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LaJoy: I'm 'doing right thing' delaying swearing-in

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSÉRVER STAFF WRITER

Despite postponing his swearing in as township supervisor, Phil LaJoy is not eligible for the lifetime insurance benefit that comes along with serving in the State House for six vears.

"There is no financial benefit to him staying," said Tim Bowlin, business director for the Michigan House of Representatives.

LaJoy, who defeated David Marsh to become the supervisor-elect, has dodged criticism that he's not getting sworn in with the rest of the Board of Trustees on Nov. 20 in an attempt to quality for the lifetime benefit.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think Canton Supervisor-elect Phil LaJoy should take office with the rest of the incoming board members, or continue serving in the state Legislature until mid-December so Canton has a voice in Lansing? Tell us your thoughts by e-mailing Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or by posting a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

"That's just not true," said LaJoy, who has already started an informal transition with retiring Supervisor Tom Yack. "The only reason (I'm staying on) is to do the right thing. It's nothing more than that."

Near the end of the House session, LaJoy said everything in the system could be up for a vote and he doesn't want to leave the 21st District, which

covers the majority of Canton, without a voice.

"Anything and everything could come up and I would miss all kinds of votes," he said, adding that he expects to be sworn in sometime around Dec. 18 or 19. "The agenda (in the State House) is tentative but I will be sworn in much before the end of the year."

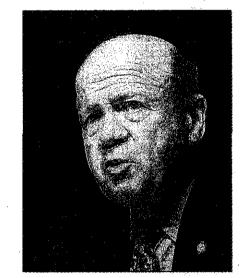
According to a representative from the Michigan Townships Association, LaJoy can be sworn in anytime from Nov. 20 to Dec. 31. In order to qualify for the healthcare benefit, LaJov would have to be in office on Jan. 1.

Bowlin said it is not rare for legislators to postpone taking on new duties in order to participate in the session's final votes.

"It's definitely not unheard of and it could be seen as a detriment that he is not resigning earlier because he will make more as a supervisor," he

As township supervisor, LaJoy will earn \$115,366 while legislators make \$79,650.

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LaJoy

Moving on

Kirchgatter retires after more than two decades on board

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

From a compromise to a 21-year history, Elaine Kirchgatter is preparing to say farewell to township government.

"Canton has been good to me," said Kirchgatter, who was appointed to the Township Board in 1987 and became treasurer five years later. "I am going to miss the people in my department but I'm ready to go.

Calling herself the "compromise candidate," Kirchgatter was tapped to fill an open seat on the board after three members went to

bat for one candidate, but the three other members desired someone else.

A year later, she was elected to the seat.

"I just want to thank the residents for giving me the opportunity to serve them for 20-plus years," she said. "And I would be the first to admit that, along the way, I have made some mistakes but I have always tried to keep the total community foremost in my mind. I have tried to do my best."

Kirchgatter, a Rochester, N.Y., native, touched down in Canton in 1965.

Her husband, Richard, had toured the township in hopes

of bringing his veterinary practice to the area and happilv reported to his college sweetheart that he had found their new hometown.

"We felt comfortable here." said Kirchgatter, adding that she didn't accompany Richard during his first trip to Canton because their daughter was only three months old.

As the years passed, Richard, who died in 2003, grew his practice and the couple had two more daugh-

Smitten with the downtown Plymouth area. Kirchgatter got involved with various local groups and then took an interest in the school district.

She sat on the Plymouth school board for nine years

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Elaine Kirchgatter is ready to leave the day-to-day grind of the treasurer's office and spend more time at

Catch me if you can

This small buck seemed to be flaunting the fact that hunting season is in full swing. It was wandering around the Charing Cross subdivision Thursday afternoon. Firearms deer season started yesterday and runs through the end of the month. There are no changes to hunting regulations in Canton from 2007. There is no hunting allowed in eastern Canton, and a couple small areas in northwestern Canton. In the majority of western Canton, hunting is restricted. A map detailing closed and restricted areas is at the clerk's office in the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Holiday service will help those dealing with grief issues cope

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether this will be your first holiday season without a loved one or your 14th, L.J. Griffin Funeral Home is inviting those coping with a loss to their annual holiday

The service, which is designed to honor those who have passed as well as uplift their family members, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at Griffin's Canton chapel at 42600 Ford Road.

"We are here to show support and unity with all the things people internally go through while others around them are in a festive mood," owner David Griffin said.

The event was created 14 years ago and is open to all members of the community, whether or not they have used Griffin's services. The evening will include candle lighting and spiritual reflections by pastor Drexel E. Morton and the Rev. Jack Baker, a Catholic priest.

Cathy Clough, the director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, will be on hand to address the following concerns: Why is it important to plan for the holidays? What are some ways others have handled the holidays to make more tolerable? What can you do about decorating,

GRIFFIN FUNERAL HOME 14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SERVICE

Time: 7-8:30 p.m. Date: Thursday

Place: Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road

Details: (734) 981-1700

sending holiday greetings and the many other activities that are a part of the holiday season? How can you make the holidays special for small children when you don't feel like celebrating?

The service usually brings in 150-200 people each year, Griffin said.

"The best thing is that we're not selling something, we are giving something back and we try to reach out to the entire community," he said.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to call (734) 981-1700 to RSVP.

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Coming Thursday



Thanksgiving Eve events, restaurant happenings and holiday recipes.

Holiday open house

The 7th Annual Bartlett-Travis Holiday Open House will take place Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22. Located at 500 N. Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill Road, this classic farmhouse will be dressed for the holiday season.

On Nov. 21 from 6-9 p.m., will feature hot cocoa and holiday music featuring the Grace Notes Flute Ensemble. On Nov. 22, the house will be open for viewing from 5-8 p.m.

There is no admission and all ages are welcome. For more information call (734) 394-5460 or visit leisure.cantonmi.org.

Gettysburg commemoration

November 19, 2008 marks the 145th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address." The Canton Senior Center will mark the occasion with a special lecture commemorating this historic event from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Parkview Room of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

The program will feature David Curtis, Canton Historical Society History and Research Committee Chairperson, presenting information on several Canton soldiers who fought and died at Gettysburg in 1863.

In addition, Curtis will discuss Canton Historical Society's Adopt-A-Civil-War-Soldier Project. The goal of this project is to raise enough funds to acquire the military and pension records of over 80 soldiers who lived in Canton before, during, and after the war who are buried in Canton. This project hopes to obtain and preserve as many records as possible of the early settlers in our community.

For more information, contact the Senior Center Front Desk at (734) 394-5484 or visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers

will host their next monthly meeting at 7:15 p.m., Dec. 3 at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center). The evening will include socializing, neighbor introductions, sign ups for more than 20 interest group activities (playgroups, Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social, and more), and a raffle that will benefit the Canton Goodfellows.

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There will also be a dinner hosted by Palermo's Restaurant as well as dessert by Back Home Bakery. For more information or to receive a complementary copy of the group's newsletter, please visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Melanie at (734) 207-3341.

Canton business women

The Canton Business & Professional Women will meet from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8 at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N Canton Center Road (west side of Canton Center Road just north of Cherry Hill). The guest speaker will be Judy Ellis of First Step. The group will be presenting First Step with donations for its 'wish list.' Attendees are asked to bring a gift.

You must RSVP for this meeting by Friday, Dec. 5 to Irene Psilis by e-mailing Irene. Psilis@ncmc.com or calling (734) 981-7810.

Goodfellows help

Several local merchants are hosting fund-raisers for the Canton Goodfellows. Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry, 6018 Canton Center Road, is continuing its annual "Goodfellows No child without a Christmas" drive through Dec. 5. The store will be collecting canned goods and non perishable items and offering a chance to win a \$600 Visa card for bringing in your canned goods.

"This is our way to help those children in the Plymouth-Canton school district that are in need and wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas or food while out of school on the holiday break.



Artistic competition set for young people

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Tuesday, Jan. 20. The competition is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 1, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton. Through the generosity of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Plymouth Optimists, the Rotary Club of Plymouth, the Rotary Club of Plymouth AM and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral talent from greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities. The competition is composed of three divisions: SENIOR INSTRUMENTAL (grades 10-12), SENIOR PIANO (grades 10-12), and JUNIOR COMBINED (grades seven-nine). 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. The distribution of scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division is as follows: Senior Instrumental - \$500, Senior Piano - \$500, and Junior Combined - \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged. Applications are available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. For an application and/or further information, please contact Jane Libbing at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.

Our need is great this year with over 600 children to provide for. We need so much help. Please join us in this mission," said Linda Robin, owner

of the jewelry story. For more information, contact the store at (734) 207-1906 or e-mail lindarobin1@ameritech.net. Also, Indigo Salon and

Day Spa, located in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, will be holding a Canton Goodfellow's Gifts For Kids Charity Day on Sunday Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Indigo will be open for business with a full service menu (reservations requested) and 100 percent of the money from services rendered will go towards the Goodfellows goal of providing Christmas gifts to 600 less fortunate children in the Canton area. In addition, Indigo will be matching 50 percent of the total retail sales for the day.

To make a reservation, visit www.indigosalonanddayspa. com to view the full service menu and price lists. Contact Indigo at (734) 961-3245.

Holiday crafts ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble, a holiday fund-raising event for music programs, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck, in Canton.

