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Suspects bound over on 2 counts



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Isam Ayyash, a 17-year-old Churchill High School student, testified defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz called him to come help move the body of the victim, 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann stand trial later this month in Wayne County Circuit Court, they'll only be facing one life sentence instead of two in the Nov. 7 death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

After a preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court, the defendants, charged with killing and beheading Sorensen and then disposing of his body, were bound over by Judge Michael Gerou on one count of first-degree, premeditated murder and one count of

mutilating a corpse. The murder charge carries a mandatory life sentence without parole; the mutilation charge is a 10year felony.

Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township and Letkemann, 18. of Westland are scheduled to be arraigned at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit Dec. 14.

A third count - felony murder - was dismissed by Gerou. It was based on the idea Orlewicz stole a gun from Sorensen, but Gerou ruled because the theft occurred after the murder, it didn't meet

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Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township, charged in the death of Daniel Sorensen, listens to testimony during his preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court.



Alexander Letkemann of Westland (left) and his attorney, Raymond Cassar of Farmington Hills, listen to testimony during a preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

'Complete chaos'

Thankful explosion survivor recounts harrowing experience

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

They come one after another - cars carrying people who want to get a glimpse of what is left of Dave and Jan Goble's home on Waterview Court.

A natural gas leak caused

scene he describes as "complete chaos.'

Both he and his wife, who are both 64, were inside the home when it blew up. He was on the first floor sending emails on his computer.

"I remember there was an explosion, and then the second



their home to explode on the morning of Nov. 19, leaving it and just about everything they own in wreckage.

On Thursday afternoon, Dave Goble watched the cars pull up to the house, stop for a moment, and then pull away - typically with the occupants shaking their head in disbelief. As Goble looks at the mangled 3,500-square-foot home, he is also amazed. A little more than a week earlier he was trapped underneath the debris in a

floor was essentially on top of me," said Goble, who is retired from DuPont.

Miraculously, Dave walked out of the wreckage with just a few cuts, bruises and minor burns. His wife, Jan, wasn't as lucky. She was blown out of the house, and buried under a ceiling truss and other debris. She can't remember exactly where she was when the explosion occurred, though they

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Canton tree lighting Wednesday evening. Hundreds of families the story and more photos, please see

Oakwood looking at another Canton site

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

For what it's worth, some residents are ready to welcome Oakwood into their neighborhood. That is, if the Dearbornbased health care system goes beyond eyeing a vacant parcel on the west side of Beck Road north of Michigan Avenue.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said Oakwood is looking at the land as a possible location for a full-service hospital. The property is zoned industrial and is slated for warehouses.

"Two warehouses (on Michigan Avenue) have already been built and 140 acres is left," Goulet said, adding that Oakwood hasn't submitted any paperwork to the township. "Nothing is official."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think about Oakwood building a hospital on Beck, north of Michigan Avenue? Send an e-mail to kkuban@ hometownlife.com.

Paula Rivera-Kerr, Oakwood spokesperson, said the health care corporation is looking at several potential sites, including a few in Canton.

We are still very interested in expanding our services in the (township). We are working cooperatively with Canton but no site has been specifically identified," she said. "We are going to take our time and make sure all the right pieces are in place."

The Beck Road property is

less than a mile south of where Oakwood previously proposed building a 650,000-squarefoot medical facility. That proposal was denied in April, and was met with vehement criticism from hundreds of homeowners adjacent to the 88-acre property on the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes.

In looking at a site closer to Michigan Avenue, Goulet said Oakwood appears to be responding to resident suggestions that it build off the major thoroughfare.

"I am sure there would be some homeowners that still have some concerns," he said. Tom Jones says he wouldn't

be among that crowd. "I have no problem with

Oakwood building here," said Jones, who lives in Chatterton Square, one of the three subdivisions adjacent to the vacant site off of Beck Road. "I had no problem with them wanting to build (at Beck and Geddes) either. I think a hospital would be a great asset."

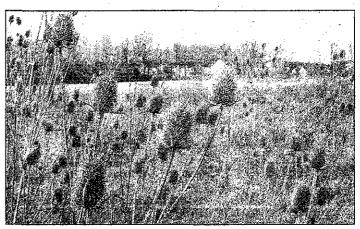
Tiffany Karol, a Woodlands of Chatterton Village homeowner, agreed.

"How much more convenient could that be," she said. "I would be comfortable with a hospital here."

Kevin Jones, who moved into the Woodlands in May, expressed some reservation about the possible project. "That would definitely dis-

turb the tranquility of the neighborhood," he said. Chatterton Square hom-

eowner association president Arlene Ladell said she's trying



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The possible hospital site backs up to a subdivision along Beck Road, south of Geddes and north of Michigan Avenue.

to view the potential development in a good light. "The land is zoned industrial

so I don't think we have any-

thing to fight with besides the buffer zone," she said.

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Broadway performer coming to Village

Broadway sensation, Michael Cavanaugh, will take the stage for one night only at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. Known for his vocal and keyboard talents, Michael was hand picked by singer Billy Joel to star in the Broadway musical *Mavin' Out*. For three years and close to 1,200 performances, he played the role of the piano man and received numerous accolades for his performances,



Michael Cavanaugh

which culminated in both Grammy and Tony award nominations. Tickets are only \$40 per

person for all seats and are conveniently available online.



There is no additional charge to purchase online tickets, seats are guaranteed for late arrival and you can even print your e-ticket at home to avoid box office lines.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person. To purchase tickets at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office, stop by during box office hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7-9 p.m. and Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance. For more information on this performance, visit www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5460.

Women wanted

The goal of the Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW) is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women.

The group is seeking members who are looking for leadership development, informative programs, business contacts networking opportunities, mentor relationships, friendships, community awareness. professional growth, political advocacy, and a voice in women's issues. The group will host a holiday celebration from 6-8:30 p.m., Dec. 10 at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road. The guest speaker will be Judy Ellis of First Step. The group will be presenting First Step with donations from their Wish List. For More Information please contact Irene Psilis via e-mail at Irene. Psilis@ncmc.com or by phone at (734) 981-7810. You must RSVP to attend this meeting.



Young artists

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Jan. 21. The competition is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 3, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton. Since 1978, this competition has offered music scholarships to the youth in these areas. The competition is composed of three divisions: SENIOR INSTRUMENTAL (grades 10-12), SENIOR PIANO (grades 10-12), and JUNIOR COMBINED (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in one of the following school districts: Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible. The distribution of scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division is Senior Instrumental, \$500: Senior Plano. \$500; and Junior Combined, \$250. Applications, available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, are due by Jan. 21. For an application or further information, contact Jane Libbing, (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

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Michigan's statutory requirement.

Evidence introduced at Friday's hearing also showed the murder was allegedly supposed to happen a day earlier. According to a statement given by Letkemann to Canton Township police, Orlewicz had arranged for a meeting at his grandfather's Canton home on Tuesday, Nov. 6, with Sorensen.

For an unspecified reason, according to Letkemann's statement, Orlewicz "aborted" the plan. In his statement, introduced into evidence during the testimony of Canton Police Detective Michael Steckel, Letkemann noted Sorensen had been dropped off by an unknown driver, and speculated Orlewicz worried that driver would know the site where Sorensen would have been last seen alive.

In a taped conversation Letkemann had with Canton police Sgt. Rick Pomorski and Steckel on Nov. 10, Letkemann said Orlewicz got Sorensen to come back out on Nov. 7 and, after Sorensen used the bathroom, the trio went into the garage. Letkemann, in his conversation with police, said he entered the garage first, followed by Sorensen, with Orlewicz bringing up the rear.

"(Orlewicz) shut the door behind us and then just did it," said Letkemann, who said in a written statement that Orlewicz cut Sorensen's throat from behind, then stabbed him. "I don't know why he killed him."

While Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said initially, at a Nov. 12 press conference, that this was a "thrill killing" and had nothing to do with money, evidence introduced Friday suggested just the opposite.

In his written and taped statements, Letkemann told police he agreed to help Orlewicz because he owed the younger teen \$100. And Ashleigh Scarlett, 23 of Livonia, a friend of Sorensen's, testified the victim told her the afternoon he died he was meeting "J.P." and expected to collect \$3,000 for an unspecified "job."

The hearing also featured the first public appearance of "Izzy," the third "person of interest" Worthy mentioned at her press conference. "Izzy" is a nickname for Isam Ayyash, a 17-year-old Livonia Churchill High School student who testified Friday that he was called to the scene by Orlewicz to help dispose of Sorensen's body.

"(Orlewicz) asked me to come to his grandfather's house because he needed help lifting a body into a truck," Ayyash testified. "I walked in and asked, 'Is this a joke?' and they said, 'no.""

Ayyash, granted immunity by the Wayne County prosecutor for his involvement, testified Orlewicz asked him to give him his clothing. When asked why, Ayyash testified, "Because his were covered in blood."

Other witnesses included the manager of the ACO Hardware store at Joy and Main, who testified she saw Letkemann in the store two days before the murder, looking at items in the tool aisle; a 19-year-old cashier at the same store who testified Orlewicz bought four bottles of Drano in two separate trips to the store; and Sorensen's 20-year-old girlfriend, who testified that she who drove Sorensen to Orlewicz's grandfather's Canton home the day before the murder.

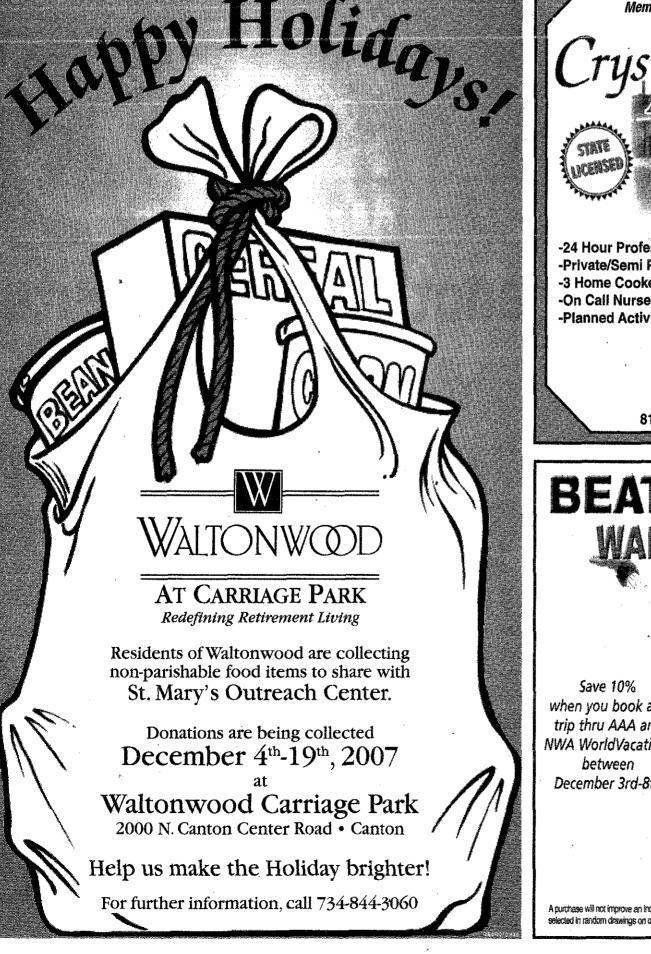
Letkemann's attorney, Raymond Cassar of Farmington Hills, argued his client was guilty of nothing more than being an accessory after the fact because he didn't participate in the actual killing, but Gerou dismissed that notion and bound Letkemann over on both charges.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lighting up the holidays

Hundreds of families turn out for township's holiday party

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Twinkling lights, Cobo Hall, Santa Claus, the Detroit Opera House and thousands of Canton kids.

The township's annual tree lighting celebration took off Wednesday evening with hundreds of families making their way to Summit on the Park.

"I think this is great," Canton resident Lelia Fritz said as her two young children watched other tikes climb onto jolly Old Saint Nick's lap and pose for pictures. "Something has always stopped us from coming before so this is our first year here and my kids are having a great time.'

The event, which was themed "A Merry Motor City Tree Lighting," featured several signs that declared Detroit landmarks such as Hart Plaza and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Other signs highlighted well-known events like the

Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise.

Members of the Dancin' Feet dance company performed in the "Fox Theatre" and in order to get to Santa Claus, attendees crossed the "Ambassador Bridge."

As strollers and giddy children crowded the hallways of the Summit, others braved the nighttime air to witness the tree lighting. While there was some applause from the crowd of children when Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and members of the Township Board were announced, the most rousing welcome was given to Paws, a mascot for the Detroit Tigers.

Once Yack explained that the tree needed "crowd power" in order to light up, the children screamed and then a chorus of "ooh" broke out as the multicolored lights began to shine.

"This is our second time here and my girls really like the tree lighting and the crafts," said



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Conor and Cate Weelan, both age 3, decorate Christmas cookies with the help of parents Sean and Kerie, of Canton.

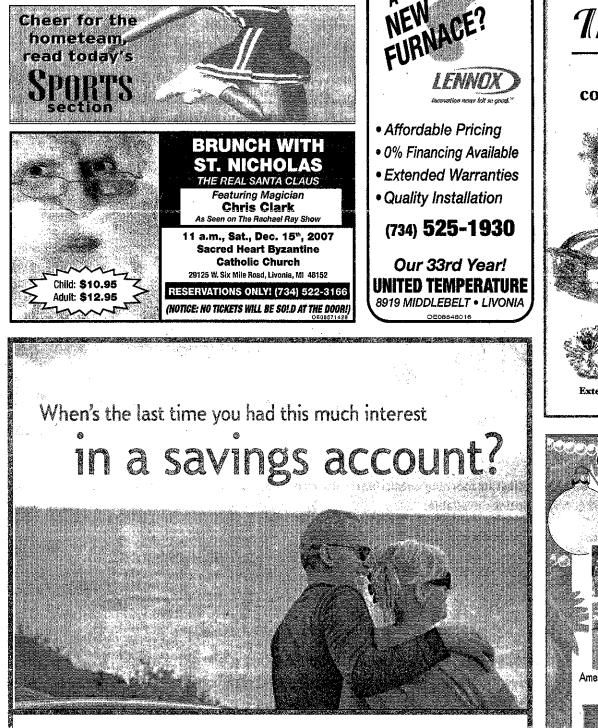
Briget Verdugo of Canton. Her three daughters, ages 3, 5 and 6, also got a thrill out of decorating their own cookies. "They put so much icing on them."

Penny Fasecas attended the festivities with her grandchildren and said she was impressed by the organization of the event.

"The tree lighting was absolutely beautiful and now they are standing in line ready to talk to Santa," she said. "This is wonderful."



Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack (far right) lights up the holiday tree, while getting a little help from Trustees Todd Caccamo, Melissa McLaughlin, Todd LaJoy, and their families.













Above, Alexis Kelm, 3, and Madison Witt, 8, both from Canton, visit Thunder, a real reindeer, tended by Tammy Taconelli of South Lyon. At left; professional storyteller Debra Christian of Plymouth entertains the crowd, including Wendee Giovanelli, and her daughters Sophie Rose, age 7, and Kari Lynn, age 9, of Canton.

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LOCAL NEWS

Meeting will focus on airport noise

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Willow Run Airport staff and the consultant team of Barnard Dunkelberg & Company will hold the first in a series of public information meetings on the Willow Run Airport Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study 5-7 p.m., Tuesday Dec. 4 at the Holiday Inn Express, 461 North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township.

The purpose of the first meeting is to provide information to the public about the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study process and to identify specific noise concerns of the public. The open house format of this meeting will provide information stations distributed around the meeting room. There will not be a formal



WILLOW RUN NOISE MEETING When: 5-7 p.m., Dec. 4 Where: Holiday Inn Express, 461

N. I-94 Service Drive, Van Buren Township Who: Willow Run Airport staff

will discuss new study meant to reduce noise around the Wayne County-owned airport.

presentation. However, airport staff and the consultant team will be available to listen to citizen comments and answer questions about the study.

The federally-funded study, now in the initial phase, is being conducted to identify and evaluate current and future noise effects caused by aircraft operations at Willow Run Airport.

'This public workshop is the first of several opportunities for public involvement in the Part 150 process. The Airport Authority elected to initiate this voluntary study in an effort to be a good neighbor to communities surrounding Willow Run. Input from residents of these communities is vital to the success of the study," said Lester Robinson, CEO of the Wavne County Airport Authority.

Resumes roll in for school post BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The superintendent of a school district about the size of one of Plymouth-Canton's middle schools, and a former New York Yankees executive turned school teacher, are the first to file online applications to become the next superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The Board of Education this week heard from Roger Garvelink, senior consultant with the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, that seven people applied for the position through the HYA Web site, with two of the candidates dropping out shortly afterward.

"One is presently superintendent in a district of 864 students, which represents three communities, who has a Harvard degree," Garvelink told P-CCS trustees. "I found out (the second candidate) worked for the New York Yankees before he was fired.

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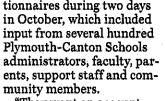
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and is now a second-year mid- tionnaires during two days dle school teacher."

HYA is hopeful of generating more interest for the position from a recently published ad in Education Week. HYA representatives plan to submit a short list of candidates to the Board of Education by Jan. 21, with interviews of finalists slated for Jan. 28-30, about a month before Superintendent Jim Ryan plans to retire.

"Nationally, Michigan doesn't have the best reputation in terms of our financial condition," said Garvelink, who is a former superintendent of Birmingham Schools. "That's a hurdle we'll encounter, and we'll give our best sales pitch. But, it does mean that we'll have to work harder to get the attention of candidates from other states."

Garvelink and Randolph Tinder, a consultant associate with HYA, also presented trustees findings of the Leadership Profile Assessment, data obtained from focus groups and ques-



"They want an accountable, collaborative educational leader of unquestioned integrity, with exceptional communication, interpersonal and organizational/management skills," read the HYA report. "The successful candidate should be a decisive leader with strong organizational and management skills ... visible in the schools, enjoy interacting with students and staff, be involved in the community and develop positive working relationships with state and local officials, business and community groups and agencies. The individual should be a personable, accessible, open-minded leader who seeks dialogue with staff, students, parents and the community, keeps them well informed and responds to inquiries in a timely, forthright manner."

The qualifications sound very similar to those possessed by Ryan.

"They would like the public relations skills and visibility that Dr. Ryan has shown," said Garvelink.

