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Hearing delayed in child porn case

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man who is the key witness in a child pornography case against Wayne resident Joel Donald Dummann couldn't appear in court Friday, prompting a one-week delay in the 44-year-old defendant's preliminary hearing. "He's more than willing to participate in these proceedings," Assistant Wayne County



Dummann

Prosecutor Meghan Mathews assured 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe. However, Mathews said the witness already had made plans for an out-of-town, holiday-season trip before Dummann's court date became known. Mathews also said authori-

ties need time to review new evidence allegedly obtained from a computer and cell phones. The latest developments came as Dummann faces three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and three counts of using computers to commit a crime. According to 35th District Court, Dummann could face penalties ranging up to seven years in prison if convicted of

using computers to commit a crime and up to four years if found guilty of possession of child sexually abusive material. Dummann, jailed with a \$250,000 bond, was arrested Dec. 15 after a Canton man went to police and reported he had received illicit images of children via text message on his phone, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said. The Canton man, expected

to become the key witness, told police he received the messages while he was shoveling snow, Baugh said. The text message allegedly contained seven images determined to be child pornography. Police then obtained a warrant to search Dummann's home in Wayne.

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Candidates consider U.S. House campaign

By LeAnne Rogers
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At least one local legislator is weighing a 2014 run for the 13th U.S. House seat currently held by Detroit Democrat John Conyers.

"I've been thinking about it. I haven't reached a decision about it yet," said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. "I hope to take time over the holidays to think about it and see who else will be running."



Anderson

Anderson was among the candidates seeking the newly redrawn 13th District seat in the 2012 Democratic primary. Having been a congressman since 1965, Conyers is second only to Downriver Democrat John Dingell in time served in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The redrawn 13th District includes part of Detroit and Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Garden City, Highland Park, Inkster, Melvindale, Redford Township, River Rouge, Romulus, Wayne and Westland.

Conyers, who will turn 85 in May, easily defeated Democratic challengers in the 2012 primary and a token Republican opponent in the heavily Democratic district.

"Get back to us in January, after the holidays," a Conyers spokesperson said when asked if Conyers would be seeking another term.

Wayne-Westland school board member John Goci ran for the seat in 2012, but might not make another attempt in 2014.

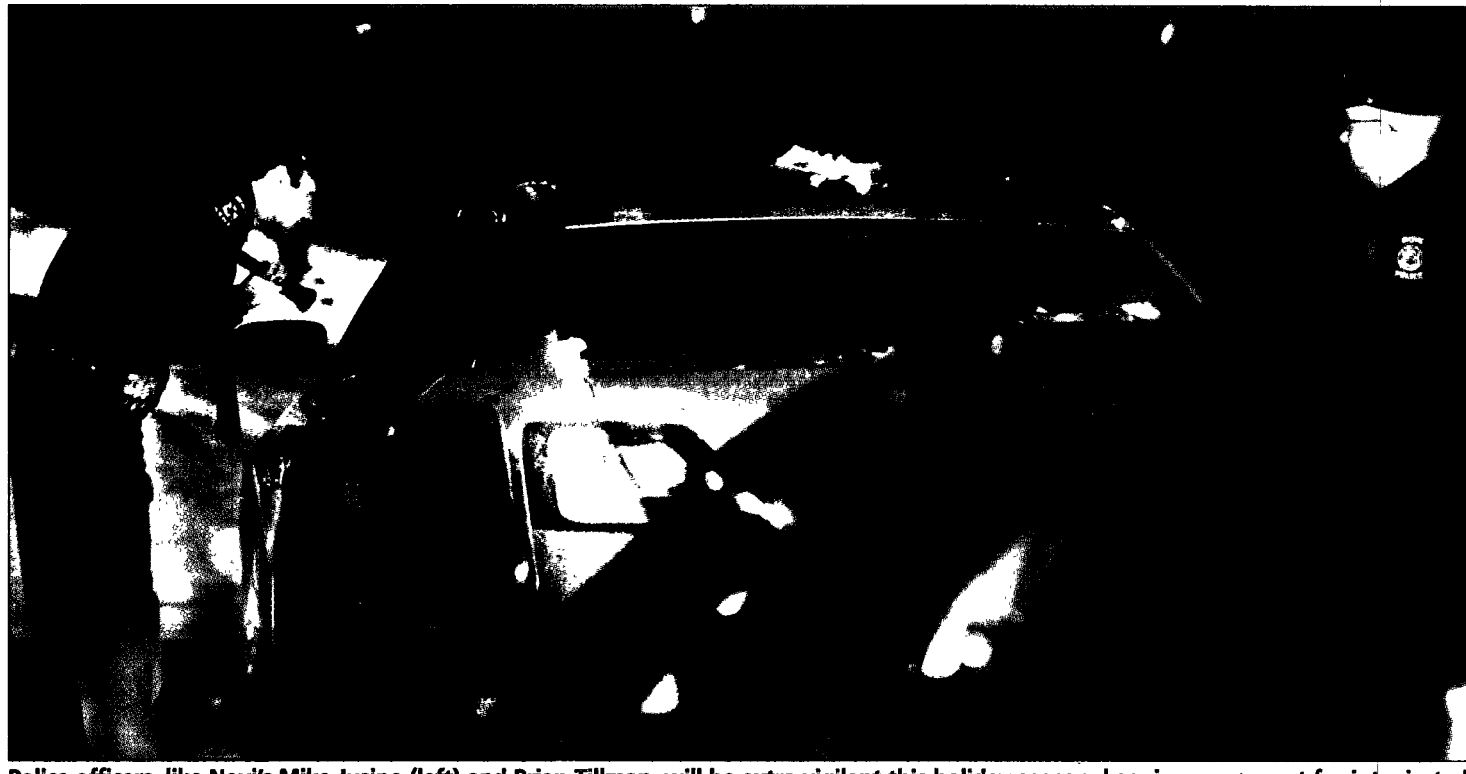
"I might not run due to the major transition with our superintendent. That caught me by surprise," Goci said, referring to the recently announced retirement plans of long-time Superintendent Greg Baracy.

A factor in deciding to run cited by both Goci and Anderson was who might also be in the race.

"If Conyers is running, I'm probably not going to run. He's unbeatable," Goci said. "He has 48 years of service, he's a civil rights icon. I'll serve the community on the school board."

With four young children, Goci said he also has a lot of personal obligations. "I expect Conyers will run. I'm not sure who else

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Police officers, like Novi's Mike Jusino (left) and Brian Tillman, will be extra vigilant this holiday season, keeping an eye out for intoxicated drivers. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

HOW MUCH WILL A DRUNKEN DRIVING CONVICTION COST?

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

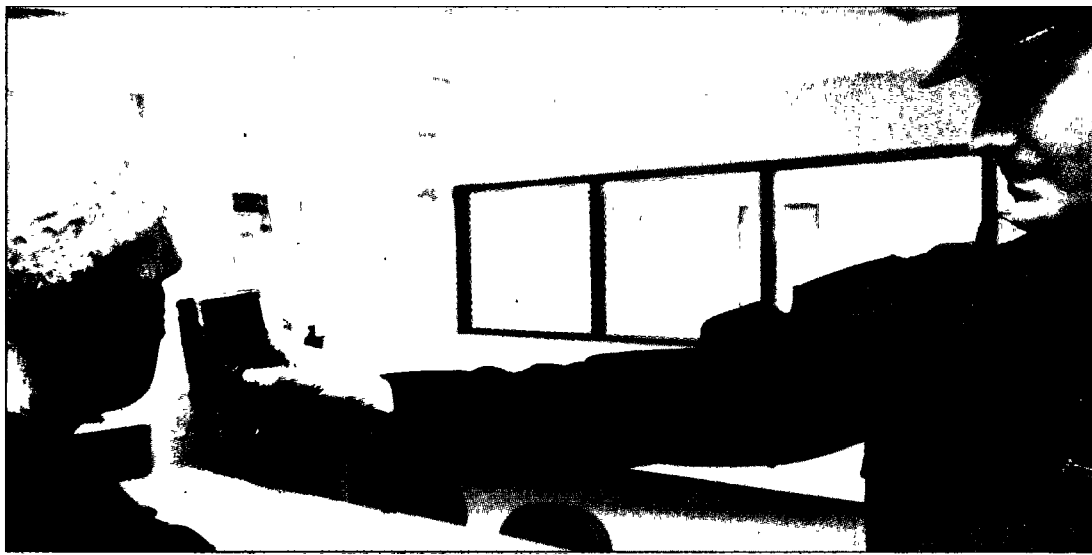
'Tis the season for celebrating, and for many that includes consuming of alcohol — whether hooking up with friends at the local bar, a work party at the office or a family get-together at a relative's house.

Regardless of the circumstances, one thing is for sure — you do not want to drink and drive. If you think the cost of Christmas gifts is skyrocketing, watch what an operating while intoxicated charge does to your savings account.

"A normal first offense runs about \$1,200 to \$1,300 for fines and costs," according to Judge Sean P. Kavanagh of the 16th District Court in Livonia.

"If you refuse the breath test and have to get blood drawn at the hospital, that's another \$200 to \$250," he added. "And, if you get in an accident, that'll cost you \$300 or \$400 more."

But those numbers are just the beginning of the nightmare — it gets much, much worse.



Novi Police officer Mike Jusino gives a practice breathalyzer test to fellow officer Eric Lindblade.

What to expect

Tom Nanni, a 45-year-old Highland Township resident, was arrested back in February and went through the 52-1 District Court in Novi. "I went to a party for a friend of mine, and actually had a designated driver," recalls Nanni. "He proceeded to drink and we drove home and almost got in an accident."

Nanni and his friends

switched seats, but he only made it about 60 feet out of a parking lot before they were pulled over by a police officer on Milford Road.

"He told me that I had stopped in the intersection, because I wasn't sure which way to go. He gave me sobriety tests and a breathalyzer, which I failed," said Nanni, adding that he blew a .105. The legal limit is .08.

He thinks he had probably 10 drinks in a two-and-a-half-

hour time frame while at a nearby restaurant.

The field sobriety tests included saying the ABCs, walking a straight line, pivoting and walking back; and leaning his head back and trying to touch his nose.

"I don't know if I failed them all, but I failed a couple," said Nanni. He was taken to the Milford Police Department.

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Law creates OK-2-SAY confidential student hotline

Students will have a 24-hour, 365-days-per-year confidential tip line to help prevent school tragedies after Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed a law creating the OK-2-SAY hotline.

"The OK-2-SAY hotline will give students the confidence to do the right thing without the fear of intimidation or retribution," Snyder said. "We want a bright future for our kids and this program will help stop violent acts before they turn into tragedies."

Senate Bill 374, sponsored

by state Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, creates the "Michigan Student Safety Act." The Department of Attorney General in consultation with the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Education, and the Michigan Department of Community Health will cooperate to establish the program.

"The OK-2-SAY student safety program will help students break the culture of silence by providing them with a confidential resource to stop

tragedy and violence before it occurs," said Attorney General Bill Schuette. "We cannot sit and wait for the next Columbine or Sandy Hook. I would like to thank Gov. Snyder for his support for this important initiative to keep schools safe."

The program includes a hotline that will:
 » Accept tips by phone, text message, email, website and multimedia device;
 » Operate 24-hours-a-day, every day of the year; and
 » Protect the confidentiality

of the reporter's identity. The program is modeled after a similar one in Colorado that was created after the Columbine High School shootings.

"Having an easy way for students to report trouble is important," said Vickie Markavitch, Oakland Schools superintendent. "I'm especially pleased that the legislation addresses referrals for proper intervention and mental health services."

SB 374 is now Public Act 183 of 2013.

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booked and given another breathalyzer test within 10 minutes to ensure accuracy. And then he spent the night in jail.

"It wasn't good," he said.

He had to arrange for a ride the next day, and it ended up being his boss.

A costly mistake

Nanni said the impact on his employment cost "a great deal," including the use of a company car.

He did go through the 52-1's sobriety court to get his license back sooner, and the time commitment of that option is enormous.

"If you don't have a pretty understanding boss, it can be difficult," said Nanni, who works 60 to 70 hours per week.

In the first phase of sobriety court, Nanni attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

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EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

Driving requires concentration, motor skills, common sense, and a concern for the safety of everyone on the road. Alcohol affects people differently. Mixing drugs or medications with alcohol and then driving can be especially dangerous, and even deadly.

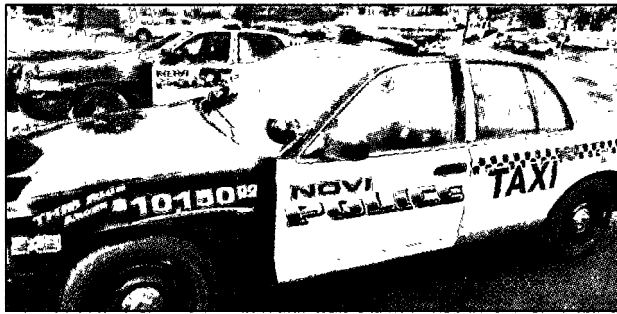
The effects of alcohol are the same whether you drink beer, wine, or whiskey. A 12-ounce can of beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, and a 1.5-ounce shot of whiskey all contain the same amount of alcohol. Drink a standard serving of any of these, and the effects will be the same. Your judgment and self-control will be affected. Even one drink can impair your ability to drive, slow your reaction time, dull your concentration, and cause vision problems. Many people mistakenly believe that coffee, a cold shower, exercise, or fresh air can sober them up. Time is the only thing that sobers you up.

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seven days a week for 90 days; met with a counselor or once a week; had to perform home testing two times a day; and was

tested for drugs four times a week.

"It's pretty intense, to say the least," said Nanni.



Officer Brian Tillman drives the department's visual reminder to potential intoxicated drivers — that a ride home from a bar in a cab costs about \$20, much cheaper than a ride in a police car. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

He was fortunate enough to have a friend who was willing to drive from Sterling Heights every day to drive Nanni to his commitments.

For the second phase, which will end in February for Nanni, he got his license and an interlock device in his car. The AA meetings drop to three times a week and counseling goes down to once a week, but the rigid testing schedule stays the same.

Then, if he makes it through the entire sobriety court program, he'll be on probation for 18 months.

So, what are actual dollar amounts Nanni is spending? The home testing unit is \$120 per month; \$1,440 total.

The interlock device, which must be registered with the state, is \$180 per month; \$1,620 total

The drug testing cost \$6 each time; \$1,248.

Insuring his Lexus went from \$170 a month to \$4,000 every six months.

And the big one — attorney fees: \$7,000.

"I make a good income," said Nanni, "but

this is costly. I don't see how anybody with a regular job could even afford this."

He credits his probation officer for making sure he understood just how tough this OWI conviction would be on his finances, his employment and his personal life.

Nanni said he wants to make sure his 10-year-old son learns from his mistakes, and he has simple advice for anyone else smart enough to pay attention.

"Don't drink and drive," said Nanni. "Always get a designated driver. You don't always make the clearest decisions, regardless of how sober you think you are. When alcohol is involved, you don't think clearly."

Numbers declining

Thankfully, Judge Kavanagh says nonfelony OWI convictions are down to 275 in his court this year.

"I can tell you that in years past, we have been up to 375, so they're down significantly," said Kavanagh, and he attributes that to many factors.

"People are getting the message," he said. "Insurance costs are really where they get whacked — canceled or double and triple premiums."

He said the abundance of media stories that focus on the negatives are helping as well.

Interestingly, Kavanagh cites the proliferation of cell phones as another factor contributing to the decline in OWIs.

"A lot of these cases originate from citizen cell calls that weren't there 15 years ago," he said. "A lot more people are helping the police. We have lots of cases where the report shows it was a cell call."

Kavanagh said there isn't one particular age group that's making up the bulk of OWIs — it's teenagers up to folks in their 70s.

"But what is surprising," he said, "is that most alcohol in breath or blood tests are way higher now. It used to be .12 or .13. Now, .20 and above, there are quite a few. People are either staying home and drinking or they're getting really drunk and driving."

Kavanagh said his court hasn't really seen an increase in repeat offenders. Felony OWI convictions (those with three or more charges) are at 32 this year, and there were 22 last year, 28 the year prior.

What's the judge's advice for avoiding him this holiday season?

"It's a lot cheaper," he said, "to call a cab or get a designated driver."

ELECTION

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might run," Anderson said.

Another candidate from 2012, state Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park, has announced plans to run for the adjoining 14th Dis-

trict seat held by Democrat Gary Peters, who is running for U.S. Senate.