The event is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted jewelry, holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing & linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments, and more. In addition to more than 90 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Proceeds from the event go toward the music programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park, many of which are funded by the nonprofit parent booster organization. This year in particular, the boosters are working to raise enough funds to replace the 40-year-old semi-trailer used by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to transport all the large band instruments to many competitions and

For more information, call (734) 455-0714.

Civil War Round Table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table will host Mark Hoffman, author of "My Brave Mechanics: The First Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War" which will be the topic of his presentation. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 20 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road just north of Ann Arbor Road. The public is welcome, admission is free. For more information call (734) 451-7998.

Nutcracker ballet

More than 70 dancers from Canton-based Bunny Sanford's School of Dance will perform the Nutcracker ballet live on stage on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Livonia Stevenson High School. There will be two performances, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are available tor \$5.

The production features original choreography and costumes from the Nutcracker Ballet that formerly appeared at the Fox Theatre and Detroit Opera House. The production features Clara and the Nutcracker Doll, the whirling Waltz of the Snowflakes, highjumping Russians and much more, yet the performance length has been shortened just enough to accommodate younger ballet buffs.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling Bunny Sanford's School of Dance at (734)464-7440.

Special holiday market

The Canton Holiday Marketplace will take place on Nov. 21 (5-9 p.m.) and Nov. 22 (4-8 p.m.) at the Cherry Hill School, located at 50440 Cherry Hill Road. The Holiday Market will feature locally grown farm products, arts and crafts by area artisans and unique holiday gifts. Available merchandise will include jew-elry, candles, aprons, plankets, T-shirts, handbags, wall décor, hand-painted furniture, photographs, ornaments, baby items, hair accessories, baked goods, honey, jams, and more.

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students at Pioneer Middle

Eighth-graders from Jason Kaye's media production class, with the help of Janet Sutherland's high school video production class, recently wrote and produced a 90-second

video to promote a new product line by Sara Lee Fresh Bakery. The online contest could net the cash prize and a visit by actors from Walt Disney's "High School Musical 3: Senior Year.'

Online votes could lead to Pioneer prize

"The student production group is appealing to friends and family for support," said Kaye. "Besides having a panel of professionals judge the commercial video entries, the contest also has a public voting component.

The voting counts for 10 percent of the overall score, which will be factored into the judges' scores.

Voting at www.thejoyofeating.com continues through Nov. 21. Click on the "High School Musical 3" link, enter the video contest area and vote for "Lunch Time Joy."

During the three-week project, Pioneer students wrote the storyboard and acted in the video. High school production

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students wrote the music and performed the technical work, which included the camera, lights and sound.

The director for the project was Michael Horgan, an alumni of both Pioneer and P-CEP, who directed a full cafeteria scene comprised of 200 extras, a choreographed celebratory dance sequence and a main character with enough charisma to encourage his peers to join "the whole grain bread revolution."







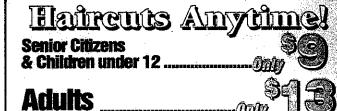




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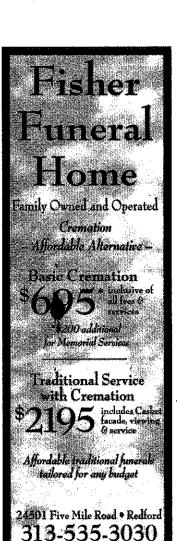
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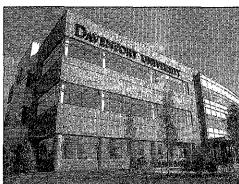
Davenport University's new location in Livonia has attracted a near-capacity fall enrollment of about 900 students.

We are thrilled by how this community has embraced Davenport University and that we are meeting a demand for higher education in a growing and dynamic area of the state," said university Provost David Fleming. "Our convenient location, flexible class schedules and career curriculum are resonating with students who want to prepare for many of our state's most in-demand careers."

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

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

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



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

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

Harry Belafonte keynotes **ACLU** of Michigan dinner

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

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

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



Belafonte

Harry and Julie Belafonte Fund for HIV/AIDS. In addition, he has had a career as a recording artist, concert singer, movie, Broadway and television star, as well as a producer. He has received a Tony, four Grammys (including a lifetime achievement award) and the first ever Emmy for an African American. He has been a UNICEF goodwill ambassador for 20 years and received accolades for work in Africa and

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In 2001, he

the civil rights movement. During the event, the ACLU of Michigan will honor Attorney David Moran and The Arcus

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

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

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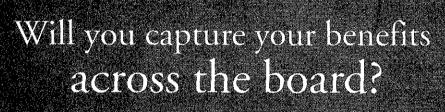
The College of Education at Madonna University University is scheduled for a Spring, 2009 accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation.

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

Board of Examiners NCATE 2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036-1023 or by email to callforcomments@ncate.org

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at Madonna University, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to Madonna University for comment prior to the review. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

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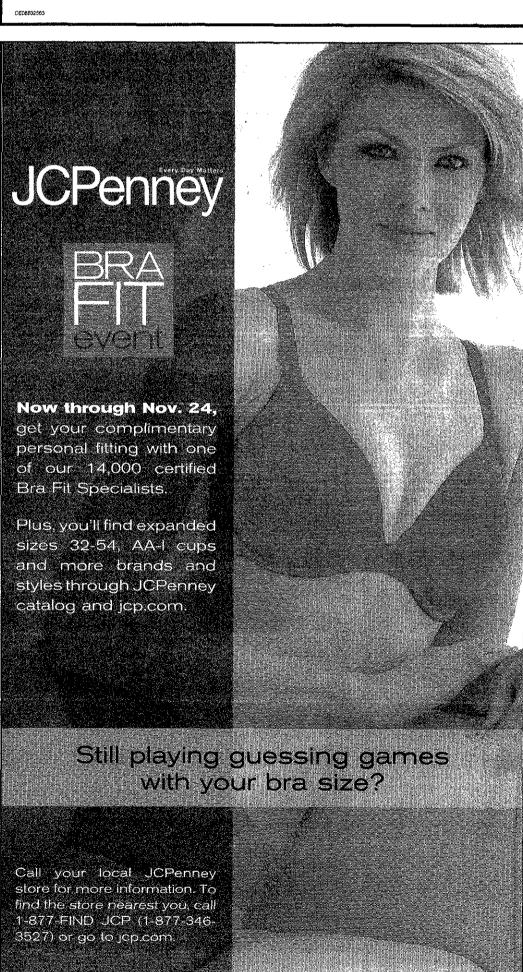
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Glenn principal eager to help teens learn

Soon after taking over the treasurer's

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And when asked about the highlight of

her time as treasurer, Kirchgatter points to

"He has provided a positive influence to

Malinczak said the department will miss

"She has been a huge support to me and

she has been a great person to work with,"

Saying that she has tried to be fair

and consistent with her 10-person staff,

Kirchgatter said she has viewed the trea-

"I consider us a team so I don't liked to

be introduced as the boss," she said. "I may

Longtime Trustee Melissa McLaughlin

Direct Cremation

will take over the treasurer duties begin-

be the captain, but we're a team."

the hiring of Bruce Malinczak, assistant/

office, Kirchgatter said the technology

boom was ushered in.

deputy treasurer.

Kirchgatter,

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BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

"Good," the first-year principal said of the new school year. "Kind of reconnecting with the staff and the kids." He'd been an assistant principal at Glenn up to six years ago when he became principal at Adams Middle School, also in the Wayne-Westland district. He served for five years at Adams prior to being tapped for Glenn.

and chuckles recalling the times she drove

down Beck Road terrified during the win-

"Back then, there were very few homes

between Joy and Gyde roads and the wind

would whip my car around," she said. "I

would wonder if I was going to get home."

As a member of the township board,

Kirchgatter has viewed herself as an inde-

pendent voice and said she remembers when Meijer's arrival to Ford Road was

met with excitement and believes expansion and commercial development was

inevitable for the former farming com-

"Growth was going to keep happening

in Canton, but I wanted it to be controlled

treasurer's office with being on the board.

"It used to be an exciting, interesting and

growth," she said, adding that she found

pleasure in balancing her duties in the

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"It's busy," Ingham said of Glenn. "It's busier than the middle school. We just got done with the fall sports season. Being in a large high school there's always something going on."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ingham turned around Adams academically, Baracy said. "His forte is high school," Baracy added,



Ingham

citing the principal's personality and background in curriculum and leadership.

Jackson graduated from

Stevenson High School in 2007

College. She hopes to transfer to

national business or marketing.

state Legislature, saying she has

experienced benefits from a stem

and is now a student at Schoolcraft

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She has also testified before the

cell surgery in China, and appeared

at a fund-raiser for MichiganCure,

She said before associating her

name with Proposal 2 she learned

everything about it to make sure it

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Jackson said.

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Advocate's in 'People' magazine

BY REBECCA JONES OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonian Laura Jackson will be featured in an upcoming issue of People magazine.

The 19-year-old, an advocate for stem cell research, was featured in statewide commercials pushing for yes votes on Proposal 2. Voters approved the measure earlier this

When People magazine called, she said, "I was really excited."

People wanted to hear her story. Jackson was paralyzed in 2003 when she suffered an accident trying to perform a stunt during cheerleading tryouts.

She was interviewed for an article about being safe during sports, she said, and "to show people you can still have a life after paralysis."

The issue will hit the newsstands in a few weeks.

