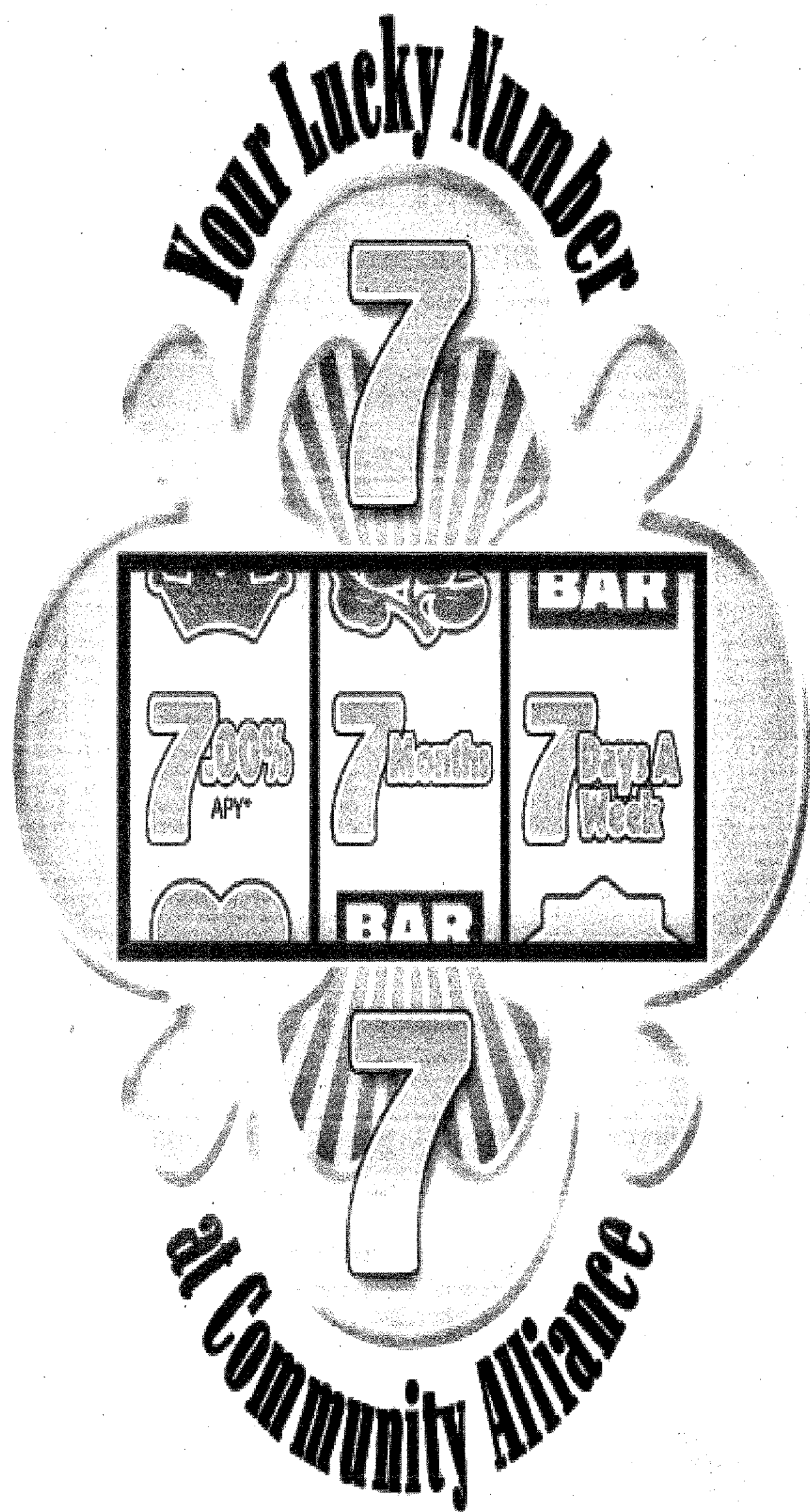
Friday, December 5
WRC Luncheon Series
"The Parade Company"
Renee Gonyeau offers a behind-the-scenes look at The Parade Company, the non-profit organization dedicated to creating the best family events in metro Detroit, including the annual America's Thanksgiving Day parade, held in Detroit since 1924.
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch)
Register by December 1, 2008
information: 734-462-4443

Friday, December 5
Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Artist Ensemble Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.
Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door
Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City
information: 734-462-4403

Friday, December 12
Bach Piano Honors Recital
7:00 p.m.
Presentation Room inside the VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
information: 734-462-4403

Friday, December 12
Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.
DiPonio Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
information: 734-462-4400 ext. 5217

Sunday, December 14
"A Winter's Tale"
Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert
This performance is a benefit for the Gleaner's Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.
4 p.m.
Auditorium (F530) inside Forum Building
Admission: One canned or boxed food donation per person
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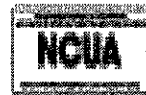
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Spartan Stadium Stevenson's next destination

Canton stunned in Region final, 38-31

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Wade Stahl looks for room as he makes his way downfield during Friday night's Division 1 regional matchup against Canton.

With season-ending doom closing in hard and fast on Livonia Stevenson's football team Friday night, Austin's powers came to the rescue.

The Spartans trailed 31-24 with just over three minutes left in a rain-slickened Division 1-Region 2 final showdown at Canton when junior Austin White - who is being recruited to play Division 1 college football primarily because of his offensive skills - jarred the ball loose from Canton junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz and into the waiting arms of teammate Zeb Bacigal, who one-hopped the ball at the Chief 30-yard line before sprinting untouched into the end zone for the tying score.

Less than two minutes later White hauled in a 36-yard Jacob Gudeman pass that set up White's 6-yard TD run to give the Spartans a dramatic 38-31 victory.

The 10-2 Spartans earned a berth in next Saturday's D1 semifinal set for - of all places - Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. They will play the winner of Saturday's Hartland-Rockford clash. Kick-off is set for 10:30 a.m.

White, who finished with 277 all-purpose offensive yards, was the brightest star, but far from the only one for Stevenson, which was also bolstered by the stellar play of Gudeman (8-of-13, 183 yards) and a spectacular play by senior Wade Stahl, who hauled in a diving, Randy Moss-esque touchdown reception with 6:07 left that closed the Spartans' once-daunting deficit to 31-24.

"Obviously, we got some breaks when it was 31-17, but you don't get breaks unless you stay together as a team," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel. "It's not like we all of a sudden started executing. We've been preaching about hanging together, playing well in practice and not getting on each other. Not that it's been a problem this season, but we learned to stay positive throughout."

Gabel directed high praise toward White and Gudeman during a drenching post-game rain shower.

"Austin has a good skill set, but you have to give his leadership the credit,"

Gabel said. "He never got negative on the sideline. His leadership was more important tonight than anything."

"And our quarterback stayed composed. He's played in 12 games now and he knows what he's doing."

One of the primary assets the Chiefs relied on during their ultra-successful 10-1 start - ball security - turned out to be their biggest liability in Friday night's stinging setback. Canton lost a pair of fumbles - one on their opening drive of the second half and the other with 3:17 left. Both miscues led directly to Stevenson TDs.

"We were in total control - they never stopped us until we had to throw toward the end," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "Turnovers absolutely killed us."

"Tonight was a game we lost, no question. We didn't get beat. We lost it."

Canton won the battle of the stat sheet, outgaining the Spartans 420-289 in total yards while possessing the ball over 12 minutes more than Stevenson (30:02-17:58).

The Chiefs ran 62 offensive plays to the Spartans 39.

With its star running back from last week - Davion Stackhouse - sidelined, the Chiefs turned to junior Ron Gaudi - and he delivered, churning out 166 yards and four touchdowns on 17 carries, including a pair of early TDs to stake Canton to a 14-0 advantage.

Both team's kickers - Stevenson's Jonny Myslock and Canton's Daniel Stoney - traded second-quarter field goals before the Spartans closed the first-half scoring with a 1-yard TD plunge by White to bring the Spartans to within 17-10.

White's TD was set up one play earlier when Stephen Pollard made an acrobatic grab of a 43-yard Gudeman spiral at the Canton 1.

White knotted the game at 17-all with a 48-yard scoring run with 7:40 left in the third quarter.

Canton then seized a seemingly commanding 31-17 lead on two more Gaudi TD runs from 1 and 5 yards out.

Stahl's amazing TD catch with 6:07 left cut Canton's advantage in half before

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Sidelines

Judo champion

St. Genevieve Elementary School student Nicholas Joseph



Joseph

Livonia, placed first in the Boys 9-10 age division at the 2008 Great Lakes Open

Judo Championships held Nov. 2 in Ypsilanti.

The 10-year-old Joseph also moved up an age bracket to place second in the Boys 11-12.

He is currently ranked sixth nationally after placing in various regional events throughout the U.S.

MU spikers win

■ Lubovj Tihomirova racked up 22 kills and Mary McGinnis added 15 Friday as the Madonna University women's volleyball team advanced to Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship match at Indiana Tech with a 25-21, 24-26, 27-25, 25-15 win over Aquinas College.

MU, 34-4 overall, also got 45 assist-to-kills from Insa Grinvalds and 15 digs from Brynn Kerr (Livonia Churchill). Chelsea Phillips led Aquinas (22-13) with 12 kills, while Sara LeClair had 17 digs and Katie VanderMeer 36 assists.

Indiana Tech (31-2) also won in three games over Cornerstone to advance to the final.

■ Tihomirova was also named WHAC Player of the Year and earned first-team All-Conference honors along with teammates Whitney Fuelling, Grinvalds and McGinnis.

MU's Amanda Koszela and Karie Altman earned All-Freshman Team honors, while Kerr, Fuelling, Grinvalds, McGinnis and Tihomirova were all named All-WHAC Academic.

Altman was also named to the WHAC Champions of Character Team.

Chargers spikers eye Elite 8

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Churchill knocked off fellow KLAAs Kensington Conference power Novi 13-25, 25-23, 25-22, 25-23 to earn the Class A regional title Thursday at Lakeland.

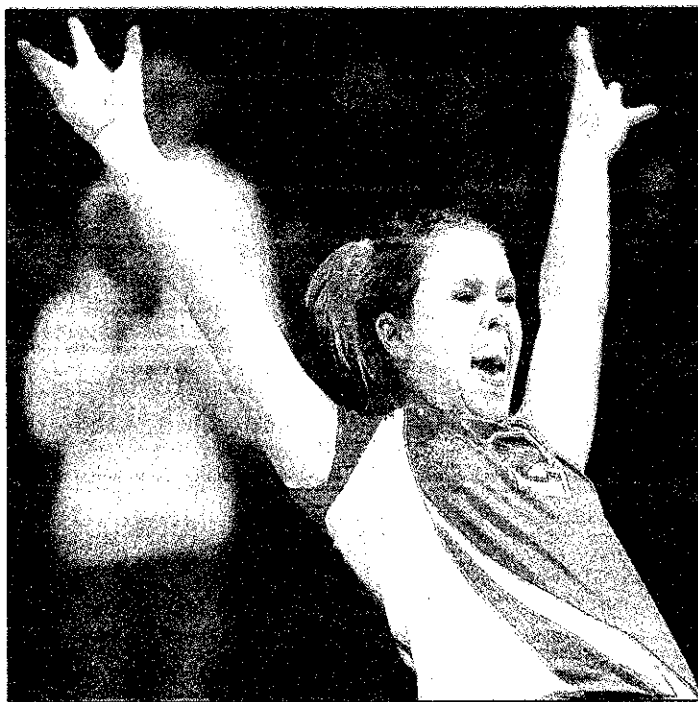
The Chargers rebounded from a blowout loss in the first game to sweep the next three and move on.

The Chargers, 48-3 overall, move on to Tuesday's quarter-final match at Novi against Carleton-Airport. Game time is 7 p.m.

"It was a great match," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "I thought both teams played really well. Novi plays some wonderful defense and they got a couple of kids that hit really well. Hopefully we'll do a good job not only representing our (KLAAs) association, but representing our region as well."

Novi came out the aggressor in Game 1.

The Wildcats never trailed and used two big runs to blow it open. Novi turned a 4-all tie into a 9-4 lead. The Chargers



STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER HAL GOULD

Livonia Churchill's Lindsay Graciak celebrates following Churchill's Class A regional championship win over Novi.

pulled within 14-12 before Novi ran off nine straight to take control.