"When I talked to administrators, particularly in the central office, they would like the person around more and give them a little more direction.'

Tinder said he was surprised most groups didn't express expectation the next superintendent have experience in a large district.

You don't walk into a school

district with 20.000 students never having done it before, or at least having been a very high-placed assistant superintendent in a large district of similar size," Tinder said. "All the other characteristics, communication and visibility, were more important, with many believing the new person could overcome that (experience)."

Board President Judy Mardigian said she would most likely prefer a candidate that possessed experience in a larger district.

"When you're in a very small district, I think there's an advantage of being a jack-ofall-trades and doing a lot of the work," Mardigian said. "The disadvantages come when you have to deal with multiple municipalities, a larger number of buildings, more stakeholder groups ... just the complexity ... you've got to have enough experience."

Among the district's strengths, according to the groups interviewed, are good communication with the community, high expectations for achievement, excellent staff, tradition of excellence and the high school park.

Perceived by the groups as district challenges are attracting and retaining high quality teachers, the district's financial picture, growth and its impact on class size and successful management of the growing diversity of the student population.

The entire HYA report can be viewed on Plymouth-Canton Schools Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

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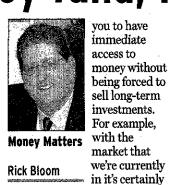
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Emergency fund, Roth IRA are solid savings options

Dear Rick: My wife and I are able to save about \$300 a month. I want to use the money to pay down on our mortgage. My wife wants to invest in a Roth IRA. We have a 30-year mortgage at 5 percent. We are in our early 30s and are both funding our 401(k) accounts through work. We have no money in savings, no children and our goals are retirement. What do you recommend?

I prefer a Roth IRA. However, there is another action to consider. I believe everyone needs to establish an emergency fund of money prior to beginning an investment program. The fund allows



to sell. If an investor needed money and did not have an emergency fund, they may have no alternative but to sell investments at the wrong time.

not a good time

The one thing that makes an investor successful is the ability

to have options. If you had an emergency fund of money, you could always access it immediately if needed. Having an emergency fund protects your other investments.

I recommend you establish an emergency fund of money with the \$300 per month. A proper emergency fund is three to six months of living expenses. Someone more on the aggressive side can have a threemonth emergency fund while someone more conservative may feel more comfortable with a six-month fund.

The money should be kept in money-market accounts, short-term or ultra short-term bond funds and short term

CDs. Emergency funds don't necessarily pay the highest rates of return, because liquidity and access is the primary goal.

Once the emergency fund has been established, then I prefer the Roth IRA option versus paying down on the mortgage. When you consider the financial implications of each, I think it is clear that the Roth IRA is the most fiscally responsible alternative.

When you use excess money to pay down a mortgage, the return on that investment is the reduction of principal and the interest that it saves. The interest saved is the return on your investment.

In your case, the mortgage is

at 5 percent and tax deductible. Most people find themselves in the 28 percent bracket, that means the after-tax cost of a 5 percent mortgage is (5 percent x 0.28 percent = 1.4 percent and 5 percent - 1.4 percent = 3.6percent) 3.6 percent.

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The issue is can you earn more than 3.6 percent by investing money long term into a Roth IRA. I think it's a slam dunk and you will earn more than 3.6 percent. Coordinate the Roth with what you have in the 401(k) plan.

I recommend people fully fund a Roth IRA even before investing in a salary deferral program such as a 401(k).

Not only can people who are

presently working contribute to a Roth IRA but those not working and who do not have earned income can take advantage of a Roth IRA by converting an existing IRA. Bottom line is that a Roth

IRA is the best tax shelter available. After all, you can virtually invest in anything that you choose and all the income grows tax free for as long as you want.

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

New online service helps students compare credits

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

One of the biggest frustrations for students transferring from one college to another is trying to determine which credits and how many credits will transfer from one institution to another.

The problem was highlighted in the report by the Cherry Commission on postsecondary education chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry. The commission proposed creation of a "transfer wizard."

A new online service drawing on information from 50 colleges was launched Nov. 8 to provide a one-stop site for comparing equivalent courses. The site - www. michigantransfernetwork.org - is a collaboration between the Michigan Association of College Registrar and Admissions Officers and Michigan State University. It was launched at the annual meeting of the association.

"We got together with Michigan State and they said we could do this and not spend millions of dollars," said Howard Shanken, registrar at Grand Rapids Community College and president of the association. "MACRAO worked with Michigan State to get a full-time programmer. In February of this year, Kristin

Schuette of Michigan State began to work on it."

The Michigan Transfer Network is still a work in progress, but Shanken said more than 50 colleges have loaded or are loading their courses into the program. He said 550,000 courses are listed on the site.

"Sav I'm at Henry Ford Community College and thinking of transferring to Wayne or Michigan State. I have a psychology course and I'm not sure if it will transfer. I can confirm a course in advance or find out if a course is full," Shanken said. "This reduces the errors students will have when transferring from one institution to another and that can become very expensive."

Donna Nordman, director of counseling and career services at Schoolcraft College, said the service is a great tool for transferring students.

"I think it's a good thing for students, providing a place where students can go, one place, to look up multiple colleges," she said.

Laurie Snyder, transfer coordinator at Schoolcraft, said it has been frustrating for students who haven't been able to get the information they want when they want it.

"If you were a transferring student, you'd have to go to

Large Array of New & Antique

each school's Web site. Now you can go search by class you want to take, school you're transferring to and school you're transferring from," she said.

Nordman said transferring from Schoolcraft hasn't been a problem but this service will make it easier.

"Our courses transfer quite readily as do our degrees," she said. "We line them up with other universities as we did many years ago."

Shanken said the association is planning to add Advanced Placement and college level examination program equivalents for high school students entering college.

Snyder, who attended the association meeting where the service was introduced, said that phase two will give students a better idea of how individual courses fit into a college's overall program.

She said MACRAO provides guidelines for which core courses transfer most easily. Schoolcraft also advises students in its catalog about core courses.

"If we can get all the schools on, it will be a very useful tool," she said.

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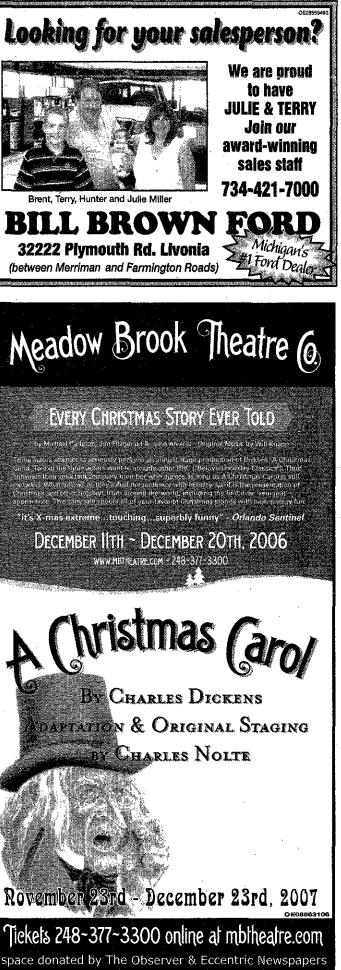
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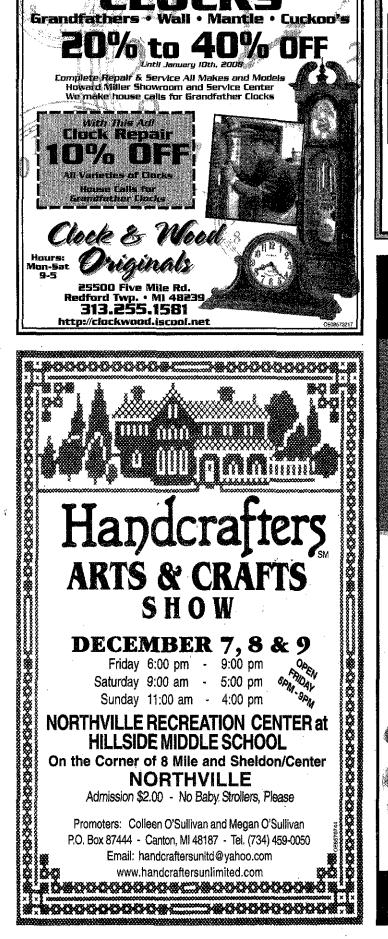
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Gwendolyn Hill A273 - Household appliances, Totes, boxes

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LOCAL NEWS

Ex-Novi city manager takes aim at McCotter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

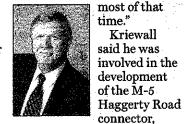
Longtime Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall, 66, is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District to challenge incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, who is expected to seek a fourth term, in the 2008 election.

Thomas Spencer, a

Methodist lay minister and Air Force veteran, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination two weeks ago.

agent and I'm not going to be a follow-the-leader congressman when I get there," Kriewall said. "I think that's one of the problems with the Legislature along with what the president

Kriewall was Novi city manager from 1974 to 2000. He began working for Novi in 1969 as a public works superintendent and was director of public works and interim city manager before becoming city manager.



Kriewall

Center and, as an administrative assistant. coordinated the development of Twelve Oaks Mall.

Kriewall

the Novi Expo

"I understand government and what drives people, department heads," he said.

"A lot of the time they are looking for more funding than they need and you've got to see through that. I believe you could cut government spending by 10 percent right off the bat.'

Kriewall is a licensed builder. After retiring as city manager, he developed a condominium development in Tecumseh and is currently developing a commercial property in Green Oaks.

He has a bachelor's degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology and a master of public administration degree from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. He is single and has two adult daughters and two grandchildren.

As with Spencer, the war in Iraq is the No. 1 issue for Kriewall in this election. "I want to get out of there.

We should never have gotten in there." he said. "I'm a firm believer that we are looked upon by the rest of the world very negatively because of our intervention in some of these of areas."

The economy and immigration are other key issues for Kriewall.

"The outsourcing of jobs overseas and what we are doing in this country with manufacturing and our ability to manufacture is a sad situation," he said.

He said Washington has not been respectful to the domestic auto industry.

"Immigration is a major issue," he said. "I believe that illegal immigration is totally out of control. Even legal immigration is at too high a level. I think it's causing problems with our natural resources and I think it's taxing to the American public."

He said immigration has contributed to urban sprawl and infrastructure problems.

Kriewall said he has received encouragement from supporters of Tony Trupiano, who challenged McCotter in last year's election.

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that exists now. They tend to go says.

"I was there when they went through most of their growth," Kriewall said. "It was very exciting and very tough. We went from 9,000 population to almost 50,000. We actually led the state in growth through



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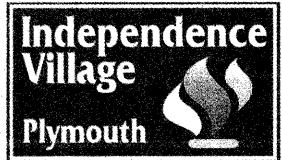
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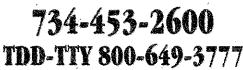
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EXPLOSION

now believe she was upstairs. Neighbors rushed in to pull her out as flames were closing in.

She suffered numerous injuries, including multiple broken ribs, a fractured back, collapsed lung, lacerated spleen and a fractured leg. She has already had surgery to repair the fractures in her left leg, and Dave said she will undergo another surgery sometime this week. She is still at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. He expects her to be released sometime this week, and says she will have much therapy in front of her.

Despite that, the couple is nothing but appreciative they are still around to even talk about rehabilitation. Dave said he is amazed they are alive. The whole experience has only reinforced his religious beliefs, he said.

Dave said he has also learned a lot about the Canton community, which he now calls his extended family. The community has rallied around the Gobles, including grandchildren Brandon and Gina, who live with the couple. Their church, the Canton Friendship Church, has had to bring people on full-time to field all the calls from people wanting to donate everything from money, clothes, food and even homes to stay in.

"To me, quite frankly, that's the story - not all this junk," Goble said looking at the charred remains of his home. "It doesn't have to be a small community to be a close community."

Goble, who has no idea what

CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Canton Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m., Monday Dec. 3, 2007 at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include: **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Hindu Temple rebuild: Consider site plan and special land use for a religious institution. Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and west of Canton Center Road SITE PLANS

Canton Crossings: Consider site plan approval Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Old Canton Center

Canterbury Mews Cooperative Clubhouse renovations: Consider site plan approval. Property is located east of Haggerty Road and south of Ford

Canton Corners west outlot: Consider site plan approval. Property is located south of Ford Road and west of Lilley Road.



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Dave Goble talks about what it was like to survive the gas explosion that leveled his family's home. What's left of the home and all his possessions are strewn about behind him.

Not much survived the explosion.

triggered the explosion, said they are waiting for their insurance company to conclude an investigation. Once they do, the Gobles intend to clean up and re-build on the same spot where they have lived for a decade.

He said the experience has changed his life.

"You look at except this angel lawn decoration, this and you which Jan Goble purchased about a wonder how week before the explosion. Neighbors one person discovered it in the rubble and put it up in front of the Goble home. got out, not to mention

two people," he said. "I was told by someone the other day, 'Welcome to the I should be dead club.' It definitely changes your outlook on life.

ON THE AGENDA

Cherry Oaks Plaza Phase II parking modifications: Consider site plan approval. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Lilley Road.

L. George's Coney Island: Consider site plan re-approval. Property is located at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Washburn Street. NEW BUSINESS

Enterprise Rent-a-car: Refer review of site plan to staff. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads Summitech Testing Laboratory: Refer review of site plan to staff. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Beck and Denton roads

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOL BOARD

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Monday Dec. 3 at the administration building, 36745 Marquette in Westland, Agenda items include:

Presentation: Wayne-Westland Foundation for the Improvement of Instruction Presentation: Tech-n-More Inservice

through Friday.

495-1722.

Investment report Tenure changes for teacher James Zoltowski: A motion to proceed on the amended tenure charges filed on Nov. 28, by Supt. Gregory Baracy, against tenure teacher James Zoltowski, Further moved, the administration has the authority to continue Zoltowski's assignment as a visiting teacher, with no reduction in compensation, pending the recommended decision of the administrative law judge.

from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday

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VAN BUREN SCHOOL BOARD

The Van Buren Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at the Administration Building, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, in Belleville,

Agenda items include

Purpose of meeting is to decide disciplinary ction against Belleville High School students. At the request of the parents this will be either an open or closed meeting.

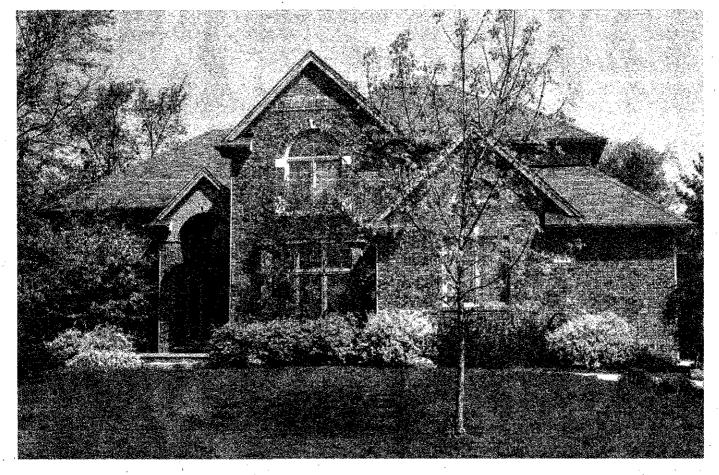
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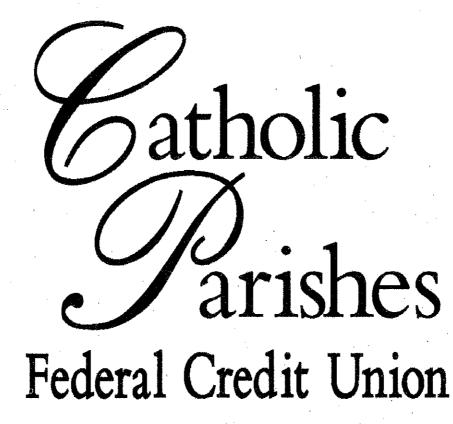
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Community Corner

Were you shocked by the number of foreclosures in Canton and Wayne County?





"I wasn't shocked because I knew enough of what's been going on." - Maureen Cullen of Canton

"Not really. People are losing their jobs left and right." - Joseph Najor of West Bloomfield



"Isn't that something? It makes you wonder." - Sandra Blair of Huron Township

"It's unbelievable." - Gus Chelli of Van Buren Township



Pay raises irresponsible

In the middle of November, Tom Yack's supervisor letter stated that the way our property taxes are calculated is changing and will result in lower tax revenues to local governments. Based on our economy and decreasing property values, this will probably continue for a number of years. Yet they still vote to raise their income. Where's the fiscal responsibility? They know they'll be receiving less money in taxes, but continue to raise their salaries?

This is especially disturbing as most individuals in this area aren't seeing their own salaries increase because of the poor economy. At least Mr. Caccamo and Mr. LaJoy had enough common sense to vote against some or all of the pay increases. Too bad our other officials voted the opposite - officials, I might add, who will be asking us to re-elect them when their term is up.

Kristen Rielly Canton

Pay increase raises questions

The issue of raises and compensation for elected officials is always an contentious issue. This issue often elicits quick, knee-jerk reactions from the public. I am sure this latest

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm

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State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton

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raise of Canton officials will get its fair share of negative

LETTERS

reaction. Workers in many private sector industries get an occasional raise — this should not surprise the public. Raises are given usually for increased productivity, accomplishments or simply to keep wages competitive with other employers. Public workers and elected officials are not much different.

What your front page article "Officials give themselves a pay raise," Nov. 29) failed to mention is what similar elected officials in other townships in Michigan are compensated. Also when the last time raises were voted in would be good to know. In this economy, raises each year are not a given, even if you are doing your job well,

Residents should ask themselves if they are getting good value from our elected officials. Have they kept their promises to keep spending in check and not raise taxes excessively? Is our township government run as efficiently as if it were a business? Is their salary comparable to other townships and communities? And, mostly, are you happy with the direction Canton Township is going?

Once we answer these questions, then we can have an informed opinion on this issue.

> Khalil S. Kandah Canton

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State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville

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Don't start war in Iran

Vice President Dick Chenev is now manipulating information to start a war in Iran so we can take over its oil, too. The American people don't need another war subverting our taxes to oil companies and government contractors. We need to focus on the issues at home. Creation of jobs, housing, better education and health care and new infrastructure in the U.S. are far more important.

