











# LPS Foundation awards grants to 12 teachers

Twelve Livonia Public Schools teachers were awarded grants worth more than \$25,000 by the LPS Education Foundation during public ceremonies held this fall. The winning projects represent innovative teaching strategies designed to benefit students from preschool through high school.

The Education Foundation built its annual grant program to show its expanded commitment to the LPS community. The goal is to do something immediate to help teachers and students. The Foundation changed its name, which adds "Education" to its title as an outward sign of its strong pledge to supporting quality education provided by Livonia Public Schools.

Lorna Durand, Grant Review Committee chairperson, and committee member Steve Sciatto, were joined by LPS Superintendent Randy Liepa at several sites, to present the winning teachers in their classrooms with oversized checks ranging from several hundred dollars to more than \$4,000.



Churchill High School's Elizabeth Herring is pictured with CHS Principal Joe Anderson, Superintendent Randy Liepa and the Foundation's Lorna Durand.

Students and staff happily joined in on the excitement.

Thirty-six proposals were submitted, representing approximately \$100,000 in requests, according to Durand.

"Each proposal had its merits and the committee greatly appreciated the time teachers committed as they created their proposals," Durand said.

Each project submitted had to meet rigorous criteria out-

lined in a three-page application, including an explanation of how the project supports the district's curriculum; how many students would benefit from the project; re-usability of the project and research that supports the proposal.

The applications were filtered through a decision matrix based on the district's core values and shared vision and they were reviewed by the

nine committee members, all former teachers or administrators in the school district.

"The job of reviewing the proposals was challenging, yet very interesting," said Mary Foster, one of the committee members. "It was probably the most rewarding assignment I've ever worked on."

The scope of the winning projects varied greatly. Some of the winners included support for The Leader in Me program, which strives for higher academic achievement at the elementary level; a unique World Music Drumming program to help K-4 students spontaneously create music; pocket projectors for preschool teachers to use as they share information during circle time; technology to host Skype sessions between middle school music classes from across the country; Real Care Babies used in child development and parenting classes at the high school level; and digital storytelling using mini iPads, among others.

This year marks the first year of a new annual grant

program designed by the Foundation to provide financial support to LPS instructors for innovative programs and services, according to President Diane Policelli.

That program offers a Section 529 college savings account for each new kindergarten student enrolled in the Livonia Public Schools. The Competitive Edge plan establishes an educational trust account for participating students and a donation from the Foundation is deposited in their accounts. More than 1,000 students presently have this unique savings account.

"We are very thankful for the many individuals and institutions that have contributed to the Foundation over the past years. Their contributions have allowed us to begin this new classroom enhancement grant program and to provide ongoing support for the Competitive Edge program so it can continue to thrive," Policelli said.

To date, the Foundation has assets in excess of \$500,000 and growing.

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# PBS tragic tale airs at Finnish Center

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

It was one of Upper Michigan's greatest tragedies — a false cry of "fire" into a crowded Christmas Eve party, causing a stampede that resulted in the death of 73, including 60 children, in the largely Finnish mining community of Calumet.



Lehto

A PBS documentary, *Red Metal, the Copper Country Strike of 1913*, details the epic labor strike associated with the deadly event — the Italian Hall disaster — and

airs Dec. 10 at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills, a week before it's scheduled to be broadcast by PBS stations throughout the country.

Birmingham attorney, histo-



rian and author Steve Lehto — who served as a consultant in the making of the documentary — said the Farmington Hills' special airing is the last of five and the only one in

The arch of the Italian Hall, where the deadly stampede occurred, serves as a reminder of the century-old tragedy in Michigan's upper peninsula. STEVE LEHTO

Metro Detroit, allowed because Detroit Public TV's pledge drive delays its broadcast on WTVS until sometime next year.

This Dec. 24 marks the 100th anniversary of the Italian Hall disaster, a disturbing page in Michigan history that devastated the Upper Peninsula community and made headlines across the globe, Lehto said. He has known of the event since childhood, as part of his Finnish heritage. Yet he didn't give it much thought, he admitted, until he came across a reference to it in a book he was reading many years later and was surprised that little research had been done on the tragedy.

"It was still a mystery," he said

Lehto decided to try and solve that mystery, eventually penning *Death's Door* seven years ago. The book caught the eye of PBS producers planning a documentary, who then proposed Lehto come aboard as a consultant for the project. He readily agreed.

"They used my book as a resource, and I had many, many conversations with them on who to interview, where to film ... I helped scout locations," Lehto said. He also consulted during editing, a grueling process to create a 54-minute product from some 30 hours of film.

The documentary details the strike and the Italian Hall disaster using historical photographs interspersed with film footage of present day Calumet and narratives from those who've studied the tragedy.

dy, Lehto said.

And it's superbly done, he said, adding, "the finished product is spectacular."

While no one was ever arrested for yelling "fire" and causing the stampede, Lehto said his research points to a strikebreaker, brought into the community due to labor issues that had been ongoing for about five months. Those killed that night were family members of striking copper miners, treated to a Christmas Eve party to raise their spirits, Lehto said.

The documentary, which will be presented at 5:30 p.m., "is for anyone interested in Michigan history or labor history," he said.

The Finnish Cultural Center is at 35200 W. Eight Mile in Farmington Hills. For more information, call 248-478-6939.

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## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Senior Travel Show

Seniors who'd like to join friends on one-day and multiple-day tours can visit Party Animal Travel at the Wayne Community Center from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, for a free travel and tour show.

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### Zumba Gold

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### WCGH reunion

The 29th annual Wayne County General Hospital reunion for former employees and retirees will be held in the party room at the Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet at 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The cost is \$10.59, with a senior discount available.

### Toys for Goodfellows

Century 21 Castelli will be sponsoring its annual toy drive for the Garden City Goodfellows. Residents can drop off new, unwrapped toys through Dec 22 at the office, 1812 Middlebelt, south of Ford.

For more information, contact Barb Carreon-Haworth at 734-644-2402.

### Guns vs. Hoses

Garden City Police and Fire Departments will face off in for the third annual "Guns vs. Hoses" charity hockey game at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Garden City Civic Arena in Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

There will be raffle prizes, 50/50, and more. A post game party also will be held at Albert's on the Alley on Middlebelt north of Ford. All proceeds will benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, children are free with parents. Tickets can be bought in advance at the police and fire departments. They also can be purchased at the door.

### Figure skating show

Come celebrate the holidays with the Garden City Figure Skating Club at its annual holiday show 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the at the Garden City Civic Arena in Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

### Talent Show

Garden City Schools Students and Staff's Got Talent! and Holiday Auction will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

Each school in the district will have one student act and one staff act. School board members will have "bribe buckets." Help your favorite act win by adding money to their bucket.

Admission is \$2 for students and \$5 for adults. Proceeds will go to Garden City Education Foundation for teacher classroom grants.

### No Coffee Hours

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and state Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, will not hold their normally scheduled Coffee Hour event in December. Coffee Hours will resume again in January.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will not host his monthly coffee hours in of December. Coffee hours will resume in January.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the

senator may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at 866-262-7306, or email at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

### Community Chat

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Contact [gccommunity-chat@gmail.com](mailto:gccommunity-chat@gmail.com).

### Tutoring

Tutoring is available to Garden City School elementary and middle school students at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, in Room 118 beginning 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at Garden City High School at 734-762-8350 or by email at [hathawm@gardencityschools.com](mailto:hathawm@gardencityschools.com).

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# Hickory BBQ tops at Holiday Taste Fest

Even raises money for Rotary charities

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Food, fashion and Frank Sinatra were on the minds of some 400 people who filled the Hellenic Cultural Center Tuesday evening for the Holiday Taste Fest, put on by the Westland Chamber of Commerce and Westland Rotary Club.

The 15th annual event helped raise money for the Westland Rotary Charities, Joseph F. Benyo Scholarship Fund and the Westland Chamber of Commerce while letting guests sample foods and beverages from a variety of Westland businesses.

"We raised around \$16,000 and that's money that will go back into the community through the chamber's Joseph F. Benyo Scholarship Fund and Rotary scholarships and help various Rotary charities," said chamber president Brookellen Swope.

Thirteen Westland businesses provide food for tasting and vied for awards for best presentation and best food. Hickory BBQ walked away with the top honor of best food, while Knox Catering received the award for best presentation.

"Hickory BBQ's presentation was very nice," said Swope. "It was like a Kwanza display, but it was so nice that you forgot there was food on the table."

