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Growth Works may feel pinch

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County's budget woes could hurt youth program

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Growth Works, with youth assistance and drug programs to help troubled teens in Plymouth and Canton, could lose nearly 80 percent of its funding because of Wayne

Executive Director Dale Yagiela said Growth Works will most likely have to pull out of a public-private partnership designed to rehabilitate teens convicted of felony crimes in Wayne County because of cuts

that will total \$1.2 trillion of the next three years.
Western Wayne Lave
Management Organization, which is operated by Growni Works, is one of five care men agement organizations which Services to help rehabilitate youths who get in trouble with the law.

The CMOs are responsible for placing teens in a community or residential reliabilitation; program to change lichaviors; improve academics; as well as

resolve drug, alethot and family issues. But at \$110 a day, a cut by Wayne County of \$31 Sagiela said the programmast is it pay-

ing for itself. We lost \$110,000 last month on the CMO operation under the new county contract. Yagiela said. "We're probably going to look at terminating the CMO services of we continue to ose month-to-month.

"I don't want to do that I want to have the problem solved," said Yagiela "It"s further evidence there are problems with the delivery system that need to get fixed

Chief Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mary Beth Kelly

told state and county officials the five-year program, which is in its second year, could be terminated. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, in Canton Township this week, said county officials have met with the judge.

"She had some concerns about the psychiatric assessment in the program, that it wasn't adequate," said Ficano. "I think we've reassured her that is not the case.

"I don't anticipate the status of the program changing," he said. "Is it going to be done with less money? Yes. Like everything else in government in these lean economic times,

there's less money to go around."

Yagiela said the nearly \$13 million generated annually by the CMO program is about 80 percent of Growth Works' rev-

"Care management, by far, is were we spend the most money and has the most resources," said Yagiela.

The program employs about 60 case workers to serve 300 youths. "I may have to stop serving kids in the first part of next year because it's bankrupting the organization," he said.

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The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 10, when we'll turn them over to the good folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute

people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

When you bring your donations to the office we'll ask you to leave your name and hometown, so we can recognize your generosity in the paper. Of course, you're perfectly able to remain anonymous if you prefer.

For more information, give us a call at (734) 459-2700. Happy holidays, and please keep our Cheer Club in mind!

Classic fairy tale

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella comes to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill the weekend of Dec. 2. The presentation from the Canton Youth Theater is geared for audiences of all ages. For more information, call the theater box office at (734) 394-5460.

contract with the Wayne County Department of Family County's budget problems.

Working out the kinks

Physical therapy clinic offers one-on-one rehab

> BY KURT KUBAN STUFF WRITER

Greg Barterian knows how an injury can sidetrack a person's life.

Whether it be a senior citizen suffering from chronic back pain or a young athlete that has sustained a serious sports injury, Barterian has seen how difficult it can be for such people to lead normal lives. As clinic director of Physiotherapy Associates in Canton, his goal is to make sure his patients get specialized rehabilitation treatment, so they can get back to normal as soon as possible

54 550 day Bowl, he Say of 2003, no has steadibecause building a patient base. He believes the reason is the clinic offers personalized service, meaning patients come in for about an hour and work exclusively with one therapist, rather than rotate with several, which he says happens at a lot of other clinics in the area.

"The most important advantage is our patients are seen by a licensed therapist oneon-one," said Barterian, who lives in Plymouth Township. "Our goal is to see eight to 10 people a day per therapist. I've worked for places where therapists see that many people in an

PLEASE SEE CLINIC, A3



Physiotherapy Associates therapist Paul Carlesimo offers patient Anne Wampler guidance about rehabilitating her lower back.

River enthusiasts decry damage done to Rouge in Cherry Hi

Pat Boley, a volunteer with Friends of the Power, stands now the Rouge River in Cherry Hill Village. She is angry that a developer cut down

STAFF WRITER

The Rouge River isn't a very imposing stream as it weaves through all the new development that has transformed Cherry Hill Village from a sleepy little farm town to a thriving, modern community that is starting to bulge at the seams.

In some places along Cherry Hill Road, the river looks like a ditch holding water, which a person could jump over with little problem. Despite its diminutive size, however, a group of local environmentalists are seething about a recent project that has decimated habitat along the stream, where it runs just south of a planned subdivision set to be built north of Cherry Hill and west of Ridge roads.

A group of eight volunteers from

Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) discovered the habital destruction along the stream during an annual fall bug hunt' in October. FO R annually conducts these surveys which helps them determine the overall health of the Rouge River water land.

Although this section of the Rouge's lower branch had historically received good within the land historical t

Rouge's lower branch had instorically received good ratings, because it supported decent numbers of aquality insects, including martines and disflies and stonethes, team leader Pat Boley said the volunteers had a hard time finding it because all the trees and vegetation along the river have been cut down, and most of the debris thrown in the river.

"Myself and all the volunteers were just appalled and angry at what we found. Obviously they didn't care! about what they were doing to the river I guess the urban sprawl is:

pretty bad out here," said Boley, who lives in Westland

According to Township officials, Troy-based developer Biltmore, which has developed most of Cherry Hill Valage, is as possible for the work along the Rouge. They cut down the trees and other vegetation when they installed a water main next to Cherry Hill Road last year.

Canton engineer Bob Belair said officials are aware of the situation, but said there is little they can do, because the developer received the permits to do the work from Wayne

Below said the township has a number of ordinances to protect water quality in local streams, includin**g one that requ**ires a 50-foot buffer along bedli banks of a water body.

PLEASE SEE ROUGE, A6

Township board considers hunting bar

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Canton trustees said OK on Tuesday to the first reading of an ordinance that would in effect ban any hunting that is presently occurring in the township.

But the proposal drew some discussions from board members, who asked Public Safety Director John Santomauro to take another look at it before it comes back for a second reading.

The amended ordinance would make it illegal to discharge a firearm within the township except at an approved range.

Hunting is still allowed in a few areas in

Canton, primarily in the western portion of

the township.

"Based on present and projected development, the adoption of an ordinance to pro-hibit the discharge of firearms is necessary and recommended," Santomauro told the

Adoption of the ordinance would to pass the state Department of Natural Resources, which has the power to probably humane. Santomauro said the township has asked

the DNR on at least two occasions to eview the issue of hunting in Canton. On South occasions, he said, the DNR took no setion to close or restrict any area to hunting

The DNR's philosophy, he said, is to main

ing, some members expressed gorcern that it might prove to be too restrictive.

Treasurer Elime Eirchistter, who has lived in the western part of the counship for ears, said she wondered it discharging any type of frearm anywhere trutte township vnship for

tam as much available fund as possible for

the purpose of hunting

While the board approved the first read-

chucks eating them out of house and home what are iev supposed to

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In the spirit

Two productions of 'A Christmas Carol' to play in metropolitan Detroit.



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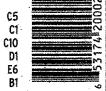
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PHOTOS WITH SANTA

The big man in the red suit will be visiting RE/MAX Crossroads on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will be available for photographs. Refreshments will also be served.

The office is located at 7277 N. Lilley Road, at the corner of Warren Road.

NUTCRACKER BALLET

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company for its traditional presentation of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet.

Performances are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Salem High School auditorium. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children.

The Sugar Plum Tea follows the 11 a.m. Saturday performance and the 2 p.m. Sunday performance. Tickets for the tea are \$5.

For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

CRAFT FAIR

Tri-City Christian in Canton will hold its annual Holiday

Craft Fair on Dec. 4. More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares. Refreshments and a bake sale will also be highlights.

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Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon, just north of Michigan Ave. There is a \$1 admission. For more information, call (734) 397-0819.

USED SPORTING GOODS

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale on Dec. 4 at the Canton Softball Center's Diamonds restaurant. The public is invited to bring in gently used equipment and sell it. Employees staff the sale, so there is no need to be present at the sale.

If you wish to sell items, bring them in on Dec. 3 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to be priced and tagged for the sale. You set the price. Canton Leisure Services will keep 15 percent of the profits from all items sold during the sale.

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bob Evans Restaurant on Ford Road in Canton celebrated its 25th anniversary at that location on Friday, Nov. 26.

Arnece Johnson, a manager at the restaurant, said since the



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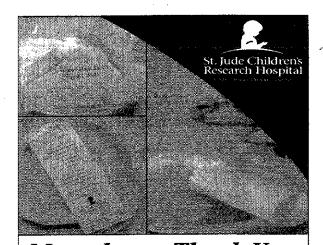
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anniversary fell on the day after Thanksgiving, the restaurant didn't plan any special celebration.

Several months ago, the company opened another Bob Evans in town on Michigan

POINSETTIAS AND WREATHS

The Canton Historical Society has extended its deadline and is still taking orders for its second annual holiday poinsettia and wreath sale. Poinsettias come in four colors - red, pink, white, or tri-color - and range in price from \$5 to \$26.

The group is also selling 10inch birdseed wreaths for \$14, and pine wreaths for \$20, or \$25 with a custom-tied bow.

The new deadline to make orders is Dec. 1. Orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, Dec. 4, from noon to 4 p.m. at Cherry Hill School, which is located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads.

The Historical Society can be reached at (734) 453-9266.

NASA CERTIFIED

Canton's David Ishiyama has successfully participated in the 2004 NASA Spaceflight and Life Sciences Training Program (SLSTP) at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The SLSTP is a highly competitive program for college undergraduates studying life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, engineering, or computer science.

Ishiyama, a junior at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, is majoring in biology and anthropology/zoology. The son of Canton residents John Ishiyama and Shelley Beres, David has also received university honors at U-M.

SLEIGH BELLS

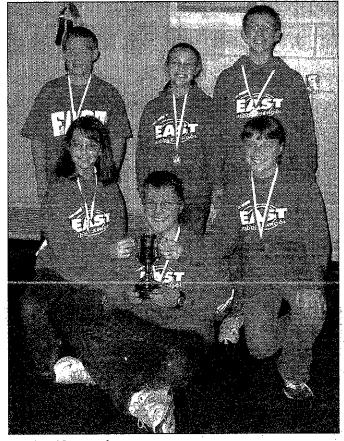
The Canton Concert Band will present its holiday concert, A Sleigh-Ride Celebration, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The band will be playing an evening of classic holiday favorites.

Tickets for the event are \$8, and are available at the Summit, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460, or go online to www.cantonband.com

SCHULARSHIP FUND

The Lee and Noel Bittinger Team at RE/MAX is offering three scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, for local high school seniors that are planning to attend a college or



Robotics champs

Members of the East Middle School Rockets robotics team proudly display the third-place trophy they recently earned in the First Lego League (FLL) competition held across the border in Windsor. The effort earned the team the right to compete against 76 other teams in the Michigan FLL Tournament to be help in Novi on Dec. 11. Teams must research and make reports on the topic of robotics, and are judged in five areas, including teamwork and robot performance. The team consists of (front row, from left) Mary Elizabeth Winther, Jordon Birman, and Taylor Birman. Back row (from left) are Alex Bergmans, Audrey Wilson and Christopher Wilson.

university in the fall of 2005.

To apply for the scholarship, entrants must submit a short essay (not to exceed three pages, double-spaced with a 12 pt. font) that address the following question: Describe how someone in your life has influenced you in a positive way and changed your life?

All submissions must include name, address and phone number of entrant, high school they attend, and college or university they plan to attend in the fall. All submissions must be received by Dec. 31, 2004. They should be sent to The Bittinger Team, 43435 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

The Plymouth/Canton community has supported us for over 20 years. The Bittinger Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank

ammy, week butinger said. "This is our way of paying the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation."

For more information, contact the team at (734) 459-1010, or email Bittinger at noelbittinger@remax.net.

SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

The Plymouth AM Rotary Club will hold its annual senior Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. The evening will include din-

ner and entertainment by The Sure Foundation from Ontario, Canada. The East Middle School 8th grade chorus and harpist Nadia Marks will also perform.

Tickets for the event are available through Dec. 7. They are only 200 tickets available and will be sold on a firstcome, first-serve basis.

To obtain tickets, which are free of charge, contact the Tonquish Creek Manor office at (734) 455-3670.

BEST PRACTICES CERTIFIED

Logos communications, Inc. of Canton recently became Best Practices Certified through the Management Impact Institute (MII), an education and certification program created by the Michigan Business and

Professional Association.

"Logos Communications has just celebrated its fifth year in business and I fell it's highly important to continuously work on improving and updating one's skills," said Sue Voyles, president of Logos Communications. "There's always new and innovative ways to improve and enhance your business."

The company provides writing, public relations, marketing and event support to large corporations and small businesses.

PLAYERS' PRODUCTION

The Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council present The Trial of Goldilocks, a one-act fairy tale fantasy in verse by Joseph Robinette.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Tickets, priced at \$5, are available by calling (734) 416-4278.

JEWELRY FESTIVAL

Native West in downtown Plymouth celebrates its 15thannual "Holiday Jewelry Festival," featuring a selection of Native American jewelry from the southwest, Dec. 2-5.

It's a trunk show of Native American jewelry offering an assortment of sterling silver using turquoise, sparkling opals, coral and gold. The show will also feature a selection of inlay pieces with hand-cut stones.

The event runs 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 (with food and refreshments); 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 (with free carriage rides from noon-4) and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 455-8838.

MAKE IT-TAKE IT PARTY

Kids ages 5 and older can make a special gift for holiday giving Dec. 11 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Class is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., so bring a lunch and be ready with create wonderful art and play some games during this fun-filled day. Participants will even make the wrapping and have it all decorated to take home.

The cost is \$40 for PCAC members, \$45 for non-members. Class size is limited. To register or for more information, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

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Gathering to give thanks CLINIC FROM PAGE AT

English class gets together for traditional meal

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Whether it was to eat - for some, the first time - a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, or just a chance to socialize with friends, nearly two dozen students from the English as a Second Language class at Starkweather Center in Plymouth gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Sweet Afton Tea Room on Forest Street Wednesday.

The intermediate class is made up mostly of women from Japan, China, Albania, Poland and several other countries — who are trying to break the language barrier by learning English.

Marilyn Collins, who teaches the group, says the outing is one of many to help her students become more comfortable with venturing outside their homes.

"It's good for them to get out on their own," said Collins. "The women will go out with their husbands, many of whom speak English better than their wives because they were transferred to work in the area, but not venture out alone.

"And, for a lot of them, they go out in the group for social reasons," she said. "They don't know anybody, and they make friends in class and have a connection. Learning the language, our customs, even driving, is an issue for a lot of

Agnes Matak, 30, is a newcomer to Plymouth, moving from Poland with her husband, a construction worker, just a couple of years ago.

"Last year, my husband and I

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Students in Marilyn Collins' English as a Second Language class got together at the Sweet Afton Tea Room for a traditional thanksgiving meal Wednesday, for some of them the first such meal.

cooked stuffed turkey," said Matak. "It was the first time I had stuffed turkey, because we don't have that in Poland."

But, eating turkey and dressing with all the trimmings including mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potato casserole. buttered corn and homemade pumpkin pie — was a real

"It was really delicious and fun," she said. "I don't have the recipe to do everything. I really enjoyed it."

Matak started taking the community education English class in January 2003 at Starkweather.

"I learned in Poland, but I never practiced," said Matak, who has an unmistakable Polish accent. "I was afraid because people didn't understand me because of my

"In class, we speak slower and the teacher speaks slower," she said. "We can learn English more than on TV or in a movie. They speak fast and use a lot of slang. I feel more comfortable (now).

Entela Turaku, 33, has been in the United States for six years, and learning English at Starkweather for three.

"In Albania, I studied Russian, and then for four years I lived in Greece and learned to speak Greek," said Turaku, who lives in Westland. "Now, I try to learn English. I can read. It's hard to write. I make mistake when I

Barbara Sabatini, who also teaches the class, got the idea of going to the Sweet Afton Tea Room because her son works at the restaurant part-time. She just wanted to take the

students out to eat, with a sampling Thanksgiving fare from the menu.

"But, Scott (owner, Scott Rye) said 'Why don't I cook the whole dinner for you?" Sabatini said. "So, this is an extra special treat for us.

"Most of the students don't eat in restaurants like this," she said. "The people at my table commented about the linen tablecloths. They don't get that very often.

Despite the requirement students speak English, they sometimes speak in their native language to friends, and try to teach each other their native tongues.

"I catch them, now and then," said Collins, with a chuckle. "And, I reprimand

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hour. We can still make a profit without working on 30 people a day."

Physiotherapy is one of 18 Michigan clinics operated by the Stryker Corporation, which developed the one-on-one practice to maximize recovery time. As a result, all employees are licensed therapists, not lesser-trained technicians.

In addition, Barterian guarantees patients will get immediate attention at Physiotherapy. He says patients can get an appointment within 48 hours of calling the clinic,

longer at other clinics. "Some clinics can't see people for 30 days. By that time, the patients are either better or much worse off, which makes it that much harder to treat

while it takes considerably

them," Barterian said.

The majority of the clinic's patients are there for neck and back injuries. But Barterian said he sees plenty of athletes with sports-related injuries, as well as seniors with geriatric ailments.

Marie Promo, of Westland, has been visiting the clinic twice a week for more than a month, because of chronic foot problems. She's been to other clinics for physical therapy, but says she has noticed a difference at Physiotherapy.

"I'm getting more personal attention here. I always know I have a captive audience," she said. "I always feel better when I leave."

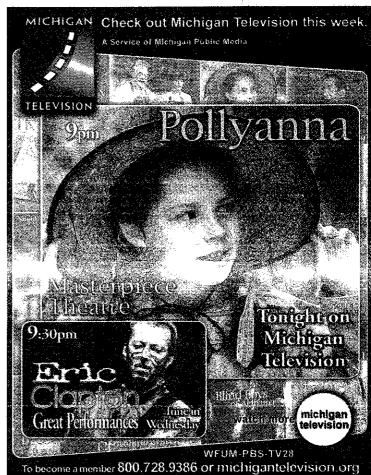
The clinic is Medicare-certified, and accepts most major insurance plans. For more information contact Physiotherapy Associates at (734) 541-9878.

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Physiotherapy director Gregory Barterian opened the clinic on Joy Road in May, 2003.



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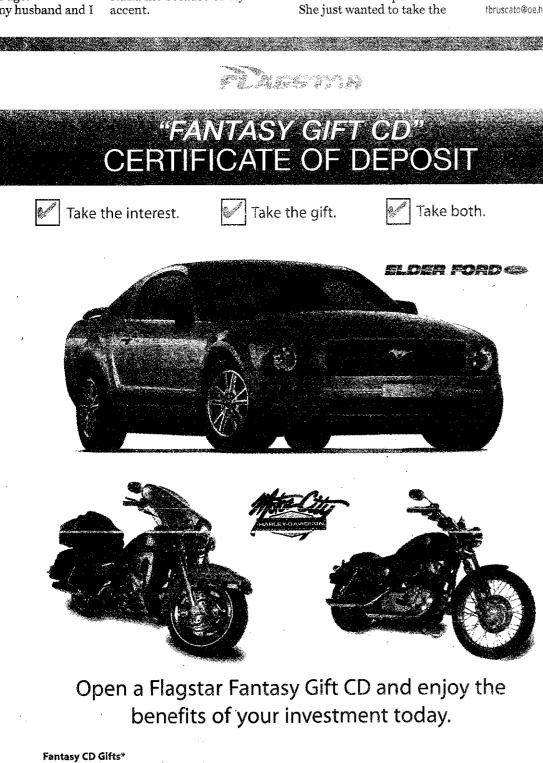
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FOR THE RECORD

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DEATHS

Alice Aldrich, 88, died Nov. 22.

Carl Herman Berke, 53, of Pinckney, Mary M. Bixler, of Westland, died

Nov. 19. Louis A. Borenitsch, 81. of Manistee. formerly of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 23.

Eugene D. Cotter, 80, died Nov. 22. Betsy Moran Garthwaite, 41, died

Nov. 24. Barbara Jean Gustafson (nee Roubie), 63, died Nov. 19.

Joan W. Holden, 71, of Clarkston, died Nov. 22 Adrian L. Holcombe, 73, of Clarkston, died Nov. 23.

Carolyn Louise Johnson, 81, of Dearborn, formerly of Birmingham,



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found inside today's Community Life in Passages on page C5.

died Nov. 22.

Linda Ann Mendenhall, 59, of Farmington, died Nov. 18.

Lillian Marie Wilcox Whims, 92, of Coral Springs, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe and Troy, died Nov.

Luella M. Winning, 70, of Westland, died Nov. 23.