Impeachment proceedings are long overdue.

Denise Berthiaume Canton

Don't fund mercenaries

Blackwater (owned and led by a secretive, super-rich fundamentalist Christian Republican named Erik Prince, who is originally from Michigan) is a private military company which has been accused of numerous crimes in Iraq. I will not accept my tax dollars being spent on mercenaries receiving several times the salaries of U.S. soldiers -and with no legal accountability.

That is just asking for violations of our Constitution. I will not be party to it, and I insist that you help us end this dangerous, inordinately expensive practice ASAP. (See: www.etherzone. com/2007/cron010807.shtml Blackwater USA Onward

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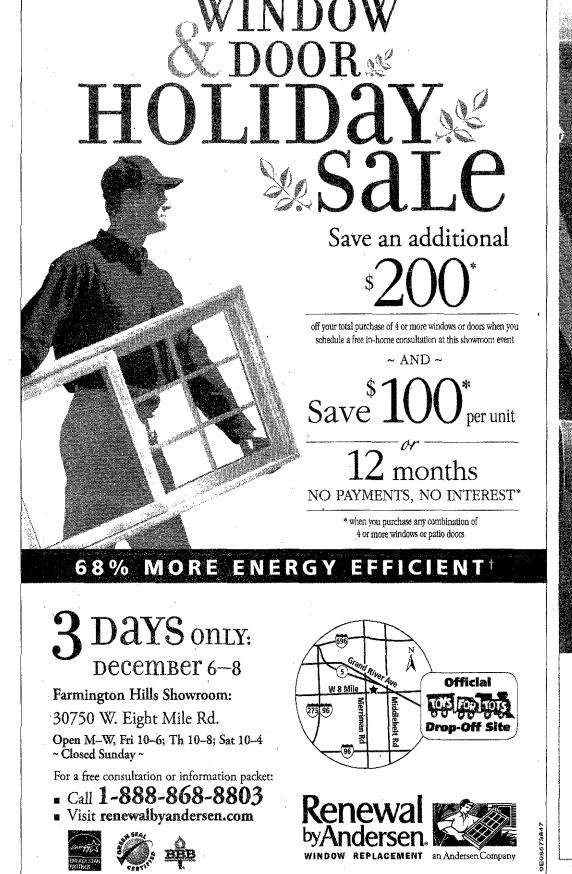
A free press (or media) is the hallmark of a free society. Media, monopolized by a few large corporations, severely curtails free speech and the information needed for a democracy to make choices, as evidenced by the lack of any serious balancing viewpoints permitted in the media, during the runup to the Iraq war. We are again dangerously close to starting another war with Iran, with the same major media outlets (i.e. Fox News) playing their crucial role of not-so-subtle cheerleaders for war. The proposed rule changes by chairman of the FCC (loyal Bushie Kevin Martin) are apparently their reward for loyalty, and vet another insurance policy to ensure continued major media complicity.

When only money gets to talk, real democracy can no longer exíst, because an informed electorate is no longer possible. I fear only manufactured consent will soon exist in what used to be the most free country in the world.

Dale Adcock Redford

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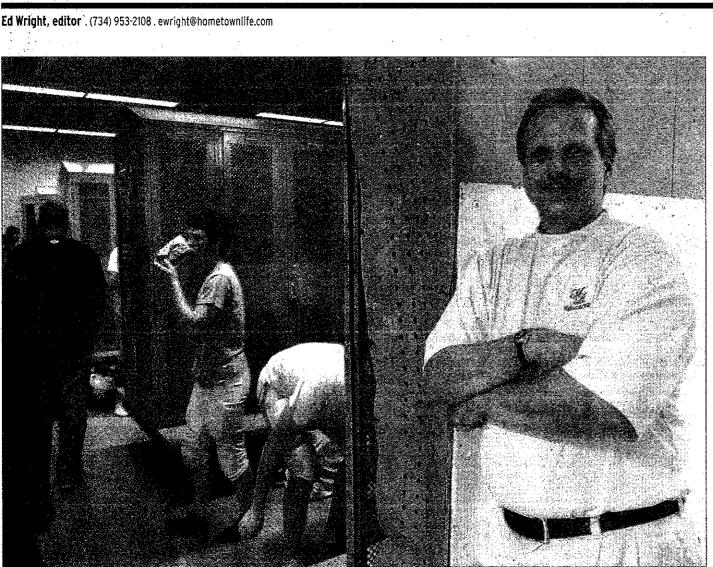
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All-Observer harriers a step ahead of competition, B2

PCEP co-athletic director Tom Willette stands beside one of the damaged Salem varsity locker room lockers that will be replaced soon. A new set of lockers, which are scheduled to be installed within the next month, will be at least partially paid for by a unique fund-raising effort spearheaded by Willette and Salem football coach Parker Salowich.

Locker-room revival

Salem's 36-year-old lockers set to be replaced

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Even though they've outlasted seven United States Presidents, endured 36 years' worth of daily wear provided by two generations of student-athletes, and stored the valuables of such famed sports heroes as Tom Ellinghausen, Brian Wolcott and Rich Hewlett, don't

quarterback.

"They're the original lockers from when the school was built in 1971, so they're in pretty bad shape," said Salem athletic director Tom Willette, who along with Rocks football coach Parker Salowich spearheaded the lockerreplacement project. "Of the close to 120 lockers in there, more than half don't work, so we decided we own in the refurbished locker room.

For a \$175 tax-deductible donation, you can help replace one of the lockers *and* get your name along with a brief message placed on a 3-inch-by-5-inch metal plaque that will be affixed to the eastern wall of the long hallway that leads to the locker room.

"It will be along the lines of

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TIME FOR A CHANGE

What: Lockers in Salem boys varsity locker room will be replaced by new ones; When: Within the next month:

How funded: A fund-raising program has been developed that calls for donors to pay \$175 for which they will receive a 3-by-5 engraved plaque in the hallway that leads to the room; **History:** The soon-tobe-replaced lockers were originally installed when the school was built in 1971. **For more information:** Call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775.

Split decisions Canton, Salem matmen go 1-1 at Monroe quad

The Canton and Salem wrestling teams opened the 2007-08 season by splitting a pair of matches at the Monroe Quad Meet Wednesday at Monroe High School.

Salem defeated Farmington Hills Harrison, 61-18, before falling to the host Trojans, 53-18. Canton, on the other hand, set a school-record for points in a duel meet by clipping the Hawks, 78-3, before falling to Monroe, 37-28.

The 78 points were the most Canton has earned in a meet since netting 75 one night in 2005.

Harrison voided five matches each against the Rocks and Chiefs. Salem's non-void winners against Harrison included Karl Allen (17-8 at 112), Ben DeWitt (20-9 at 119), 125-pound Steve Shen (pin at 3:25), 130pound Kevin Bennett (pin at 45 seconds), 135-pound Kevin Hayter (pin at 1:06), 140-pound Johannes Olind (technical fall) and 145-pound Justin Kane (pin at 2:36).

Hayter, Alex Kemp, Jeremy Epley and Sam Lepper were the lone Rocks to record victories against the Trojans.

Several young, up-and-coming grapplers notched impressive wins for the Chiefs against Harrison, including Connor Johnson, who won by a fall at 112; Phil Rollinger, who pinned his opponent at 130, Braden Price, who won by fall at 145; and Waleed Faraj, who pinned his foe at 103.

Excelling for Canton against Monroe were 135-pound Steve Cox, 140-pound Brent Winekoff,



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Benefit skate

On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, in conjunction with the Wolverine Lake Leathernecks Motorcycle Club, will hold a benefit skating event beginning at 11:30 a.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund, which provides money to the children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen who were killed in action.

The cost of the skating event is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The fee includes skating, skate rental, a hot dog and pop.

HVS offerings

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering a multitude of events this winter, including the usual soccer, flag football and dodge ball Winter 2 session that is slated for Jan. 2-Feb. 29. For more information on these offerings, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT. The deadline for registering is Dec. 16.

HVS will also host

expect the olive-green lockers in the Salem High School boys locker room to get an emotional sendoff when they're replaced in a few weeks.

If there are any tears shed dur-. ing the removal process, they'll be tears of joy, considering the majority of the metal relics are dinged up more than a blitz-ravaged needed to get them replaced. "Due to funding issues, the

school district wasn't able to help us, so we've come up with a project to help pay for the new lockers."

The fund-raising idea Willette and Salowich generated allows individuals to not only help cover the cost of the new lockers, but leave a long-lasting legacy of their when people can purchase bricks with their name on it when a new stadium is built," explained Willette. "For instance, mine would read, "Tom Willette, Class of "75, Baseball,' or something like that. They can put whatever they want, as long as it fits on the

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who pin his opponent; 189pound Adam Powers, 215-pound Dan Wanshon and heavyweight Dakota Dark-Bird, all of whom posted pins. Canton returns to action Wednesday when it hosts Southgate Anderson and Grosse Pointe South in a tri-meet set to being at 5 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

Eurostars are 3rd at Fall State Meet

Members of the Plymouth-based Eurostars Gymnastics teams enjoyed a stellar weekend Nov. 17-18 at the Fall State Meet held in Westland.

Both the Eurostars' Level 5 and 6 contingents placed third at the talent-laden events.

Melissa Green starred for the Level 5 squad as she was the state champion on the bars, the floor and in the all-around competition for the 11-year-old age group. Additionally, Green's 9.25 score on the floor was the highest in all age groups.

Level 5's Adelaida Jepperson shined in the 12-andolder age bracket as she earned a state championship on the bars with a score of 9.575. Eurostar Hannah Tackett was also crowned state champion on the beam with a 9.50 tally.

Caitlyn Webb dominated in the Level 6 competition, winning state titles on the bars, floor, beam and all-around in the 11-year-old age group.

Taylor Reickhoff also had a stellar meet as she was a state titlist on the beam and floor in the 12-andover age group.

Taryn McLaughlin also fared well, placing second on the beam and floor; and third in the all-around.



The Eurostars Level 6 contingent consisted of (from row from left) coach Peter Gueorguiev, Taryn McLaughlin, Caitlyn Webb, coach Tania Gueorguiev, (back row from left) Taylor Rieckhoff and Madison Torok.



Pictured are the Level 5 Eurostars: (front row from left) Brook Harvey, Melissa Green, (back row from left) Sydney Carpenter, Jessica Liubakka, Ade Jepperson and Hannah Tackett. a winter break sports all-sport camp from Dec. 20 to Jan. 4. The half-day price (8 a.m. to noon; or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) is \$25 per day while the full-day cost (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) is \$45 per day. A soccer camp run by Detroit Ignition players will also be available from 1-4 p.m. for \$25. Participants must preregister for the camps; no walk-ups will be allowed.

Among the new programs offered at HVS is a soccer clinic called "Lil' Kickers," which is part of a nationwide contingent with classes for children 18 months. through 9 years of age. The classes start in January and are \$12.50 for each class. Those who sign up for a full season of eight classes will receive a free uniform (soccer shirts and jersey).

The program will be run by certified instructors Christie Rife and Amy Callahan. For more information, call (734) HV-SPORT.



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KEVIN DEBEAR, SR., SALEM: deBear saved his best for last, finishing with a personal-best 15:56 at the Division 1 state meet, which earned him 20th place. He placed first in the WLAA Lakes Division Jamboree, first at the WLAA conference meet and second at the Regional meet. He also captured the title at the Traverse City Invitational and placed fifth at the Wayne County Championships.

"Kevin has been a model Salem runner since he began running as a freshman," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "He has improved tremendously since his freshman year and his steady increase in training has matched his improvement. Kevin was the lone representative for Salem at last year's state meet, and he achieved three of his biggest goals at the state meet this year: earn All State honors, break 16 minutes and break into

the All-Time top 10 list at Salem." - **DURCAN SPITZ, JR., CANTON:** The junior capped a sensational season by earning All-State recognition at the Division 1 state meet. The Chief's MVP was also the champion at the WI AA Western Division meet. champion at the WLAA Western Division mee (16:25), third at the WLAA conference meet 16:33 and first at the Division 1 Regional at Schoolcraft College. "Duncan is the best runner in school

history," state Canton coach Bill Boyd. "He runs more miles in the off-season than anyone on the team. He sets high goals for himself and his team and is a leader at practice.

"His school record in 2006 (16:24) is no fluke. Duncan works hard and earns everything he accomplishes."

ROB CURTIS, JR., SALEM: Curtis closed out a spectacular season by posting a personal-best 16:29 at the Division 1 state meet, finishing 74th. He was second at the WLAA Lakes Division Jamboree, 15th at the WLAA conference meet and fifth at the Division 1 Regional meet. He also placed fourth at the Traverse City Invitational and

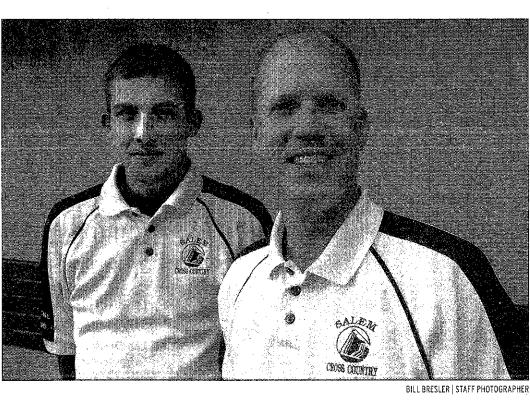
Rob ran all year as the No. 2 runner and will look to fill the No. 1 spot left by Kevin deBear on next year's team," said Baker, "Rob continues to impress with his positive attitude and tremendus work atbic and be will be a and tremendous work ethic, and he will be a

leader on next year's senior-laden team." JOE VARILONE, SR., CHURCHILL: The senior capped a stellar season with a 54th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet with a season-best time of 16:21.4. He qualified for the state meet by placing 11th at the D1 Decision in 1702 Regional in 17:03. "Joe is an outstanding leader and person

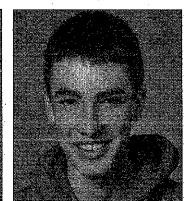
as well as being a very, very good runner, said Churchill coach John McGreevy. "His personal qualities transcend running. Joe is an excellent student who cares deeply about the world around him. Hi offers his time to other students and he is a wonderful role model. He is very serious about the sport of cross country and he always gives his best effort before and during co

EVAN SIRENA, SR., FRANKLIN: Sirena enjoyed a consistently productive senior year, placing 91st at the Division 1 state meet along with top-10 showings at the D1 Regional (seventh in 16:57), WLAA Conference Meet (ninth in 16:46), Western Division Jamboree (seventh in 16:56) and Livonia City Meet, which he won in 16:59. The two-time state qualifier is the second-fastest Franklin cross country runner of all time

'Evan joined the team as a sophomore and quickly dazzled me with a time trial of 25:14," said Franklin coach Walt Reasor, "It wasn't long before he figured out that hard work in practice means better times in the meets. His effort in practice made me look forward to the next meet to see how much time he as going to take off again. "Evan has set the bar high for all future Patriot runners to follow. Because of all his



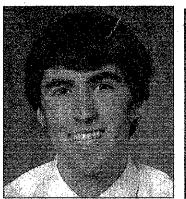


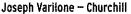


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qualities -- great runner, great teammate, great leader, sly sense of humor and great intestinal fortitude -- the team and I will great miss hin DEREK HOERMAN, SR., CANTON: The

four-year varsity runner and MHSAA Scholar-Athlete earned All-WLAA and All-Region honors while turning in the sixth-fastest time in school history (16:34). He was voted the Chiefs' "Hardest Worker" and was a captain.

"Derek has been the backbone of Canton's rebuilding program," said Boyd. "His work ethic leads the team and inspires the younger runners to do their best each day. "He is one of the best all-around people I have coached." KYLE CLINTON, JR., CANTON: The 11th-

grader had a stellar year, earning All-Division All-WLAA and All-Region honors while running a 16:33 at the Division 1 state meet, which was the fifth-fastest time ever recorded for a Chief runner. He was voted team co-MVP along with Duncan Spitz. "Kyle is one of the best runners in

school history," said Boyd. "He gives 100 percent each day and never complains. "His teammates elected him MVP and a captain." CRAIG COWING, JR., SALEM: Cowing finished with a career-best 16:54 at this year's Jackson Invitational. He was also fourth at the WLAA Lakes Division Jamboree, 20th at the WLAA Conference Meet and 10th at the D1 Regional race.

'Craig has been a key member of the Salem cross country team since his sophomore year," said Baker. "He did a nice job filling the No. 3 role for Salem this year. He had a difficult job trying to close the gap between the top two runners and the rest of

MARK WATERBURY, JR., CHURCHILL: Like his teammate Varilone, Waterbury saved his best effort for last when he posted a time of 16:40 at the Division 1 state meet. The time was two seconds faster than his previous clocking of 16:42 at the Wayne County meet

"Mark had a very good season," said McGreevy, "I do not think he knows how good of a runner he really could become. He

2007 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM Kevin deBear, Sr. Salem Duncal Spitz, Jr. Canton Rob Curtis, Jr. Salem Joe Varilone, Sr. Liv Churchill Dung Stress, Sr. Liv Churchill Joe Varlione, Sr. Liv, Churchil Evan Sirena, Sr. Liv, Franklin Derek Hoerman, Sr. Canton Kyle Clinton, Jr., Canton Craig Cowing, Sr., Salem Mark Waterbury, Jr., Liv, Churchill Spencer, Vie, Jr., Lutheran Westland Justin Huay, Sr., Plymouth Scium Huay, Sr., Plymouth Scium Huay, Sr., Plymouth Scium Huay, Sr., Plymouth Shawn Howse, Jr. Liv. Stevenson Derek Las, Jr. Plymouth Brandon Gryske, Sr. Churchill Paul Folk, Sr., Liv. Churchill

Salem boys cross country coach Geoff Baker (right) was named 2007 Coach of the Year after leading the Rocks to an

outstanding season. He is pictured above with assistant coach Steve Aspinall.