The bidding was fast a furious in the live and silent auctions. In the live auction the items included flowers for a year from My Lady Florist, massages for a year from Michigan Chiropractic Specialists and a golf threesome at Oakland Hills.

Available to the highest bidder in the silent auction were a Pure Michigan basket, teeth



Five-year old Natalie Kavanaugh of Westland enjoys one of many desserts at the Westland Taste Fest.

whitening from Community Dental Associates and a University of Michigan tailgate basket.

New to this year's event was an ugly sweater contest in which guests who dared to wear a Christmas sweater could enter contest to win \$100 VISA gift card, courtesy of Co-op Services Credit Union.

The honor of wearing the ugliest sweat went to Matt Baker whose vest was festooned with candy canes.

"We had about 20 entries, but there were several people wearing Christmas sweaters who should have entered," said Swope who wore one herself. "I got rid of all of mine, so I had to buy one. Everyone was telling me it was so cute."

Also a hit with guests was Frank Sinatra impersonator Bart Ventura. While Ventura has performed at such places as the Roostertail and Detroit Yacht Club, Swope wants to add the 2014 Holiday Taste Fest to his calendar.

"He was phenomenal, everyone loved him," she said. "He was a great addition to the taste fest and I hope to have him back next year."

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Designer Vilinda Everett and Cassandra Knox of Knox Restaurant & Catering stand at their table that won best decorated at the Westland Taste Fest. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



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Mary Sheko of Canton) and sister Pam Toarmina of Westland bid on several items in the silent auction.



Diane Pennington is all smiles as she gets ready to try Max & Erma's chicken and rice and salad at this year's Taste Fest.

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# Madonna video program helps boost area nonprofit images

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When Jill Engel was looking for something to help her spread the message of what her Canton Partnership for the Arts is trying to accomplish in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, she found a willing partner in the Broadcast and Cinema Arts Service Learning Program at Madonna University in Livonia.

Four teams of college students from Madonna worked with representatives of nonprofit organizations like the Canton Partnership for the Arts, to conceive short videos to serve as public service announcements as part of the program's service learning curriculum.

"The idea is to give students the opportunity to utilize their skills for something really meaningful," said Olga Martinez, the director of Madonna's office of service-learning. "In our own mission of service, it's a way to encourage our students to understand they can share and live our Franciscan values."

The idea is simple: help nonprofits spread the word. The program takes in letters of nomination and students vote on the finalists (this year, there were four). Those four finalists were thrown into a hat and students representing each video team drew one, without knowing which they were getting.

The names were revealed together and each team had its project. Service organizations chosen by the group this year included:

» The Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, which promotes the arts by supporting arts groups, theater



Students Ken Hobbs of Detroit (from left) and Jordan Ozimek and Kyle Bogenschutz of Livonia with Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities executive director Jill Engel.

groups, etc.

» Adult Well-Being Services of Detroit. It's a group that promotes health, well-being and independence of adults through advocacy, services, family and community support.

» Starfish Family Services of Wayne County, whose mission is to build stronger relationships among parents and their children, focusing on early childhood development and parenting programs, children's mental health services, after-school programs and an emergency shelter for teens and youth in crisis.

» Southwest Solutions-Adult Learning Lab in Detroit, which supports and empowers people from around the southwest Detroit area who desire to go back to school and get their GED.

Each video team consisted of three Madonna students, who made site visits, videotaped advocates for the various programs and put together the

video. The three students who did the partnership's video — seniors Jordan Ozimek and Kyle Bogenschutz of Livonia and junior Ken Hobbs of Detroit — found the shoot to be exciting.

"Every door was open for us for anything we needed to do," Ozimek said.

Hobbs said the shoot, while challenging in its own right, was actually a breeze.

"Everything that occurred happened the way it was supposed to happen," Hobbs said.

The program really aids the nonprofits because the videos that were prepared on their behalf would have cost "somewhere between \$5,000 and \$30,000 to produce," according to Charles Derry, associate professor and director of Broadcast & Cinema Arts.

"That's the good part," Derry said. "That's the part where we're giving back to the community."

Engel, who has now part-

nered with Madonna on three parts of the partnership's factory project, was completely impressed with the quality of the product the students put together for the partnership. They talked to several advocates for the arts in the community, and folks who have benefited from the partnership.

Engel said the partnership plans to use the video to help market the project they're working on with the old Henry Ford factory in Cherry Hill Village, which Engel hopes to turn into a regional arts complex.

"As my 14-year-old son would say, (the video) is ginormous," Engel said. "To have it (made) from a student perspective, they were all excited about the project. Everywhere we go, everyone is excited about this project. This video is really going to help us spread that word."

Tim McGorey, director of Southwest Solutions-Adult Learning Lab, knows how valuable such a positive piece can be for his organization.

"We definitely can use it as a fundraising tool," McGorey said. "We also had an opportunity for our students to meet Madonna students, who can serve as a kind of role model for them."

It works the other way, too, according to Martinez. She said Madonna students got an experience they might not otherwise have been able to have.

"They get to use their technical skills," Martinez said. "But they are also introduced to populations and organizations they might not otherwise be exposed to."

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## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Hit and run

On Nov. 27, a resident in the 29000 block of Baddelt told police that on Nov. 15, someone hit his 2007 Dodge Caliber while it was parked on the street. The driver's side rear door was damaged.

### Larceny

A 600-pound winch and a carburetor valued at \$1,200 were reported stolen from a home in the 32000 block of Parkwood Nov. 28. The owner told police someone had entered the garage through an unlocked window and taken the items on Nov. 2.

### Vehicle larceny

A resident of the Robert Thomas Terrace apartments, 31686 Kara, told police Nov. 27 that someone had stolen the driver's side mirror from his 2005 Chevy Malibu while it was parked in the lot.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 38000 block of Carolon told police Nov. 29 that someone had taken a cement flower pot from her front porch overnight. The flower pot was located in the street in front of the home, the base cracked from being dropped and the contents scattered around the parking lot.

### Vandalism

» The driver's side rear window of a 2009 Pontiac G6 was reported smashed overnight Nov. 30 while it was parked in the 300 block of Beech.

» On Dec. 1, a resident in the 33000 block of Lancashire told police that someone had slashed a tire on his 2013 Honda Accord while it was parked in his driveway.

» A resident in the 33000 block of Lancashire told police Dec. 1 that overnight someone had slashed two tires on his 2000 Chevrolet Trailblazer while it was parked nearby on Farmington Road. He said his dogs parked about 1 a.m. but he didn't think anything about that.

» On Dec. 1, a resident in the 6300 block of North Farmington Road reported a tire punctured on his 2014 Ford Focus.

» A Canton man told police that someone had broken the driver's side mirror on his 2007 Lincoln MKZ while it was parked at Greg's Bar and Grille, 31150 Palmer, overnight Dec. 1.

### Break-in

Police were called Lady Jane's Hair Salon, 1909 N. Wayne Road, Dec. 1 after an employee reported someone had tried to pry the front door open. A small break was also found in a window. No entry was made to the business.

- By LeAnne Rogers

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

## Madonna ousted 3-0 in NAIA quarterfinals

California squad ends Crusaders' 41-2 season

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

A grand Madonna University women's volleyball season ended with a thud Friday night during the quarterfinals of the 2013 NAIA National Championship in Sioux City, Iowa. The fourth-ranked Crusaders attacked at a season-low .105 percentage, while No. 2 Concordia (Calif.) University, the defending national champion, was on fire hitting at a blistering .467 clip en route to a 25-13, 25-12, 25-13 victory at

the Tyson Event Center. Concordia, 27-2 overall, moved on to the national semifinals Saturday against No. 3 Biola (Calif.), while No. 1-ranked Texas at Brownsville took on No. 5 Wayland (Texas) Baptist. MU, which ended the year at 41-2 overall, had no answers for Concordia's 6-foot-1 Jessica Israel, who finished with 18 kills. Outside hitter Madison Ekis added 13. Three Eagles also reached double figures in assist-to-kills, led by setter Liz Younglove (25), Jenee Henderson (12) and Kara Vincitorio (11). Vincitorio and Younglove also combined for 25 digs with 15 and 10, re-

spectively. "They're as good as they were last year, if not better," MU coach Jerry Abraham said. "They have 11 seniors on the team and they're just talented from top to bottom. They just attack from antenna to antenna and we couldn't stop the block. Therefore, it was a free-for-all in the back row. The best team won, that's for sure." No Crusader reached double figures in kills, with Emilie Freeman (Livonia), a 6-3 senior middle hitter from Lutheran