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Intersections set for '05 improvement

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Canton trustees on Tuesday approved the first package of intersection improvement projects under a plan that reduced the fire and police millage rates, while increasing the charter millage to pay for the road work.

Intersections tentatively scheduled for improvements next year are Cherry Hill at Sheldon, Warren at Beck, and Saltz at Sheldon.

Wayne County has offered to provide design and construction services at cost for the 2005 program.

The extra revenue generated by the shift in millages is estimated to generate additional revenue to the tune of about \$1.1 million a year to be earmarked exclusively for road and intersection improvements.

The projects approved Tuesday are estimated to cost \$1.125 million, which includes \$275,000 to acquire right of way for future projects. Altogether the township has



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Judge Michael Gerou (right) swears in the Canton Board of Trustees before Tuesday's regular board meeting. (From left) Supervisor Thomas Yack, trustee Melissa McLaughlin, Clerk Terry Bennett, trustees Todd Caccamo, Todd LaJoy, Karl Zarbo, and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

targeted 33 intersections for improvement to take place over the course of about six years.

In other business the board: ■ Approved an agreement with Wayne County to provide winter maintenance of 16 miles of roads within the township. Roads which the county

would maintain include Denton Road from Geddes to Cherry

Hill and from Mott to Geddes; Joy Road west of Beck; Lilley Road between Michigan and Ford: Lotz Road from Michigan to Palmer and Palmer to Cherry Hill; Sheldon Road from Michigan to Ford; Warren Road from Beck to one-half mile west

Canton Center to Ridge. The townships share of the

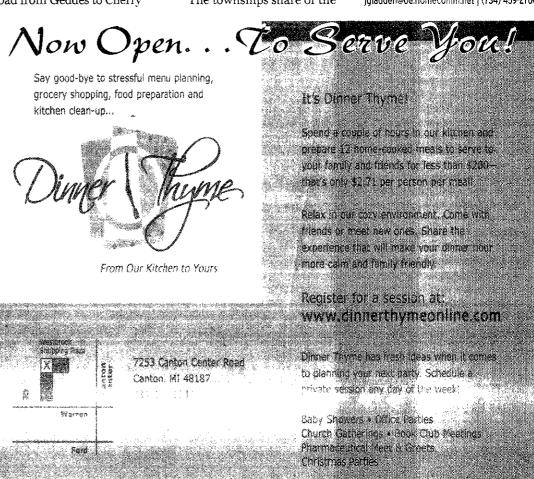
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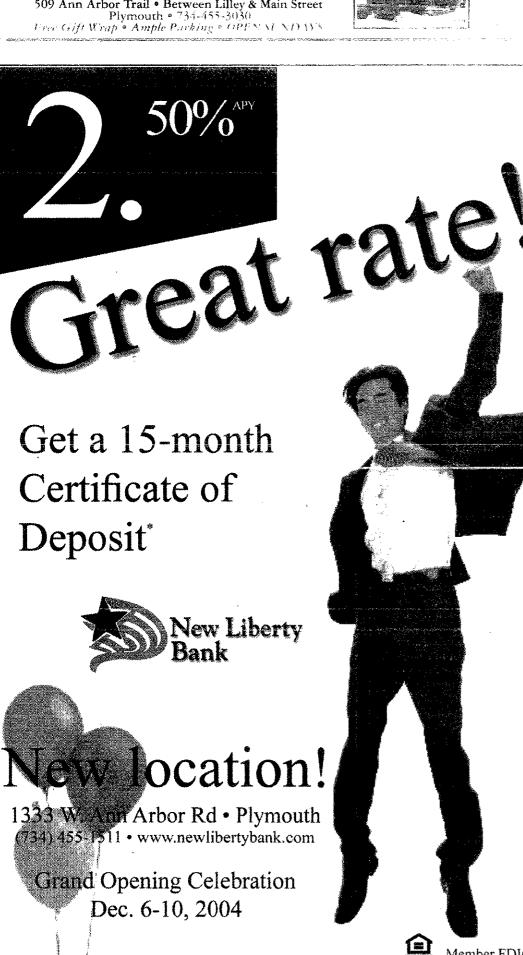
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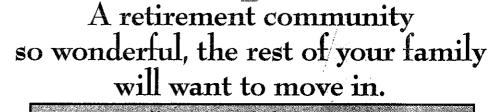
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Ex-county hospital employees gather for reunion

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Twenty years after the Wayne County General Hospital closed in Westland, former employees are being invited to a holiday reunion.

The hospital, on Merriman Road north of Michigan Avenue, will stir memories as former workers meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, in a private room reserved at the Golden Corral buffet on Warren Road, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

"The hospital was opened in

1962, and it was a trauma hospital," Westland historian Jo Johnson said. "It had the first kidney dialysis unit in Michigan, and the second kidney transplant in Michigan was performed there."

The hospital, recognizable by its pale turquoise color, also was used as a teaching facility by the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, Johnson said.

According to historical documents found online, formal ceremonies opening the hospital occurred in February, 1962, with then-U.S. Surgeon

General Luther L. Terry participating. The six-story facility had 350,000 square feet of space, and attached to it was a two-floor, 28,000-square-foot health center and a smaller laundry wing.

The total cost of the complex: \$15 million.

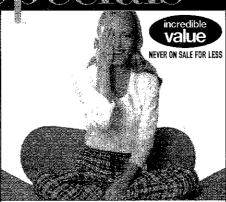
Although the county operated the hospital, it was later owned by Oakwood's health care system. Ultimately, the facility was closed in 1984 and demolished several years ago.

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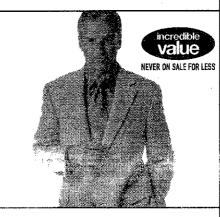
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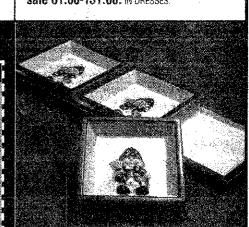


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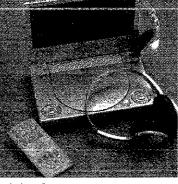
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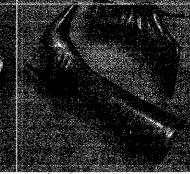


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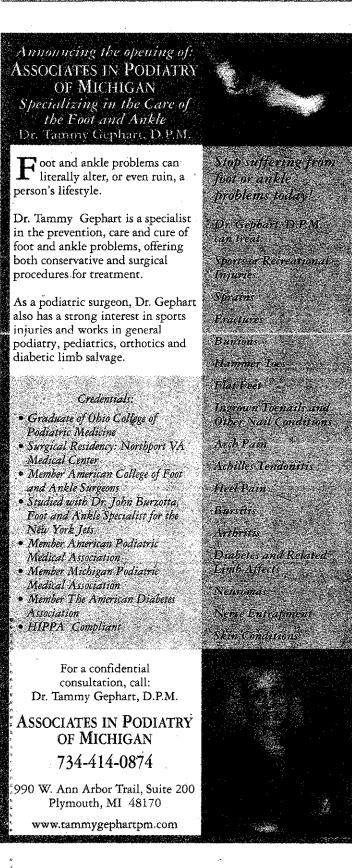
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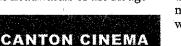
However, he said Biltmore was able to supersede the ordinance because of the permit from the county.

"We don't have any jurisdiction in this situation. I don't think our ordinance applies to a right of way," Belair said. "This is a tough one to deal

Despite the ordinances, Sally Petrella of Friends of the Rouge said this case marks another example that the township hasn't done enough to protect its streams from the impact of development. She said Canton is in the headwaters of the watershed, where all the wetlands and small creeks provide the clean water that is the lifeblood of the Rouge River system. She said what happens in the headwaters impacts every community downstream.

"This by no means is the only problem in Canton or in the county. And it is by no means the worst site we've found," Petrella said.

"We're pretty discouraged. The headwaters of the Rouge



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A sift fence did little to prevent a developer from cutting down the trees and vegetation that used to shade the Lower Rouge River where it runs along Cherry Hill Road, west of Ridge. Most of the debris was piled into the river.

are being destroyed. If we lose them, we'll lose the river. We're doing all kinds of things to improve water quality around the watershed, but it just doesn't matter if we lose the head-

According to Petrella, vegetation along the stream is vital to its overall health. It keeps the water cool, and prevents soil erosion, which can destroy habitat within the river. Soil erosion kills aquatic insects, which fish are dependent upon. So it starts a chain-reaction that leads to the overall decline of a river.

Steve Chizek, vice president of Biltmore, said the developer has had discussions about the

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site with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality officials. Although the company is under no obligation, he said they plan to reestablish habitat along the stream, by planting trees and other vegetation.

"Our intention was not to

destroy the habitat along the river, but we had to cut down the trees to get our equipment onto the site to put in the water main," he said. "We're anxious to restore the site within reasonable bounds. We need to get some guidance so we take the necessary steps to re-establish habitat. Because it is so late in the year, I don't foresee

situations might make the

ordinance as proposed unen-

"If we're going to ban all

firearms and that stuff, then we

anything happening until next year."

According to Boley, the volunteers completed their sampling of the site, and found no caddisflies or mayflies, which didn't surprise her. The species are generally considered indicator species, because they can't tolerate changes to water and quality. Although she is skeptical that nothing will be done to N help the river, she remains

hopeful. "I want to know what is going to happen. I realize the with damage is done, but someone needs to do something to make the situation right," she said.

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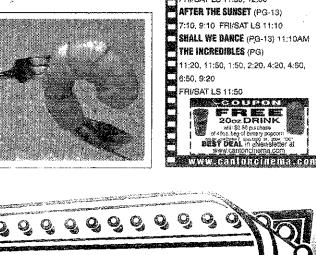
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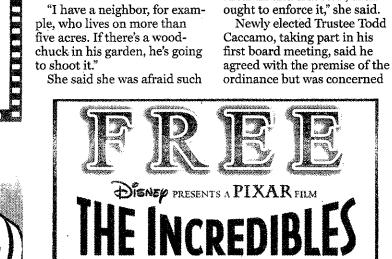


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about some of the wording. "I understand that Canton is changing its landscape and obviously hunting may not be appropriate for the township," [16] he said. "But let's say I have a large parcel of land and my boys want to play paintball on private property. Under the proposed language of this ordi-

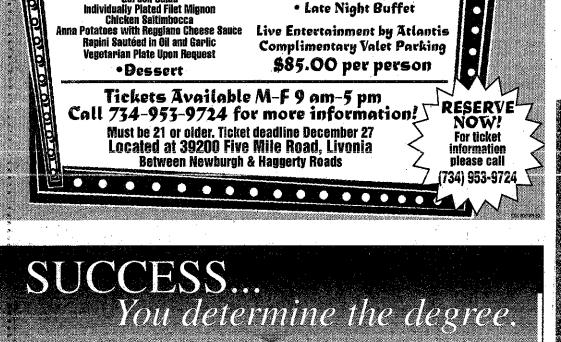
nance you can't do that." Caccamo said he was concerned with the language that defines a firearm as "any weapon or device from which is propelled any missile, projectile, bullet, shot, pellet or other mass by means of explosives, compressed air or gas, or by any means of springs, levers with

or other mechanical device. "Anytime we're limiting someone's freedom, we have to look at it with almost a paranoid mindset," he said.

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STAFF WRITER

A simmering controversy over a rate hike at Westland's ice arena will resurface Monday during a joint session of city leaders and local hockey officials.

A \$20-an-hour increase that boosted ice arena rates to \$160 has drawn a chilly response from the Westland Hockey Association, which also draws members from Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Canton and other communities.

Association President Kristopher Simonian last month threatened political retaliation against Westland elected officials due to a rate hike that he said has caused his organization to lose members.

On Wednesday, Simonian said the association has about 250 members - down from some 300 hockey players last

In October, Simonian threatened to campaign against elected officials during next year's election unless they reduce rates at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, named after the Westland native who plays for the Dallas Stars.

His concerns prompted the Westland City Council to call a special session for 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall to discuss the issue with hockey association officials.

"We would hope that we could get a slight reduction in the rates," Simonian said. "I think the big thing is that the increase didn't result in any major improvements at the ice rink. They've just kind of been going along over there."

Councilman William Wild, who spearheaded Monday's session, has, along with some of his colleagues, defended the rate increases. Early last week, Wild said the arena has lost \$375,000 in the last two years,

Wild indicated that he wants to hear from hockey officials how the city could trim ice arena costs enough to warrant

reducing the rates. When asked if rates could be rolled back, he responded, "I'd say it would depend on what we get from them," meaning

hockey association officials. Simonian estimated that the hockey association spends \$25,000 a month to use the city's ice arena, on Wildwood south of Hunter.

Referring to the \$20 rate increase, he said, "It hurts. Our enrollment has dropped.

He conceded that he couldn't say with certainty that all members who dropped out did so due to rising costs. But he said he believes the rates are a

City officials have said they can't continue to lose money by subsidizing the ice arena, particularly with shrinking general fund dollars. Councilman Michael Kehrer has noted that other facilities, such as the city golf course, also had rate

Simonian told the Observer that he believes the arena could save money by reducing what it pays for professional management services.

Moreover, he suggested that a proposal be explored that could hand control of the ice arena over to the hockey association – similar to the way two arenas are run in Livonia.

Livonia Hockey Association teams pay \$147 an hour for ice time - \$13 less than what Westland members pay.

Simonian stopped short of saying the Westland Hockey Association would actually

want to run the city's ice arena. "There would have to be a lot of issues worked out with the city," he said. "But that is a possibility that our board (of directors) has been talking about."

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Hockey group lobbies Schools organize to get fix of Prop A

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

School officials from throughout Wayne County will be gathering at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn Thursday evening for what organizers hope will be the first steps toward addressing the education funding crisis.

The meeting will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in the auditorium of the high school at 20601 Rotunda Drive. It's being sponsored by the Wayne County Association of School Boards, Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Tri-County Alliance for Public Education and the Wayne County School Superintendents Association.

"The funding that's been set for public schools needs to be fixed, and no one seems worried about it but us," said Daniel Lessard, Livonia school board member and WCASB president. "We're really trying to rally the

troops and let the legislature know the system is broken and needs to be fixed and they're the only ones who can

"We're trying to get the educational community to speak with a single voice."

The meeting mirrors one held in Oakland County some six weeks ago. That meeting attracted about 250 people. However, George Kordie, a Garden City school board member, is hoping Wayne County's version will attract 500.

"We're trying to attract people who feel that Proposal A is working and we challenge that," said Kordie. "Rick Johnson, the Speaker of the House, on the 10th anniversary of Proposal A said that until he and other legislators hear from parents and taxpayers, the request for more revenue from the school community will fall on deaf ears."

WCASB is asking school board presidents to bring at least 10 parents as well as themselves, fellow board members, administrators and

other community leaders to the meeting. There will be light refreshments served at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers like Marlene Davis, superintendent of the Wayne County Intermediate School District, and former Michigan PTA President Sue Bellows of Garden City will join Lessard in talking about school funding, before the districts' representatives break up into groups to develop their own plans for getting state lawmakers' attention.

According to Lessard, the reason for individual game plans is because the needs are so different among Wayne County school districts. What fits one may not fit all.

"What works here may not work in Woodhaven, but just as long as we deliver the same message that they can't keep cutting and cutting," said Lessard. "Districts all

over the state are in trouble." Lessard believes that the state could well see school

district closing school earlier because of the funding crisis, much like what the Kalkaska school district did in the 1990s. It doesn't take a crystal ball to see that happening, he said.

"If a school district closes in January, what happens to the seniors?" he said. "They won't graduate, they won't get their scholarships. It may take that to force action, but it will be the kids who get hurt. We need to be asking when they're going to fix it, how they're going to fix it,

In a letter to school board presidents, Lessard pointed out that Wayne County, as the largest county in the state, has the opportunity to make a significant difference on the issue "if we stand together and commit to this effort."

"There's been a lot of wailing, weeping and gnashing of teeth, but when you don't control your income, you're at the mercy of someone else," he said.

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Alcohol sting nets pair

BY JACK GLADDEN

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted an alcohol sales check on Thursday, Nov. 18. Four businesses were checked and two of the businesses sold alcohol products to a minor.

Businesses checked were Club Canton, 39651 Michigan Ave., and Mirage Party Store, 8177 N. Sheldon, both of which Come A non-Stone looked it kas to Warren and the Mobi. Lounge, at 45851 Michigan Ave., both sold to a minor. The Special Enforcement

Unit has performed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years. The SEU utilizes a "zero tolerance" enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of tobacco and alcohol sales to minors. Both businesses were issued citations.



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Athletes behaving badly is hardly a new phenomenon

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 28, 2004

OK. The entire state — make that, the whole nation - is loudly indignant over the famous "basketbrawl" incident in which players from the Indiana Pacers, all of whom make more money than God, climbed into the stands to beat up fans during a game against the Detroit Pistons. Matter of



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fact, you would think from the outraged reaction of the "chattering class" that this incident was slightly more significant than the recent presidential elec-

tion. Well, let's not go there. But there are two ather things being said that just aren't true. First of all, this had nothing to do with

That's right. Whatever may be wrong with Detroiters, they are, by and large, poor. Few can afford tickets to Pistons games. Even if they could, many don't have cars, and would have a hard time getting there. The Detroit Pistons play, not in Detroit, but in Auburn Hills, a middle-class suburb 40 miles away.

Most or all the fans involved. in the melee were prosperous white suburbanites. Matter of fact, the one who allegedly started it all by throwing something at Ron "Mad Dog" Artest was recognized by one of his former neighbors who was watching videotaped replays of the mayhem. Too bad for him the neighbor is now the Oakland County prosecutor.

Anyway. Time to debunk the second big falsehood. There's nothing new about players going after fans. Unusual, yes. Original, no.

Not only is this not the end of life as we know it, it has happened before.

That's right, and what's more, it also involved Detroit. A player attacked a fan — a crippled fan, yet — and vaulted into the stands and beat

The outraged authorities suspended the athlete — and his entire team went on strike in solidarity. Don't know the story? That's perhaps because it was nearly a century ago. The date was May 15, 1912, and the player was good old Ty Cobb, sometimes known as the sociopath of the base paths.

Ty Cobb was not a nice man. He liked to spike people. He beat up his own teammates, and once nearly killed a black man with his fists just because he felt like it. But on that spring afternoon, he met someone as wonderful as he was.

Claude Lueker spent four innings calling him everything except a child of God. Finally. Cobb hopped the fence and whaled the tar out of him. Sportsmanlike, this was not. Lueker had only one arm, and was missing most of the fingers on that hand.

Ban Johnson, the president of the American League, was as horrified as NBA officials seem to be today. He suspended the Georgia Peach indefinitely for "acting without regard to the dignity of baseball."

That outraged his fellow Detroit Tigers, who promptly went on strike. The American League told the manager and the owner of the team they would be fined heavily if the team didn't play. Frank Navin, the owner, told the manager, Hughie Jennings, to find some players before the next game, or else.

The manager could take a hint. He found some college players. He made two middle-aged scouts play, and he picked a few guys out of the

They lost to Philadelphia, 24-2. Sports historians are still wondering how the ersatz Tigers got the two runs. Everyone was horrified; the American League then banned replacement players and teams, and the Tigers returned to play.

Then the league folded, and Ty Cobb (no Ron Artest, he) was allowed to return to the field. He went on to bat .410. The Tigers finished the season about as poorly as they did this year, and nobody knows what happened to the foul-mouthed heckler who was beaten up by baseball's greatest hitter.

What's the moral of the story? Perhaps that even if you think moral values are eroding, testosterone always has been with us. And in general, people who make \$5 million a year risk a lot if they get into fistfights with your average slob.

And vice-versa. Profile in courage: Last summer I wrote about Ron Kagan, the Detroit Zoo director who had decided that Detroit had neither space nor climate to properly maintain the zoo's two aging elephants, and so he planned to send them to a wildlife sanctuary. But now the American Zoological Association opposes that, and wants the elephants sent to the Columbus Zoo instead.

Kagan doesn't think Wanda and Winky would be any better off there, and things are at an impasse. Another complication: Wanda is technically owned by San Antonio's Zoo, and it won't sell her to Detroit. Though it may risk the zoo's accreditation, Kagan vows to keep fighting for what's right for the elephants.

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Michigan hospitals serious about reducing medical injuries, death

ive years ago, health care providers across the country were jolted into action by a report suggesting that an unacceptably high number of injuries and deaths were the result of medical errors. The Institute of Medicine's 1999 "To Err Is Human" chal-

lenged all of us in the health care community to dramatically reduce these incidents and offered a number of recommendations for doing so.