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is an excellent student who loves to laugh. but also possesses a very sensitive and compassionate side for his teammates and others. Mark is very tough and usually runs his best races when the conditions are less

than ideal. I am expecting better times and a great year in 2008 for Mark." SPENCER LYLE, JR., LUTHERAN WESTLAND: Lyle enjoyed an accolade-filled campaign in which he won five different races including three invitationals. Among bit friumbe were first in the Catholic his triumphs were firsts in the Catholic Central Division 2 race (17:00), the Falcon Invitational Division 2 race (16:39.5) and the Division 4 Gabriel Richard race (17:19.1). He was fourth in the Metro Conference with a personal best time of 16:31, and he was the D4

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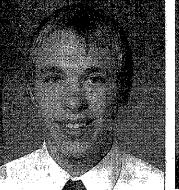
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to the fact that he has made large strides in learning how to face," said Lutheran Westland coach Jeremy Fabris. "I'm proud of the steps he has taken within the last few years to really understand what it takes to perform to

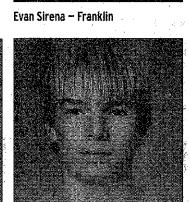
the best of his ability." JUSTIN HUEY, SR., PLYMOUTH: Huey's second-straight trip to the Division 1 state meet yielded a 166th-place finish in 17:10.1. Huey was a bright light for the Wildcats this season, as he finished fourth at the DI Regional meet with a clocking of 16:53.



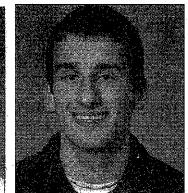
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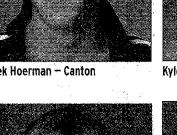


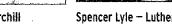
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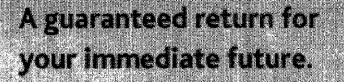
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Regional champion with a clocking of 18:01. The Academic All-State performer's time of 17:52 at the D4 state meet was good enough for 111th place. "Spencer had a great season, mostly due











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Chargers hand Chief icers a 5-1 setback

Special teams played a big role Wednesday night as Livonia Churchill earned a 5-1 Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win over visiting Canton at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The victory improved the Chargers' record to 4-0 while the Chiefs slipped to 4-1.

The Chargers jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on Nate Milam's power-play goal from Keith Yackley at 5:43 followed by Mitch Carpenter's power-play goal from Josh Proben and Stefan Kubus at 10:55. In the second period, Yackley scored from Milam and Garrett Miencier at 4:20 and Scott Sundberg followed with a goal at 11:29 from Mike Woynick and Christo Papaionnou.

Milam's 12th goal of the season from Tyler Cotter at 3:49 of the third period came short-handed as the Chargers were killing off a five-on-three.

Kory Sosnowski scored for Canton from Nick Tomilenko

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plaque.

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and Ryan Lash on a five-on-three power play at 4:53 of the third. Churchill goaltender Greg Wirick stopped 17 shots. Churchill

outshot the Chiefs, 29-18. "It was a great game, very

physical, great flow and pace," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "It was a good start to the league. I liked our intensity and we moved the puck pretty well tonight."

PLYMOUTH 7, W.L. NORTHERN 4:

On Tuesday at the Compuware Arena, the Wildcats improved to 3-1 thanks to some stellar goaltending from sophomore Ryan Schultz and a big offensive night from senior forward Jake Jossey, who netted a goal and three assists.

"Overall, I thought we got outplayed, but our offense took over and Ryan had an outstanding night in net," said Plymouth coach

of the new lockers. However,

the donors' name plaques will

now be placed behind a sheet

of plexiglass along the entrance wall beside a larger plaque that

explains the donors' generosity.

plaques to get damaged, which

would have been possible if they

were on each locker," Willette

said. "Secondly, the names on

"First of all, we didn't want the

Paul Fassbender. "Ryan was our MVP tonight, there's no doubt about that.

The Wildcats return to action Friday when they travel to the Plymouth Cultural Center to take on Salem. The opening face-off is set for 8:30 p.m.

FRANKLIN 8, SALEM 0: On Friday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Patriots earned a mercy rule-shortened victory by scoring four goals in the first period, three in the second and the game-ender with 11:09 left in the third. "We just didn't show up to play," lamented Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher, whose team slipped to 1-3. "There wasn't much emotion; it was like they took the night off, which is something you can't do in this league."

Three Patriots had multiplepoint nights: Eric Volk (two goals and two assists), Tyler Barnes (three goals and one assist) and Alex Wypych, who tallied four assists.

some of the lockers in the back of the room wouldn't have been

above and beyond the cost of

the replacement project will

go toward other locker-room

improvements, Willette added.

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purchase one.' Willette said the original plan was to affix each plaque to one

"It's not just for former Salem

athletes, though. Anybody who

wants to help out is welcome to

Mustangs run past Chiefs

The Canton girls basketball team's early-season woes continued Friday night at Birmingham Marian where it dropped a 41-30 decision to the Mustangs.

The Chiefs slipped to 0-2 while the Mustangs improved to 2-0. Marian jumped to a 12-5 advantage after one quarter and 23-13

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halftime lead. Canton trailed 35-21 with eight minutes to play.

"In the first half Marian came out and played a scrambling, halfcourt trapping defense and we struggled against it," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We made a few adjustments at halftime and cut their lead down to eight at one point in the third quarter. But we

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had a turnover and they scored quickly to get it back to 10.

The kids competed and played hard. We were just never able to get over the hump."

A pair of senior forwards - Baylee Hollowell and Marie Martin - paced the Chiefs with 19 and seven points a piece, respectively. Hollowell also snared nine rebounds.

Michelle Lindsey led the winners with 16 points.

Canton connected on 10-of-13 free throws. The Mustangs converted 12-of-17 from the charity stripe.

Canton returns to action Monday when it hosts Howell at 7p.m.

MERCY 45, PLYMOUTH 38: The host Marlins established a 27-25 halftime lead and finished the game with an 18-13 advantage in the second half Friday.

"I thought we really played well defensively, especially in the second half," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "It was a typical early-season game. Both teams played hard, but it wasn't the prettiest game in the world. We struggled shooting the ball, but we really scrapped and defended hard."

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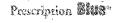
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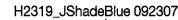
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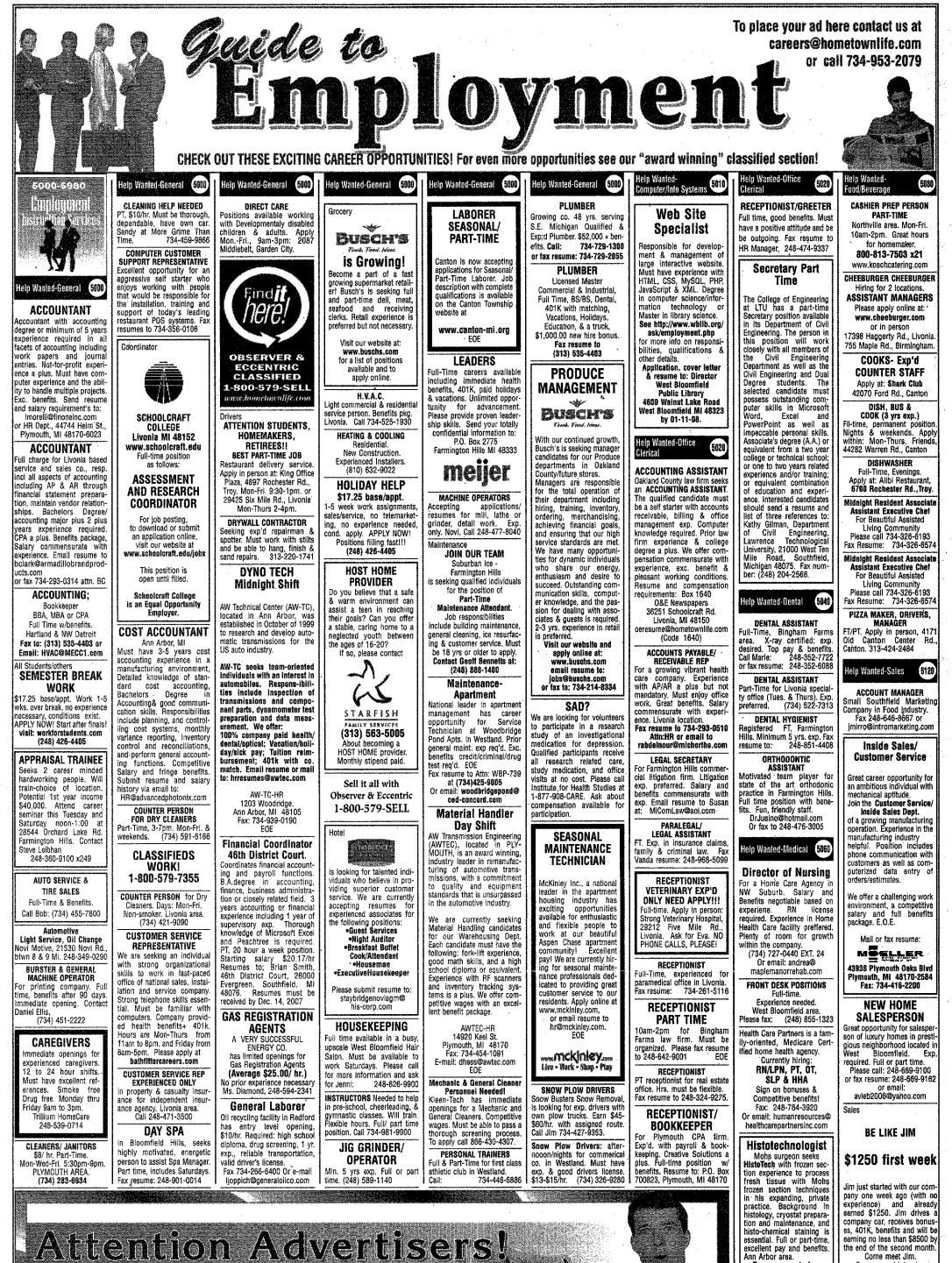


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Groups release latest findings on safety

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Scrolling down the seemingly endless list of recalled toys on the Consumer Product Safety Commission Web site (www.cpsc.gov) is overwhelming for parents.

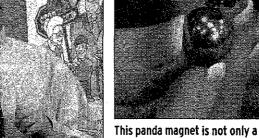
It's Donna Bucciarelli's job to promote safety, but even the Livonia mother is bewildered. She could spend hours on the Internet and still not find information on whether a particular item is safe from lead or toxic chemicals. Eightvear-old Elena loves jewelry, but Bucciarelli decided not to buy any this year unless it says 100-percent pewter or sterling silver on the packaging. Unfortunately, Bucciarelli says most items don't list contents.

"Lead content in paints and silver (painted) jewelry really have me worried. Girls love anything they can clip on their backpacks, zippers, any piece of jewelry. I remember doing it myself putting the chain in my mouth and there's no way by looking to tell if there's lead in that," said Bucciarelli, a registered nurse and trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Hospitals.

Bucciarelli tried to find a way to check for lead but discovered the accuracy of home testing kits is questionable so she's in the process of renting and making available a machine that detects the harmful substance in toys at Safety City, U.S.A. in Royal Oak where she is program manager. Safety City educates children and adults on topics ranging from fire prevention to Decking Your Halls Safely (Dec. 11). For information hout using the lead detect machine after Christmas, call (248) 551-0103. Register for the Decking Your Halls Safely seminar for seniors by calling (248) 551-0100.

Trouble in Toyland





choking hazard but could cause intestinal obstructions and perforations if swallowed.

of lead, cadmium, PVC, and other chemicals which could cause reproductive problems, developmental and learning disabilities, hormone problems, and cancer.

"It's a consumer guide to toxic chemicals in children's toys where they'll be able to look up particular products," said Mike Shriberg of the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor. Shriberg has a 2-year-old and another baby on the way. "If you're shopping at your local toy store you have no idea of the toxic chemicals in those toys. This is somewhere parents can go but it's by no means a comprehensive data base. We chose toys on what we thought parents might be buying. I was most surprised with the sheer volume of toys that tested for harmful chemical toxins, sometimes at very high levels, and they're made in America as well as China. There's no government oversight on toxic chemicals even in the U.S."

Shriberg offers a few tips for parents until legislation is in place.

"I look for products made of unpainted wood and avoid most plastics especially PVCs,* said Shriberg. "We'd like for parents to get involved in contacting their legislatures. The Web site has a place for people to write letters t ers. The key thing is we found many toys were free of lead and cadmium which shows manufacturers can make very safe products."

Check heart before exercising

Shawn from Commerce e-mails concerned about the recent death of 28-year-old marathon runner Ryan Shay. He was in good shape, so how could he die so suddenly?

Shawn, Shay did have an enlarged heart and doctors are now looking into whether that could have caused his death. Recent studies have

indicated that having an enlarged heart is the biggest cause of sudden

Peter's **Principles**

athletes under age 35 die of sudden death in the United Sates each year. The vast

death among

About 125

young athletes.

Peter Nielsen

majority are cardiac-related. Heart conditions are often missed because many athletes don't go through proper screening. The **American Heart Association** and other groups are now pushing for uniform heart

Ken from Waterford e-mails concerned about his wife. She is a smoker and he cannot get her to quit. What can he do?

screening of athletes.

Ken, tell her about this new study linking smoking to an increased risk of the skin disease psoriasis.

Researchers followed more than 78,000 women for 14 years. They found the women who smoked were 78 percent more likely to develop psoriasis than those who never smoked. Experts believe the increased could be due to abnormal immune system activity and inflammation, which can be caused by smoking. Psoriasis is a chronic inflammation of the skin which causes patches of skin to become red and itchy.

Holly Bair, Beaumont Hospital's trauma care coordinator, and Aaron Pinkston of the Public Interest Group in Michigan (PIRGIM) talk about dangerous toys such as this lead-containing zipper pull during a press conference at Safety City, U.S.A. in Royal Oak.

removed from store shelves. About a week ago, she saw Aqua Dots in a store after the manufacturer recalled the craft kits because beads were found to be coated with a toxic chemical.

Magnetix

'My husband had ordered Polly Pocket toys and had to return those on a recall because of the magnets. I'm hoping there are no problems with My Little Pet Shop. Those do have magnets, but wouldn't fit through a toilet paper roll," said Bucciarelli.

Smaller toys are the No. 1 reason children end up in the emergency room at Beaumont Hospital, according to Holly Bair, a registered nurse and Beaumont's Trauma Care coordinator. She suggests parents use a toilet paper tube to determine if a child could swallow a toy. If a toy or part fits inside the cardboard tube the toy is a choking hazard "It's important for parents to inspect the toy. If you can get a wheel off a truck, a 3-yearold can," said Bair of White Lake. "Parents should check a toy to see if it comes apart easily. Children can choke on toy parts, coins, anything they can get in their mouth, especially 1- to 2-year-olds. That's usually when they're in their oral stage. Anything with removable parts shouldn't be given to kids under 4. It is the most common injury related to toys. Parents should read labels, if it's confusing, don't buy the toy. Parents need to use common sense and pick age appropriate toys for their children."

Bair recommends reading the 22nd Trouble in Toyland report at www.uspirg.org. Bair and Aaron Pinkston, a representative of the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan (www.pirgim.org), recently announced the results of the study on toy safety. Prior to the press conference, Pinkston stopped at stores to buy items including a zipper pull with a 60 percent lead weight in it, a stuffed animal with removable eyes, balloons (a choking hazard when not inflated), and a panda magnet.

"Annually this

and cause an obstruction or perforation. Keep away magnets from any child under age 6 and if they swallow one or more seek immediate medical attention."

ACTION URGED

Pinkston refers to 2007 as the year of the recall. He's encouraging parent to call their U.S. senators and representatives and tell them "the Consumer Product Safety Commission needs more funding and staff to protect our children better so tovs don't get on the shelves in the first place. There are far too few inspectors and no government agency required to inspect toys before they get on the shelves. They're working on a bill HR3691 The Safe Consumer Product Act which will allow a third party lab inspection for all manufactured toys."

In the meantime the Michigan-based Ecology Center releases the results of testing more than 1,500 toys for toxic chemicals on a new Web site (www.healthytoys. org) on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Six similar groups across the country used X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzers to check how toys rank in terms

BUYER BEWARE

Bucciarelli warns parents just because a toy has been recalled not all have been

call attention to it because we're all out there shopping but we should be thinking about safety every time we go shopping for toys," said Bair. "The problem is if they swallow one (magnet) it will probably do no harm, swallow two and even if in different parts of a child's bowel can attract

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December Nativity displays

More than 200 Nativity displays from around the world in a Celebration of the Christmas Creche 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 (\$7 per person at the door, \$5 per person for groups of 10 or more; Preview party and lecture by Bengt Swenson 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 (tickets start at \$50 and benefits the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, RSVP required by calling (313) 824-4710) at their building, 15415 É. Jefferson at Somerset, Grosse Pointe Park. The nativity displays are from the private collection of Bengt and Elaine Swenson.

Charity event

United Home Health Services, a notfor-profit home care agency located in Canton, holds their 2nd Annual Charity Event Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The festive evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese/ dessert reception followed by a holiday concert by the Canton Concert Band at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35, call (734) 981-8820. Proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund which is used to provide home care to individuals who do not have medical insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. It is also used to provide emergency medications, food, clothing, transportation, and medical equipment for patients in need.

Open house and tours

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Grand Celebration Open House for the community to celebrate the opening of its new Heart & Vascular Center and Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. There will be tours of both new facilities along with musical entertainment from the Livonia Public Schools and 3D's and W Barbershop Quartet. refreshments and free gift while supplies last. Please use South Entrance. For more information, call (734) 655-1590 or www.stmarymercy.org. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. **Divorce support group**

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

Gastric bypass seminar

Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy at MBI's upcoming Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Speakers are Dr. Tailal Zeni, medical director, Minimally invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, program director and post-op patient. Call (734) 655-2693; or Toll free (877) Why-Weight, to register for

free seminars. Flu shot clinics

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering flu clinics throughout the area in November and December. Flu shots \$33, pneumonia shots \$84. Payment options include cash, check and credit card. Blue Care Network. CareChoices, Health Alliance Plan, M-Care, Medicare Part B and Priority Health, all cover entire cost of flu shot. Clinics open to public, most limited to age 12 and older. For a weekly listing, call 888-547-7295 or visit www.umvn. org. Clinics include 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Busch's, 24445 Drake Rd., Farmington Hills. Flu shot clinics

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday at Livonia Urgent Care,

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

37595 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Suite 140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost is \$25, but it is covered for those with Medicare. Flu shots

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are providing flu shots (\$25) and pneumonia shots (\$40) at Oakland and Wayne County locations. Medicare, HAP, Priority Health, Blue Care Network, cash or check payable to VNAHSS accepted. For weekly listings of locations, call (800) 296-8660 or visit www.vna.org. Homebound service also available. \$40 service fee applies that is not covered by insurance. Must have a physician's prescription. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752. **Holiday cards**

The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM), a part of its efforts to raise funds to support lung health research, education and advocacy, is selling holiday cards in a variety of styles and price ranges. Interested customers may request an album to examine, and cards may be customized with individual's, family's or company's name. Large quantity discounts also available. To see samples of the cards, visit www.buyholidaycards.com. To preview an album or for information, contact Betty McNeil at (248) 784-2030 or toll free at (800) 543-5864.