But the Chargers turned the tables with the first seven

points of the second game. Novi clawed all the way back to tie the game at 11, but the

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Lutheran Westland wins that elusive regional title

BY DAN STICKRADT
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

After losing in the regional finals two straight times, Lutheran High Westland is making the most of its latest opportunity.

The second-ranked Warriors are simply on a roll.

Now members of the Elite Eight in Class D, Lutheran Westland overcame a sluggish start to down fifth-ranked Oakland Christian, 3-1, in a regional girls volleyball final Thursday in Auburn Hills.

The Warriors (44-5-5) dropped the first game, 21-25, but rallied to take the final three games 25-21, 25-18, 25-14.

It marks the first-ever regional crown for Lutheran Westland, who will play Tuesday in the state quarterfinals at Saline Washtenaw Christian against No. 8-ranked Adrian Lenawee Christian, which advanced with a 3-1 regional win over Plymouth Christian Academy.

"We definitely got over the hump," Lutheran Westland

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coach Kevin Wade said. "I was nervous, because we've been here twice the past two years and we lost to Oakland Christian in four and last year to Hillsdale Academy in five (games). The girls have worked so hard and its nice to finally get a chance to go farther."

Oakland Christian needed to play near-perfect to unseat the favored Warriors. And the Lancers did so in taking the first game.

But during the final three sets, the Lancers racked up more errors than kills, routinely offering up serving, attacking and setting errors.

Oakland Christian had 12 service errors alone on the night and struggled to counter the Warriors' balanced attack.

"We made so many mistakes, that were our fault," Oakland Christian coach Priscilla Larned said. "It had nothing to

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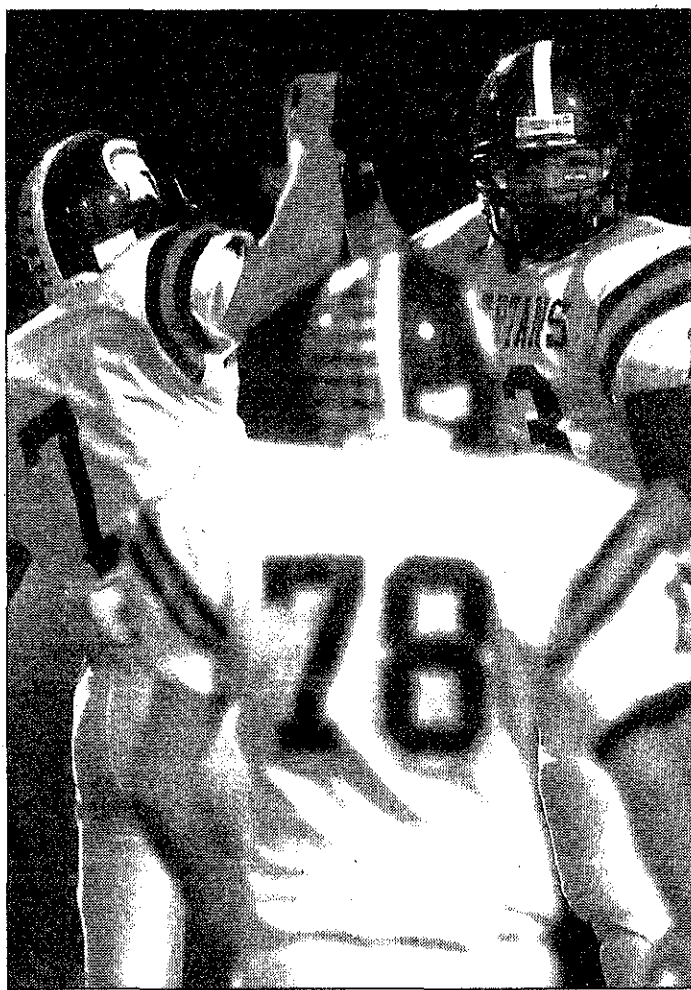
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Bacigal's return wiped it out completely. "Kyle Hobbins turned him toward me," White said, when asked about his momentum-changing defensive play. "He set the whole play up. I just put my hat on the ball and gave him (Delapaz) a pop. "Their offense is tricky because they carry out fakes 15 yards down the field and they do what they do well. At halftime we knew we had to do something different. Our defense stepped up." Following White's game-winning TD, Canton took over on its 10 with 1:36 left, however, the Spartans recorded a pair of sacks and forced two incompletions. "I'm so proud of my seniors," Bacigal said. "They led the way for us during the off-season and all summer. They weren't happy with our 5-4 season the year before. "We were so young on offense, we overachieved a little bit this year. I'm very, very proud of our guys."



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Livonia Stevenson's Austin White (right) is congratulated by teammate Wade Stahl after scoring a touchdown early in the third quarter tying the score 17-all during Friday night's Division 1-Region 2 final against host Canton.

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Chargers stayed composed and used a 9-2 run to take control. The Wildcats pulled within 24-23 before Jessica Stroud finished the game off with a kill. The third game featured both teams going on short runs, but ultimately ending up tied at 20 before the Chargers ripped off four straight. Novi scored a pair before the Chargers pulled ahead 25-22 with a sideout. Facing elimination, the Wildcats were in the lead most of the fourth game, but the Chargers again found a way to pull it out. Down 21-18, Churchill scored four straight to take the lead. The teams traded sideouts and were tied at 23 when senior Kristen Nalezcz ripped

one of her team-high 19 kills for the lead. Novi attempted a deep set-over to tie the game, but the ball landed just outside the back line, setting off a Charger celebration with a 25-23 win. "I made a few mistakes on my own part, but in order to win, you've got to recover," Nalezcz said. "That's what Churchill volleyball is all about, the wild mood swings. We come from down to the lowest points and bring it all the way up. "We're going all the way, hopefully." Nalezcz also contributed added three ace serves, while Stroud and Cierra Yetts added 10 and seven kills, respectively. "Kristen has been one of the kids that we go to," Grenier said. "She's an aggressive kid. We need her to score and she didn't disappoint tonight." Setters Kristy DeClercq

and Cory Urbats had 19 and 12 assists, respectively, for Churchill. Senior libero Lindsey Graciak paced the defense with a team-high 23 digs to go along with 34-of-36 on serve-receive. The Wildcats, who finished 41-9 overall, came up two matches shy of returning to the state finals. "I'm extremely proud of them," Novi coach Julie Fisetto said of her team. "They came out this year and had big shoes to fill. They worked long and hard and got exactly to the point that they needed to be for tonight's match. Going into districts, we were playing the best volleyball I've seen. "I can't say enough about them as a group and as a whole. They really stepped up." jtheisen@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, Ext. 104

Crushing blow

MU women fall in 2 OTs in WHAC finals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rain mixed with tears washed over Madonna University's women's soccer team after Friday's crushing 2-1 double-overtime loss to Siena Heights in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament final at Livonia Churchhill. Siena Heights (11-5-4) earned an automatic bid to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tourney with the victory, secured when junior midfielder Allison Septer's low shot slipped past MU freshman goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Canton) into the right corner of the net just 1:09 into the second 10-minute overtime session. Setting up the goal was a corner kick by freshman defender Katelyn Hawarny that went to the front of Madonna's goal. Sophomore defender Lindsey Mancini bumped the ball toward Septer, stationed at the left side of the box.

"They're effective on set pieces because they're a big, physical team," said Crusaders' head coach Paul Thomas. "That's how they scored both goals today. "We won the first ball, they won the second ball and it ended in the back of the net. It's unfortunate, but it's part of the game." Senior midfielder and Salem alum Ashley Stoychoff (Canton) added that the Crusaders "played our hearts out, gave it everything we could and in the end we were just unlucky and that's how it ends." The afternoon match was originally scheduled for longer, wider Greenmead Field in Livonia, but that venue was in such poor condition that it was switched to the Field Turf of Churchhill. "The facility and the field is smaller than what you're used

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to playing on, 62-by-110 when you're used to playing on 75-by-120," lamented Thomas. "Plus there was ... how wet it is, so the pace of the game and how tight the field was didn't help us play." According to Stoychoff, having less room to work with did pose some difficulties for the WHAC regular season champions (15-4-0) - who now must wait to find out if an invitation to the NAIA tourney is forthcoming. "We were playing on turf all week, we prepared on it," Stoychoff emphasized. "We're a fast team, we're a technical team, but the ball just goes out of bounds and there's nothing you can do about it. Once it (the ball) gets out wide there's no way to control it." Stoychoff, as well as defender Andrea Johnson (Canton) and forward Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson), are Madonna senior stalwarts who may have had their college careers end unceremoniously and with great disappointment. This is the first year WHAC regular season champs do not receive automatic NAIA bids. Although Thomas said he wasn't blaming the bad weather or being forced from the friendly confines of Greenmead for the upset loss, "it definitely had something to do with the way that we played today. ... It just aided the opponent." Dangerous scoring chances were minimal throughout the contest and it took an ugly goal to finally crack a 0-0 deadlock. With 3:38 left in the first half, the Saints' Hawarny's corner kick glanced off Lindsey Mancini standing near the right post. The ball dribbled toward a cluster of players in front of the goal and senior midfielder Kim Stoutenburg near the opposite post nudged it home.

Siena Heights outshot Madonna 4-1 in the first half and did a good job after intermission of keeping the Crusaders from mounting offensive pressure. But almost suddenly, a long through ball from a Madonna player bounced over Siena Heights defenders and junior forward Kaila Moore found herself breaking in all alone on Saints' sophomore goalkeeper Haley Mancini (2 saves). Moore chipped her shot over a sliding Mancini, who came far out of her goal, to even the score at 1-1 with 12:01 left in the second half. Although no assist was officially awarded, it appeared as though Johnson was the player to start the rush. "It was a good through ball and a great finish," Thomas said. Late in regulation, wind carried a long shot by Septer away from Warner (three saves), but the keeper stayed with it and helped maintain the tie after 90 minutes. The best chance for either team in the first OT was by Madonna junior forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin). She received a through ball from freshman defender Allison Zemaitis and broke in from the right wing to rip a low, hard shot that Haley Mancini dove to get in front of. Then, the second overtime began and it was stunningly over in just 69 seconds. Madonna players tried, unsuccessfully for some, to hold back their emotions while the Saints celebrated wildly on the Churchhill field. "When you go into overtime you've got to go for it," Thomas said. "You can't sit back because on a day like this anything can happen. So we went for it and it just didn't end up happening today."