Johnson

Michigan hospitals promptly responded to this challenge by instituting reforms and revising practices that have improved the quality of care and fostering a culture of patient safety for practition-

As a result of this landmark study, the Michigan Health & Hospital Association joined with key stakeholder groups - including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Pharmacists Association and a number of employers and unions - to establish the Michigan Health & Safety Coalition. The coalition is a voluntary effort to improve patient safety by sharing information; developing sys-

temic approaches to identify and correct errors; and helping establish performance standards and incentives for improved performance.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently acknowledged the coalition's efforts and invited it to assume the role of State Commission on Patient Safety. In this capacity, the group is holding several public hearings throughout the state and then will make recommendations for improving patient safety to the governor.

We know information is important. That's why since 1996, Michigan hospitals have voluntarily provided the public with hospital-specific information on important care indicators, including length of stay, morbidity and mortality for more than 20 important medical procedures, including select medical and surgical cases, heart cases and hip and knee replacements.

The MHA has also addressed medical errors through its Keystone Center, which offers health care providers information. resources and collaborative opportunities to implement proven interventions in Michigan hospitals. Through the MHA Keystone Stroke, Michigan hospitals have worked with the Michigan Department of Community Health and state stroke experts to

improve stroke care. The MHA Keystone Intensive Care Unit project - a partnership with Johns Hopkins that started just one year ago - has already reduced blood stream infections and decreased respirator-associated pneumonias. Michigan hospitals accept responsibility every day for improving care and safety and are aggressively forging new methods of bringing the best evidence-based care to all Michigan citizens.

The MHA has been recognized nationally for its efforts to deal with the most frequently cited problem in the IOM study - medication errors. In 2001, Michigan's hospitals were recognized by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices for their participation in a national initiative to improve medication safety awareness and enhance safe medication practices.

The IOM's report claimed, "It may be part of human nature to err, but it is also part of human nature to create solutions, find better alternatives, and meet the challenges ahead." Michigan's hospitals are committed to doing just that and will continue to build upon the progress spurred by this landmark study.

Spencer Johnson is president of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Free press, or best buy?

Regarding your newspaper's announcement of purchase by Gannett, the article failed to mention that Gannett also owns The Detroit

This means there is one less independent voice of news and views in our metropolitan area. We hear a lot about the growing influence of a few giant corporations in the broadcast

media. It continues to happen in print as well. I just wonder if Gannett will allow a truly liberal voice like Jack Lessenberry's (even though) he does tone it down a lot for HomeTown Newspapers) to continue on the editorial board. Do we truly have a free press or just the best press money can buy?

> Mary Kelleher Silverman Livonia









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Here's my list

Great With Steak

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Eight-year-old Delaney Diggs tells Santa and Mrs. Claus that she would like a 'real' cotton candy machine for Christmas. Delaney was the first to visit with Santa after his arrival in Plymouth Friday night. She also got to

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2005 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

■ Warren Road (Canton Center to Morton Taylor) –
The road will be widened to five lanes and the cross-section will be 10-inch non-reinforced concrete pavement. The project is still being designed and construction will not occur until 2005.

■ Denton Road / Saltz Road / Ridge Road "Roundabout" -The roundabout will be constructed as Phase II of the Denton Road extension (North of Cherry Hill Road) to act a the bypass through Cherry Hill Village. It has been proposed to accommodate two lanes of traffic traveling north and south on Denton Road and one lane of traffic at Saltz and Ridge. Planning is currently underway and construction will likely begin in the summer of 2005.

Lotz Road paving
(between Ford and Warren) —
A three-lane concrete pavement roadway will be constructed to allow for one lane of traffic in each direction along with a center turn lane.
Traffic traveling east on

T-BONE STEAKS

ROAD WATCH

Warren Road will also have an exclusive right turn lane to turn south onto Lotz Road. A contractor has been selected for the project with construction slated to begin in spring of 2005. The portion of the water main on the east side of Lotz Road will be relocated as part of the construction project.

Ford Road Safety

Improvements (I-275 southbound Ramps and widening from Haggerty to Lilley Road) Ford Road will be widened on the north side from Haggerty to Lilley Road to allow for an exclusive right turn lane. The southbound I-275 ramp will have additional stacking space for vehicles and allow for two left turn lanes heading west and two right turn lanes heading east (currently there is one lane exclusive to turn east with the middle lane optional to turn left or

right and a third lane to allow

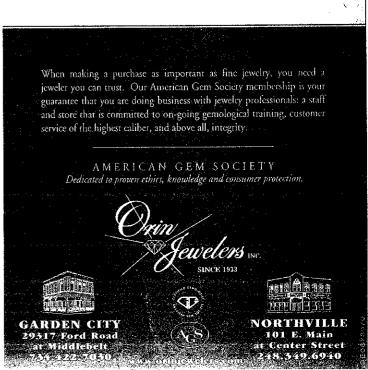
a right turn or west). The ramp for traffic heading east on Ford Road will have an exclusive right turn lane onto southbound I-275. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring of 2005 and be completed by the end of September.

Ford Road Safety Improvements (West of Canton Center; Intersection of Ford / Ridge) - The area west of Canton Center Road will be widened to allow for a smoother transition from five lanes down to two lanes at Gorman Road. A new guardrail will be installed on the north side of Ford Road along with proposed drainage improvements. The intersection at Ford and Ridge will reconstructed and widened to allow for a center turn lane in each direction. Construction will likely begin in the spring of 2005 and be completed by fall 2005.

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State offers safety tips on use of space heaters

Last year more than 2,500 residential fires in the state of Michigan were related to the use of supplemental heaters, such as wood- and coal-burning stoves, kerosene heaters, gas space heaters and electrical heaters. The Office of the State Fire Marshal wants homeowners to know they can reduce the chance of a home fire by following simple guidelines on

the installation and use of these appliances.

"The numbers tell a distressing story - 1,346 of the residential fires last year were caused by children playing with heat sources, 11 deaths resulted," said State Fire Marshal Andy Neumann. "All told, 41 injuries and 15 deaths last year were related to the use of supplemental heat sources in homes, apartments, and manufactured homes.'

Most of the fires related to supplemental heating appliances are caused by improper installation, maintenance, or use of the appliances. Every appliance should have a complete set of installation instructions and should be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. More specifically:

■ Wood stoves should sit on a non-combustible surface or on a code-specified or listed floor protector.

■ Fireplaces should have noncombustible materials around the opening and hearth. Always use a fireplace screen to keep sparks from igniting materials in the room. Do not burn newspapers or other trash in a fireplace because they burn too hot and

can ignite a chimney fire. Never use pressure-treated wood in stoves or fireplaces because it contains toxic chemicals that can cause illness. Use artificial logs, made from wax and sawdust, one at a time in fireplaces and never use in wood stoves. This is because the heat can melt the log causing it to flare up or leak burning liquid from the appliance.

■ Space heaters should be placed on a firm surface out of the way so that they cannot be tipped over and spill fuel or have hot surfaces come in contact with combustible flooring. Also, when purchasing a space; heater, be sure to look for a unit with an automatic shut off if it tips over. Avoid the use of extension cords with electric heaters and never use heaters to dry clothing or other combustibles. Electric heaters with frayed or damaged cords should be thrown away.

■ Combustibles such as curtains, chairs, firewood, and even walls should be at least three feet away from the appli-

■ Unvented gas-fired space heaters should not be used in small-enclosed areas, especially bedrooms, because of the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning.

For operation, it is critical to use only fuels specified by the manufacturer as appropriate for the appliance. Use coal only if specifically approved by the stove manufacturer. Gasoline or other flammable liquids should never be used to start a wood fire since it might explode or flare up. Never use gasoline in kerosene heaters. Even small amounts of gasoline mixed with kerosene can increase the risk of fire.

Regular maintenance is also critical for safe operation. Chimneys and vents should be inspected and cleaned annually by a professional chimney sweep. Creosote is an unavoidable product of woodburning stoves and fireplaces. Creosote builds up in connectors and chimney flues and can cause a chimney fire. Kerosene heaters should be cleaned and wicks replaced annually.

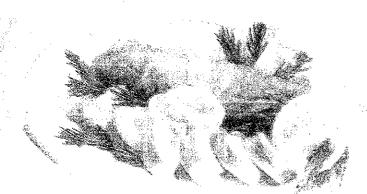
"By following the manufacturer's instructions for operation and maintenance, homeowners greatly reduce the chance for a home fire," said Neumann. "Most importantly never leave fireplaces or space heaters unattended and keep young children away from any appliance that has hot surfaces that can cause burns







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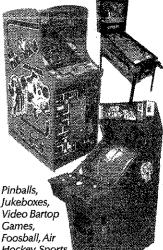
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Chief icers assist cancer-stricken kids

t's too early to say how Canton's hockey team will perform on the ice this

season, but the Chiefs' off-ice efforts are already worthy of a

standing ovation. First-year Canton hockey coach Mike Behen, who is a researcher at Detroit's Children's Hospital of Michigan, has organized an ambitious fund-raiser for his team that will benefit children who are patients Wright

in the CHM pediatric

oncology ward. Beginning this week, Canton hockey players will be seeking pledges from local businesses and residents that will be deposited into the team's "Big Goals" fund. Each pledge that is collected will be multiplied by the number of goals the Chiefs scored at the end of the 2004-05 season.

All money raised will be donated to CHM to assist in the care and treatment of the hospital's young, cancer-stricken patients, who have been dealt a jarring, life-altering blow that no on-ice bodycheck can come close to matching.

"For me, it's hard to walk through the pediatric oncology halls without getting upset," said Behen. "It's awful to see what it," Behen said. "We are going to visit the some of the kids go through.

"I think it is important for the players on the team to get involved in something like this beyond hockey. It will make them appreciate things a little more."

Last year, the Chiefs scored 84 goals, but Behen has his sights set higher for the upcoming campaign.

"We play 24 games and our goal is to score over four goals a game, so that would work out to at least 100 goals this season," Behen said.

Behen stressed that no pledge is too

"Even if it's a penny-a-goal, we'll take

hospital at least twice as a team this year. We're going to go up there in about a week so that the players can see what it's all about. Then we'll go again at the end of the season to deliver the money we've

"We're not going to ask the players' parents for pledges, as they have already pledged enough just so their kids can play hockey (P-CEP hockey players are required to pay over \$1,000 out of their own pockets to play the sport). But we're going to ask for pledges from fans, the

PLEASE SEE KIDS, B3

Tall order

Size is strength of Chief cagers

Senior point guard Andy Cortellini will be handed the keys to the Canton basketball team's offense for the second consecutive year by second-year coach Charlie

Judging by the size and athleticism of the Chiefs' lineup, Cortellini may feel like he's driving a powerful red Ferrari by season's

Even though Canton lost four starters to graduation from last year's 13-8 squad, it has the potential to improve on that record thanks to Cortellini's court sense and the skills of his fellow starters.

"Andy should be one of the better players in the conference this season," said Paye, who is entering his 17th season as a coach, "He's quick, he sees the court well and

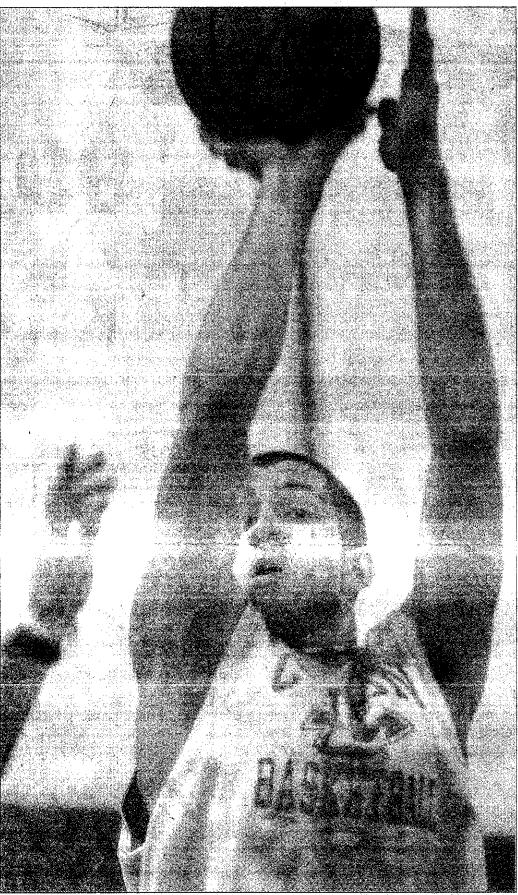
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Last year, many of Cortellini's passes found the waiting hands of the graduated D.J. Bridges, Brad Waidmann, Travis McKinney and Matt Paye (Charlie's son). Coincidentally, three of the departed players have younger brothers that play for this year's

Joining the 5-foot-11 point guard in the starting lineup will be a quartet of seniors: 6-8 center Kevin Thornton, 6-4 forward Julian Smith, 5-10 off-guard Jason Houdek and 6-1 forward David Calille.

"Kevin is an excellent shot blocker, so he'll be one of the keys to our defense," Paye said. "Julian can really get up and Jason is an outstanding outside shooter. David is versatile in that he can

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B3



Canton's Kevin Thornton is one big reason the Chiefs should make a run at the Western Lakes Activities Association title this season. The 6-foot-8 center is one of the WLAA's best returning post players.

Friedrichs is area's top coach

See All-Area soccer team, page B6.

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

After three straight sub-.500 seasons, Livonia Churchill fifthyear coach Reid Friedrichs was looking to get back on the winning

side of the ledger in 2004. In his first sea-

(2000), Churchill

son as coach

overall and



reached the regional finals before losing to Birmingham Brother Rice. 4-2. Then came sea-

finished 12-7-3

sons of 8-10-2, 6- - 2 and 2-10-2

This fall, Churchill turned tnings around with a 11-6-2 record, thanks largely in part to a rejuvenated offensive attack.

'We scored a lot of goals," said Friedrichs, who was named Observerland Coach of the Year. "I'm surprised how hard they worked and at times how well they played. I was really happy with the effort.

"We were a couple of bad bounces away from having a great

Churchill played tough against some of the area's top teams, tying Novi and losing by only a goal to

both Salem and Stevenson. The biggest disappointment was a first-round district setback to Walled Lake Western, 2-1.

"We always prided ourselves on being ready for the playoffs," Friedrichs said. "We played hard, but just got unlucky and that happens. It was a good season except that we tripped up in the playoffs, and that took away from it."

Defense the key for hustling Rocks

Salem hoopers look to out-work opponents

The 2004-05 Salem basketball team promises to be more gritty than flashy, and more dive-for-loose-balls aggressive than light-up-the-scoreboard impressive.

But just because the Rocks will probably rack up more floor burns than ESPN Sportscenter-type highlights this season, don't think they won't be dangerous to play against.

"We're going to have to rely on our team quickness and defensive hustle

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this season," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We're going

to be in a lot of defensive, hard-nosed games. We don't have a lot of great scorers, but we have kids who are quick and who will hustle and work hard.

"The key to our season will be how quickly everyone comes together. We have four seniors, four sophomores and the rest are juniors, so we need to jell quick-

Salem lost five key contributors from last season's 8-



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem sophomore guard Kevin Burleigh (left) will be counted on to provide the Rocks with strong play off the bench this season. Salem finished 8-13 in 2003-04.

13 squad. Four players graduated while the fifth — senior Dominique Washington — transferred to Farmington Hills Harrison.

Four seniors have earned starting nods for the Rocks while two juniors are battling for the final berth in the starting lineup.

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B3

Unbeaten London ousts Whalers, 4-2

The Plymouth Whalers entered Friday night's Ontario Hockey League game at London hoping to derail the Knights from their record-breaking unbeaten streak.

Instead, the Whalers were upended just like 22 of the Knights' previous 23 opponents, 4-2, before 9,066 people at the John Labatt Ice Arena.

The victory improved London's incredible record to 23-0-1, and brought them one win closer to the OHL's all-time season-opening unbeaten streak of 29 set by the Brandon Wheat Kings during the 1978-79

London's Rob Schremp was the catalyst of the Knights' latest win. The high-scoring center recorded a hat trick and added an assist.

John Mitchell tallied both Plymouth goals. His power-play marker from Mike Knight and Tim Sestito with 26 seconds left in the second period cut the Whalers' deficit to 2-1. He added an unassisted, short-handed goal with 5:08 left in the game.

Corey Perry scored the other London goal. He also added an assist.

Gerald Coleman earned the victory in net for the Knights, turning away 20 shots. Justin Garay suffered the loss for the Whalers despite making 40

Turkey shoot

On Saturday, Nov. 20, Canton Leisure Services and the Plymouth Elks combined efforts to offer a free free-throw shooting contest to members of the Canton and Plymouth communities.

The winners in each age group received turkeys, which were donated by Holiday Market and the Michigan Ave. Kroger store.

Following are the top finishers in each age group followed by how: many free throws the each first-place shooter made out of 25 attempts:

Boy's 8-9 years old: 1. Devin Slominski (11); 2. Hutner Cole; 3. Justin Broughman.

Boys 10-11: 1. Nicholas Flowers (17); 2. Robert Girls 10-11: 1. Bridget

Cole (nine); 2. Amanda Thielman; 3. Jessica Pugh.

Boys 12-13: 1. Michael Darouie (19); 2. Mark Main; 3. Josh Wright. Giris 12-13: 1. Jenna Mizzi (12).

Whalers trade

The Plymouth Whalers acquired 18-year-old left wing Ryan Stephenson from the Kingston Frontenacs Tuesday in exchange for a Gueiph's seventh-round draft selection in 2005.

"Stephenson is a capable left winger with size and skill who's been in the league for three years," said Plymouth president, general manager and coach Mike Vellucci. "He'll help us."

Stephenson, who is 6foot-4 and 215 pounds, was originally drafted by Kingston in the third round (42nd overall) in ... the 2002 Ontario Hockey League Draft. He enjoyed his best

season in the OHL last season when he scored eight goals with eight assists and 54 penalty minutes in 68 games.

This year, Stephenson has four goals, three assists and 14 penalty minutes.

Softball camps The Madonna

University softball team will hold a hitting camp on Saturday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 18, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$30 per session. interested players should mail a check to: Madonna University Softball, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150.

The MU softball team will also hold three fourweek sessions of a fundamental camp that will cover all phases of fastpitch softball. The first session will

run all four Sundays in [January from noon to 2:30 p.m.; another session will run all four Saturdays in January from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the third session will run on Jan. 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 17 form noon to 2:30 p.m. The cost of each four-

week session is \$150. For more information \$ on the camps, contact Al White at (734) 432-5783.

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Young Salem skaters feature defense

BY ED WRIGHT

Fresh faces dominate the Salem hockey team's 2004-05 roster as only seven skaters return from last year's 12-9-3 squad.

Among the key contributors the Rocks lost to graduation were captain Andy Thackaberry, an All-Western Lakes Activities Association defenseman; defenseman Ryan Jones and forwards

Aaron Cheesman and Kyle Emmons.

Despite the fact Salem's defensive corps took a hit, its blue-liners will provide the backbone of this year's team, according to coach Fred Feiler.

"Our goalie and defensive corps are this team's strong points," said Feiler, who has been the Rocks' coach since the team's inception six years ago. "Our offensive play will need to improve. We're a little on the small side on offense and the players need to go to the net with more enthusiasm.'

Senior Brandon DeMars returns as the Rocks' No. 1 goalie. He will be backed up by sophomore Derek Edelen.

"It's Brandon's third year on the varsity, so he brings a lot of experience to the team," Feiler said. "Brandon will get the bulk of the playing time, but Derek is a good, solid back-up."

Defenseman John Maurer, the team's captain, is a three-year player who provides Salem with some punch on the power play. The senior is one of Salem's top returning scorers, having tallied 17 points (eight goals and nine assists) last season. The Rocks' other top returning scorer is also a defenseman — senior Craigen Bauldry, who chalked up five goals

"We really need the seniors to step up and do the job for us this year," Feiler said. "I'd like to see us improve as the season goes on. Our main goal is to advance to the

and 12 assists during the 2003-04

regionals during the post-season." Seniors Ryan Sharrow and Tom Cooper are two returning forwards who should light the lamp on a consistent basis for Salem. Sharrow, a winger, is coming off a junior season in which he tallied one goal and seven assists, while

Cooper, a center, had three goals and five assists.

Senior Adam Gillikin is one of the Rocks' most talented players. Gillikin excelled as a sophomore two years ago, but played for a AAA Ann Arbor team as a junior.