UPCOMING

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Dr. Michael Hsu 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford road. Hsu, a clinical lecturer and

research fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan, is part of Healing Through Affective Self-Awareness in Fibromyalgia, a randomized control trial with Providence internist Dr. Howard Schubiner. Donations are accepted. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768. Joint replacement seminars

Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-

ONGOING

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Cycle of anger can be broken

I feel so bad when I yell at my children. I don't do it often but when I do, I tend to go overboard. Then I just feel like a jerk and a nag. The thing is that I remember how it felt to be yelled at and I promised myself that I would treat my kids differently. I guess that I was wrong ... I treat them the same as I was treated. Don't get me wrong, I don't call them names or hit them, but I get very loud and I know that I am hurting my relationship with them. I want to stop and I try to, I really do,



top and I try to, I really do, but something will happen and it will trigger me to explode and then I find myself doing it all over again. I guess that I'm writing to ask you if you have any suggestions for me. How can I stop yelling instead of talking when I need to discipline my children?

Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski instead of talking when I need to discipline my children? I'm glad that you took the time to write this letter because I'm sure that there are many other parents that feel the same way that you do. It's easy to get frustrated by any

number of things and to feel it boil over at an inappropriate time and direct it at people that do not deserve to be the recipients of our anger. When we are done venting and our normal selves re-emerge, we feel remorseful and guilty and promise ourselves that we will never act this way again. And we mean it ... until the next time that we feel overwhelmed.

From your letter, it sounds like you've made the connection between how you were parented and how you parent. For many of us, this similarity is not intentional and it does not fill us with pride. We intend to be a different kind of parent only to find that when we are in the moment, we employ those lessons that were learned in our own youth. After all, as children we were learning how to be parents by watching our own. The lessons that were taught were reinforced time and time again, starting long before any of us were even aware that we were internalizing these lessons.

You yell because you were yelled at. And unless this pattern is disrupted, your children will learn this same lesson ... as will their kids ... and theirs ... and ...

As ominous as this may seem, the cycle can be broken. Any lesson that can be learned can be unlearned, re-learned, or



'Nutcracker' productions bring families closer together



Lauren Hansen (left) of Canton, Aaron Smith (Garden City), and Lindsay Powers (Plymouth) play the Claras and Nutcracker Prince with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Torsselmeyer after a little girl burst into tears upon seeing the Farmington Hills man in costume. Like most of the parents in *Nutcracker* ballets, Frasier wants to spend time with his children so he annually volunteers to play the part of the mysterious toymaker who gives the Clara character a doll that magically comes to life. This year the role is especially meaningful because he's handing the Nutcracker to his daughter, Erica, in the 10th anniversary production of the Barbara Hatch Performing Company based in Farmington.

"It's priceless. Spending a Sunday with the girls is fun," said Fraster, a tooling engineer who's been tap dancing 12 years with daughters Erica and Meredith. "I watched my two kids grow up in all the parts."

Barbara Hatch is one of the local artistic directors who needs a lot of help staging the timeless classic with 140 dancers so she regularly calls on parents like Frasier to fill the adult roles.

"There's a lot of family involvement. A lot of parents play parts of parents in the party scene," said Hatch, who's taught at her School of Dance in downtown Farmington for 23 years and has a bachelor of fine arts in dance from Marygrove College.

'NUTCRACKER' PRODUCTIONS

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Several ballet companies present Tchaikovsky's timeless classic with local dancers this season. **Plymouth-Canton Ballet and** Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets \$14-\$18 for adults/ teens, \$8-\$10 children. Call (734) 676-5460 or (734) 451-2112. Livonia Civic Ballet 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors, \$6 under age 12, add \$2 to each at the door. Call (248) 474-8722

Barbara Hatch Performing Company 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 15-16, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, north of Walnut Lake Road. All tickets \$15. Call (248) 476-7074

tossed aside. The first requirement is to identify this anger as misplaced, out of proportion,

and exaggerated. Once you accept

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Do you still think about the toy train you received one year as a kid or a doll house your dad made? *The Observer Newspapers* wants to hear about the special gift you received as a child for Christmas.

On Dec. 23, the Hometownlife section will feature our readers' memories. Send your story to hgallagher@ hometownlife.com or *The Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, Attn: Hugh Gallagher. The deadline for receipt is Monday, Dec. 17.

Maria - Ana Araka

Valerie, Olivia, and Ava Lovsin of Canton perform with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

"It's really an honor to be dancing with my dad and sister in the Nutcracker," said Erica Frasier, a sophomore at Harrison High School. "It's fun because we get closer together as family.

Meredith Frasier enjoys dancing with her father as much as Erica. The 19-year-old University of Michigan sophomore is one of the Snow Flakes.

⁷It's a lot of fun," said Meredith. "He's very animated and really enjoys the role. We have a lot of fun practicing and performing."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Eric Johnston is quite proud that many of his dancers have other members of their family involved in the

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Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, and Thursday-Friday, Dec. 20-21, at Groves High School, 13 Mile and Evergreen, Birmingham. By donation. Call (248) 854-5864

Cincinnati Ballet and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8; and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, matinees 11 a.m. Dec. 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 7-8, and noon Dec. 9, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$100. Visit OlympiaEntertainment.com or call (248) 433-1515.

Church celebration presents living Nativity and concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

• The members of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia have been hard at work for weeks to make their Advent Celebration a night to remember. While the live sheep, donkey and Ilama are sure to turn heads of passers-by, Amy Smith hopes the community stops to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by viewing the Living Nativity up close, then listening to a concert by the church's adult Chancel Choir, two adult bell choirs and two youth

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ADVENT CELEBRATION

When: A Living Nativity starts at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, and continues until just before 7 p.m. when the Christmas Carol Collage Concert begins. Refreshments served in Fellowship Hall 6-6:45 p.m. Child care available for age 5 and under.

Where: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church U.S.A., 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia.

Cost: No charge. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.



Members of the youth group at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church present a Living Nativity complete with barn animals Sunday, Dec. 9 in Livonia.



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bell choirs along with a number of soloists.

The church presented a Living Nativity before indoors but never with live animals. Members came up with idea to rent the sheep from Carousel Farms in South Lyon after using one of their donkeys on Palm Sunday.

In the past, the church has been known for its rich musical tradition which members are trying to revive with the Dec. 9 event.

"We want to encourage parents to bring their kids. It's a family event," said Smith, who's coordinating the concert and Living Nativity. Smith serves on the church's worship and music committee. "The Living Nativity will be outdoors on the side of the church facing West Chicago. They should be able to see it driving by. For me personally, it's a really a visual way to celebrate the birth of Christ. It reminds people of what the Christmas season is all about."

"The Collage concert features not secular Christmas carols just Christian carols and brings

it back to what it's all about. That was our main goal for the celebration and people enjoying themselves. We're also offering refreshments in the Fellowship Hall and we've solicited bakers in the congregation to bring their favorite cookies."

Smith is especially excited about the concert which spotlights several performances including the church's Chancel Choir under the direction of Paula Clinnard, an all-male choir singing Silent Night, a liturgical dance by Franklin High School student Emma Cole, Sandra Main playing solos on keyboard, Franklin High School junior Amy Afonso playing harp, and a three-generation trio featuring grandmother Helen Thomas, daughter Tracev Conrad and granddaughter Monica Conrad.

"It's a collage concert where the entire venue is dark," said Smith. "There are a series of performances which are literally spotlighted throughout the sanctuary. The theme is Christmas carols we love but it isn't all choral. We'll also have the Praise Team with a more contemporary format. We have a litany of very talented people. We have a tym-



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pani band playing, brass, lots of duets and soloists. It's going to be a beautiful event."

Kathy Marzolf says it's always good when the church can highlight kids doing good things like participating in the church's music programs. Marzolf directs the youth ministries which meet weekly for fellowship and activities. This year, they're involved with collecting toys and sorting through canned food for Livonia Goodfellows, but also volunteer their time with Gleaners, Kids Against Hunger, and the Fort Street Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen during the year.

"They're a service-minded youth group," said Marzolf. "The youth group was asked to come in and do a live Nativity. They'll be taking different shifts so we can get more students involved. There's a lot of interest. We'll have Mary, Joseph, three or four shepherds, the Three Kings, and the baby. The kids seem excited to be a part. It helps them feel closer to the actual events of Christmas which sometimes becomes a secular time of year. It helps them put it in perspective.

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that this emotion is not appropriate we can take the necessary steps to counter and control it.

Next, you need to adopt a strict policy of no-anger disciplining. In other words, whenever you find that some type of parental intervention is necessary, calm yourself before acting. Use deep breathing, deep muscle relaxation, yoga, isometric exercises, etc. to counter your anger before it has the opportunity to take control of the situation.

If at all possible, allow the child, and yourself, to take a time out away from the situation and one another before attempting to discuss or render consequences. Also, if you have a parenting partner you may need to utilize a tag-team approach and withdraw from the situation until such a time as you are calm enough to re-enter safely and under control.

Another idea is to make a list of possible negative situations, misbehaviors, annoyances, and other potential anger triggers. Then, using this list as a guide, plan out ways in which to handle each of them without anger. Remember that a lot of our anger comes from times that we feel threatened, overwhelmed and out of control, so the best way to counter this is to increase our feelings of preparedness and control. By having a ready-made plan in place, we will be less likely to be taken by surprise. We will also be following a plan devised when we are not angry and that is geared toward problem solving and not anger expression.

As I've stated numerous times in this column, I believe that the best interventions are positive and that reinforcements are more effective than punishments. If your plan adheres to this idea, your selected interventions will be less likely to involve anger or to result in unnecessary conflict,

For any of these ideas to be successful, you need to become aware of your emotional state. You will need to identify common triggers for your anger as well as learn to detect the onset or initial stages of anger so that you can disrupt or derail it before it becomes problematic. Try to keep yourself attuned to your emotional

state several times throughout the day. You may find that on certain days, or following certain experiences, you are stressed and need to calm yourself down. If you are stressed at work, feeling ill or tired, etc. you need to recognize that you are more prone to anger and need to use caution in your interactions with others, especially your children.

These are just a few suggestions that may prove beneficial. If you find that these do not help and that your anger is still having a negative impact on your life, you may need to contact a therapist to help you with some more individualized strategies.

Just remember, the goal of parenting is to teach our children how to become adult members of society. We model what it means to be a spouse, worker, neighbor, citizen and parent through our actions. Whether we intend to be or not, we are role models and the lessons that we teach are well-learned. This responsibility is intimidating but the rewards are eternal.

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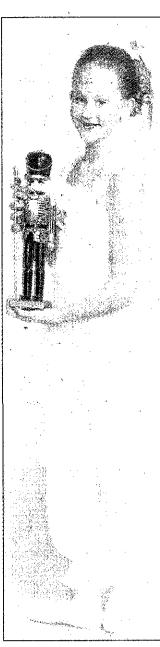


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Allison Wozniak, 11, plays Clara for a second year in the Livonia Civic Ballet Company production.



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Detroit Ballet production which consists of students from Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills and Birmingham Dance Academy.

"It's a family affair," said Eric Johnston.

Leisa and Charles Passarelli play parents in the opening scene, daughters Kaleigh, 13, the Snow Queen, and Tessa Rose, 11, a mechanical toy.

"Last year Tessa was Clara and he was Drosselmeyer," said Leisa Passarelli of Southfield. "He likes to watch his girls and take movies. He's a good ballet daddy."

All five of the Riveras do their part to present the story of Clara and the Nutcracker doll who becomes a real prince. Like the Passarellis, Sharon and Paul Rivera step on stage as parents. Later, Paul reappears as Drosselmeyer. Their oldest daughter, Sara, 16, a Birmingham Groves student, dances the Sugar Plum Fairy. Brother David, 14, is a butler and former Mouse King. Bethany, 11, is Snow Queen. This is Sharon's first time on stage. She usually helps with costumes behind the scenes. "It's wonderful," said Sharon

Rivera of Southfield. "No one's left out. We share in the opportunity and enjoyment. It becomes a family tradition."

Shani Wozniak won't be on stage with her daughter, Allison, but the Livonia mother and her mother, Patricia Cybulski, more than likely will once again sit in the audience and cry when the 11-year-old girl plays Clara for a second year in the Livonia Civic Ballet production. Allison has been studying ballet at Miss Jean's Dance Arts in Livonia since age 3.

'One of our students Kendall Wagner is playing the Rat King and the Dew Drop. She's second generation. They keep coming back," said company founder Jean Newell.

Allison one day hopes to follow in her grandmother's footsteps as the Sugar Plum Fairy. In the meantime, Wozniak will continue volunteering with the Livonia Civic Ballet.

'LOVES TO DANCE'

"She just loves to dance," said Shani Wozniak. "She inherited that passion. She had been in The Nutcracker as an angel and a soldier and a child in opening act but Clara is her first big stage experience. We're very proud of her taking on such a big part and dancing with a partner for the first time. All of the kids practiced every Sunday for 10 to 12 weeks. It's a commitment for them."

Dawn Greene especially appreciates the parent volunteers especially the moms who bake for the sale during intermission to raise money for

costumes and props. "This Sunday is the last rehearsal and moms bring food in," said Greene, artistic director of the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company which dances The Nutcracker as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra plays Tchaikovsky's music. Greene's husband Beck plays Drosselmeyer every year. This is Mark Kelly's second

time as a parent in the opening scene with his daughter, Alexandria, 11, and son Ethan, 9. Wife Kris helps dress the kids backstage for roles that include soldiers and an angel in the Magic Kingdom.

"The first time they needed a volunteer they said all you have to do is just stand there. Come to find out I did all kinds of dancing up there," said Mark Kelly of Canton. "It was a lot of fun."

Annette Schwartz admits to being a little nervous about her daughter, Hannah, performing in the Cincinnati Ballet *Nutcracker* presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre and Detroit Opera House at the Fox Theatre.

Several students from the Bunny Sanford School of Dance in Livonia were selected for parts after auditioning in late October. Hannah, a 9year-old who attends Garfield Elementary in Livonia, is one of the baby mice.

"I was more upset for the girls who did not make it than happy for my daughter. It was just crushing for them," said Schwartz of Westland. "There were so many nervous parents, We were probably more nervous than the girls."

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DEBRA SUE KENT (nee Wadenstorer)

November 30, 2007. Beloved wife of John. Dear daughter of Laverne and Ida. Loving sister, daughter-in-law and aunt. Funeral Monday 10am (in state 9:30am) at Our Lady of Sorrows. Catholic Church, 23815 Power, Farmington. Visitation Saturday 4-8pm and Sunday 2-8pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.)

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WILLIAM R. LEWELLEN Age 76, of Bellaire and Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. Bill was born February 3, 1931, in Detroit, the son of Wendell G. and Hazel Hardsog Lewellen, Bill received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN and his MBA at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He spent 37 years at the Cadillac Motor Car Division of General Motors. He founded the Cadillac Museum in Detroit and was a member of the Cadillac LaSalle Club. He was known for his dedication, high standards for excellence, and was a great friend to many. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Millicent Chapman Lewellen. Also surviving are their children; William R., Jr. (Barbara) of Arlington Heights, IL, Geoffrey R. (Kimberly) of Highland, and Julia L. Edwin) Pietrowicz of Brighton and Bellairé, one brother, Donald R. (Carol) Lewellen of Bellaire and Westlake, OH, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Wendell G. (Jane) Lewellen, Jr. The family received friends at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes on Friday, November 30, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and from noon 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Mary Brown officiating. Interment followed in Lakeview Brown officiating. Cemetery, Bellaire. Memorial donations may be made to the Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility or The Parkinson's Disease Foundation. Please sign our online guestbook at: www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



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Of Pontiac, died November 28, 2007 at 83 years of age. Husband of the late Alice (Sept. 30, 2007). Dear father

of Blanche (John) Teatro of Pontiac, Lloyd Busch Jr. of Knoxville, TN and Michael (Debbie) Busch of Waterford. Dear grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of nine. Preceded in death by a sister Marjorie Jockwig. Mr. Busch was a veteran of the US Army, WWII. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a past member of VFW Post #1008, when it was the David Belisle Post. Visitation Monday & Tuesday 3-5 & 7-9 PM at COATS FUNERAL HOME, Waterford. Vigil for the deceased Tuesday evening. In state Wednesday, December 5, 2007 10:30 AM at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford until the time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Rite of Committal with full military honors follow at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or to American House, 1915 Baldwin, Pontiac, MI 48340. To send a private condolence go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.