Freeman

High Westland, posting a team-high nine in her final match. Samantha Geile and senior Stacey Catalano added five and four kills, while junior Amanda Obrycki had a team-high eight digs. Setter Evia Prieditis, also playing her final match, dished out 19 assists. Earlier in the day, Freeman recorded 13 kills and Katie Breault added 11 as the Crusaders ousted Columbia (Mo.) College, 25-20, 25-23, 25-21, in the first round of elimination. Prieditis collected 30 assist-to-kills, while Cassie Castro added nine digs in the three-set victory. Trinity Ojo had 10 kills and

Lydie Van Deurson added 34 assists for Columbia (30-11). "We played so well this morning and yesterday," said Abraham, whose team won four of six matches during the weekend. "We kind of did what they did to us. It was just one of those nights for us. But overall it was a great season for us and we had a great group of girls." **Advancing through** On Thursday, the Crusaders bounced back from their first loss of the season with a 20-25, 27-25, 25-20, 29-27 win over MidAmerican Nazarene (Kan.) **See CRUSADERS, Page B2**

BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Glenn's starting front line (from left) of senior James Pruitt, junior Mike Edwards and senior Isaac Everette should be formidable. BRAD EMONS

# ROCKETS BANK ON FRONT LINE

Isaac Everette top returnee for Glenn

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The potential is there, no doubt about it, when it comes to the 2013-14 boys basketball season for Westland John Glenn. The Rockets, coming off a 19-5 campaign and a district final loss to Class A state champion Romulus, boast one of the Detroit area's most formidable front lines since 6-10 Guy Rucker (Iowa) and 6-5 Tony Goins (Wayne State's all-time leading scorer) led Glenn to the state quarterfinals. This year's Glenn squad is led by 6-foot-4 senior forward Isaac Everette, who is joined up front 6-7 senior James Pruitt and 6-9 junior Michael Edwards. Everette averaged 14 points and six

rebounds a year ago, while the explosive Pruitt contributed eight points per game. Edwards, who has shot-blocking ability, could be the X-factor after gaining valuable varsity time as a sophomore. "They are long and athletic," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "My assistants Kirk Bradley and Isaac Everette (Sr.) have done a great job in the weight room this fall. We've gotten a lot stronger than we were. We know we're a lot stronger than a year ago." Young expects the trio to increase their numbers significantly this season heading into Tuesday's season opener at home against Detroit East English Village. "These guys obviously are expected to do their job - defend and rebound and score when needed," the Glenn coach said. "With Isaac - being so skilled and being a three-year starter - (he) has been in a lot of big games. And with James starting last year as junior and then 'Big Mike' was a backup last year,

who started late in the year when we started playing all the 'bigs' together ... was a good experience. They've been in a lot of big games together. We're looking forward to it." Everette, an NCAA Division II caliber recruit, will be the trigger man for Glenn this season. "Isaac is our hardest worker on the court and in the weight room," Young said. "He's probably 15 pounds heavier and stronger than he was a year ago. We're going to be able to play him inside and out. He's going to have outstanding season." Young's biggest concern is replacing his backcourt as the school's all-time leading scorer Nick Daniels (1,170 points) graduated and is now redshirting as a scholarship player at Oakland University. Backcourt mate Richard Roberts (10 ppg) also graduated and is now playing at Oakland Community College. When he starts the season, Young will

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SEASON PREVIEW

## Red girls gymnasts eye return to 'states'

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Livonia Red girls gymnastics coach Kelly Grodzicki would be more than pleased if her team could duplicate last year's wildcard finish. That's because Livonia Red earned the lone at-large berth in the 13-team state finals field after finishing fourth in Region 3 with a score of 140.075. Livonia Red, a unified team from Churchill and Franklin, went on to earn a respectable seventh overall with a 138.575 total at the state team finals. But the 12th-year coach will miss graduating seniors including Division 1 individual state qualifier Katie Kreutzschmar along with Division 2 qualifier Maggie McGowan. Two other key team members are also gone including Mallory Dorton and Sarah Gosdzinski. The team's top returning gymnast is sophomore Marissa McVey, who took 24th in the Division 2 all-around including a 12th on vault. Other notable returnees among the upperclassmen include seniors Julia Twigg (floor, vault) and Lori Balfour (beam, floor), along with juniors Jackie Dzuirgot (all-around), Sydney Grenier (all-around) and Alysha Burd (floor, beam, vault). Dzuirgot and Balfour will serve as team co-captains. Sophomore returnees include Olivia Rytarsyk (all-around) and Maddy Pargoff (vault, floor). Among the promising newcomers include sophomore Natalie Martinez (floor, beam, fault) and Mikaela Hille (all-around), both from Livonia Franklin (along with Burd and Dzuirgot). Livonia Red got off to a respectable start in Tuesday's season opener scoring 130.8 points defeating Walled Lake Maroon (98.8) and host Walled Lake Gold (95.45). "We hopefully have to stay away from the injuries," said Grodzicki, who guided Livonia Red to a fourth-place finish in the KLAA last year. "I'm optimistic."

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# MU women hold off Northwestern Ohio

Lady Ocelots post big victory against Rochester College JV

Rachel Melcher scored a game-high 23 points as the Madonna University women's basketball team remained in a four-way tie for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference following a 62-58 win Wednesday night over visiting Northwestern Ohio.

Melcher, a senior guard from Birmingham Marian, also pulled down a team-best nine rebounds and added four assists as MU improved to 5-4 overall and 4-1 in the WHAC.

Melcher and Tori Duffey each made two free throws in the final 27 seconds to help seal the victory.

Freshman center Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill) also enjoyed her best game as a Crusader with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Lauren Hopfner and Rebecca Puckett tallied 15 and 14 points, re-

spectively, for the Racers (5-4, 3-2).

**Wesley propels Schoolcraft**

Chelsea Wesley scored 15 points to pace four players in double figures as Schoolcraft College (4-5) earned a 69-53 triumph Wednesday over the host Rochester College JV (1-7) in a game played at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian High School.

Sara Gammons added 14 points, while Teniece Roberts and Tabitha Mann chipped in with 10 apiece for the victorious Lady Ocelots, who led 35-28 at halftime.

Jessica Parry contributed eight points and a team-best 10 rebounds, while Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) also added eight points.

Schoolcraft overcame 27 turnovers by shooting 44.1 percent from the floor (27-of-61).

Keara Brown posted a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards for the Rochester JV.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Balanced Madonna attack sinks Racers

Naubert paces balanced attack with 22 points for Crusaders

Bobby Naubert tallied a team-high 22 points as all five starters reached double figures in Madonna University's 89-80 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball victory Wednesday over visiting Northwestern Ohio.

MU, now 7-4 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC, took a commanding 46-23 half-time lead and led by as many as 28 points in the second half before the Racers made a late run and cut the deficit to 76-66 with 2:46 left on a 3-pointer by Johnny Elliott, who finished with a game-high 35 points.

Naubert, a 5-foot-10 senior point guard from Livonia Stevenson, connected on 8-of-10 free throws and dished out seven assists.

Also scoring in double figures for MU was Fred Williams (20), Travis Schuba (14), Matt Jenkins (10) and Donald Owens (10).

Schuba and Owens added a team-best 11 and 10 rebounds, respectively. Kermerriaz Harrington added 16

points for the Racers (5-4, 3-2).

**Schoolcraft cruises to win**

Basel Ibrahim scored a game-high 25 points and added six assists Wednesday leading Schoolcraft College (7-3) to a 98-68 victory over the host Rochester College JV squad (2-9) in a game played at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian High School.

NJCAA Division II Player of the Week Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) contributed 15 points and 15 rebounds for Schoolcraft, which led 41-35 at intermission.

Terrell Sewell (Canton) and Nathan Kamal added 14 and 13 points, respectively, while Andrew Maple contributed 11.

Devonta Riley dished out a team-high nine assists and also pulled down 11 rebounds.

Eugene Pratt tallied a team-best 15 points for the Rochester JV, which was outscored 57-33 in the second half.

Chase Mullis and Damon Robinson chipped in with 14 and 12, respectively, while Imran Abdulijami grabbed 10 rebounds.

## CRUSADERS

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on the third and final day of pool play. Kayla Vogel led the way with 16 and 15 kills, respectively. Also chipping in was Freeman and Breault with 14 and 10, respectively.

Prieditis finished with 56 assist-to-kills and 11 digs. Obrycki contributed a team-high 20 digs, while Catalano added 13.