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Crusaders fall in tourney opener

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Four players scored in double-figures Friday as host Shawnee State University (Ohio) downed Madonna University in the opener of the Hank Weinbrecht Classic. Kyle Miller paced the victorious Bears, now 2-1 overall, with 22 points, while Justin Patrick, Ian Nixon and Aaron Pennington added 12 each. Pennington and Patrick also combined for 19 rebounds. Leroy Allen paced MU (0-3) with 19 points, while Kevin McLoughlin added 18 points and 10 rebounds. The Crusaders trailed 41-37 at halftime before being outscored 42-29 over the final 20

minutes. MU shot only 39.7 percent from the field, including 6-of-28 from three-point range. **SPRING ARBOR 77, MADONNA 65:** D.J. Baisden scored 20 points and grabbed six rebounds Tuesday night to give unbeaten Spring Arbor University (5-0) a non-conference men's basketball triumph over visiting Madonna University (0-2). Josh Brandt added 17 points and Rob Boss contributed 15 for the Cougars (5-0), who opened up a 20-point second-half advantage after leading by only two at the half, 32-30. Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) paced the Crusaders with 20 points, while Leroy Allen contributed 13

points and eight rebounds. Kevin McLoughlin finished with 11 points. **SCHOOLCRAFT 80, MARYGROVE JV 77:** On Nov. 10, Schoolcraft College (2-1) earned a non-conference win over the visiting Marygrove College JV squad. On Nov. 8, the Ocelots lost at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 77-61, as Nick Watts led the victorious Cougars, who led 32-25 at intermission, with 18 points and eight rebounds. Marcus Ludy added 16 points, while Lee Slenk and Steve Gould added 12 points apiece. Slenk also grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds. Martez Abney (Wayne Memorial) scored 22 for the Ocelots, but committed five turnovers. Trivoris Freeman added 16, while Bruce Watson had nine points and nine rebounds.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
DIVISION 1 STATE SEMIFINALS
Saturday, Nov. 21
Stevenson vs. Hartland-Rockford winner at MSU's Spartan Stadium, 10:30 a.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL QUARTERFINALS
Tuesday, Nov. 18
CLASS A
at NOVI
Churchill vs. Carleton-Airport, 7 p.m.
CLASS D
at SALINE WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN
Luth. Westland vs. Lenawee Christian, 7 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
Friday, Nov. 20
Division 1 prelims at EMU, noon.
Division 2 prelims at Holland, noon.
Saturday, Nov. 21
Division 1 finals at EMU, noon.
Division 2 prelims at Holland, noon.
PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Nov. 22
Ladywood vs. G.P. North at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Nov. 19
Owens CC (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21
Rochester JV at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m. (Albion College Tournament)
Madonna vs. Defiance (Ohio), 3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22
(Albion College Tournament)
Madonna vs. Albion, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Nov. 18
Madonna at Northwood, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21
(WHAC-MCC Challenge)
Indiana Wesleyan at Madonna, 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22
Madonna at Eastern Michigan, 2 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ALL-REGION 18 TEAMS
CLASS A
Livonia Churchill: Lindsey Graciak, Kristen Nalezcz, Katie Matz, Sarah Sappelsa, Kat Krupsky; Salem: Jansen Falcusan, Nicole Mergert, Kelly MacDonald; Canton: Jordan Kielty, Kacy Moran, Kristen Muir; Westland John Glenn: Brittany Holbrook, Stacey Truskowski; Garden City: Shannon Pietruszka, Danielle Campbell; Plymouth: Brianna Bever; Livonia Stevenson: Meg Iafate, Brooke Knochel; Northville: Shelby Temple; Madeline Kent, Jillian Kulka, Allison Liddane; Grosse Pointe South: Nikki Stratelak, Chloe Srebernak; Detroit Renaissance: Alexis Matthews.
CLASS B
Livonia Ladywood: Racheal Fuller, Claire Dezeliski.
CLASS D
Lutheran Westland: Becca Refenes, Katey Ramthun, Lauren Gieschen, Abi Gieschen.
COACH OF THE YEAR
Kevin Wade, Lutheran Westland

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do with them. Then we would give them easy balls and they would put it down our throats. "They are just a well-balanced, good team. You know what? Two years ago it was reversed. They were the young team then. Now, they are very good." Becca Refenes, the Warriors' 6-foot-1 middle blocker, finished with 23 kills, nine service points and eight digs, but by no means did she do it alone. Katey Ramthun added 14 kills, nine service points and three blocks, Rachel Stork had seven kills and three blocks, Abi Gieschen contributed 38

assists and Nicole Zehel had 18 digs and 11 service points. "I told (Refenes) the game to go out and win the state championship," Larned said. "I don't see anybody beating them." Olivia Willson had 15 kills and 12 assists for Oakland Christian (35-14-1). Dana Johnston added seven kills and Rebekah Kline had 14 assists. Meanwhile, the Warriors are entering new ground after falling in this game the past two years and three times total in school history. "Were definitely balanced," said Refenes. "Even when I'm in the back row, we have girls that can hit. We've been able to have a great season because of (the balance). I think we deserved to win."

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FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

BRETT FOSTER, SOPH., SALEM: The sophomore compiled an 18-6 record for the Rocks at No. 1 singles. He placed first in three tournaments and captured the "Top Gun" award at the Woodhaven Warrior Classic — the first Rock to do so since Xinning Li in 1996.

"Brett never gives up on a ball and has been known to frustrate opponents with his tenacious approach to the game," said Salem coach Bill Nelson.

CHRIS MARTIN, SR., LIV. STEVENSON: The Spartans' No. 1 singles player and co-captain finished the year with a 14-7 record.

Martin captured singles titles at both the Adrian Invitational and Monroe Tournament.

"Chris showed outstanding poise and focus this year, in addition to his ever-improving tennis skills," Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd said of the three-year letter winner. "Chris's hallmark may be his steady play and great placements, but he does like to powder a go-for-broke forehand when the mood strikes him. He is definitely a hitter. Actually he has a variety of shots to befuddle his opponents and make his opponent earn any game he gets."

WALTER WOODS, SOPH., LIV. FRANKLIN: The Patriots' No. 1 singles player finished the year with an 18-5 overall record en route to tournament invitational wins at Monroe and Woodhaven.

His runner-up regional finish earned him a Division 1 state finals individual qualifying berth. Woods was also undefeated in the KLAAs-South Division. "Walter's game improved from last season," Franklin coach Lori George said. "His serve was a lot more consistent and he had deep forehand ground strokes which enabled him to get points at the net. Overall, Walter's game was significantly more effective."

STEPHEN PAYNE, FR., LIV. FRANKLIN: Playing most of the season at No. 2, Payne finished with a 22-3 record while earning Division 1 regional champ honors at Woodhaven.

Payne also captured individual singles titles at the Monroe and Woodhaven tournaments. "Stephen has a powerful serve and precision ball placement," George said. "He is also able to chip-and-charge, and be effective at the net."

"As a teammate he is a leader and capable of contributing his knowledge of the game to his

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BROCK FOSTER, SOPH., SALEM: The sophomore, who is the twin brother of before-mentioned Brett Foster, went 17-7 at No. 2 singles for the Rocks. He also has three tournament triumphs.

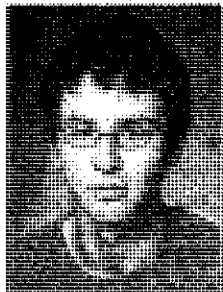
"The Foster brothers are pretty equal when they square off against each other," said Nelson. "Their commitment to the game and the team is second to none. Brock's stellar leadership, both on and off the court, hasn't gone unnoticed as his teammates voted him captain for next season."

ERIK KOCH, SR., LIV. STEVENSON: The senior and third-year varsity letter winner played No. 2 singles for the Spartans and finished with a 9-9 record.

"Erik is a student of the game, always trying to improve," Ladd said. "He will amaze you with his incredible scramble and hustle — he can get to any ball this side of the Mississippi and make a respectable return. He also has excellent anticipation, quick feet, and solid ground strokes of both wings. He is a steady and tenacious player, with an array of slices and short-angled shot to make his opponent work. He never beats himself, although he sometimes talks himself into that winning competitive zone."

DAVE BENSON, SR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 4 singles player anchored the Rocks' singles line-up by compiling a 19-6 record. We won three tournaments this season.

"Dave gave up soccer to play tennis as a freshman and he has steadily improved each season," said Nelson. "He has the ability to adjust his game to frustrate his opponent enough to come away with a victory. He had two



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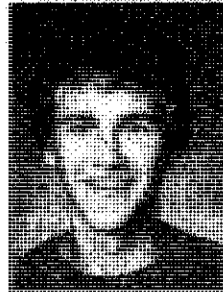
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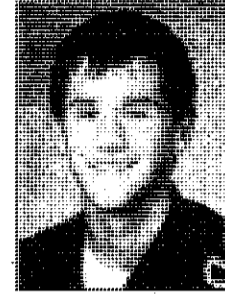
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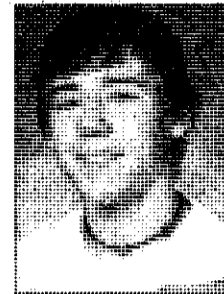
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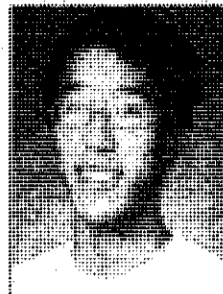
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very good wins this year over his friend and nemesis Mike Hagan of Northville."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
MAX KORPALKI, SR.; PAT BAILEY, JR., PLYMOUTH: The Wildcats' No. 1 doubles squad enjoy an ultra-successful season as they advanced to the semifinal round of a brutally tough Regional tournament and placed first in their flight in the Wildcat Invitational early in the season. "Max and Pat were both very consistent performers and meshed well as a team this year," said Plymouth coach Tom Kimball.

JEREMY LINDBAUER, SR.; DAVID KANG, SR., CANTON: The Chiefs' No. 1 doubles team enjoyed a stellar campaign as they led the Chiefs to a KLAAs South Division title. They routed Saline at the Division 1 Regional tournament before falling to Plymouth in the second round. Kang is a four-year varsity player while Lindlbauer has earned three varsity letters.

CHAD DORTON, SR.; STEVE TRAPP, SR., LIV. FRANKLIN: The No. 1 doubles duo juggled two fall sports (including soccer) while posting an overall record of 18-6.

Trapp, a fourth-year player, and Dorton, in his third year, captured Division 1 regional,

Woodhaven and Monroe invitational titles. They also reached the semifinals at the KLAAs-Kensington Conference Tournament.

"Their success is largely due to their physical condition, stamina and ability to cover the court as a synchronized team," George said. "They both have big serves, spin and can move with a lot of agility. They were a fascinating team to watch,

who never gave up many points. Their drive and determination was great for spectators."

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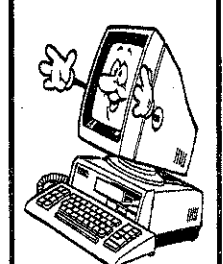
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Time to quit

Smoking causes 90 percent of lung cancers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sarah Waldman was lucky her family physician routinely does chest X-rays of smokers. Otherwise she would have gone on thinking her symptom was nothing more than the cough accompanying the habit. Waldman believes too often smokers as well as non-smokers don't realize something serious is wrong.

It's true nonsmokers as well as smokers get lung cancer, but the risks are much lower for those who have never picked up a cigarette. On Thursday, Nov. 20, the American Cancer Society staff is hoping to help smokers kick the habit during the Great American Smokeout, a day set aside specifically to quit.

"It can happen to anybody. Everybody needs support going through this," said Waldman of Garden City. "Don't blame somebody because they can't quit smoking."

Waldman used prescription medication and the support of husband Glenn, who stopped smoking almost three years ago after acupuncture. She quit two weeks before being diagnosed with stage 1B lung cancer in March at age 54.

Dr. Mark Orringer, a surgeon, has been treating lung cancer patients for more than 35 years and won't even operate until a lung cancer patient has quit for three weeks and walks three miles a day to rid the body of nicotine. He likes to talk about the link between pack years and risks when it comes to lung cancer. Whether one smokes a pack a day for 20 years or two packs for 10 years the result can be the same — lung cancer. He recommends an annual chest X-ray for smokers with such history. Smokers also need to be conscious of symptoms like unexplained coughing lasting four to six weeks, coughing up blood, or pain or discomfort with a deep breath.

"Of the lung cancer more than 90 percent are associated with smoking," said Orringer, professor and head of thoracic surgery at the University of Michigan Medical Center. "You always have patients who say I never smoked but there are five different types of lung cancer — one of them is a type not associated with smoking. Having a parent with lung cancer increases the risk by 50 percent, but it's usually a man-made disease. In the '50s, '60s and '70s people smoked and got stuck as teenagers as the cool thing to do. We have women 30 to 40 years of age smoking since they were teens, a 38-year-old woman pregnant with twins who was smoking and got lung cancer. Lung cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in our country for men and women and leads the list of deaths."

Waldman continues to show no evidence of lung cancer after having her upper left lobe removed. She was back at the gym about 10 days after surgery. She still goes every four months for screening. Today she knits caps not only for cancer patients going through chemotherapy but to relieve the anxiety of waiting for the next scan which could signal the cancer's return.



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Sarah Waldman is living a healthier lifestyle today. She no longer smokes and enjoys walking with Stryder, her husband, Glenn, and Katie through their Garden City neighborhood twice a day.

Great American Smokeout sets quit date

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dru Szczerba thinks most smokers want to quit. They just need a little help. That's why the American Cancer Society is reaching out to offer a plan in advance of the Great American Smokeout Thursday, Nov. 20. As director of cancer prevention for the ACS Metro Detroit Office in Southfield, Szczerba is offering a variety of tips to stop smoking including calling the Quitline at 1-800-227-2345 to speak with a trained counselor.

