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## Events canceled at contaminated park

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A small group of children, who used a popular Wayne County-owned park in Westland, tested positive for exposure to lead, officials said Tuesday.

However, preliminary results indicated that only a couple of youngsters who used Central City Park may have been exposed to potentially harmful levels of lead, according to county officials and residents.

In another development, the controversy has scuttled plans to use the park next summer for events that draw hundreds of people, including Little League baseball, the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics and the cancer-fighting fund-raiser Relay for Life.

Moreover, city leaders will work with organizers of the Westland Summer Festival to determine what to do about the Fourth of July fireworks display, which typically is set off in Central City Park.

Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive, confirmed Tuesday that a "small group" of children tested positive for lead exposure based on blood samples taken Dec. 6 at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center. Results from a second round of tests Dec. 13 weren't yet available.

Helmkamp knew of only one child whose blood work showed lead levels above the 10 micrograms per deciliter that officials say could place a child at risk. Helmkamp said previous tests on that youngster had yielded similar results even before Dec. 6.

Officials can't say with certainty whether the exposure occurred in the park, located south of Westland City Hall on Ford Road east of Newburgh. Health experts have said that lead paint also can pose a threat, particularly for children 6 years old and younger. Lead can cause problems such as learning disabilities in children.

Westland resident Georgia Becker said her 12-year-old Garden City grandson — tested for lead for the first time Dec. 6 — showed levels of 16 micrograms per deciliter, above what's considered possibly harmful.

"This just sickens me," she said Tuesday. "I was hoping this wouldn't happen to anybody. He played baseball (on a league) in that park,



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Megan Buford, 7, and her brother, Jason, 5, of Westland stand in line with their grandmother Kathy Dobbstein for the lead testing done earlier this month at the Bailey Center.

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## Many happy returns

### Sale shoppers want gifts for themselves

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

A sweater that was too small had Westland resident Pamela Wood standing in the "returns" line that wound around the Westland Kohl's on Tuesday. But she planned to make her trip worthwhile.

"We're going to get socks and the essentials now that we have everything else," said Wood, who had a coupon for an extra 15 percent savings. "Now is the time, when you can get something for 50 percent off, as long as you can find the size."

Wood called her 13-year-old son, Alex, from another part of the store to hold her spot in line while she shopped for more deals. He came to Westland mall to exchange a duplicate GameBoy cartridge.

Christmas cast a new calm on local

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Michelle Carrico of Canton wrestles with a large return at Toys R Us in Westland. The Blue Thunder Monster Truck for daughters Monique and Alexis was supposed to be a Barbie Hawaiian Jeep. Shoppers headed for local stores on the day after Christmas for returns and sweet deals.

## Warming center needs volunteers

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Lighthouse Home Mission is looking for volunteers to help work at its warming center beginning Jan. 1.

Housed at the Full Gospel Temple on Palmer east of Wayne Road in Westland, the warming center will provide overnight accommodations for the homeless through March 31.

"This is our fourth year of reaching out, not only to provide a cot to sleep on, showers and food, but to help them start a better life," said Thelma Ivey, a volunteer with Lighthouse Home Mission. "The most important thing is to let them know we care for them."

Seven churches in Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Canton, support the shelter which can sleep up to 50 individuals between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m. seven days a week. Volunteers are needed to work 7-11 p.m. or 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. on the days of their choice.

Help also is needed 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to help sort clothing, work in the mission's food pantry and serve food at its soup kitchen.

"There's no state funding for the shelter, so we go to the people for help," said Ivey, a Garden City resident.

The shelter became embroiled in controversy in 2004 after the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals failed to grant a zoning variance. The decision closed the shelter, but also forced the Full Gospel to close the soup kitchen which had been in operation for many years.

Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, however, ordered the kitchen to reopen and late last year let the warming center open with a change in hours and a promise to move people out of the area during the day.

The closing stemmed from concerns expressed by residents in the area about children heading to Adams Middle School about a half mile east at the same time people were leaving the facility.

"We don't want have anyone leaving until the children are in school," said Ivey. "We want to open and have no complaints. We'll make sure to instruct them to go west toward Wayne Road, not toward the school."

The soup kitchen serves meals to the needy in the area 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

But the mission's work doesn't end there. It also handles referrals for assistance 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and opens the clothing and food bank by appointment 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Referrals can be faxed to Ivey's attention at (734) 721-2423.

"The Lord never ceases to amaze me," said Ivey. "We take people from all over, and on nights when we say we're full, we make room for more."

The Lighthouse Warming Center is based at the Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, Westland. People interested in volunteering at the warming center can call (734) 326-3885.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lillian Easterly of Livonia, care ministries pastor for NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, is driven by her own life experiences with addiction to help others in support groups at the church.

## A ministry of caring grows out of misery

BY BRAD KAORICH  
STAFF WRITER

Even at the height of her despair, it was tough to tell Lillian Easterly was in trouble.

Easterly dealt with issues created by growing up in a dysfunctional family where her father was an alcoholic — "One of my primary sources of pain," Easterly says now — by following his example and getting involved with drugs and alcohol.

As a high functioning alcoholic, Easterly could handle work, appeared to be handling her relationships and hid fairly well her addiction.

As is the case with many alcoholics, that was all a facade. The realization she was going in the wrong direction and change was need-

ed all came crashing in on Easterly during a suicide attempt 21 years ago.

After swallowing who knows how many pills with who knows how much alcohol, the revelation came suddenly for Easterly.

"I started using when I was about 14, and continued down that path for many years," Easterly said. "After that suicide attempt, God got my attention."

"What came to my heart, which I now know was God, told me, 'You don't want to die, you just don't want to hurt anymore.'"

The hurt came from the way she dealt with her issues, getting into the same problems her father had. Not long after the suicide attempt, she said, she found her way to a Christ-cen-

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## Livonia motorist killed in crash

An 84-year-old man from Livonia was killed in Southfield early Tuesday after he left his stalled car on Eight Mile Road and was struck by another vehicle.

"The crash remains under investigation," police spokesman Sgt. Michael R. Kuzila said Tuesday. "Right now, we're not releasing any names, and we don't have much to release."

The crash occurred about 4:40 a.m., east of Evergreen, the sergeant said.

The Livonia man's westbound car was stalled without lights in an active lane of traffic, Kuzila said. Another westbound motorist, identified as a 49-year-old man from Ferndale, swerved to avoid the stalled car and hit the driver, said Kuzila.

The victim was also in an active lane of traffic, said Kuzila who declined to comment about any possible traffic citations.

### Canton

Police arrested a state employee Dec. 21 at Meijer in Canton after she attempted to steal three music CDs and a package of cotton swabs.

The woman, an employee of the state's Civil Rights Division, denied stealing the merchandise but later said she didn't have enough money to make the purchases. She expressed concern that she didn't want to lose her job.

According to Canton Police reports, a Meijer security guard spotted the woman concealing the CDs in a baby seat, and then followed her until she reached the checkout lanes. Although she purchased 10 energy drinks, she had placed two of the CDs in her purse and another in her umbrella. The box of cotton swabs were in a bag.

The woman was ticketed and given an early January court date.

A Canton woman has fingered her ex-boyfriend in stealing her Vicodin prescription from Walgreen's.

The woman, 26, said she called the Ford Road store on Dec. 22 to find out the price of her prescription but was told that it had been picked up Dec. 10.

For cash purchases of prescriptions that aren't covered by insurance, Walgreen's only requires

that the buyer confirm the address of the person listed on the prescription.

The bottle of 20 pills cost \$18. After recovering surveillance film from the store, police spotted a man who fit the description of the woman's 28-year-old ex-boyfriend.

The man, who lives in Garden City, had allegedly stole other prescription drugs from the woman.

### Farmington Hills

Farmington Hills police are asking for the public's help in finding the driver and car involved in a hit and run accident at about 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, on Haggerty Road, north of Nine Mile in Farmington Hills.

A 16-year-old female Novi resident was crossing Haggerty Road at about 9 p.m. when she was struck by a newer model, dark colored 4-door vehicle, possibly Ford Taurus, which was traveling northbound.

The vehicle continued north on Haggerty without stopping, according to police. The pedestrian suffered broken bones in one

hip, arm and leg, and was transferred to Children's Hospital in Detroit, where she is currently being treated for her injuries.

The Farmington Hills Police Traffic Safety Section is investigating the incident. Chief William Dwyer requests that any witnesses or persons with knowledge of the incident contact the Farmington Hills Police Department's Command Desk at (248) 871-2610 and reference police report No. 06-10531.

A 17-year-old student is suspended indefinitely from Harrison High School after he reportedly brought a Daisy BB gun to school on Dec. 15. The student had been suspended for being involved in a fight the day prior, but was at the school with his step-father to pick up an assignment when the gun was discovered. The boy reportedly bent down to pick up a piece of paper when the gun fell out of his sweatshirt pocket.

A 17-year-old North Farmington High School student reported her purse was stolen sometime during the morning of Dec. 15. The purse was found in a boy's restroom and was turned in to the office. The wallet was reportedly missing from the purse.

### Livonia

A store employee was robbed and sexually assaulted Saturday, Dec. 23 at Fanatic U, 29243 Six Mile, according to Livonia police.

Two men walked into the store at about 8:15 p.m.

"One of them" stuck a gun in the victim's back as she tried to help them with some merchandise and physically manhandled her to get her to give the money up," said Sgt. Cory Williams. The victim did not see a gun.

The robbers took money from the store's cash register and from the victim. One of the men took the employee to a bathroom and sexually assaulted her.

"He told her he would shoot her if she came out of the bathroom," Williams said. The victim waited for five to eight minutes after he left. She ran to a nearby business to call police because the robbers also took her cell phone and store's cordless phone handset.

The case is similar to another Livonia robbery a month earlier, Williams said.

The suspects are described as black men in their mid-20s. One is about 5 feet, 4 inches tall, 140

pounds. The other is about 6 feet tall, 250 pounds.

### Redford

Redford police have a suspect in the shooting death of a 46-year-old Detroit man on Dec. 20, but no charges have been filed.

The victim was found at the Coach & Lantern Motel on Grand River at about 2 p.m. He died at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Capt. Craig Brueck said other details were being withheld because the case is still under investigation. "We're working with the prosecutor's office. We expect to request charges soon."

A shooting spree overnight Friday, Dec. 22 left at least 20 vehicles with broken windows in Redford, police said.

Shots were fired from a BB or pellet gun into cars parked near Seven Mile between Inkster and Beech Daly, police said. Nothing was taken from the vehicles.