"Adam will be out there for all the penalty-kills and the power play," said Feiler, who predicted Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson will be the teams to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association this season.

"They'll be right up there, but in the WLAA, there really isn't an easy game," he said.

CANTON

First-year coach Mike Behen will be taking over the reins of a team that is stocked with 13 seniors, including captain Reece McCabe, already a two-year letter-winner who is the lone first-team All-Observerland player returning from the area.

"We have a lot of seniors, so they should be motivated to do well since it's their last season," Behen said. "We're going to play an aggressive puck-control system. We have four returning defensemen and our goalie is experienced, so defense will be one of the strengths of this team."

McCabe should be a dominant force on the ice this season after leading the Chiefs with 21 goals and 35 points during the 2003-04

"Reece is big, strong and fast, so he should be a big contributor to our team this year," Behen said. "He's a good leader, too. He's a very hard worker."

Also serving as captains for the Chiefs will be seniors Mike Kondratek, who is playing his first year of high school hockey after playing with the highly regarded travel team Honeybaked for the past few seasons, Pat Davison and Ben Laurin.

"Mike is very quick and fundamentally sound out on the ice," Behen said. "He brings a good work ethic to the team.'

Senior forwards Bryan Wioncek and Garett Hyman will be counted on to light the lamp for the Chiefs

"Bryan is an extremely skilled and smart player who should be a



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Reece McCabe (17) defends Salem's Kyle Emmons during a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game last winter, McCabe, an All-Observerland selection as a junior, is one of the area's top returning players this season.

major contributor for us this year," Behen said. "Once he learns to play within the team concept a little more, he could be a star.

"Garett has good hands and he has a knack for putting the puck in the net. He should be one of our leading scorers."

Junior Kevin Tollison and Nick Leadford will also provide a strong presence on the offensive end of the ice for the Chiefs. Defensively, Davison, Laurin, Jon Sudia and Aaron Amin return to give Canton loads of experience along the blue line. Playing the majority of the time between the pipes for the Chiefs will be senior Tony Hylko.

'Tony is very smart and highly motivated back there," Behen said.

Other key players for Canton will be sophomore forward/defenseman Alex Lajoie, junior defenseman Patrick Gallagher and sophomore forward Brad Barath.

PLYMOUTH

As the first full varsity season approaches for the Wildcats, their coach, Mike Kaput, has realistic expectations for his young, seniorless squad.

"We're going to compete hard every game, every line shift," Kaput said. "This year will be a learning experience since it will be the first year at the varsity level for everyone. We'll play to win every game, but we won't judge our season on just wins and losses.'

Kaput knows what it takes to build a strong high school hockey program as he spent his prep career playing for Windsor Assumption

High School, which has a perennially strong team.

Plymouth, which calls the Compuware Ice Arena home, played as a junior-varsity squad last year in the Little Caesar's Junior Varsity League. The Wildcats shined, going 13-0-2 and winning their division.

"We have 11 players back from that team," said Kaput, who added that 34 students tried out for this year's 20-player team. "This is really a hard-working team with a lot of team speed. We don't have any seniors, so we're young and small, but we have a lot of energy."

Junior captain Ryan Stamm, a center, should be one of the Wildcats' top scorers this season, Kaput predicted.

Ryan sees the ice really well and he moves the puck," Kaput said.

Stamm will be flanked by wingers Billy Gauthier, a junior, and sophomore Nick Rososchacki.

"Billy is quick, has strong hands and has a knack for finding the back of the net," Kaput said. "Nick is a tall, strong player who has a real good shot."

Sophomore Justin Desilets enters the year as the Wildcats' top goal-tender.

"Justin is solid in net," his coach said. "He'll probably be seeing a lot of shots, but he'll be fine; he'll keep us in games."

Plymouth's defensive unit will be led by sophomore Jason O'Guinn, who is an "offensive-minded defenseman," according to Kaput.

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Penguins start strong, beat Pioneers

STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team is making its presence felt early in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey

The Penguins improved their record to 2-O in the MMGHSHL Tuesday night with a convincing 6-2 decision over the Ann Arbor Pioneers in a game played at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The high-flying Penguins are 4-2 overall heading into their Dec. 2 game at Grosse Pointe South. The Pioneers slipped to 0-2 in the league.

The girls are playing really well so far," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "We struggled early tonight, but we picked up the pace and started skating better."

Adrienne Cercone and Olivia Pennebaker scored first-period goals to give the. Penguins a lead they would never lose. Lauren Coleman, Emily Patton and Amy Coleman picked up assists.

Patton scored at the 10:10 mark of the second period to make it 3-0. She was assisted by Tara Boliard and Pennebaker.

Annelise Heeringa cut the Pioneers' deficit to 3-1 when she deposited a pass from Alexis Bourne into the back of the net, however, the Penguins retaliate minutes later on Erika Perkovich's goal (Stephanie Murray and Kristen Schwan assisted).

Schwan and Pennebaker added thirdperiod goals to give the winners some breathing room.

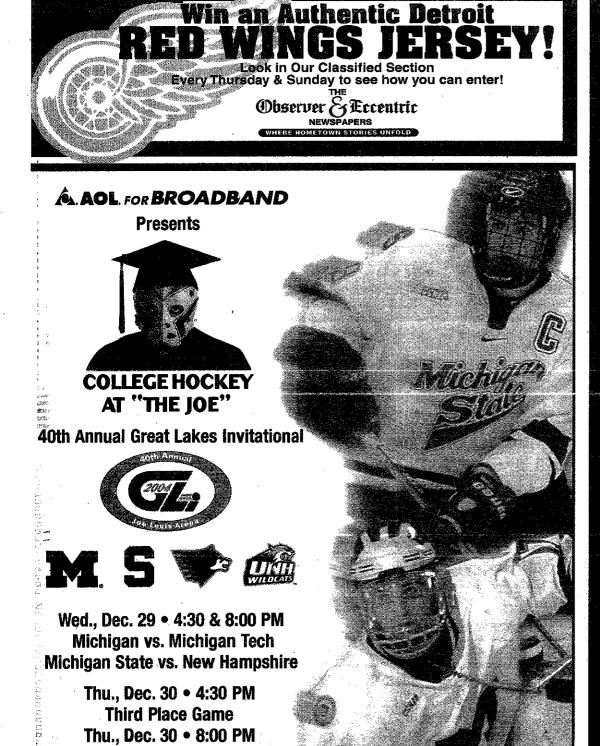
Kristi Kowalski played a strong goal in net for the Penguins, who fired 58 shots at the Ann Arbor net-minder. Callahan praised Kelli Bargowski and Sara Skonieczny for their efforts on the defensive end of the rink.

"We've been working on our break-outs and passing in practice," Callahan said. "Once we get the passing down, we'll be even better. We're still working out the kinks in our lines, but the girls seem to be jelling."

PCS captured third place at the inaugural Suburban Girls High School Hockey Classic last week. The Penguins were edged in overtime, 3-2, by Northville on Nov. 18 before coming back to demoralize Walled Lake, 10-0, on Nov. 20.

Schwan and Keely Kowalski scored the Penguins' goals in the loss. Pennebaker tallied four goals and Cercone had three in the rout of the Wild. Murray (two) and Sharla Gillespie accounted for the other goals.

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play small forward and shoot-

ing guard. "I was really happy with our defense last year, but we lost two of our top defensive players in Travis and Matt. Hopefully, this group can pick up where last year's team left

The Chiefs' bench will be stocked with a talented mixture of young and old, tall and not-so-tall players.

Senior 6-2 forward Jacob Langdon is the lone reserve player who was a member of Canton's 2003-04 varsity squad. Forward Steve Paye (Charlie's younger son), who stands 6-4, and 6-6 sophomore Ryan Waidmann were key contributors to the school's juniorvarsity team that went 17-3 and unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association last sea-

Senior transfer student Damon Staples, a 6-1 guard, 6-2 junior forward Andre Bridges (D.J.'s younger brother), 6-0 junior forward Andy Rossow, and 6-0 junior guard Rob

Eppler will give the Chiefs plenty of depth.

"Damon is very good in transition and he can really handle the ball," Paye said. "Andy likes to mix it up and is a good defender."

Canton's non-conference schedule is challenging, to say the least, with games against Novi, Redford Union, Monroe and Ann Arbor Pioneer includ-

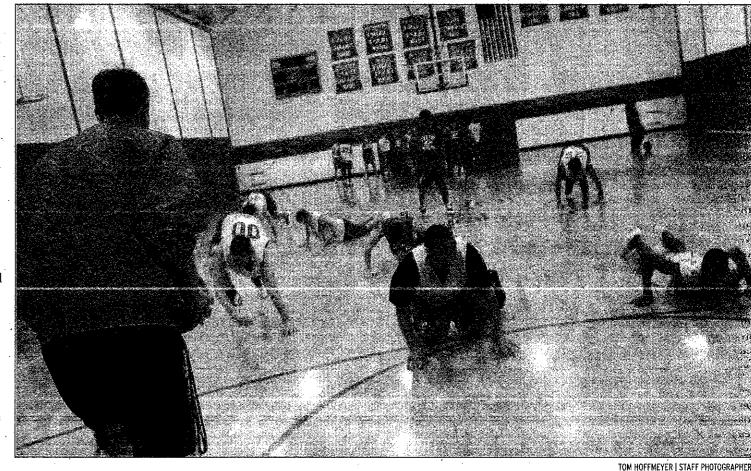
Paye predicts Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial will be the teams to beat in the WLAA.

"There are probably five or six teams that can win the league, but those two look good right now," he said. "We were the last team to beat Wayne in the conference last year before they went on to win the league.

The key for us this year is how we play on the defensive end. We're athletic enough to do well, so I'm confident. It's my second year here now, so the kids know my system. If we can stay injury-free, we should be competitive."

Canton opens Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Monroe.

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Canton basketball coach Charlie Paye guides his team through a loose-ball drill during practice last week. The Chiefs are hoping to contend for a Western Lakes Activities Association title this season after finishing 13-8 last season.

ROCKS

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What's known for certain is that Jeff Lake (6-foot-3), Dave Cardenas (6-2) and Kyle Price (6-2) will make up the Rocks' front-court trio-to start the season, and Brad Zonca (6-0) will man one of the guard spots. Still up in the air is which junior will start: Kevin Bradley (6-2) or Jon Pomorski

"They will all be rotating in, so all six will be seeing a lot of playing time," Brodie said.

Lake, who averaged four points per game last season, is the team's leading returning scorer. The Rock football standout's scoring average should rise considerably along with his offensive responsibilities when Salem opens at Belleville on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Cardenas will also be counted on to improve his 1.5 scoring average from last year.

"Jeff is a strong inside play-er." Brodie said. "He's a good

athlete and he gives 100 percent all the time. Dave is very similar to Jeff, but he's not quite as big. He's very athletic and has a lot of ability."

A good ball-handler with a strong perimeter game, Zonca will see a lot of time in the backcourt along with Bradley and Pomorski.

"Kevin will play the perimeter and inside, depending on the match-ups," Brodie said. "Kyle will be a swing forward and Jon is a good floor leader who is aggressive defensively. Sophomores Mike Marek,

Jierah Dixon and Kevin Burleigh will provide backcourt depth for the Rocks. "They're all about 5-6 with

good court savvy and great quickness," Brodie said. Coming off the bench to pro-

vide relief for the post players will be Joe Halewicz (6-foot), Billy Leddy (6-3), Brian Baumgart (6-6), Rory Kind (6-3) and sophomore J.P. Truesdell.

"We open with a very tough nonconference schedule, just



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Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie directs his team through a series of drills during practice Tuesday afternoon.

like last year," said Brodie, who was referring to nonleague games against Belleville, Monroe, Saline and Warren Cousino. "Last year, we got off to a slow start and didn't win any of our non-conference games. Hopefully, this year we get off to a faster start."

Salem will open its Western Lakes Activities Association

slate at Walled Lake Central on Jan. 7.

"Canton should be strong this season," said Brodie, when asked who will be the top contenders for the WLAA title. "And Wayne and Northville will be tough again. I think Walled Lake Central is going to be up there, too."

KIDS

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players' neighbors, their friends and business owners in the community. Whatever we raise, we are going to give to the hospital and tell them to use it however they see fit to best help the kids in the oncology ward."

For more information on this fund-raiser, visit the team's Web site at

www.eteamz.com/cantonchiefshockey; or e-mail Behen at mbehen@pet.wayne.edu.

Hopefully, this imaginative and unique fund-raiser will spur other area teams to initiate similar programs to benefit severely ill children. According to hockey tradi-

tion, whenever a player scores three goals in a game, fans take off their hats and throw them onto the ice in recognition of a hat trick.

My hat is off to the Canton hockey program for an idea

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that will not only provide added incentive to its players, but serve as an inspiring power, play for a worthwhile cause.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Dec. 1 Franklin vs. Plymouth at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Redford CC vs. Farm. Unified at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m. Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 2 PCS Penguins at Grosse Pointe South at City Sports Arena, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 Churchill vs. Salem (Edgar), 6 p.m.

W.L. Central at Canton, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6 p.m. Redford CC vs. Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic), 7 p.m. Dearborn United at Salem, 8:30 p.m. PCS Penguins vs. Bloomfield at

Hazel Park Ice Arena, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 Redford CC vs. Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic), 1 p.m. PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Dec. 1 Salem and Canton at Monroe Quad Meet, 5 p.m. Clarkston at Redford CC, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 Plymouth at Warren Lincoln, 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3 Redford CC at Solon (Ohio) Classic, 4 p.m. Clarenceville, Franklin, N. Farmington at Farmington High Quad, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 Salem at Lake Orion Invite, 9 a.m.

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Madonna vs. St. Mary (Neb.), 8:15 p.m. (PST) Friday, Dec. 3 Madonna vs. Fresno Pacific, 11:15 a.m. (PST) Quarterfinals, 6:15 & 8:15 p.m. (PST) Saturday, Dec. 4

Semifinals, 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (PST) Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (PST) MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Tuesday, Nov. 30 Rochester College at Madonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1

Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 (Defiance, Ohio College Tourney) Olivet College vs. UM-Dearborn, 6 p.m. Madonna vs. Defiance, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4 Defiance (Ohio) Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Tuesday, Nov. 30 Marygrove at Madonna, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3 (Hougton College, N.Y. Tourney) Madonna vs. Huntington (Ind.), 6 p.m. (Schoolcraft College Invitational) Olive Harvey (III.) vs. Sinclair (Ohio), 6 p.m. Schoolcraft vs. Kalamazoo Valley, 8 p.m.

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STAFF WRITER

Over-confidence, boredom and missing players combined to spell doom for the Plymouth Whalers in their 5-2 loss to Windsor Wednesday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The loss dropped Plymouth's Ontario Hockey League record to 8-10-4-2. The Whalers fell four points behind the West Division-leading Spitfires, who improved to 11-11-2-2.

Plymouth played without three key players: Jonas Fiedler, who was serving a suspension; John Armstrong, who was injured; and Mike Looby, who had returned to Brampton, Ont. following the unexpected death of his father last week.

Whaler coach Mike Vellucci said his team may have gotten a little too relaxed after it built a 2-0 lead after playing a nearperfect opening 17 minutes. Windsor grabbed back some momentum at the 16:58 mark of the first period when Ryan Garlock scored on a seemingly soft shot from in front of the

"I told the guys that they played the best 20 minutes of hockey they've played all year in the first period and the worst hockey they've played all year in the second and third periods," Vellucci said. "But that's the sign of an inexperienced team, which we are. We have to play hard all 60 minutes or we're not going to win."

Vellucci said Ryan Nie, his usually dependable goalie, may have been lulled into a state of relaxation prior to yielding Garlock's momentum-shifting

"I think my goalie may have gotten a little bored after not facing one shot the first 15 minutes," Vellucci said.

The game opened as if it

Whaler coach Mike Vellucci said his team may have gotten a little too relaxed after it built a 2-0 lead after playing a near-perfect opening 17 minutes. Windsor grabbed back some momentum at the 16:58 mark of the first peri-

would be a rout in the Whalers' favor when Mike Knight and John Mitchell both scored in the first 12:10 to make it 2-0. Knight's fourth goal of the season was assisted by John Vigilante and Craig Cescon while Mitchell's came off helpers from Knight and James Neal. Plymouth outshot the Spitfires, 14-5, in the opening stanza, vet led just 2-1.

Windsor seized a 3-2 lead after two period on goals from Cal O'Reilly and Paul Giallonardo. O'Reilly's goal was unassisted; Garlock and Steve Downie were credited with assists on Giallonardo's goal.

The game's pivotal goal came eight minutes into the final period when Spitfire center Jason Dixon beat Nie with a deflection off Ryan Donally's slap shot to make it 4-2. Downie pushed in an emptynetter with 55 seconds remaining to seal the deal.

Plymouth outshot Windsor, 28-21, but was stymied by goalie Kyle Knechtel following the promising opening period.

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Fast-starting Whalers Vigilante feels right at home with Whalers

STAFF WRITER

Don't think Plymouth Whaler John Vigilante doesn't appreciate living just a long Zamboni ride from the Compuware Sports Arena, his home away from home during the seven-month Ontario Hockey League season.

The 19-year-old Dearborn native is the envy of several of his Canadian-born teammates, who get to visit home during the season about as often as hockey goalies fight — hardly ever.

"I love living just a half hour away," Vigilante said. "Most of my teammates' homes are several hours away, so they live with families around here, which is nice, but it's different living in the house you grew up in. I get home-cooked meals every night and I have family and friends at every home game."

Like the Whalers, Vigilante started slowly this season, finding the net just twice in the season's first month. However, like the Whalers, he has heated up over the past week, scoring three times to raise his season totals to five goals and

"I struggled a little bit early on, but lately it seems I've been getting more opportunities to score," Vigilante said. "We have a young team, so we knew it might take a while to get going this season. We've been playing with more confidence lately, though, and it shows."

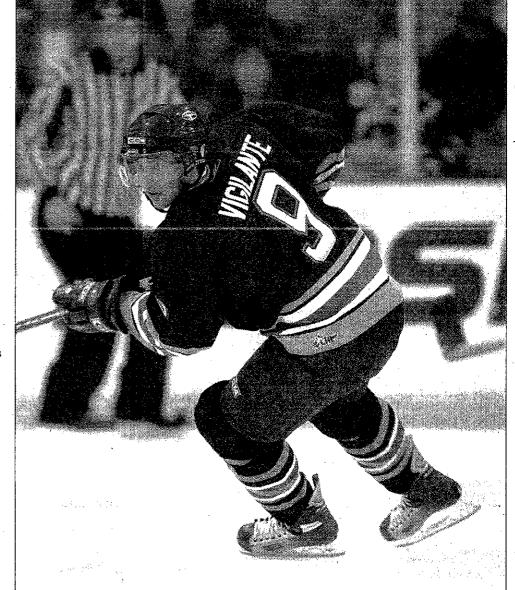
Following a productive youth-hockey career, the 6-foot, 200-pound Vigilante was drafted by the Whalers in the 11th round of the 2001 OHL draft.

He has been a fixture on the team's top lines the past few years, and has scored 50 goals and dished out 70 assists through Wednesday's 5-2 loss to Windsor. Vigilante said he was debating which college to attend when he was drafted by the Whalers.

"I was deciding between Michigan and Wisconsin," said Vigilante, who was recruited to play hockey by both schools. "But when I was drafted by the Whalers, it made my decision easy. This is such a great organization to play for, plus it was close to home. I have no regrets." A graduate of Dearborn Edsel Ford

High School, Vigilante said the highlight of his young career came when he played for the United States under-17 all-star team three years ago.

"We beat Canada in the finals to win the World Championships," said



Dearborn native John Vigilante finds playing close to home advantageous, especially when it comes to home cooking and having family and friends attend his games.

Vigilante, who was the team's secondleading scorer. "It was the first time I had an opportunity to play against the greatest talent from all over the world. It was pretty exciting."

During the off-season, Vigilante runs a hockey school with his older brother, Mike, who plays minor-league hockey for the Portland Pirates.

"It's a great summer job," said Vigilante. "We run it at the Dearborn Ice Arena. They publicize it for us, and we've had a pretty good turn-out. It's something I

would like to continue to do once my hockey career is over."

Vigilante said he has dreams of one day playing in the National Hockey League if the work stoppage ever ends. But if that goal never materializes, he has alternates plans in place.

"I'm taking classes at Madonna University, so I want to get a college degree," he said. "Then I'd like to get into teaching and coaching.