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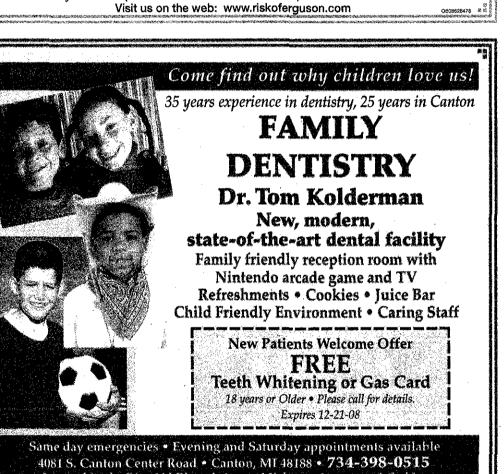
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Salvation Army rings in with annual yule kettle campaign

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps kicks off its biggest fund-raiser, the annual Red Kettle bell-ringing campaign, Monday morning with a goal of reaching \$235,000.

That's nearly \$30,000 higher than the \$206,000 the campaign took in a year ago, but Salvation Army officials are hopeful, despite the lagging economy, they can reach that amount.

"When times are tough people give from their hearts, they're very generous," said Teresa Moriarty, the Salvation Army's volunteer coordinator. "With the economy the way it is, and the need growing desperately, there's an awareness out there in the community that people are struggling. I feel very confident we're going to reach that goal, with the grace of God."

Moriarty said the Salvation Army will have some 20 locations scattered through their service area (Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville), including a brand new kettle spot at the J.C. Penney on Ford Road in Canton.

While there are plenty of locations, what the Salvation Army really needs are bell See related story, A7.

ringers. Moriarty said she's got plenty for most weekends, but is in great need of volunteer bell ringers for weekdays, including this week.

"We desperately need people who wish to volunteer during the week, especially next week, since it's our first week and we're kind of light on volunteers," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering can do it one of two ways: online at www.ringbells. org, where volunteers can pick their dates, times and locations; or they can call the Salvation Army directly at (734) 453-5464.

"Some people are just comfortable working with computers, and (registration) is very computer friendly," Moriarty said. "If you're not, just call me."

In addition to the standard

red kettles, Moriarty said she's going to spread about 20 "counter kettles" at willing business locations around the area.

One major push for the came

One major push for the campaign will come Nov. 27, when the Plymouth community welcomes Santa on his annual visit. Bell ringers will be present in Kellogg Park, dressed in traditional cape and cap/bon-

net, with the Salvation Army's brass ensemble also playing. It's all designed to make a success out of the Salvation Army's biggest fund-raiser of the year. Moriarty said those who can't donate cash can still help.

"Ringing the bell is how we generate the funds that stay right here in this community," she said. "If you can't donate money, donate your time. Money isn't everything."

The theme of this year's Red Kettle campaign is "Doing the Most Good," which officials hope will raise awareness of the many different services and programs the Salvation Army uses to do their part to help their community. "We continually see

increased demand for our services and the annual Red Kettle Campaign is a major reason why we are able to provide assistance to those in need," said Maj. Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army of Metro-Detroit. "It is our mission to do the most good with the community's contributions by offering hope with rehabilitation, providing food for the hungry, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children."

CANTON CRIME REPORT

Copper thieves

The vice president of the homeowner's association for Savannah Pointe has reported to police that someone stole copper piping from the subdivision's sprinkler system.

The man said the association learned of the theft when they attempted to get the system serviced. He also told officers that the last time he knew of the system being intact was in early October.

In addition to the piping, the thief also took other copper items related to the system. The damage is estimated at \$400-\$500.

There are no suspects.

Not so neighborly

After a Canton woman reported that she suspected him of breaking into her home, a 33-year-old township man was arrested Nov. 3 on an outstanding warrant.

The woman told officers that she believed the man entered her trailer on the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue and took some money and prescription drugs that were inside an enclosed end table.

The woman said the man had been in her home before and was aware of the location where she kept those items. Police also interviewed another man who reported seeing the 33-year-old exit the woman's trailer.

Officers then went to the township man's trailer and he denied stealing from the woman and said he had been at work. Upon running his name through the system, it was

discovered that he had a parole violation warrant out of Lansing and he was arrested and taken to the Canton Police Department.

Not so neighborly, part II

Police were recently called to a township residence after a Canton woman said that her neighbor threatened her.

The woman said she was preparing to go to bed Nov. 2 when her neighbor, an elderly man, began yelling at her.

Upon opening her window and asking if he was addressing her, the woman said the man began to yell louder and she asked him to quiet down. The man then said something about her calling the police because there would be a homicide.

The woman told officers she wasn't sure of the man's exact comment but wanted the incident documented.

Traffic warrants

A 36-year-old Canton woman was arrested for two traffic warrants Nov. 3 at the Motel 6 on Ford Road.

With an initial bond of \$330, the woman's first bench warrant was for contempt of court stemming from a charge of driving while unlicensed. The second charge, which had a bond of \$650, was for driving with a suspended license.

- By Tiffany L. Parks



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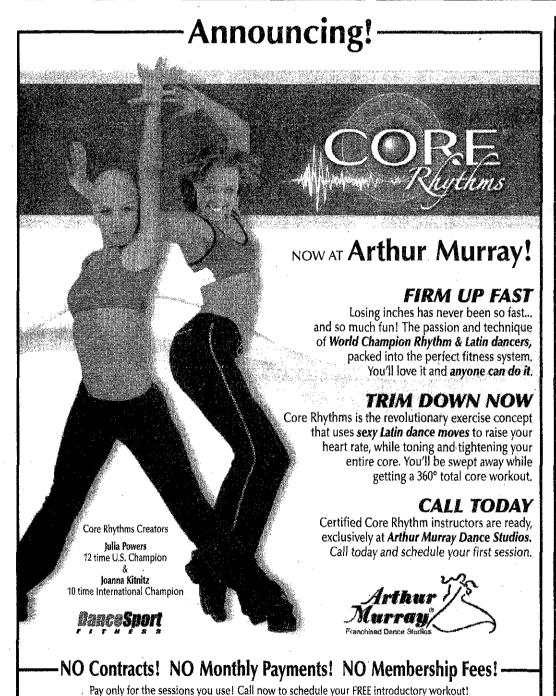
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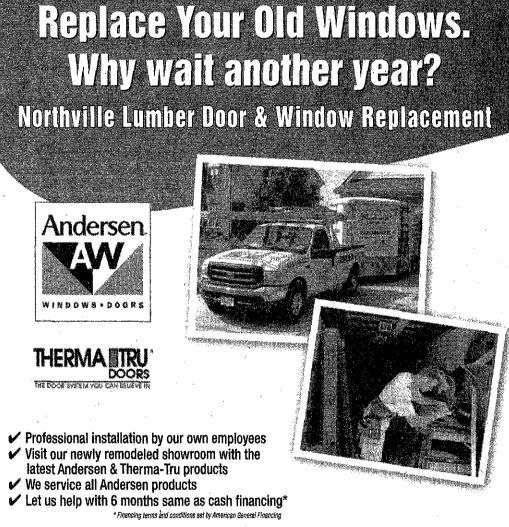
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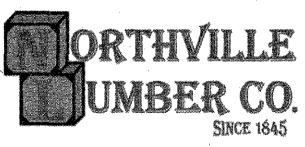
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Rockettes kick off Salvation Army's yule drive at Laurel Park in Livonia

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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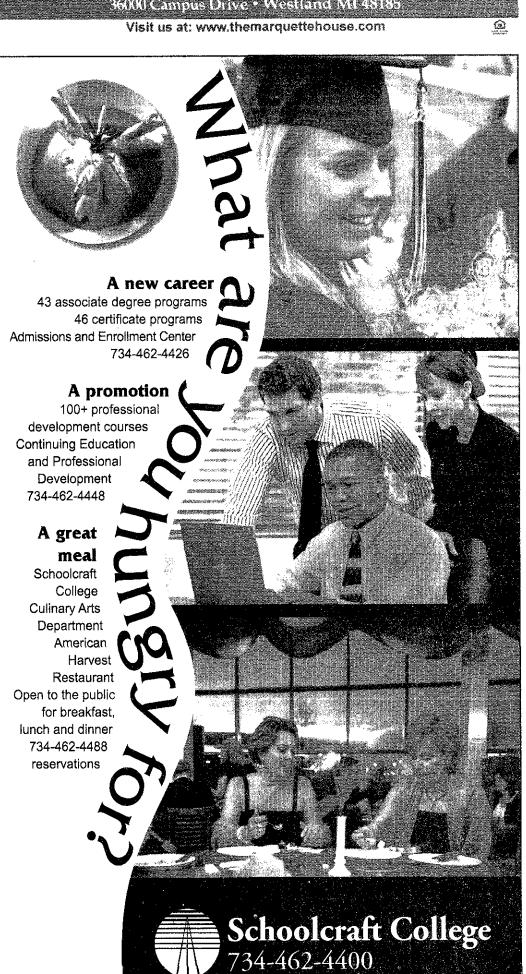
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mean that the market can't go lower, but there is no doubt that prices are significantly cheaper than they were at the

The problem with waiting until things are back on track is by the time that happens, the bargains will also vanish. There is no doubt that once confidence has been restored in the market, which it will, just a fleeting memory.

I believe one should invest based upon his/her goals and objectives, not where the market is. A few years from now many people will be kicking themselves for the times such as now. However, always remember that in the past, things have been much worse and not only has

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

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

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.