A witness reported seeing a white man with a shaved head hanging out the passenger side of a small white car.

Anyone with information can call the Redford police detective bureau at (313) 387-2570.

A man waited in a long line to rob a Charter One bank branch inside the Kroger store at 9369 Telegraph shortly before 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, according to Livonia police.

The man reportedly told the teller, "This is a hold-up. Give me all your big bills." He then asked for the \$20 bills as well.

None of the other bank employees saw the robbery because they were busy helping other customers, police said.

The suspect is a black man, between 35 and 45 years old, standing at least 6 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing between 220 and 250 pounds. His hair was shaved along the sides and he wore black sunglasses, a black and gray running suit and black knit gloves.

The FBI is investigating.

After Christmas shopping Dec. 23, a Redford woman returned home to the 24000 block of Lyndon to find her side door kicked in and home ransacked.

About \$2,000 in jewels were taken from the master bedroom, along with a fur coat and a purse.

The burglary occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Police do not have a suspect.

More than \$4,000 worth of drills and tools were stolen from

seven vans parked in a SBC telephone company parking lot at 25195 Glendale, according to Redford police.

Sometime between 5 p.m. Dec. 22 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 26, a thief cut a hole to get into the fenced lot and broke the van windows.

### Westland

Two drivers and a passenger were being treated for injuries received Wednesday morning during a two-car accident on Warren west of Middlebelt.

A Jeep Liberty being driven west on Warren by a 51-year-old man was struck by an eastbound Dodge Neon when the Neon's 19-year-old driver crossed the center line, police Sgt. Rob Collier said.

The Neon then struck a tree, Collier said. A 47-year-old passenger in the Jeep also was being treated.

The Neon was traveling at a high rate of speed during the 7:18 a.m. accident, and Collier said possible charges are pending against the driver.

A 52-year-old Brighton man was arrested in Westland early Christmas morning on charges of impersonating a police officer and carrying a concealed weapon, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said. The suspect was arrested when real-life Westland police Sgt. Jeff Jedrusik saw him activate police emergency lights on an unmarked police car described as a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, Borisch said.

The Brighton man apparently operates a Detroit company that contracts with Ford Motor Co. to test vehicles, Borisch said.

The incident happened just after midnight on Christmas Day on Ford Road east of Hix, on Westland's west side.

Jedrusik initially believed he was coming to the aid of a police officer from another community who was making a legitimate traffic stop, Borisch said. He was going to offer back-up.

Instead, the suspect turned off the emergency lights and started driving away, prompting Jedrusik to stop him. A .380-caliber pistol was found in the car, Borisch said.

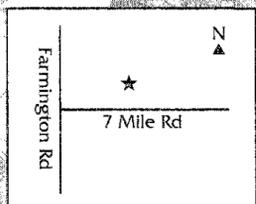
The suspect told police the emergency lights came on by accident. The man posted \$5,000 of a \$50,000 bond and is awaiting a Jan. 4 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison.

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# Fast-thinking kids help their diabetic mom

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

If mommy ever acts goofy, bring her a juice box. That's the advice Marcy Janes gave to her kids. On Dec. 11, she was glad she did.

Janes has Type 1 diabetes. That Monday morning, she didn't wake up to get her sons, Brendan and Jake, ready for school. The boys knew something was wrong.

"Mom was having a diabetic emergency," said Tom Kiurski, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department. Her blood sugar level dropped to a dangerous level.

Brendan and Jake knew what to do. "I gave her a juice box," said Jake, a first-grader at Randolph Elementary in Livonia.

"She needed sugar," said Brendan, 9.

But they couldn't get her to take a sip.

"She was too far gone to even drink the juice box," Kiurski said.

The kids tried to give her a candy cane instead. They also called their aunts.

Aunt Jane Slipek of Westland came over immediately and called 9-1-1. Paramedics delivered glucose.

"(Patients with this condition) generally come back pretty quickly after that," Kiurski said. "She didn't even go to the hospital."

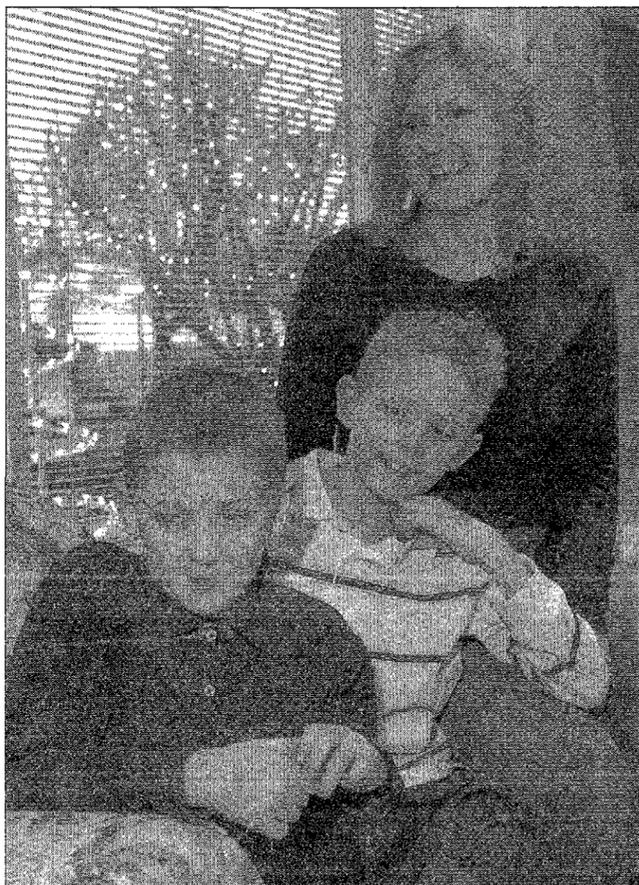
"And then we fixed her a peanut butter and jelly sandwich," Brendan said.

Marcy Janes, a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, hasn't had a diabetic emergency like that in many years, but she trained her sons what to do just in case.

On Dec. 21, Kiurski, the fire chief, and three paramedics from Station 6 who responded to the medical call, visited the Janes family to congratulate Brendan and Jake.

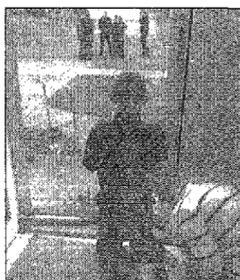
"You guys did the right thing when you were supposed to," Kiurski said. The boys got certificates, stuffed animals, firemen's helmets and stickers.

"I'm very proud. They did exactly what they've been told to do," Janes said. She also commended the fire department for the way they praised her sons.



Marcy Janes and sons Jake and Brendan.

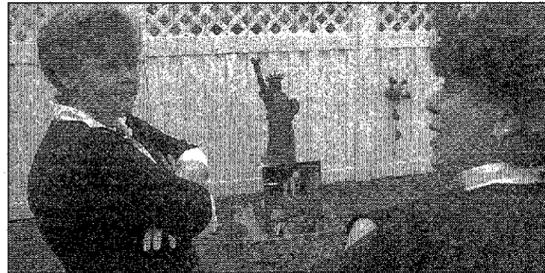
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Jake and Brendan Janes watch the firefighters gathering for their visit to the Janes family.



Brendan and Jake Janes got to meet with John McKee, Matt Niemczewski, and David Bostater. Jerry Eizen, who is also on the crew, is not pictured.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Maureen Hassien, here with niece Sheri Barber of Westland, is happy that her late husband Bud's Statue of Liberty was returned.

# Return of 'Lady Liberty' brightens widow's Christmas

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

She left with a thief in the night and was returned by an angel in the morning.

The cherished Statue of Liberty replica stolen from a Canton woman's garden in late November was returned during the early hours of Christmas.

"That just made my day," said Maureen Hassien, whose plea to get the statue back was highlighted in the Dec. 21 Canton Observer. "In less than a week, all the (media attention) brought her home."

The 30-inch tall replica was a gift to Hassien's deceased husband, Assim "Bud" Hassien.

"This was our first Christmas without him so it had been a very hard week for me," said Maureen, who was married to Bud for 32 years. "It seems like him and God brought her back on what they knew would be our worst day."

Known for his longtime fondness of Lady Liberty, Bud Hassien planned to visit the national monument in October, but died of a heart attack just weeks before the scheduled trip.

The statue's theft only worsened the family's grieving process.

"I was so angry that someone had taken her but when she came back, I couldn't stop crying tears of joy," said Hassien's niece, Sheri

Barber of Westland. "This changed the whole spirit of our Christmas."

The 50-pound statue, affectionately referred to as "The Lady," was placed on Maureen's doorstep between 2-7 a.m.

"I could see something out there and when I opened the door, my legs just started shaking," Maureen said. "I just picked her up and brought her in the house. I couldn't believe she had come home."

Besides a small nick at the hemline of her robe and another near her seven-point crown, the cement replica is in good condition. The family plans to permanently attach it to the pedestal still standing in Hassien's garden.

"If someone tries to take it again, they're going to get a major backache," Maureen chuckled, glancing at the statue sitting near her fireplace.

Barber, who attended midnight Mass with Hassien, said she asked God to give her aunt strength to make it through her first Christmas as a widow.

"I said a prayer and I had hope," she said. "There's no excuse for stealing, but I'm glad whoever took it had a change of heart."

Maureen said she has no hard feelings toward the statue's thief.

"Thank you for bringing her back but please don't do it again — to anyone," she said.



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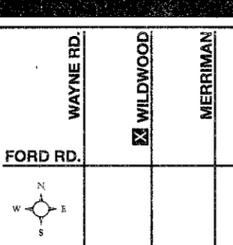
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# Late President Ford remembered fondly

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Bill Broomfield has a lot of good memories of President Gerald Ford from their years representing Michigan in Congress together.

"I served with him all through his congressional career," said the retired congressman, reached Wednesday morning at his suburban Washington, D.C., home. Ford, who died Tuesday night in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 93, came to Congress in 1948.

"He was a very decent and honorable man," said Broomfield, a Republican. "He was just a great person. Everybody liked him."

Broomfield believes Ford's legacy will be restoring decency and honesty to the presidency following the Watergate scandal. "Our country needed that kind of leadership," said Broomfield, who approved of the pardoning of President Richard Nixon. "It was a healing process and I think most people understood that."

Broomfield advocated for Ford to be



Former President Gerald Ford at an appearance at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

House minority leader and later vice president when Spiro Agnew resigned. He and his wife, Jane, just got their annual Christmas card from the Fords.