Zoraida Heredia and Linjun Ji paced Nazarene (27-4) with 20 and 19 kills, respectively.

**First setback**

The old adage is that all good things must come to an end unfortunately held true Wednesday for MU, which had its

39-match winning streak snapped by No. 16 The Master's (Calif.) College, 25-16, 23-25, 25-19, 26-24, in the second round of pool play.

The Crusaders' streak began with the season's first match against Indiana-South Bend as MU dropped just 12 sets in their 39 wins.

Freeman paced the MU offense with 16 kills and a .375 attack percentage.

Geile chipped in with 10 kills, while Catalano tallied nine kills and 16 digs.

Obrycki had a team-high 18 digs, while freshman Payton Maxheimer matched her career-best with 15 digs.

Prieditis recorded 40 assists and 12 digs in the loss.

Sam Dougherty was the big gun for The Master's hitting attack with 23 kills, while Rebecca Peluffo contributed 29 digs for the Mustangs (22-8), who won Pool D with a 3-0 record.



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The Evans family, Kirk (left), June, Pete and Kerri Wheeler at Disney World.

## Ex-Livonia residents brighten holidays for needy

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Peter and June Evans live in Florida but keep Livonia close to their hearts.

The couple has given food baskets to needy families in the Franklin High School area at Thanksgiving and Christmas for the past 26 years.

"Our kids were raised in Livonia and graduated from Franklin. They got a great education and had a wonderful network of friends and teachers," Peter Evans said, in a phone interview last week. "I was privileged to give back. I was active in Little League sports and Scouts. We got to mingle with a lot of families in the area. We decided in 1987 to buy meals."

Evans and his son, Kirk, bought food for complete holi-

day dinners and then donated the meals to families through Franklin's student assistance program. Kirk Evans, married and the father of two children, now lives in Tennessee. The Evans' daughter, Kerri Wheeler, is married, the mother of two children, and lives in North Carolina.

Evans and his wife moved to North Carolina in 1992 — and then to Florida in 2003 — but wanted to continue helping families in their former hometown.

"We didn't have the ability anymore to actually go out and pick the products. I contacted Larry's Foodland and they said they'd be happy to do so on my behalf," said Evans, who turns 66 this month.

Families receive turkeys for Thanksgiving Day and hams for Christmas, along with all of

the trimmings.

### Matching donations

"It's such a wonderful project and we're delighted to be involved with it," said Sherrie Beaver, deli manager at the store. She has worked with Evans for the past seven years. "I look forward to his phone call in the fall and at the end of the season I like to drop him a note and tell him how it went."

Beaver said the store matches the couple's donations. Food for Thanksgiving meals went to 10 families last month. Another 10 will receive Christmas dinner.

"Larry (Lokuta) takes care of most of it, but a lot of times (employees) will get turkeys as gifts. They'll donate them," Beaver said. "It's nice to know there's something this time of year we can do."

Lisa Walker, student assistance coordinator at Franklin, will decide next week which families would benefit most from the Evans-Foodland donations.

Evans hopes his outreach inspires others to give. He said his son, who owns a bar and grill in Nashville, Tenn., often cooks meals for a local food bank. His daughter volunteers through her church.

### Learning to give back

Both Evans and his wife were raised in Detroit. They moved to Florida to care for their elderly parents after Evans retired and ended up fulfilling a longtime desire to work at Disney World. Both Evans and his wife are "seasonal characters" stationed at the Haunted Mansion attraction.

Evans said he and his wife learned about the importance of "giving back" when they were youngsters.

"This all came from the way my wife and I were raised. Our parents were stellar," he said. "They gave back and they taught the importance of giving back. It was all part of growing up Catholic, and of being good citizens."

Through the years, Franklin administrators have shared some of the thank you cards they received for the food baskets.

"One comment that struck me was from a lady," Evans recalled. "She said 'when I get back on my feet, I'm going to do the same for another.' Maybe this is going to be an incentive for some of those families to say, if we can, we'll give a meal to someone."

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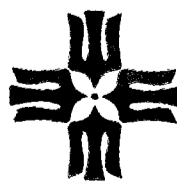
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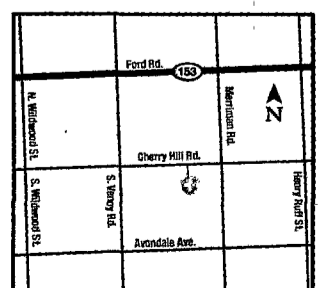
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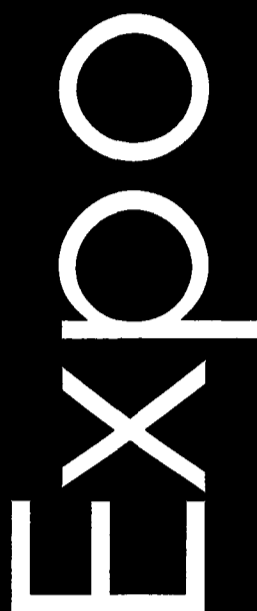
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## Cleaning dishwasher, oven

Let me begin this column with a favorite quote I use when speaking with young students about to go out into the hard knocks of tomorrow: "Life is but a stage and you are the actor." I have just lived this quote for two days talking with hundreds of homeowners shopping for major home appliances.

I absolutely just loved every moment of it and although I was so physically tired, I kept that smile going knowing that I was in my element. One common statement was that I always tell it like it is and how much that is appreciated. So today, I tell you like it is. By the time you read this, I will have gone through some serious surgery and be on the road to recovery or I will be in "appliance heaven."

Jim writes: "The discharge hose on our dishwasher, which goes to the garbage disposal, gets plugged with something that looks like grease. We are fanatical about cleaning food off anything that goes into the dishwasher. Could it be the brand of soap we are using? Any other thoughts would be appreciated."

Reply: Yes, Jim, it would appear as grease and here are a few reasons. A dishwasher needs an internal cleaning a few times a year and I've recommended the Tang treatment for more than 30 years. I have that prescription for you if needed. Just send me a request and it's yours.



Joe Gagnon  
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

Years of usage causes a buildup of undissolved detergent inside the dishwasher in areas you can't see. This affects the door seals, spray arms and motor impellers and when you rub your fingers on it, it is just like grease.

Powdered dishwasher detergent is recommended and very little should be used compared to what most homeowners do use - two level teaspoons if you have a water softener and eight level teaspoons if you are on city water. This little tip is critical and I do mean to be exact. The drain line should have no kinks in it and sometimes that can be accomplished by wrapping an old wire coat hanger on the line where it makes a bend. The last thing is be sure you clean the inside of the garbage disposer every few weeks by filling it with ice cubes, letting them sit for an hour and then turn on the disposer.

Gale writes: "My mother has been hand cleaning the electric range that is a self-cleaning range. She was afraid of the high temperatures. Would it be safe now to run the clean feature on the range after years of hand scrubbing?"

Reply: Please, tell your Mom again that she is a very smart woman. I am

in charge of our self-cleaning range in my Valorie's kitchen and I am also afraid of the high temperatures. The cupboard walls on each side get very hot, so I move the plastic or paper products away from the walls. I make sure there is nothing made of plastic in the pot and pan drawer at the bottom of the stove. I also do this in the cold months of the year because in summer the high heat in the kitchen makes the central air conditioning system go on overload.

As for cleaning by hand, it is important not to use anything so abrasive that it removes the special coating on the oven walls, ceiling and floor. If she did, she can still put it through a self-cleaning cycle, but the spots that were abused will still show signs of baked-on matter. She will have to use a soft form of cleaning by hand in those areas.

My most sincere thanks go out to all of you who read this column and so many of you who drop me an email. The holiday season is upon us and if Shakespeare was around today, he would say, "It's time for family and a time to share the love in your hearts. Think of what the season is all about and even if it's just once a year, life is but a stage." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).

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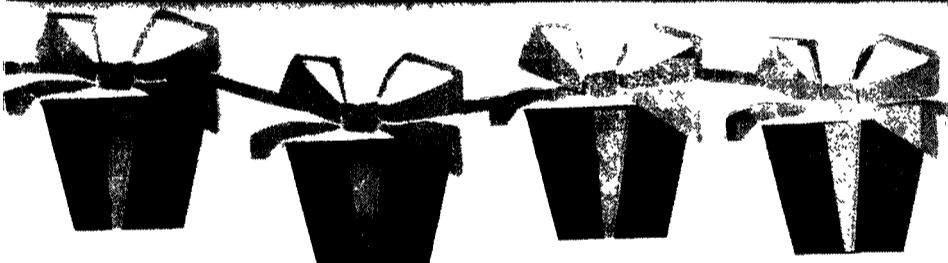
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# Holiday cards still have stamp of approval, but some send electronic greetings

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Barb and Jim Berberet of Canton used to send about 80 Christmas cards each year, but have winnowed that down to around 30.