MILLIKEN WILL BE HONORED

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

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

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

Murley said the nonpartisan group has tried to alternate between Republicans and Democrats.

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

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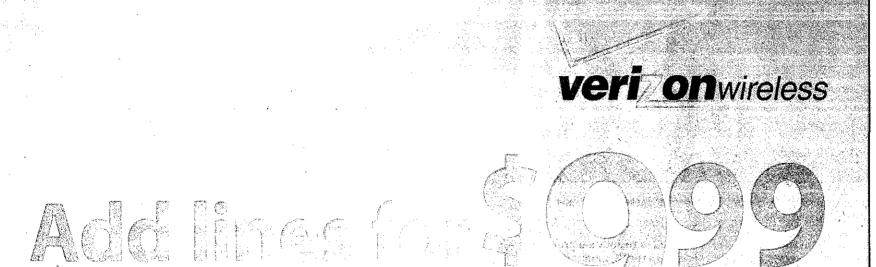
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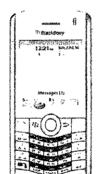




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OUR VIEWS

Salmon, trout prove Rouge no longer on brink of death

ention the Rouge River to some people in these parts and their thoughts are likely to conjure up images of industrial pollution, smelly logjams or, perhaps, even an open sewer.

I'm not one of those people. When I think of the Rouge River, I think about fishing (including for trout and salmon), canoeing and taking hikes along picturesque banks.

OK, I'll give you a moment to get the laughter out of your system. I'm not crazy (well, maybe a little bit). And I'm not thinking about the future. Believe it or not, after a generation of restoration efforts, the Rouge River is steadily coming back to life.



Kurt Kuban

Since participating in my first Rouge Rescue about a decade ago, I've gotten to know our little river well. Despite its reputation, and all

that humanity has done to her, I have come to learn that this river (like all of nature) is resilient and full of surprises.

Like last weekend, when I took the kids and dog for a walk across the street to Goudy Park in downtown Wayne. As we walked along the river's edge, I looked down to see a female salmon laying along the rocks. She had just died after spawning near a spot just below some rapids. When I picked her up, eggs were still pouring out of her. I looked upstream about 10 yards, and I saw at least three other salmon swimming around looking for a mate. They were trying fulfill their destiny before dying on the banks of the Lower Rouge River.

As chance would have it, Frank Walker pulled up after having done some steelhead fishing in the Huron River in Flat Rock. Walker is a long time Wayne-Westland teacher, who has brought students down to the Rouge River to conduct water quality tests for years. Now a Plymouth resident, Walker grew up along the banks of the Lower Rouge in Wayne and knows it well. He has been documenting the



Kurt Kuban found this female chinook salmon last weekend in the Lower Rouge near downtown Wayne.

annual salmon run for about a

decade. As we examined the dead salmon, he noticed that it didn't have a clipped fin, meaning it was a naturally reproduced fish and not the product of a DNR fish hatchery. He's convinced these fish have been successfully reproducing in the Rouge. You read that right — the Rouge River.

It kind of contradicts the old image of the Rouge, doesn't it.

The Rouge watershed, probably the state's most urban watershed, is also home to trout. The DNR has been planting brown trout in Johnson Creek, a cold-running tributary stream in western Wayne County and part of Washtenaw County, for a number of years. There are also rainbow trout thriving in the Lower Rouge River in Canton Township. A few of the small headwater streams also contain trout.

While many people had written the Rouge off as a dead river a long time ago, there has been an army of volunteers, spearheaded by Friends of the Rouge, who were not ready to write its obituary. Thanks to U.S. District Court Juage John Feikens, who has forced local governments to uphold the Clean Water Act, these volunteers have been buoyed by a commitment from local, county and state government to change the Rouge's fortunes.

In the last two decades, millions of dollars have been

invested in restoration projects. As a result, monitoring has continued to show improved water quality and overall ecosystem health. Dissolved oxygen levels are higher at most monitoring stations compared to five years ago. Bacteria counts are declining. There have been numerous habitat restoration and streambank stabilization projects conducted throughout the watershed. The presence of trout and salmon is proof that these efforts are starting to pay off.

As the river improves, some people are trying to promote the river's recreational possibilities, including fishing and canoeing.

Friends of the Rouge recently led a group of about two dozen people on a canoe/ kayak adventure along the Lower Rouge through Wayne and Westland under a canopy of beautiful fall colors. (If you want to watch a short video of the trip, visit www.youtube. com/watch?v=fLtSFLcZeqQ on the Web.)

One of the people on that trip was Northville author Doc Fletcher, who penned the book Weekend Canoeing ın mıcnıgan: 1 ne Kıvers, The Towns, The Taverns. He was impressed with the trip. He is doing a followup book about canoeing less-known Michigan rivers and is including a chapter about the Rouge River. A generation ago, that would have been unimagi-

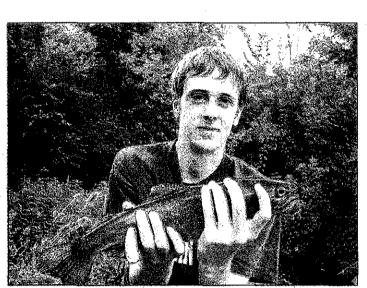


Cyndi Ross of Friends of the Rouge was one of about two dozen people to paddle down the Lower Rouge River last month through Wayne and Westland.

There is still a lot to do to restore the Rouge River, beginning with not destroying important headwater areas and wetlands in the upper reaches of the watershed. But the fact is our efforts are starting to pay off. Saving this river isn't as farfetched a notion as it might have seemed years ago, when the river was on the brink of death.

This is what I and many others think about when the Rouge River is the topic of conversation.

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This young angler caught (and released) this beautiful rainbow trout in Canton last year.

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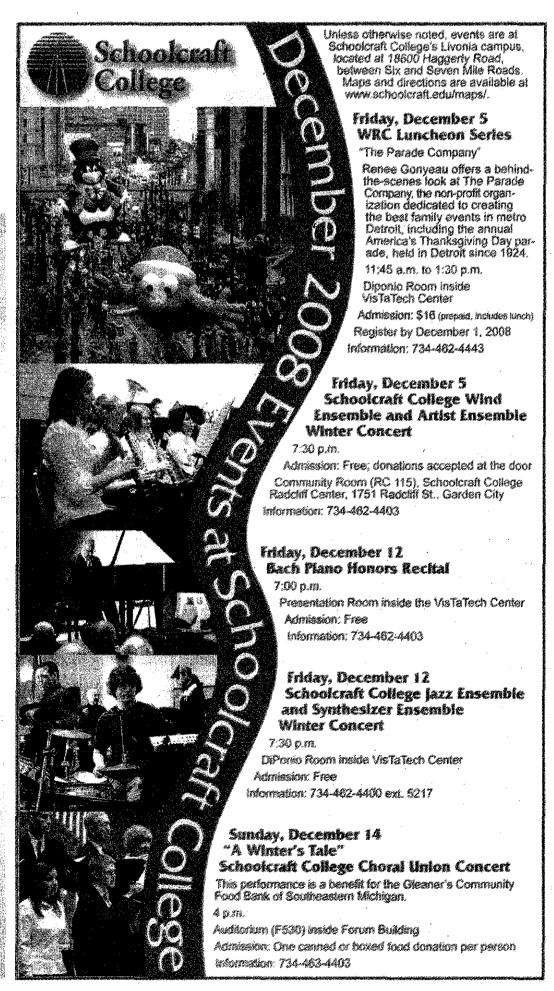
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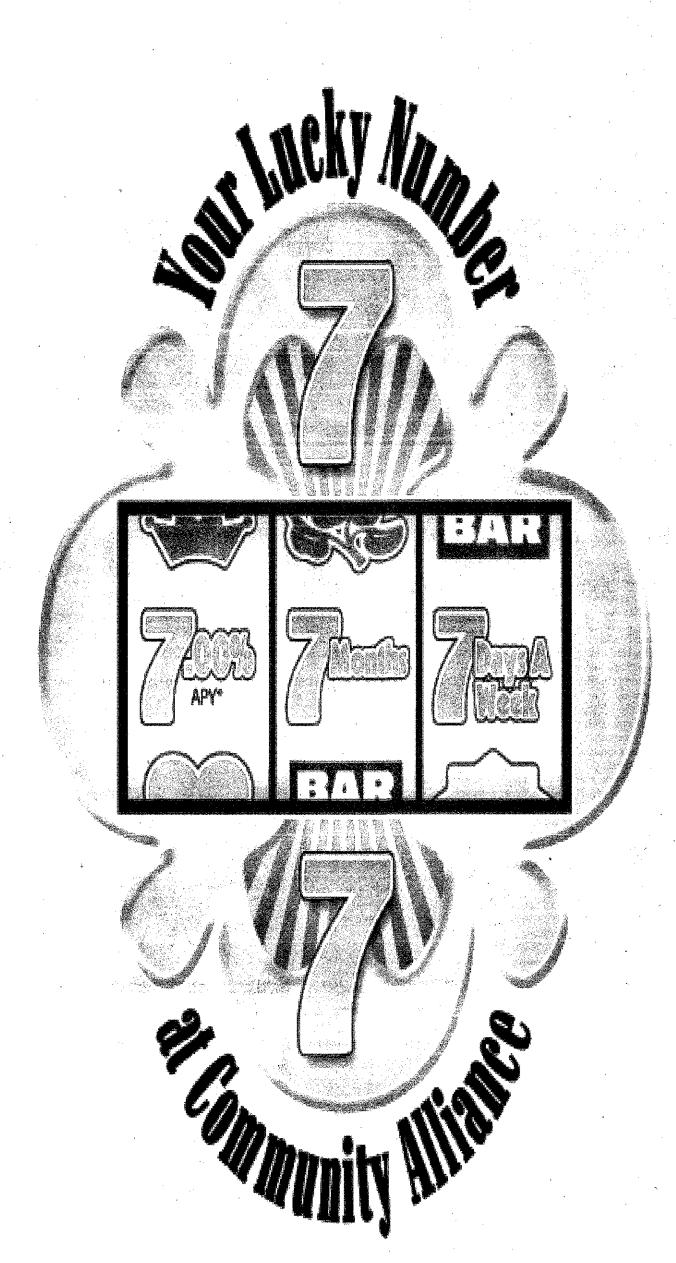
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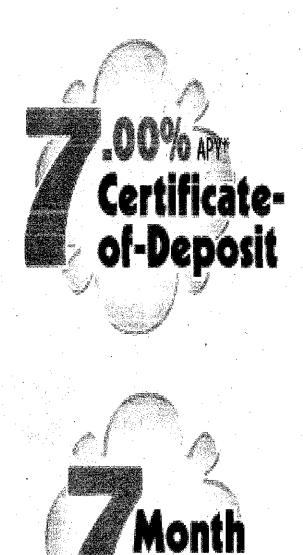
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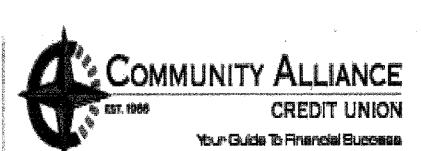
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Whalers topple Spirit, 5-1