MINNIE MURPHY (nee Tata) November 26, 2007. Beloved wife of Bernard for 50 years. Loving mother of Brian (Sandy), Michele (Tim) Neyhard, Christine, Sharon (Paul) Welch. Also survived by eight grand-children. Former employee of Mt. Carmel and St. Mary Mercy Hospitals. A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring of 2008. RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 734-422-6720, in charge of arrangements. Please sign online guest book at: rggrharris.com

JEAN PERSONETTE

Age 63, of Mooresville, NC died on Ionday, November 26 in Mt Pleasant (SC) at the Hospice Center. Beloved wife of John, Jean was born on April 9. 1944 in Valley Stream, NY to John Charles and Frances Doorly Colwell. She was a graduate of Glen Ridge High School in NJ and Bryant College in RI. She is survived by her husband, daughters Karen Szlosek and husband Mark of Daniel Island (SC), Lauren McCaffery and husband Matthew of Toledo, Ohio;sister Linda Schmid and husband Ron of Yardley, PA; grand-children Abby, Jennifer, Sam and Alex; and numerous neices and nephews. A memorial service will be held in January. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of charleston, Hospice Center, 3870 Leeds Avenue, N. Charleston, SC 29405. MCALISTER-SMITH FUNERAL

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JANE VENNELL HAVILL

November 25, 2007 Born in Buffalo NY, Jane was raised in Grand Rapids MI. After graduating from Stephens College she attended the University of Michigan School of Architecture Charles and Jane married in 1943 raised their children in Adrian, MI and headed to California where Jane was a docent at the Gamble House ir Pasadena and an architectural researcher at Huntington Gardens After many world and domestic trav ls Jane and Charles settled in Birmingham, MI to be near family Devoted wife of the late Charles Wonderful mother of Becky Dailey (Byron) of Toronto, Susan Weed (Robert) of Birmingham, MI and Charles Havill (Michel) of California WG of Robert Weed (Carolyn) Kelly Dahl (Erik), Byron Dailey (Jennifer), Charles Dailey (Melanie) Matthew Dailey, Preston, Meghan less, Robert and Stephen Havill. Also survived by six great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Dearest sister of Ann Hammond of Arizona and loving friend of Linda Chapdelaine o Pontiac, MI. Services were held pr vately. Memorial tributes to Habita for Humanity, 14325 Jane St., Detroit MI 48205. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and MI 48205. hare memories at:



ENGAGEMENTS



Balko-lanitelli

Richard Balko of Livonia and Denise Balko of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Balko, to Andrew Ianitelli, son of Sue and Andy Ianitelli of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2007 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a substitute teacher with Livonia Public Schools.

The future groom of Canton is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is a 2007 graduate of the Michigan Institution of Aviation and Technology. He is employed at Otis Spunkmeyer in Canton.

A June 2008 wedding is planned for St. Matthew Church in Westland.



Thomas Paul Petit III

Tom and Dawn (Poppenger) Petit of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Thomas Paul Petit III, on Aug. 7, 2007, at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital.

Thomas weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Shirley

Poppenger of Westland and Tom and Pam Petit of Livonia.

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Petty-Warnick

Rachel Jean Warnick and Aaron Raymond Petty were married June 17, 2007, with Rabbi Robert Dobrusin officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Pamela Warnick of Wilmette, Ill. She is a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. She is employed by Sidley Austin in Chicago. The groom is the son of

Drs. Howard and Leslie Petty of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School, a 2004 graduate of Northwestern University and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He is employed by the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court as a law clerk.

The bride was attended by Emily Warnick, Betsy Shaw,

Bergman-Massoni

Rachel Michelle Bergman, daughter of Robert and Susan Bergman of Westland wed David Wilcox Massoni, the son of Albert and Carla Massoni of Chestertown, Md., on Sunday, Oct. 7; 2007.

The Ceremony was held at Battery Park, New York and was officiated by the Rev. Wayne G. Ramey, of Garden

Rachel Clark and Kenneth Bolton were married Sept. 22, 2007, at Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield Mich., with the Rev. Robert Weakley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Georgia Clark of Livonia. Dr. Clark graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School, University of Michigan-Dearborn and Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She is employed by VetSelect Animal Hospitals of Dearborn.

The groom is the son of Robert and Barbara Bolton of Southfield, Michigan. He graduated from Southfield Lathrup High School and received his electrician's training from Associated Builders **Contractors of Southeastern** Michigan. He is employed by American Electrical of

WEDDINGS



Tamar Gontovnik, Shella Neba and Julie Skelton.

The groom was attended by Ian Petty, Daniel Petty, Jonathan Warnick, Michael Sadowski and Jason Lintker.

A reception was held at Radisson Kingsley Hotel in West Bloomfield. The couple honeymooned in Italy. They are making their home

in Chicago.



City, Mi. The couple will reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.



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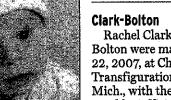
The bride was attended by her close friends from high school Kim Owens Strzempka who was the matron of honor and Laura Flanigan Pennycuff who was the bridesmaid.

The groom's cousin Richard Bolton, Jr. was the best man and the bride's brother Christopher Clark was the groomsman.

A reception was held at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and is making their home in Redford Township.

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BIRTH

VICTOR EDWARD WESSLING

Age 90, retired from the U.S. Air Force; celebrated his homecoming with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at a retirement home in Corpus Christi sur-rounded by family. Service: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Richland Hills Baptist Church, Richland Hills, with the Rev. Mark Thrash and Dr. James Bass presiding, Interment: 1 p.m. Wednesday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with full military honors. Viewing: 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Richland Hills Baptist Church, 6852 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills, Texas 76118, or Christus Spohn Hospice Care, 6200 Saratoga Blvd., Suite 104, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414.""Wess, as he was known, was born in Alleghan, ML, on June 10, 1917. He was raised in Plymouth, MI, graduat-ing from Plymouth High School in 1936. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1939 and was later stationed at Hickham Field, Hawaii, when Pearl Harbor was attacked. A year later, he was selected to pilot school where he received his wings flying B-17s. Additionally, he was an instructor in the C-46, C-47 and CG-4A glider. While stationed in Japan in 1949, he was transferred to Europe and flew in the Berlin airlift for six months. He served as pilot, flight engineer and in several other capacities. While sta-tioned at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Wess married the former Judy Copeland. He attended First Baptist Church in Austin and was led to the Lord by Dr. W.R. White, who also performed their wedding Dec. 21, 1946. Wess served the Lord overseas and in every state he was stationed. He was the strong, reserved, silent type who served in the background, never seeking praise or recognition. He deeply loved his church family at every station, especially Richland Hills Baptist Church in Richland Hills. Always qui-etly and faithfully serving, Wess made sure tables, chairs and song books were in place for Sunday school and the evening services at Homewood Retirement Home. The Lord blessed Judy and Wess with two sons, Richard and David, both retired Marines. Survivors: His wife of 60 years and 11 months, Judy; son, Richard (Gail) of Corpus Christi; granddaughters, Heather and Audrey; son, David (Melinda) of Roswell, GA.; grandchildren, Matthew, Amanda and Lindsey; son, Victor Jr. (Diane) of Pico Rivera, CA.; grandchildren, Anita, Victor III, Derek, Jannece and Palge; great-grandchildren, Haley and Brook; siser, Arlene Robinson of Lupton, MI.; and a very close nephew, Jim Sockow (Pat) of Farmington Hills, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bertha (Wright) and Peter Wesseling, two sisters, Hazel Melot of Connecticut in 1977 and Ardyth Sockow of Plymouth, MI in 2003.

JOAN J. SHAW

November 29, 2007, age 63, of Westland, MI. Beloved wife of Harry. Dear mother of Benjamin (Gina) Stacy. Michael Shopshear. Christopher Stacy and the late Brian Brown. Step mother of Ernest Michael Shaw and the late Diana Marie Shaw. Sister of Judy (Joseph) Hartman, the late Eleanor Wellday and Claudette Anderson. Grandmother of Brenton, Taylor, Blake and Caden Shopshear. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Service Monday 10am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland Family will receive friends Sunday 1-9pm. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



SUSAN LYNN ZAPINSKI (nee Dever)

Went joyfully to her Lord November 28, 2007, after a difficult battle with adrenal cortical cancer. Born August 26, 1949 in Bangor, Maine to "Danny" and Betty Stanley Dever. She loved family history, books and all kinds of music. She was a graduate of Farmington High School and Oakland Community College. Susan Zapinski trained in library service and worked at private and public libraries. She enjoyed a blessed life with her family and great friends. She leaves with great sadness, her husband of 37 years, Martin B. Zapinski, and her beloved daughters Tracye O'Brien, Tonye Nadwornik, Terrye Kraft and Tandye Calvano. Wonderful Sons-in-law Mark O'Brien, Daniel Nadwornik, Andy Kraft and Robert Calvano. With many terrific grandchildren Caitlin, Morgan, Susan, Moira, Louis, Abigail, Adam, Jacob, Conner, Cameron, and Gambler. She was a caring daughter to Maurice "Danny' Dever, a wonderful sister to Michael (Kit) Dever, a loving Aunt to host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She is predeceased by her mother Betty F. Dever, her sister Sharon Mock, her aunt Virginia Dever and her grandniece Faye Elizabeth Lewis. Memorial service Saturday, December 8th, 12 noon at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, 3900 13 Mile Rd., Farmington. Visitation Saturday at the church from I fam until the time of service. In lieu of flowers memorials tributes suggested to Farmington Goodfellows, Angela Hospice and Farmington Library. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, MI (248-474-5200).

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ALEXA LEE IRWIN

November 29, 2007 peacefully in the loving arms of her family. Currently employed in Information Technology for General Motors. Beloved daughter of Alexander and Shirley. Dearest sis ter of Melissa Hurley (John). Loving aunt of John, Madelaine and Alexander. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Family wil receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Monday 4-8pm Memorial Mass Tuesday 11am at St Thomas More, 4580 Adams Rd (north of Wattles). Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to Sisters of Mercy, 29000 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JEAN B. JUNE

Age 80, of Northville, passed away Nov 28, 2007. She was born on Aug 22, 1927 in Kingsville, Ontario Canada to Archibald & Jeannie (McHallam) Brown. She was united in marriage to Peter R. June on April 3 1948; they shared 30 loving years together until his death in 1978. Jean was an Asst. Branch Manager with Detroit Bank & Trust; which later became Comerica Bank. She was an active member & an ordained elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Jean was a member of the Order of Eastern Star & also a member of PEO. She was a worldwide traveler visiting places like Israel, Scotland & Mexico; she also loved visiting fam-ily members all over the United States. Jean enjoyed needlework, sewing playing the piano or organ, & starring in theatrical productions. She was active with the Northville Players Club. Jean was eternally grateful to the many people who helped her through her ordeals with cancer & surgery. She felt blessed to have such wonderful friends, neighbors, & kind samaritans supporting her. She is survived by her loving children Leslie (Dean Whitaker) June, Denise (Bill) Randall, Robert (Catharine) June Andrea (Bob Hunckler) June & Pete (Kathy) June; her cherished grandchil dren Bill (Tracey) Randall, Kristin (Neil) Lobron, Scott Randall, Rober Randall, Jenn Randall, Julie Randall, Samuel June, Katie Hunckler, Kelsey June, Tyler June, & Taylor Jefferson; & her adoring great-grandchildren Diana, Billy, & John. She was preceded in death by her husband Peter & her parents. Visitation will be held Sunday, Dec. 2 from 1:30-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A funeral service will be held Monday, Dec. 3 at 11am, instate at 10am at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the National Multiple Scierosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076



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On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Wind Ensemble entertains at 7:30 p.m. in the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff, south of Ford Road between Wayne and Merriman, Garden City. The concert includes the works of John P. Sousa, Dimitri Shostakovich, Hector Villa-Lobos, Elliott Del Borgo, LeRoy Anderson, and the Christmas Song by Mel

Torme and Robert Wells. The 38-member Wind Ensemble performs under the direction of Paul Michalsen and includes students, faculty and community members. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

On Monday, December 10, the Jazz Band and Synthesizer Band perform at 7:30 p.m. in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The 18-member Jazz Band, under the direction of Richard A. McCall, Sr., perform a variety of selections including several holiday favorites composed by Chick Corea, Dave Brubeck, Stevie Wonder,

Antonio Carlos-Jobim, Isaac Hayes, and Thad Jones. Under the direction of Barton Polot, the

Synthesizer Band's program ranges from the very traditional Lacrymosa from Mozart's Requiem Mass to a dramatic rendition of Africa made popular in the 1980's by pop group, Toto. Two original student compositions, one by Schoolcraft College Recording Technology Major, Matt Lafleur, and one by Alex Partridge, a high school senior, will be performed. A special arrangement featuring vocalist Josh Marois, whose voice will be electronically transformed to sound like a full choir , will highlight the evening. The 11 members of the Synthesizer Band include

Schoolcraft College students, area high school students and faculty members, including Ben Blau, a featured performer with the band.

The Schoolcraft College Choral Union, under the direction of Jonathan Drake with Vickie Wills, accompanist, perform A Winter's Tale concert featuring choral music and poetry readings that capture the spirit of the holiday season 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in the Recital Hall of the Forum Building on the college's Livonia campus on Haggerty. A suggested, but not required donation of one canned or boxed non-perishable food item, will be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

Charitable gathering Class to focus on dysfunctional families

to collect coats and canned goods

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Laura Toy is inviting everyone to the charitable gathering she and state Rep. John Pastor have held for the last five years.

The event takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington road, between 7 Mile and 8 Mile in Livonia.

"We're real excited about the event," said Laura Toy, Livonia City Councilwoman elect. "This year's particularly hard on families. We're asking people to bring a coat, new or gently used, or canned foods to go to Gleaners."

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Toy has been involved with the charitable gathering since she was a state senator.

"We used to do books. Each year we change it a little bit," said Toy. "The coats are going to go throughout the district. With the economic time, times are tough. People need a little extra help. Gleaners is finding they're in real need of food this year. They're about 40 percent down. We need to fill up the pantries to help folks with all the foreclosures and people losing their jobs. We ask people to come and donate and show their holiday spirit, to show we're not only receivers but givers.'

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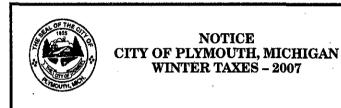
When you think of the holiday season you may think of stress, shopping and holiday baking, but when the actual time comes most people get to the point of enjoying the festivities and look forward to family gatherings.

However, a great number of people do not have very memorable holidays and the family gatherings turn into unsatisfied expectations, sadness and fighting.

Codependent families struggle through this time of year, but there is hope. Single Point at Ward Church . in Northville is offering a free class 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, for those people who find themselves struggling from the effects of growing up with families that "were not quite normal, not quite what everyone would like their family to be like".

Motivational speaker Susan McKenna along with therapist, Arnold Keller, director of psychotherapy and counseling services in Northville will explain how to determine if you came from a dysfunctional family, what it is doing to your life now and most importantly what you can do to change it or at least how you can change how it affects you.

"Broken dreams regarding the family you never had and family issues that never go away are two things that can continuously wreak havoc in your life whether or not you

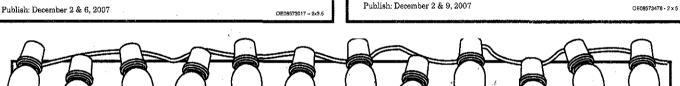


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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 21, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008. The Treasurer's office will be **OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX** PAYMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS on Thursday, December 27th, and Friday, December 28th.

> Teresa Cischke, CPFA City Treasurer



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Tijuana Williams	Unit H300 20 x 20	1+ Full Bed Mattress/Box Spring Set, 1 Cream faux leather sofa, matching loveseat & chair, 1 Chest of drawers and matching night stand, 1 Ab lounger, 1 shrink- wrapped buffet or dining table, 1 3x3x3.5 upright freezer, 2 Superman fishing rods, 1 Hot Pink fishing rod, 2 Coffee tables, 35+ Boxes, bags & totes of misc. household goods, 1 Black leather love seat, matching lounge chair & ottoman, 4 Dining table chairs, 2+ Bed frames, 1+ plastic chairs & many other misc. household goods.

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be

sold at public auction December 4, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction

will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Site-work at Field Elementary School. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

> - 101:Earthwork / Site Utilities - 102:Asphalt Paving / Exterior Concrete - 143:Electrical - 148:Landscaping

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 13, 2007 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Steven Sneideman, Secretary

Canton Brought to you by the Canton DDA, Canton Chamber of Commerce & for the Holidays

Join us for the ShopCanton Holiday Fest on Saturday, December 8th from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Canton Corners parking lot, located at the corner of Ford Rd. and Lilley. Expect entertainment, refreshments, and LOTS OF FUN! Santa will be on hand, accepting donations of canned goods, new children's books and new, warm children's clothing to help support the Canton Goodfellows.

Color and decorate the ShopCanton penguin mascot any way you like. Be CREATIVE!

Turn your entry in at the Canton Chamber of Commerce (during business hours) located at 45525 Hanford Road by Friday, December 7. You can also bring your picture to the ShopCanton Holiday Fest between 12-2:00 p.m. (Entries received after 2:00 are not eligible to win.) Pictures will be displayed and judged inside the Winter Wonderland activity center at the ShopCanton Holiday Fest on Saturday, December 8th. One winner from each age group will be notified on Monday, Dec. 10, Winners will receive a Canton Entertainment Package. For more details on the ShopCanton Holiday Fest event or extra coloring forms, please visit www.shopcanton.org.

Age Group: 🗌 4-6 7-9 10-12

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Coloring Contest sponsored by:



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

42nd Street

The Detroit School of Arts presents "42nd Street," the Warner Bros. musical, at the DSA Ford Theater, 123 Selden near Woodward on the campus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Call (313) 494-6000 for ticket information.

Nutty Nutcracker

Center Stage Dance Co. presents their holiday production of 'The Nutty Nutcracker.' Loosely following the story of The Nutcracker, the show will present a wide variety of music including songs from Dreamgirls, some Sammy Davis Jr., a little Bing Crosby and the soundtrack from Pirates of The Caribbean. Dance styles will include ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop. The show starts at 6:45 on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Hillside Middle School Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information call (248) 380-1666.

Youth Philharmonic

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan, a regional orchestra, has openings for interested student musicians in our intermediate and advanced orchestras and also the sax choir. Rehearsals are on Saturday mornings at Churchill High School. For more information contact Kathy Bilger at (734) 464-8704 or e-mail auditions@LYPM.org

New Year's Eve party

Ring in the New Year with Jimmy Howard & Company at a New Year's Party at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia Monday, Dec. 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; party goes until 1 a.m. Dinner (oven-baked chicken and port tenderloin) served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Due to the Christmas holiday, tickets must be purchased by Dec. 19. For more information, call Linda at (734) 507-9173 or Mary Ann at (734) 654-0115, or e-mail parties.2go2@yahoo. com

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, to hear speaker Marlene Lipon discuss "Christmas Traditions." The meeting takes place at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower, in Howell. In the society also meets 7 p.m. Jan. 3 to hear David Bridgens of the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing talk about "Treasures Located in Farmers Outhouses-the Last Place to Look for Genealogical Information." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River, in Howell. For more information, call (810) 227-7745.

Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Caring for aging parents

With the fastest growing population segment being 85 years and older, the demands of caring for an aging loved one, baby boomers, spouses and even adult grandchildren are finding themselves spread thin for knowledge and resources in caregiving. In honor of National Home Health Care and Hospice month this November, Visiting Nurse

Association of Southeast Michigan would like to let people know about its free Consumer's Guide to Home Health Care. Containing information on home health care and Medicare fraud this booklet provides harried caregivers with a place to begin. To receive the booklet, call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8374

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library, Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, Itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063. Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previousexperience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or

are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza, For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

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 the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of evey month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

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 Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

Gardeners meet

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Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomerl

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The , Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwanis.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robert-

plusjanet@aol.com Fibromvalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a quest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn to kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to berefreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, 734-453-5534

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution, Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth, Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information

American Legion

Beasley-Zaiesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gavde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army

Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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Cast members as young as age 5 perform in 'Cats,' the Broadway musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Motor City Youth Theatre and the Grantland Street Players present the production on weekends from Nov. 30, to Dec. 16, in Livonia.

Young cast on prowl with 'Cats'

Motor City Youth Theatre (MCYT) and Grantland Street Players present the Broadway musical, Cats, through Dec. 16, at the Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, one-half block west of Inkster road, one-half mile south of I-96. Livonia. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 for adults. \$12 children and senior citizens. MCYT is offering a

special rate of \$10 per ticket when 10 or more are purchased in advance. For more information, call (313) 535-8962.

Except for adults who play the roles of Old Deuteronomy (Jim Wyatt, Redford), Grizabella (Brianna Devlin, Livonia), Gus (Chris Chase, White Lake), Jennyanydots (Kathy McAteer Taft, Garden City) and Munkastrap (Lindsay Dowd, Milford),

this is probably the youngest cast ever known to present the Andrew Lloyd Webber production. The children who fill the remaining roles are as young as 5-years of age, the average age, being 11.

Cast members hail from Garden City, Redford, Livonia, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Canton, Dearborn, Bloomfield Hills, Westland, White Lake, and Milford.

Art Club to host presentation

Lin Baum gives a talk as part of the Three Cities Art Club meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Baum's slideshow presenta-Dec. 3, in lower level meeting room A at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Enter via the southeast entrance and the attendant will direct you to the correct room.

Whether you are an artist or interested in art, you won't want to miss the free class by this local artist and teacher. She will explain the elements of the figure and how they are used within a work of art so the composition is balanced and the viewer recognizes the

significance of their value and spirit in relation to the setting. tion will include examples of the correct use of techniques including examples and discussions of the works of such notable artists as Van Eyck, Rembrandt, Sergeant, and Dali. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions at to bring in 1 or 2 new pieces the end of Baum's presentation. of art for the Popular Vote Originally from Livonia,

Baum graduated from Franklin High School then went to the University of Michigan School of Architecture and Design. Currently she is a painting and portrait instructor at

Schoolcraft College, CES; and conducts workshops and works with gifted children.

Baum is a figurative, social realist artist. In her oil paintings, she seeks to affirm the value of the person through her art as she strives to give visual expression to the spirit in each.

Club members are invited competition. Everyone will be invited to vote for their favorite artwork. For more information about the event or club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123, or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@ hotmail.com.

Experience Christmases past on historic tours

Revisit Christmases past at Greenmead Historical Park by touring six historic village buildings decorated for the holidays and the Simmons/Hill House which features a crystal theme. Then stop by Newburg Church for a free concert. The sounds and sights of Christmas are waiting for you 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, and 16, at Historic Greenmead on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Admission is \$3

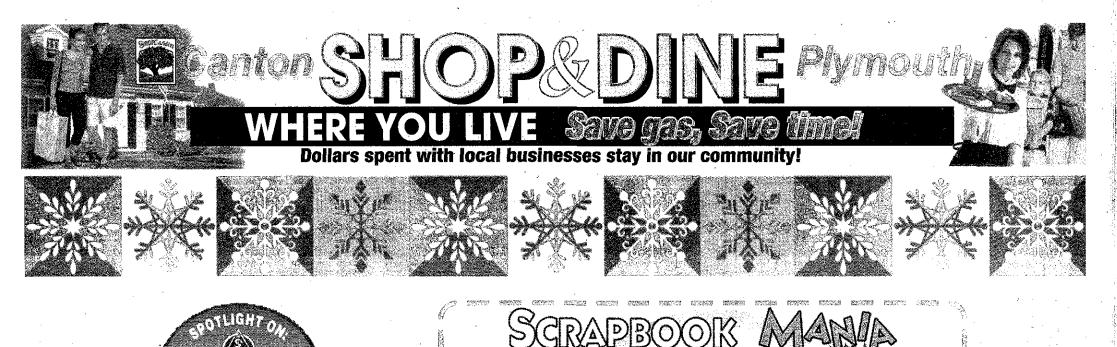
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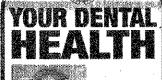
yourself and the family to a Candlelight Tour Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 26-27. Tours start at 6 p.m. The last group leaves at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3, children. For more information for any of the tours, call (248) 477-737.

The Christmas Candlelight Tours allow visitors to experience the glow of the Kingsley, Shaw, Newburg

School, Newburg Church, the Bungalow, and the A. J. Geer General Store.

The last stop of the tour is the Friend's Meeting House where hot cocoa and cookies are waiting for you along with members of the Livonia Civic Chorus. Join the Chorus in singing traditional Christmas Carols. The Candlelight Tour is a wonderful way to share the holidays with family and friends.





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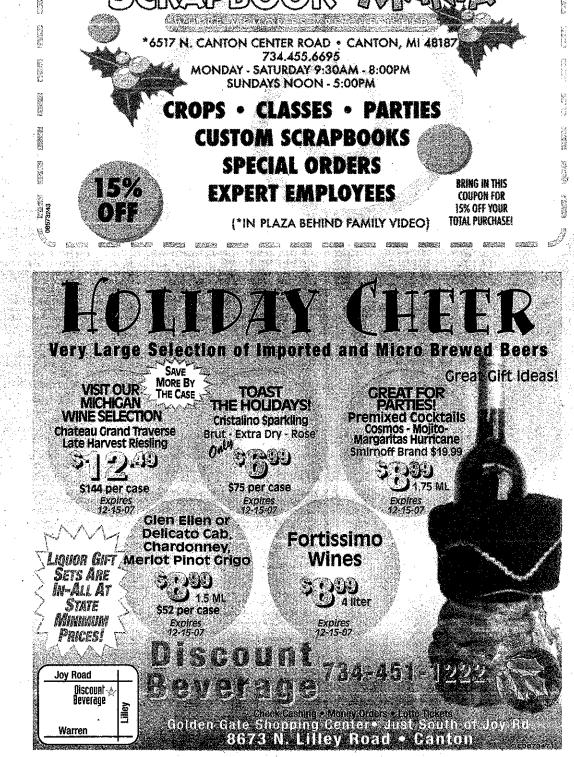
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TALIAN/SICILIAN MAN... wanted, 40-year-old SBF, 578 looking for hand-some, fur, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old, I like shopping, movies, and cooking. 32:18623

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 55°, blonde, seeks well-groomed gentie-man, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company, 37891247

COULD U BE THE ONE 4 ME? COULD U BE THE ONE 4 ME? Active SWF, 5'2", blonde, fun-loving, nurse likes boeting, traveling, sports, dancing and dining, seeking a SWM, 70-78, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. 2231724

YOUR SOULMATE IS WATTING SBF, 27, 5'4", chocolate complexion, pretty brown eyes, dimptes, thick build, looking for SBM, 28-60, for friendship and possibly more. 2226022 SHORT GUYS A PLUS

SHCHT GUYS A PLUS SWF, 46, petite, attractive, nature girl, looking for life partner, who's life is as together as mine. Someone who's 40-50, and looking for a great girl for LTR. 2113252

HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. 2212790

DO-WOP TO CLASSICE DWF, 56, 5'4", N/S, with traditional values, shape-ly blond, enjoys concerts, dining, classic cars, the lake, dancing, ISO christian a+, N/S, gentleman, 50+, for dating, open to new activities. Rochester. **T**225822 TAKE & CHANCE

SWF, 25, 5°2°, medium build, athletic, enjoys sports, working on cars, bowling, pool, Italian food, music, my dogs, having fun. Seeking out-going, fun-hoving guy to get to know, share fun. 2213228

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, wigood morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3', 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card play-ing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. 2134425 HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys lifes simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, com-puters, movies, the parks walks, travel and life puters, movies, the parks walks, travel in general. Friendship first. 2241298 TRY THIS ONE

Loving, sincere SBF, 58, easygoing, looking for a good-hearted, Christian gentleman with The Lord In his heart to share life, laughter, happi-ness and possible LTR. 2242234

NURSE Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including his-tory, traveling, and home life, 27409879

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WILD AND SOPHISTICATD Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50. 21147056

COULD IT BE YOU? SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, indepen-dent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, wem-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to other. Broacha

offer. 2235988 CLASSY LADY SBF, 36, 5'3", NS, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more, 2192050

GOOD TIMES

GUOD TIMES Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. T 159358

HITHERE SWF, 46, blonde/blue, 5'5', slim, enjoys outdoor activities, sports, Nascar, cooking, reading and animals. Seeking compatible man to share talks, casual dates and then who knows? **21**228166 LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion; silm, cute, lock-ing for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. \$\mathbf{T}216297\$

BESEKING MR. RIGHT SBF, 38 mother, N/S, seeking WM, 40-60, N/S, for a friendship that could turn into something more. I enjoy life, reading, travel, camping, fish-ing and trying new things. **2**/232181 MURE BOX

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND ... A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 577, 120ibs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, DD-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call: **12**:224748

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HEY GUYS SBF, 20, 5'9", sim, long black hair, enjoys mov-ies, concerts, and just having fun, looking for a nice, respectful man, to enjoy talks, casual dates, and see what happens next. \$\Pi235810\$ LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL Attractive SWF, 50s, 57°, 125lbs, Joves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, finan-cially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. 2892242 SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter, I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 2962317

HERE I AM GUYS Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5/5", 156ibs,brown eyes, independent, employed, secure, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, com-mitment-minded man who wants to share some-thing real. **32**:28307

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WWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little ionely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togethemess. Seeking a kind man to share these, 12/211330

POSSIBLE LTR SWPF, 58, 577, attractive, slender, athletic, N/ S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR, 17993381

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND SBF, 19, Iuli-fgured, 54*, caramel complexion looking for a good man to enjoy talks, hang out with and just get to know. 2220300 READ THIS AD!

SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. \$164114 HELLO

DWF, 57, 5'4", 180 b, size 16, attractive redhead, retired RN, homeowner, smoker, loves cooking, movies, good company, conversation and travel. Give me a call. All call returned 2229066 HOW ARE YOU?

SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. 2200770

WHY NOT CALL? SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friend-ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. 27217234 SEEKING MR. RIGHT Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? 2985794

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect.

226494

FUN AND SIMPLE SBF, 19, dark complexion, artey, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. 2222583

UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE ... strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, triends, animals, and exploring ife. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. T233616 COULD YOU BE THE ONE? SBF, 27, self-sufficient, up front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent

and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. 231868 HEY GUYS SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4", 1201bs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hang-ing with friends. Locking for a loving SM, to get to know. 27234678

LADY IN THE WOODS SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/ hazel, 55°, average build, employed, educated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compatible, out-doorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 2210247

CLASSY LADY SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, mov-ies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. 2207254

I NEED A LOVE ... to keep me happy. Atractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring, \$258059

CALL THIS MANI Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveting, outdoors, romantic eve-nings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 27112288 MOTORCYCLES AND FUN

Ready to meet great new people?

DWM, 53, 6', average build, likes bowling, concerts, movies and motorcycling. Seeking a lady, 40-55, that can enjoy my things and have you add your fun things to the mix. \$2243739

LETS GET GOINGI SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great lis-tener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 2 128302 SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SEMJUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **73°692418**

HI LADIESI DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a HWF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, tun and more. Possible LTR, 72/16527

A TERRIFC GUY SWM, 45, 6', blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR, 3224408

COULD IT BE YOU? SBM, 48, 6'2', brown complexion, wavy hair, mus-tache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hardworking, enjoys soullood, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and icve. 17189723 ENJOY THE VIEW

Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, Is tooking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cudiling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. 2113835

WORTH A SHOT Easygoing honest, fun-loving guy, 36, 6'2", 250lbs, former Marine, father of 2, ISO romantic, outdoorsy, sensitive, sweet, child-friendly lady who can make me laugh and smile, is it you? **2**237256

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. **165436**

WANT TO JOIN ME? SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmo-biling, outdoor activities, quiet times. 200127

BOATER SEEKS IST MATE BOATER SEEKS IST MATE SWM, 35, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friend-ship leading to possible LTR, 22205043

SWM, 39, 5'9", brown/brown, stocky build, seeking a woman, 18+, to spend time with. 132214317 I'M YOUR MAN

HOPE TO FIND U SOON SBM, 511", 170lbs, black/brown, brown com-plexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more, Locking for drame free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. 2216113 **PRINCE CHARMING**

SBM, 41, 5'7", 195lbs, independent, cook by trade, clean-shaven, goatee, seeking a woman, 30-50, understanding, mature, honest, for romance, fun, possible LTR, ☎219567

TRY THIS ONE Loving, young-looking SM, 36, 5'9", 200lbs, well-groomed, health-conscious, likes action and horror films, seeking, a nice, cool, honest lady who knows what she wants in life, for friendships and fun, 22:19704

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44. ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. 17968147

LOCKING FOR ME? LOCKING FOR ME? SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. Friendship/LTR. \$222019

ANOTHER STATE OF MIND SWM, 35, enjoys action/adventure films, day trips, weekend getaways, music/punk/indie). Seeking sociable, fun-loving, creative SF, with interested in art, indie music, exploring life and new adventures. \$223363

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED Attractive SWM, 5'8", 165lbs, muscular, look-ing for attractive, down-to-earth woman, fit and open-minded, to get to know and share good times. 2227318

WHAT HAVE U GOT TO LOSE? SM, 44, creative, fun, independent film maker, looking for a good-humored, nice, easygoing to-earth and fun, to st

GIVE ME A CALL SHM, 31, 5'8', black/brown, medium build, 180lbs, employed, independent, likes playing basketball. Looking for outgoing, fun, downto-earth lady to enjoy dates, good talks, romance and then who know? 12/239055 U WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED G WONT BE DISAPPOINTED Sexy SBM, 18, muscular build, 150ibs, 57°, looking to meet attractive, fun, open-minded goal-oriented lady to get to know and have a good time. \$2230033

WHY NOT CALL? SM, 31, looking for outgoing, nice, loving lady, good-tumored, honest and active with an

good-tumored, nonest and active with an appreciation for sports, nights out and just having a good time. Friendship first. \$\frac{2239004}{239004}\$ EASYGOING Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. \$\frac{2137614}{27187614}\$

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HOW ABOUT IT LADIES? Intelligent SM, 30, good-looking, with beautiful smile, 5'8", 180bs, romantic, passionate, affec-tionate loves occasional nights on the town, or snuggling at home with someone special. Want to be that someone? 1238352

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS Cool, classy, attractive SWM 50s, HIV+ seeks special lady for dating and possible LTR. special lac 2235509

A WALK AND A TALK Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listen-er, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 72200890

GOOD BETTER BESTI SWM, 49, 59', 1951bs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compat-ible SWF, to have and hold. 1992243' ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE

DWM, 60, 5'11", 190kbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily

ARE YOU MY LADY?

ARE YOU MY LADY? SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all lifes simple pleasures. T2(10024

ASIAN PRINCESS WM, 37, enjoys travel, clubbing, walks, video-games, and concerts. Seeks 18-45 AF for LTR. 27220954

T220954 YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF

venues, romanic, and thoughful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seaking SWF for friendship and companionship, 27 176497 NICE GUY SWPM is looking for a companion, SWF, 50-65, to enjoy each other's company. I like movies, sports, and other things. I'm 68, 155ibs, 5'6", and an active professional. 27/08126

LIFE DOESN'T END AT 60 ... t starts! SWM, 62, enjoys meting new people, trying new things, laughter and living life to the fullest. Seeking active, happy lady who feels the same. Friendship, fun, LTR7 \$228516

Same, Prietusing, furt, ELTAY M228310 LOOKING FOR YOU SBM, 20, 6', full-time student, enjoys singing and song writing. Seeking creative, lovely lady, beauti-ful inside/out, with a warm heart, big smile, and passion for music, to share life. **37**235228

SEARCHING FOR YOU

Affectionate DWM, 65, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, fiea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings, ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. groonad

BRUNETTES ARE BETTER SWM, 5% blonde/blue, masculine build; seeking a SWF, 22-35, with good values, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining, traveling and shopping, brunette a+, smokers ok. 2203188

WORTH IT SM, 52, brown/brown, 225lbs, 5'9", working con-

struction, student, enjoys driving, the outdoors, fit-ness, biking, good company, nice tafks. Seekings honest, trustworthy, respectful woman to share all life offers. 121212923

WORTH A CALL. SBM, 28, 56°, 150lbs, enjoys home-cooking, Italian food, time with friend, good company, movies, music and more. Seeking a <u>nice</u>, open-

minded SF to share the good times. \$213010

ATTRACTIVE

SBM, 34, 5/6", ISO SF, race open, 18-27, who wants to talk, share good times and juts have some fun. 2215278

WILL IT BE YOU? Sociable, happy, romantic SM, 61, 61", 205lbs, caramel complexion, passion for dancing, con-certs, music, romance, good company and laughter. Looking for a kind, classy lady to share these. 22215554

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A GOOD IRISH GIRL A GOOD INSH GIRL SWF 25, enjoys intelligent conversations, cud-ding, movies, art and relaxing at home some-times. Searching for a SM, 21-45, who enjoys the same, to get to know, friendship, maybe more. \$252375

BUSY GIRL

Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. #230116

HI THERE SBPF, 35, 58", 135/bs, sexy, curry, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45-r, to share life and all it offers. I enjoys water sports, travel, fine dining, art. 32:18966 LOOKING FOR ME?