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CC icers glide by Churchill, 2-1

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Compuware Arena is where Redford Catholic Central starts and yants to finish its 2004-05 hockey season.

The Shamrocks, who had their string of five Division I state titles snapped in last years final — 3-2 by Marquette at Compuware — opened their new campaign Friday night with a hard-earned 2-1 win over longtime regional nemesis Livnia Churchill.

It's too early to tell," was CC second-year coach Todd Joinson's first-game assessment. "Our guys played like it was the first game of the year. Gays are getting to know each oner, as far as the line combinations, and they learned dickly this is different than fill hockey and fall practice. They know they have to work larder and have to stay a step to gain an edge."

Churchill, which already had game under its belt, a 9-2 season-opening win over Berkley, settled down after being outplayed and outshot (14-2) for much of the first period.

The Shamrocks, putting on heavy pressure early, took a 1-0 advantage at 2:26 when Mychael Evans stole the puck from behind the Chargers' net and snuck it past Churchill sophomore netminder Scott Lewan on a backhand.

"Basically I told them to relax and I wanted to make sure to put an emphasis on our forecheck because in the first period we weren't very aggressive with it," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "I don't if know of our guys were nervous, but they (CC) definitely took it to us that first period.

"But our guys then did a nice job of regrouping and we felt the second and third periods were pretty even."

In the scoreless second period, CC took four penalties while Churchill was whistled for three. But neither the Chargers or the Shamrocks could capitalize when they enjoyed the man advantage.



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Catholic Central's Mychael Evans gets held up by Churchill's Wesly Carpenter during play Friday night at Compuware Arena. Catholic Central won the game, 2-1.

"Things were going great...
then all the sudden both sides
got a little antsy," Mazzoni said.
"Maybe somebody just woke
up, or I don't know what."

up, or I don't know what."
With 12:31 left in the third
period, junior Wade Lefever
gave CC a 2-0 cushion on a
pass by Evans, who was all over
the ice.

"He's a third-year player," Johnson said of Evans, a 5foot-10, 180-pound senior winger. "He's always been a good, solid player."

But just when the Shamrocks seemed to have the game under control, Churchill struck for its only goal of the game less than three minutes later when Brandon Mishowski, who collected four goals in Churchill's opener, knocked home a rebound off a hard shot by teammate Justin Stadler. Justin Tonti also drew an assist on the goal to cut the deficit to 2-1.

But any sudden momentum Churchill would enjoy quickly evaporated because of two costly penalties in the final 10 minutes, including an interference call against Mishowski, who was shown the gate for the remainder of the night after being slapped with an additional 10-minute misconduct.

With 2:50 to go, Stadler broke in on CC goaltender Brian Hogan, but the sophomore who had 13 saves on the night, held his ground and made the stop to preserve the win. Hogan also made a dandy

save in the opening period with 7:02 left when he denied Churchill's Matt Guilbault's backhand attempt on a breakaway.

"All (three) of our goalies are rookies, but Brian (Hogan) played the way we expected tonight," Johnson said.

Churchill, meanwhile, was unable to pull its goalie in the final minutes as CC finished out the game in the Chargers' end.

"I'm not disappointed with the way we played, but we took four offensive zone penalties and that shows a lack of discipline," Johnson said. "Three times we got called for penalties inside the goal crease. If can't control your emotions, you can't win games late season doing that.

"But overall I thought we played against a good team that is well-coached and had a good goaltender. And Justin Stadler is as good as any guy in the state. He's a factor every time he takes a shift on the ice."

Churchill, outshot 19-13 over the final two periods, got a clutch performance from Lewan (34 saves), who also started in the Chargers' opener.

"I'm not sure what happened on that first (Evans) goal, but for a sophomore to step into a game like that...did exceed my expectations," Mazzoni said. "I think he gave us a lot of confidence."

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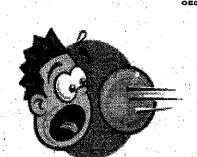
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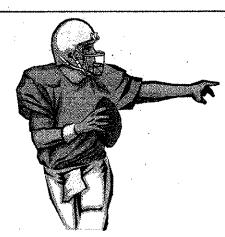
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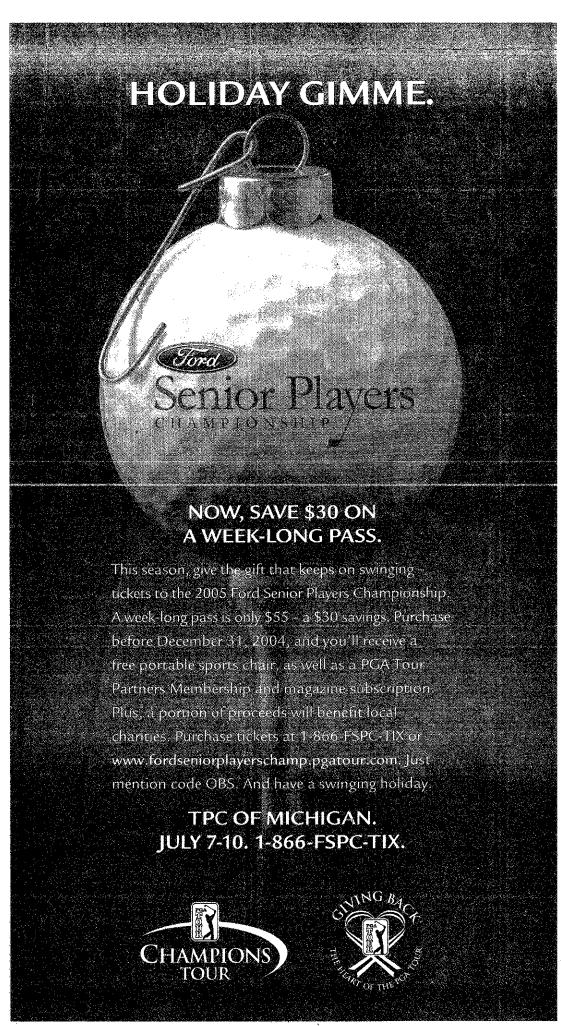
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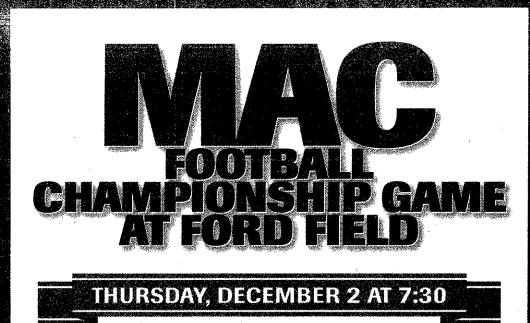
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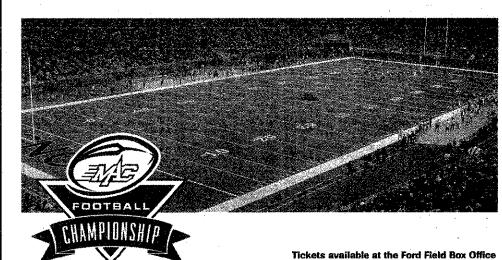
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Standout kickers nab slots on All-Area boys soccer team

Mitch Hildebrandt, Soph. GK, Liv. Stevenson: The sophomore earned second-team All-State honors in Division I and was named All-Division in the Western Lakes Activities

Association. Hildebrandt started and played in 19 games, posting a 16-3 record as the Spartans captured the WLAA championship, Lakes Division and

Division I district titles. He had only eight goals against and posted 12

shutouts. "Mitch is really a top goalkeeper." Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "In my experience, it's pretty rare that a goalkeeper as a sophomore has shown so much confidence and dependability beyond his years.

"He cares about the game and his team, and always works hard to improve."

Steve Mischung, Sr. GK, Canton: A two-year starter, Mischung earned All-WLAA honors this season after garnering a second-team All-State nod as a junior.

Josh Smith, Sr. Def., Redford CC: The second-year captain and MHSAA Scholar Athlete's talent and leadership abilities were sorely missed during the first part of the season, when he was sidelined by

injury. When he returned, the Shamrocks rebounded and swept through the district round of the playoffs with

three shutout victories. "Josh was kind of our anchor in the back," said Nora.

Smith (two goals, four assists) was named to the All-State third team, All-Region and All-District teams and was an All-Catholic League honorable mention recipient.

Nora said the Shamrocks will miss the sweeper's inspira-

"Even before the game, he was always trying to get our team inspired and ready to go," the coach said. "We're really going to miss him."

Erik McKee, Jr. Def., Canton: McKee, who doubled as a kicker for the Chiefs' football team, enjoyed a stellar junior season for the Chiefs.





Billy Sanders Churchill



Alan Morrow **Garden City**



Thiago Harris Salem

Jordan Fylonenko Stevenson

Cody Pickren, Sr. MF, Plymouth Christian Academy: Pickren was the Eagles' main offensive threat this season. recording a team-high 17 goals and five assists, despite missing the latter part of the season with a knee injury. The Northville High School transfer was voted second-team All-State, first-team All-Region

and second-team All-Michigan

Independent Athletic

Conference.

"Cody provided us with a tremendous physical presence this year," said PCA coach Terry Bixler. "He was a very unselfish player who created several scoring opportunities for his teammates."

Brad Marsh, Sr. MF. Canton: The senior mid-fielder earned first-team All-State honors and was voted to the WLAA's top post-season squad. The captain covered a lot of ground for the Chiefs and finished as the team's top scorer.

Nick Dordeski, Sr. MF, Liv. Stevenson: The senior midfielder, who scored 21 goals and added seven assists, made Division I second-team All-State and was an All-Western Lakes selection.

"Nick was a fixture at the enter of our midfield for the last three years," Rienters said. 'He never goes unnoticed. He was our vocal leader and was typically part of our most

"We played some very good teams and he was always matched up against their best player like a James Hannah of Northville. He'll definitely play at the next level."

Jake Bennett, Jr. MF, Salem: The junior mid-fielder was a first-team All-WLAA performer in his second year on the varsity. Bennett tallied four goals and six assists and provided the Rocks with allout hustle each game, according to coach Ed McCarthy.

"Jake was very versatile," McCarthy said. "I could move him around to any position that we need to. He has a tremendous work ethic and he's an aggressive tackler. Jake really has a flair for playing the game and he has a knack for doing special things out on the

Jordan Fylonenko, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The senior forward, who scored 18 goals and added eight assists, earned Division I first-team All-State and All-WLAA honors.

"Jordan's greatest strength is creating scoring opportunities, not so much his scoring, but putting pressure on the opposing defense was his greatest strength," Richters said. "He's one of the most dominant forwards in the state. He'll play Division I college soccer somewhere."

Billy Sanders, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill: The senior forward, an All-Region, All-Western Lakes and honorable mention All-State pick, accounted for a third of Churchill's goals this season with a total of 20 to go along with eight assists.

"Billy really is a pure goal scorer," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "He has a knack for finishing with the ball and was the best kid on our team. He has a nose for the

"He was born to be a forward because he can score from anywhere and from any place. He's one of the hardest working kids I've had."

Alan Morrow, Jr. F, Garden City: The Cougars' co-captain led the team with 19 goals and 10 assists, tallying four game-winners along the way. For his efforts he won the coveted "Cougar Power Award" and earned honorable mention for the Mega Conference, Another honor was being the No. 2 seed on the All-District team.

The third-year varsity member became more of a complete player in 2004, one reason Garden City advanced to the district final before losing a hard-fought, 3-1 contest to Dearborn.

Head coach Bill Torni said Morrow's offensive talents also gave the team confidence in close games, which the Cougars tended to play all year.

"When we were down we felt we were still in it because we were waiting for Alan to break free" and score a timely goal, Torni explained.

Thiago Harris, Sr. F, Salem: A captain, Harris was dangerous with the ball, especially when the game was on the line. His late-game heroics have helped the Rocks to several key wins throughout his two-year varsity career. Harris was voted first-team All-WLAA.

"Thiago (pronounced CHEE-ag-o) was our most creative attacker on the offensive end of the field," McCarthy said. "Thiago had a number of heroic, game-winning goals. A couple of them helped us turn around our season. He's a dynamic player who is especially good at re-starts.

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The answer was to collect phone cards for servicemen and women, a collection which took place from October until the Nov. 7 "Salute to Service" event at the Summit.

Now the "Moms" will add the phone cards to holiday packages.

Marilyn Johnson, "a very proud MMM" said, [®]Michigan Military Moms is a support group. We are there for each other. We give of ourselves through a hug, a smile, a kind word, or a listening ear."

Marilyn's 19-year-old son, Pvt. 2nd Class Ryan A. Johnson, an Army infantryman and a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, has been in Iraq since February. "Ryan left one week after graduation," Johnson said. "I am so proud of him and his unselfish act he is doing for our country. People don't realize how much military families go through."

Kathleen L. Chaney-White, proud mom of Marine Lance Cpl. Erik Zinger, reminds us that these are "tough times, especially with the holidays coming up."

Mary Rowland said MMM's motto is "United by

"I can't imagine coping without the support I've received and the opportunities to support other moms," Rowland said. "My son, Sgt. Landon J. Goon, is currently

making what comment is like in harder to watch him go. But he's never complained and met his duty in a way that makes me so proud of the fine young man he's become. Hopefully, he will return early next year."

Bev Boike's son, Tony, was in Iraq, now at Fort Hood, Ky., getting ready to deploy again in December. "We will have many more months of praying, worrying and waiting for him to return again," she said.

Jill (last name withheld upon request), has a son in the Air Force. "He has become the man every parent hopes their son will be," Jill said. "Our children have grown up and so must we. You realize that they're no

longer your little girl or boy and you no longer can protect them. They are now protecting you!"

Peggy Emerick's son, Lt. T.J. Emerick, a pilot in the Navy, has been serving for seven years, with two years to go, and is stationed in Corpus Christi. Texas. He was on deployment in the Middle East when 9/11 occurred and deployed again when the war in Iraq broke out. T.J. is not married. "When he is gone, I handle all of his financial affairs, and his dog, so he doesn't have to worry about things back home," his mom

Peggy said, "If you would have told me 15 years ago that my son would be in the military, much less flying a plane, I would have said you were crazy. I am so very proud of my son who has put some things in his life on hold so that his friends won't have to. I worry about him. Unless you have been through this yourself, it is a bit hard to understand."

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Megan Carrier (left), Katharine Steinke, Sarah Philo, Kayleigh Passarelli, and Elli Fackelman are living their dream of dancing the role of Clara with a ballet company.

Sweet dreams

Young ballerinas on toes for lead Nutcracker role

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Young ballerinas like Katharine Steinke play mice for years with the hope of one day landing the role of

er girl won the part of Clara. Her mother, Kim, says the entire family is as excited as her 13-year-old daughter who will dance with guest artists Olivier Munoz and Ana Lobe, formally with the

dream or praying the girl. who awakens to dance with a doll in the Land of Sweets.

As soon as the curtain goes down, hundreds of girls turn out to audition with ballet companies based in Livonia, Farmington Hills and the Plymouth-Canton area. Clara is a plum role even though it takes a full year of practice and private lessons in addition to rehearsals with the cast for Tchaikovsky's fairy tale.

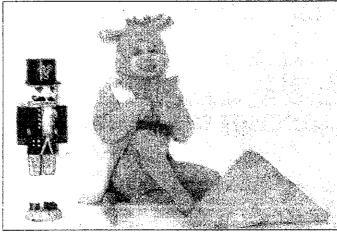
"They all want to be Clara because the Nutcracker comes to life as her Prince Charming," said Jean Newell, artistic director of the Livonia Civic Ballet.

Megan Carrier travels all the way from Milford to play Clara in Livonia Civic Ballet performances Dec. 11-12, at Clarenceville High School. Carrier was a Spanish Dancer last year after anoth-

sand Aregan Carrier School studied dance for eight years at Suzanne's Main Street Dance Center in Milford.

All Claras seem to love the pas de deux that puts them in the spotlight with a partner - especially Elli Fackelman, the 14-year old Walled Lake dancer who's playing Clara with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Dec. 4-5, at Plymouth Salem High School.

"I like to be the center of attention while I'm dancing and thought I would do a lot more dancing," said Fackelman, who's studied dance for nine years at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi. This is her fourth Nutcracker, including last year's with Livonia Civic Ballet. She's especially looking forward to working with



lan Smith, a 6-year-old Canton boy, enjoys playing one of the mice in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company production of the Nutcracker. His mom, June, is ballet mistress for the company

Birtite . Calific Radabescu, a forme - soleist with the Grand Rapids Ballet, and Sarah Dominique, a dance major at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids

and student of Radulescu. "I like the partnering and the party scene," said Fackelman.

'The story is built around Clara," added Plymouth-Canton artistic director Dawn Greene. "It's her dream," and the dream of young girls like Katharine Steinke, Kaleigh Passarelli of Southfield and Sarah Philo, Northville, the 10-year olds sharing the role of Clara in three Nutcrackers presented by Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Thursday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Millennium Center in

Southfield. Passarelli and Philo have aspired to the lead role since they began dancing more than five years ago. Steinke's thought of no other part than Clara since seeing the Pittsburgh Ballet production at 3 when she went back stage.

Johnston's love affair with The Nutcracker began during his first time out as a dancer with the Cincinnati Ballet at 18, and hasn't lost any magic for him at 48. Since retiring from the London Ballet Theatre in England, he's coached young dancers in 15 Detroit Ballet productions of the Nutcracker and at the Betty Johnston School of Dance based in Farmington Hills and Birmingham.

"Every year, it's a new Nutcracker and you keep seeing something wonderful happen," said Johnston of Farmington Hills. "The nicest thing now is seeing the young kids growing up and doing some of the parts I did - a mouse, the Chinese, watching these kids grow

and mature through the

"They all just want to be a star. The high point is when they make their first entrance on the stage. Those first few seconds they're asking themselves is it going to happen, am I going to be perfect, do what I'm trained

On the other side of the footlights parents of dancers are enjoying the moment.

"I think it's an opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas," said Dori Fackelman, Elli's mother. "It's a tradition for many families and gives dancers the opportunity to be on stage."

Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company performances run 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$20, adults, \$10 children, \$5 for Sugar Plum Tea following 11 a.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday performances. Call (734) 451-2112.

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet performances run 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, and noon and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$4. Call (248) 642-4292.

Livonia Civic Ballet performances run 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, with a program for seniors only 2 p.m. Dec. 11. Tickets are \$18 reserved seating in rows 15, \$14 adults, \$11 seniors age 55 and older and students, \$9 children ages 5-9, \$9 groups of 12 or more, \$6 for Dec. 11 seniors only performance. Call (734) 427-9103.

Perspectives change facing life-threatening fight



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Delaney Diggs hangs an art project in the front window of the family home in Canton.

he first thing you notice when you meet 8-1/2-year-old cancer patient Delaney Diggs is her openness,

and her smile. Especially the smile. You think, "OK, it's nice to meet you, Delaney, but where's the kid who is

It's hard not to watch Delaney, who for more than two years has fought off Ewing's Sarcoma, and not be taken in by her upbeat personality. When we got there, Delaney immediately took the photographer by the hand and led him into her living room, proudly showing off work she has done in school.

Visitors are treated to a rendition of "I Feel the Earth Move," by Delaney's favorite singer, Carole King, a soulful performance that belies the girl's ten-

Save the scarcity of hair beneath the ever-present baseball cap Delaney wears, and the sometimes-sallow expression in her eyes, there is no outward sign of the battles the family has fought, nor of the war that rages on.

The cancer is the hardest thing the family - mom Renee LaForest and



Brad Kadrich

siblings Emilie, 10, and Josh, 6 — has had to deal with, but it's not the only thing. There's been a divorce, leaving Renee to handle everything alone. There's been a relocation, and getting children settled into new schools and new lives. There have been job

losses and friends gained, attitude adjustments and per-

spectives righted. When Delaney's cancer was diagnosed in June 2002, no one gave her much chance of beating it. It's an unusual cancer for a 6-year-old girl to get (it more frequently targets boys or patients 10-20) in an unusual place, attached as it was to her optic chasm (some 57 percent of the time it attacks in the arms, legs or ribs).

She made it through 28 of the scheduled radiation treatments, including 21 of them introduced directly through her eyes. She's had countless surgeries, many to battle shrinking pituitary

glands and a sinus cavity destroyed by radiation.

Here's a kid who could have simply given up — She asked LaForest early on if she was going to die — but instead has not only fought, but has

"She's known everything that's going on all along," said LaForest, 39, a mother fighting desperately to keep her family afloat during hard times. "I told her if her body couldn't fight anymore, Jesus would come and take her to Heaven. Ever since, when she's been sick, she'd take my hand and say, 'Don't worry, Mom, I still have lots of fight."