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Rookie Tyler Seguin registered a goal and two assists as the game's first star and Jeremy Smith stopped 26-of-27 shots as the Plymouth Whalers defeated Saginaw, 5-I, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before a sellout crowd of 3,593 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth won its first game for returning coach Mike Vellucci, who is also the team's president and general Manager. Vellucci returned to the Whalers' bench

Monday after Greg Stefan resigned. Plymouth -1-7-0-0 in its previous eight games — improved to 7-11-2-0. Saginaw is now 12-7-0-0.

Besides Seguin (who scored his second goal of the season), the Whalers also received goals from second star Tyler J. Brown, Tyler G. Brown, Ryan Hayes and Vern Cooper.

Jack Combs scored the lone goal for

Although Plymouth carried much of the play through the first period in outshooting Saginaw, 13-9, Combs scored the only goal of the period when he tipped T.J. Brodie's point shot past Smith.

But Plymouth came back in the second period to take its first lead of the game with a pair of goals 37 seconds apart.

Hayes gave the Whalers a 3-1 lead at 12:35 of the period after skating from the left circle and cutting across to the right in front of Pasquale and then roofing the shot under the bar.

Cooper (shot from the slot at 11:59) and Seguin (one-timer from the left circle at 13:33) completed the scoring in the third period. Plymouth outshot Saginaw, 34-27.

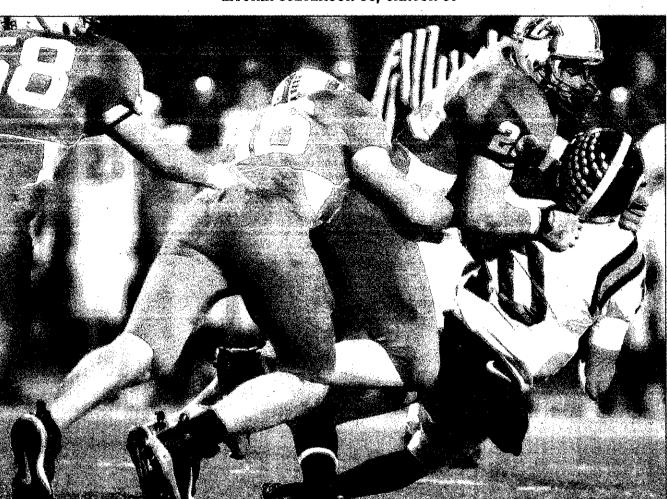
Vellucci said the team changed up some systems between Monday and tonight's game.

"I though our forecheck struggled a bit before," Vellucci said. "We want to get after the other team all the time and don't let them make plays. We're a big, strong, physical team and we want to go after the smaller defensemen. I thought we forechecked well tonight. I thought on our power play, our puck movement was very good with a lot of shots and a lot of traffic

Plymouth received a solid performance in goal from Smith (Brownstown).

"Smith made some critical stops when it was 2-1 or 3-1," Vellucci explained. "Jeremy's a great goalie. I know he's been getting blamed lately, but I don't think we were helping him much in our own end as much as we did tonight. There were a lot of guys blocking shots and paying the price tonight. I may have counted 25 or 30 blocked shots tonight. And that's the kind of effort we need."

LIVONIA STEVENSON 38, CANTON 31



Canton's Alex Dixon wraps up Livonia Stevenson quarterback Jacob Gudeman for a sack during the first half of Friday night's Regional showdown at Canton. Assisting Dixon is Mike Clemons (36).



Late Stevenson rally ends Chiefs' season in stunning fashion

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

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

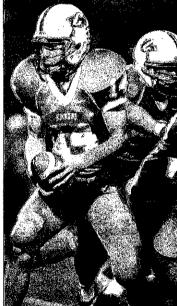
Less than two minutes later White hauled in a 36-yard Jacob Gudeman pass that set up White's 6-yard TD run to give the Spartans a dramatic 38-31 victory.

The 10-2 Spartans earned a berth in next Saturday's D1 semifinal set for — of all places Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. They will play the winner of Saturday's Hartland-Rockford clash. Kick-off is set for 10:30 a.m. White, who finished with 277 all-purpose

offensive yards, was the brightest star, but far from the only one for Stevenson, which was also bolstered by the stellar play of Gudeman (8-of-13, 183 yards) and a spectacular play by senior Wade Stahl, who hauled in a diving, 26-yard Randy Moss-esque touchdown reception with 6:07 left that closed the Spartans' once-daunting deficit to 31-24.

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

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completed 4-of-9 passes for 82 yards and ran 15 times for 44 more in Friday night's 38-31 loss to Livonia Stevenson.

Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz Canton's girls swim

Chiefs' depth leads to several victories

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If at firsts you don't succeed, try and try again to rack up as many seconds, thirds and fourths

as you possibly can. That has been the winning strategy for the Canton girls swimming and diving team this

While the Chiefs don't always win as many races as their foes, they've usually end up on top at the end of their dual meets.

Under the guidance of firstyear head coach Ed Weber,

Canton won their first eight dual meets before falling in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship crossover meet to powerhouse Novi.

Last week, the Chiefs won the inaugural KLAA South Division championship.

"The key to our success this season has been our depth," said Weber, a long-time assistant coach at Canton prior to taking over the head-coaching reins from former coach Mollie Raines. "The point system we use for dual

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and dive team has enjoyed a phenomenal season heading into next week's Division 1 state meet. Among the leaders are (front row from left) co captains Megan Blue and Hannah Maxam; and (back row from left) Sara Krebs, Maggie Carlson, Kari

Schmitt and Kayla

Eyster.

group: **■boys 8-9:** 1st-Paul Vella; 2nd-Gage Moyer; 3rd-Shane Aigner; **■boys 10-11:** 1st-Taylor Burke; 2nd-

Nathan Kelly; ■girls 10-11: 1st-

Katie Latack; 2nd-Shannon Shuit: **■boys 12-13:** 1st-Jacob Miller; 2nd-

Sameer Krishana;

3rd-Aaron Miller. Streaking Chiefs

The Canton High School junior varsity football team recently completed a perfect 9-0 season, during which they outscored their opponents, 389-66.

As freshmen, the same group of players went 9-0 last fall.

This year's JV team was coached by Mike Tomasaitis.



STEVENSON

that it's been a problem this season, but we learned to stay positive throughout."

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

"Austin has a good skill set, but you have to give his leader-ship the credit," Gabel said. "He never got negative on the sideline. His leadership was more important tonight than anything.

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

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

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

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

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

The Chiefs ran 62 offensive plays to the Spartans 39.

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

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

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

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

Canton then seized a seem-

ingly commanding 31-17 lead on two more Gaudi TD runs from 1 and 5 yards out.

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

wiped it out completely. "Kyle Hobbins turned him toward me," White said, when asked about his momentumchanging defensive play. "He set the whole play up. I just put my hat on the ball and gave him (Delapaz) a pop.

"Their offense is tricky because they carry out fakes 15 yards down the field and they do what they do well. At halftime we knew we had to do something different. Our defense stepped up."

Following White's game-winning TD, Canton took over on its 10 with 1:36 left, however, the Spartans recorded a pair of sacks and forced two incomple-

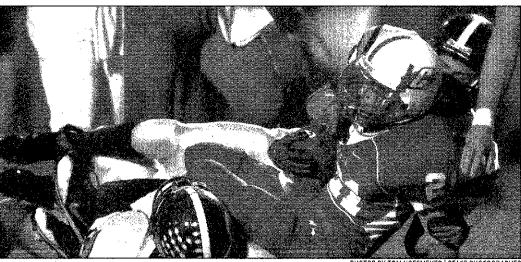
"I'm so proud of my seniors," Baechler said. "They led the way for us during the off-season and all summer. They weren't happy with our 5-4 season the year before. "We were so young on offense,

we overachieved a little bit this

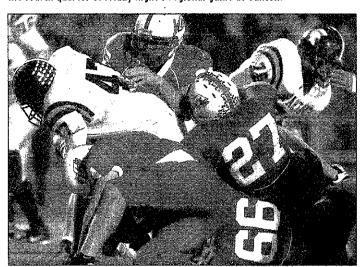
year. I'm very, very proud of our

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Canton's Ron Gaudi pushes through the Livonia Stevenson defense for a touchdown putting his team up 31-17 during the fourth quarter of Friday night's regional game at Canton.