Szczerba, a Bloomfield Township resident, began smoking in eighth grade and continued through college. Her decision to quit was made even easier when she began volunteering for ACS 28 years ago and learned about the consequences. According to ACS, smoking accounts for 438,000 deaths annually, including 38,000 deaths of nonsmokers from second hand smoke.

"The Great American Smokeout is a time we can set the quit date, but the greatest message we can give them is to make a plan. When we started there was only cold turkey. There are so many more options and people shouldn't get discouraged if they fail. It sometimes takes

5 to 7 tries to quit," said Szczerba. "We can help them learn all the new ways people can quit with nicotine replacement products. Some need a doctor's prescription that's why you have to plan. Think about what you're going to do with the cravings — take some deep breaths. Think about what times of day or activities you associate with smoking. Is it a cup of coffee? Could you switch to tea, change your routine? Sometimes sipping water helps. Proper nutrition and activity are really going to help. Sometimes people are afraid of weight gain. Bottled water is great because you're doing something with your hands. Have low calorie snacks available."

Szczerba says smokers can do everything right then go to work and be tempted. A statewide public smoking ban would have made it easier for those trying to quit but fell six votes short of approval in the Michigan House in September. Advocates vow they won't stop trying to have it passed. Second hand smoke can be deadly as well. Szczerba says supporters are tripling their efforts to outlaw smoking in public workplaces like restaurants and bars. Smoking doesn't just cause lung cancer. A recent Henry Ford Hospital study showed a public smoking ban could lead to 3,340

fewer people being admitted to Michigan hospitals annually for heart attacks.

"It's very difficult to stay quit. That's why smoke free environments are very important and helps them smoke less and feel better," said Szczerba.

So what action can a former smoker take to avoid temptation?

"Make a pledge to have smoke free vehicles and homes," said Szczerba. "For breaks ask another worker to go for a walk. Adopt a smoker, a former smoking buddy to help you. If you mess up don't quit quitting just because you had a bad day. Every time you learn something about yourself, what triggered your relapses. Some of the pressure is coming from the financial angle. Lots of people are spending \$2,000 a year on cigarettes. Quitting now is a good time when you're looking for ways to save money. Ask yourself what could I do with \$2,000 a year? Cut a picture out and put it up to remind that this is your goal."

For more information, visit www.cancer.org or call 1-800-ACS-2345.

"I hope people will call," said Szczerba. "There's so much help out there. You're doing something for those around you and yourself."

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Breast cancer patients needed for clinical trial

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Institute is looking for women with HER2 positive metastatic breast cancer to participate in a clinical trial.

The Phase II trial at Karmanos is part of an international study to further test a new drug Trastuzumab-DM1

in development by Genentech. The trial will be under the direction of Patricia LoRusso, D.O., Karmanos director of the Phase I Clinical Trials Program and professor of internal medicine at Wayne State University.

"We are actively recruiting

women to join this study and encourage them to call us for additional information," said Dr. LoRusso.

According to LoRusso eligible patients must have HER2 positive metastatic breast cancer, tumors measurable by radiographic evaluation, pro-

gressed on Herceptin, Tykerb and Xeloda, and show no current evidence of brain cancer.

For more information, call the Karmanos Clinical Trials office at (313) 576-8749.

LoRusso developed the Phase I program at Karmanos, one of only 14 National Cancer

Institute funded Phase I programs in the country, and the only such program in Michigan.

She has been integrally involved in the early clinical development of several drugs that are now commercially available.

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Mended Hearts

Heart disease support group for patients or members of their families meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the 2 East A Conference Room on the second floor of Botsford Hospital, Farmington. Dr. Michael Sytniak, a psychologist from the American Association of Psychiatrists, speaks about how to deal with stress during the holidays and stay stress free. Community members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (248) 471-8740.

Get ready to have a baby

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Childbirth Education Weekday programs held 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Nov. 19; Mondays to Dec. 15, and Wednesdays, Dec. 3 to Jan. 14. Childbirth Education workshops 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. There is a fee. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1162.

Survivors of Suicide conference

Sponsored by Common Ground, an Oakland County-based crisis intervention agency; Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the conference feature keynote speaker local author and survivor of suicide, Jacqueline Castine. The program also features a panel comprised of survivors of suicide loss and medical experts 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford. The day allows survivors of suicide loss to connect with other survivors in their local community and online in an empowering and healing environment. The program is also available online at www.afsp.org and will be archived for one year. To register or for information, contact Shawn Force at (248) 451-2611 or sforce@commongroundhelps.org.

Chocolate jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Held annually, Funds will support programs and services to more than 70,000 metro Detroit families affected by the disease as well as fund research. The luncheon is followed by a chocolate tasting with over 20 exhibitors offering up their sweetest creations. Luncheon and Jubilee tickets still available. To purchase or participate in the 50/50 Raffle or Sweet Chances, call (248) 351-0280 or visit www.alzgmcc.org for details.

Flu shots

Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinic in Wayne 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday (walk-ins), Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday (by appointment only), at 33030 Van Born at Venoy. The cost of the flu vaccine is \$15, \$35 for pneumonia vaccine is also offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted. Vaccines are offered for adults and children. For information about family flu vaccinations at Wayne County's public health clinic locations, call (734) 727-7000. For additional influenza and flu prevention facts, visit www.waynecounty.com/hhsvcs/public/pamphlet.htm.

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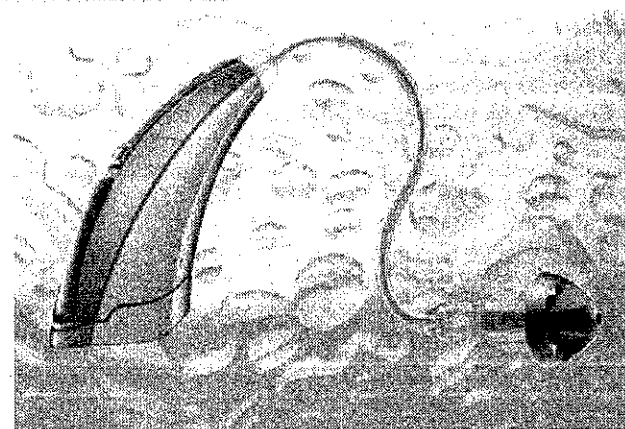
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Linda Chomin (center) and her sister Gwen Dietrich (right) walk Clancy in Plymouth with the guidance of their trainer, Bonny Wainz.

Hooray, we did it

If you saw a big blond dog wandering around with his owners in downtown Plymouth a week ago Monday, you witnessed quite an accomplishment. My sister, Gwen, and I were finally able to walk Clancy again without being dragged down the street. What passers-by might not have realized was the amount of training it took.

Our Irish Wolfhound stands taller than a Great Dane and weighs about 130 pounds. When he was six months old we had no problem going into town to pick up a loaf of bread at Boule Artisan Bakery. The next two years were a different story even though we were taking obedience classes once a week. In the ring, Clancy was perfect. In real life

Linda Chomin

we had no control, which was definitely a frightening situation. One night in our subdivision, he pulled the leash from my hand and ran into the street. We were able to stop cars until we caught him, but never walked him again. We were pretty much confined to exercising him in the back yard.

Then Bonny Wainz came into our lives in July. A trainer as well as a behaviorist, she understood at once that my sister and I were at fault. Dogs are pack animals and the owner has to be leader of the pack, but we let Clancy think he was in charge. We hadn't dealt with such a strong personality before. Our first three wolfhounds only had to go through eight weeks of puppy training because of their sweeter nature. All right, I have to admit Shenanigan could be a handful. He learned to open the kitchen cupboard and steal the peanut butter. I think many owners encounter behavioral problems from dogs jumping on people to snatching food and don't realize the solution is as simple as training.

We're still working on teaching Clancy to leave the kale on the kitchen counter, the pancakes on the table, but walking is a pleasure. For us the key was never allowing him to go ahead of us even through a door. Once we started to take charge, the rest was easy and the halter-like collar helped a great deal. Just like a little horse we're able to lead him in the direction we want to go.

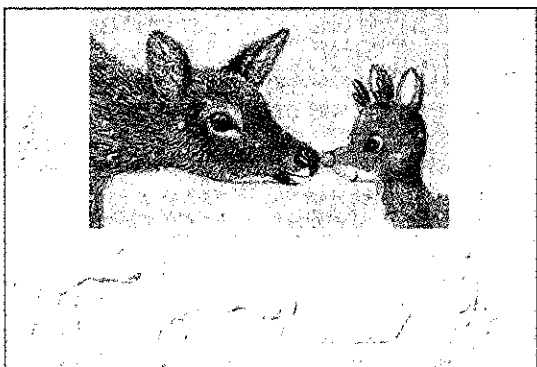
Of course, we haven't done it alone. Bonny was right there as we walked past the goats and ducks at the Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill without incident. Clancy usually bolts when he sees another dog or a squirrel, leaving us far behind. In earlier sessions around our neighborhood, Bonny had caught our mistakes and showed us the Alternative Canine Training method (www.vladae.com) to prevent him from running off to play. A couple weekends later we were able to visit Jan Lawrence at Boule where owners Jason Lawrence (Jan's son) and Natalie Feneck shape left over dough into dog bones. We usually give Clancy one of the bones after dinner, but receiving the treat from Jan, who works behind the counter, was especially sweet for my sister and me. It meant we had finally accomplished our goal of being able to enjoy walking our dog. Hooray, we did it.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Jan Lawrence of Boule Artisan Bakery in Plymouth gives Clancy a dog bone as trainer Bonny Wainz looks on.



Holiday cheer

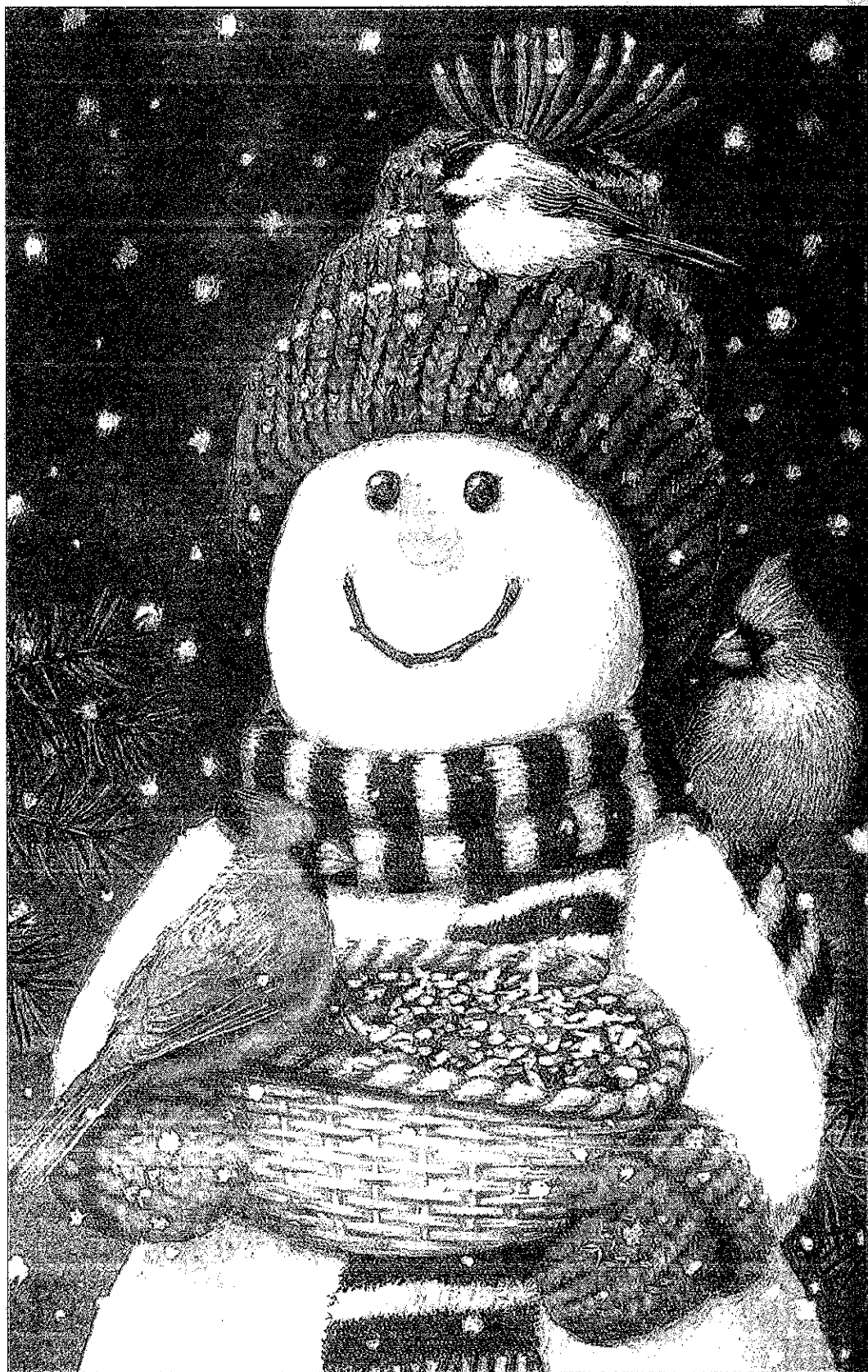


Seedlings Braille Books for Children offers "Nosey Deer" among its 10 holiday card designs this year.