"Betty Ford and my wife are very close."

"I think he did an awful lot for Michigan, too," Broomfield added.

"Michigan really benefited a great deal."

He recalled being with Ford, Jimmy Carter and Henry Kissinger on a delegation to represent the U.S. when Egypt's Anwar Sadat was assassinated.

"I was deeply saddened by his passing,"

Broomfield said of Ford. "I feel I've lost a great friend."

Democratic Congressman John Dingell said in a statement, "Gerald Ford and I came from different sides of the aisle, but we forged a wonderful friendship as we served Michigan together in the House of Representatives. When his nation called on him to serve this country in the most difficult of times, he rose up and held the country together. It will certainly be his legacy."

"I will remember him fondly and I will miss him dearly," Dingell concluded.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm has directed all U.S. flags to fly at half staff to comply with federal law, and encourages residents and nongovernmental entities to follow suit.

"The nation has lost a president, but Michigan has lost a native son who honored us with his service to our state and nation," she said in a statement. Granholm praised Ford's leadership and decency from his days at the University of Michigan on to Congress and the presidency.

## PARK

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and we've always had birthday parties in the park."

Becker said her grandson, along with other family members, also helped build a children's playscape and attended some Relay for Life activities in Central City Park.

Becker said her grandson, who spent his early years growing up in a mobile home built in 1985, has no other known exposure to lead, such as lead-based paint. She said the boy has an appointment Friday with his pediatrician for further examination.

On Tuesday, Helmkamp said it is his understanding that the Dec. 6 blood tests found no elevated levels of lead in any adults. Most Wayne County officials weren't available for comment this holiday week.

In all, nearly 100 children and adults showed up Dec. 6 for the free blood tests. A much smaller number got tested a week later.

In yet another development, Helmkamp confirmed Tuesday that water samples taken from Friendship Lake in the park showed no problem with lead.

The controversy over Central City Park erupted in early November as Mayor Sandra Cicirelli moved to close the park until cleanup efforts can be approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Only a paved walking path around the perimeter has remained open.

Park users became angry after learning that city, county and MDEQ officials had known about elevated levels of lead for several years, based on soil samples from several

years ago.

Soil tests also found other contaminants, including arsenic, cyanide, mercury, PCBs and pesticides, but officials said those weren't in elevated levels considered potentially harmful.

Officials have said they didn't believe the lead contamination posed a serious health threat. They have said most of the elevated levels of over 400 parts per million were found on the western ball diamonds and, to a lesser extent, the soccer fields.

Officials have said the park was used as a former dump site by county road workers from the 1930s to the 1970s.

Meanwhile, Westland's plans to host the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics have been postponed a year. Instead, Canton, which was supposed to host the 2008 Olympics, will switch with Westland.

"We've already arranged to switch with Canton," said Cicirelli, who will leave her mayoral job Jan. 1 to become a Westland district judge.

The 2007 Relay for Life event is expected to be moved from Central City Park to Jaycee Park in Westland. Local and county officials also will try to find alternate sites for Little League baseball.

"My gut feeling is that we're not going to get this (park remediation) wrapped up in time for the baseball season," Westland City Council President William Wild said.

Helmkamp pledged that county officials will help the city in the event that cleanup efforts can move forward quickly.

"We're hoping for the best but planning for the worst," he said.

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Runners who experience injuries such as a patello-femoral pain syndrome ("runner's knee") may want to avail themselves of a method of rehabilitation that seeks to correct flaws in their stride. Abnormal running mechanics are factors in many running injuries, and in most cases, these flaws can be corrected. The failure to correct form flaws in response to injuries may only invite the same problem to return after the original injury heals. While many physical therapists try to correct stride flaws indirectly by prescribing strengthening and stretching exercises that are designed to correct muscle imbalances, proponents of gait retraining believe that is just the first step. Modifying running mechanics helps reduce stresses that lead to injury. As a runner, there may be times when common injuries occur even when good running habits are practiced. When you are faced with such problems, a visit to a physical therapist for treatment and rehabilitation may be in order. For physical therapy care, call the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-9370. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients gladly accepted.

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**MINISTRY**

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tered 12-step program at a church that taught her to be completely honest about everything.

"I'm so grateful for that," she said. "That's what drives me today, getting more people to realize that kind of honesty is the only way to have joy. You have to stop being fake."

**DOESN'T HURT**

She doesn't hurt anymore, at least not that way, and now she dedicates her life to helping others escape the same kinds of pain. Easterly, a Livonia resident, found her way to NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township after attending one of its "Glory of Christmas" productions and hearing senior pastor Brad Powell speak.

"It was clearly a God thing," she said. "He spoke to me very clearly about making that change."

She left the church she'd been attending for 10 years and is now happily ensconced at NorthRidge. Starting as a volunteer, she began the "Life Share" ministry and attending Bible college. When she graduated, she said, she sought advice from Powell about a life direction and pitched him the idea about her ministry.

Now she's been on staff for six years and serves as the care ministries pastor, coordinating the activities of some 67 support groups for everything from divorce to addiction. "Out of your misery comes your ministry," Easterly said, smiling.

Easterly's honesty and openness is one of the things that attracted Beth (the *Observer* is withholding her last name at her request), a Canton woman who leads the ministry's Women of Serenity addictions support group.

Beth, who acknowledges "I was a mess" before being saved, said Easterly's attitude was "refreshing."

"When I first went there, Lillian was real open about it," Beth said. "It wasn't church-ish. It wasn't, 'here's what you did wrong,' it was more 'I know what you're feeling, and I know a way out.'"

**'AWESOME PROGRAM'**

Like Beth, Mike Smith of Westland is a recovering alcoholic. Smith, a musician who plays at the church, is a member of the church's Celebrate Recovery group for people with alcohol addictions.



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Lillian Easterly of Livonia, the care ministries pastor at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, helps coordinate the activities of some 67 support groups at the church, which draws membership from all over Wayne County.

"It's really an awesome program," Smith said. "It's a place you can go where you don't have to be afraid of who you are, you don't have to put on any masks. You're not judged; there's just a lot of help."

Smith attributes much of that to Easterly, who he said has "tremendous compassion for people."

"Lillian has taken that program to unbelievable levels; in my opinion, it's the most important part of the church," he said. "She has caring and compassion for those who are in need. God works through her really well, and she really has a passion for that ministry."

Easterly shrugs off the praise with the air of someone who's simply doing what she loves. The church is getting ready for an increase in need after the first of the year, when people start taking stock of their lives and vowing changes.

"There's a contemplation that always comes after New Year, people start looking at their lives," Easterly said. "If people coming through our doors aren't in a state of crisis now, they will be. It's inevitable, it's just reality. Our doors are open to anyone."

Helping people sort out their problems is something Easterly, who got so much help with her own, loves to do.

"I have the privilege of entering into people's pain with them and then seeing God show up and do a miracle," she said. "I think I get more out of it than they do, and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

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**SHOPPERS**

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stores. Shelves that had been picked over and in disarray days earlier were in neat order with new sale signs Dec. 26.

At Westland mall, shoppers could find sweaters for \$15, leather coats for \$85 and half off everything from the toy store to the calendar kiosk.

Macy's and J.C. Penney both offered extra savings until noon, which helped draw shoppers.

"I'm going to have lunch and see what the after Christmas sales are like — for as long as my

energy lasts," said Detroit resident Molly Thiry, who entertained on Christmas. "It's fun for a while."

"So far, so good. No returns," said Susan Mullen of Westland, who came to the mall empty-handed and planned to leave with Boxing Day gifts for her in-laws in Windsor.

The parking lot at Target on Ford Road in Canton was full, but there was no waiting at the returns counter.

Everyone shuffled through the aisles at the back of the store where Christmas decorations had been marked down by at least half.

Cyndy Masciulli of Canton and her two eager children filled their cart in the toy department.

"They just got money for Christmas so we figured we'd shop," said Masciulli. Her son, who gave his age as 4.2 years old, found good deals, like a Spider-Man Adventure Zone tent marked down to \$7.48, from \$30.

Outside, Shannon Larson rearranged the contents of her Jeep Laredo, trying to make room for three cartfuls of merchandise — including stocking stuffers for next year.

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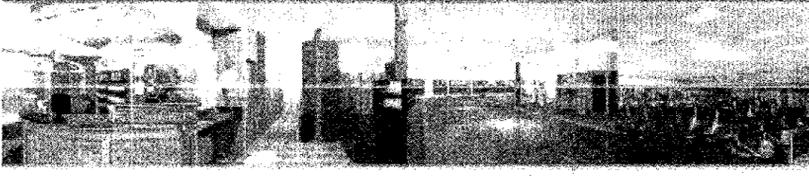


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OUR VIEWS

## Help put an end to drunken driving

Despite years of public education by law enforcement agencies and groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving, people continue to die on our highways in alcohol-related accidents.

Last year, 16,885 lives were lost — almost one every half hour, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

That's only a slight improvement from 2004 when 16,919 people died in drunken-driving accidents nationwide.

The New Year's holiday period continues to be one of the deadliest times of year, with 67 percent of all fatal crashes in Michigan involving alcohol.

Michelle Compton, director of MADD's Oakland County chapter, calls drunken driving the "public health equivalent of polio in the 1950s," with 3 out of every 10 Americans being involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

The national organization recently announced a four-point campaign aimed at wiping out drunken driving in the next 10 years.

The campaign calls for having:

- Interlock ignition devices installed for a probationary period in the vehicles of first-time drunken drivers;

- A higher visibility of law enforcement including roadside sobriety checks.

- A partnership of insurance companies, automobile makers and governmental agencies marketing a device for the inside of vehicles to deter drunken driving and be as revolutionary as seat belts and;

- A stronger network of agencies to fight drunken driving.

But no campaign will be 100-percent effective until everyone takes personal responsibility for his or her behavior.

If you drink and drive, pledge now to stop.

Even a small amount of alcohol — depending on your mood, how much you've eaten, any medications you're taking and how fast you drink — can affect your driving abilities.

If you drink, stay put or ask a designated driver to take you home.

The life you save may be your own or that of a loved one.

If you don't drink and drive, continue to be a good example to those around you and share with others the sobering statistics you've just read.

## Michigan remains a great place to live

It seems in recent years that Michigan bashing has become a bit of an art.

That was especially the case during the last election when some politicians chose to paint a very bleak picture about our state. Some television campaign ads were particularly troubling, showing empty stadiums, empty cities and portraying a state in utter decline.