Canton's defense gang-tackles a Stevenson ball carrier during Friday night's Regional final game won by the Spartans, 38-31.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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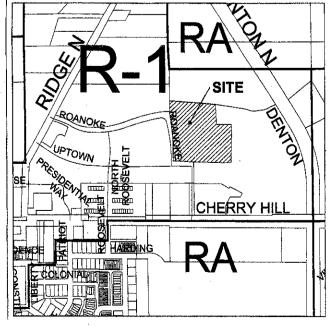
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 2008, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

UPTOWN PDD AMENDMENT NO. 3 (ALL SEASONS SENIOR APARTMENTS) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 072 99 0003 707 AND 072 99 0015 701. Property is located north of Cherry Hill between Ridge and Denton Roads.

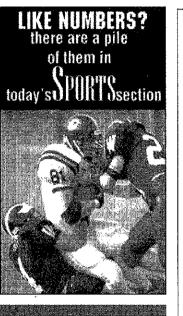
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Wednesday, November 26, 2008, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

> VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman



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Hail to the champions

The All Saints Catholic School boys varsity soccer team completed an outstanding season recently, winning the Eagle Classic pre-season Soccer Tournament, a CYO division title and earning a berth in the CYO championship game. Pictured (front row from right) are Alec Tarnacki, Francesco LaFramboise, Nathan Forster, David Bindon, David White, Kyle Fite, Zach Cohen, back row from right) Anthony Alcaraz, Michael Angotti, Paul Mueller, Bobby Budlong, Louis Wilkinson, Justin Dunlavy, Ryan Hurley, Adam Siedlaczek and Shane Campau. The team is coached by Gary Fite, Eric Forster, Simon Wilkinson, Matt Cohen and Tim Siedlaczek. Not pictured is team manager Karen White.



SWIMMING

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meets is 6-4-3-2-1-0, so if you don't win a race, but finished second and third, you get more points than if you win. That's what we've done. We don't win a lot of races, but we get a lot of multiple places in events."

The Chiefs' 55-member squad has 10 seniors, but its top point-earners are junior Maggie Carlson and a crew of talented sophomores.

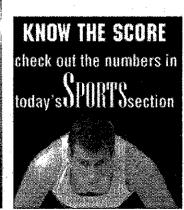
"I was not expecting to go undefeated our first eight meets," said Weber, whose squad registered impressive victories over Northville, Salem and Westland John Glenn, among others. "With us being so young, I couldn't have imagined taking care of some of the teams we've beaten. For instance, I knew John Glenn was very good, so I just wanted to compete with them. The same thing went for Salem, which has a lot of great swimmers. To get over 100 points against them was a great accomplishment."

When it comes to leadership, the Chiefs are bolstered by senior co-captains Hannah Maxam and Megan Blue.

"In terms of getting points, we're led by Maggie Carlson," Weber said. "She's not only our fastest swimmer, but a lot of the younger girls look up to her.

"We have a lot of swimmers who lead by example. "The first two girls out of the locker room every day are Katie Irwin and Sara Krebs. They work hard every day."

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All-Observer tennis stars net hard-earned success

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
BRETT FOSTER, SOPH., SALEM: The

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

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

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

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

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

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

His runner-up regional finish earned him a Division 1 state finals individual qualifying berth. Woods was also undefeated in the KLAA-South Division.

"Walter's game improved from last season." Franklin coach Lori George said. "His serve was a lot more consistent and he had deep forehand ground strokes which enabled him to get points at the net. Overall, Walter's game was significantly more effective.'

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

Payne also captured individual singles titles at the Monroe and Woodhaven tournaments.

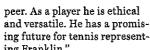
"Stephen has a powerful serve and precision ball placement," George said. "He is also able to chip-and-charge, and be effec-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES MAX KORPALSKI, SR.; PAT BAILEY, JR. PLYMOUTH: The Wildcats' No. 1 doubles squad enjoy an ultra-successful season as they advanced to the semifinal round of a brutally tough Regional tournament and placed first in their flight in the Wildcat

"Max and Pat were both very consistent performers and meshed well as a team this year," said Plymouth coach Tom Kimball.

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

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

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

invitational titles. They also reached the semifinals at the KLAA-Kensington Conference Tournament.

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

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

COACH OF THE YEAR BARB LEHMAN, CANTON: The Chiefs' veteran coach guided her team to another stellar campaign. Canton finished 8-0 in the inaugural season of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.



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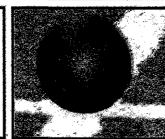
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Smoking causes 90 percent of lung cancers

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

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

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

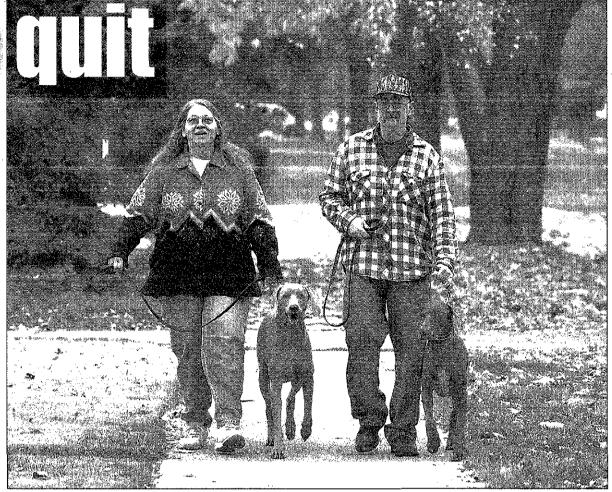
Waldman used prescription medication and the support of husband Glenn, who stopped smoking almost three years ago after acupuncture. She quit two weeks before being diagnosed with stage 1B lung cancer in March at age 54.

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

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

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

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

Great American Smokeout sets quit date

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit www. cancer.org of call 1-800-ACS-2345. "I hope people will call," said

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

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

State University. "We are actively recruiting women to join this study and encourage them to call us for additional information," said Dr. LoRusso.

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

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

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

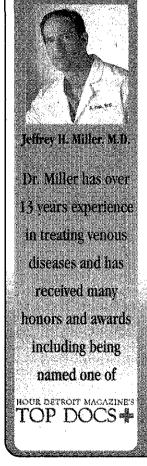
LoRusso developed the Phase I program at Karmanos, one of only 14 National Cancer

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

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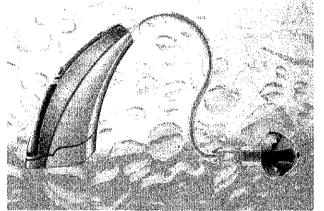
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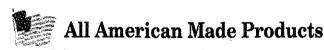
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Linda Chomin (center) and her sister Gwen Dietrich (right) walk Clancy in Plymouth with the guidance of their trainer, Bonny Wainz.

Hooray, we did it

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

Our Irish Wolfhound stands taller than



Linda Chomin

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

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

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

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

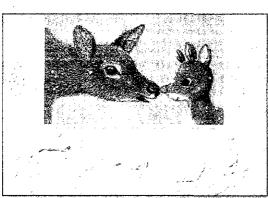
Of course, we haven't done it alone. Bonny was right there as we walked past the goats and ducks at the Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill without incidence. Clancy usually bolts when he sees another dog or a squirrel, leaving us far behind. In earlier sessions around our neighborhood, Bonny had caught our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

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

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



Holiday cheer

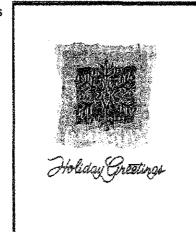


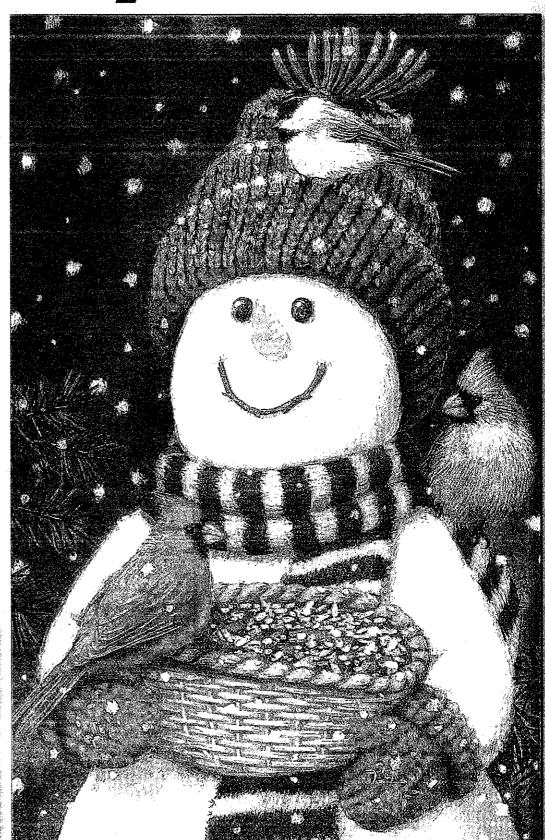
Seedlings Braille Books for Children offers "Nosey Deer" among its 10 holiday card designs this year.