This is one of eight different styles of Michigan Humane Society holiday cards.

The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Michigan offers a large selection of holiday cards, including this seasonal greeting with a snowflake image.



Buy this card from The Senior Alliance - Area Agency on Aging 1-C, and you'll make a senior citizen happy this Christmas. For a \$5 donation, you sign the card and the agency will deliver it, along with a hot meal, to a senior citizen in Wayne County on Dec. 25.

Send a greeting that benefits charity this season

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Amanda Pier of The Senior Alliance — Area Agency on Aging 1-C, wants to sell you a nonprofit greeting card — but hopes you'll let her keep the purchase.

In return, she'll make sure the card ends up in good hands on Christmas Day.

"What we do is we have boxes of cards and I'd sell one card to you. You'd pay \$5 for it and sign it with a nice greeting. And that card will go to a senior citizen with their dinner on Christmas Day," said Pier, a program specialist.

Five dollars represents the cost of serving a homebound senior citizen a hot meal through the Holiday Meals on Wheels program in 34 western and Downriver Wayne County communities served by the Senior Alliance — Area Agency on Aging 1-C.

Unlike the Meals on Wheels program, which receives state funding to deliver hot meals to senior citizens yearlong — excluding holidays — the Holiday Meals on Wheels program runs on donations from fund-raising efforts, including the sale of individual, \$5 nonprofit holiday cards.

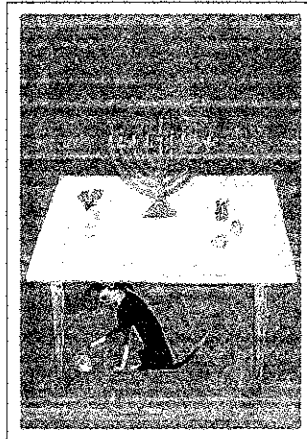
"We truly have to stomp the grounds to raise that money ourselves," said Lori Tooles-Carrington, Senior Alliance program specialist. "We do fund raising throughout the year. All the events fund the holiday meals. Last year we served 2,875 holiday meals."

That included 772 Thanksgiving dinners and 792 Christmas meals. The organization also serves on Labor Day and Easter.

"The card sales are crucial. Each card pays for one meal," Tooles-Carrington noted. "The senior doesn't know the person who gave them the card and the person who gave it doesn't know the senior, but the point is the senior knows they got a card from someone who paid for their meal."

Volunteers will be out in force on Dec. 5 at banks in Livonia and other Wayne County communities, selling the \$5 cards. Anyone interested in volunteering

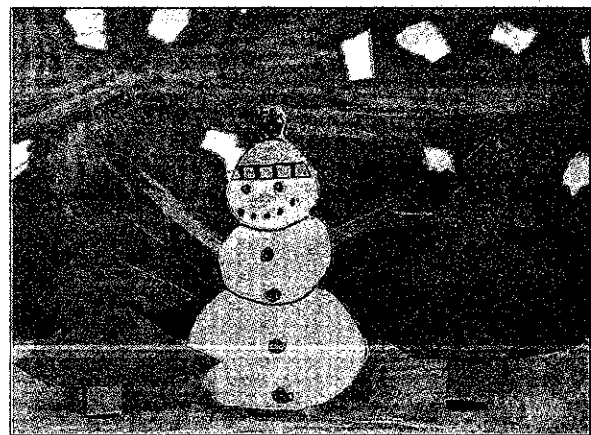
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This is one of several Hanukkah cards offered by the Humane Society of the United States. Buy the animal-themed Hanukkah, Christmas and seasonal greeting cards from the organization online at hsus.org. The HSUS is a national animal advocacy non-profit group that uses legislation, litigation, investigation, education, advocacy and field work to protect animals. It's not affiliated with the Michigan Humane Society.



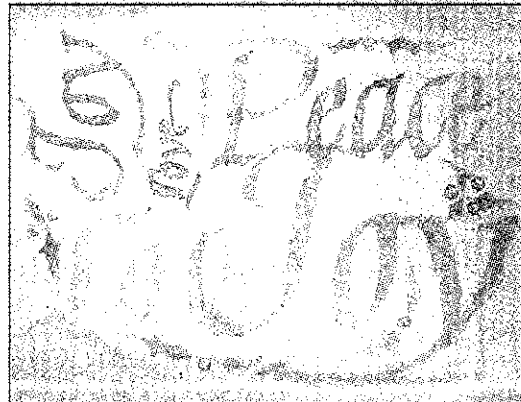
Leader Dogs for the Blind not only sells holiday cards, like this photo card of a Golden Retriever in the snow, but also offers gifts and apparel through its on-campus shop in Rochester Hills, as well as online.



This card benefiting the Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary, wishes recipients "love and peace" during the holiday season.



This holiday card benefits Band of Angels, the Rochester-based organization that's dedicated to helping people with Down syndrome reach their full potential.



Wigs4Kids is selling this holiday card, which will help raise funds to turn hair donations into wigs for children and teens.

CARDS

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to deliver meals or in buying the cards directly from the agency can call Pier at (734) 727-2060.

Many other nonprofit organizations are selling greeting cards to help fund their programs and services. Here's a sampling:

■ Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter has a variety of holiday card designs, with packages of 25 cards selling for \$36. A portion of the proceeds from card sales help fund the association's efforts in Alzheimer's research, care and support. To view all designs and order, visit www.alz.org/gmc. For more information call (248) 351-0280.

■ Band of Angels is a Rochester-Hills-based organization that advocates for educating and employing individuals with Down syndrome. Its holiday card, featuring a photo of a rosy-cheeked girl, sells for \$12 per set of 12 cards. Buy them at www.bandofangels.com or call (248)

377-9309. The organization also sells note cards, calendars and other gifts.

■ Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary raises money for various departments and programs at Children's Hospital of Michigan through fund-raisers, including sale of holiday greeting cards. This year's card, designed by an 11-year old girl, costs \$20 for a pack of 20 cards. Buy them online at www.childrensdmc.org/giftshop. Or buy them in person at Something Special Gift Shop Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, (313) 745-5425 or at Festivities, 568 North Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 647-7772.

■ Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan offers seven different designs by youngsters who have had leukemia or lymphoma or by the sibling of a patient. They're sold in packs of 20 cards and envelopes, priced at \$20 each.

The foundation's fall holiday art contest is an annual tradition

For there is born unto you this day...



This is one of two cards that benefit Right to Life - Lifespan.

and the selection process for each year's greeting card designs. Betsy Bonnell, director of special events, said the contest helps families feel less alone in facing the challenges of dealing with leukemia or lymphoma. She said they "recognize that there are others out there facing the same challenges they are."

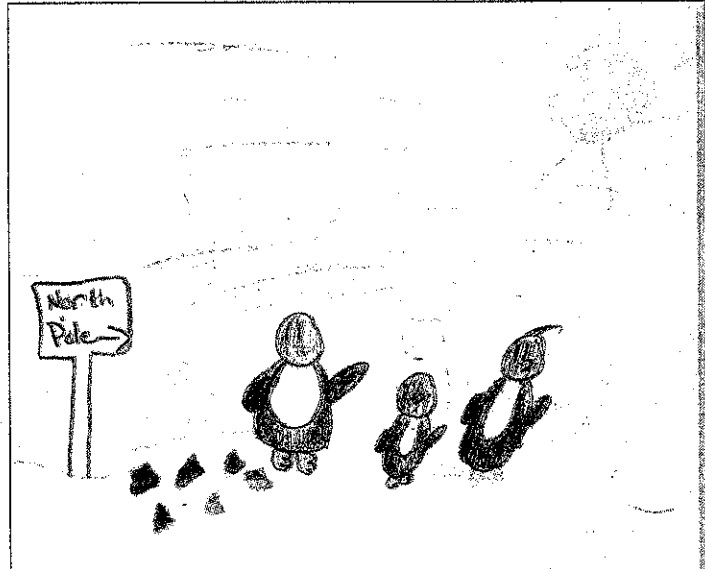
Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan hopes to raise about \$15,000 through the cards. All proceeds will help fund information, financial assistance and emotional support services given to families statewide.

Cards can be viewed and purchased at www.leukemiainchicago.org or in person at the foundation office in the Onyx Office Building, 29777 Telegraph, Suite 1651, Southfield. Call (248) 353-8222 for a brochure.

■ Humane Society of the United States — not affiliated with the Michigan Humane

Society — sells a wide variety of animal-themed holiday cards, with both Christmas and Hanukkah greetings, on its Web site at www.hsus.petfulfilment.com. HSUS is an animal protection and advocacy organization.

■ Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills trains and matches guide dogs with blind and visually impaired persons. It also offers programs in navigating with canes, GPS devices, and using computers. It's selling three holiday card designs this year. All feature photos of dogs and cost \$15 for a box of 20 cards. Buy online at www.leaderdog.org. Or visit the school's gift shop, 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, at Avon and Rochester Road. In addition to cards, the shop sells hats, shirts, plush Leader Dog puppies and other gifts. (888) 777-5332, Ext. 1169



Courtney Stach, 8, of Huron Township created this card for the Children's Leukemia Foundation. Courtney has an older sister with leukemia.

Michigan Humane Society offers eight different styles that sell for \$5.95 per box of 15 cards/16 envelopes. Proceeds help fund the organization's programs and services which include shelters in Rochester Hills, Westland and Detroit, veterinary care, legislative advocacy, animal cruelty investigation and pet owner education. View all designs — and gift shop items — and order at www.michiganhumane.org or call (866) MHUMANE, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ Right to Life - Lifespan is selling two different card styles. One depicts the infant Jesus and sells for \$7 per package of 10 cards. The other shows Mary cradling the infant and costs \$16 for a box of 20. Call (248) 478-8876 or visit Lifespan at 29200 Vassar, Suite 545, Livonia. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Seedlings Braille Books for Children, which produces

children's books in braille, sells 10 different styles of holiday greeting cards. Cost is \$16 per box of 16 cards/17 envelopes. Cards are embossed and made from recycled paper and printed with soy inks. Cards are packaged in occupational training workshops. View all styles at www.seedlings.org. Buy cards from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Seedlings office, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia.

■ Wigs4Kids turns donated hair into wigs for children and teens dealing with hair loss because of alopecia or cancer treatments. It offers one holiday card design, sold in packages of 10 cards and envelopes for \$10. A pack of 20 costs \$15. Order online at www.wigs4kids.org by clicking on W4K. Or visit the organization at 29314 Harper, just south of 12 Mile, in the side parking lot of the Whitfield Florist Building, in St. Clair Shores.

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X-rays of the knee are a great help in revealing the presence of osteoarthritis and in determining if the arthritis is slight, moderate or advanced. However, the x-rays must be done with the patient standing and/or flexing the knees because standing and flexing places strain on the joint and exposes any loss of joint space, the hallmark of osteoarthritis.