You would have thought that everyone had left the state and just forgot to turn off the lights.

That just isn't the case, however. New population estimates that came out this week from the U.S. Census Bureau show the state's population has remained steady, and is practically unchanged over the last two years. Our population is 10,095,643, which is down only 5,000 from last year. We actually had an increase of 7,000 people in 2005, so we're actually up 2,000 people over 2004.

And while there has been some out-migration as people go elsewhere to find work (115,000 people between 2000 and July of this year), the new census numbers show there was worse out-migration in the early 1960s, mid-1970s and especially in the early 1980s.

Despite the economy, which is struggling because of radical changes in the manufacturing sector, Michigan is still a great place to live. Most of us know that.

Just think of all the great things our state has to offer.

We have one of the world's largest concentrations of fresh water, which provides us with an unparalleled source of recreation, from boating to fishing to thousands and thousands of miles for walks on the beach. It also provides us with wonderful drinking water, something that is becoming more and more scarce in some parts of the nation.

The overall quality of life is still pretty decent in Michigan. We have good hospitals, good schools, and a relatively clean environment. Our natural resources are plentiful, and have been a driving force of our economy since the state was first populated. And despite some funding challenges, public education is still a priority in this state.

We are still home to the automobile, and as such, have attracted some of the most talented engineers in the world. The rise of Automation Alley is a testament to the fact that Southeast Michigan is home to one of the nation's most important high-tech centers. It is clear Michigan has more to offer than just manufacturing jobs.

In fact, we have the tools in place here in Michigan to be a leader in the development of alternative energy sources, something many pundits believe will be critical to the future survival of our nation and our planet.

Perhaps, as we enter a new year, we — especially our leaders — should begin to celebrate our wonderful state. Being a Michigander is something to be proud of.



### LETTERS

#### Lightfest wonderful

As a Livonia resident who lives near Hines Park, I never took the time to actually visit the Wayne County Lightfest until 2004, when I was pregnant with my first child.

I was very impressed then and I was even more impressed again tonight, as my husband and I took our now 21-month-old daughter to the very park where we ride our bikes all summer long and I have to say I was proud to be a Wayne County resident!

For a donation of a mere \$5, visitors can choose two lanes to drive along the approximately 7-mile stretch and see the many eye-catching displays of color and light.

It was so exciting to watch the displays through the eyes of our daughter, who is now only starting to "get" Santa. Various religions were represented and I'm sure as we drive through the display a couple of years from now, my husband and I will have a great opportunity to describe the different religions to our daughter.

But for now, there were plenty of displays of snowmen, Santa's sleighs, reindeer, gingerbread houses and Nutcrackers and even a patriotic flag, complete with fireworks to bring smiles and wide eyes to the eyes of toddlers, as well as small kids and big kids alike!

The North Pole is represented and so is Santa's Flight School, where you can watch baby deer take off on practice leaps.

If you haven't driven through the Wayne County Lightfest with your family, I strongly recommend you pop in a Christmas CD, sit back, relax and enjoy the beauty of the season. And if you have a child, try remembering the excitement of this time of year through their eyes.

Congratulations to Wayne County for hosting such a wonderful family event that gets better each year!

Happy holidays to all!

Janice Fritz Ryken  
Livonia

#### Park horror stories

This letter is about the lead levels in Central City Park. I was truly hoping that no one would have positive findings of lead. Well, how wrong I was. My 12-year-old grandson has elevated levels of lead. He will be going to his doctor this week to have a full metal testing. The rest of this family seems to have tested normal, whatever that means.

Ms. (Mayor Sandra) Cicirelli, you may be a judge, not with my help, but I still hold you responsible for this not being brought to our attention a long time ago. We will see where this goes after my grandson has further testing.

I have also heard some other horror stories. One example: a group of women have played softball on our diamonds for a number of years. So far one had a full metal test and they have found arsenic and a number of other metals. Hopefully the others will have this testing done too.

Not surprised.

Georgia Becker  
Westland

#### Pipe dream

The rationale behind government's latest proposed welfare scheme, Granholm's Promise Scholarship is "a more educated

work force will draw more businesses to Michigan." I guess if you repeat enough times a statement with some surface plausibility, it becomes the incontestable truth. Scratch an inch below the surface with a minimum of critical thinking, however, and economic reality will show that this is just another pipe dream of professional bureaucrats.

For one (as Steve Sutton noted in an earlier letter), a subsidized increase in demand without a market-driven increase in supply will result in higher prices, making the subsidy irrelevant while pricing some current, unsubsidized customers out of the market.

Secondly, employees are much more mobile than businesses. It is much easier for an educated work force to move toward opportunity than for a business to set up shop in a state where an increasing tax grab will be required to "educate" the work force. Michigan's brain drain will only be exacerbated by this latest gimmick from the tax-and-spenders in Lansing.

Third, all the pink slipped automotive professionals in this state already provide a pool of available talent for entrepreneurs who really thought Michigan was a good place to do business. Why aren't those new businesses flocking to this state if, as Granholm says, the only thing stopping them is an uneducated work force?

While most Michigan residents will suffer because of this latest proposed outrage, there are always some winners. And the winners are the government schools and their unionized and tenured staff, the ultimate recipient of this taxpayer-funded largesse. Other Michigan residents, not the privileged members of this pampered oligarchy, are going to foot the bill. Should we really be surprised?

Jerry Smith  
Farmington

#### Loyal to Farmington

We lived in the City of Farmington the last time merger was an issue. Residents compared our lower taxes and better services and saw no advantage to being absorbed into a bigger government.

Politicians speak of cutting costs and improving efficiency, promises that are quickly forgotten. We already share schools and libraries. The city has excellent police and public works departments and small-town friendliness. When or if it comes to a vote, nothing will change. Farmington residents are loyal.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

#### No more

No more troops for Iraq, period. We have to find a way to pull our troops out Iraq without the country falling in to total chaos. Sending in more troops will not achieve anything but adding to the total number of deaths.

Clayton Scott  
Farmington

#### Can't stop McCotter

As time goes by, the impact of decisions made becomes apparent and amplified. The decision by some in our community to send Thaddeus McCotter back to Washington, D.C., is one of those. McCotter was an original co-sponsor of HR-5193, the Iran

Freedom Support Act, which was introduced in the 108th Congress by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla.

In 2005, Rep. Ros-Lehtinen reintroduced the legislation amending the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 to eliminate mandatory sanction provisions respecting Libya. Libya has for a long time been led by a dictator and has a government and court system based on fancy and whim. It is a cruel place.

Just recently that nation, which McCotter feels should be spared sanctions, condemned five nurses and a doctor to death. The nurses traveled from Bulgaria and the doctor from Palestine. Libya claims that they infected 400 children with a genetically modified virus causing them to have AIDS. An organization representing the children claimed it was done on behalf of foreign intelligence agencies.

It is said that cries of "God is great!" and "Long live the Libyan judiciary!" were heard as the verdict of death was read by the judge.

Scientific evidence proving that the hospital is filthy and harbored AIDS before the nurses arrived was, incredibly, "too late to be submitted in court."

It's too late to pull McCotter back. He's back in Washington again.

His message is amplified too — he is part of a rock and roll band called The Second Amendments.

Al Brock  
Canton

#### Stop wasting money

Once again, Canton feels the need to spend money on items that provide very little return.

Each day, I drive north and south on Sheldon Road and Lilley Road and get my teeth rattled. It is so reassuring to know that there is a \$57,000 piece of art gracing Ford Road and Canton Center. Each day, as people try to get through the intersection, I am sure they will thoughtfully gaze at the sculpture and measure its finer qualities.

Hopefully Supervisor Tom Yack will once again pick up his telephone and call me at 10 p.m. to tell me how little my opinion counts, as he did when I expressed my displeasure at the millions of dollars spent on the Ford Road beautification project. I look around each day in utter amazement at the lack of foresight in the planning of Canton Township.

Albert D. De Grazia  
Canton

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# Making China's economic rise work for Michigan's future

Quick, name three things that Michigan has that China does not. No, the correct answer is not the "trinity" of Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and the larger than life Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Nor is it the lousy Detroit Lions, potted roads or the almost-World Champion Detroit Tigers.

It is clean air, clean water and a pristine environment. Those who have lived in Michigan for a number of years know that this was not always the case. The early days of our industrial strength witnessed the pollution of our air, our rivers, streams and lakes. Yet, as kids will say, "that was then and this is now." Certainly, we have yet to reach any "environmental nirvana," as any Michigan environmental group will be quick to point out. However, by nearly any measure, we have come a long way.

If you have traveled in China recently, your burning eyes will testify that along with their economic boom over the past quarter of a century, with double-digit economic increases on an annual basis, has come with a stiff environmental price — polluted air, rivers, streams and lakes.

China's environmental problems are not just limited to their political borders. Air and water pollution do not stop at the artificial boundaries marked on world maps. When we talk about "China's rise," it is more than just their economic mass, it is also pollution that is rising as well.

Clearly China's economic rise has come with a heavy and choking toll on the environment. The factories that are producing much of what will lay under your Christmas tree this year are fueled by dirty coal spewing out soot and fouling the air and water. Further complicating the problem is growing auto pollution. It is predicted that there will be seven times the number of cars on China roadways in 2020 than there were in 2004, and the Chinese auto market is expected to surpass the U.S. market in 10 years.

China's energy needs are as great or greater than their environmental needs as they continue to emerge from the horrors of the Cultural Revolution and other ill-forgotten national policies that held the sleeping dragon back for much of the 20th century. The Chinese will need to invest in energy production in an environmentally sensible way.

According to the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, the Chinese need to invest nearly \$2 trillion in new power plants and transmission by 2030. Will the energy be clean? Can Michigan clean up by helping the Chinese meet these two mounting demands?

Many reports coming out of China point to

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the fact that Chinese leaders are recognizing the huge problem of pollution and are encouraging new green technology to address these issues lest they choke off the economic dragon that is lifting many Chinese out of poverty and providing the stability the Chinese Communist Party will pay any price to maintain.

America remains number one in two categories today: economic output and the world's leading emitter of greenhouse gases. However, according to the International Monetary Fund, by 2040 or sooner, China could surpass us in both categories.

There is an economic doom and gloom hanging in the Michigan air like a smoggy day in Beijing. With the daily barrage of bad news from the auto industry and the continued loss of manufacturing jobs polluting our minds, it is easy to lose the forest for the trees.