LOUKING FOR ME? SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking BM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. #220303

GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO hon-est, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **179**63760

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION

Tall, attractive WIWF, 60s, enjoys good conversa-tion, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more, Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide verity of interest to share all life offers. 236416

AWAITING YOUR CALL Honest, attractive SBF, 25, 5'2", 150lbs, mother, employed, caring, looking to meet outgoing, child-friendb, respectful Christian man to enjoy dinner dates, good talks, family, friendship and fun, \$237322

DO YOU EXIST? DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, col-lege-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/ divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. 200208

CLASS ACT & GOOD CATCH Free kilten to good home. Affectionate, attrac-tive intelligent DWPF, 5'8", N/S, upbeat with class, warmth and sense of humor, seeks LTR with monogamous, romantic gentleman, 55-69. Make me purrr. \$238978

VERY CUTE SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident mate, 45-56, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. \$113198

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST BLAUTHUL MAKEUP ARTIST Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5°°, 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attrac-tive gentjernan, 42-53, with like interests/quali-ties, for triendship/LTR. \$230701

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SF, 31, 5'9', brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun, 2213820

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HOPE TO FIND YOU

SM, 41, wishing to meet loving, respectful lady, 26-50, not about games, to share happi-ness, special times, laughter and possibly love. 2241700

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candielight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 32269646

TRY ME LADIES SBM, 25, 5'8", 165lbs, caramel complexion, black hair, N/S, N/D, independent, self-employed, seeking a SF, 18-30, active, kind, who's ready for a committed relationship. T243066

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SBM, 44, 5'9', 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy ledy to show it more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. 2151943

TALL, ATHLETIC SWM, 48, 6'2", 200ibs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing per-sonality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. \$531308

ISO MY COUNTERPART

Adventurous, energetic, handsome, laid-back Adventurous, energetic, handsome, laid-back SWM, 48, looks younger, 5'11", N/S, enjoys traveling, dining out. Seeking fit, energetic, pretty woman, 26-59, N/S, with same qualities, and interests, for LTR. 2218528

WORTH IT SM, 63, blond, 6', 200ibs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, ener-getic, attractive lady w/spontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. 27135531 **BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED**

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for formance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. 2684501

NICE GUYS DO EXIST

SBM, 617, 250bs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring, 2212428 HOPE ABOUT A CALL?

Loving, real separated BM, 28, business owner, father, looking for genuine, sexy, sweet, child-friendly SWF, goal-oriented and affectionate knows how to have a good time in life. who knows 2240443

the good things in life. 228696

LATIN FEMALE DESIRED Attractive WM, 38, 6'3", great SOH, enjoys concerts, sports, movies, Seeks latin or histris, sports, movies. Seeks latin or his-temate from South America. Age open. 2228720

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND LUONING FUR A FRIEND Outgoing, honest, spontaneous man, 43, father, looking for easygoing, fun-loving, affactionate woman, 25-49, for dating, fun times and see where it goes. #229056

LOOKING FOR ROMANCE

SM, 70, 6°, 194bs, retired salesman, enjoys cycling, dining out, movies travel and life in gen-eral. ISO SF, 57-75, who appreciates the same, for sharing happiness and LTR. 27253204

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. 2777/324

A GREAT GUY Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energet-ic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casi-nos, fiea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. \$176478 HEY LADIES

SBM, 22, 6'2", brown complexion, brown eyes, 175lbs, looking for sexy, thick, shapely ladles to kick it with and have a good time. 22240995

DOWN-TO-EARTH SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laidback, family-oriented, likes bowling, dinner, travel. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. 2221121

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/ blue, never married, no dependents, college-otherated along at accel encount human educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. 2587540

WORTH IT

Loving, retired senior, former educator, wishing to meet a youthful, active SF, 59-72, who loves movies, dancing, romance and laughter. Could it be you? 2236410

ROMANCE & HONESTY WM, 50, 5'9", 173lbs, loves Nascar, fishing, camping, quiet times, spontaneity, seeks compatible caring, special lady to share friendship and possible LTR. 2242175 LONELY & READY

SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. \$\$\$860305

WORTH THE CALL SWM, 54, blue eyes, 185ibs, 6'1", likes relax-ing at home, bowling and simple pleasures. Seeking a loving, easygoing laid-back SF, to share talks, nice times, friendship and then who knows? 12242143

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH SBM, 28, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexi-can food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. 2980453

SBM, 18, 140lbs, tatoos, plercings, father, looking for a cool, sweet lady who likes children, sports and just having fun, to kick it with. 2221658 WHAT'S UP LADIES?

Fun-toving, genuine SBM, 30, 5'5", brown com-plexion, good-looking cool, fun, looking for a love-ly, sexy lady to kick it with. I like cooking, board games, nights out, more, Call me. 222057

How ABOLT THIS ONE NOW ABOLT THIS ONE Sociable SM, 57, 57, graying brownblue, mus-tache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conver-sation nd romance. ISo good-hearted, creative, nice lady to share these. T2223744

TRY ME

SM, 19, 180lbs, dark complexion, 55", stricker, enjoys dining out, movies, good take, good com-pany, parks. Seeking a cool lady to chill with. 2224377

LOOKING FOR YOU

SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who enjoys Backgarmmon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bally's, plano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. Must be social drinker, NS, HW proportionate. 2218827

TAKE A CHANCE SBM, 27, 6'1", 238lbs, brown complexion, brown Servi, 27, 61, 236/05, brown complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, employed, independent, seeking sexy, intelligent, sophisticated SBWF, 21+, to share a little romance. I enjoy bowling, movies, pool, dining, more: \$2225588

HI LADIES

HI LADIES SBM, 30, no kids, employed, independent, 5'7", medium complexion, braids, looking to meet a sweet, cool lady level-headed and real to share all the good things in life. 37225701 SEEKING SOMETHING BEAL

Sective Source Source Finds REAL Sociable, active SM, 25, 637, 2251bs, brown/ nazel, strong, affectionate, lovable, loves camp-ing, cuddling, trying new things, nice talks. Seeking loving, family-oriented, outdoorsy SF, to share lifes little pleasures and adventures. 2227126

SEARCHING FOR A MUSE

32-year-old renaissance man, artist, confident and true of heart, ISO inspiring friendship. Race open. \$227497

WORTH YOUR CALL

WORTH YOUR CALL SM, 27, easygoing, fun, 6'2", dark brown com-plexion and eyes, clean-cut, well-groomed, ilkes. occasional nights out, quiet times in life, simple fun. Seeking similar lady for friendship, dates and more? 77:29102 more? 229192

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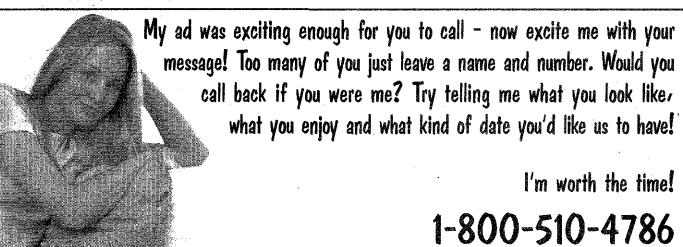
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By Marty Majchrzak **Avanti News Features**

The latest introduction for 2008 is the all new Winnebago Destination. This new breed of Class A motor home comes in two models -- a 37- and 39-foot diesel or gas pusher. That's right, Winnebago is taking full advantage of a gas engine that is normally mounted in front and mounting in the rear.

My tester was the 39W with the diesel chassis by Freightliner, a Cummins 6.7-liter diesel engine that puts out 340 horsepower and 660 foot pounds of torque. Even with my 18-foot Sea Ray boat on the back, loaded down with enough food for six, and camping gear for nine days, this beast of a motor home had plenty of power.

The outside color scheme was a combination of silver and off white called Silver Sky, matched with highly polished steel wheels. It made for one goodlooking ride.

Lots of basement storage here. We've come to expect that from Winnebagos. This motor home will store anything from barbeques to as many folding chairs you can pack.

In the past all the basement doors flipped up and sometimes there was not enough clearance to load your camping gear, but the new Destination has swing-out doors on gas shocks that open like a

refrigerator, which makes life a lot easier. We arrived at Lake Leelanau RV Park and as we pulled up to the main office to check in, I could already see the heads turning and jaws dropping to find out who was the maker of this coach. The park director showed us how to get to our site, which was right on the lake. As we got down to the lake, we dropped off the boat. I took one look at our site and knew with the other site next to us this one was going to be tricky.

I was wrong; this coach was also equipped with side video cameras that are turn signal activated not only for lane changing, but also by pushing a button on the screen you can move from camera to camera so you can see all around the Coach. Backing into our site was no problem!



The new Winnebago Destination costs about \$200,000 but is well worth it.

The best thing about Winnebago is that in minutes you can be set up and ready to play. A fully automatic, hydraulic jack system levels the coach without any assistance from you. My daughter Amy was surprised at the way this coach leveled itself. While it is doing its thing, you can hook up water, sewer and cable TV. Cool!!!

The Destination comes with two slide-outs -- one that covers the sofa bed and dinette and the other that goes from the kitchen sink all the way to the master bedroom. More than half of this motor home slides out to make the living area huge. It's enough room to put a queen-sized air mattress in the galley that will sleep two more people, like my son Matthew and his fiancée Deanna. The Winnebago Destination is a spacious design.

It has full Flexsteel Ultra leather seats with room for a recliner and foot rest. My favorite is the bathroom, which is totally separate from the rest of the motor home and you don't need to go through it to get to the master bedroom. There is a lot of cabinet space with a contemporary look that comes in maple or cherry.

Camping is always fun and you get a chance to meet a lot of nice people along the way. After our neighbors found out that I was a writer and this was a test drive, they asked if they could see the inside of the Destination.

My wife Donna and I have been doing this for such a long time that she makes a great tour guide.

DMAT

She handles all the questions from the ladies and I handle the ones from the men. This really gives me a chance to see what other people think and I must tell you the Destination was a big hit. As the week went by, we had 40 people ask to take a tour. Way to go, Winnebago!!!

Our Destination has all the amenities of home, like a 30-inch TV with satellite hook-up, CD/DVD player and home theater sound. It has a four-door refrigerator and a microwave/convection oven that cooks in half the time. My son Jason loved the FlexAire sleep system. A queen-sized mattress with an electric pump inflates in minutes, stores under the sofa and gives you a good night's sleep.

If you're like me and have a passion for motor homes, and are looking for quality, this new model from Winnebago with its new design will be your final Destination.

Write Avanti NewsFeatures motor homes editor Marty Majchrzak at marty.majchrzak@gmail.com < mailto:marty.majchrzak@gmail.com>

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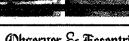
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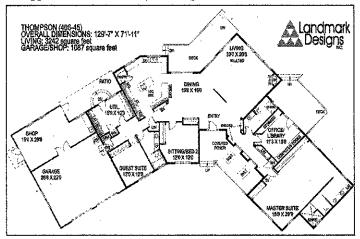


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The acreage you just bought is crying for a sprawling, ranchstyled home, that contains all the amenities of gracious living. You need to look at the Thompson (406-45) with 3,242 square feet. The ranch home is "V" shaped with a covered porch. Two skylights in the roof of this area embrace the entry of this home with sunlight.

The two-car garage gives the appearance of normality. However, the rear of the garage houses a huge shop with a sink.

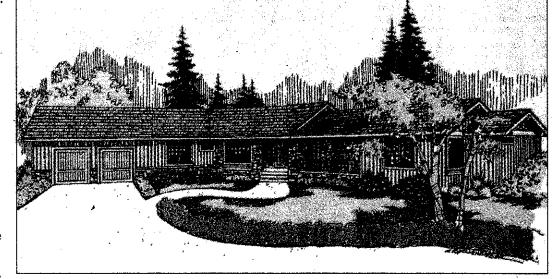
The inside of the Thompson is well thought out and designed with convenience in mind. The entry opens into the living/dining area. This is a large room with a narrow partition dividing them. The living room contains a fireplace and windows on two sides. The dining area has patio doors that open onto the back deck. There



are two bedrooms in this home. One is the master suite and the other is the guest suite. The master suite is gigantic with one wall of closet space. At the end of one closet is a shelf for the TV. In separate room protruding from the end of the home is the master bath with twin sinks and a large walk-in shower.

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The guest suite is located on the other side of the Thompson, next to the garage. There is a full bathroom next door with twin sinks and a tub, accessible to the balance of the home. A formal sitting room has been designated, next to the bath-



room. This could be another bedroom, if needed, as it has a wall closet for clothes.

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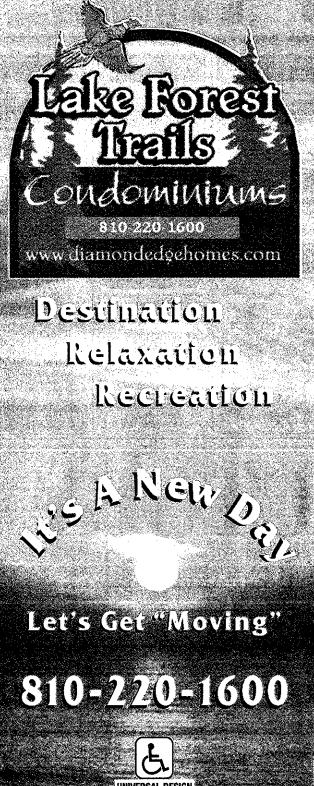
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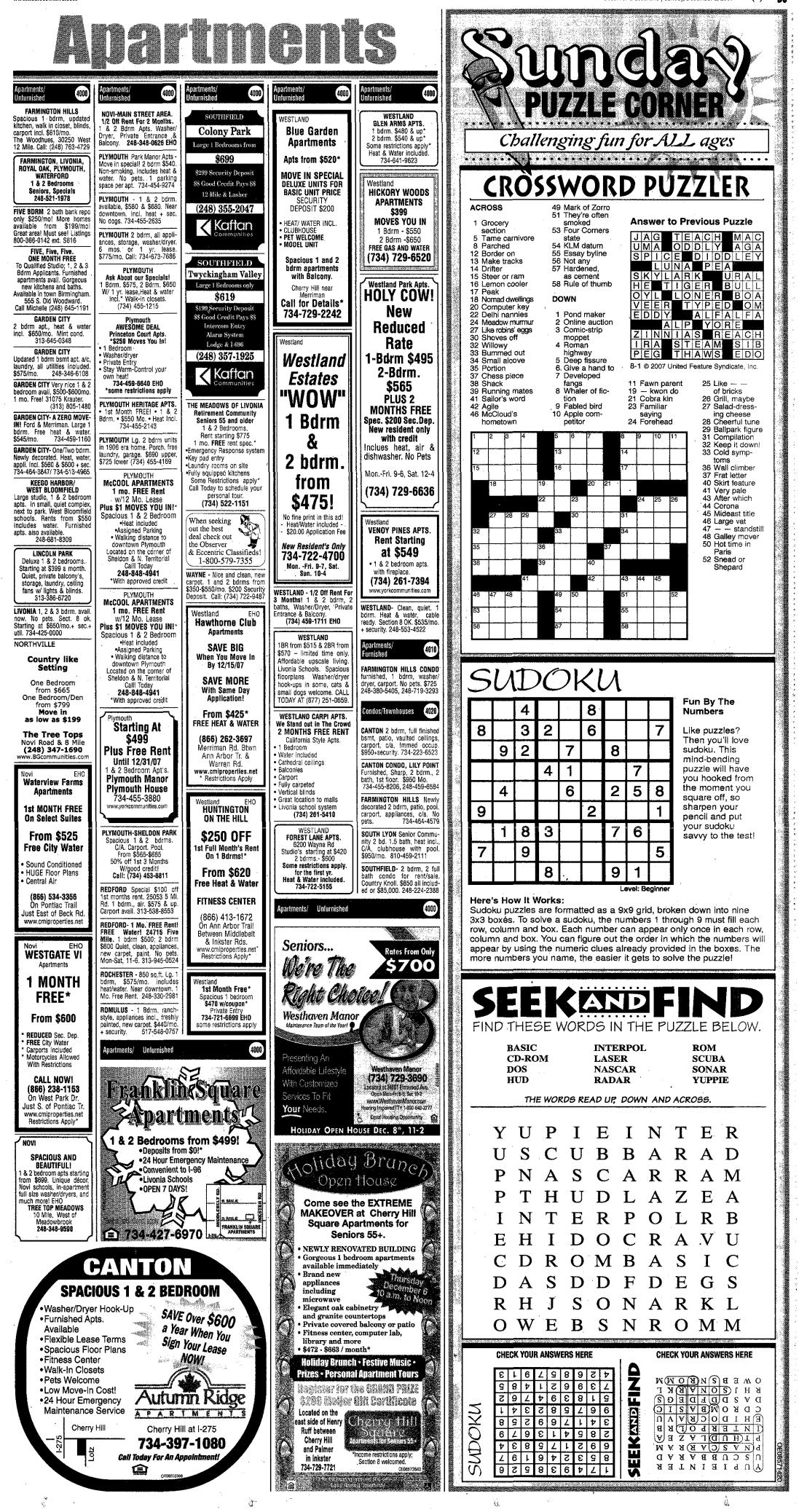


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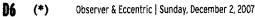
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SBM, 611, 2505s likes valks on the beach, casi-noe and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4117+, attractive caring, <u>B212428</u>. Attractive caring, <u>B212428</u>. Attractive UM, 38, 637, great SOH, enjoys con-certs, sports, invoke. Seaks latit or hissenite female from South America. Ane open. <u>B2262700</u> for South America. Ane open. <u>B2262700</u> in HOFE ABOUT A CALL? Loving, real separated BM, 28, business owner, father, loving for grounds, easy, sweet, chick-freed-by SWF, opa-oriented and affectionate who knows how to have a good time Inite. <u>B224048</u> Bow D have a good time Inite. <u>B240488</u> Bow D have a good time Inite. <u>B2240488</u> Bow D have a good time Inite. <u>B2240788</u> Bow D have a good time Inite. <u>B2245788</u> Bow D have a good bow Inite B225048 Bow D have a good time Inite B225048 Bow D have a good time Inite B225048 Bow D have a good bow Inite B218582 Bow D have a good bow D have a bow B1 HADIES1 BHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, NS, seeks a HWF, S7-67, NS, for straining of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LITE, <u>B216528</u> BHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, ND, hite on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, dased case, bowing more. Seeking SWF, ND, bushordthy, 355, in good shape, wistmair interests, Possible LITE, <u>B216527</u> BHM, 48, 67, bushortow 2015, ND, itte on the shy side, enjoys quiet firmes, dased case, bowing more sports etc. WILTM SWF, for dating and fun times. <u>T187614</u> TabL, ATHLETIC SWM, 48, 67; 2000ba can-derime personalit trainer.



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