The remaining candidate, Detroit Democrat Shanell Jackson, was term-limited as a state representative in 2013. She now serves as the director of outreach and strategic relations for the newly formed Regional Transit Authority

at the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Detroit minister, activist and radio host the Rev. Horace Sheffield has also recently made comments about getting into the race.

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Va. man faces felonies after tussle with police

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A 23-year-old Virginia man is scheduled for a Friday preliminary hearing on charges he assaulted a police officer, a firefighter and a bouncer while being thrown out of a downtown Plymouth bar.



MacDiarmid

The incident occurred early Thanksgiving Day outside the Ironwood Grill on Penniman. No serious injuries were reported.

Nicholas I. MacDiarmid, who lives in Alexandria, Va., was arraigned the day after Thanksgiving by 35th District Court Judge James Plakas and was freed after posting a \$500 bond. He is charged with two felony counts of assault and one misdemeanor count of assault; Plakas entered not-guilty pleas for him.

According to a Plymouth Police Department report, police shocked MacDiarmid with a Taser twice, once to stop him from fighting with police and the other to get him to let go of the fingers of a firefighter who was trying to examine him for possible injuries. MacDiarmid did not allow the sites of the Taser strikes to be photographed and refused treatment, police said.

The incident began about 1:30 a.m. Nov. 28. Three officers were in the Ironwood on a bar check, their report said, when Ironwood security escorted a man accused of fighting out the bar's

back door. Officers followed and were told the man had punched a bouncer; the bouncer, a Wolverine Lake man, had a swollen lip, police said.

Outside, the man who had been thrown out of the bar was combative, appeared drunk and was threatening an officer, the police report said. When he approached the officer with raised fists, the report said, the officer responded with a palm strike to his chest in order to push him back, while another officer almost simultaneously grabbed him and tried to take him to the ground.

The man struggled with the officer on the ground, the report said, and ended up on top of him. That's when police shot the man with a Taser and followed with a contact shock called a "drive stun," the report said. Police later found the probes from the initial Taser use hadn't penetrated the man's coat.

Minutes later, police said, the suspect was face-down on the ground and handcuffed when he grabbed the fingers of a Northville firefighter called to the scene to examine him for possible injuries. He wouldn't let go, despite the firefighter's commands and knee strikes to his shoulder area, and was again hit with a Taser "drive stun," police said.

The officer who tussled with the man on the ground suffered scratches to his hands and knees, police said.

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Holiday cheer



Westland LongHorn Steak House employees Cassie Wood, Mike Yates, Michael Derkatch and Amy Rohn recently visited the Village of Westland, a senior living facility, and provided food to more than 50 residents and staff this holiday season. Additionally, the LongHorn team baked cookies and worked closely with the residents to decorate the cookies and holiday stockings. The visit was part of LongHorn's ongoing commitment to the community.



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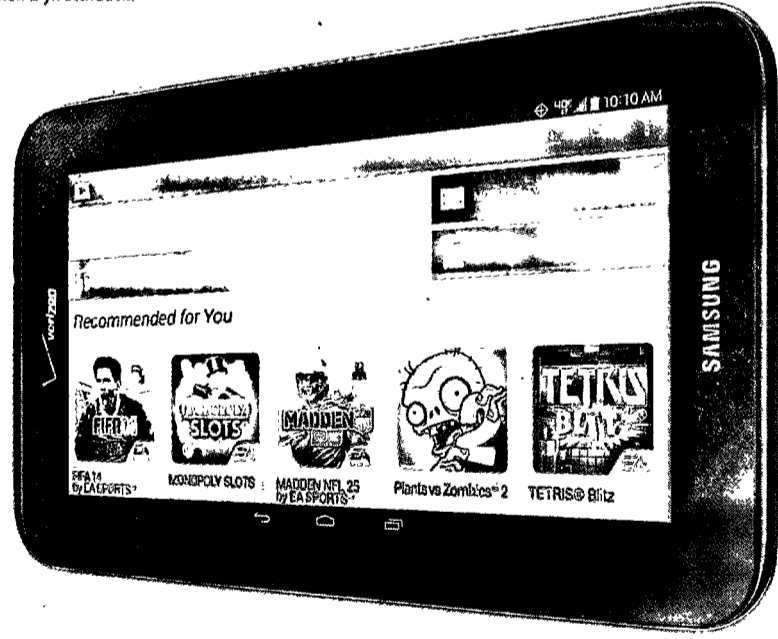
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In Farmington Hills, all Special Services facilities will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, however, the Ice Arena will be open from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Dec. 31. All public parks are open 365

days, year round.

Garbage and recycling collection in Farmington Hills will not be scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 1 due to the New Year's Day holiday. Garbage pickup will be delayed one day Wednesday through Friday, with Friday's pickup occurring on Saturday. Regular pickup will occur on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Win a prize for best holiday photograph

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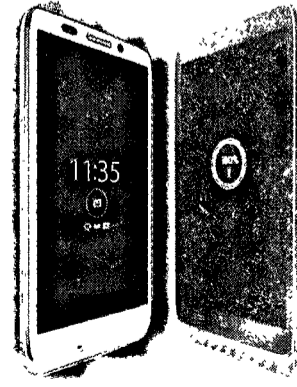
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Dodson students get lesson in character

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A third-grade Talented and Gifted class at Dodson Elementary School learned over the Christmas holiday that it's true.

Every little bit helps. The third-graders, all part of Dave Turrill's TAG class, donated some \$1,000 worth of toys to the annual U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots effort. And they did it by demonstrating outstanding character as part of Turrill's Character Patrol.

"We push hard academically ... we tend to focus on our character development just as much as our intellectual development," said Turrill, who did his graduate research on the concept. "The idea was to foster these positive attributes of character in these young, very talented students, so they become more aware of opportunities and are more willing to contribute not just to their classroom community, but also the larger community around them as they grow and develop into adulthood."

As part of Character Patrol,



Dave Turrill's third-grade TAG students made a trip to Target to buy some \$1,000 worth of toys to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

Turrill explained, students look for examples of other students demonstrating "outstanding character" throughout the school day. At the end of the day, students talk about how well they contributed, by their behavior, to the classroom community.

Nominations are taken for Character Patrol. And each

nomination earned a 5-cent donation to Toys for Tots.

Students were also encouraged to bring in loose "pocket" change — largely pennies and nickels — and donate that to the pot, as well. By the time they were finished, students had collected some \$700.

"We took anything, it didn't matter how small the amount,"

Turrill said. "In the end, we were able to demonstrate that doing just a little bit, every single day, can add up and have a huge impact."

Turrill then contacted officials at Target, who immediately agreed to partner with the students and added a \$250 donation to the cause. Another \$50 donation in toys from the

students' families brought the total donation close to \$1,000.

But collecting the money wasn't the only point behind the activity. Turrill said the lesson went far beyond that.

"We extended this lesson beyond just collecting money and related it to their overall character education," he said. "It doesn't take a huge or extraordinary act; just simple little things, done every day, can improve our community."

The class went as a group to Target after school one day and bought toys together. The next day, a Marine came to the school and spoke to the students. A few hours later, a truck arrived and students were able to help load up the toys that would, before the holidays, be distributed to young children in need.

"This was a great experience for these young students and really helped demonstrate that, even though they are exceptional academically, it's their exceptional character that helps make the world a better place," Turrill said.

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Student blanket project brings cheer to Angela Hospice patients

Students from the National Junior Honor Society at West Middle School in Plymouth shared the holiday spirit last week when they created over 100 fleece blankets for Angela Hospice patients.

About 150 students participated, taking over the whole cafeteria with colorful fleece fabric they donated.

The students made "no-sew" blankets with knotted fringe from two coordinating pieces of fleece, creating blankets that are both warm and heart-warming.

"This is the eighth year they've been doing this and it is a very successful community event," said Ann-Patrice Foley, pediatric social worker

for Angela Hospice. Foley gave a short presentation to the students about hospice care and the benefits it offers families, and shared how the blankets would be used.

"The children are delighted to help the patients, and the patients are delighted to receive the blankets," Foley said.

One student even asked if he could take the blanket he made home, to present it to an ailing grandparent.

The NJHS students at West Middle School have opportunities for community service each month and are required to volunteer 10 hours of service per year, plus five hours of tutoring. School counselor

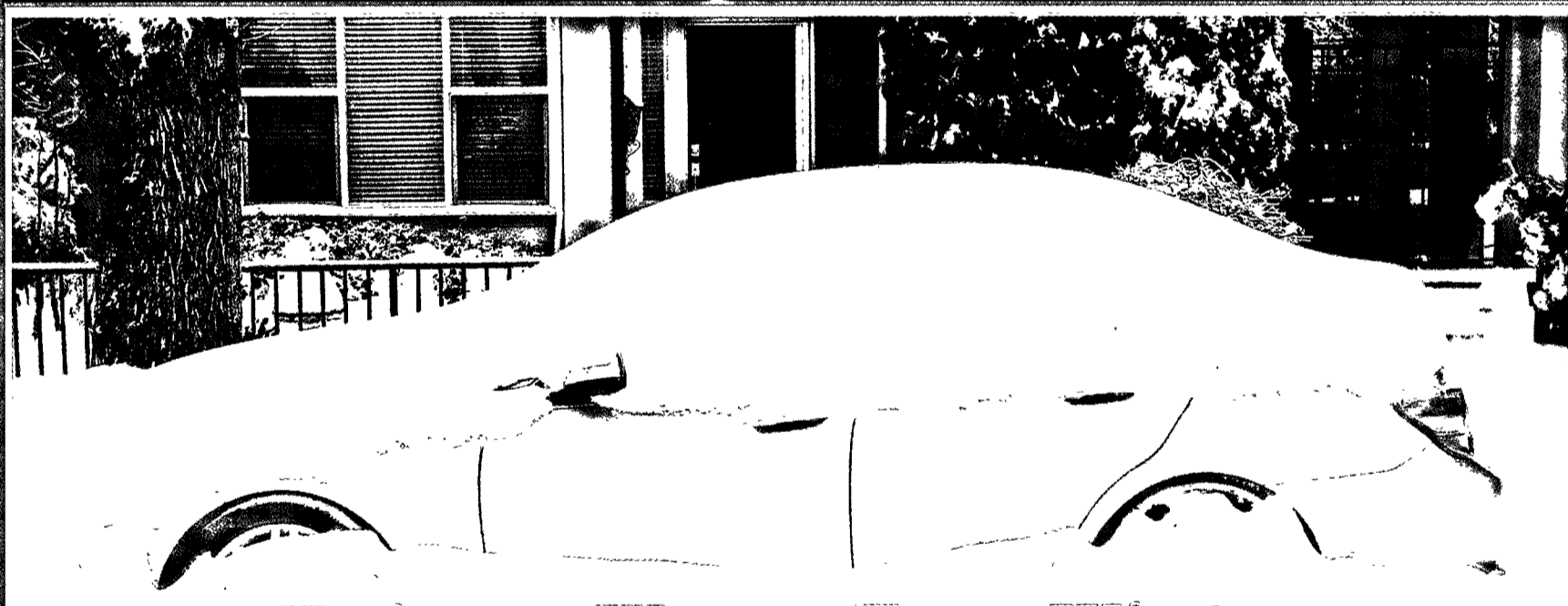
and NJHS advisor Valerie Swift says she tries to select activities that will appeal to male and female students, and will impact the community in different ways.

"Next month, we are doing a bake sale after the band concert and all of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Food Bank," Swift said. "Last year NJHS gave over \$1,000 to Gleaners from two bake sales."

The fleece blankets the students created will be delivered to Angela Hospice's Home Care patients, who are sure to enjoy the fun and colorful patterns the students selected.



Matthew Lazarski, Sophia Judge, Julia Parkey and Arianna Finn show off one of the blankets they created for an Angela Hospice patient.



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Woman faces sentencing in eye drops assault

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton woman is facing sentencing Jan. 13 following accusations she put bleach in her husband's eye drops in revenge for marital problems, authorities said.

Kristy Ryan McDermid, 35, could face penalties ranging up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine when she is sentenced by 35th District Judge James Plakas for a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said McDermid also allegedly placed an ad on a website, Craigslist, offering to pay someone to as-

sault her husband.

The Canton wife and mother pleaded guilty this month to domestic violence after her husband in mid-October went to police, saying he had gotten out of the shower and started using the eye drops.

"He felt a burning sensation and could smell what appeared to be bleach," Baugh said.

The husband realized there was a problem as soon as he put drops into one eye, but Baugh said the incident apparently didn't cause any permanent damage.

McDermid has since pleaded guilty to domestic violence and admitted her role in trying to harm her husband, police said.

Crash knocks out power on Christmas Eve

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police say alcohol and excessive speed may be factors in a Christmas Eve crash that damaged a utility pole on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center, leaving area homes without power for several hours.

The crash injured two people who were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti for injuries that authorities said didn't appear life-threatening.

The two-car incident happened about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday when a 20-year-old Canton woman driving a 2013 Ford Focus struck the rear of a Ford Flex being driven by a 32-year-old Canton man.

The female driver

then lost control of her vehicle, striking a utility pole and disrupting electric service to area homes for several hours into Christmas Day, police said.

The female driver and a 48-year-old passenger, also from Canton, were taken to the hospital for treatment, police said.

The man driving the Ford Flex was not injured.

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate, and authorities said it appears alcohol and excessive speed may be factors in the crash.

The incident remains under investigation.

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MIXED MESSAGE

In the arena of bone and joint conditions is an entity called "mixed connective tissue disease." What that term means is that the patient has a condition that includes elements seen in lupus, scleroderma and polymyositis. However, the patient with mixed connective tissue disease does not have enough of the features of Lupus, scleroderma or polymyositis to make a diagnosis of any one of those entities. Of equal importance is that the patient cannot be treated as a doctor would undertake if the diagnosis was lupus, scleroderma or polymyositis.

The diagnosis of mixed connective tissue disease is difficult for the patient. Many people are acquainted with Lupus, and describing what is behind muscle disease is straightforward for a physician. But telling a patient the problem is like Lupus, but not quite, or similar in certain features to scleroderma, but not quite, or in keeping with myositis but not quite, is a difficult task.

The problem of putting mixed connective tissue disease in its own place becomes more difficult because physicians make the diagnosis starting from a positive ANA laboratory test, the same test initially used to evaluate for Lupus.

The final problem with mixed connective disease is in treatment. Physicians prescribe several of the same medications that treat lupus and myositis in the therapy of mixed connective tissue disease. These drugs are plaqueniil and prednisone. However, in mixed connective tissue disease other medications often used in lupus are not useful. A physician must tread a fine line in therapy.

CRIME WATCH

FARMINGTON HILLS

Narcotics arrests

Two Farmington Hills residents were arrested on possession of narcotics after they were stopped by police on Grand River, the evening of Dec. 17.

Police noticed a Jeep with a driver, a 21-year-old man, and passenger, a 19-year-old woman, drive eastbound on M-5 and turn without using the signal. When the Jeep came to a stop on the Grand River exit, the driver passed the crosswalk and police noticed that a rear brake light was broken.

The Jeep and its occupants were stopped at Haggerty and Grand River. When police approached the car, they could smell marijuana from the vehicle. The driver was asked to step out. Police said his pupils were constricted and he admitted he had taken heroin a few hours earlier and that he had a bag of marijuana in his pants pockets.

When the female passenger was asked to get out of the car, police found drug paraphernalia in her purse. Police also found heroin and syringes.

CANTON

Drugs warrant

A 28-year-old Canton man who summoned police to his residence for a domestic incident involving a woman ended up being arrested himself on a felony warrant for possession of heroin and cocaine, a police report said.

The man was sitting in his truck when police arrived at his condominium on Stonewood, near Ford and Canton Center roads. He said he had been paid to be a companion to keep the 22-year-old woman sober after meeting her at a rehab clinic in California.

The man told police the woman, of Beverly Hills, Calif., traveled to Michigan with him so he

could help her stay sober. He said she became upset when she looked at his cell phone and noticed he had been contacted by his girlfriend, resulting in an argument.

The woman, however, told police she didn't mind leaving if she could get her bank card, plane ticket and cell phone from the man. Finally, police helped the woman get a room at a nearby motel.

During the investigation, police learned the man was wanted by Michigan State Police for a warrant for possession of heroin and cocaine. He was arrested and turned over to MSP.

LIVONIA

Vandalism

Police were called Dec. 20 to a home in the 38000 block of Joy after a representative of the homeowner called to report damage and vandalism.