Yet, China's problems could and should be seen by Michigan's leaders and entrepreneurs as our opportunities. China is sitting on an escalating energy and environmental crisis in addition to as much as \$1 trillion of foreign currency, much of that U.S. currency, seeking investment opportunities. Can Michigan help build environmentally friendly power plants in China, clean the air, help purify the water and put our people to work doing so?

Our state has a recent rich history of protecting our drinking water, reclaiming our rivers, streams and lakes while fueling our industrial needs. Through our creativity, innovation and can-do spirit we have the ability to take Michigan off economic life support and export our knowledge and products on the global stage.

Michigan must have the goal of becoming the brain bank of the world when it comes to auto technology, alternative energy and environmental entrepreneurship. As the state that protects our streams, air and rivers and stands tall as the protector of the Great Lakes, Michigan must seek ways to export this knowledge, technology and products to China.

How is that for clearing the air with China?

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Tom Watkins

# Change Michigan headlines to employment, economic growth

Jobs. Disposable income. People. What do all these things have in common? The answer is simple — out of Michigan. For many years, our state has suffered significantly due to job losses, particularly in the automotive sector, thus making our state No. 1 in unemployment in the entire nation. As unfortunate as it may seem, the realism is there and we must do something as soon as possible to restore our great state to the economy glory and boom that we once cherished.

Jobs are continuing to pour out of our great state to our neighboring states, as well as those states in warmer climates. Why is this? It's because we here in Michigan have an unfriendly business environment.

For example, we have the Single Business Tax that has been the talk of being revamped. We have school districts across the country that are luring our teachers away because of bonuses and repayments of their educational loans, and states that are pitching big tax breaks for companies that want to do business in those states. The list goes on and on and on while Michigan's economy moves out as fast as a click of a switch.

Disposable income is such a significant economic boost to any location. For example, when Michigan was in the running for Boeing Corp. to locate the assembly plant for its new Boeing 7E7 Dreamliner in northeast lower Michigan, other states had better packages in place, therefore we lost an opportunity for thousands of jobs directly related to Boeing, as well as spinoff jobs being located here in southeast Michigan.

The infusion of disposable income in the local and state economy would have been vital in that more businesses would have flourished near the plant, more homes would have been built, more office space, etc.

Michigan didn't win the contract! This says a lot. It says to Boeing and other companies that Michigan is not a great place to do business. However, I believe we are a great place to do business, but this greatness must be met with the support of our lawmakers in Lansing and Washington. We offered Boeing \$300 million in tax incentives over a 20-year period, whereas Washington state offered it \$3 billion over 20 years. Washington's proposal was more aggressive than Michigan's. Hopefully, we will land a Boeing contract in Michigan in the next 10-12 years, the next time that Boeing will develop a new aircraft.

Our great state of Michigan has such a skilled and talented work force. Our strong aerospace industry would have served a log-

ical fit for Boeing to locate a plant here. Boeing has failed to land in Michigan and has landed elsewhere and billions of dollars to Michigan went with it.

People are leaving Michigan at a rate as fast as those people moving into states that offer better weather, a better business climate and jobs. That's plain and simple. We need to reverse this trend as fast as we can and not be complacent in sustaining our job losses here. It seems like that's the direction we are headed.

Our state must invest in its people, invest in its businesses, invest in education system, invest in health care. I just cannot stress how important it is to invest in Michigan. All this can take place with the strike of a pen in Lansing, where our lawmakers have been tasked with the responsibility to look out for the best interests of our state. We have such a talented and skilled workforce here that we can diversify our economy all across the board.

The automotive industry was certainly a driving force of Michigan's economy and has contributed to thousands of jobs, as well as job losses. Why the job loss? Because of fierce competition, particularly amongst Asian automakers. There are so many reasons why we have suffered here in Michigan. Our state is a center for education, medicine, manufacturing, technology, aerospace, financial services, etc. We must capitalize on these sectors by supporting them.

Our great state laid the foundation that put the world on wheels, however, we must grow beyond the automotive sector, in not only supporting them, but supporting Michigan farmers who help feed America and the world, help the scientific community as they are looking to find cures to the leading diseases of the day, support industries such as alternative energy in helping to deliver new energy alternatives to our citizens rather than depending on foreign oil, help boost our tourism industry to help fill in those hotel rooms in Michigan's landmark sites such as Traverse City and Mackinac Island, etc.

I urge our top policy makers in Lansing to pass legislation that would pay dividends for job creation, family finances, small government and low taxes. We must enact tax cuts to relieve Michigan citizens and business as they are suffering. Let's cut all this government spending in Lansing and invest in Michigan people. Let's reverse the statistic as being No. 1 in unemployment and be No. 1 in job growth. And let the headlines read: "Jobs are moving into Michigan," and "Michigan is America's No. 1 economy."

Mike Rogers of Farmington Hills is an Oakland County commissioner for the 14th District, Farmington Hills.



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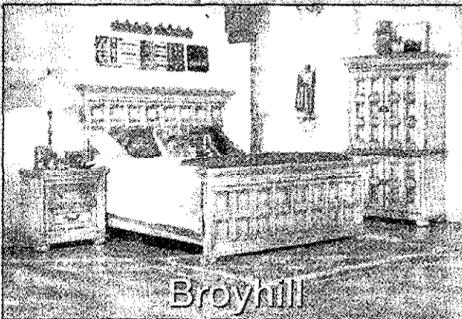
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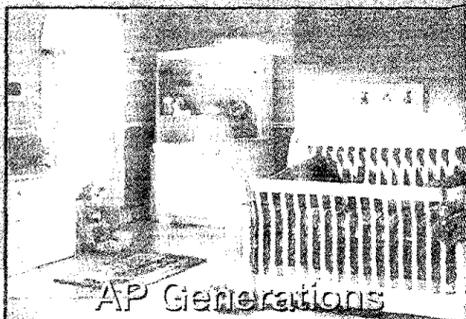
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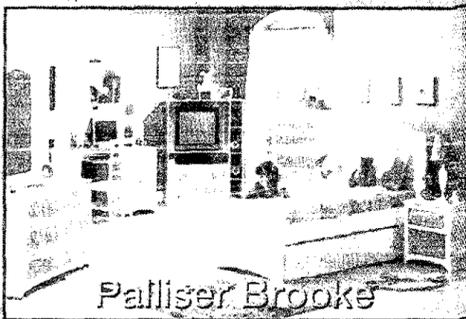
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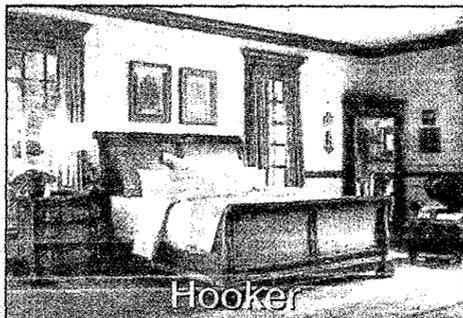
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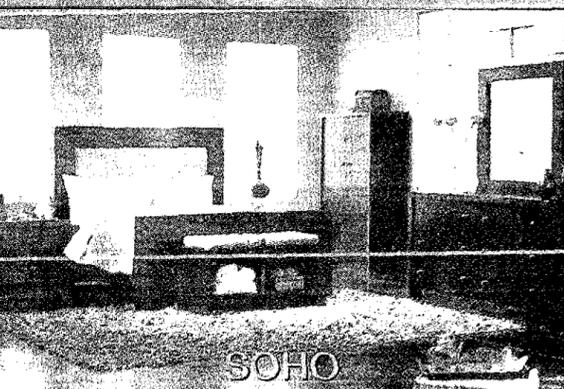
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# Veteran reporter gives inside look at governor's race

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

The title of Tim Skubick's entertaining, behind-the-scenes book on the just-completed governor's race is *See Dick and Jen Run*. Over the last year Skubick has been doing a lot of running himself in pursuit of the two candidates, Dick DeVos and Jennifer Granholm.

In fact he's still running. Last week he was late for an interview to promote his book because the successful candidate, Gov. Granholm, was holding a dour press conference on Michigan's uncertain economic future.

Skubick is the dean of the Lansing press corps who seems to be everywhere at once - as a reporter for several television and radio stations, a syndicated columnist and host of Michigan Public Television's *Off The Record*, a must-see for state political junkies. He has covered Lansing for more than 30 years, dating back to Gov. Bill Milliken.

It's that full menu and special access to the candidates that gives his book its special appeal and immediacy.

The book itself was written on the run, in real time, as Skubick and other reporters tracked the most expensive and one of the most interesting gubernatorial campaigns in Michigan history. The format allowed Skubick to turn the book around quickly for his publishers The University of Michigan Press and The Petoskey Publishing Company.

"It may sound crass, but the book had to get out soon after the election," Skubick said. "If I had written it after the election, it would have been March or April until I finished. I finished it the day after the election. I quote Dan Mulhern (Jennifer Granholm's husband) 'brilliant marketing' end quote."

Brilliant marketing was also key to Granholm's spectacular



Veteran capital reporter Tim Skubick gives an insider's view of the recent gubernatorial campaign in *'See Dick and Jen Run.'*

turnaround. Early in the campaign DeVos, a wealthy Grand Rapids businessman, began a media blitz of commercials while Granholm held back.

"We were wondering, 'When are you going to start your ads and erase his 20 point lead.' But she made the right call, preserved her stash of cash until the end. I missed that," Skubick said.

The book's real-time format allows Skubick to brag about his scoops but it also honestly portrays those times when he and other reporters "missed it."

### CONTRASTING CANDIDATES

Skubick clearly likes DeVos and Granholm.

"I like them both, personally. Professionally, I could give a hoot," he said.

But to the public, DeVos seemed awkward.

"In private he was personable. People I met universally said, 'He's not what I thought

he would be,'" Skubick said. "There is a stereotype about billionaires being aloof and above everyone."

Skubick said he tells a story about DeVos visiting a nursing home and spending time talking individually with the residents.

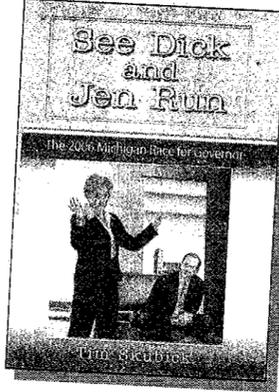
On the other hand, Granholm was made for the media.

"I call it the Granholm magic," he said. "Her staff call her a rock star, I'm not ready to go there. But she lights up a room."

He said she has a way of making everyone she meets feel important.

"She uses it in a positive way, but it didn't carry her as far this time as last time, a little of the bloom was off the rose," he said.