"People can send email now and wish you a Merry Christmas or even text. Times have changed, for sure," Barb Berberet said, adding postage is a factor.

"We mostly send to out of state and family and close friends," said Berberet, a retired HR manager for a plastic injection company in Livonia. She and Jim lived in five towns in three states for his work as plant supervisor with Texaco Inc., so they met many people.

The Berberets have three grown children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"I love getting cards, especially ones with pictures of people we haven't seen in a long time," she said. She's 70 — an age she reveals with great pride as a two-time cancer survivor — and agreed retirees often cut back on their card list.

The Berberets' kids are spread out geographically and out of state, so their celebration gets smaller. "But that's the circle of life," she said.

She enjoys taking small gifts like homemade bread to neighbors on Christmas Eve: "Something homemade."

## Cards for students, elderly

Mary and Graham Martin of Plymouth Township are active in their Lake Pointe Bible Church. She'll send

Christmas cards to students she teaches, such as youngsters from MOPS and AWANA, as well as Sunday school and adopt-a-student.

Mary Martin, a homemaker, also mails cards to her grandchildren who are old enough to enjoy getting mail, to international friends and to elderly shut-ins.

She and Graham, a retired Plymouth-Canton schools art teacher, don't go all out on cards. For some 40 years, they've run the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp and had a December mass mailing to get out.

"Just to get that out was about all we could handle," she said. The Martins have four grown children, 11 grandchildren and another on the way.

Their church used to do a bulletin board to share yule cards, with money saved then going to charity. Martin said they now get around 15 cards a year.

"Most of those include a letter or picture, which is nice," she said.

Martin's daughters-in-law are creative with their family cards. One does "pretty little handmade cards" and another is a photographer who makes her own. That daughter-in-law also does a gift Advent calendar with family photos.

"So they're doing better than I am," she said. "We always had a picture card when I was growing up."

Her dad had worked in photofinishing for Fox Photo. "So it was a natural for him," she said of those family photos taken in the living room or by the piano.

## Personalized cards

Tiffany Zendejas and husband Julian of Canton send some 125 cards a year.

"My husband has a really big family," said Zendejas, owner of the Sincerely Yours stationery store on Center Street in downtown Northville. "He's the second youngest of seven."

The couple has a son, Alexander, 2½, and is now adopting a second child, this time from China. Tiffany Zendejas has owned Sincerely Yours almost 15 years.

"I find that more and more people want to do something personalized," she said of cards. The store can easily incorporate family photos such as vacation shots into yule cards.

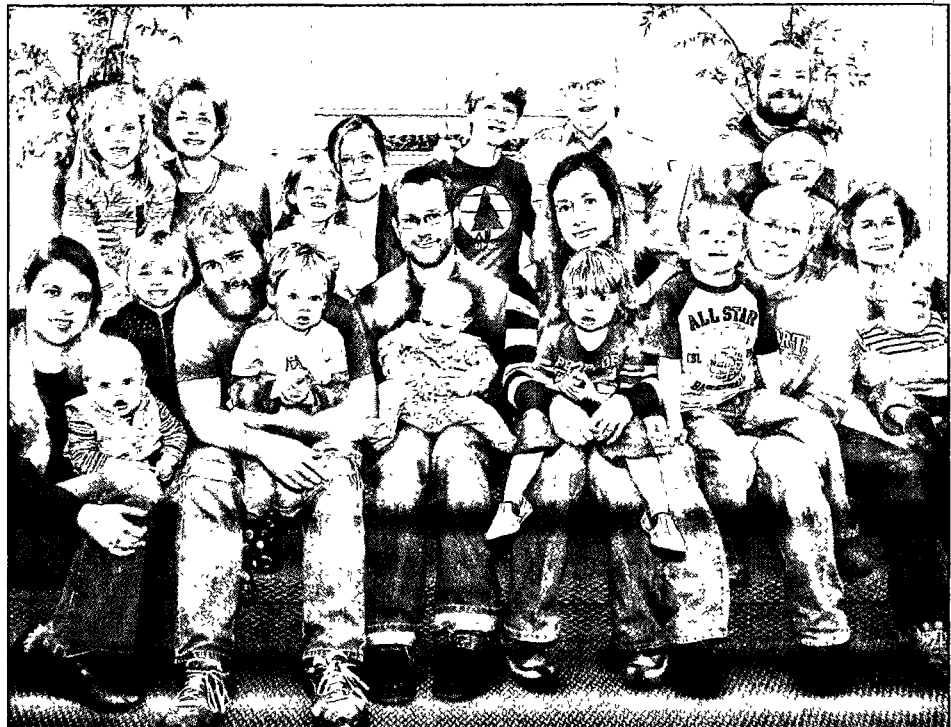
Sincerely Yours also sells traditional cards and she's found corporate clients are back to sending those. They tend to be "Peace in the New Year" or "Celebrate the Season," with the corporate name usually inside. Winter scenes like birch trees or cardinals are common for corporate cards.

Scott and Yvonne Lorenz of Plymouth, parents of two grown children, send cards to family and friends.

"Sometimes we go photo, sometimes we go newsletter," said Scott Lorenz, 57, who runs his own public relations firm, Westwind Communications.

"I don't do any corporate stuff," he said. "We like getting cards from friends and family." It's fun to see their children grow up, he said.

"We have some friends who do really



Graham and Mary Martin (center, back row) of Plymouth Township enjoy getting together with family over the holidays. The Martins don't go all out on yule cards, partly due to a mass mailing for the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp they've handled in December for years.

humorous newsletters," Lorenz said. One woman joked about her husband putting in a fence, which took place over a long,

long course of time. The Lorenzes hang their cards on a door in the kitchen. He noted the crossover in his

work and personal life: "And a lot of clients are friends as well."