The home, which is vacant and owned by Bank of America, was found to have paint on the walls and ceiling of the interior. A representative of the company told police there was shattered glass on the floor inside, as well as graffiti painted on the walls of the garage.

Break-in at home reported

A resident living in the 38100 block of Bloomfield came into the Livonia police station Thursday evening to report a break-in that had taken place at his home.

The man said he went into his basement a few days before and noticed his handgun missing from its case. He also saw several pieces of sports memorabilia missing from the walls, as well as some cash and ammunition. There was no signs of forced entry, and the man said he suspects a handyman that worked on his home earlier this year may have taken the items.

REDFORD

Windshield smashed on vehicle

A resident living in the 10000 block of Appleton called Redford police the morning of Dec. 22 to report her windshield being smashed.

The woman said her ex-boyfriend arrived at her home and destroyed her windshield before driving away in a white pickup truck.

Police arrest bicyclist

Redford police pulled over and arrested a bicyclist early Monday morning in the 25300 block of Grand River after refusing to obey a police officer.

The man was seen riding his bicycle eastbound on the sidewalk. He then went into the road and began riding in the right-center lane, impeding traffic. An officer in a marked police vehicle told the man to exit the roadway, which he did not. The officer asked the man again, and he refused before arguing with the officer. Police informed him of a civil infraction for impeding traffic. Police arrested the man for obstruction, and found he had a warrant out for his arrest from Allen Park. He was taken to the police station in Redford for processing.

PLYMOUTH

Wheel-theft try

Lugnuts were removed from wheels on a 2013 Chrysler 300 earlier this month in an apparent attempt to steal the wheels and tires.

The car was parked in the driveway of a house on Northview, in the area of Napier and Powell, when the incident occurred on Dec. 15 or early the next morning, a police report said.

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Boy Scouts perform search-and-rescue drill



Boy Scout Adam Helner wears a hardhat and uses a flashlight as he safely goes through the "collapsed building" during Saturday's exercise.

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Boy Scouts from a Northville-based troop put orienteering, physical and teamwork skills to the test in Plymouth last week with a mock search-and-rescue operation and related exercises, guided by public safety professionals.

More than a dozen scouts, from Troop 777 at First United Methodist Church of Northville, gathered at the vacant Mutual of Detroit office building on Plymouth Road for the drill, which was part of the scouts' work toward a new merit badge the Boy Scouts of America introduced last year. The scouts were helped by, and got feedback from, professionals from the Plymouth Police Department, the Northville Fire Department, Huron Valley Ambulance and a western Wayne County search-and-rescue team.

"We just wanted to give them exposure to this profession (rescue operations) and how it works, so they'd have an appreciation for something they may be interested in doing," said David Tischler, the Troop 777 scoutmaster. "Some of them did say they'd be interested in doing something like this in the

future, on a volunteer basis."

The scouts ranged in age from 11 to 16; Tischler said it was the first group of scouts from his troop to work toward the search-and-rescue merit badge.

"They loved it," Tischler said of the exercise. "Probably their favorite merit badge so far this year."

Emergency scenario

The field exercise had three components: the search of a building — the scenario was that the building had partially collapsed — for a dummy "victim," the team "sweep" of a parking lot for a set of lost keys, and an up-close look at some of the equipment used by rescue professionals, such as a telescoping camera that can "see" in hard-to-access spots and a lift that can temporarily secure structures in the event of a real building collapse.

During the search, windows were masked to limit daylight, boxes were used to simulate confined spaces and a "debris field" and other obstacles the scouts had to overcome were used. The scouts were divided into three teams to go through the exercise; moving in the dark building challenged their sense of direction, Tischler said.

"It was dark and they were making a lot of turns, left turns and right turns," he said.

The exercise was organized by Lt. Jamie Grabowski, a Plymouth Police Department detective and an on-call Northville firefighter who responds out of the Plymouth station. Grabowski, whose son A.J. was one of the partici-



Boy Scout Kevin Duffy untangles himself as he goes through the "collapsed building" search-and-rescue exercise. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville firefighter Adam Smith watches Boy Scouts move through debris in a mock collapsed building during the drill.

pating scouts, is the troop's counselor for the search-and-rescue merit badge.

Grabowski got permission to use the office building from the development company that owns it, and also got other public safety professionals to help out on Saturday.

"It was pretty impressive they came out and helped these boys to earn their merit badge," Tischler said.

Grabowski said the

crowd benefited from refreshments donated by the Plymouth Tim Horton's, sandwiches from the Plymouth Township Firehouse Subs location, and that Headfirst Printing in Plymouth Township is donating a T-shirt for each scout to commemorate the exercise.

Boy Scout Troop 777's website is www.troop777northville.org.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2949

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3925 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated September 18, 2013, setting forth its resolution 09-51-2013 recommending approval of Petition 2013-07-01-04, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on October 28, 2013, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2013-07-01-04 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3925. Petition 2013-07-01-04 submitted by Schoolcraft College is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from PO to PL:

The East 715.05 feet of the West 780.05 feet of the South 573.00 feet of the North 633.00 feet of the Northwest ¼ of Section 7, Town 1 South, Range 9 East, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan;

and the Northwest ¼ of Section 7 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 941 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, December 2, 2013, at 8:00 p.m.

Terry Marecki, City Clerk

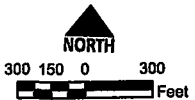
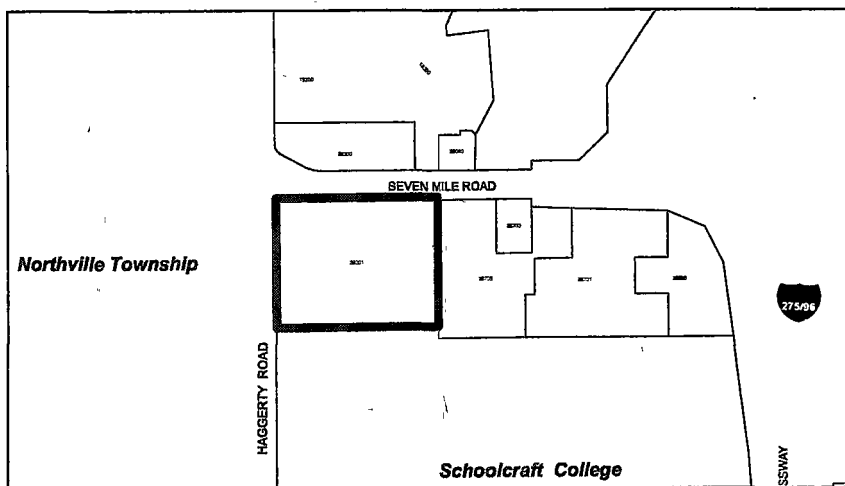
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Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

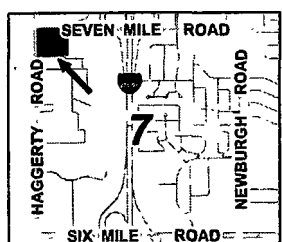
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Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
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PETITION NO. 2013-07-01-04
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AMENDMENT NO. 941 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2949
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APPEAL CASE NO. 2013-09-39 (Tabled on September 10, 2013): SignGraphix, 39255 Country Club, B-35, Farmington Hills, MI, on behalf of Ladywood High School, on the east side of Newburgh, (14680), between Five Mile and Schoolcraft, seeking to replace an existing sign cabinet between an existing brick/masonry piers resulting in excess sign area and height. Also proposed is an electronic message center within a portion of the sign cabinet which is not allowed in this Zoning District.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2014-01-02: Nawaf Masri, on the east side of Levan (15230) between Five Mile and Jamison, seeking to maintain an existing masonry ground sign base resulting in deficient ground sign setback, also the ground sign is excess in sign area only because of the distance between each sign face is in excess of two feet apart from each other. Also, wall signs for multi-tenant buildings in this district are limited to five square feet.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2950

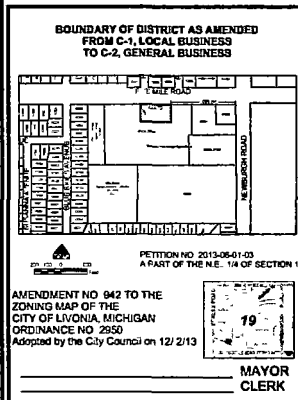
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3926 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated July 10, 2013, setting forth its resolution 07-38-2013 recommending approval of Petition 2013-06-01-03, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on August 21, 2013, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2013-06-01-03 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3926. Petition 2013-06-01-03 submitted by Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop is hereby granted, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from C-1 to C-2:



All that part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 19, Town 1 South, Range 9 East, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Commencing from the Northeast corner of said Section 19; Thence South 89° 56' 00" West, 556.34 feet along the North line of Section 19; Thence South 00° 19' 42" East, 60.00 feet to the point of beginning; Thence continuing South 00° 19' 42" East, 126.00 feet; Thence South 89° 56' 00" West, 224.75 feet; Thence North 00° 19' 42" West, 126.00 feet; Thence North 89° 56' 00" East, 224.75 feet to the point of beginning.

And the Northeast ¼ of Section 19 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 942 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

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Jack Kirksey, Mayor

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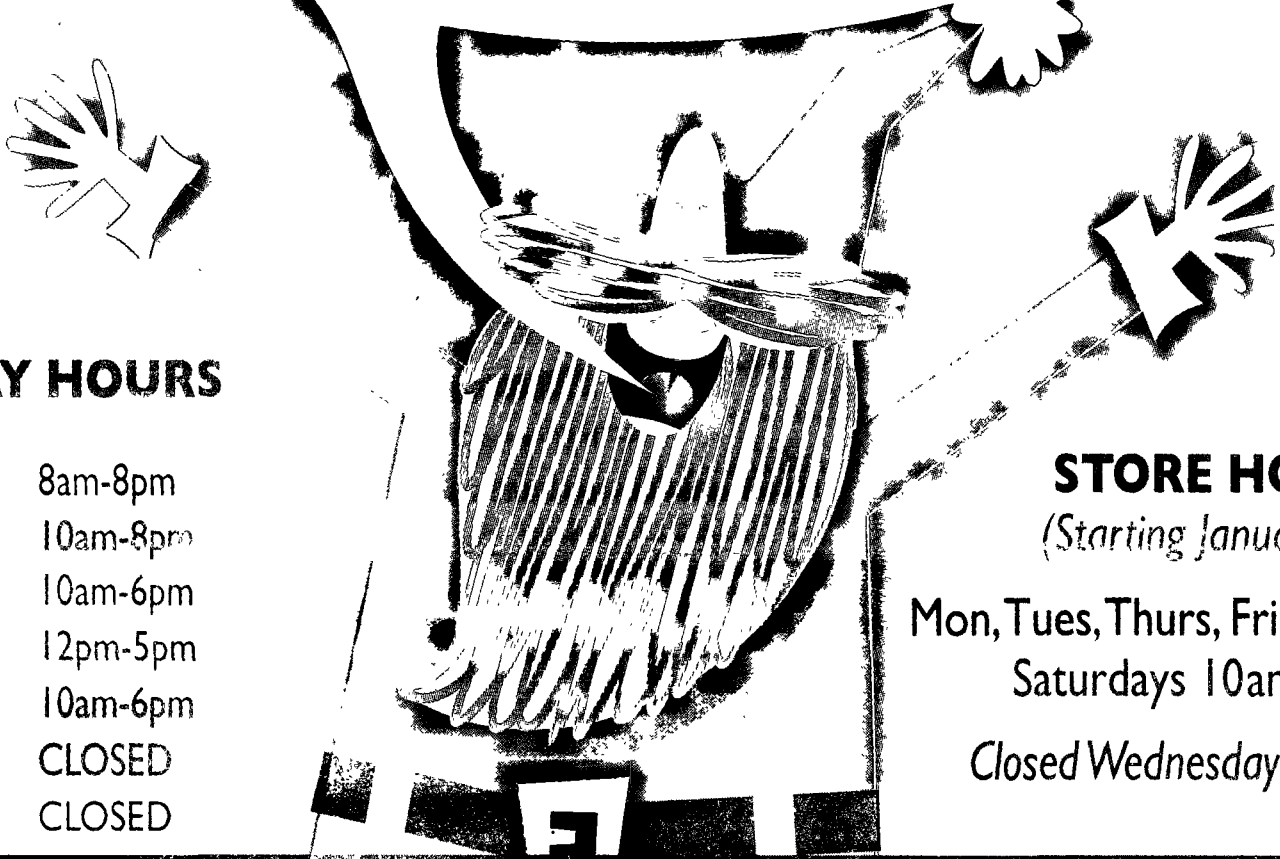


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Family praises nurse for her kindness

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Lori Masko, a Botsford Hospital nurse, knows it takes so little to put someone at ease. And that's what she did for Marjorie Fisher not too long ago.

A nurse in the Botsford Progressive Care Unit, Masko was taking care of Fisher, who at the time had troubles with low potassium. "She was refusing her meds for a few days," Masko said.

Fisher's daughter, Peggy Fisher Kmiecik, and Masko tried to explain to Marjorie that she needed to take her medication. She continue to refuse.

"She was just not having it," Masko said. "I told her, I really do care about you and want you to get better."

Just then, Marjorie noticed a bracelet on Masko's wrist. Her face lit up and she asked if she could have it. Masko told her she could have it if she would make a deal with Marjorie: In exchange, she had to take her medicine.

"It was that simple," Masko said. "She took all of her meds."

Kmiecik was so grateful and praised Masko on the hospital's blog. "Lori rewarded Mom by placing the bracelet on Mom's wrist, which lifted her spirits for the rest of the day. And, she wore the bracelet the whole time she was in the hospital. When I told the other nurses at the 2 South nurses' station, they all agreed that they sometimes will do anything to get their patients to comply with needed treatment. I know Lori sure did," Kmiecik said.

After her discharge, Marjorie was placed in the Botsford Commons Continuing Care Center, where she later passed away.

After Marjorie was placed at Botsford Commons, however, Kmiecik then went back to the hospital to return the bracelet to Masko.

"I insisted Lori keep the bracelet. Each time she wears it, she'll remember what she did to help a frail, elderly patient to accept treatment. Our family is so grateful to have had this kind, generous woman as our mother's nurse," Kmiecik said.



Lori Masko is a Botsford Hospital nurse.



Peggy Fisher Kmiecik and her mom, Marjorie Fisher.


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County launches new Compass app

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and leadership in the departments of Public Services and Technology officially launched the new webApp for the redesigned Compass.

Downloading the webApp at www.wayne-county.com, users can access Compass right from their smart phones and tablets. County officials point out the new Compass and its webApp make driving smarter and safer in some of the following ways:

- » Pinpoints your exact location on the Compass map with the GPS function;
- » Shows the nearest police station, towing service, gas station, auto repair business, hospital with addresses and phone numbers from your location;
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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano launches the new webApp for the redesigned Compass.

dow — 888-ROAD CREW — to report road hazards like potholes and fallen trees;

- » Shows up-to-the-minute road construction and accidents so drivers can avoid delays; and
- » Tracks storm systems using the weather radar, and more.

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Drivers who see a pothole, downed tree limb or other road hazard can pull over and report it in real time from their

smart device using the ROAD CREW portal.

The information goes directly into the Wayne County Roads Division's Cityworks dispatch system.

"We are very excited about the webApp and the redesigned Compass," Ficano said. "It's a much better experience with improvements everywhere."

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Two hundred boxes of food were packed for needy families by volunteers at the St. Alexander Catholic Church food pantry.

Helping families: 'People see the need'

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Carol Greening is pleasantly surprised by the number of people and organizations that have stepped up to help families in need, particularly for the holidays.

"The help is coming from everywhere," said Greening, who runs the food pantry at St. Alexander's Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

Greening is convinced that individuals, churches and area organizations understand that families are still struggling financially, despite some improvement in the state and national economies.

On Friday, Dec. 20 — the day that Greening and volunteers packed up 200 boxes of food for families who requested help — members of the Our Lady of Sorrows Knights of Columbus stopped by to roll up their sleeves and pack up food for a holiday meal.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, families arrived at St. Alexander's on Shiawassee to pick up their packages. Three honor students from Southfield helped carry the boxes to families' waiting cars. "They were such nice kids," Greening said.