A weak economy, an ongoing struggle with a Republican legislature and a crisis in some government services made Granholm vulnerable. But the



first debate clearly showed the differences in the candidates.

### THE FIRST DEBATE

Skubick was at the center of that pivotal event. He was originally set to be the sole moderator. But as negotiations went along, the DeVos camp was leery of Skubick's aggressive questioning style. A compromise had Skubick teamed with Detroit News political reporter Charlie Cain.

"I always prefer a single moderator, but this worked out wonderfully," he said.

Skubick said even DeVos' handlers admit that they didn't prepare him well for the debate. He was awkward, unsure of where to look and kept repeating pat phrases. Skubick said he had been ill advised to not go after Granholm.

Skubick said there were

issues on which she was vulnerable and DeVos could have scored points on content but didn't.

The debate had a no rules format.

"I've always felt the no rules format is the most telling for voters, to give them a better idea of what a candidate is all about," he said.

Not just for the debate but in general, Granholm had a better campaign team, Skubick said.

"She had people all around her who understood the state," he said. "The people around DeVos didn't know about Michigan except for (campaign manager Greg) McNeilly and (John) Truscott and DeVos' wife Betsy, who was very important to the campaign although rarely seen."

Another factor in the campaign that Skubick followed through the summer was the incredible turnaround of the Detroit Tigers. As the Tigers prospered, so did Granholm. Early in the campaign DeVos was hauled into an interview at a Tiger game and showed he really wasn't a fan. Granholm, on the other hand, knew the players and understood the game. Skubick writes that, unfairly or not, it suggested that "DeVos wasn't one of us."

### THE TURNAROUND

Skubick said that by the time of Google announced that they were bringing a facility to Ann Arbor, he felt that Granholm was going to win.

"He was getting no traction at all. They overplayed the businessman advantage.

Businessmen really haven't been all that successful. They should have brought out Dick DeVos the man first, the businessman second," he said.

In the end, Skubick said, the DeVos campaign spent \$35 million and voters still didn't trust him. They did trust Jennifer Granholm.

Skubick says he thinks Granholm has had a hard time as governor because the economic slump never let up. He said she's done a good job of balancing the budget but it waits to be seen what she'll do in the future.

"Today she said being a lame-duck is liberating," Skubick said.

And what do the subjects think about the book?

"I've not heard a word from Dick DeVos and he's had the book for two weeks," Skubick said. "The governor and I had a privileged conversation and I can't tell you what was said. She finished the book in a day. I will say this, she said it could have been a lot worse."

Skubick said he hopes the book gives people a realistic look at what goes on in a political campaign and that what they see in political ads is not a true portrait of the candidates.

*See Dick and Jen Run* (The University of Michigan Press and The Petoskey Publishing Co., \$29.95) is available at major book stores.



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**TOTEM PARK**



# Chrysler sponsors grants for science teachers Livonia 'cold case' murder featured on television show

BY FRANK WASHINGTON

Snazzy science projects are being honored by the Chrysler Group's *Closing the Technology Gap* program, which has been called a critical investment in Michigan's public schools.

In only its second year, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow has endorsed the Chrysler Group's effort to increase Michigan student's interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

In its second year, the *Closing the Technology Gap* program will bestow \$87,000 in grants to public school teachers who excel in creating innovative and motivating curricula and projects in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The awards will be used to further advance creative projects in the winning schools.

"Education and innovation are the building blocks of a strong economy and good paying jobs for Michigan," said Stabenow. "Across our state, dedicated (STEM) teachers help our children build essential skills for the 21st century workforce. Chrysler Group's *Closing the Technology Gap* awards program is a critical investment in Michigan's future."

Research from the National Science Foundation found that fewer people are pursuing science, mathematics and engineering careers while employment opportunities in these fields will increase three times faster than in all

other occupations.

"Because of this, *Closing the Technology Gap* aims to increase student interest and participation in the sciences and ultimately provide companies such as ours with a viable, technology-savvy workforce in the future," said Frank Fountain, Chrysler Group Senior Vice President-External Affairs and Public Policy and President of the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, which provides the monetary gifts.

Michigan teachers at the high school, middle school and elementary school levels have been invited to submit their applications to the New Detroit Science Center. The submissions will be judged on creativity and the uniqueness of the teaching process while also bringing passion and excitement for STEM curriculums into the classroom.

Schools that finish first through third at each academic level and in each category will receive \$15,000, \$7,500 and \$3,000, respectively. Fourth through 10th place finishers will receive \$500. An independent panel of judges from the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields will select the 30 winners.

"The children of Michigan need passionate and innovative teachers who can make science, technology, engineering and math come alive," said Kevin F. Prihod, president and CEO of the New Detroit Science Center. "That what may have been seen as boring with no relevance becomes the door to exciting and

profitable careers."

Noble is the word that Harry Istok used to describe Chrysler Group's *Closing the Technology Gap* Program. "Chrysler stepped up to the plate on this," he said. "I think they hit a home run."

Istok, a 35-year teaching veteran, was a first-place finisher at the junior-high level for what he called *Integration 2000*.

*Integration 2000*, created in 1994, merges classroom projects with the real world. Another of last year's winning submissions involved transforming an old VCR player into a model boat. Students had to be creative and inventive. They had to learn about - among other things - electric motors, wiring, electricity and structural design.

All of last year's winning submissions are posted on [www.chryslerteacherawards.com](http://www.chryslerteacherawards.com).

Applications should be mailed to: 2007 Closing the Technology Gap in Education Awards, c/o New Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R Street, Detroit, MI 48202. They also can be emailed to: [teacherawards@sciencedetroit.org](mailto:teacherawards@sciencedetroit.org).

Applications can be downloaded from [www.chryslerteacherawards.com](http://www.chryslerteacherawards.com). Submissions should include the objective, the approach, the relevance, the measurement, the challenge and any support material. The deadline is Dec. 31, 2006, and winners will be announced in May 2007.

The long and tragic tale of a 17-year search for the killer of a Livonia man at his Seven Mile Road home will be featured at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, on an episode of *Cold Case Files* on the A&E cable network.

Earlier this year, a video production crew began documenting the story of the 1989 murder of businessman Exavor Giller that finally ended in April of this year when former employee Richard Lawson was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

The turning point in the case was a telephone call from a woman who had an affair with a witness to the murder, though there were many twists to the tale.

A church volunteer, who met with inmates at a California prison, had an affair with prisoner Richard Mutica, who said he had been with Lawson and saw him shoot Giller. The woman took Mutica's information and called Giller's daughter, Bonnie Swoboda, in December 2004.

A month later, Lawson was arrested in his San Diego apartment.

The crew spent a week recording footage at the Giller home and Livonia Police Department and interviewing members of the Giller family, witnesses and police investigators who worked on the case through the years.

Those included retired Sgt. Don Vandersloot, who was the first LPD detective on the case and Sgt. Cory Williams, one of the officers who arrested Giller.

The cross-country investigation by Livonia police included trips to several states in search of evidence, including documents in Pennsylvania, key receipts in Florida and the recovery of weapons stolen from the Giller home in a New Jersey pond.

Williams said it was tough for the Giller family to talk about the ordeal again in front of a TV camera, but they hoped their story will give other grieving families hope.

For the filming, the production team also flew out to interview the dive team that recovered the weapons in Atlantic City and flew in the witness from California for an interview, Williams said.

Participants weren't paid to appear in the filming but got a *Cold Case* hat and T-shirt, plus a DVD of the show. "It's pretty cool," Williams said, adding that for one segment they put a camera on the floorboard of his car while he was driving.

"I think it would be a great memento for my kids to have of the work their dad did," he said.

- By Dave Varga

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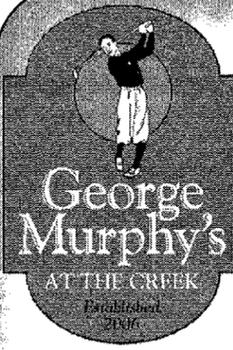
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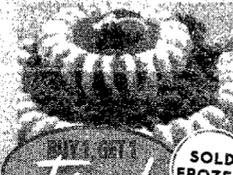
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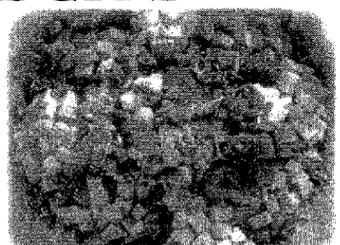
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# Admiral Kirksey, Kitty Hawk captain, dies

Vice Admiral Robert E. Kirksey passed away on Dec. 16 in Ft. Myers, Fla., as a result of complications from Alzheimer's Disease. He was the brother of former Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

Admiral Kirksey was 76 years old.

Admiral Kirksey spent his years prior to his flight training in 1951 in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods. His permanent military address was his brother, Jack's, home in Livonia. In 1982, Admiral Kirksey served as the grand marshal of the Livonia Memorial Day Parade.

Jack Kirksey said he was proud of his brother.

"He was a great guy. Everyone loved him," he said.

When Admiral Kirksey served as grand marshal, Jack Kirksey said, "If I could put a billboard on Woodward Avenue in Detroit or on I-96 reading 'My brother is Bob Kirksey and he's the admiral,' I would do it because I am that proud of him."



Robert E. Kirksey

Admiral Kirksey was a naval aviator. He received his Navy Wings in 1953 and was promoted to a vice admiral in 1984.

During his 31 years of Naval service he achieved many accomplishments:

Though Admiral Kirksey did not attend the Naval Academy, he rose to a three-star ranking, an unusual accomplishment without Academy credentials.

His first command of a ship was the mine sweeper, USS Cleveland, in 1972. His second command was the aircraft carrier the USS Kitty Hawk from 1973 to 1975.

Over the years he was in command of various carrier groups including the Seventh Fleet 35-Ship Battle Force in the Indian Ocean (The Iranian Hostage Crisis). He was a veteran of more than 240 combat

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Admiral Kirksey received his Silver Star medal over Hanoi, Vietnam, when he stayed with his Naval bomber after it was hit with a SAM missile. Even though his plane was badly damaged and on fire, he fought to stay in the air and complete his bombing mission at great risk to his own life. As wing commander he led the other pilots in his heavily damaged plane. The aircraft fire eventu-

ally burned out, and as he attempted a carrier landing, he discovered that the entire front of the plane had been blown away. He had to crash-land at a U.S. base in Vietnam.

Admiral Kirksey is survived by his wife, Vi, and their children, Jennifer Kirksey, Robert Kirksey Jr., Gregg Kirksey and Andrew Kirksey.