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Gala offers the opportunity to give back to community

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Katherine Daudlin thinks the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Gala on Nov. 21 is a good way to start the holiday season. Supporters not only enjoy a gourmet dinner and dancing to the Simone Vitale Band, but leave satisfied knowing they helped fund quality health care for the community. The black tie-optional event raises money for cancer and cardiac services at the hospital which is part of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System in southeast Michigan. Over the last 16 years proceeds have gone to a variety of projects that continue to win awards for St. Mary Mercy, named one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation by Thompson in 2006 and 2007.

"We're trying to communicate to sponsors what a great opportunity to give to the community hospital," said Daudlin, manager of special events. "We're approaching Thanksgiving and looking for people who want to give back."

Richard DeLoof, vice president of the hospital's foundation, hopes to raise \$150,000 as part of the Caring for the Future Campaign. The \$27 million goes toward state-of-the-art technology and services offered at Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center and the Heart & Vascular Center. The cancer center opened a year ago.

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Advances have been made in many departments since then. Most recently the hospital added equipment including digital mammography and hyperbaric chambers for wound care. A Graduate Medical Education program is in the works as well.

"We have about \$270,000 to reach our goal," said DeLoof who's especially grateful for the \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor in honor of the Felician Sisters who opened the hospital in Livonia in 1959. "Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center is a new building. The cardiovascular center was a build out in the renovation. We're constantly doing renovation and have a south addition in the planning stages."

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Palace Suite one great auction item

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra has received a last minute auction item for its fund-raising benefit dinner/concert/silent auction "New York Vibes" on Nov. 21, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

One supporter will have the opportunity to receive the use of a suite at the Palace, which includes 12 tickets with four parking passes for the Pistons vs Pacers game 8 p.m. Friday, Dec.

12, for his or her winning bid.

This is a first-rate suite on the lower level, suite 143. The value of the tickets alone is \$10,800.

Call in bids will be accepted at (734) 591-0266 until 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, or at the benefit event which will begin at 6 p.m. at Laurel Manor on Friday. Bidders may put a maximum amount that the item could be bid at during the auction if desired.

You need not be present at the event to place a bid.

Event organizers hope the Pistons package will be auctioned for a substantial bid, which would tremendously boost the symphony's revenue. Proceeds from New York Vibes go toward the orchestra's operating budget.

Tickets for the event are \$70, and available by calling (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111.

'Forbidden Broadway' comes to Canton

Forbidden Broadway, the Tony award-winning Broadway-spoof sensation, is coming Nov. 21-23, to the Biltmore Studio in the Cherry Hill Village Theater at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 and available at DestinationTheater.org, and Canton's Summit on the Park box office, 46000 Summit Parkway, (734) 394-5460. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

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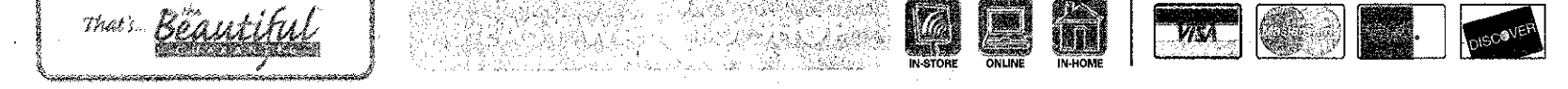
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Penner-Shaffer

Keith and Barb Penner of Brighton are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi, to Billy Shaffer. He is the son of Bill and Kathie Shaffer of Brighton, formerly of Redford Township. The Shaffer's have family in Redford Township, Livonia and Garden City. The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Brighton High School. She is currently studying math education in the Honors College at Michigan State University. Once she earns her degree in Spring 2009, she plans to teach advanced placement math at



the high school level. The groom-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Brighton High School. He is a journeyman commercial carpenter and is pursuing his degree in construction management at Eastern Michigan University. A June 2009 wedding is being planned at Oak Pointe in Brighton.

Geiser-Carroll

Gary Geiser of Canton and Dennis and Sandy Felt of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Geiser, to Christofer Carroll, son of Dan and Karen Carroll of Ann Arbor and Diane and Don Guice of Corning, Calif. A fall 2009 wedding is being planned and the couple will make their home in Livonia.



Cislo-Barker

Clyde and Linda Cislo of Milan announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Cislo of Belleville, to Craig Daniel Barker of Northville. He is the son of Daniel and Virginia Barker of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Milan High School, a 2000 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a 2006 graduate of Spring Arbor University, where she earned her master's degree. She teaches sixth grade at Custer Elementary School in Monroe. The



groom is a 1996 graduate of Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Livonia, a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 2004 graduate of Marygrove College, where he earned his master's degree. He teaches social studies at his alma mater, Stevenson High School in Livonia. The couple plan a June 27 wedding at Grace United Methodist Church in Britton.

ANNIVERSARY



Golden Anniversary
Dennis and Marlene (Postl) Wutka are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The couple wed Oct. 25, 1958, at St. Veronica Church in East Detroit. Dennis and Marlene have lived in Redford Township for more than 25 years. Dennis retired from his job at Ford Motor Company in 1992, and Marlene is a housewife and mother. They have five children: Mike Wutka of Shelby Township, Ken (Debbie) Wutka of Livonia, Margaret Depman of Northville, Laura Wutka of Redford, and Steve (Lisa) Wutka of California. They have six grandchildren: Brad, Becky, Erica, Jenny, Connor and Andrew. The Wutkas have spent summers up north, at their cottage in St. Helen, since 1988. They are snowbirds who head to Lakeland, Fla. during the winter, where they enjoy spending time with friends, basking in the warm weather, and watching the Detroit Tigers during Spring Training. A celebration luncheon was held Oct. 12, 2008 at Emmanuel Church in Livonia. Family and dear friends attended. The couple currently resides in South Lyon.

Performers to tell stories that are tailored for adults

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Doris Cooney still gets excited about storytelling even after 40 years of sharing stories with students as a teacher at Redford Union Schools. Cooney is retired now and in her late 80s, but continues promoting the art as a member of the Detroit Story League. On Friday, Nov. 21, she co-produces Tellabration, an evening of performances for adults at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Storytelling isn't just for kids, says Cooney, although she continues to enjoy visiting students at Coolidge Elementary in Livonia with her tales. Cooney says storytelling opens up the world for all ages. "Tellabration is a celebration of storytelling, a worldwide storytelling event that's held the third weekend in November with storytellers on six continents, 14 foreign countries, and 44 states," said Cooney of Redford. "We get together and invite the public to listen to storytellers. It's exciting the fact the storytelling event is being held at the same time all around the world." As in the past all of the performers for Tellabration are local tellers who are members of Detroit Story League. Although Cooney isn't tell-



Judy Sima of West Bloomfield is one of the storytellers performing at Tellabration on Friday at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

TELLABRATION

What: A worldwide celebration of storytelling for adults presented by The Detroit Story League
When: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile at Farmington Road
Tickets: \$5 at the door. For more information, visit www.storytelling.org.

Bloomfield is rehearsing Sir Gwain and the Loathly Lady, a legend that relays what's most important to women in life. Sima began telling stories to her students in Warren Public Schools around Halloween 1983. "Storytelling is the oldest art form," said Sima. "You don't need any technology, only an audience and storyteller. You have eye contact and you're face to face. It creates a bond between people, creates emotions, laughter. If you take a moment to think about it, everybody is connected with stories whether it's listening to a minister in church or a friend telling about their vacation or children. Stories are very powerful."

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Broken dip tube, dirty screen could affect your water heater

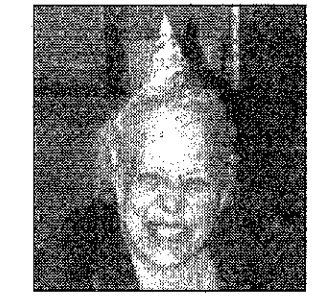
I can imagine what a qualified plumber is thinking these days as I write about the problems with hot water heaters. He or she is probably thinking that Joe Gagnon is not qualified to answer plumbing questions and I must say that they are absolutely correct. But I must also point out that when consumers are taken advantage of by the manufacturers of these products, I am an expert. I wish that the average Joe Plumber who knows of things that are kept almost secret in the industry should be willing to get on the telephone or computer and contact Joe Gagnon. I challenge all plumbers to help me educate the general public. Ray writes: "I read your column in the Observer about the igniter problem in hot water tanks and decided to give you a question of my own. My problem for the last 15 to 20 years with the old and existing tank (10 years old) is the water temperature in the morning is warm at best and as we use the hot water it warms up to

normal temperature. I keep the dial on the tank at the lower setting so that the water is semi-hot to the touch, but not hot enough to burn your hands. I do not have an insulation blanket on the tank. This is an overnight problem only. I would think that as the water-cooled during the night the igniter would be triggered and the water would be kept hot. Does the water get taken from the top of the tank or the bottom? Have you ever run into this problem?" Ray's problem may well have to do with the defective dip tube that made national news some years ago. The design fault installed by the all manufactures created a class action lawsuit involving some 22 million hot water heaters manufactured between 1993 and 1998. The dip tube, which directs the flow of water into the bottom of the tank, was breaking off and causing the sort of problem that Ray describes. I make note to Ray that he should call a qualified plumber to have the unit checked out. Ruth writes: "Reading your article on dryer vents reminded me of something my neighbor told me. It seems the repairman for his water heater told him that from now on, all gas water heaters are being

built so that the homeowner cannot restart the pilot light, having instead to pay for a serviceman to come out and do it. Sounds far-fetched to me. Can you shed some light on this?" I have spoken with four different plumbers who said, "Joe, say it isn't so!" They did inform me that on some of these new hot water heaters where there is a screen which surrounds the bottom, the gas igniter will not come on because the screen is plugged with dirt, animal hair etc. The screen is to be kept clean for proper operation. Ralph writes: "Regarding your article relating to the poor quality of the water heaters being sold today, I'm pleased to report that my A.O. Smith water heater has worked flawlessly since my house was built in 1975. It is the old style glass-lined unit that does not have modern features such as an electronic igniter. Well Ralph, it goes back to my original statement, "I am not an expert plumber but I'm just smart enough to know, they don't make them like they used to." Stay tuned. Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8am, Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2pm on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.rr.com



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EVELYN M. GRONQUIST-ERIKSON-WHITE
2-18-1923 to 11-3-2008. Evelyn passed away peacefully at 85 years at Regency Care Center, Arlington, WA after a full life. Born in Seattle, she was the eldest daughter of Tekla and Hilding Gronquist. Evelyn attended Ballard High School and then married Erik H Erikson Sr in Dec 1940. She was the mother of two children: Erik Erikson Jr (1941) and Carol Jan Erikson (1953). Evelyn was a housewife for many years raising her two children on Mercer Island with a brief period as a bank teller. Her husband Erik Sr built homes on Mercer Island and the Eastside during the 1950's and 1960's. Divorced from Erik Sr in 1969, she later married James S. White and lived in the Farmington, Michigan area until Jim's death in 1996. Evelyn was well known for her bridge prowess, accumulating thousands of Master Points during her "bridge career" in Michigan with her husband Jim. Evelyn moved briefly to Issaquah, WA and then to Spokane, WA to live with her son Erik Jr and his family for five years; then moving again to Marysville, WA with her daughter Carol for continued care. Evelyn was known as the "gold standard" of mothers: patient, loving, caring, guiding, considerate, encouraging, helpful and generous - all those wonderful attributes of the "perfect" mother. She will be missed. Evelyn now resides with her Lord and Savior - her earthly journey is over. Evelyn is survived by her son, Erik Jr of Nine Mile Falls, WA; her daughter Carol Jan Erikson, Marysville, WA; her sisters Sylvia Trepp of Kirkland, WA and Edna Berger of Mercer Island, WA. She has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who she loved dearly. Erik Sr passed away in 1999. Evelyn's Memorial Service will be held at 1 pm Saturday, November 22 at North Creek Country Church, 18321 bothell Everett Hwy, Off 405 at the Mill Creek exit towards Canyon Park on 527. Call Erik Erikson Jr at 509-466-7006 or e-mail at erikson@hughes.net.

ROBERTA A. CHISNELL
Age 99. Born Sept. 5, 1909, passed away Nov. 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Survived by sons Lee (Barbara), Jerry (Zouwan), Roland (Judy), and her sister, Lois; 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by family and cherished friends.