Volunteers

Enough volunteers were on hand Dec. 20 that it took only 25 minutes to pack the 200 boxes. Meanwhile, members of St. Fabian's Catholic



With so many volunteers lending a hand on Dec. 20, all 200 boxes of food for families in need were packed within 25 minutes at the St. Alexander Catholic Church food pantry. PHOTOS BY KATHY SEREMET

Church provided hand-knitted slippers to accompany the boxes, while the Farmington Area Goodfellows provided toys and others donated books for kids. And yet another family, who recently lost a child and wanted to help others, bought 48 coats for children in need. Help and donations

were also provided by members of St. Gerald Catholic Church, St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church and the North Congregational Church. "We asked everyone to stay and have lunch with us. That's how we get to know each other," Greening said.

To add to Greening's joy, a woman who works for three Novi doctors asked if the medical practice could adopt the food pantry and offer help. "I see just wonderful things happening," Greening added.

But the food pantry doesn't operate only during the holidays. Every week of the year, Greening and volunteers — and there is no requirement that they be Catholic — are at the church packing up boxes for families who have requested help. Donations of food come from a number of sources, including Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

"We never turn away help or donations," Greening said. "I really think people see the need."

The food pantry is already signed up for a program through Kroger and Gleaners from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 25 and noon to 6 p.m. Jan. 26 at the store on Eight Mile Road to accept donations. Shoppers will be asked to buy a food item to donate to the local pantry.

Gleaners in turn will credit the pantry's account for the number of volunteers who turn out that weekend to help. The pantry also will receive additional credit from Gleaners for all monetary donations.

"I really think people are seeing the need," Greening said.

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St. Dunstan gives diners place to go for holiday

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

St. Dunstan Church in Garden City again offered its popular free Christmas Day dinner this year for those who were alone on the holiday.

The Garden City church has made it a tradition. Judy Larry, a Realtor known affectionately as "Judy O," always tells people to bring "a hearty appetite, a joyful spirit and a voice ready to join in" on Christmas carols sing-along.

People from throughout the area who need a place to go on Christmas Day are treated like family at the holiday dinner.

Larry, an organizer of the annual dinner, always wants fun to punctuate the occasion and guests to be treated royally.

"It was great," Larry said the day after the event. "It was very, very heartwarming."

The church hall swelled to about 140 people. Larry estimated that 100 people were served and the rest were volunteers.

There was enough food for guests to carry home take-out boxes filled with leftovers and sweets. No one went away hungry.

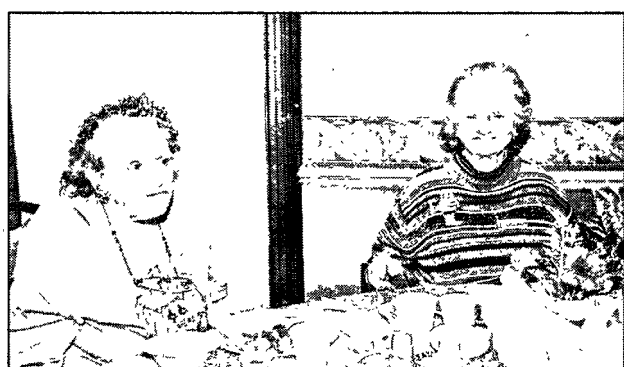
Larry's family knows how dedicated she is to this cause. They also volunteer with her. She looks forward to the event, which she strives to make "really, really nice."

After serving her own family a Christmas breakfast at home, Larry's children and grandchildren know that if they want to see more of Grandma Judy, they can follow her over to the church complex on Belton, south of Ford, in Garden City. They roll up their sleeves and pitch in to serve the guests alongside Larry.

Larry's volunteers haven't wavered through the years since Larry took over the task more than 10 years ago from volunteers John and Mary Surge.

Recipients come from everywhere, including Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne, Detroit and Dearborn. Without this dinner gathering, they would have no one else to be with that day.

In addition to reading about the event in the *Garden City Observer*, Larry said other guests



Frances Hahn, a Detroit resident, and Georgiana Rydzewski of Redford Township, enjoy dinner with friends at St. Dunstan Church in Garden City on Christmas Day.



Judy Larry, the chairperson and organizer, makes sure the gravy is just right before dinner is served to more than 100 people at the annual event. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



U.S. Marine Mason Meredith and his girlfriend, Jessica Thomas, volunteered at the annual dinner.



Many volunteers helped make Christmas brighter for area residents during the Christmas Day dinner.



Bettysue Pisula and Helen Petricko, both Dearborn Heights residents, enjoy dinner and friendship on Christmas Day.

learned about it through word of mouth.

"This whole church hall is filled on Christmas Day," Larry said. "People have no family, nowhere to go and just need to be with someone."

Larry said St. Dunstan is the only church in the area that hosts a dinner Christmas Day. More than 100 people usually come, including many senior citizens.

The full sit-down dinner included turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, butter and assorted desserts. Larry likes to have a lot of baked goods on hand.

Though weary, Larry was out early on Dec. 26 purchasing the little gifts that will be handed out during the 2014 Christmas Day dinner. She said she loves to take advantage of the after-Christmas sales.

Cash donations to help offset the costs for next year's dinner, which is funded through St. Dunstan's Christian Service Fund, are always welcome. That money also feeds hundreds of people during the year through the church's food pantry program.

For more information, call Larry at 734-595-3049.

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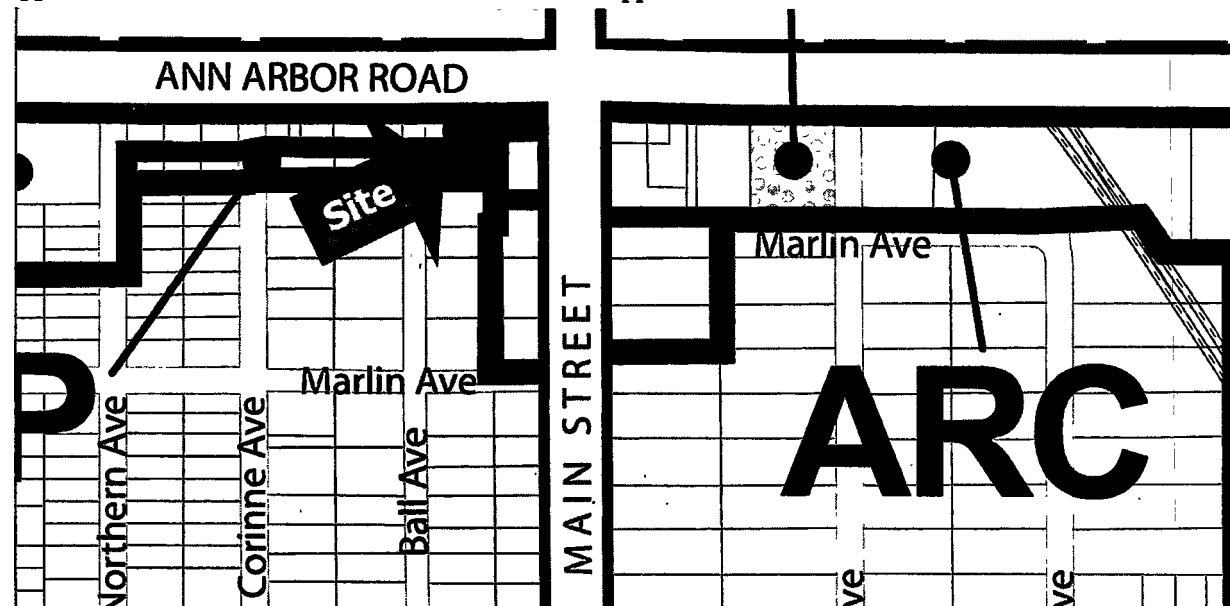
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PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, January 16, 2014
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

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Serving God by using drama

Actors share the word through Magic Carpet Theatre ministry

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Catherine Zardus needed 99 sheep — not 100, but 99 — and students at St. Damian School in Westland were more than willing to bleed. In fact, they were more than willing to volunteer to be plants and sway back and forth and play travelers.

And along the way they learned the messages contained in the Parables of Christ.

"If you take one thing away today, it is to use your imagination when you pray," Zardus said. "Close your eyes and imagine."

The Dearborn resident was part of a three-woman show that brought Christ's teachings to life in *The Parable Project*, nine short dramas of well-known teachings. Joining her in the recent performance was Amy Heard of Milford and Lise Lacasse of Royal Oak.

Using simple props like chairs purchased at IKEA, shawls and a long coat, they transformed themselves into a shepherd, a judge, Pharisee and the Prodigal's son.

As the founder and artistic director, Zardus has produced, directed, performed and promoted Magic Carpet Theatre for more than 22 years. MTC's mission has been to inspire imaginations and promote literacy by bringing the literature of the Brothers Grimm, Dr. Seuss, and Maurice Sendak to life through interactive performances.

Call to do more

But Zardus felt a calling to do more, and four years ago she started the drama ministry — conceiving, writing and producing two original shows, *The Parable Project* and *At His Feet*, *Women in Scripture*, both of which promote the gospel.

"When I was a little girl, I used to imagine scenes from the Bible, not knowing that this was a form of prayer," Zardus said. "When I grew up and became an actress, while listening to the readings at Mass, I would see the scene played out and staged in my head. Again, I didn't know this was a form of prayer. After a deeper conversion, I realized that my imagination was a tremendous gift for encountering Christ in the Living Word. All of my ideas germinated for years."

She hooked up with Marybeth Kinnell of Wayne and Lacasse to form the drama ministry, rehearsing the skits in the living room of her home. Her dog was their audience. The women come from different Christian faiths and theatrical backgrounds.

Zardus has performed in regional theaters across the country, playing opposite David Soul in *Lunch Hour*, and with Joyce Dewitt and Pat Paulsen in *Noises Off*. In 2012, she directed the production of *The Living Stations* at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

Lacasse has been a professional actress for more than 20 years, performing in everything from feature films, sketch comedy and improv, theater, television commercials, radio voiceovers, educational entertainment. She has



Alex Birch plays the Levite and Brian Baltazar plays the Priest in the parable of "The Good Samaritan" at St. Damian School. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

seven feature films under her belt and has been active in MCT for 10 years. She also has been a part-time missionary to Kenya and South Africa since 2003.

"It's great to be able to bring live theater to students, especially in this technological age," Lacasse said. "Some schools have never seen live theater."

Kinnell's love for theater began in elementary school. After directing her first play at age 7, she took to the stage in junior high and never looked back. She became a professional singer and entertainer after high school, but her early experience with drama lead her to teaching and a job as the drama teacher at Melvindale High School. She has been a part of MCT for four years.

Because of teaching, Kinnell is unable to do daytime performances, which brought Heard to

the group. A professional Christian singer/songwriter and winner of two Detroit Music Awards for Outstanding Christian Vocalist and Outstanding Christian Songwriter, both in 2004, Heard is an instructor of voice, guitar, piano and theater and a part-time vocalist and actor.

Scripted shows

The trio select from 11 scripted parables for their shows. Among those performed at St. Damian were *The Lost Sheep*, *The Good Samaritan*, *The Prodigal Son* and *The Unjust Judge* and *The Importunate Widow*. Students were called on to play the sheep, travelers and the seeds in *The Parable of the Seed*.

The performances were filled with humor and were in sharp contrast to *At His Feet*, which is meant for an adult audience. According to Zardus, in 2011, the



The parable of The Good Shepherd requires lots of sheep, saying "baaaah."

Archdiocese of Detroit asked to put together a performance for a women's conference. In *At His Feet*, the women perform in period clothing and there is no audience participation. The show is comprised of three mini-dramas — *The Woman at the Well*, *Mary and the Hemorrhage*. Zardus wrote the scripts while Kelly Nieto of The Cross and the Light wrote the music for *The Woman with the Hemorrhage*.

In February, *At His Feet* opened with three professional actresses, a vocalist and a guide for dialogue, reflection and prayer.

"This is simply not a show, it's an interactive evening of soaking in Scripture and taking it to heart," Zardus said. "It is powerful, profound and spirit-filled."

The performance at St. Damian came as students were preparing for the Christmas break on a day filled with classroom parties. They gathered in the church for Mass and *The Parable Project*. A part of a tri-parish that includes Divine Savior and St. Theodore in Westland, an invitation was extended to parishioners to join students for the

performance. Second-graders made Christmas cards that were given to the guests and they received Christmas canes as they left the church.

"We have a certain amount of money for enrichment and one of the recommendations was to invite the Magic Carpet Theatre back," Principal Jacqueline Mojeske said. "We decided to open our doors to Divine Savior and St. Theodore and have them come spend time with the Chargers."

Strong in her faith, Zardus feels honored and blessed to be able to "serve God using drama to draw people closer to Him."

"There is nothing more satisfying than doing the work that God has called you to do," Zardus said. "Theater is a powerful tool for the New Evangelization because it opens hearts and allows people to feel God's love in a personal way."

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Couple celebrates 65th anniversary with road trip

How do you celebrate a 65th wedding anniversary?

For Nellie and Bob Vroman of Garden City, it was a cross-country trip with stops in at least five different states.

The couple exchanged wedding vows Sept. 4, 1948, at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Allen Park, and moved to Garden City in 1953. They have five children, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They're expecting their 10th great-grandchild in April.

They toured Wisconsin, where they visited their son, Chris, and his family which includes their new great-grandson, Lyle. They also toured Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming, where they took in Yellowstone National Park "before the president closed it," according to Nellie.

"We also were lucky to have toured Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse (Memorial) and left before Rapid City got 2 feet of snow," she said. "We also missed the flooding in Iowa."



The Vromans were married Sept. 4, 1948, in Allen Park. They moved to Garden City in 1953.

They also saw John Wayne's birthplace in Winterset, Iowa.

"He is Bob's favorite cowboy," Nellie said.

The Vromans also took along the *Garden City Observer* and posed for a Wish You Were

Here photo at Great Mississippi Rapids on their way back home.

"Our son Bob went along and did all the driving," Nellie said. "We all had a very enjoyable vacation."

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EVENTS OF INTEREST

CANTON NEWCOMERS
Date/Time: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7:15 p.m.
Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford in Canton.
Details: The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club are escaping the 23 degree/cloudy average January day to a warmer vibe for an adult evening of fun. The group hosts a Winter Warm Fest, with an agenda that includes socializing, winter-themed games with prizes, a giveaway for all attendees, a Tastefully Simple charity raffle to benefit the Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) and refreshments.
Contact: Request a complimentary January newsletter at www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org. RSVP to the meeting or direct meeting/club questions to Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or 734-981-0486.

STONEFLY SEARCH
Date/Time: Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.
Location: University of Michigan-Dearborn.
Details: Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who want to help look for stoneflies in the Rouge River. Searchers meet at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, then carpool in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams around metropolitan Detroit. Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are

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Contact: Volunteers must pre-register by Jan. 10 at www.therouge.org or by calling 313-792-9621.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30.
Location: 35300 Warren Road, Westland.
Details: The public is welcome to attend the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental Conservation's year-end general meeting. Topics will include environmental issues affecting Michigan and beyond.
Contact: For more information, call Lee Duffey at 734-722-1184.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY
Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 31, dinner specials start at 4 p.m.
Location: Four Friends Bar & Grill, 44282 Warren Road in Canton.
Details: Four Friends is hosting a New Year's Eve party that will feature a champagne toast cheering in the New

Year. There is no cover charge, but reservations are suggested. The dinner meal features surf and turf, top sirloin with lobster, shrimp scampi, filet and chicken oscar. Entertainment will be provided by Ded by DeZine. Four Friends, which opened in December 1999, now has its original chef back in the kitchen.
Contact: Call 734-416-0880 to make a reservation or for more information.

ART SHOW
Time/Date: Ongoing during library hours through Dec. 30.
Location: Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.
Details: The artwork of current and retired Livonia Public Schools art teachers will be on display. Visitors may browse the artwork in a variety of media, including photography, paintings, collages, ceramics and jewelry.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20.
Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile, Livonia.
Details: Northville Genealogical Society President Grace Wolfing will speak about "Unusual Websites." Stymied in your genealogical research? Don't know where to go beyond Ancestry, Family Search and the usual? Wolfing will present websites you might not know about, but are useful for research

into your ancestors.
Contact: For more information, email info@wwcgs.org.

LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Jan. 4.
Location: Garden City Civic Arena, in Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill, Garden City.