Admiral Kirksey was especially appreciative of his wife, Vi, who raised the family in his absence. She also had a leadership role with the military families in the Admiral's command while he was at sea.

He is also survived by his brother, Jack Kirksey and wife, Patt Kirksey, his sister, Anne Oliver, children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A military funeral is planned at Arlington National Cemetery on Jan. 29, 2007.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Naval Aviation Museum, P.O. Box 33104, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508.

# Maureen McGee, pilot and Livonia native, dies in crash

Maureen McGee, a native of Livonia and a graduate of Bentley High School, was killed Dec. 26 when the medical flight she was piloting crashed during an emergency landing attempt near Johnstown, Pa., around 3:55 p.m.

A female nurse onboard also died in the crash.

The flight originated in Morgantown, W.Va., and was on its way to pick up a patient in Teterboro, N.J., according to press reports.

According to the *Tribune-Democrat* of Johnstown, Pa., McGee, the pilot, declared an emergency and planned to land the twin-engine Cessna 414 at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, the closest airport.

An FAA spokeswoman said icing may have played a factor in the crash.

McGee, 47, is survived by her husband, Gary Grosso and their 10-year-old daughter, Ammelin of Morgantown, and stepsons Brian Grosso, 17, and Joseph Grosso, 19, of Ann Arbor.

Other survivors include brothers, Michael of Livonia, Timothy of Grand Rapids, Patrick of Detroit and Kevin of San Francisco, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Billand Marie McGee, long-time Livonia residents. Marie McGee worked at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as a reporter, copy editor and special editor until her death in May 1990.

Both Maureen McGee and her nurse passenger were employed by Flight Source LLC, a fixed-base operator at Morgantown Municipal Airport that offers flight school, medical and charter services.

McGee and her family moved to Morgantown last year from Ann Arbor.

"Maureen enjoyed her job and they were enjoying the area," Michael McGee said.

"She was the Amelia Earhart of our family," he added. "She even bore some resemblance to her."

Flying was a lifetime love and achievement for his sister, Michael McGee said.

"She told Tim that she wanted to be a pilot since she was 9



Maureen McGee

years old," said Michael McGee, who last talked to his sister on Thanksgiving Day.

McGee graduated with honors from Michigan State University in 1983 with a bachelor's of science degree.

After graduation she worked as an au pair in France and in London.

She received her pilot's license in 1998 and had dual certifications in flight and ground instruction. She obtained a Master Instructor designation from the National Association of Flight Instructors in May 2005, which allowed her to teach. The designation applies to approximately 500 of the national's 85,000 certified flight instructors. She was a flight instructor in Ann Arbor, Jackson, and Plymouth, and took a very active interest in her students. She also served as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the Detroit Flight Standards District Office.

Michael McGee said his sister had logged more than 3,500 flight hours and over 1,250 hours in multi-engine aircraft.

Until leaving for the job in Morgantown, McGee flew small planes out of airports in Livingston, Washtenaw and western Wayne counties.

She was an avid bicyclist and traveled to Montreal and back one summer. She made many cycling trips throughout Michigan.

McGee also enjoyed acting and was active in the Performance Network based in Ann Arbor. She was a Motor Meals volunteer in the Ann Arbor area. She was a lay reader and served on the social ministry committee at Trinity Lutheran Church in Charleston, W.Va.

She was a member of Women in Aviation, Detroit Aviation Safety Counselors and National Association of Flight Instructors.

A memorial service is set for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard Road, Ann Arbor.

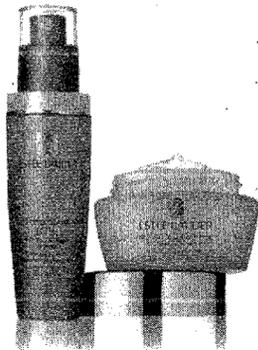
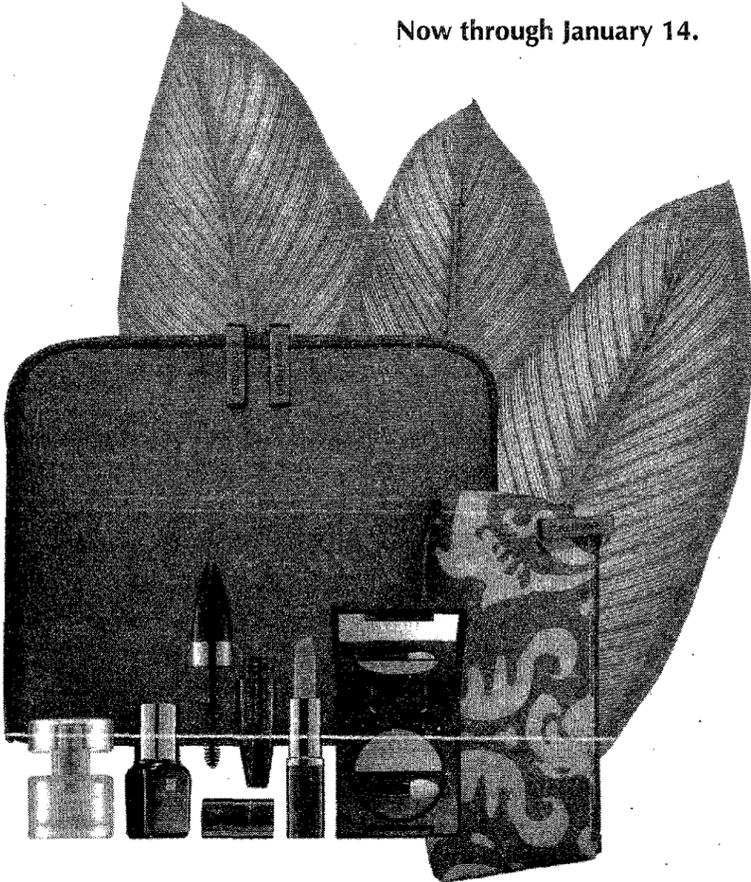
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**SPORTS**

# Baseball cap wigs put lid on hair loss

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Battling cancer is one thing; dealing with the hair loss that can happen with chemotherapy is another.

Susie Lucas can't do anything about the former, but she has an answer for the latter — her baseball cap wigs.

"There's such a need for them," said Lucas, the owner of Unique Hair Designs. "It's designed for everyone and anyone who has a need. It's not just patients, but for people who are having a bad hair day."

A licensed cosmetologist, Lucas recognized the need for people with hair loss to have access to a comfortable, stylish and simple hairpiece. In the late 1980s, she came up with the idea of attaching a partial hairpiece around the rim of a baseball cap. The caps are an alternative to traditional wigs, which can be irritating to the

scalp and uncomfortable to wear.

It took her six months to figure out how to assemble the caps and especially to get the hair to fit just right. Lucas buys the hats and strips of hair separately. She uses fitted caps and custom makes the bands of hair. The finished product, she said, "looks like real hair."

Long hair, short hair, straight hair or synthetic braids, baseball caps, slouch hats, sweater caps or dressy hats — Lucas has developed a variety of looks that are stylish and comfortable, especially for cancer patients, priced at less than \$100.

"People who have talked to me about them are surprised they're so reasonably priced," she said. "I want it so that everyone will be able to afford one. I truly believe people buy them and will want to sell them."

So committed was she to her

product, Lucas obtained a patent in 1996. It was a process that reaffirmed her belief that they're needed and gave her confidence to go forward with her project.

"A friend told me about a patent attorney and when I told him what I had he told me to come in," Lucas said. "I remember him saying that he had called his wife to look at the caps and she had said she wished she had had one during the time she was going through chemo."

But even having a patent, the road to getting the caps into the hands of people who could use them has been a slow go.

Trained as a cosmetologist, Lucas at one point had her own shop, but closed it in 1996 because of health problems. She's been operating as a home-based business and had manufactured about 75 caps. She has them on display at

Belleville Beauty Supply at 317 Industrial off Sumpter Road in Belleville and has even visited cancer support groups to demonstrate the caps. This summer, she donated 20 caps for cancer patients at Garden City Hospital.

Those caps are being given to women experiencing hair loss as a result of chemotherapy and conditions, such as alopecia areata, an autoimmune disease in which the immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles.

"The caps improve self-esteem of patients," said Amy Hotycki, clinical coordinator at Garden City Hospital.

The effects were evident with Sandy Reinhardt, a patient at the hospital who received one of the first caps.

"It's great, really comfortable," Reinhardt said. "It's lifted my spirits 120 percent."

Lucas' dream is to open a shop where she is able to man-



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Using real hair and hats, Susie Lucas has come up with a patented design that gives people who lose their hair to chemotherapy or alopecia areata something to wear other than a full wig.

ufacture the caps and get them to market, and she has her husband and five grown children telling her to go for it.

"My husband tells me to go on, don't stop," she said. "I've put everything into these hats because I feel there's such a need for them. I wish I had the words to express how impor-

tant they are to me."

For now, she takes orders and fills them as she receives them. People interested in more information can call her at (734) 334-3491 or visit her Web site at [www.uniquehairdesign.net](http://www.uniquehairdesign.net).

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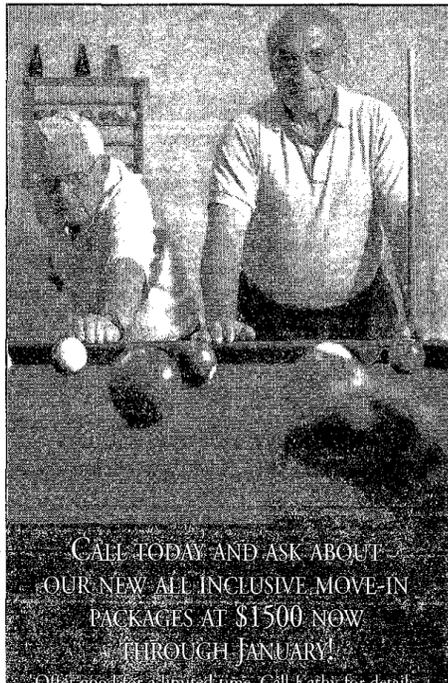
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**DECEMBER**

**Holiday services**

New Year's Eve is on Sunday this year. There will be one service at 10 a.m. Dec. 31, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend!

**New Year's Eve worship**

10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

**Evening prayer and adoration**

For the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at St. Regis Parish, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills. All the parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit are celebrating Masses. For more information, visit www.AODonline.org.