She hasn't had to fight hard to win people over. She has sung the national anthem for large crowds, and she got to drop the puck at a Columbus Blue Jackets game, while the family still lived in Ohio.

When she was hospitalized, her favorite player, Tyler Wright, snuck in without worrying about cameras or publicity angles, and visited with her. She has helped raise money for his

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charity, Hats for Heroes. At a Make A Wish Foundation event, Delaney belted out some Carole King tunes during a Karoake session. One of the people in the room was King's sister, who sits on the board for Make A Wish. She told her sister and, soon thereafter, LaForest got a call inviting her and Delaney to California to meet the singer.

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King was so impressed by the effervescent youngster, and her positive attitude while winning the fight for her life, she wound up recording a song with her.

That was wonderful," LaForest said. "For someone like Carole King to take the time, it really made 'Laney happy."

It's all in how you deal with things. The cancer almost certainly will cause her problems for years. The radiation treatments are damaging her ability to fight off even the most common infection, yet Delaney refuses to give in to the cancer.

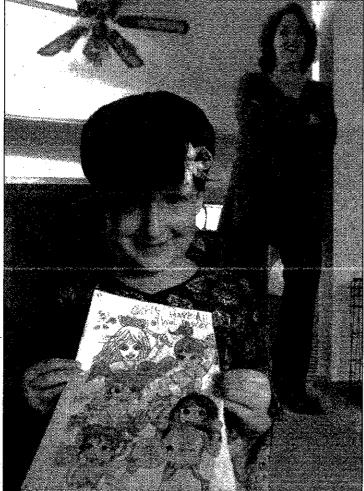
And LaForest is doing her best not to give in to everything else, despite immense strain. An IT-program manager-corporate trainer by trade, she lost a good-paying job when Delaney first got sick, when doctors first diagnosed sinus congestion.

She got another job, then lost it when doctors finally got it right and found the cancer. She hadn't been at the new job long enough to even qualify for unemployment.

She moved the family to Canton because she had a sister here, and because the children's godmother, Carol Sutherland, was able to put her in touch with a realtor. She also liked what she saw in Plymouth-Canton schools.

She's taken odd jobs to try to bring in some cash. She's dumped change into a jar and used it for gas money. She's had to bank on the generosity of her churches and the Salvation Army - and friends.

"She's really a very bright woman, with a good head on her shoulders," said Sutherland, the godmother who lived in Plymouth for 14



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Delaney Diggs loves to work on her art, including this one that declares "Girls have all the power!'

years before moving to Cleveland following the death of her husband. "She's done just a wonderful job keeping that family together, and basically doing it by herself."

LaForest would argue she hasn't done it by herself - her children have helped, particularly with the perspective. When tempers flare as they do in all families, the children agreed to sign a "stop yelling" pledge, promising to treat each other with respect.

When LaForest warned her kids Christmas might be a tad sparse this year, 10-year-old Emilie simply suggested baking something for Jesus' birthday.

With all three kids in school at Field Elementary full-time now, LaForest knows the easiest solution to all her problems would be finding a job. That hasn't been easy. Personnel people with good-paying jobs tend to cringe a bit when they see she's been out of the work

force two years.

Those with the lower-paying jobs tend to believe - probably rightly so - she'd bolt if a better offer came along.

"No question about it a job would solve everything," LaForest laments. "If I could just find a job, everything would be better."

Still, she refuses to get down OK, there are times she gets down, but she doesn't stay there for long, because she knows - despite how bad it seems at times now - things could be worse.

"I still have my daughter," LaForest said. "It's been hard to do2/2, but she's still here, so it's been worth whatever we've had to do."

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth Observer. Anyone who wants to help - especially if you have a job to offer - can contact him at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or by calling (734) 459-2700.

MARRIAGES



Mosley-Roia

Christina Roig of Park Ridge, Ill., and Ethan Mosley of Okemos, Mich., were married June 27, 2004 in Chicago, Ill. before the Rev. Wayne Wachsmuth, A reception was held at the Hilldale Golf Club in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Christina is the daughter of Charles and Linda Roig of Roselle, Ill. She attended Western Illinois University. She works for the Okemos School District.

Ethan is the son of Gary and Carol Mosley of Plymouth. He is attending veterinary medical school at Michigan State University.

Attending the bride was her sister, Elizabeth Roig, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sandra Burns, Noelle Roig and Kristen France. Makaila Mosley was the flower girl.

Attending the groom was his brother, Matthew Mosley, as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Burns, Mark France and Tyrone Quiñenes.

Ethan and Christina spent their honeymoon in Orlando, Fla. They are making their new home in Okemos.



Kolb wedding

Don and Millie Miller of South Lyon (formerly of Plymouth) announce the wedding of their daughter, Lisa, to Ryan Kolb, son of Mike and Cindi Kolb of Plymouth.

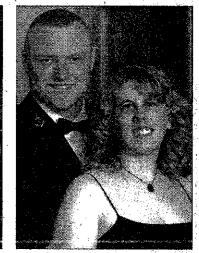
Ryan and Lisa were married Sept. 25, 2004 at Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island, with Dr. Vincent Carroll officiating.

The bride was attended by her sister, Maid of Honor Deanne Doyle; and bridesmaids Alyssa Kolb (sister of the groom), Tracey Miller (bride's sister-in-law), Stefanie Trahey, Angela Farmer, Jennifer Olrich and Melissa Potts (all friends of the bride).

The groom was attended by his brother, Adam Kolb, as Best Man; and groomsmen Todd Miller (brother of the bride), Jeff Dovle (brother-in-law of the bride), and Darrell Kennedy, Mike Danczak, Ryan Ossenmacher and Chris Ogozaly (all friends of the groom).

Isabella Doyle, niece of the bride, was the Flower Girl, and Spencer Doyle, nephew of the bride, was the Ring Bearer.

After a reception at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island and a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple resides in Plymouth.



Tennies-Hamann

David and Donna Tennies of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Michelle, to John Jozef Hamann of Northville.

Heather is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is presently attending Madonna University. She is employed at Botsford Hospital Child Care as a preschool teacher.

Her fiancé, John, is the son of John and Urszula Hamann of Northville. He is a 2001 graduate of Catholic Central and is currently attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is a Midshipman 1st Class in the U.S.N.R.

John and Heather are planning a May 2005 wedding at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth.

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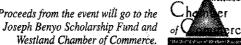
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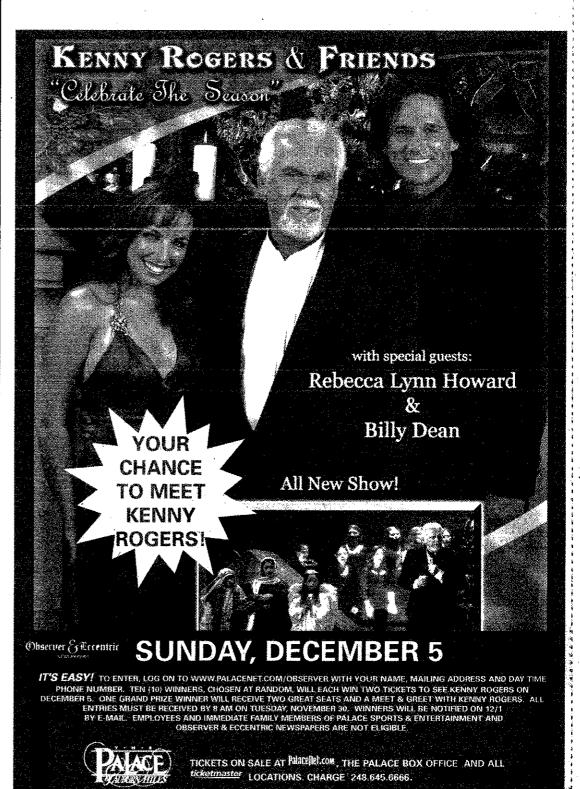
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One too many camels at annual animal blessing

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

The animal blessing was supposed to be a fun activity for the children, but Dylan VanZant would have nothing to do with the three camels. The 4-year-old Livonia boy and his 2-year-old sister. Mikayla, were frightened by the large animals and probably would have been happier back in the day care center at the Fox Theatre. Dylan didn't have much success either when he tried to pet Lincoln's nose, jumping back when the 8-year-old donkey raised his head.

Nonetheless, Dylan said he was having a good time. The drizzling rain had paused long enough for the camels, donkey and five sheep to leave their heated tent behind the Fox Theatre for the blessing under the marquee by the Rev. Mark Barkowski of Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church, and the Rev. Steven Kelly of St. John's Episcopal Church across the street from the Fox. The Living Nativity scene has been part of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular for eight years, and the blessing is done annually before the Rockettes take to the stage to ensure the animals have a good

The VanZant children were dropped off earlier in the day by their father, Piet, who works for the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena. Once trainers succeeded in lining up the animals, the blessing began. Afterward, day care worker Jennifer Jezak took the children closer to meet the animals. Kayla stared up at the camel as Jezak held her but was more interested in touching the sheep. Dylan ran his hand over one of the sheep's back. It was then that one of the Rockettes, Kristen O'Rear of Tampa, encouraged him to pet the donkey.

"He didn't want to pet the camels," said Jennifer Jezak. 'They're too tall." Carson, Nathan and Brady

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Dylan VanZant, 4 and his sister Mikayla, 2 of Livonia had the opportunity to be part of the Blessing of the Animals with their daycare worker Jennifer Jezak.



Rockettes Kristen O'Rear and Katherine Cruden took part in the blessing of the animals outside the Fox Theatre.

were all new to Detroit, vet remained calm. The three dromedary camels, who range in age from 8 to 11, will live 25 to 40 years.

"They're bred for temperament," said Monte McClure, a handler for the Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm in Kansas which trains the animals for the show. "They love to travel. Brady ran up to the fence when I drove by with the truck. They're very calm. In the show they do their part and then just look pretty."

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular continues to Dec. 26, at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Tickets range from \$20.50 to \$65.50 and are available by calling (248) 433-1515 or online at

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BIRTH

Sarrah Rae Khelil

Ramzi and Candie Khelil of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Sarrah Rae Khelil, born Nov. 10, 2004 at the Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Sarrah is the couple's first child.

Proud grandparents are Bill and Ida Dentori of Canton and Rebej and Radhia Khelil of Bizert, Tunisia.

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Star **Struck**

(Nov. 28-Dec.1) By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20) 'Although there is a great deal of planetary activity in your solar chart, life will seem much less of a struggle once you recall what worked best for you in the past and apply it to your current situation. Above all, don't waste time smashing through obstacles you could easily avoid.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Many Bulls have been feeling a bit lonely since last week's Full Moon, or that close ones aren't especially understanding. Well, there's more in life than waiting, wanting or begging for others' approval. True happiness comes from doing what is right. Let it be; love yourself.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Certain challenges have still to be faced head-on before your ruling planet Mercury retroes on Tuesday. However, you ought to be feeling more in control of situations and certainly of your own emotional responses as the days unfold. It's time to jettison anything unproductive.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) There are bound to be moments when you wonder if you are waging a losing battle. Because potent planetary activity during the early part of December relates to both emotional involvements and joint financial arrangements, some kind of upheaval appears to be unavoidable. Speak up, don't hide!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23) You are frequently regarded as feartess when, in fact, there are times when you're afraid and terrified. Now you must convey your true feelings and stop being so concerned about long-term aims and financial security. You may be surprised how many others are in the same boat.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23) Don't bother trying to justify your actions-just get on and do what has to be done. The Moon soon returning to your sign indicates that you can take great strides this week... once you learn how to lighten up and pay less attention to what others think, say or do.

LIBRA (Sept 24-0ct 23)

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Get a good laugh over the next few days, balancer. If you're the type of person who admits that you make mistakes like everybody else, you have nothing to worry about this week. If, however, you claim to be perfect, others will take great joy in demonstrating that you're anything

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) Life always offers us a second chance and what happens over the next few days with the Moon in your element will help you to make a success of something you made a complete mess of the first time around. Give yourself a pat on the back for finally getting it

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) To be confident is an act of faith; therefore, if you approach personal difficulties with conviction, you are bound to triumph in the end. The Sun and retro Mercury at this time marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life. Now it's up to you to write the first word.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21) Current astro-aspects signify that you are about to be confronted with situations that call for diplomacy and patience. Even if loved ones or biz associates have been deliberately holding out on you, keep your anger in check and gather more concrete evidence before making accusations.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19) You need a break- that much is certain. But will others allow you one? Obviously, you're not feeling yourself at the moment, otherwise you would do as you please, regardless of the consequences. With Mercury beginning retrograde, it's time to remind others that you, too, have an agenda!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) Communication is the key to your success this week and the more sociable you can be, the more you will achieve. However, for truly spectacular results, don't be too proud to enlist the help of others. On this occasion, at least, many hands really do make light work.

Birmingham astrologer Dennis Fairchild is an author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone 1-248-646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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Time to be thankful for the generosity we receive

just saw a survey online which says that Michigan ranks 42nd out of the 48 lower/continental states in our ability to give. While we have a great capacity, we don't do much with it. I am thinking, as we have just celebrated the national holiday of

Thanksgiving, what transpired in the minds of the Pilgrims and the Indians? Would the Indians give some help to the Pilgrims? And were the Pilgrims grateful for what they received?

In a book by Elizabeth Cobb, Chicken Soup for the Parent's Soul, the author tells of a family that read a story in a magazine of a family who lost everything in a tornado. There were many similarities between the family reading the story and the family whose lives were devastated by the storm. To provide both an opportunity and lesson in generosity, the father invited the children to gather things they did not want to send to the family in need. Down came old clothes, used toys, almost-like-new books.

The daughter, the youngest in the family, brought out her well-used, worn and most special doll. The father told the



Dr. Paul J. Melrose

daughter she did not have to give her most favorite and special doll to the needy family; surely there was another one. But the daughter replied, "Lucy makes me happy. ... Maybe she'll make the other little girl happy, too."

The father realized that he had been taught generosity by the gratitude his daughter had for the love she had received through her play with this special doll. This story is in harmony with Dawn Groves, who believes that generosity is a powerful force for setting goals in one's life and it is acting in partnership with the divine. Many of the world's great religions value thankfulness and thankfulness comes as a response to generosity.

Gratitude is vital for Jews, because all things come from God. For the Christian, God is the giver of all gifts. Gratitude is the response of the receiver. In Islam, the prophet

Without being simplistic, I think it is true to say that more often there is a spirit of wanting more, letting the other fend for himself, and I will get it for me that predominates in life.

Mohammed said, "Gratitude for the abundance you have received is the best insurance that the abundance will con-

Without being simplistic, I think it is true to say that more often there is a spirit of wanting more, letting the other fend for himself, and I will get it for me that predominates in life. But when one lives with these qualities, it is the opinion of another author that one then is not in touch with his/her authentic self, where a person focuses on such things as love, compassion, patience tolerance, love and forgiveness. How far do we have to look in our community, house of faith,

around the world, to see such battles raging?

For Thanksgiving as a national holiday, which embraces every faith in this country and yet, no one particular faith, it could be a day to think of the generosity of creation which provides all that we have. The generosity of the little girl as she gave away her favorite toy, in order that it would make that other little girl as happy as she had been. Is that so farfetched, that such an act does not touch something inside each of us?

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Maybe that is too simple. But, to live an authentic life, to know where one's compassion and love is, such an act as the capacity to be generous to oneself in the act of giving and generous to the one who will receive such a gift, and the gratitude that could inspire in the other. Wouldn't that be something!

Dr. Paul J. Melrose is director of clinical services at the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmelrose.com or through (248) 474-4701. The staff of the center can be reached at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or through (248) 474-4701.

Military academies hold Holiday Ball

The 30th Michigan All-Academy Holiday Ball will be held Thursday, Dec. 30, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi,

Held annually in metropolitan Detroit between Christmas and New Year's Day, the ball is a formal dinner-dance to honor and entertain cadets and midshipmen from Michigan who attend the five U.S. Service Academies:

■ U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

■ U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. ■ U.S. Air Force Academy

at Colorado Springs, Colo. U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London

Conn U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. The ball also will honor students who attend U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force

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Michigan universities and, for the fourth consecutive year. cadets who attend the Royal Military College (RMC) of Canada at Kingston, Ontario, which trains officers for all branches of the Canadian For the first time in the

ball's history, the dinner

speaker will be a Canadian officer, Lt. Col. Roderick R. McDonald, an air force pilot and deputy director of cadets The ball is sponsored by: U.S. Air Force Academy

Parents Club of Eastern Michigan; U.S. Air Force Academy Parents Club of Western Michigan; West Point Parents Club of Michigan; Naval Academy Parents Club; and, Coast Guard Academy Parents Club The ball is a formal affair,

with cadets and midshipmen wearing dress uniforms. They will be recognized individually during dinner and pose for a traditional group photograph before the dance.

Other expected guests include family and friends of the cadets and midshipmen; alumni of the academies and other active-duty and retired members of the U.S. and Canadian military; members of Michigan's congressional

delegation, which nominated the majority of the cadets and midshipmen for their appointments to the U.S. service academies; and Canadian dignitaries.

The evening will begin with a reception and social hour at 5:30 p.m. in the hotel's atrium, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing afterward in the Oaks Ballroom.

Ticket prices are \$40 for cadets and midshipmen in uniform, \$50 for others. Prices will be discounted \$5 on tickets purchased by Dec. 10. To purchase tickets, contact Col. John C. Diller (USAF-Ret.) by phone at (586) 739-4244 or e-mail at jdiller107176MI@comcast.net.

The DoubleTree Hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi, near the intersection of Novi Road and I-96. The hotel is offering a special room rate of \$69 for guests attending the ball. Call (248) 348-5000 for reservations.

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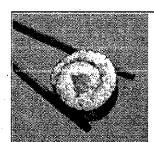
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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Birmingham High School

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at Radisson Kingsley Inn. Bloomfield Hills. For more information contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or nys1937@comcast.net.

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St. Florian School

St. Florian School in Hamtramck is seeking all former students, teachers and staffers to join the newly created St. Florian Alumni Association. For information, call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail

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AROUND TOWN

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The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment '05 books for \$20, with all proceeds being used to help children in southeast Michigan, Coupons help save 50 percent on things you do every day. The books can be homedelivered. For information or to order, call Bill, (734) 453-8253.

Cairo Coffeehouse

Schoolcraft College's year-long Focus Middle East project reaches a grand crescendo Wednesday, Dec. 1 with "Cairo Coffeehouse," an opportunity for students, staff, and the general public to experience an afternoon of Middle Eastern music, literature, food, and art. Free of charge and open to everyone, the event will take place from 1-5 p.m. in the DiPonio Rooms A, B, and C at the VisTaTech Center.

Santa and the symphony

Santa Claus takes time out from his busy schedule Dec. 11 to join the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra for its annual "Sing-Along with Santa" concert at 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Admission to the concert, sponsored by Phizer, is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets are available by calling (734) 994-4801, on-line at www.a2so.com, by e-mail at tickets@a2so.com or by stopping at the symphony office, 527 E. Liberty, Suite 208

Wayne State forum

Wayne State University's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology hosts a patient forum on endometriosis at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. The forum will feature information on topics including endometriosis and infertility, surgical diagnosis adn treatment, and the overall effect of endometriosis on the body. A reception starts at 7 p.m., the forum starts at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, call (800) 992-

Holiday doll show

The Holiday Doll Show takes place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born in Wayne. The show features dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique and collectible dolls of all kinds including Barbies and their accessories. Admission is \$5, kids under 10 get in free with an adult, For show information, call (734) 455-2110.

Wayne BPW scholarships

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a "Career Development Scholarship" to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the workforce or seeking to advance their career. To qualify a candidate must demonstrate financial need, live and/or work in Wayne or Westland, show formal acceptance into a college or vocational/technical program and have a minimum GPA of 2.8 if already enrolled. For an application, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 14201 Robbe Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Completed applications must be postmarked by Jan. 21. For information, call Judie Quinn, (734) 699-6817.