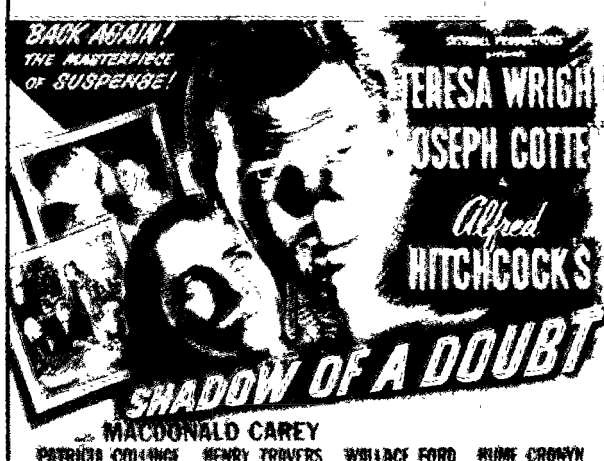
Details: The Garden City Hockey Association is offering an eight-week Learn To Play Hockey session. Youngsters need not know how to skate. Equipment is available to use with a refundable deposit of \$50, when the equipment is returned. A limited number of skates will be available. Skates also can be rented from the rink for \$2. All players must register with USA Hockey - for ages 7 and under, there is no cost, over age 7, a onetime fee of \$45. Register in the Parks and Recreation office at the ice arena from noon to 6 p.m. Monday-through Friday. Register online at www.league lineup.com/gcha.
Contact: For more information, contact Darlene Hennessy at 313-917-4173.

TRI COUNTY CELIAC SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.
Details: Tri County Celiac Support Group is holding a general meeting. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Dr. Steven

Fisher, clinical psychologist, will speak on "This is harder than I thought: Coping with the psychological aspects of eliminating gluten."
FINANCIAL PEACE
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sundays, beginning Jan. 12.

Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.
Details: The Warren Road Light and Life Church in partnership with Dave Ramsey is offering Financial Peace University, a nine-week class to bring peace to your finances. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more. The life-changing class is taught by Dave Ramsey and the FPU teaching team on video and coordinated by Josh Sprunger of Warren Road Light and Life Church. The class costs \$95 per family and can be paid through the website provided or through the coordinator Josh Sprunger. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 90 days of taking the class. The registration deadline is Jan. 5.
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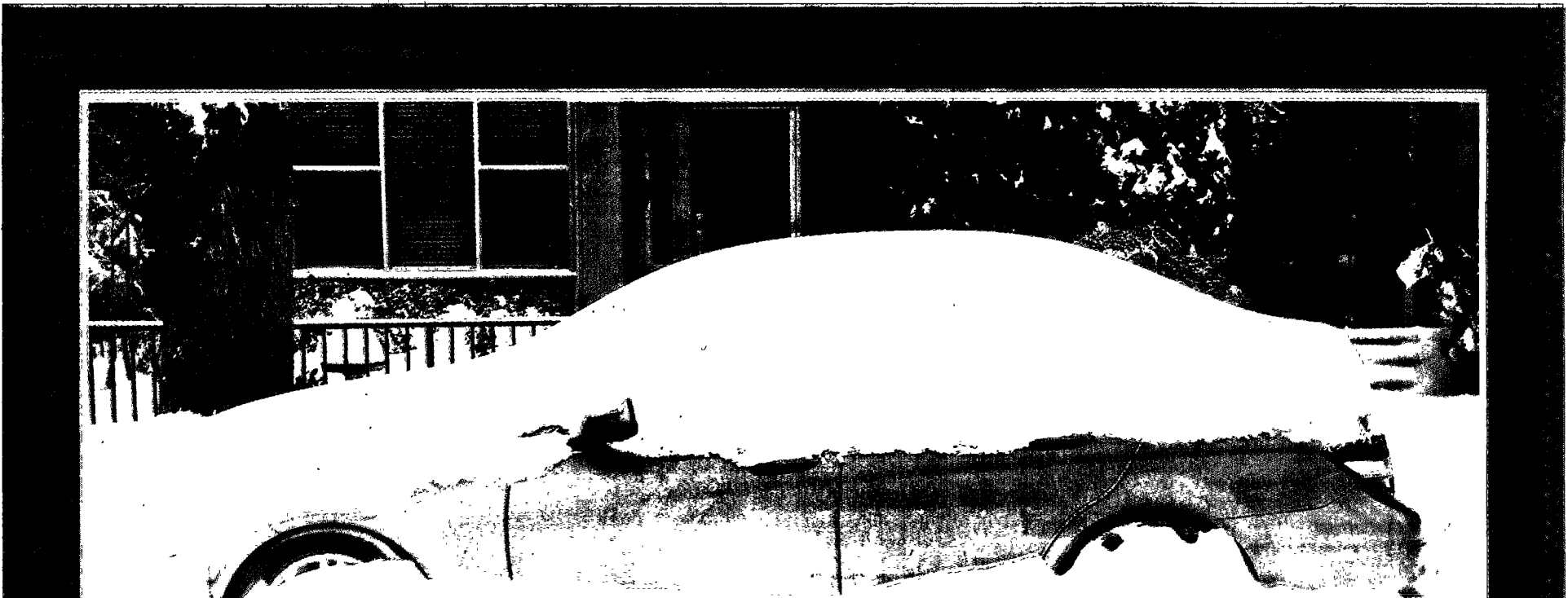
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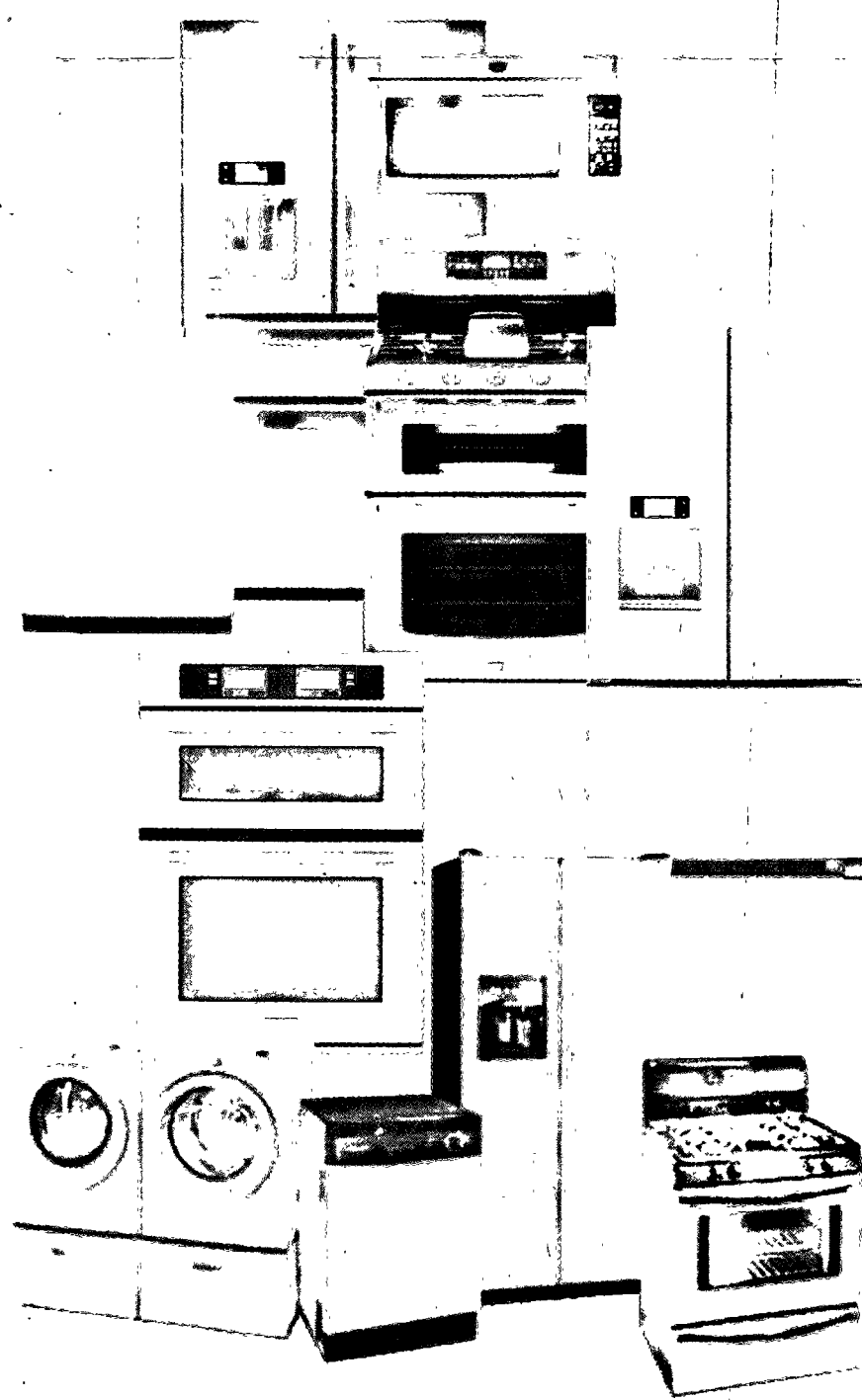
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SAD DAY AT SALEM

Coaching legend Thomann dies at 71

Mentor spent more than 40 years leading the Rocks

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fred Thomann, whose high school basketball coaching legacy far outstretched the gentle giant's 6-foot-8 frame, died Friday morning at the age of 71.

Well into his 42nd year as a basketball coach at Salem High School (his Rocks girls squad is off to a 4-1 start), Thomann complained of severe back pain the past several days, according to close friends. He died sometime Friday morning of cardiac arrest at Oakwood Hospital while undergoing a heart-related procedure.

Arrangements for Thomann are being handled by Vermeu-

len Funeral Home in Plymouth. The times and dates were pending as of Friday night.

Thomann is survived by a sister and a niece.

Salem freshman girls basketball coach Bill Mair knew Thomann as well as anybody after serving as a Salem assistant coach since 1999.

"Fred was very demanding of his players; he drove them hard, but I think that's one of the reasons he was so successful," said Mair, whose daughter Monica played for Thomann in the late 1990s. "He expected a lot from them and they didn't want to disappoint him."

It was Mair who delivered the sobering news to the current players' parents Friday morning.

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Longtime Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann died Friday morning at the age of 71. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gobles both go bowling

Plymouth brothers Ronnie and Tyler Goble are both participating in college football bowl games this month with their respective teams. Ronnie is a senior defensive end for Bowling Green (which lost Thursday 30-27 to Pitt at Ford Field in Detroit), while Tyler is a sophomore linebacker for Navy (which plays Monday against Middle Tennessee State in the Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas).

They are the sons of Ronald and Lisa Goble of Plymouth.

Crompton excels at EMU

Redford Thurston graduate Dylan Crompton is enjoying a banner sophomore season for the

Eastern Michigan University men's swimming and diving team.

A Division 2 state-qualifier for the Eagles during his senior season in 2010-11, Crompton has emerged as a reliable scorer for EMU in the freestyle events.

At the EMU Invitational held Dec. 6-7 in Ypsilanti, Crompton helped lead EMU to a first-place finish (1,140 points) by placing ninth in the 200-yard freestyle (1:45.57) and fourth the 800 freestyle relay, in which he teamed up with Grant Schwarz, Kyle Lichtenberg and Oded Ivry.

Crompton, who is pursuing a degree in international affairs, is the son of Todd and Karolynn Crompton of Redford. Crompton's brother Luke is currently a standout performer for Thurston swimming team.



Crompton

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

BATTLE OF THE BIRDS



Redford Thurston's Megan Abela drives to the basket during Friday afternoon's game against Livingston Christian. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

Eagles fall prey to Falcons in holiday hoops, 45-34

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Early in Friday afternoon's non-conference girls basketball game between host Redford Thurston and Livingston Christian, it appeared as if the incredibly inexperienced Eagles had finally found a team they matched up well against.

While jumping out to a 7-0 lead in the opening three minutes, the freshmen-heavy Eagles looked poised, polished and ready to pounce on their first victory of the campaign.

However, the Falcons used a decided advantage in rebounding to escape the Thurston gymnasium with a 45-34 victory.

The setback dropped the Eagles to 0-6.

Led by Morgan Pannio's 24 boards, the Falcons outrebounded the Eagles 52-36. Not surprisingly, many of the winners' points were the result of offensive put-backs.

Thurston was paced by freshman guard Megan Abela, who registered 13 points and four steals.

Fellow freshmen Jillian Drake and Syd-

ney Taylor contributed seven and six points, respectively.

Livingston Christian's Kersten Lambert led all scorers with 16 points. Nicole Jusino chipped in with 10.

Thanks to five quick points from Drake, the Eagles sprinted to a 7-0 edge before the Falcons found their footing and closed the quarter on a 6-0 spurt.

Plagued by 12 second-quarter turnovers, the Eagles trailed at the half, 17-15.

The Falcons stuffed their advantage to 31-21 late in the third quarter, before Thurston stormed back to within 31-28 with 6:40 left on an old-fashioned three-point play by Abela, who was fouled while finishing a fast-break layup.

Thurston would get no closer, however, as the Falcons put the icing on the win with a 14-6 run.

Both teams struggled with their shooting touches. The Falcons found net on just 18-of-73 field-goal attempts, while the Eagles made 16-of-73 shots. Livingston sank 6-of-13 free throws; Thurston was just 1-of-5 from the stripe.

Kiette Moore led the Eagles with 12 rebounds.

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Redford Thurston's Allison Bradley goes up for a rebound during Friday afternoon's game against Livingston Christian.

GC Arena's Sticks & Pucks

The Garden City Ice Arena's popular Sticks & Pucks program will be offered throughout the holiday break, with the exception of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, when the rink is closed.

All ages and skill levels are welcomed to the 90-minute sessions, which will be offered 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday next week and 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday.

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Saddlelites shoot down Garden City, 65-30

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Too many turnovers and too much Warren Regina did in Garden City's girls basketball team Friday afternoon in the first round of a holiday tournament hosted by Southgate Anderson High School. Powered by the one-two punch of Emily Davis (17 points) and Erin Nelson (13), the Saddlelites rolled to a 65-30 victory. The loss dropped the Cougars to 4-3. Regina improved to 5-1.

"We turned the ball over 25 times, which is way too many times if you want to win at the varsity level," Garden City coach Michele Tyree said. "Regina is a very disciplined team

and we gave up way too many offensive rebounds to them." The Cougars were paced by junior Abby Joseph, who netted eight points and 13 rebounds. Sophomore Lindsey Michalak played well, notching seven points and 12 boards. Rachel Spellman scored five points for GC, which was set to take on River Rouge in a Saturday afternoon consolation contest. The Cougars made 8-of-14 free throws. Regina was 6-of-7 from the line. Regina led 14-9 after one quarter and 30-14 at the half.

Rockets defused
R'Mani Garrard's 18 points were not enough Thursday as Westland

John Glenn (0-5) fell to West Bloomfield (3-3) in the Falcon Classic at Rochester High School. Glenn led 8-2 after one quarter and trailed by one, 16-15, at halftime before the Lakers took control with a 16-7 third-quarter run. Bazia Dinkins paced West Bloomfield with 12 points. "We probably missed 18 layups in the first half," said Glenn first-year coach Derrick Jordan, who dressed only six players, but welcomed the return of senior point guard Kaira Barnes, who made her season debut after suffering a knee injury last year. Glenn was 11-of-19 from the foul line, while West Bloomfield was 7-of-17.



Redford Thurston's Esti Gajda has performed well early in the season. ED WRIGHT

Thurston swimmers enjoy active pre-holiday stretch

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Members of the Redford Thurston boys swimming team were as busy as checkout clerks at Kohl's during the days leading up to Christmas. In the span of a week, the Eagles competed in a pair of dual meets in addition to the Woodhaven Warriors Invitational - and they more than met head coach Tom Giummo's expectations. "I thought the boys swam well," Giummo said. "That's a lot of time, in a short period of time, but they did well." Among the many highlights for the Eagles was the dominating perfor-

mance of senior captain Luke Crompton, who has yet to be beaten in a race this season. Crompton ventured outside of his comfort zone Dec. 19 during the Eagles' 98-63 loss to Belleville, when he won the 500-yard freestyle with a Division 2 state-qualifying time of 5:00.78. Seconds later, he pushed himself out of the water and joined three of his teammates in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Thurston placed sixth in the seven-team competition in Woodhaven. "Considering we only had nine kids and all the other teams had at least 25, I thought we did OK,"

Giummo said. Crompton won the 200 individual medley in 2:05.13 before touching first in the 100 breast-stroke in 1:04.8. Thurston's 400 freestyle relay quartet of Esti Gajda, Nick Dowden, Tajmahal Robinson and Crompton placed fourth in 3:50.28, almost 15 seconds faster than its previous best time. Among the Eagles' standouts in their 95-73 loss Dec. 17 to Westland John Glenn were Gajda (second in the 200 freestyle), Dowden (second in the 100 freestyle) and Robinson (first in the 100 backstroke in 1:03.92).