**Blanket drive**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills, is a community site for the American Red Cross blanket drive. New twin size blankets are being collected for the homeless. This campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2007. The Red Cross would like to collect 7,000 blankets. Donations may be dropped off 9 a.m.

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**World Peace service**

6:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, guest speaker is Robert Weir, Citizens for Peace facilitator for Western Michigan and author of Star of Hope, a biography of John McConnell, the founder of Earth Day, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

**New Year's Eve dance**

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths. Tickets \$35 and available now. First 100 ticket holders will have the chance for a cash prize, drawing will be at the dance. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

**Singles New Year's Eve**

Catholic Singles New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance catering to singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. For tickets and information, visit www.CatholicSinglesNYE.com or call Kathleen at (734) 657-7750.

**UPCOMING**

**Grief support**

Widowed friends, a peer group, is offering a six week series covering phases of grief, dealing with loneliness and coping with the loss of a spouse beginning 2:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Prince of Peace Parish, 4300 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road,

West Bloomfield. A \$20 fee is payable at the first meeting and covers all materials. Call (248) 681-9424 to register before Jan. 4.

**Monthly dance**

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Jan. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

**Nativity ball**

Sponsored by St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church of Ann Arbor, the ball takes place 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Jan. 12, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The evening includes cocktails, dinner with champagne toast, dancing, music, entertainment, contests, cash bar, theme is Feast in the Time of Ivan the Terrible. Historical costumes/details welcome. Tickets are \$60. For information, visit www.stvladimirraam.org or call (734) 761-7311, (734) 222-9812, or (734) 669-8712.

**Chill cook-off**

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, if you have a good recipe bring a pot full to be judged and shared along with the recipe 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

**Christmas concert**

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one-act opera featuring boy

treble Jonah Yousif in the title role, and the rest of the cast and chorus comprised of members of the Kirk Chancel, Boys and Girls Choirs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. For details, call (248) 626, 2515, ext. 109. This event is of particular appeal to families.

**A beautiful day**

In the Neighborhood features the music of Mister Rogers 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. Mr. McFeeley (David Newell) is joined by local vocalists Judie Cochill, Marc Meyers and Tom Trenney and the Neighborhood Jazz Combo. No tickets required, no admission, but a freewill offering will be collected. Proceeds benefit Variety FAR Conservator, a nonprofit that provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children with autism and other disabilities. Audience members are also encouraged to bring new or gently-used sweaters to contribute to the Mister Rogers' Sweater Drive for families who need extra warmth this winter. A meet the artists reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

**Education pilgrimage**

The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-6474.

**ONGOING**

**Worship service**

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

**Worship services**

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

**Worship service**

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

**Adult literacy classes**

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

**Ladies Bible studies**

Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

**Personal ministry**

Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

**Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

**Scripture studies**

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

**TOPS**

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

**Learner's Bible study**

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Church service**

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood

Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

**Senior activities**

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

**Church activities**

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Eucharistic adoration**

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

**Worship services**

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour for all ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

**Unity of Livonia**

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

**Shabbat services**

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

**Bet Chaverim**

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

**Detroit World Outreach**

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

**Shabbat Rocks**

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

**English classes**

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

**Sunday school**

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

**Services**

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

**Single Point Ministries**

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

**Bible talks**

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship

Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

**Worship services**

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

**The Gap**

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Qigong**

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**Worship services**

At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

**Community Bible study**

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast at 7 a.m. or Bible study from 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

**Contemporary service**

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

Worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

**New contemporary service**

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current news-worthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

**Prayer group**

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

**Women of the Word**

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

**New modern-style worship**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

**Adat Shalom**

Synagogue services at 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays; and 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

**Welcome to the church**

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

**Self-help groups**

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

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**ELIZABETH "BETTY" SIEGLER**  
Age 78 of Lapeer, (formerly of Imlay City), Michigan, passed away after an extended illness Friday, December 22, 2006 at Brian's House in Davison. Elizabeth Ruth Marzion was born September 30, 1928 in Southern Oakland County. She grew up in the Rochester area. She married Thomas Victor Siegler on December 27, 1958 in Pontiac, Michigan. She was a homemaker. She had also worked as a gift shop manager and as a governess. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Imlay City. She graduated from Rochester High School. Surviving are three sons: Matthew Siegler of Lapeer, Alex Siegler of Attica; four grandchildren, one brother, six sisters, and a sister-in-law. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, in 1983; a son, Randel, in 1988. Funeral service were held Wed., December 27, 2006. Burial was at Imlay Township Cemetery, Imlay City. Funeral arrangements by Muir Brothers Funeral Home.

**KATHLEEN J. RECLA**  
Died December 26, 2006. Age 68 of Livonia. Loving wife of Norman. Beloved mother of Suzanne (Steve) Upmeyer, Carolyn (Paul) Stoecker, Julie (Richard) Worden and Norman (Mary). Cherished grandmother of Nick, Jennifer, Will, Rachel, Grace, Ethan and Elizabeth. Sister of Don and Roger Bambeck. Visitation Friday 3-8pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Instate Saturday 9:30am until the time of funeral mass 10:00am at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Burial will be January 3, in Dover, Ohio, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

**JONATHAN D. CAMPBELL**  
Of Ortonville; age 31; December 26, 2006. Beloved son of Michael & Carol Campbell of Ortonville; dear brother of Josh (Aindra) Campbell of Royal Oak and Joel (Kerry) Campbell of Ortonville; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held 11 a.m. Friday from the Sherman Wilk Funeral Home, 135 South St. Ortonville, Rev. David Gerber officiating, interment in Ortonville Cemetery. Mr. Campbell will lie in state at the funeral home Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. www.sherman-wilkfuneralhome.com

**MARY WILMANSKI**  
Age 86, of Battle Creek, died Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at Select Specialty Hospital in Battle Creek. She was born January 5, 1920 in Arco, Italy. On May 7, 1951 she was married to Henry Wilmanski in Spain, whom she met while he was teaching Polish refugees in Italy, and they later moved to Livonia, Michigan. Henry preceded her in death on March 28, 1999, and Mary then moved to Battle Creek in 2004. She was a custom drapery designer and homemaker. In Livonia, she was a member of St. Genevieve Catholic Church and in Battle Creek was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mary attended Marian Burch Adult Day Care in Battle Creek. Surviving is her son, Dr. Charles J. Wilmanski and daughter-in-law Nuala (Boran) Wilmanski of Battle Creek and three grandchildren: Mary, Michael and Kathleen. Family will receive friends at the Richard A. Henry Funeral Home was held Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. where the Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass was held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Father John Fleckenstein officiating. Interment will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Battle Creek Health System, Select Specialty Hospital, Marian Burch Adult Day Care or St. Genevieve Church of Livonia.

**JANICE IDA OWENS**  
Died peacefully Christmas Eve at the home of her brother after having failing health this past year. As a lifelong resident, Janice was a well-recognized member of the Plymouth community for many years. She could be seen on any given day walking to town, assisting as a volunteer at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, visiting friends, or playing bingo. Janice had an ever-expanding host of family and friends, welcoming new friends wherever she went. She kept in touch with her sphere of friends daily through phone calls and writing heart-warming letters. As a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Janice was involved in many activities including helping her father with the soup kitchen. The family is asking that all remembrances be made to the Soup Kitchen through the church. Janice was preceded in death by her father Lee A. Owens, her grandparents John and Ida Oldenburg and Alious and Pauline Owens, her Aunt Carol Vorbeck and her cousin Pamela Diedrick Regan. Along with her multitude of friends, Janice leaves behind her mother Marian Ida Oldenburg Owens of Plymouth, her brothers John and wife Theresa of Alaska, Tim and wife Roberta of Troy, Tom and partner Mark Chancey of Saugatuck, her nephews Andrew and Kyle Owens, her nieces Katie and Lindsay Owens, and Beth and Alison Grabowski, her Uncle and aunt Ralph and Doris Diedrick, Uncle Cecil Owens, and numerous cousins. Funeral service Friday 1:00pm at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday 6-9pm and Thursday 1-5pm and 6-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. And at church Friday 12:00pm until time of service. Memorials may be made to the church in care of the soup kitchen. Share memories at

**MARION G. DALTON**  
Born on the Fourth of July, 1924 and died on Christmas Day, 2006. Age 82 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late Robert G. Dear mother of Robert Charles, Kathleen Jo, Randall Lee, Richard Scott and the late James Kevin. Grandmother of Elisabeth, Sarah, Carolyn, Jon, Jessica, Katherine, Zachary and both the late Christopher and Charles. Sister of Harriet Rouse. Marion attended Solomon Juneau and Milwaukee Downer Schools and graduated from South Milwaukee High School. On July 1943, Marion married Air Force Corp. Robert George Dalton, in Belleville, Ill. While he was in the service during World War II, Mrs. Dalton worked in a defense plant in St. Louis. They had five children. They lived in Brookfield, Wis., Wilmette, Ill., and Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Mr. Dalton was the owner of an office equipment company, Daltons Inc., and was also active in Republican politics. Robert G. Dalton died in 1986. Mrs. Dalton was a great patriot and was an active member of the Birmingham and Bloomfield Republican Women's Clubs. She was a delegate to the Republican National Convention and was also involved in Eagle Forum. She belonged to Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. Mrs. Dalton was also active in the Detroit "Sister City" Program, traveling three times to Toyota City, Japan, as an official Detroit representative. Family will receive friends Wednesday 2:00-8:00pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Funeral service Thursday 11:00am at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser Rd., (south of Twelve Mile). Visitation begins at church 10:00am. Memorial tributes to "Going to Help", P.O. Box 02881, Detroit, MI 48202. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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8820 Wayne Rd.  
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)  
Livonia • 427-2290  
Jill Hegdal, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
(Nursery Available)

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14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills  
(248) 661-9191

Sunday Worship  
and Children's Church  
9:15 a.m. Contemporary  
11:00 a.m. Traditional  
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St. Genevieve School - PreK-8  
29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220  
(East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries)  
MASS: Tues. 7 p. Wed., Thurs. 9 p.  
Sat. 4 p. Sun 11a

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571 S. Sheldon Road  
Plymouth, Mich. 48170  
734-453-0190

Spoken service at 7:15 a.m.  
Contemporary service at 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional service with choir at 11:00 a.m.  
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www.stjohnsplymouth.org

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25390 West Six Mile Rd.  
Redford (313) 534-7730  
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PASTOR JAMES HOFF  
PASTOR ERIC STEINBRENNER

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Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.  
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734-453-0970  
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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