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

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





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

Send a greeting that benefits charity this season

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Five dollars represents the cost of serving a home-

bound senior citizen a hot meal through the Holiday
Meals on Wheels program in 34 western and
Downriver Wayne County communities served by the
Senior Alliance — Area Agency on Aging I-C.
Unlike the Meals on Wheels program, which receives

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

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

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

Day and Easter.

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

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

Please see CARDS, C2



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



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



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



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

This card benefiting

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to deliver meals or in buying the cards directly from the agency can

call Pier at (734) 727-2060. Many other nonprofit organizations are selling greeting cards to help fund their programs and

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

mation call (248) 351-0280. ■ Band of Angels is a Rochester-Hills-based organization that advocates for educating and employing individuals with Down syndrome. Its holiday card, featuring a photo of a rosycheeked girl, sells for \$12 per set of 12 cards. Buy them at www. bandofangels.com or call (248)

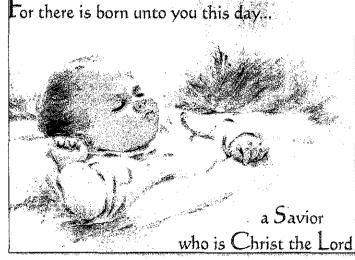
377-9309. The organization also sells note cards, calendars and other gifts.

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

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

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



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

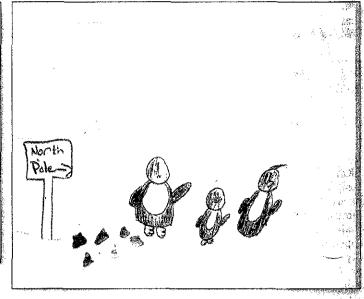
and the selection process for each year's greeting card designs. Betsy Bonnell, director of special events, said the contest helps families feel less alone in facing the challenges of dealing with leukemia or lymphoma. She said they "recognize that there are others out there facing the same challenges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

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

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

■ Humane Society of the United States — not affiliated with the Michigan Humane Society — sells a wide variety of animal-themed holiday cards, with both Christmas and Hanukkah greetings, on its Web site at www.hsus.petfulfilment. com. HSUS is an animal protection and advocacy organization.

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



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

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

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

■ Seedlings Braille Books for Children, which produces

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

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



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

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

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

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What: Gourmet dinner, dancing and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band When: Begins with hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. Black tie optional Where: Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty at Eight Mile Tickets: \$125 (includes open bar)

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

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

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Palace Suite one great auction item

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

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

12. for his or her winning bid.

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

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

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

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

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

'Forbidden Broadway' comes to Canton

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

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

This hilarious take on Broadway spotlights favorites such as Annie, Wicked and Cats. Presented by

Destination Theater, cast members include Laurane Walker, Sara Rydezewski, Patrick Ballnik, Sam Paczini, Aubrey Donnell, and Nick Rapson performing the original songs from Forbidden Broadway,

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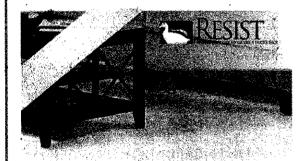
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Penner-Shaffer

Keith and Barb Penner of Brighton are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi, to Billy Shaffer. He is the son of Bill and Kathie Shaffer of Brighton, formerly of Redford Township. The Shaffer's have family in Redford Township, Livonia and Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Brighton High School. She is currently studying math education in the Honors College at Michigan State University. Once she earns her degree in Spring 2009, she plans to teach advanced placement math at



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

Geiser-Carroll

Gary Geiser of Canton and Dennis and Sandy Felt of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Geiser, to Christofer Carroll, son of Dan and Karen Carroll of Ann Arbor and Diane and Don Guice of Corning, Calif.

A fall 2009 wedding is being planned and the couple will make their home in Livonia.



Cislo-Barker

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

groom is a 1996 graduate of Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Livonia, a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 2004 graduate of Marygrove College, where he earned his master's degree. He teaches social studies at his alma mater, Stevenson High School in Livonia.

The couple plan a June 27 wedding at Grace United Methodist Church

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Golden Anniversary

Dennis and Marlene (Postl) Wutka are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The couple wed Oct. 25, 1958, at St. Veronica Church in East Detroit. Dennis and Marlene have lived in Redford Township for more than 25 years. Dennis retired from his job at Ford Motor Company in 1992, and Marlene is a housewife and mother. They have five children: Mike Wutka of Shelby Township, Ken (Debbie) Wutka of Livonia, Margaret Depman of Northville, Laura Wutka of Redford, and Steve (Lisa) Wutka of California. They have six grandchildren: Brad, Becky, Erica, Jenny, Connor and Andrew.

The Wutkas have spent summers up north, at their cottage in St. Helen, since 1988. They are snowbirds who head to Lakeland, Fla. during the winter, where they enjoy spending time with friends, basking in the warm weather, and watching the Detroit Tigers during Spring Training.

A celebration luncheon was held Oct. 12, 2008 at Emmanuel Church in Livonia. Family and dear friends attended.

The couple currently resides in South Lyon.

Performers to tell stories that are tailored for adults

O&E STAFF WRITER

Doris Cooney still gets excited about storytelling even after 40 years of sharing stories with students as a teacher at Redford Union Schools.

Cooney is retired now and in her late 80s, but continues promoting the art as a member of the Detroit Story League. On Friday, Nov. 21, she co-produces Tellabration, an evening of performances for adults at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Storytelling isn't just for kids, says Cooney, although she continues to enjoy visiting students at Coolidge Elementary in Livonia with her tales. Cooney says storytelling opens up the world for all ages.

"Tellabration is a celebration of storytelling, a worldwide storytelling event that's held the third weekend in November with storytellers on six continents, 14 foreign countries, and 44 states," said Cooney of Redford. "We get together and invite the public to listen to storytellers. It's exciting the fact the storytelling event is being held at the same time all around the world."

As in the past all of the performers for Tellabration are local tellers who are members of Detroit Story League. Although Cooney isn't tell-



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

ing at the event, she can't say enough about Judy Sima, Larry Johnson, Justina Fazzolari, and Mary Masson. All have been telling stories for years. The Music Sisters, Marilyn Flam and Sharon Schmidt, will make the introductions.

'We have remarkable storytellers this year, very diverse," said Cooney. "We'll read a proclamation before the event and hope to have a trumpeter."

Judy Sima of West

TELLABRATION

What: A worldwide celebration of storytelling for adults presented by The Detroit Story League

When: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile at Farmington Road Tickets: \$5 at the door. For more information, visit www.storytell-

Bloomfield is rehearsing Sir Gwain and the Loathely Lady, a legend that relays what's most important to women in life. Sima began telling stories to her students in Warren Public Schools around Halloween

"Storytelling is the oldest art form," said Sima. "You don't need any technology, only an audience and storyteller. You have eye contact and you're face to face. It creates a bond between people, creates emotions, laughter. If you take a moment to think about it, everybody is connected with stories whether it's listening to a minister in church or a friend telling about their vacation or children. Stories are very powerful."

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ROBERTA A. CHISNELL

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

MILDRED "MILLIE" PRICE

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



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GLADYS E. SCHUHARDT

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

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

MICHAEL S. TUBBS

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

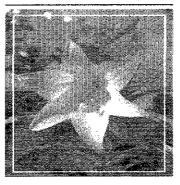
DANIEL A. WALSH

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



EVELYN M. GRONQUIST-ERIKSON-WHITE

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



can imagine what a qualified plumber is thinking these days as I write about the problems with hot water heaters. He or she is probably thinking that Joe Gagnon is

not qualified to answer plumbing questions and I must say that they are absolutely cor-

But I must also point out that when consumers are taken advantage of by the manufacturers

of these products, I am an expert. I wish that the average Joe Plumber who knows of things that are kept almost secret in the industry should be willing to get on the telephone or computer and contact Joe Gagnon. I challenge all plumbers to help me educate the general public.

Joe Gagnon

Ray writes: "I read your column in the Observer about the igniter problem in hot water tanks and decided to give you a question of my own. My problem for the last 15 to 20 vears with the old and existing tank (10 years old) is the water temperature in the morning is warm at best and as we use the hot water it warms up to

normal temperature. I keep the dial on the tank at the lower setting so that the water is semi-hot to the touch, but not hot enough to burn your hands. I do not have an insulation blanket on the tank. This is an overnight problem only. I would think that as the watercooled during the night the igniter would be triggered and the water would be kept hot. Does the water get taken from the top of the tank or the bottom? Have you ever run into this problem?"

Ray's problem may well have to do with the defective dip tube that made national news some years ago. The design fault installed by the all manufactures created a class action lawsuit involving some 22 million hot water heaters manufactured between 1993 and 1998. The dip tube, which directs the flow of water into the bottom of the tank, was breaking off and causing the sort of problem that Ray describes. I make note to Ray that he should call a qualified plumber to have the unit checked out.

Ruth writes: "Reading your article on dryer vents reminded me of something my neighbor told me. It seems the repairman for his water heater told him that from now on, all gas water heaters are being

built so that the homeowner cannot restart the pilot light, having instead to pay for a serviceman to come out and do it. Sounds far-fetched to me. Can you shed some light on this?"