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<p>BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 3 Peterson Academy at HVL, 1 p.m. W.L. Central at Churchill, 7 p.m. Wayne at Pinckney, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Edsel Ford, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 3 Clarenceville at Edsel Ford, 6 p.m. Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 6 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.</p> <p>PREP HOCKEY Friday, Jan. 3 Churchill vs. Northville at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, Jan. 4 Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.</p> <p>PREP WRESTLING Saturday, Jan. 4 Wyandotte Tournament, 9 a.m. L'Anse Creuse Invitational, 9 a.m. Novi Detroit CC Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Clarenceville Team Tourney, 9:30 a.m. Lakeland Tournament, 10 a.m.</p> <p>BOYS SWIMMING Saturday, Jan. 4 Salem Invitational, noon.</p>	<p>PREP BOWLING Saturday, Jan. 4 Ladywood Holiday Tourney at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Jan. 4 Allen Park Invitational, 10 a.m.</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Saturday, Jan. 4 Delta at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Monday, Dec. 30 Madonna at U-D Mercy, 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 Delta at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Madonna at Siena Heights, 5:30 p.m.</p>
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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Pats can't stall Edsel Ford in holiday tourney

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If only Livonia Franklin could take back the final eight minutes and 50 seconds.

The host Patriots led late in the third quarter, only to have Dearborn Edsel Ford go on a 14-0 run and secure a 54-47 win in Friday's opening round of the Franklin Holiday boys basketball tournament.

Franklin, which fell to 1-4 overall, had the tempo going its way for most of three quarters and led 34-32 with 1:10 left in the third after Dante Ufferman made a pair of free throws.

But then the bottom fell out for Franklin.

"Key turnovers, couple of defensive breakdowns and we didn't execute versus their scramble defense very well at the end," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said.

The Thunderbirds (4-2) pulled even at 34-34 after three quarters when Chad Gailliard (15 points) nailed a pair of free throws with 57 seconds left.

Edsel Ford then scored 16 of the game's next 18 points to take control.

"Our pressure got to



Franklin's Charles Keith (right) fights for the rebound against Edsel Ford's Donovan Farrell. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

them and our traps resulted in easy baskets the other way. I'm proud of the way the kids responded," Edsel Ford coach Ibrahim Beydoun said. "Those easy baskets helped us get the lead and once we get the lead, we're a different team than when we're trailing."

Franklin committed just seven first-half turn-

overs and led 27-22. "That's our tempo," Rheault said. "We were playing the way we wanted to. We had them slowed down. I don't mind the shots that they were hitting in the first half. I didn't mind even through the third quarter."

But the Patriots couldn't stand prosperity and coughed up the ball

11 times in the second half.

"We wore them down," said Beydoun, who also got 11 points from junior Donovan Farrell. "We're a little deeper than them, a little bit longer and a little more athletic. Those turnovers resulted in some easy baskets for us. And once we got the lead, we weren't going to relinquish it."

Senior guard Adam Monroe had a nice game for the Patriots scoring a game-high 19 points.

Franklin also got eight points from sophomore guard Joe Chinavare.

The Patriots made 14-of-17 free throws, but only 15-of-45 shots from the floor (33 percent).

"I know we've improved," Rheault said. "I thought Adam Monroe played a real good game. He played real hard. I saw a couple of other players that have improved. And that's going to help us, so we're going to try and turn this around and get a win tomorrow."

Franklin played Dearborn Heights Crestwood in Saturday's consolation game, while Salem took on Edsel Ford in the championship final.



Franklin's Adam Monroe (No. 4) takes the ball into the teeth of the Edsel Ford defense.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Rolling Rocks run past Crestwood, 82-66

Salem overcomes 24 turnovers in triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Bob Brodie said he could live with the 24 turnovers.

The Salem boys basketball coach can also live with an 82-66 win over previously unbeaten Dearborn Heights Crestwood in Friday's opening round of the Livonia Franklin Holiday Tournament.

"That's OK, in that type of game," said Brodie, whose team improved to 3-2 overall. "I'm pretty happy. That's what I first told the kids: 'You didn't turn the ball over as much as I thought you would have.' When you're playing at that speed and scoring that many points and you're taking chances, it's going to happen."

Salem and Crestwood (4-1) went up and down the floor with reckless abandon at a rapid rate.

And the Rocks were able to offset senior guard Billy Abduljami's game-high 32 points with a more balanced scoring attack.

Senior Brady Cole and junior Allante Wheeler each tallied 15 points, while junior Tyler Brooks and senior Connor Cole chipped in with 14 and 11, respectively. Alec Winfrey added nine.

Salem jumped out to an 18-11 first-quarter advantage and led 34-25 at halftime thanks to Connor Cole's rebound basket with 20 seconds left.

In the third quarter, the Rocks opened up a 17-point lead, 53-36, on a basket by Brooks with 3:03 left.

Salem outscored Crestwood 22-20 in the third by hitting 10-of-14 shots from the floor.

The Chargers, who also got 15 points from Ricky Rojas, never got closer than seven the rest of the way.

"We play a fast-paced game and so does Crestwood," Brodie said. "The key to the game was we answered the bell. Anytime they scored and hit a three, we were right on the other end scoring a layup. That kind of breaks a team's back after a while because they think they're going to get a run on



Salem's Jon Swift is blocked by Crestwood's Justin Deese (No. 33).

you, but we just didn't allow them to get that run."

Brooks, a 6-foot-4 center, was an unsung hero. He seemed to be in the right place at the right time anytime Salem needed a put-back.

"Brooks had a very nice game," Brodie said. "He finally came into his own. He's a good player for us. He's been struggling of late. He's been solid and steady, but he kind of had breakout game tonight. And I'm very happy with that."

The Rocks were outstanding from the floor, making 34-of-57 shots (59.6 percent).

But there's always the turnovers to consider.

"I think we have to take care of the basketball better and not give up so many points," said Brodie, whose team met Dearborn Edsel Ford in Saturday's championship game. "But again, at that break-neck speed we're playing at right now, it's kind of hard. Can we slow these guys down? But that's not our forte right now. What we got to work on is making sure when teams do stop us, we have to run our half-court offense and we're going to be more stable."

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Salem's Tyler Brooks goes in for two against Crestwood's Ricky Rojas (No. 5). PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Muskegon zips past John Glenn

Jovan King tallied 19 points and Michigan State recruit Deyonta Davis added 19, leading state-ranked Muskegon to a 65-50 boys basketball win Friday night over Westland John Glenn in the Meijer Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame Classic at Reeths-Puffer High School.

Glenn, which trailed 32-17 at halftime and 52-31 after three quarters, got a game-high 21 points from Mychael Bradley, while DeAngelo Kirskey added 13.

The loss drops the Rockets to 2-3 overall, while Muskegon improves to 2-0 overall.

Glenn played Lansing Eastern on Saturday in the second day of the Meijer Hall of Fame Classic.

Trojans derailed

The one-two punch of Andrew Meacham and Nathan Kellum proved to be too much Friday as the host Mustangs (3-2) handed Livonia Clarenceville (4-1) its first defeat of the season in the opening round of the Northville Holiday Tournament.

Meacham, a 6-foot-9 senior, led the way with 20 points, while the 6-7 Kellum added 11.

Northville raced out to a 32-15 halftime lead thanks to six 3-pointers.

"We got lazy on defense and got pounded on the boards the second half," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said. "We also had a horrible shooting night."

Kimani Dooley and Jermell Johnson each tallied 11 points for the Trojans, who went only 3-of-12 from the foul line.

Clarenceville faced Saline in the consolation final Saturday, while host Northville faced Troy Athens for the title.

THOMANN

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"I'll tell you what, it was very hard making those calls; he was loved by a lot of people," Mair said. "I talked to him just before Christmas and he said his back was killing him, but other than that his spirits were good. This is so sudden. It's so sad."

Mair said Thomann hinted at retirement occasionally, but his passion for hoops always won out.

"Back when (Alaya Mitchell) played at Salem, Fred told me that as soon as she graduated, he was probably going to step down," Mair said. "But then another group of players would come in and he'd say, 'As soon as such-and-such graduates, I'm done.'"

"Just recently, he told me there were three members of the same family coming up to Salem and he was going to coach until they went through."

Thomann won more than 700 games in his storied coaching career. He guided



Thomann

and saddened the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park basketball community.

"What made Fred such a great coach was his knowledge of the game and his incredible work ethic," Canton varsity girls basketball coach Brian Samulski said. "He put a

lot of time in the gym making his teams better."

"Fred had an impact on many people in many ways," Salem senior guard and co-captain Kayla Kavulich said. "He taught us to not only be better players, but to be better people."

"He taught us how to work hard, to never give up and to put the team first."

Kavulich added that the 2013-14 Salem squad "will continue on and work hard knowing he will be with us in spirit guiding us throughout the season."

Thomann was a pioneer of sorts in developing the area's girls AAU program. In the mid-1980s, he joined forces with then-Canton coach Bob Blohm to establish the Western Wayne Wolfpack, a developmental program that still flourishes today.

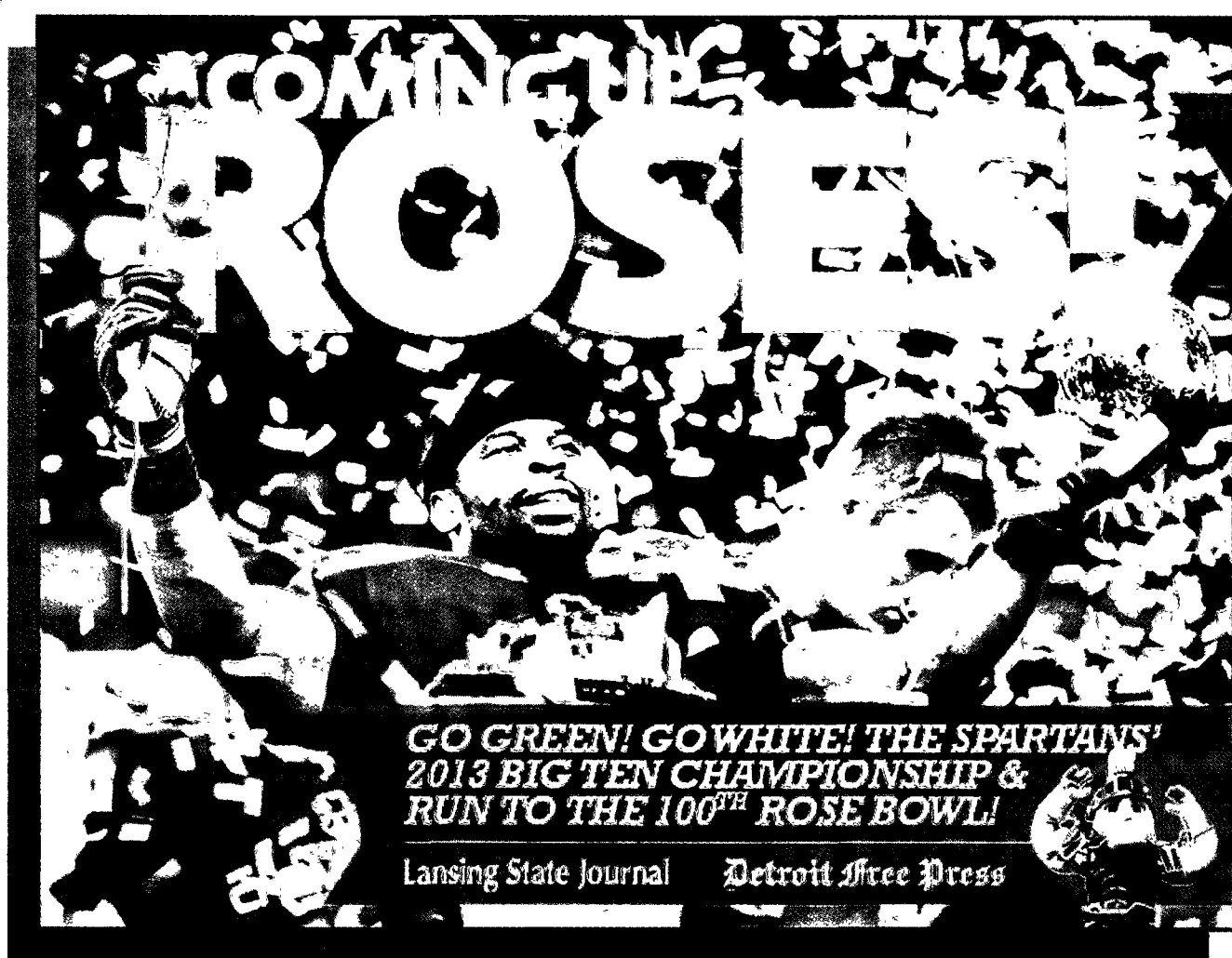
There will be a tribute to Thomann at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, before Salem's home game against Livonia Stevenson. All coaches, players and parents are invited to be part of the tribute.

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STRONG WOMEN, DOGS

Keep track of 2014 with calendar benefiting bully breed rescue

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

John Goci has been a life-long animal lover.

Even as a youngster in Kosovo, he once rescued a dog from a river after bullies threw it into the cold water.

"Sometimes you can't change the world, but you can help make a difference," explained Goci, a Westland resident, school board member and owner of US 12 Bar and Grill in Wayne.

He applied that same philosophy to a fundraiser he's leading for the Detroit Bully Corps, (DBC) an animal welfare organization that rescues and rehabilitates bully breed dogs, often from the streets of Detroit. Bully breeds include such dogs as the American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, boxer, rottweiler, bulldog and mastiff.

"The Bully Corps mission resonates with my own personal mission," said Goci, who decided to create and sell a 2014 calendar for the nonprofit. "I'd like to raise \$10,000 for them and once the calendar is printed, it will have a life of its own. We're going to build it and let the people decide."

Each page in the calendar, which is titled "Strong Women, Strong Dogs," shows a model with one or more bully breed dogs. Photojournalist Perry Rech of Ann Arbor came up with the theme and shot the photos at Ponyride, a warehouse-turned-business space in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood. The cover shot, featuring several DBC dogs and a model, will be photographed this week at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, giving a nod to the iconic Rosie the Riveter. Instead of holding a rivet gun in her



All proceeds from the "Strong Women, Strong Dogs" calendar will benefit Detroit Bully Corps.

hands, the model will carry a pit bull puppy. Rech of Palanimages.com, whose work has appeared in *National Geographic* and other publications, is donating his time to the project.

Benefiting bully breeds

Rech said the project took root after a model asked Goci if he'd be willing to sponsor a bikini competition. Goci considered creating a calendar

along with a contest, but wanted to benefit a local nonprofit. He chose DBC, which held a fundraiser at his bar the previous year.

"They get a bad rap, the bully breed," Goci said. "But there are bad people out there not taking care of their responsibilities as pet owners. We wanted to help these people (DBC) who are on a mission and help the stray dog problem."

Goci contacted Rech, who suggested dropping the bikini idea in favor of confident-looking women — reminiscent of classic pin up art — and bully breed dogs.

Goci held a competition for prospective calendar models every Thursday night for 12 weeks, including on Thanksgiving Day. A judging panel with representatives from



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Holidays kitchen stove story

A few days ago I checked the temperature in my home town of Timmins, Ont. and it was minus 32.8 degrees and just that fact alone flooded my brain with memories of growing up in that climate. I could see myself skating every day after school and what great hockey games we had in my own ice rink that my father made for us in my own back yard.

I said to my darling Valerie, "If I get through this recent surgery I am going to make some of those French Canadian meat pies, called Tourtiere." My mother gave me the recipe with her last breath the day she died years ago and my kids always ask me when I will make Grandma's famous meat pies. This has been and still is a French tradition since they landed in Quebec some 400 years ago. During the Christmas Holiday season through the New Year it is customary to visit family and friends and sit down for a beverage and a piece of meat pie. It was an all-day thing to make and cook these pies and I can still see my mom and dad working as a team while I and my brother Larry stayed out of their hair. This



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

... I can still see that big wood burning stove sitting there and so warm in the kitchen ...

same thing happened every year a few days before Christmas which is why I can still see that big wood burning stove sitting there and so warm in the kitchen, my dad had to open a window even when it was 30 to 45 below zero outside.

Wood stove

The kitchen range of today might not be able to handle the workload that our stove took on in those days. It was a big monstrous looking thing with a warming oven above four big black covers that you could remove with a steel handle that fit into a slot. You had a small door in front where you piled in the wood and the fire would leap under the top and heat the top and huge oven. On the side was a tank which con-

tained several gallons of water used for bathing, etc.