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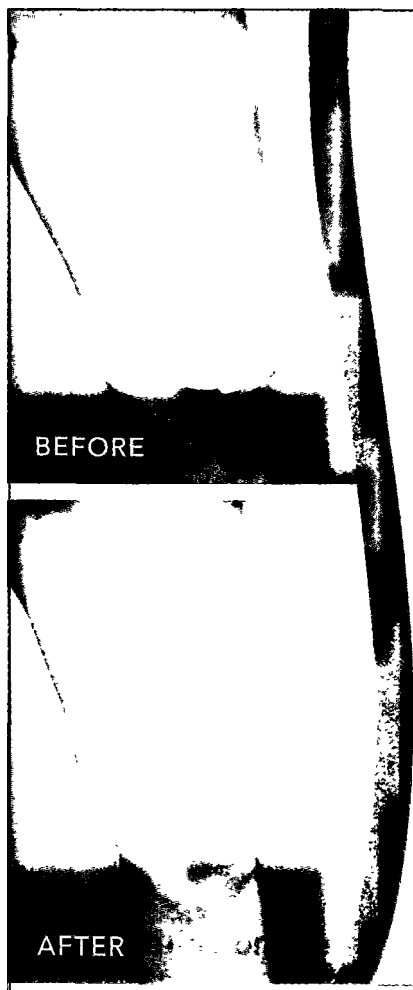
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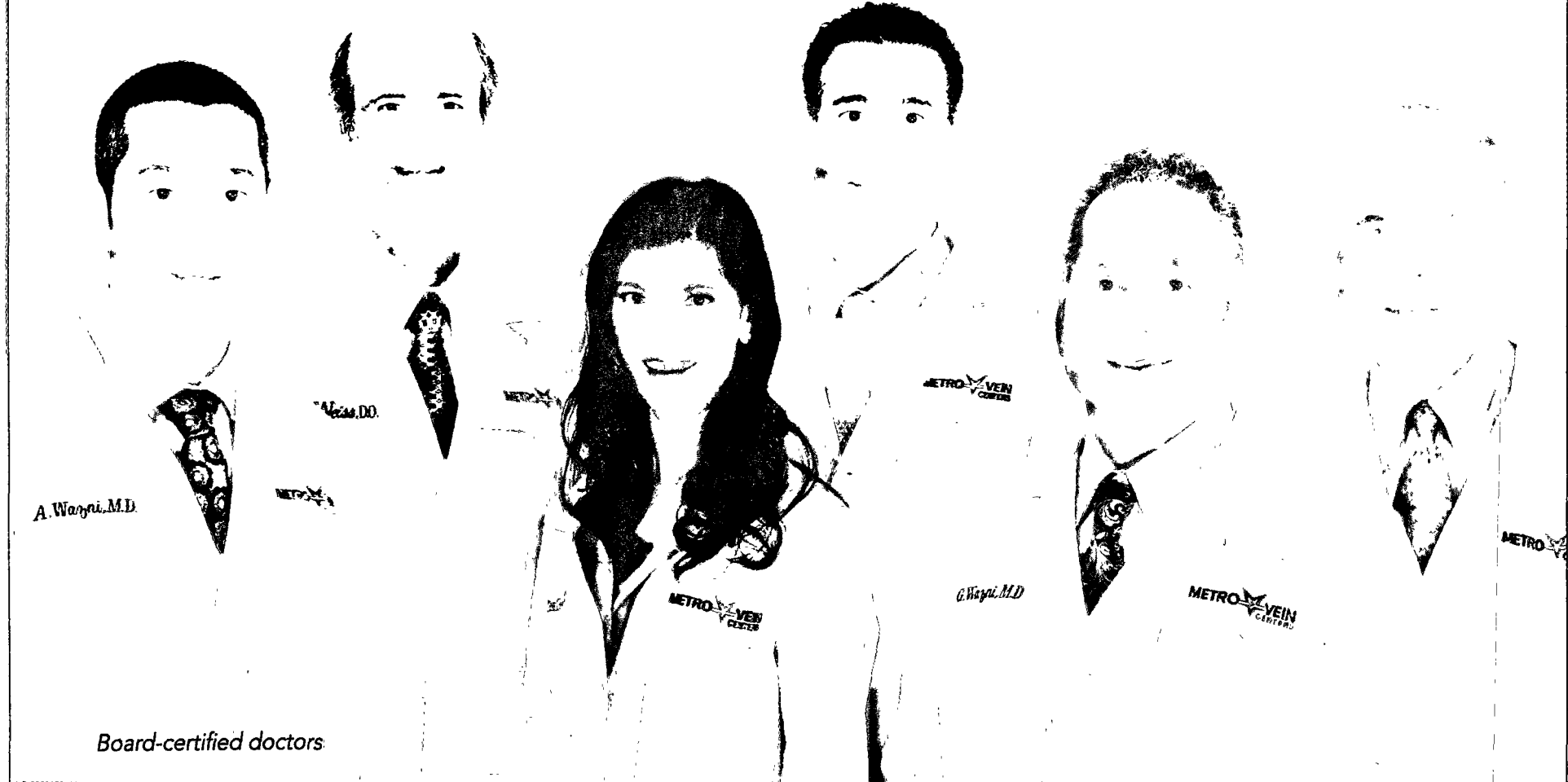
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According to the National Capital Poison Center, the trend is growing, with an average of eight children seen in emergency rooms every day.

When a child swallows a coin lithium button battery, the battery often sticks in the child's throat. The child's saliva will trigger an electrical current, which causes a chemical reaction that can severely burn their esophagus in as little as two hours. And once burning begins, damage can continue even after the battery is removed.

The number of coin-sized button battery swallowing cases resulting in serious injury or death, more than quadrupled from 2006-10 compared to the previous five years. Children, 4 and under, are at the greatest risk.

"Parents and caregivers often don't realize that coin-sized button batteries are included in talking and singing children's books and many other common items that are mistakenly left within reach of their children around the home," said Amber Kroeker, Safe Kids Huron Valley coordinator and injury prevention health educator for Mott Children's Hospital.

As demand grows for smaller, slimmer and sleeker electronic devices, the number of coin-sized lithium button batteries in homes grows as well. These batteries power common products around the home, including mini remote control devices for DVD players and MP3 speakers, flameless candles, keyless entry devices,



calculators, bathroom scales, reading lights, children's talking and singing books, singing greeting cards, and watches.

### Preventing injury

Keeping coin-sized lithium batteries out of sight and reach of children is one of the easiest ways to avert a trip to the emergency room. Make a television remote control safer by placing duct tape over its battery compartment.

If you suspect that your child has swallowed a battery, head to the emergency room immediately. It may not be obvious at first that something

is wrong. Children can breathe with the coin lithium battery in their throat.

Keep the National Battery Ingestion Hotline's number handy; 202-625-3333. Make caregivers, friends, family members and sitters aware of lithium battery dangers.

Safe Kids works to prevent unintentional childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability to children through age 14 in the United States.

Safe Kids Huron Valley is led by University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Visit Safe Kids Huron Valley on Facebook.

## NEW FACES

Three doctors recently joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills:

» Nancy K. Juopperi, D.O., is board-certified in neurology with additional qualifications in neurophysiology and headache management. She practices at Seniors Wellness Group of MI, Suite #201, 221 S. Main, Royal Oak, and at the Senior Assessment Center at Botsford Commons, 21440 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills.



Juopperi

Juopperi attended Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing where she currently serves as an assistant professor in its Department of Internal Medicine. Following a yearlong clinical internship at Detroit Osteopathic/Bi-County Community Hospitals in Highland Park, she served a three-year neurology residency at Botsford.

» Jennifer L. Beal, D.O. is a board-certified geriatrician and internal medicine physician who practices at Millennium Medical Group West located at 6149 North Wayne Road in Westland.

Before attending Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Beal worked for nearly four years as a nursing assistant. She served a clinical

internship and internal medicine residency at Botsford where she distinguished herself as internal medicine chief resident. Beal completed a yearlong geriatric medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor.



Beal



Feldman

» Lindsey J. Feldman, D.O., a board-certified internal medicine physician, also practices at Millennium Medical Group West in Westland. She attended T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri. As a

medical student, she served as founder and president of the Jewish Medical Student Association and was inducted into Sigma Sigma Phi, the national honor society in osteopathic medicine. During that time, Feldman also served as a volunteer court-appointed special advocate for abused and neglected children, as well as a mentor to first-year medical students. She completed her post-graduate clinical training at Botsford.

For more about the Millennium Medical Group visit [westland-clinic.com](http://westland-clinic.com). For more about the Senior Assessment Center at Botsford Commons, see [botsfordcommons.org/senior-assessment/](http://botsfordcommons.org/senior-assessment/).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### UPCOMING

### DRUG SERIES

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 and 14, 2014 in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Exhibition Room on the first floor, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

"What To Know," on Jan. 7, will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. "What To Do," on Jan. 14, will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. Call 734-485-8725, or e-mail [info@dawnfarm.org](mailto:info@dawnfarm.org).

## HO, HO, HOLD on to Your Sanity! Stay Calm This Holiday, and Don't Let Stress Get the Better of You.

From A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. O'Dwyer  
 Psychology

The reality of the holidays can be very different from the happy family scenes we see in the movies. For many, the season is filled with stress, anxiety and sadness. Psychologist and Clinical Director of GCH's Center for Counseling, Dr. Phil O'Dwyer, provides a unique angle for coping with the pressures of the season.

While preparing to write this article, I did a computer search, and found over 250 million hits for "Dealing with the Holidays". Clearly, there are many people struggling with the added burden that often comes this time of year, and there is no shortage of advice on how to cope. One of the primary stressors for many is the feeling of isolation. We are inundated with images and messages of family, joy and the holiday spirit, which often conflicts with the occurrences of everyday life. But, the truth is you're not alone in feeling depressed, angry or stressed. And, because the embarrassment or shame attached to having these feelings is still so widespread, no one wants to admit to having these feelings. By not admitting our true feelings, it can isolate us even further.

This is not a list of "10 Tips for Managing Holiday Stress" (that can be found in the latest issue of our *Healthy Generations Magazine*, online at [GCH.org](http://GCH.org)), but rather a simple suggestion that will help keep you from becoming overwhelmed with negative emotions. *Talking to someone helps.* It just does. The "chemistry" of our emotions must finish itself once started, and somehow find release. We are literally "chemical" beings and there are specific chemical reactions which occur, causing our thoughts and emotions. Once we begin a chain of thoughts that lead to negative emotions, the chain reaction must run its course. How we cope along the way will determine the amount of pain we endure. If you find yourself with no one you feel comfortable confiding in, choose a professional, like a psychotherapist or counselor. Check if your health insurance plan offers assistance programs where some of your counseling sessions would be free-of-charge. If money is an issue in seeking professional support, perhaps you can find a church and talk to a clergyman. Pastors, rabbis, priests, chaplains, they'll listen and many are quite gifted in caring for the human spirit.