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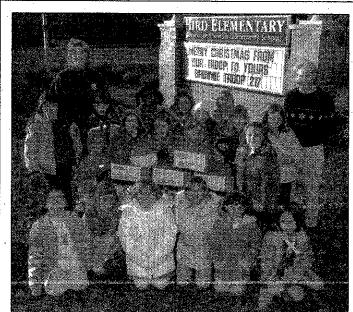
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Troop to troop

As this year's service project, Bird School's Brownie Troop 217 packed up goodies for troops serving in Iraq. The troop targeted soldiers serving with the 1462 Transport Company 2nd Battalion, which saw action during the offensive in Fallujah. Among the items the Brownies collected were DVDs, magazines, books, candy, chocolate, nuts and holiday music on CD. Brownies in the troop include Alicia Bethka, Aliya Blackson, Alanna Brown, Breah Carolan, Chloe Donlin, Haley Fenn, Amelia Hoover, Java Jankowski, Hannah Klinger, Keelin Kraemer, Maura Kraemer, Kate Leon, Alexa Rumohr, Jenna Salloum, Valerie Sanders, Annie Whellman, Madison Whitt and Mackenzie Zierau.

to the Novi Expo Center Dec. 3-5 for the Toy & Hobby Expo 2004, featuring three collector shows in one location. Held at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 & Novi Rd, (Exit 162), young and old alike will have the opportunity to experience scale model trains in action and the excitement that builds as they race along hundreds of feet of '0' gauge rail on a 100' modular model railroad display. Hours for the show are Friday Dec. 3, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission for adults is \$7, children under 12 are free with

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Inc. (734) 455-2110. For recorded travel

directions to the Novi Expo Center call

information call R.R. Promotions

(248) 348-5600, at any time. Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents "Rumplestiltskin" through Jan. 16. Performances are at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays (Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 8, 15); Sundays (Nov. 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26; Jan. 2, 9 and 16) and Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31. Tickets are \$7.50; no children under the age of 3. For group rates and more information, call (248) 349-8110. The Marguis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main in Northville.

Re-Max scholarships

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan with more than 65 offices and 1,325 associates, presents its third-annual "American Dream" scholarship program, open to high school seniors in Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties. The scholarship program -\$500 to each of 20 student recipients - was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary three years ago. Because the program was so successful in its inaugural year, RE/MAX decided to offer the scholarship contest for a second time last year, and again this year, making it the third annual program. To apply, students must provide a short essay on what the "American Dream" means to them and the role that higher education plays in helping

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to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 1. For more information about the scholarship program, or to obtain an entry form, contact Jeanette Schneider at 248.440.0404 x202, check on-line at www.manyhouses.com, or visit any local RE/MAX

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 22nd-annuai Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 10-12 at the Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School, located at 8 Mile and Center St. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, seasonal items including Christmas decorations, jewelry, wood items and clothing. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Dec. 10; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 11; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 12. Admission is \$2.

ABWA craft festival

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the annual Holiday Art & Craft Festival from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium be 135 juried exhibitors. Admission is \$2; children 12 and younger admitted free. For information, e-mail abwa_maiachapter_2004craftshow@y ahoo com or call Cindy Lewis at (734)

649-7749. 'Mr. Hockey' appearance

Detroit Red Wing great Gordie Howe appears at McCoy's Grill in Belleville at 6 p.m. Dec. 17 to sign copies of his book, "Mr. and Mrs. Hockey, a Tribute to the Sport's Greatest Couple." Proceeds from the book signing benefit the Belleville High School Channel 19 group. A \$49.95 fee gets buyers an autographed copy of the book and a Gordie Howe bobblehead. McCov's is located at 333 Industrial Park Drive in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3258.

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Poetry contest

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded in the group's poetry contest. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19921, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Deadline for entry is Jan. 31. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free of charge. Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hone Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecen-

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefitting symphony programs. For more information, call the symphony office, (734)

451-2112. Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, email Diane VanDyke at divandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are

always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455-9565.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth-Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@iuno.com

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ALICE ALDRICH

November 22, 2004. Age 88. Beloved Wife of the late Edwin. Loving Mother of Alice Perks Cherished Grandmother of Bruce, Dennis, Cindy, Wendi and Great-grandmother of Austin, Josh, Shane Michael A., Matthew, Michael G. and Julia. Dear Sister of Ellen Mynett Alice formerly owned and operated "Alice's Violetry" Flower Shop for 20 years. She also promoted craft shows and arranged casino trips. She enjoyed baking, square dancing, traveling and was a member of The V.F.W. Stars. Funeral Service Monday 1pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1Blk W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Sunday 2-9 pm.

CARL HERMAN BERKE

53, of Pinckney, passed away or November 21 at Foundation Park Care Center in Toledo, Ohio. Carl was born May 4, 1951, the son of Berke and Janet M a loving father and brother, is survived by two sons; Graham Berke and Spencer Berke of Okemos: beloved siblings Jane Berke of Ann Arbor and Carol (Frank) Miller of Canton. Carl by sibling Indy Schoepke of Whitmore Lake. Carl Berke was a craftsman, a carpenter and a wonderful human being. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. A private memorials has already taken place. Memorial contributions are suggested to Foundation Park Care Center, Toledo, Ohio.

LOUIS A. BORENITSCH

81, of Manistee, formerly of Rochester Hills, died Tuesday, November 23rd. in Manistee. He is survived by his wife, Mary, by his sons, Dr. Robert Borenitsch of Saginaw and Dr. Kenneth Borenitsch of Manistee, by 4 grandchildren; and by a sister, Louise Borenitsch of Manistee. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Memorials can be given in his memory for either the Manistee Catholic Central Schools or the West Shore Medical Center Foundation and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Arrangements by Johnson Funeral Home, P.C., 480 Water Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

EUGENE D. COTTER

November 22, 2004, Age 80. Beloved husband of Joan (nee. Pascoe). Brother in law of Rosemary Barrett (Donald), Robert Pascoe and James Schultz.. Also survived by 4 nieces and 1 nephew. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday November 24, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, West Bloomfield. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home



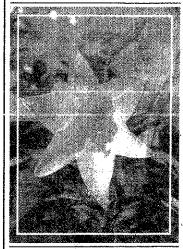
BETSY MORAN GARTHWAITE

Age 41, November 24, 2004. Beloved wife of Tom. Loving mother of Danny and Michael. Dearest Daughter of Patti and Tom Moran. Dear sister of Katie Moran, Tom (Margot) Moran. Debbie (Jim) Capadagii, Peter Moran, and the late Molly Moran. Also survived by her grandfather Tom Moran, many loving nieces and nephews. aunts and uncles. Betsy was very proud of her accomplishment in recently achieving her degree in nursing. Memorial contributions to the Danny and Michael Garthwaite Education Fund, C/O J.A. Moran, 270 Kenwood Ct., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, appreciated. Services were held Saturday at St. Clement Catholic Church in Centerline. Arrangements were handled by Chas. Verheyden Funeral Homes, Inc. 313-881-8500

BARBARA JEAN GUSTAFSON (NEE ROUBIE)

Age 63, of Canton died November 19, 2004. She was born October 17, 1941 in Bloomington, Illinois, to Lois (Minnesota) and Ken (Watertown, NY) Roubie. She was raised in Grosse Pointe Park, along with her siblings, Patricia, William (Bill), and Susan. She graduated from Dominican High School. She was a catalog model and sales associate at J.L. Hudson. She was an avid tennis player in the 1960's and 1970's. She moved to the Canton community in 1978. She was a dedicated wife and mother of three. She and her husband of 43 years, Victor, have three wonderful children whom Barbara loved dearly and was proud of all their accomplishments. Her son, Ken, has been married to his wife, Janet, for 8 years. He is a successful

energy investment banker living in Houston. They have two children, Buck (4) and Louis (1). Her daughter, Julie, has been married to her husband, Andrew for H years. She is a finaneral services senior vice president for Citigroup in New York. Barbara's son Erik has been married to Brigid for 5 years. He is a biotechnology professional living in Minnesota. They have two children, Jane (3) and Kate (2). and she built a wonderful home wherever she lived. She was proud, stoic, strong-willed and honest to a fault. She was known to speak her mind - a silent observer who always told it like it was. She didn't like to be the center of attention. She confronted and fought many challenges in life, but was never bested by them. She was a reticent traveler, but she loved St. Johns, U.S. Virgin Islands. She had a love and a passion for all living things, especially her dogs. She loved her husband, children, and grandchildren with all her heart. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, November 23, at Resurrection Church in Canton.



Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-

Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the

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JULIE MICHELLE RATKUS November 27, 1946 to November 29, 2001. Three years can pass like a day, or seem an eternity. Time can change

many things, but time cannot diminish the memories, my love for you.
'Til we meet at sunset. Love, Carl.

LILLIAN MARIE WILCOX WHIMS

Age 92 of Coral Springs, FL, formerly of Grosse Pointe and Troy, MI, passed away on November 22, 2004 She was predeceased by her husband Vene Whims on October 7, 1981 and she was of protestant faith. She is survived by her two daughters and wonderful son's in law, Linda and Jerry Finch of Coral Springs, FL and Nancy and Larry Schiller of Jupiter, FL. She was the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2004 at the White Chapel, 621 West Long Lake Road, Troy, Michigan with the Reverend Mary Lynch Mallory officiating. The family requests that donations be made to a Hospice of donor's choice in her memory. Price Funeral Home, 3724 S. Rochester Rd., Troy, MI, 48053. BOYNTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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CAROLYN LOUISE JOHNSON Age 81 of Dearborn, formerly of

Birmingham and Royal Oak died Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. She was born November 12, 1923 in Moline, IL. Mrs. Johnson attended schools in Moline, Greenfield and Des Moines, Iowa and graduated from Moline High School in 1941. She graduated from the Lutheran Hospital School for Nurses in 1945 with additional study at the Cook County Hospital School for nurses, Chicago. She was a Registered Nurse in Illinios and Michigan and practiced at Passavant Hospital, Chicago, New England Deaconess, Boston and Woman's Hospital in Detroit and also did private duty nursing in Chicago. As an avocation, she was always interested in music. She studied piano privately in Des Moines and continued with private organ lessons with Emily Roberts at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She was a memmer and past president of 包括O hapter BA; Questers, Mary Chase Stratton Chapter; Lirst Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak where she served as Elder, Deaconess, etc. She also was a member and past Chairperson of the Birmingham Historical Board, Past Historical Society and served on the Birmingham Historic District Commission. Surviving are her husband, J. Frederic Johnson, M.D., whom she married December 27. 1947; children, Ann Louise Johnson Locniskar (Roger John) of Newburyport, MA, Ellen Marie Johnson of Ann Arbor, David Adrian Frederic Johnson (Linda) of Midland; siblings, Wallace (Janine) Carlson of FL, Warren (Dorothy) Carlson of AZ and Marie (Richard) Liljeberg of IL; sister-in-law, Helen (Gene) Martz of IL; grandchildren, Jessica and Amanda; step grandchildren Laurie Comerford (Scott) and family, Jon Bird (Korrin) and family and Jay Bird (Laura) . A sister Greta is deceased. Services were held Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie, Royal Oak, 48067. Memorials suggested to the church. www.kinsey-garrett.com



LUELLA M. WINNING

Age 70 of Westland Nov. 23, 2004. Beloved Wife of George. Dear mother of David. Dear Sister of Sherman & Francis Schaffer. Funeral Service Sat. 11am. at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (Between Ford & Cherry Hill). Visitation Fri. 4 to 9 PM. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Memorial Contributions to Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church or Charity of Choice.

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NAACP sponsors program for talented high school students

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 28, 2004

The NAACP Western Wayne County Branch, MI is sponsoring its 2nd Annual ACT-SO program. The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics was developed to enhance and showcase the academic and artistic achievement of African-American high school students (grades 9 though 12) just as we do their athletic achievements. Since 1978, the NAACP

ACT-SO has: Challenged students to excel and consistently put a spotlight on their academic and artistic efforts and successes:

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The branch is seeking stu-

dents in 15 communities of Western Wayne County, including: Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Lincoln Park, Sumpter Township, Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, Romulus, Wayne and Westland. The branch is also opening up the competition to students in Ecorse, River Rouge, and Monroe County.

ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program that culminates in a local and

national competition where students compete for awards and scholarships totaling over \$50,000. ACT-SO, the "Olympics of the Mind," seeks to promote positive self-esteem, academic and artistic excellence, positive interaction between our youth and the adult professional community. Furthermore, ACT-SO encourages more African-American youths to pursue higher education.

The competition involves solo performances or projects of individuals. Accompanists are allowed to assist the solo performances.

Additional information about ACT-SO can be found at (1) www.naacp.org. Once here access the Programs link then scroll to ACT-SO.

Join the fight on violence

he following all have some-thing in common: a schoolyard bully, a battered spouse, road rage, Columbine, gang violence, the Shaken Baby Syndrome, stalking, date rape, gay bashing, sexual harassment, the Internet predator and murder - violence.

The following also have something in common: Farmington-Farmington Hills Call to Action Coalition, National Center for Violence and Crime, Broe Therapy Choir of Farmington Hills, Martin Luther King Jr., Department of Peace, HAVEN, Michigan Violence Crisis Line and Jesus Christ -- robust attempts to "fight for non-violence.

This column has devoted four years to breaking the silence about the stigma of mental illness. At this time, this column joins with its community and state affiliates in zeroing in on the essential task of speaking out about relationship violence.

You know, violence comes in many forms and none of us can escape it. Just check out the lead stories on 90 percent of your TV news at 6 p.m. and 11

I bet everyone reading this column has been impacted, directly or indirectly, by the violence in our society. I myself, at age 20 in 1971, lost my childhood sweetheart to an act of un-solved abduction and murder. Then, in 1975, I was jumped by a gang. I was beaten, bloodied and bruised. What hurt more was that a crowd, stopped and watched. When it was over they all left. I will never forget crawling alone, on my hands and knees, blood dripping and dazed.

It is staggering to know that as much as we hear now about the violence in our days, there

Leonard J. McCulloch

is much more that is still shrouded in silence. The Farmington/Farmington Hills Police Department responds daily to calls about domestic violence. A study in 1995 by the State of Michigan noted 5,466 rapes reported in Michigan and estimated that that number probably represented only half of all rapes in Michigan. The other 5,466 went unreported.

According to the FBI, 20 percent of homicide victims are between the ages of 15 and 24. Teen dating violence is becoming epidemic and ranges from harassment and intimidation through beating and rape. Statistics tell us that 5-10 percent of boys and men will be raped in their lifetime, nationwide and 25 percent of eighth and ninth graders surveyed reported being victims of dating violence. In 1998, The Michigan Domestic Violence Crisis Line received 60,000

Just one of the consequences of all this is a massive desensitization to violence. Look how casually it is portrayed on our TVs and in our cinemas and our children's video games. Then, there is the ever increasing rate of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in our society. This is the aftermath, often lifelong result of an individual being a victim of or witnessing violence.

We also know that the problems of substance abuse often accompany the violence in our society but substance abuse

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doesn't cause it. Many babies' brains have been permanently damaged for life in under three seconds by shaking from a parent who is quite sober.

Often, the perpetrators of physical abuse are brain damaged themselves. Many have undiagnosed traumatic brain injuries which causes a disinhibition over impulses and leads. to the acting out of violence in impulsive and unpredictable ways.

On Oct. 1, I was fortunate to attend the 17th annual breakfast kick-off of the Call to Action Coalition, headed by Estralee Michaelson in our community. This is an expanding network of community sectors whose common goal is to promote a healthy and safe community by creating awareness and consistent action to address tobacco, alcohol, drug and violence issues. This year's focus is on breaking the silence around relationship violence.

You see, there are many opportunities to contribute. When it comes to violence and the silence: understand it, stop it, and prevent it!

Call To Action Coalition (284) 489-3408; Michigan Resource Center on Domestic Violence

www.mcdasv.org/mrcdsv; The Broe Therapy Choir (248) 474-BROE; HAVEN 24-hour Crisis Line (248) 334-1274; The Department of Peace at www.dopcampaign.org; End Violent Encounters (EVE) 517-372-5572.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomat of American Psychotherapy Association, board certified in traumatic stress and is a certified brain injury specialist, director of Psychological Services at Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc. and creator and director of The Broe Therapy Choir. He can be reached at (248) 474-BROE.

Babes in Toyland to come to life

Paper Bag Productions announces the opening of the Victor Herbert classic "Babes In Toyland." The production features 50 of the area's most talented children from Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford, Canton, Wixom, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, and Detroit.

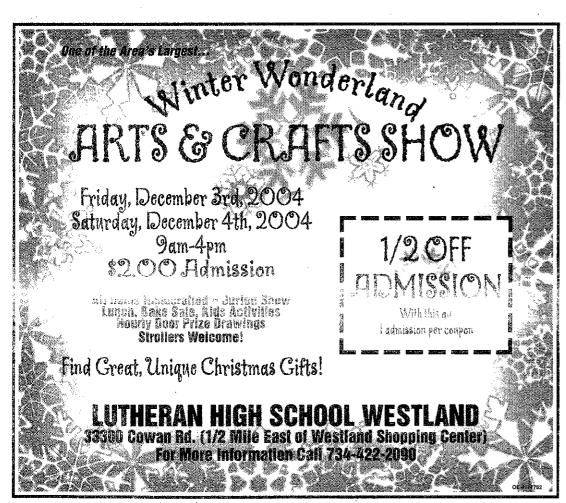
The show runs Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 19 at Livonia Youth Theatre in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

On Saturday lunch begins at noon and the show begins at 1 p.m. On Sunday lunch begins at 1 p.m. and the show at 2 p.m.

Lunch is a hot dog, bag of chips, cookie, and a beverage. Cost for lunch and the show is \$10. Show only tickets are \$7.

"Babes In Toyland" is one of Victor Herbert's best loved musicals and features the songs "Lemonade," "Floretta, "The Gypsy," "Jane," "I Can't Do the Sum," "He Won't Be Happy "Till He Gets It," "Before and After" and one of the most beloved classics - "Toyland."

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Book explains 'installment' plan of motherhood

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Tasks don't seem so insurmountable when there is an end in sight, and raising children is no exception.

Parenting writer and editor Anne Pleshette Murphy breaks up what might feel like 18 very long years in The 7 Stages of Motherhood: Making the Most of Your Life As a Mom (Knopf).

Murphy, the former editor in chief of *Parents* magazine and a regular contributor to ABC's *Good Morning America*, has gone through each one personally – her daughter is an 18-year-old college freshman and her son is a 14-year-old high school freshman.

The stages, she explains, are relative to where children are in their development, but they also help define the evolution of a mother's role.

Stage 1 – Altered States:

This is the shortest stage in terms of time – from the moment a woman finds out she's pregnant to the "fourth trimester," Pleshette's term for the three months after the baby comes home – but it's probably the biggest adjustment.

"Pre-pregnancy and moms-to-be assume that after a few months, they'll be back on their pre-baby paths, but there is no going back. You must accept that," says Murphy. "Then give yourself time to reflect on what kind of mom you see your-

self being and what kind of dad you see your husband being."

Murphy urges women to do this sort of soul-searching early on so there is time to think about how you get from Point A, maybe a busy social life that's organized by a Blackberry, to Point B, feeling like you've had a successful day because you showered before dinnertime.

"You won't know day from night, but you'll also feel the bliss of lying next to your little miracle," Murphy adds, and that's what will keep you going.

Stage 2 – Finding Your Footing, Finding Yourself:

Most new mothers can find their footing from the time their children hit the 4-month mark until the kids can walk.

Families settle into a somewhat predictable routine, which, although it is a different life from what mothers had before, it's a life they can live with, Murphy says.

This also is the stage during which many women go back to work after their maternity leave. Murphy's advice: Get used to the feeling of being torn between work and family. It's something you're going to have to deal with at every stage.

Stage 3 – Letting Go: The toddler years are "fraught with guilt, anxiety and occasionally anguish," according to Murphy.

"Toddlers are challenging, loving,

wonderful and passionate but also highly unpredictable. And they have so much energy! Just looking at them is tiring," she says.

If moms don't make some time for themselves during this stage – even if it's just being alone while they change out of work clothes into play clothes – the whole family will suffer, Murphy says.

At the same time, 1- and 2-yearolds need a little time and space of their own as they begin to play with the building blocks that will eventually lead to their independence.

Stage 4 – Trying To Do It All:
The preschool and early elementary years can be even harder than the toddler years because parents' expectations of their children don't always match reality.
Just because the kids were able to sit through a nice dinner once doesn't mean they'll be able to do it every night.

"They (preschoolers) are still really needy," Murphy warns.

So, while it's tempting at this stage for mothers to begin taking on new projects of their own – volunteering for charity or filling up their social calendar – they should resist doing too much, she says.

"You think you can be perfect at everything. A lot of moms are feeling 'there's something wrong with me' if they can't do everything. But those are unrealistic expectations," Murphy says.