I have spoken with four different plumbers who said, "Joe, say it isn't so!" They did inform me that on some of these new hot water heaters where there is a screen which surrounds the bottom, the gas igniter will not come on because the screen is plugged with dirt, animal hair etc. The screen is to be kept clean for proper operation.

Ralph writes: "Regarding your article relating to the poor quality of the water heaters being sold today, I'm pleased to report that my A.O. Smith water heater has worked flawlessly since my house was built in 1975. It is the old style glass-lined unit that does not have modern features such as an electronic igniter.

Well Ralph, it goes back to my original statement, "I am not an expert plumber but I'm just smart enough to know, they don't make them like they used to." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8am. Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2pm on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

Homes inspire holiday decorating ideas

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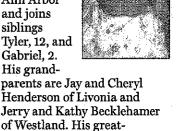
Stevie Loftis of Canton proudly announce the birth of their son, Logan Charles Bloomfield. He was born Sept. 10, 2008 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. His grandparents are Nikki Davidson of Livonia, Norma and Jean Bloomfield and Tim and Tara Everett of Plymouth. His great-grandparents are Kassie Kavanaugh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



Gavin Robert Henderson Brandon and Michelle Henderson of Canton

announce the birth of their son Gavin Robert Henderson. He was born

Sept. 5, 2008 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor and joins siblings Tyler, 12, and Gabriel, 2. His grand-



Henderson of Livonia and Jerry and Kathy Becklehamer of Westland. His greatgrandparents are Robert and Shirley Vierk of Westland and Donald Holman of Van Buren Township.

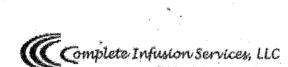


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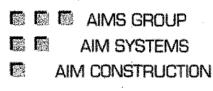
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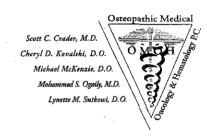
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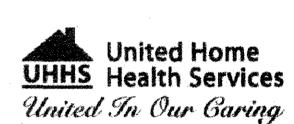














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any number of reasons. Something personal happens, like a diagnosis of arthritis, which required Ruta Mildred L. Fox to build a career requiring far less time sitting behind a

computer. Her Divine Diamonds Inc., sells the Ah Ring she created -- "a" for "available" and "h" for "happy" -- a diamond ring for single women that generated more than one million dollars in first-year sales out of her New York City apartment.

More frequently, but no less significantly, an unforeseen development occurs at work. You don't get the sale you were expecting. A market fizzles. The dollar is devalued. You realize that you're lacking a skill you need to be effective. There's no opportunity in sight. COINCIDENCE

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

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

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

Vwodek Wojczynski is regional executive manager and business consultant at RSC Business Group Inc., which trains and coaches business owners and is headquartered in Los Angeles. Wojczynski was a self-employed graphic designer with clients in North America and Europe. He noticed in business meetings that people weren't listening was easily pushed aside. I wasn't strong and I wasn't exactly a great listener. People might have seen me as arrogant. I went all over the place, didn't stay focused."

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

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

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

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Email your questions to culp@workwise.net. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)



(right) learned how to get the listening ear of others in business. He's shown here with Brandon Ling (left). a co-worker at RSC Business Group, headquartered in Los Angeles, where Wojczynski is regional executive manager and

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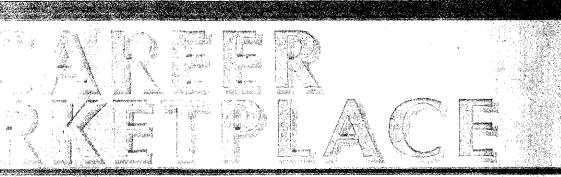


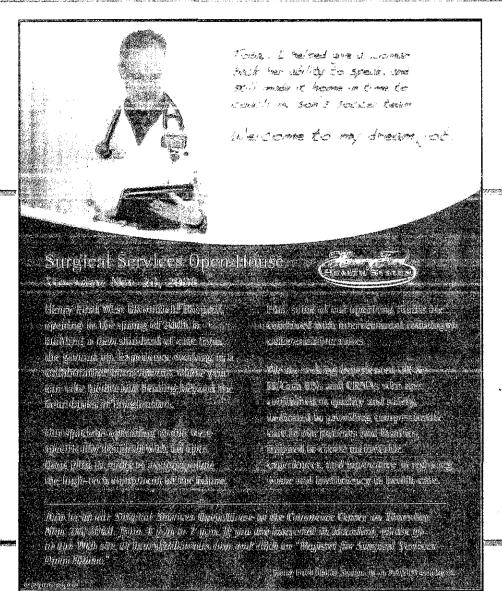
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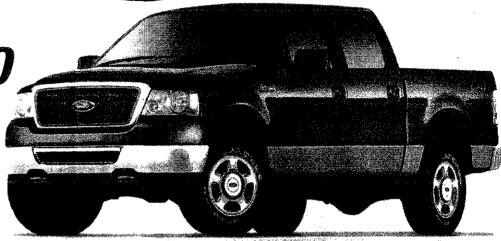
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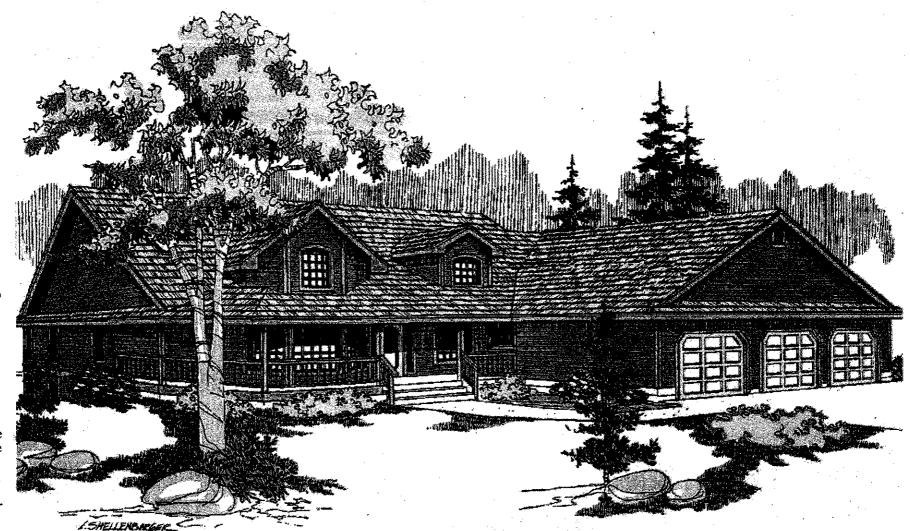
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The vaulted formal living room is pie shaped, open to the main vaulted family room. The divider between the two is the stairs to the basement. There are four skylights across the family room to give more natural light within. The fireplace is on the outside wall of the master suite with shelves on either side.

The L-shaped kitchen has an eating bar that faces the nook area along with another L-shaped area that contains the range and counter space. The walk-in pantry is across the hall, near the opening to the dining area.

The Martin was designed with two bedrooms on one side and the master suite on the other. Bedrooms 2 and 3 have wall closets, extra linen closets in the hallway area, and a shared bathroom. Across the hall is the utility room. There is a sink with a full wall length of counter space for folding

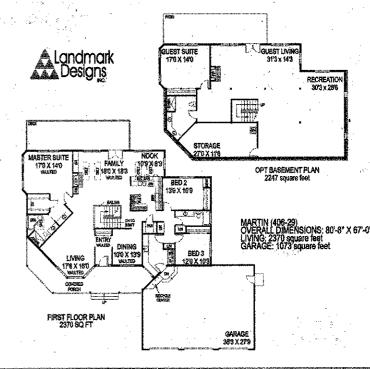
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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will hold a Lien Law seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law Act."

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003 or register online at www. builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4-5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP)

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building Professionals" course on Monday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is sponsoring a Certified Graduate seminar "Risk Management & Insurance for Building Professionals" on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

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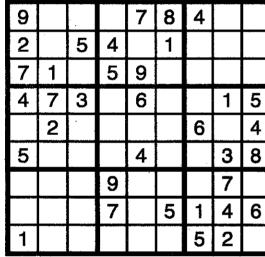
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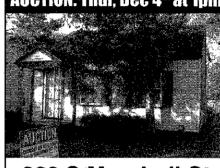
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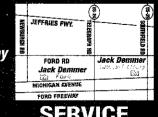
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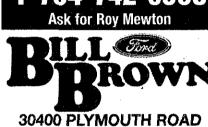
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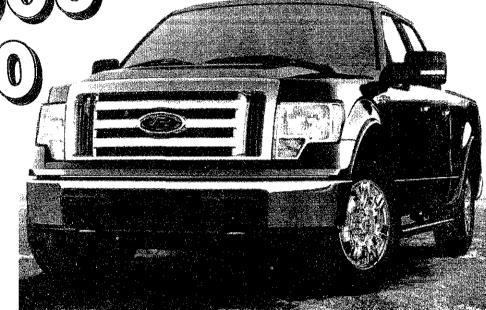
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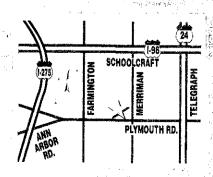
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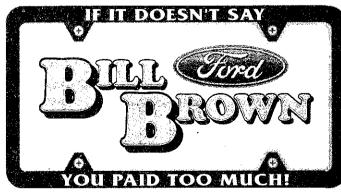
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