MILDRED "MILLIE" PRICE
Age 83, November 12, 2008. Beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of James (Judy), Rick (Sally), Kathy Giles, and Dan (Fran). Grandmother of Bronson (Jess) Giles, April Price, Amanda (Bryan) Corp, Adam Price, Torry and Alex Price. Great-grandmother of Connor and Abby Giles. Services were held, arrangements by Santeu and Son. Memorials suggested to Faith Baptist.

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GLADYS E. SCHUHARDT
Age 86, of Overland Park, KS, (formerly of Livonia, MI, and Sevierville, TN). Passed away at the home of her daughter, Sandra (John) Dawbarn. Cremation, with a memorial service to follow in Michigan at a later date. To leave a special message for the family, please visit our website at www.PenwellGabel.com. Gladys was born Feb. 18, 1922 in Detroit, MI, living the past six years in Overland Park, KS. She was preceded in death by her husband, William F. Schuardt and son, William L. Schuardt. She is survived by daughters, Sandra (John) Dawbarn and Diana (Carlton) Flynn; grandchildren John N. Dawbarn, Timothy Dawbarn, James Flynn, Tracey LaRowe, and Andrew Schuardt; great-grandchildren Hazel and Jasper Dawbarn, Julia LaRowe, Addison and Amy Schuardt; sisters Betty Luteran and Dorothy Joannise. She will be surely missed by family and friends. A special thanks to Saint Luke's Hospice for their care and support during her last months.

LORRAINE E. STENBORG
Lorraine Esther Stenborg passed away on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 in Webster, Texas at the age of 95. She was born on August 1, 1913 in Detroit, Michigan to George and Emma Valentine. Lorraine is preceded in death by her husband Daniel, sisters Charlotte Domine, Mildred Rhode, and Evelyn Catallo, brothers Asa Valentine, Wesley Valentine, and Clifford Valentine. She is survived by her daughter Beverly Stenborg, son Rodney Stenborg and wife Margaret, sister Emeline Gilkes, grandchildren Jeanne Ortuno, and husband Sergio, Derek Stenborg and wife Tammy, Julia Vasquez and husband Ovidio and seven great grandchildren. Family will receive friends Monday, Nov. 17, 2008 6-8 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 25450 Plymouth, Redford, MI 48239. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 In-state 10:30 am until funeral service at 11:00 am at the Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church 9600 Levee, Redford, Michigan 48239. In lieu of flowers, you may send memorials to Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church.

MICHAEL S. TUBBS
Age 41, November 11, 2008. Resident of Florida, formerly of Redford. Beloved fiancée of Lynn Jackovich. Dear father of Bianca Hayes. Dear son of Thomas and Mary. Brother of Laura DuBay and Emily Scherz. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Sunday 2-8 PM and Monday from 10:30 AM until time of Funeral Service at 11 AM at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. 6 Mile Rd., Northville. Memorials may be directed to Transport for Christ Int'l or a charity of your choice. Please sign Mike's online guestbook at www.rgharris.com.

DANIEL A. WALSH
Died November 9, 2008. Survived by Roxann, Crystal and Julie. Funeral and interment in Freiburg, MI.

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BIRTHS

Logan Charles Bloomfield
Charlie Bloomfield and Stevie Loftis of Canton proudly announce the birth of their son, Logan Charles Bloomfield. He was born Sept. 10, 2008 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. His grandparents are Nikki Davidson of Livonia, Norma and Jean Bloomfield and Tim and Tara Everett of Plymouth. His great-grandparents are Kassie Kavanaugh of Arizona; Ferrel and Era Loftis of California; Joel Swarhout; Nancy Linder and Tony and Carole Everett of Plymouth.



Gavin Robert Henderson
Brandon and Michelle Henderson of Canton announce the birth of their son Gavin Robert Henderson. He was born Sept. 5, 2008 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor and joins siblings Tyler, 12, and Gabriel, 2. His grandparents are Jay and Cheryl Henderson of Livonia and Jerry and Kathy Becklehamer of Westland. His great-grandparents are Robert and Shirley Hork of Westland and Donald Volman of Van Buren Township.



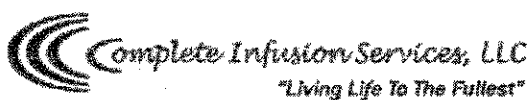
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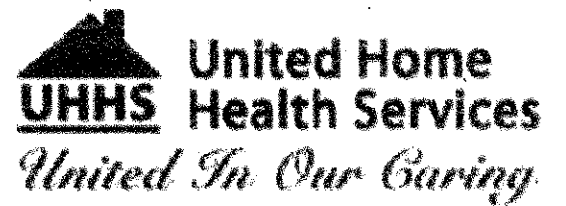
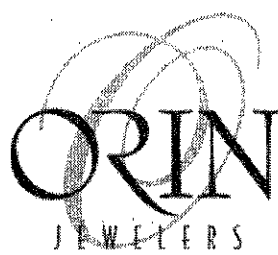
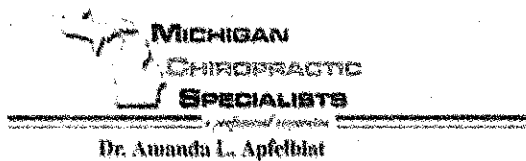
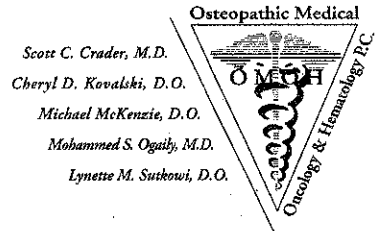
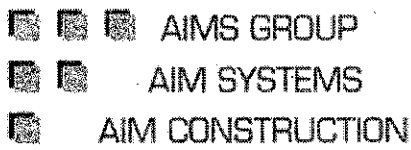
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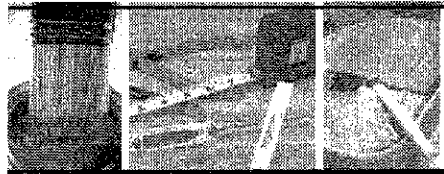
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WHY NOT CALL? SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2271724**

READY FOR A FRESH START? DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/brown hair, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. **2295450**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR? WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2280581**

ARE YOU THE ONE? SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet a honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **2289947**

DOWN-TO-EARTH Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-55, with the same qualities. Minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2279171**

MUSICAL GIRL Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 18-25, who enjoys the same things. **2292258**

ARE YOU LONELY? Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75, **2291247**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57+ , 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2214705**

SINGLE DAD WELCOME PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys traveling, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **2296802**

HOMEBODY SEeks SOME SBF, 44, 5'2", 160lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/O, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SWM, 39-51, **2284368**

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CALLING ALL GOLFERS! WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now! **2276914**

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HONEY BLONDE SBF seeks down-to-earth SM, 25-65, with morals and values, who knows how to have fun in life, is family-oriented. **2294929**

COULD IT BE YOU? SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

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A NEW BEGINNING SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SWM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **2289181**

THAT SPECIAL ONE SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SWM, 36-45, for possible relationship. **2285026**

SEEKING STRONG SM Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald SM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **2295568**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2280694**

CLASSY LADY I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70 and maybe a relationship. Please call. **2292305**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS? SBF, 65, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SCH and self-worth. **2282818**

HELLO THERE Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/O, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2211901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SW/M, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2282444**

OUTGOING BF, 24, student, looking for SM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2292940**

HAVE A GOOD HEART? WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nasar, classic rock and more. **2293230**

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE SWF, 55, 5'6", N/S, H/W proportionate, active, fun-loving, likes bike riding, working out, taking walks, strolling. Seeking SWM, 43-63, for dating, possible LTR. **229674**

COUNTRY GIRL Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercising, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. I do love motorcycles call me. **2295845**

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PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lone handsome man, 20-30, nice open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2269132**

GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2296390**

STILL SEEKING Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. LTR. **2211398**

ARE YOU SEEKING? DWF, 69, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes traveling, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2230808**

I NEED A LOVE... to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2298059**

CLASSY LADY SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2272254**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED SBF, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 26-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2264501**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT WM, 46, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2286340**

LET'S TALK SWM, 38, 6'3", N/S, dark/blonde, enjoys sports, movies, dining. Seeking attractive SBF, 18-30, for possible relationship. **2299949**

NO DRAMA SBF, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, slim build, medium complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, N/D, apologetic, drama-free, no children, independent, romantic, college-educated, family-oriented, seeks cute, slim, down-to-earth female, 30-48. **2296975**

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SD/WF, wise, of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2295946**

RETIREED GENTLEMAN Fun-loving DWM, 69', 160lbs, goatee, light smoker, retired, enjoys camping, movies, travel, more. Seeking WF, 35-65, slim to medium build, hopefully LTR. Dark hair a plus. **2284471**

EASYGOING Sharp, social SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. **2218714**

LET'S GET GOING! SWM, 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter; seeks possible SWF for dating and more. **2297984**

SEEKING A GIRLFRIEND SWM, 35, 6'3", 180lbs, brown eyes, likes singing, travel, basketball. Seeking similar woman. **2299411**

SEEKING THE RIGHT WOMAN Male, 5'7", 160lbs, brown/blue, likes horseback riding, camping, long walks, more. Would like to meet a woman for friendship first, possibly leading to LTR. **4**

FIND OPPORTUNITY IN COINCIDENCE



WORKWISE
by
Mildred L. Culp

People get stuck for any number of reasons. Something personal happens, like a diagnosis of arthritis, which required Ruta Fox to build a career requiring far less time sitting behind a computer. Her Divine Diamonds Inc., sells the Ah Ring she created -- "a" for "available" and "h" for "happy" -- a diamond ring for single women that generated more than one million dollars in first-year sales out of her New York City apartment.

COINCIDENCE
But there is. Howard Melamed is president and CEO of CellAntenna Inc., in Coral Springs, Fla., which had 2007 sales of \$6.5 million from systems and installations enhancing cellular communication within buildings. He maintains that "opportunities advance us on a personal basis, and they don't have to be financial. They are the only way we can develop."

Where will you find them? Right in front of you, according to Melamed, who says, "I believe they're already there. I use coincidental events as key to seeing opportunity. Look for coincidences. Recognize that they're there. You don't have to wait for a coincidence if you're fishing in the right pond. If the situation isn't working, move the boat into a new pond. Do something different so that you have a whole different viewpoint and see different people. Shift. Find something else to sell or do. You can't wait for the person to knock on the door."

He follows his own advice. In 1992 he moved from his native Canada to Florida, largely because of the stronger economy. His previous construction company was mostly idle, down to building about three houses per year, in great contrast with what he saw in Florida. Exactly one day before Andrew hit, he opened his mailbox and found his contractor's license in the mailbox. The hurricane created opportunity -- opening a new construction company during rebuilding. "This is coincidence," he explains.

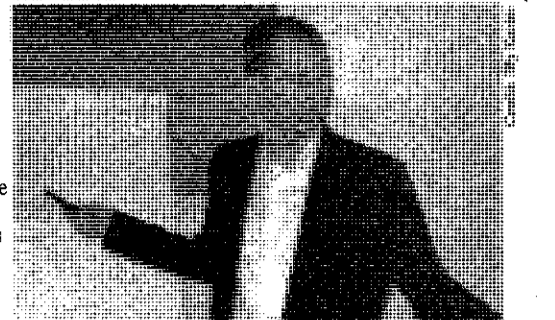
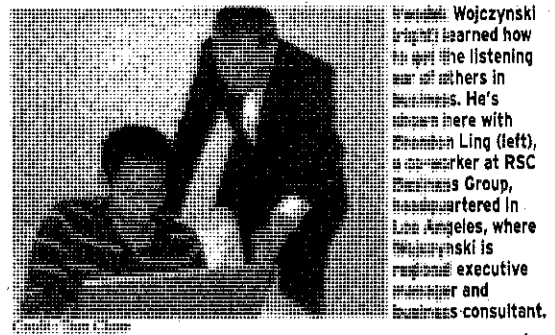
MEETINGS
Vwodek Wojczynski is regional executive manager and business consultant at RSC Business Group Inc., which trains and coaches business owners and is headquartered in Los Angeles. Wojczynski was a self-employed graphic designer with clients in North America and Europe. He noticed in business meetings that people weren't listening to him.