Most importantly, if you are convinced you're not worth the moments it might take someone to care for you, stop right now, and believe me – *it's just not true.* Get up and interact with others, do something, I mean anything. I have discovered purpose can be found in doing even the smallest act. Volunteer at a soup kitchen for an hour, call to check on a friend...anything to lift you out of the moment. Interacting with others often leads to conversation and connecting with others ...and feeling better.

**PRACTICE SELF-COMPASSION AND BE HAPPY THIS SEASON!**  
 GCH Health Expert, Dr. Phil O'Dwyer will kick off our 2014 Lunch & Lecture series at Westland Mall. Join us for "New Year, New YOU: Positive Psychology" on Saturday, January 18 at 1 p.m. To make an appointment to speak with Dr. O'Dwyer, or any of the GCH Health Experts, visit [GCH.org](http://GCH.org) or call 877.717.WELL.

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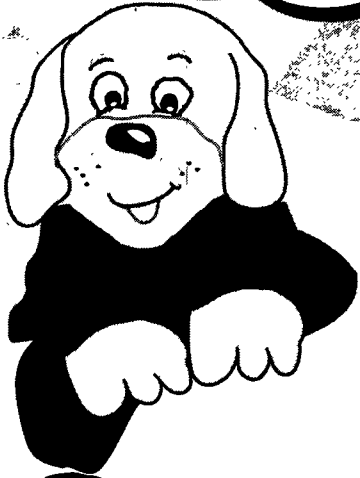
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### There are many celebrations in the month of December.

**Hanukkah** known as the Festival of Lights and Feast of Dedication, is an eight-day Jewish holiday celebrate.

**Winter Solstice** marks the first day of winter and is the shortest day of the year.

**Christmas** is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus.

**Kwanzaa** is a non-religious holiday that celebrates African-American heritage.

**New Year's Eve** is the last day of the year filled with celebration.

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Kamar	Taylor	Inkster	12/19
Antonio	Biggs	Livonia	12/22
Michael	Brooks	Detroit	12/25
Damién	Dallide	Canton	12/27

**GET THE PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

*ANSWER: SNOWMAN*

### November's Winner



**Preston Bognear, 3 years old of Wayne**  
To keep himself active, Preston hunts for bugs. He received a \$20 Gift Card to Community Bowling Center to share with his family.

### Making an Onigiri

by Sabriana D'Water  
6th Grader at Adams Upper Elementary School

An onigiri is an easy-to-make riceball. This is a recipe to craft the Japanese dish.

**Ingredients:**

- A nice amount of rice
- As much filling as you want (tuna is a good filling)
- Seaweed (you can try lettuce if you want)



Sabriana D'Water

Cook the rice. Let it sit until the rice feels sticky. Grab a hand full of rice. Sharp it into a triangular-type shape. This is the base of your riceball! Put a dent in the middle of the rice. Put filling in the dent. After this, take a small amount of rice and completely hide the filling. Reshape it into a rounded triangle shape. Finally, put seaweed on the bottom of the riceball. This is to hold it without having to touch the rice.



Enjoy your onigiri!

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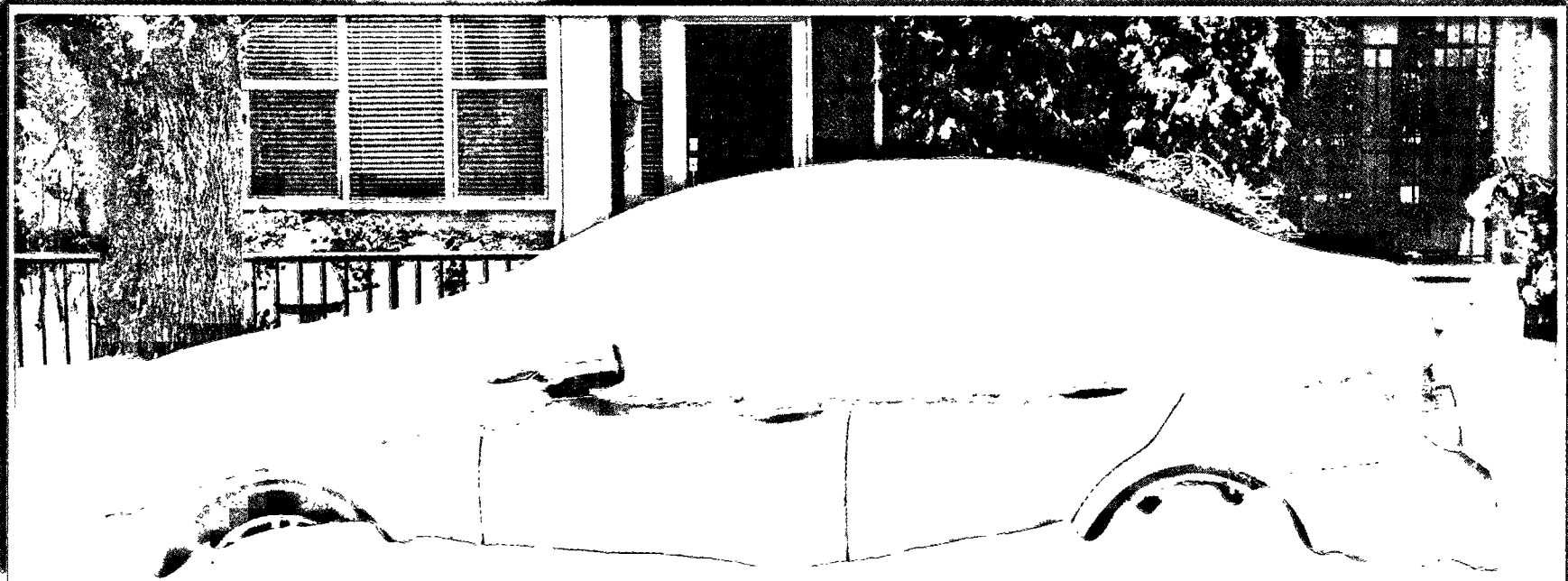
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Scoop the Newshound, Observer & Eccentric Media, 615 W. Lafayette, Detroit MI 48226 or email your submission to [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) by **December 27**