My parents would mix the special blend of meats and add the secret herbs and spices and cook this mixture on the stove top until the meat turned brown and then pour this into each pie plate one at a time. My mother never did give me her secret mixture for crust making and so it is best that I purchase the ready-made crust at the grocery store. Not nearly as good as my mom's but the meat is so good my family never complains.

Holiday tradition

They would spend all day preparing these meat pies and cooking them and I played a role in their safe-keeping. In the back section of our house was a little room which had to be entered by going outside. My mother would place the pies in the porch to cool down which didn't take very long and my job was to carry the pies to this little room and place them one on top of another. She had a bunch of cardboard squares to place between each pie and a small stepladder for me to make the pile high. You see, they used to

cook as many as 60 of these meat pies which were all consumed by the day after Near Years Day.

Oh, one thing I forgot to mention. On the front of the oven door was this big huge round dial that indicated the temperature inside the oven. I can't remember exactly but I think you regulated that temperature by adjusting the damper on the flue pipe leading to the outside. There was no running water, just a hand pump in the counter of the kitchen sink. No hot water heater or bathtub. There was a ton of love in that kitchen and also in mine the other day when Valerie and I made a total of 14 toutieres. You can hit the search thing in your computer and type in Joe Gagnon's French Tourtiere. My mother's recipe is printed right there thanks to Bob Allison's radio show.

Thanks for all the well wishes, I'm just fine thanks to modern medicine and I wish all of you a Happy Holiday and a Great New Year. Stay tuned.

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Stoneflies

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Heritage Park

Getting to Know the Pines and Eating the Trees workshops will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 and 3-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. The sessions are for ages 8 to adult. Participants will identify trees using a field guide, and then will explore the edible, medicinal, and utilitarian uses for a pine tree. They also will make a basic pine balm. Advance registration is required at recreg.fhgov.com or the Costick Center. The fee is \$35 per person. Participants should bring a lunch; all other materials will be provided.

Owl Prowl is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 and 17, 2014. Participants will take a guided night hike through the

park in search of owls and other nocturnal animals. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee is \$3 per person. Register in advance at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center. Participants also may pay at the door, space permitting.

The Junior Naturalist club meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. It's for ages 5-11 and is a "drop-off class." Topics are animal tracking, Jan. 12, 2014; owl prowling, Feb. 9, 2014; maple sugaring, March 9, 2014; signs of spring, April 13, 2014; beginning birding, May 11, 2014; and bug and wetland exploration, June 8, 2014. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class paid at the door. Register online at recreg.fhgov.com.

The nature center at the park offers classes for preschoolers Monday-Thursday mornings from Jan. 14-March 6, 2014. Each class offers a different nature theme each week and time outdoors if weather permits: Nature's Little Artists, for ages 1½-4, 10-11:30 a.m. Monday; Little Trekkers, ages 1-4, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; Young Explorers, ages 4-6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday. Pre-registration is required for Nature's Little Artists. The fee is \$56 for residents and \$66 for non-residents. Little Trekkers and Young Explorers Pre-school offer a drop-in fee of \$8 per class, paid at the door. Pre-register at a discounted rate also is available online at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center.

Heritage Park is located at 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills; 248-477-1135.

Group offers series on power of nonviolence

The Rev. Rich Peacock will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of Citizens for Peace, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

He'll recommend ways to overcome racism, materialism, and militarism.

The organization offers a workshop in building peaceful relationships, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at a private home in Livonia. Cost is \$45 and in-

cludes a vegetarian lunch. Call Rosemary Doyle at 248-476-0791 for more information.

The Citizens for Peace also will commemorate the "Season for Nonviolence" with a three-part series on understanding the power of nonviolence as described in Michael Nagler's book, *The Search for a Nonviolent Future: A Promise of Peace for Ourselves, Our Families, and Our World*. Each session will include discussion, and viewing short videos or YouTube

segments about Nagler's book. The first part, "Understanding the Basics" will be held Feb. 13, 2014. "The Myth and Power of Nonviolence is set for March 13, 2014 and "A Clear Picture of Peace and Compassion" rounds out the series on April 10, 2014. Sessions will run 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

The Season for Nonviolence was co-founded by the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

and The Association for Global New Thought, which focuses attention on the philosophy of attaining peace through nonviolent action as demonstrated by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. It was launched in 1998.

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CALENDAR

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DBC, chose one winner each week. Sponsors kicked in weekly \$100 cash prizes, as well as a vacation trip to Hawaii for the grand prize winner, who will be featured on the cover.

Although recent snow and ice storms delayed

some photography sessions, Goci and Rech say the calendar will be in print early next month. Goci has taken some orders online at us12barandgrill.com and will have hard copies available at his establishment.

"The calendar is shaping up to be something classy and unique ... I think this is going to be a one-of-a-kind," Goci said.

About DBC

The calendar also will include information about bully breeds and the DBC's work in metro Detroit.

"The foundation of our mission is education, whether it's education about breed-specific legislation, spay and neuter, proper nutrition, dog handling, obedience or the dog-fighting cul-

ture," said Michelle Spranger, a DBC board member and a Southfield resident.

Bill and Missi Bellotie, who founded DBC in 2011, ran a dog rescue in Texas before moving to Michigan to be closer to family. They lived in Oak Park and leased a kennel in Ann Arbor for the rescued dogs, which are socialized and trained in obedience before being offered for adoption. The couple and the organization's 41 rescued dogs recently moved to a home in Lapeer that has living quarters for the Bellotties and the dogs. The pack includes pit bull puppies that DBC rescued after volunteers

saw a posting on Craigslist for the dogs, that were just 18 hours old.

Spranger began volunteering with DBC last year when the organization took on two starving pit bull terriers from a home in Sterling Heights. One of the dogs died, but the other, named Shiner, survived and now lives with the Bellotties.

"He has his Canine Good Citizenship. We've taken him to tons of events to show that with proper handling and care (pit bulls) can be a great dog," she said. "He's a great ambassador for Detroit Bully Corps."

For more information about DBC visit DBCdogs.org.

Thrift stores stay open late New Year's Eve

The Salvation Army's thrift stores will be open until midnight, Tuesday, Dec. 31, to accept last-minute 2013 tax contributions.

Proceeds from the stores fund the Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), which offers a short-term, self-help residential program for adult substance abusers.

The stores accept gently-used clothing, linens, home goods, toys, furniture and more. With drive-up, drop off sites, supporters don't need to leave their cars.

As part of the annual New Year's Day Sale, all 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations will offer half off prices on clothing, as well as hourly spot sales in several departments, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Local stores are located at 33600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573; 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, 734-261-7175; 27170 Grand River Ave., Redford, 313-255-0777; and 43403 Joy Road, Canton, 734-416-1925.

For more information visit salarmythrift.com or call 313-965-7760.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of **LAKEHILLS DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** to be located in the City as follows:

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That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project, which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:	\$ 220,500
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	80.77%
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT:	\$ 178,100
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 12,454.55

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

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- 22-23-01-278-003 - 007

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 13th of January, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., to hear and consider any comments in opposition or in favor of said improvement.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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Images in the "Strong Women, Strong Dogs" calendar give a nod to classic pin up art of the 1940s and 50s.

Five generations



Great-great-grandma Eileen Johnson (left) of Royal Oak, great-grandma Marie Novak of Farmington Hills, grandma Natalie Shields of Livonia gather to celebrate the birth of Zoe Mazzacco, held by her mother, Nicolette Shields of Livonia. The family posed for the photo in August at Novak's home.

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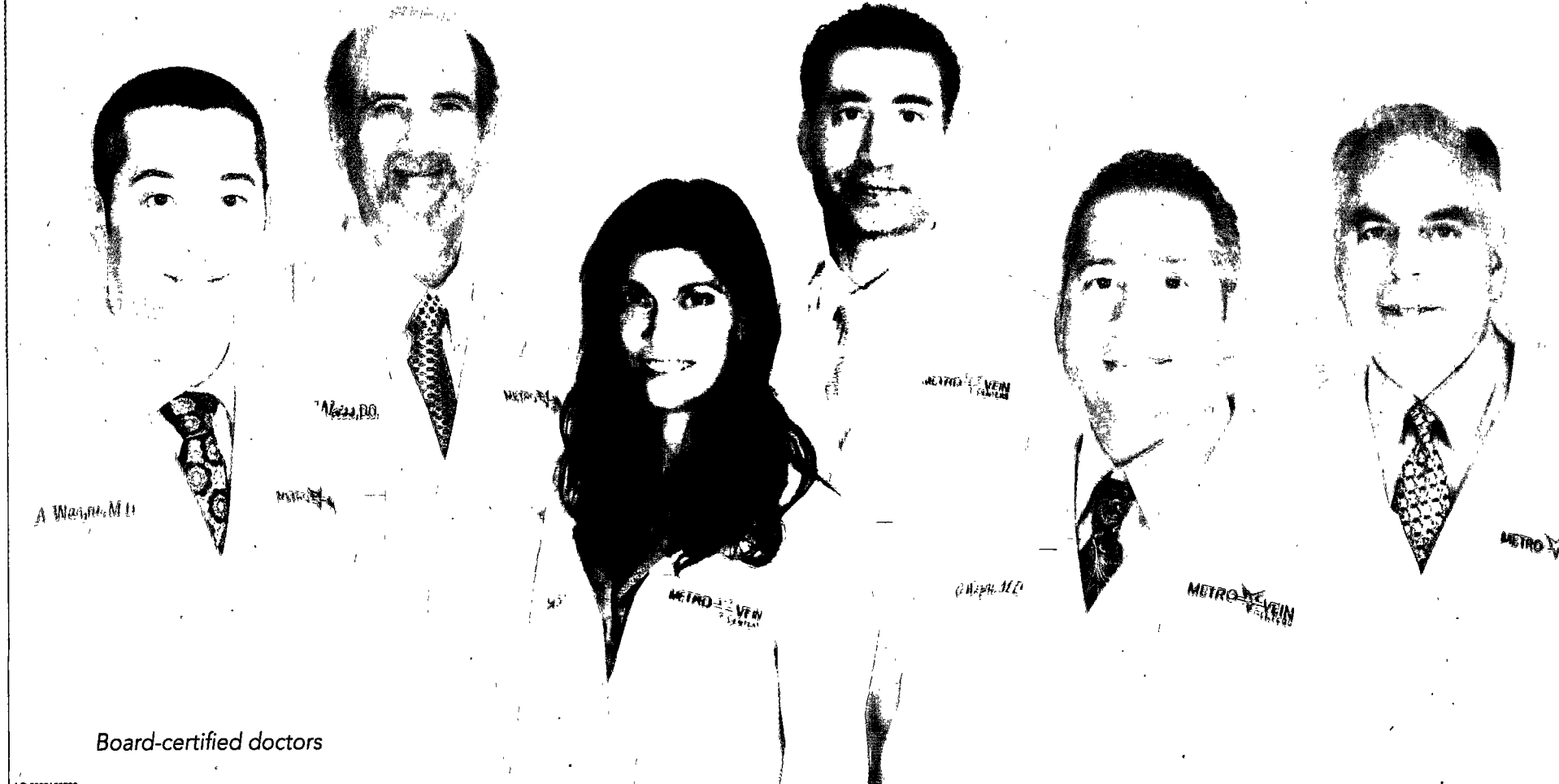
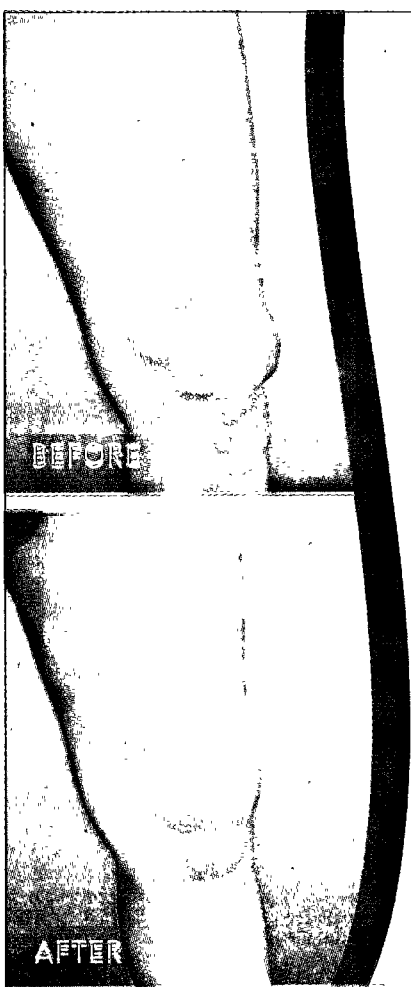
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Fruits in cocktails may help your smile

Sports drinks, energy drinks and those must-have morning coffees all have one thing in common — they typically contain an abundance of sugar or sugar-alternatives that are harmful to the health of those pearly whites. Another beverage, with ingredients that can wreak havoc on your smile, is always the life of the party — the cocktail.

But cocktails that are infused with wholesome ingredients, such as fruits and vegetables, may improve immunity and offer a tasty tonic for teeth.

"Selecting healthy, natural superfoods with specific functions improves the ability of our body to create that beautiful smile we all desire," said Dr. Ken Banks, a cosmetic dentist and contributor to an online recipe collection offered by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD).

The Academy partnered with professional mixologists, Ira Koplowitz and Nick Kosevich, owners of Bittercube, to create "Raising the Bar on Healthy Smiles." The collection of original, curative cocktail recipes benefits smiles while offering a unique twist to entertaining.

"There are numerous accounts throughout history of monks, physicians and alchemists who were interested in distilled alcohol as a cure for ailments, so it makes sense that these great-tasting recipes could also have healthy benefits," Koplowitz said.

When creating drinks for your New Year's Eve party or another social gathering, adding these ingredients may benefit oral health:

FROM THE WILD

Recipe courtesy of Ira Koplowitz and Nick Kosevich, owners of Bittercube

2 strawberries, muddled
1 ½ ounces white rum
½ ounce cane syrup or simple syrup
¼ ounce fresh lime juice
1 dropper blackstrap bitters
3 ounces sparkling water
Strawberry slice and vertically-slit lime wedge as garnish
Cane Syrup:
1 cup hot water
1 cup evaporated cane juice

To make cane syrup: Bring water to a boil, remove from heat, add evaporated cane juice and whisk until combined.

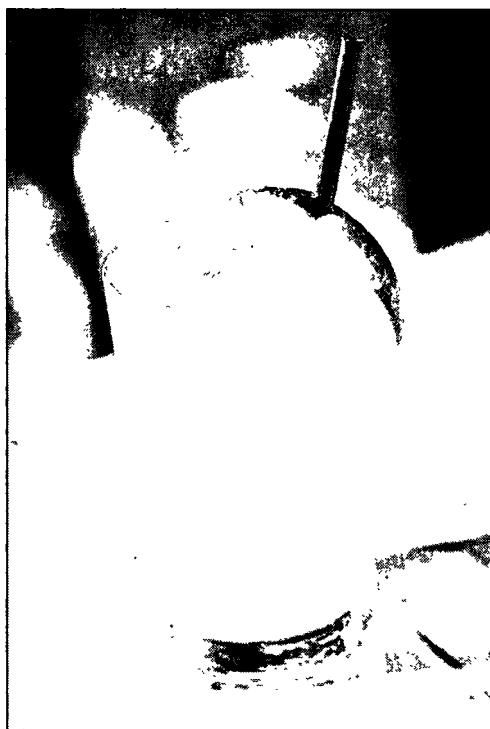
For cocktail: Muddle strawberries in mixing glass. Add remaining ingredients except sparkling water and lightly shake with ice. Double strain into tall glass over ice. Top with 3 ounces sparkling water, stir briefly.

» Strawberries: The malic acid in strawberries acts as a safe bleaching agent that rivals many expensive teeth whitening products.

» Pineapple: These flavorful fruits contain vitamin K and C, as well as other substances that promote healing. Eating pineapple generates a healing alkaline response in the mouth.

» Carrot juice: Essential for forming tooth enamel, carrot juice is loaded with vitamin A.

» Ginger: This spicy yet sweet root has anti-inflammatory properties, which sup-



From the Wild.

port healthy mouth tissue.

Try a refreshing drink recipe that uses healthy ingredients for a cheery cocktail that will make your guests smile big at your next gathering.

For more recipes to drink to your oral health, visit www.aacd.com/smilebar.

Courtesy of Family Features

Reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning

The Consumer Product Safety Commission offers these tips for reducing the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning while using fuel-burning appliances, such as portable generators:

» Operate portable generators outdoors and away from open doors, windows, and vents that could allow CO to come indoors.