I wasn't really grounded in what I said," he notes, "and was easily pushed aside. I wasn't strong and I wasn't exactly a great listener. People might have seen me as arrogant. I went all over the place, didn't stay focused."

He obtained coaching and successfully overcame his own weaknesses, then noticed an amazing coincidence, that other people need training too. A light went on with the realization that he could take his new skills and find opportunity in the field of training. Wojczynski did the opposite of what most people do. "Mostly," Melamed says, "they hesitate. They lack the confidence to do something about something that comes in their way."

Wojczynski maintains that people become immobile because of their addiction to something or their fear of losing something. He says that this applies to him, too, but he acted after listening to others. "They felt I had more to offer," he comments.

Melamed advises moderation when you're about to seize an opportunity. "Grab it; check it out; and explore it," he suggests. "Don't just go whole hog and put your life savings in it. Trying and trying (in place) leaves you stagnant and prepared to fail. You have to go out there." In other words, remember to shift the boat.



Vwodek Wojczynski realized that people weren't listening to him before he obtained coaching on this critical business skill. Now he trains other people at RSC Business Group, in Los Angeles, where he is regional executive manager and business consultant.

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Obits: Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 11am

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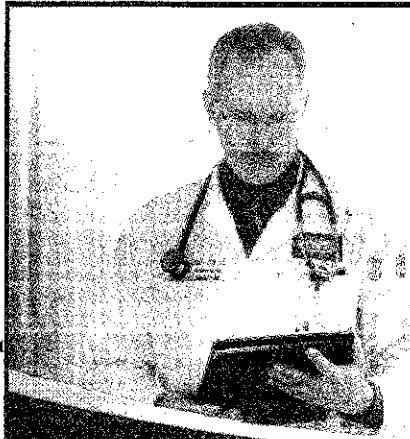
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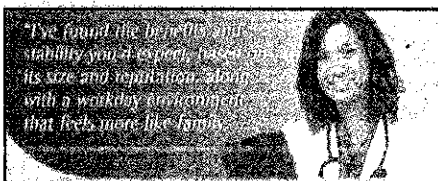
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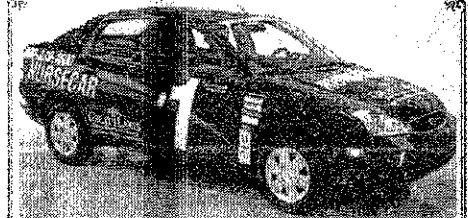
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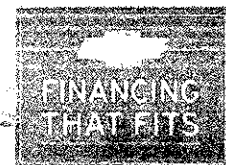
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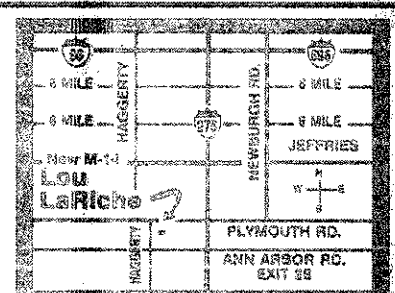
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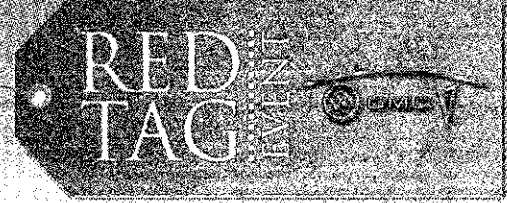
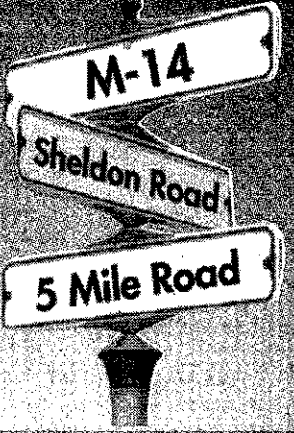
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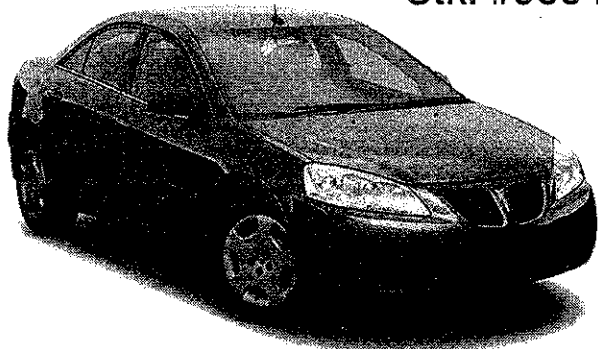


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2009 PONTIAC G6

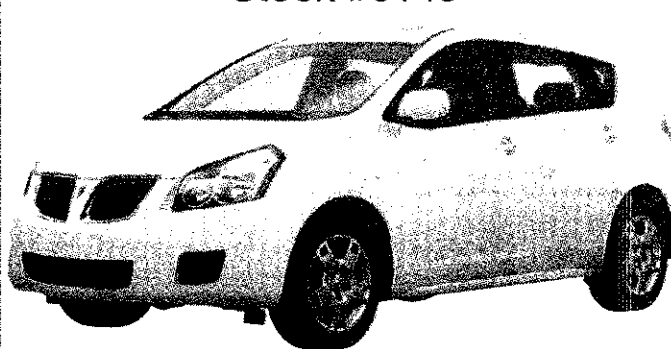
Stk. #90044



Was \$22,810 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$15,804*** | **\$221****
\$0 Down Payment

2009 PONTIAC VIBE

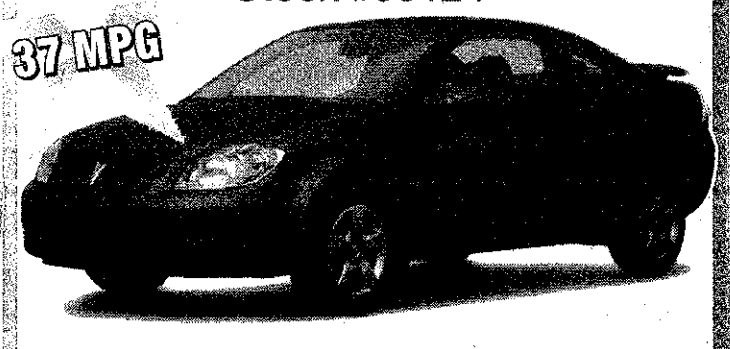
Stock #0145



Was \$19,705 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$16,775*** | **\$216****
\$0 Down Payment

2009 PONTIAC G5

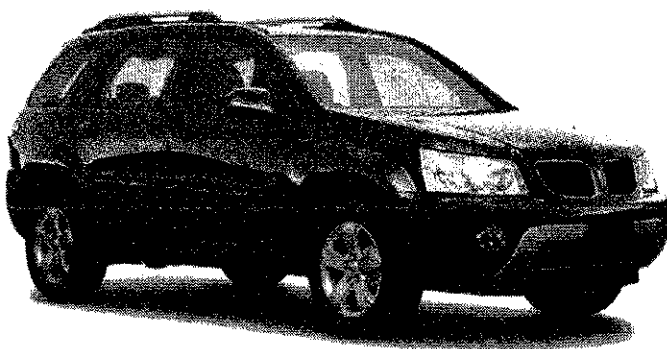
Stock #90124



Was \$17,725 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$13,937*** | **\$207****
\$0 Down Payment

2009 PONTIAC TORRENT

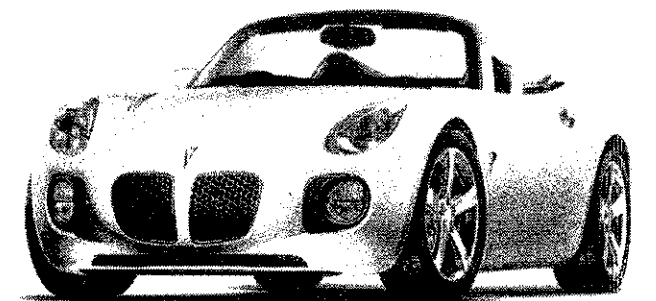
Stk. #6662



Was \$28,210 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$20,995*** | **\$316****
\$0 Down Payment

2008 PONTIAC SOLSTICE CONVERTIBLE

Stock #6429



Was \$28,915 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$22,995*** | **\$319****
\$0 Down Payment

2009 BUICK LACROSSE CX

Stk. #93035



Was \$26,390 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$19,380*** | **\$287****
\$0 Down Payment

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Stk. #93048



Was \$35,385 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$28,999*** | **\$397****
\$0 Down Payment

2009 BUICK LUCERNE CXL SPECIAL EDITION

Stk. #93026



Was \$34,125 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$26,327*** | **\$386****
\$0 Down Payment

2008 GMC ENVOY

Stk. #95013



Was \$30,965 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$22,995*** | **\$329****
\$0 Down Payment

2009 GMC ACADIA

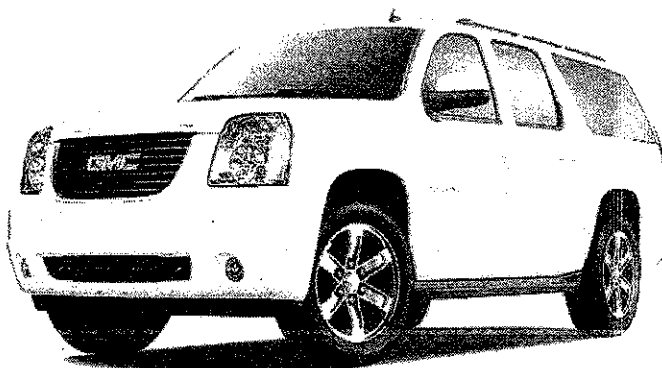
Stk. #4425



Was \$32,675 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$26,953*** | **\$369****
\$0 Down Payment

2008 GMC YUKON

Stk. #4234



Was \$42,645 **OR-LEASE FOR**
NOW **\$29,995*** | **\$439****
\$0 Down Payment

2008 SIERRA

Stock #4431



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NOW **\$11,896*** | **\$179****
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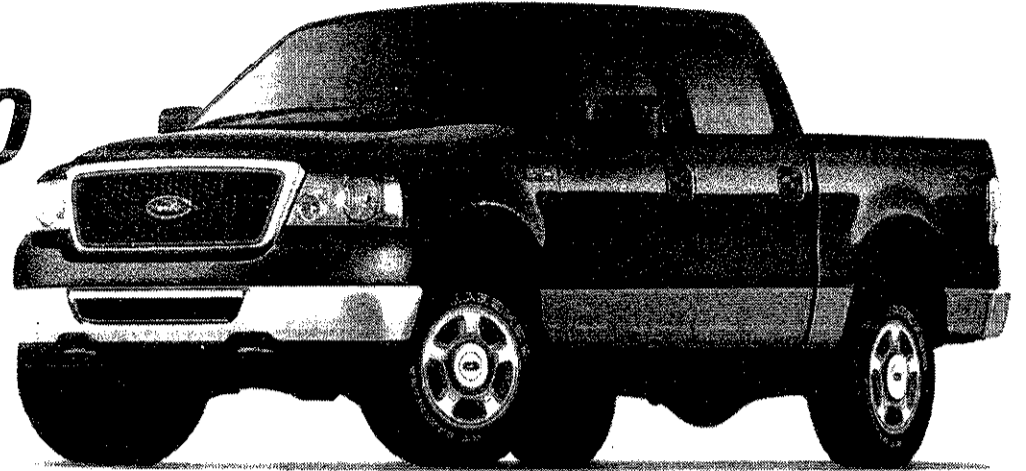
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Value Pkg.



STK#90618

A-Plan
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MSRP \$25,030

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Pwr windows/
locks, cruise
control/CD



STK#90242

A-Plan
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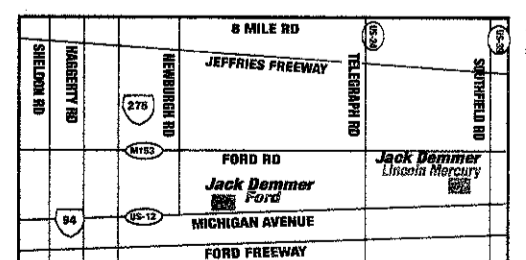
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