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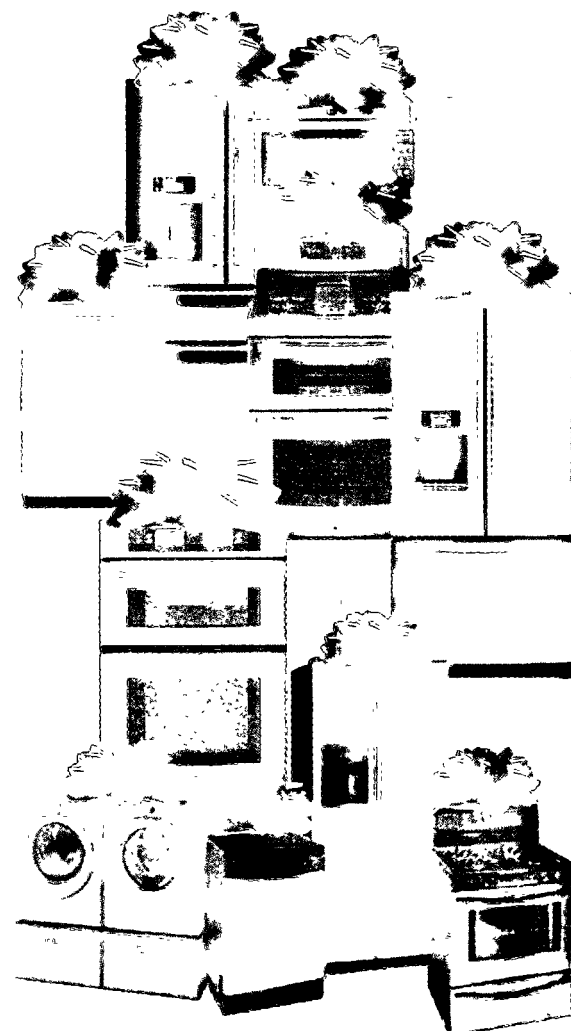
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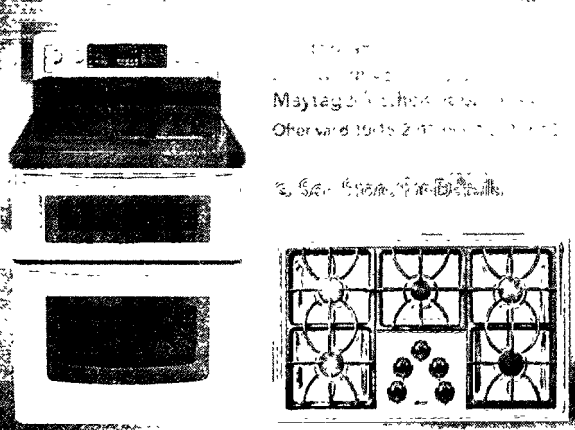
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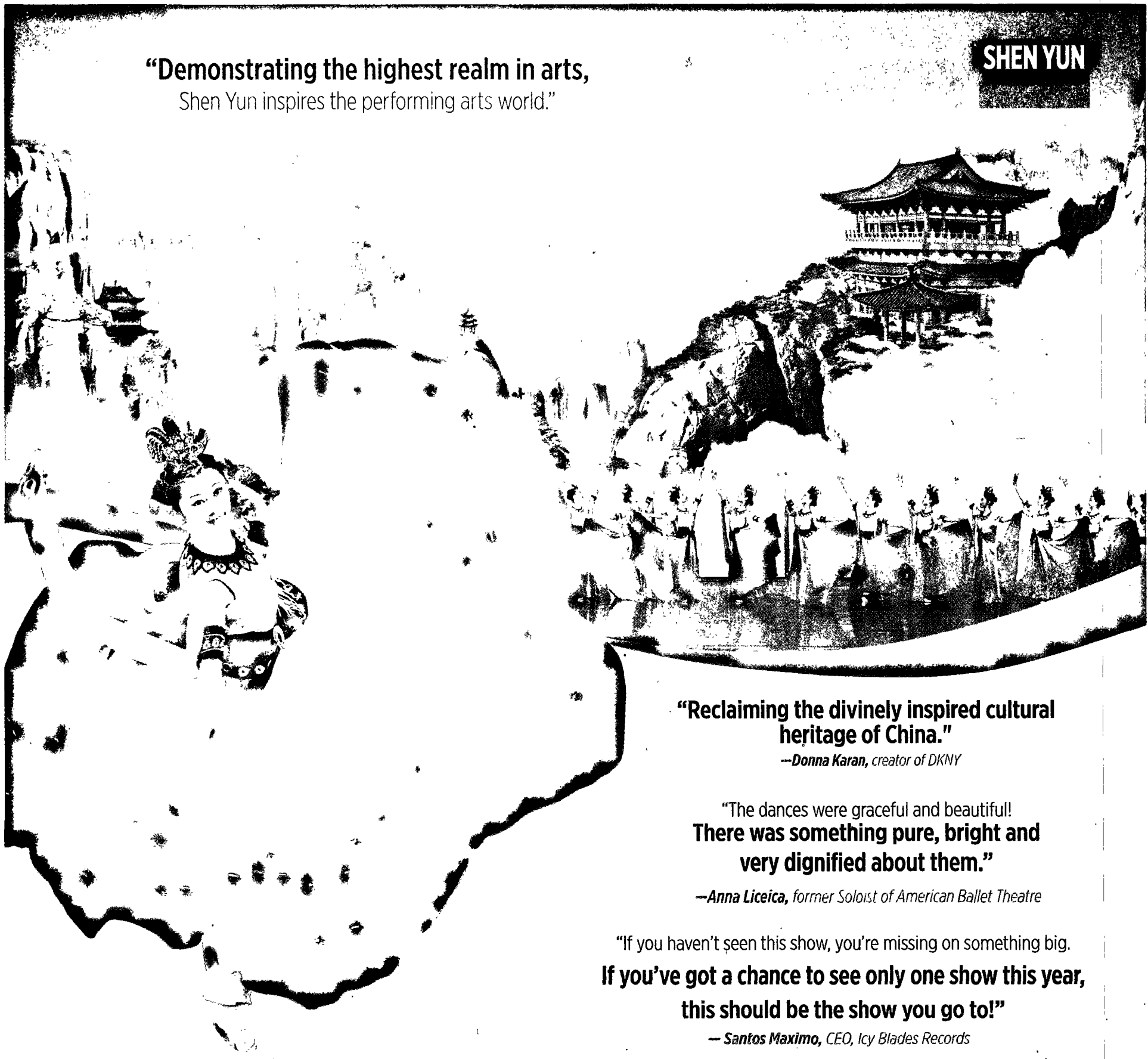


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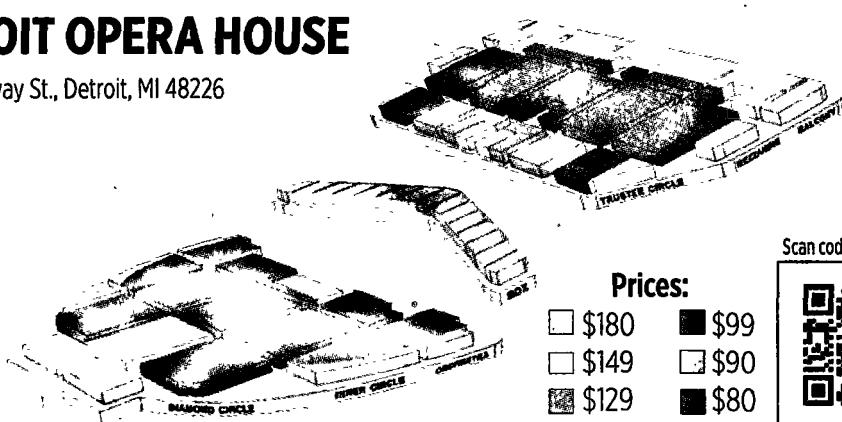
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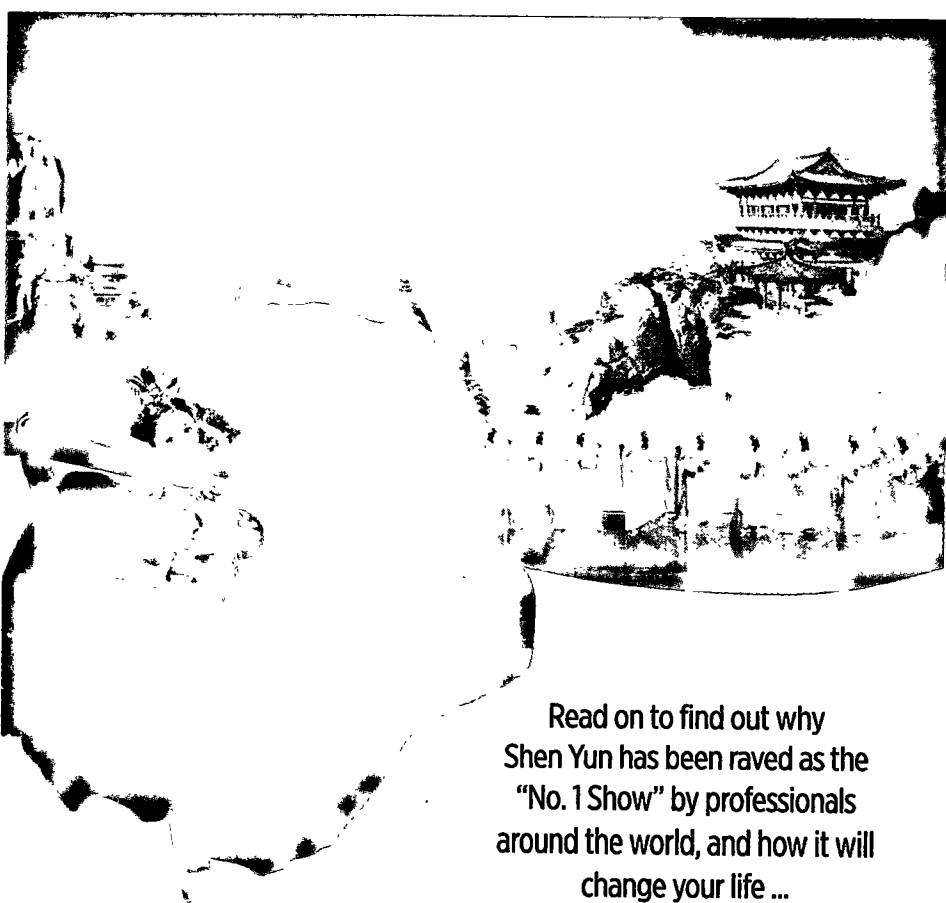
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