Stage 5 – Reading the Compass to

'Toddlers are challenging, loving, wonderful and passionate but also highly unpredictable. And they have so much energy! Just looking at them is tiring.'

Anne Pleshette Murphy author

God Knows Where:

Ages 6 to 10 are supposed to be the easy years between toddlers and teenagers, but because it seems like kids are growing up faster these days, mothers can't let this stage slide by, Murphy says.

They should, however, let their children experience success and failure facilitated by their own hands.

"Moms need help understanding how to let their kids fall on their faces occasionally and to realize that their kids might not be smartest or nicest in the class. Those are not the worst things. ... But mothers have a real tendency at this point to see their kids as an extension of themselves and they don't want to be seen that way."

Mothers also might find themselves less involved in their children's lives, and, says Murphy, that's completely normal as children's own friends become more important to them

But instead of pouncing on kids when they do open up, Murphy urges mothers to proceed with caution: "Ask yourself, 'What are the battles worth going to the mat for?'"

Stage 6 – Living in the Gray Zone:
Preteens might see everything in black and white, says Murphy, but

their world is gray.

First, things change fast. "What was right yesterday isn't right today," says Murphy.

says Murphy.

Second, mothers will find themselves shifting between roles of par-

second, mothers will find themselves shifting between roles of parent and pal.

"It takes an ego of steel to navi-

ate the preteen years, because one day your kid is going to wake up uncomfortable in their own body. And when she stands with one foot in childhood, the other in early adulthood, and struggles to maintain her balance, the person she will grab onto with a desperate, clawing intensity is you," she writes.

Stage 7 - It Gets Easier and Then They Leave:

During the teenage years, mothers and their almost-grownup children relive every other stage as they struggle through dependence and independence in their developed bodies and minds, Murphy says, but it's not as bad as it sounds.

"Their (teens') brain development is such that they can be highly argumentative but, on the other hand, they might have a really good argument."

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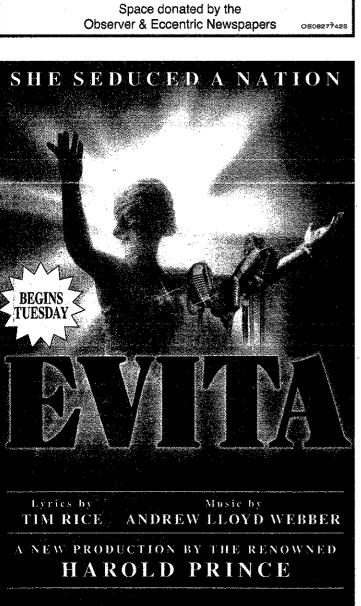
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The fair will provide an opportunity to learn more about the adoption process and meet current adoptive parents. Of the 4,100 children in the state of Macingar with the goal of adoption, 42 percent are

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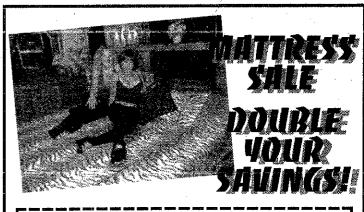
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Like physical fitness, learning is something that you have to work at. You have to keep doing it every day; every year. And if we don't learn things, we dry itp and we get within ourselves too much. There are so many things out there that we can read and learn about: art, history, sports, whatever you like. We should all remember the

Stevenson: "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings." So make it a point to read. You're never too old to learn; you've got to keep learning no

words of Robert Louis

matter what. And remember, take care of your health before it's loooong gonel

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled Life After Baseball, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.



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East meets west

Beijing doctor shares knowledge with Henry Ford researchers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Master Wan Su-Jian would have preferred to look at an xray of Alba Rodriguez's neck and back before beginning therapy, but since none was available he collected information by observing.

Trained in Western medicine as well as traditional Chinese medicine dating back nearly 2,500 years, Master Wan developed a form of gigong (chee gong) to treat physical conditions stemming from energy blockages in the body. Holding his hand over the head of Rodriguez, Wan explains through an interpreter the process of drawing energy from outside himself and redirecting it to Rodriguez who's suffered with chronic pain since sustaining serious injuries in an automobile accident.

Wan is a qigong master as well as a highly respected Chinese medical doctor in Beijing. Sally Rich, a Bloomfield Hills resident, invited him to America to give several seminars at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan with locations in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. She's studied with him on three separate occasions in China. Since his visit to Livonia was announced, physicians from Chicago, New York, Kentucky, and Los Angeles have been calling her to ask for a meeting with Wan at their facilities.

"I use energy to adjust people," said Master Wan who'd arrived at the Henry Ford Center for Integrative



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works to bring people optimal

"He's highly respected in

nity on both sides to share,

create synergy. Everybody's

learning something new they

wouldn't have known before.

We rely on X-rays, MRIs.

We're not trained to look at

people and analyze. I hadn't

told him what my problem

was. He was trained to pick up things that are not so obvi-

China. It's a learning opportu-

other countries. I hadn't seen

qigong before. At the center

we're always open to what

health and healing.

Master Wan Su-Jian from Beijing demonstrates the healing art of qigong on Alba Rodriguez at the Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine in Novi Wednesday.

Medicine earlier that morning to share his knowledge and learn about the center which is part of the Henry Ford Health System. "Sometimes it's hard for Western medicine to accept this."

This was the opportunity for which Rodriguez was waiting - to evaluate an alternative treatment using her training as a researcher. Rodriguez is currently involved with two clinical trials at the center one focused on alternative therapies to treat chronic low back pain, another compares the effectiveness of acupuncture to the antidepressant Effexor in relieving hot flashes

in breast cancer patients.

The center specializes in alternative therapies designed to compliment and integrate with conventional medicine. Earlier while leading a tour of the center Rodriguez told Wan about data gathered on patients treated there with acupuncture, neuromuscular therapy, traditional Chinese medicine including herbs and supplements, chiropractic care, mind-body-spirit therapies such as meditation and hypnotherapy, and holistic nutrition. Most have tried everything conventional medicine has to offer. Center researchers hope to prove the

ally cover patients' costs.

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center, bob Levage is open to the idea. Levine has been "I felt tense muscles relaxinvolved with planning for the center even before it opened ing," said Alba Rodriguez. "It was a great opportunity to see in June 2002. As director of

complimentary and integrative research and co-director with Dr. Michael Seidman, Levine is dedicated to finding alternative treatments for patients.

"In 1994 I had a bad back and hip and could hardly walk so I explored many alternative therapies," said Levine. "I found some that were quite effective. I'm back to 100 percent functionality and playing

"When one of our employees became aware of Wan's visit to the U.S., I thought it would be a great idea if we met to get an idea of healing modalities he's using. He'd also expressed an interest in our center for integrative medicine and how our center is integrated into the health system."

Wan commended the center for researching and gathering data on alternative treatments.

"I use qigong on patients who'd been to many western doctors and were still in severe pain," said Wan. "Qigong is harder work than acupuncture, but you really have good results."

Kathleen Stocking felt relief from her carpal tunnel syndrome after being treated with qigong.

"I felt a release and did feel the energy. I had a lot of pain," said Stocking, a Henry Ford Health System administration supervisor. "The pain is gone but there's a little tingling still."

Researcher Jeff Pocock felt something but wasn't sure what it was.

You can feel it. It's almost de contro declric ty "said

Pocock. I ve taken acupuncture and you feel tingling in your body just like this."

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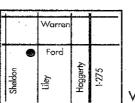
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2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org.

Volunteers needed If you are a post menopausal woman age 45 to 50 in good health, not taking estrogen and are either experience frequent hot flashes or never experienced any, you may qualify for a research study at Wayne State University, For more information, call the Behavioral Medicine Laboratory and ask for research assistant Elaine

Douglas at (313) 577-6588 or send e-

mail to ac1728@wayne.edu.

Cooking classes Presented by the University of Michigan Health System at the East .Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, classes include simple meals for one or two. happy healthy holidays, fish dishes, .fast recipes, eating to stop Hypertension, super soups and salads for all seasons. Pre-registration

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help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church. 300 Willits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north

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Research volunteers needed Healthy individuals age 12 and older with seasonal, late summer allergy symptoms (stuffy or runny nose; sneezing; itchy eyes, nose or throat, or watery or red eyes) are needed for a research study at the Michigan Respiratory Health and Research Institute in Novi. Individuals who qualify receive study related office visits, limited testing, and investigational medications at no charge and compensation for participating in the study. For more information, call Julie at (248) 473-6400 or (800) 326-5959.

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Training to become part of the Hospice team will be provided to all volunteers. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the volunteer. For more information, contact Pamela DiSanto or Katle Landa at (800) 248-

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road, Group swim from 6-7 p.m. Support group meeting 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact Karolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey at (734) 522-0036.

UPCOMING

Flu shots

The U-M Michigan Visiting Nurses has received more doses of the flu vaccine. Shots will be available 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Patients must be over age 18 and in high-risk groups as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, Cost is \$17. MVN accepts Care Choices, HAP, Paramount Elite and M-Care insurances for influenza and pneumonia immunizations in addition to cash, check or Medicare Part B at all public clinics. The CDC's flu vaccination recommendations can be found online at www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldget.htm. To learn more about MVN services, visit

www.umvn.org. Benefit Holiday Ball

An Evening at The Nutcracker, a benefit for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. The Center will be transformed into various scenes from the world famous ballet. The black-tie affair begins at 7

p.m. with photos and a cocktail reception followed by dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing until 1 a.m. Twilight Tickets are available for those arriving after 9 p.m. for dessert and dancing only. For reservations or more information.

(734) 712-4040 or visit www.stjoeball.org. One of the most anticipated traditions of the annual Holiday Ball is a pre-event sale of decorations and accessories. All decorations are available for purchase. Decorations may be previewed and reserved 2-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 2-3 at the Convocation Center. The fundraising goal for this year's event is \$630,000 with proceeds to benefit construction of a new 60,000 square foot, two-story surgery pavilion at the hospital.

Grief and the holidays

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a holiday workshop for those who are grieving 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, All · adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop ends with a special time of remembrance. Registration not required. For more information call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966.

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neurodystrophy result from injury. The other 30% are unexplained.

yourself remains impaired during this trial period.

fibrosis that occurs in the involved hand or foot.

This fancy phrase describes a medical condition whose cause puzzles physicians. Doctors

make the diagnosis if you develop a swollen hand or foot that cannot be explained as injury, gout

However, the diagnosis of sympathetic neurodystrophy is made complicated because the

above problems are often difficult to account for. In most cases you spend a long time making sure that neither infection nor gout is present. In addition, you may need to undertake a trial of therapy for these other conditions. Unfortunately, while all this activity is taking place, you hand or foot remains painful and swollen. You sleep poorly and your ability to move and take care of

The possibility of injury provides a further confounder. Your pain may come from an

unsuspected or missed injury, while at the same time, nearly 70% of cases of sympathetic

The cause of this swelling is thought to result from constriction of small arterial blood vessels

The phrase "sympathetic neuro" refers to the sympathetic nervous system that malfunctions and causes the blood vessels to constrict. The term "dystrophy" refers to the early swelling and later

Treatment of sympathetic neurodystrophy consists of high doses of steroids, 40 mgm or more

of prednisone, over weeks to months with gradual decreases in dose. This is a difficult regimer

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Extreme Challenge

The fund-raiser, benefitting Henry Ford Health System's pediatric hospice program, takes place 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m Saturday, Dec. 18, at the William Clay Ford Center for Athletic Medicine, 6525 Second, Detroit. The Extreme Challenge, combining 30 minutes of boot camp with 30 minutes of studio cycling, offers participants one of the most invigorating workouts ever experienced. Participants are asked to donate \$10 for members of the Athletic Center and \$15 for guests. Proceeds go to providing care and support to chil-

dren (pre-natal to early adult) that suffer from life-threatening illness. For more information and to register for the Extreme Challenge, call (313) 972-4040

Hepatitis C Support Group

Meets 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, the third Monday of every month, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, West of Orchard Lake Road. For more information, call (248) 674-8152.

Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

ONGOING

Alliance for the Mentally III

The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally III, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 South Wayne at Bayview, first light south of Cherry Hill,

Westland, For more information, call (313) 562-8498. All are welcome. Alzheimer's and dementia support

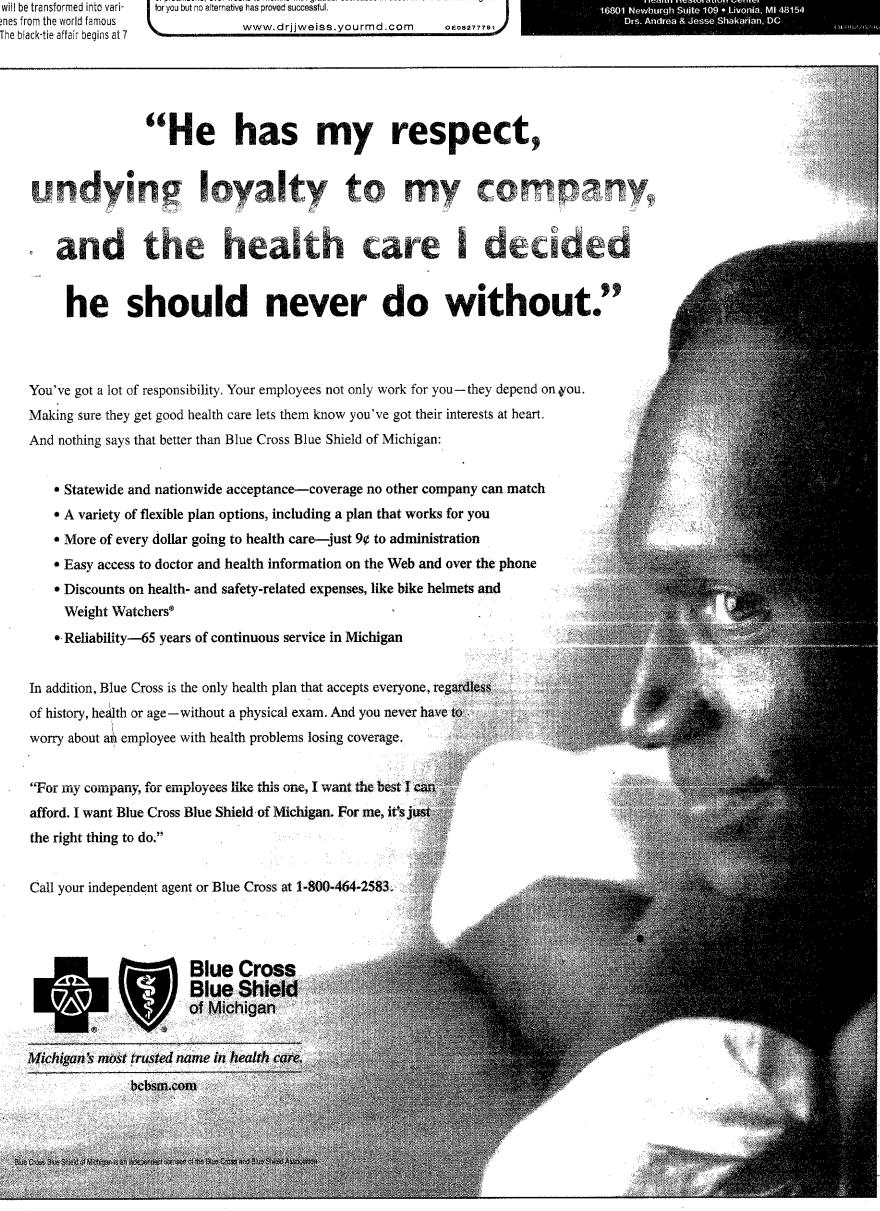
Group meets 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, and features different topics for caregivers, family and friends of those who suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia, at Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills, 27900 Drake, Call 🦼 (248) 489-9362.

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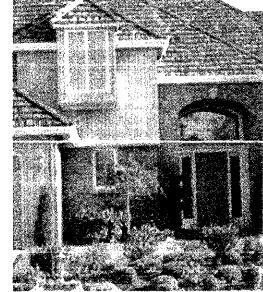
A self-help support group for any adult grieving the death of a loved one meets the first and third Monday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland. No charge. Open to all. For more information, call (734) 522-4244. Grief support group

Meets 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. at the Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia. All groups are free of charge and open to the community. For more information, call Joan Lee in the Bereavement Department at (734) 464-7810.

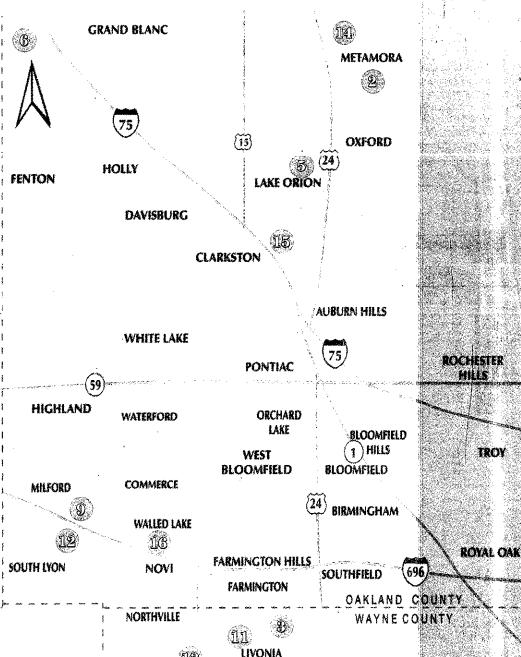




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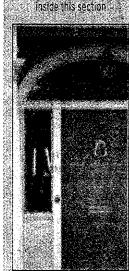
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Spacious country-style home has something for everyone in the family

Equally well adapted to meeting the needs of a family with older children, or empty nesters that like to keep space available for grandchildren and other overnight guests, the sprawling country-

style Berniece has something for everyone. Placement of the master suite on the main floor provides privacy while the kids are still at home, and allows the homeowners to confine their living to the ground floor after the kids move on.

Luxury is the name of this master suite. Amenities include a private spa, oversized shower, double vanities and a long, Lshaped walk-in closet with an abundance of shelf space. The sleeping area is large enough to accommodate a desk and a couple of easy chairs, in addition to a kingsized bed. French doors open onto a covered porch, which wraps nearly around the entire home. A strategically placed hammock can heighten the enjoyment of a warm summer's day.



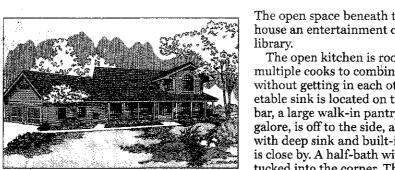
A vaulted ceiling adds to the sense of overall spaciousness that pervades the rambling family room/nook/kitchen combination. With a fireplace for heat and lots of windows to let in the light, many hours of pleasure can be had here. A Ushaped open stairway juts out into the room, providing a perfect vantage point for viewing the scene below. Place a widescreen television on a swivel here, and it can be seen from anywhere in the room.

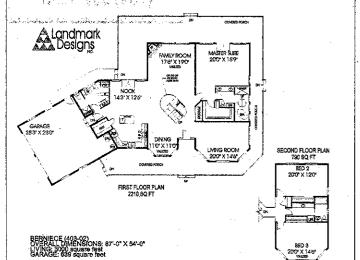
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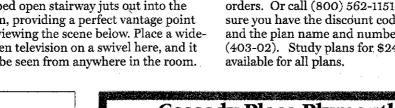
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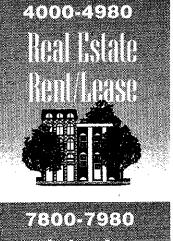


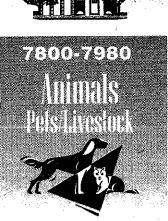


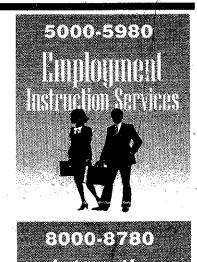












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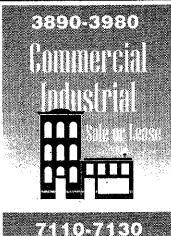
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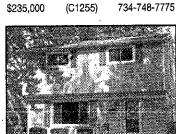
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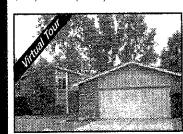
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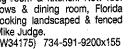
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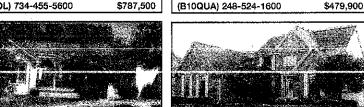


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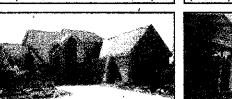
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