» Have the heating system, including vents and inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.

» Examine vents and chimneys regularly for improper connections, visible cracks, rust or stains.

» Look for problems that could indicate improper appliance operations, such as decreased hot water supply; a furnace unable to heat house or runs continuously; soot on appliances and vents; an unfamiliar, or burning odor; and increased moisture inside of windows

» Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home. Every home should have a CO alarm in the hallway near the bedrooms in each separate sleeping area.

If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Leave the home and call for assistance from a neighbor's home. You could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning if you stay inside.

Get medical attention immediately and inform medical staff that CO poisoning is suspected.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Jan. 16, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Giving blood takes approximately one hour. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be 17 or older. To make an appointment, call 248-473-1800 or register online at www.redcrossblood.org. Enter the sponsor code costickcenter and follow the instructions to set up an appointment time.

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, 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.

Hearing Loss Association of America

Brent Lucas, from Envoy Medical, will present on the Esteem, the only implanted hearing aid, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, in Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afe-rack@comcast.net.

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer

aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.



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

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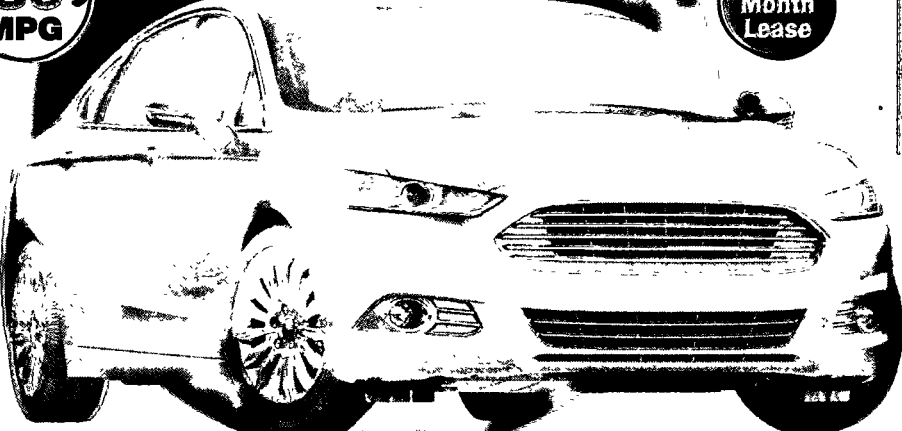
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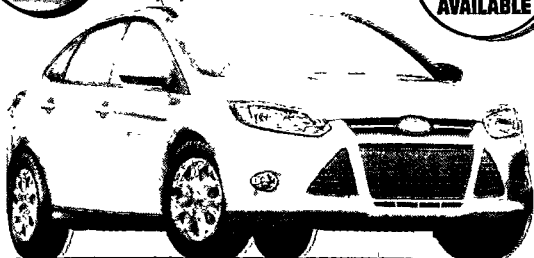
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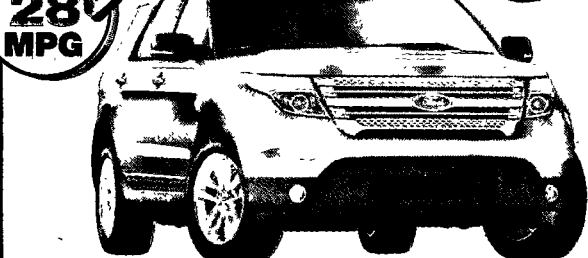
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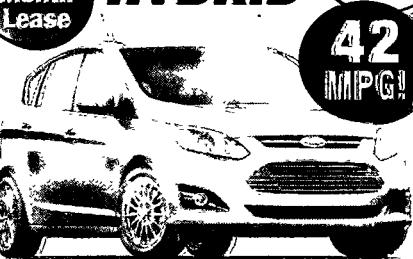
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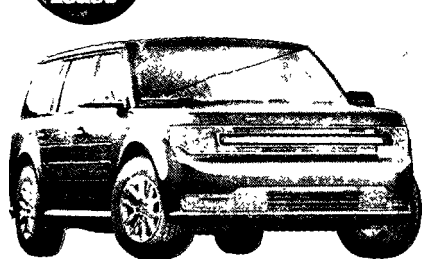
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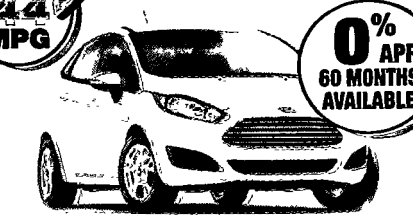
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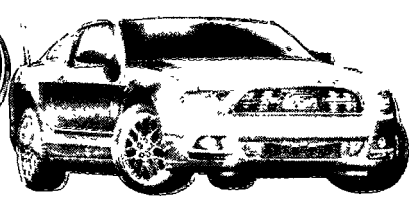
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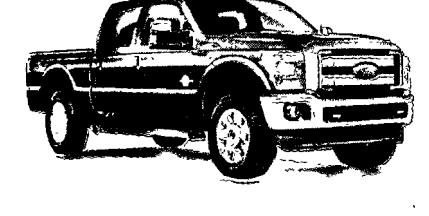
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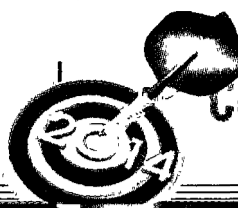


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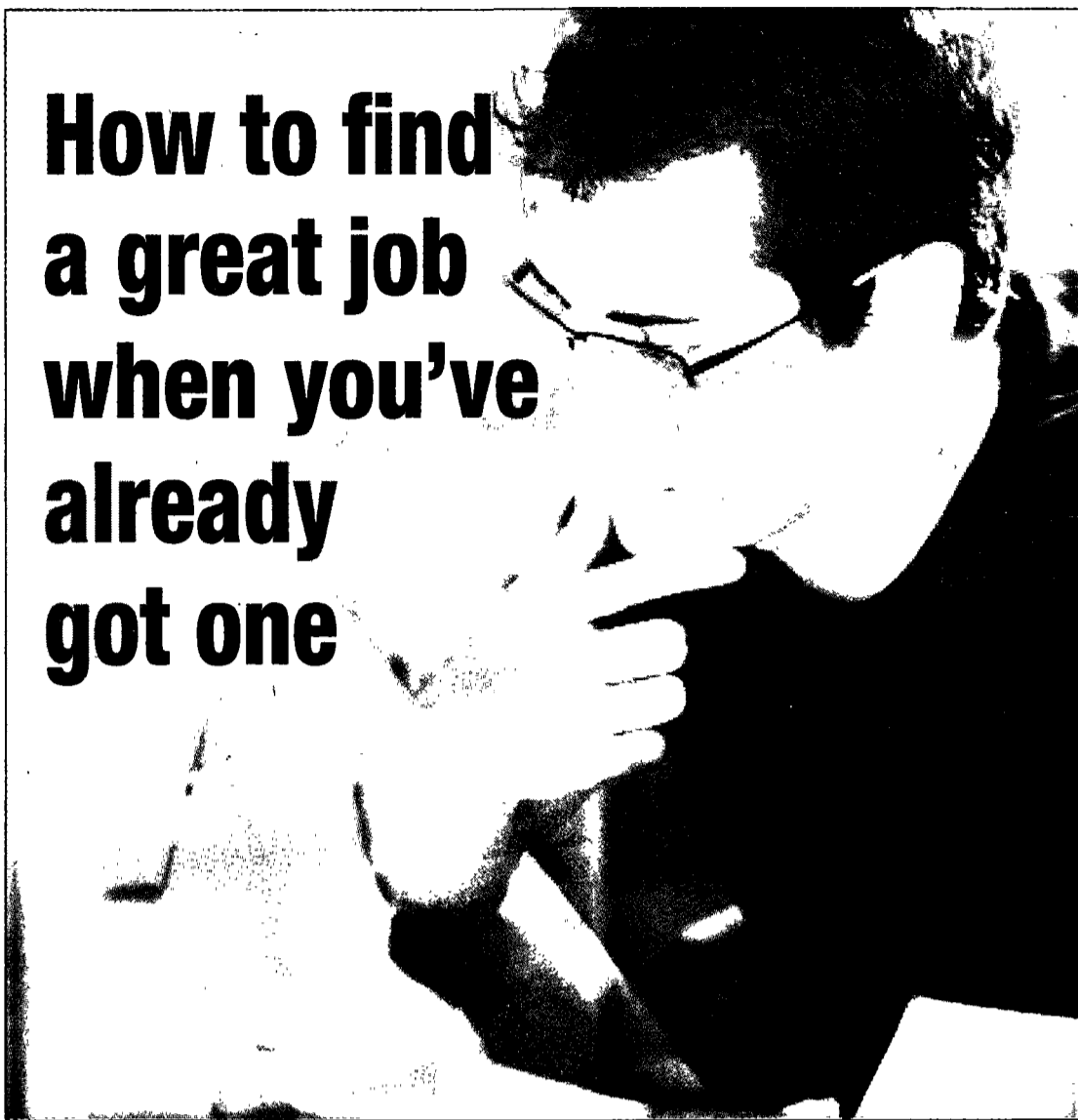


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How to find a great job when you've already got one



By Susan Ricker
CareerBuilder Writer

You know you're lucky that you have a great job already, but you still can't resist looking elsewhere. Maybe you'd like a better paycheck, perhaps your current role isn't enough of a challenge for you or possibly you're just interested in doing something new.

No matter your reason, it's essential that you plan carefully if you are interested in leaving a secure job. By exploring your reasons for making a switch, making informed decisions and organizing a confidential job search, you can make the transition from one great job to another.

Explore why you may want to switch

People consider leaving their jobs all the time, but it's different to actively start the process. First things first: Explore why you want to switch jobs. "Plan," says Mary Elizabeth Bradford, résumé writer and career director. "Do your soul searching, write down your driving motivators -- the things you must have ... to feel the move was justified, such as a minimum salary figure, staying in a geographical area or getting out of an industry. Create a clear target and a plan to get there. Match up your skills and strengths

[that are] transferable into your job of choice."

If this initial research period inspires you, take the next steps in transitioning your career. Quantify your career accomplishments and make a list of your business contacts and those who would vouch for you.

Take the job out for a test drive

If you're looking for different responsibilities or are interested in changing industries, take a trial period before committing.

"Instead of giving your two-week notice and hoping it pans out, focus on trying out the new

career," says Ramon Santillan, chief interview consultant and founder of Persuasive Interview in Houston. "You can do this by volunteering, talking to people who have been in the field you want to be a part of or joining professional organizations. Aside from helping you decide if this is the path you want to take, meeting these people will help you get your foot in the door, since they will probably know about any openings at their current companies.

"Volunteering or doing small projects in the new field will also build your case with potential employers that you are serious about this career move and can be used as experience when trying to get a job. Someone who is willing to take the time to learn a new field will be seen as being serious enough about a career move. This can be particularly useful when explaining to the hiring manager why you want to change careers."



Search carefully

Once you've decided to move forward with looking for a new job, be sure that you're still protecting your old one. "Any time you are in a job search, there is some level of risk that you must incur," Bradford says. "You can minimize the risk by sharing [that] your search is confidential with key decision makers, not listing [that] you are looking for a position on your LinkedIn profile or posting your résumé to job boards. Also, if you speak with recruiters, don't just send your résumé to a recruiting firm but call them first and ask to speak

with the person in charge of your industry [or] discipline. Share that your search is confidential before you send them your résumé. They should agree that they will not forward your information without first telling you."

Treat past and future employers with consideration

If you've found a career you're interested in pursuing and score an interview, remember to be diplomatic. "The interview portion should focus on why you got interested in the field, the steps you took to learn about the field, the people you met and the types of questions you asked them, the volunteer or work on the side you have done, and how your previous experience at your last job will make you successful at this new one," Santillan says. "Also make sure to ask questions during the interview about how the hiring manager got into the field and what the biggest challenges they face are.

By this step, you should have already made up your mind if you want to pursue that new career or job, but it never hurts to confirm."

When meeting with both your past employer and your potential future employer, be respectful of both times in your career. When explaining why you want to make this switch, Bradford offers this answer: "Although I have enjoyed much challenge and success in my current role, my passion lies in [blank] and I decided that I would focus my sights on transitioning."

As the economy continues to improve and more jobs become available, switching careers will become more common. However, it's essential to think through your steps and remain respectful of employers in order to ensure a successful next step in your career.

Susan Ricker is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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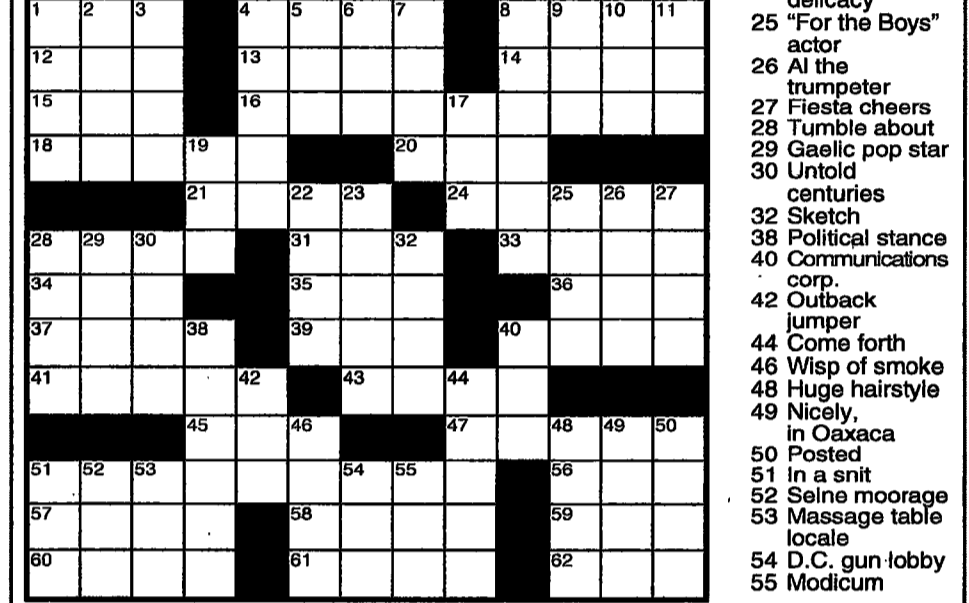


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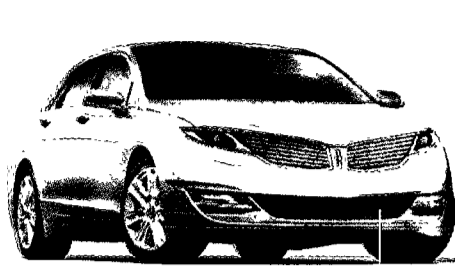
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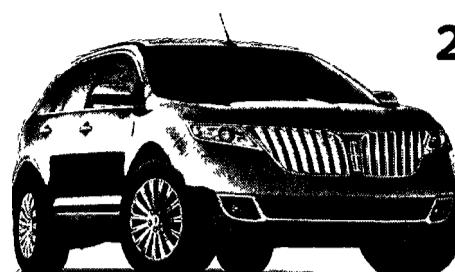
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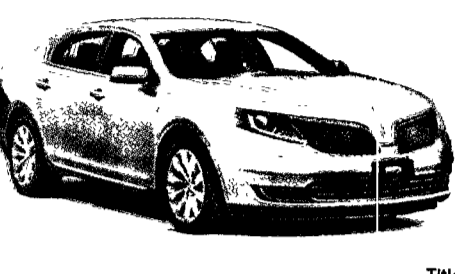
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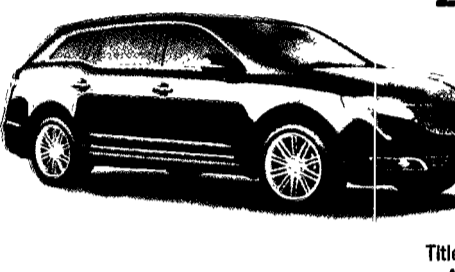
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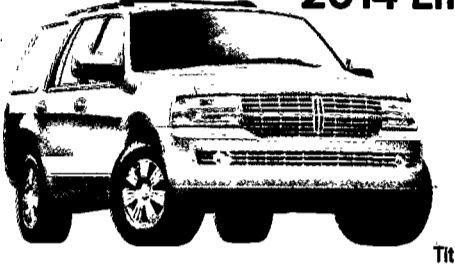
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