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Barra: League will avoid tax foreclosure

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County is threatening to foreclose on a Westland nonprofit organization's building for unpaid water and street-lighting bills — dating

back to winter of 2005 — that got slapped onto escalating tax bills.

But an official for the embattled Wayne-Ford Civic League said the organization will pay enough of its past-due bills by March to avoid

foreclosure, as it struggles to overcome thousands of dollars of debt.

"We are gradually climbing that mountain of debt," league President Vic Barra said. "We're not going anywhere. We fully intend to take care of

this county obligation and be here for years and years and years to come."

The civic league, established in 1952, sponsors bingo and other events to raise money for youth athletics, senior programs and other services. It

also rents its hall, on Wayne south of Ford, for wedding receptions, birthday parties and other events.

On election night Nov. 6, the league hosted a huge crowd that included political candidates and their supporters — a

party that some observers said reminded them of olden days when the league was at the height of its prosperity.

Barra became president three years ago amid an

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Thanksgiving tradition

Good deals, long lines greet shoppers on 'Black Friday'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The only thing Anne Dye was carrying as she left the Westland Target store at 7:40 a.m. Friday was a cup of Starbucks coffee. According to the Canton resident, it was the only line worth standing in.

"The (checkout) line was too long, it started as soon as you got in the door," she said. "It was around 7:20 when we got here and the line snaked all the around the store and maybe up and down a few aisles."

Dye and two friends made Target the second stop on their shopping spree. They hit the Meijer store first, a decision they admit needed rethinking for next year.

"We'll have to start here first next year," Dye said.

For Garden City resident Marge Hickman, planning for the shopping day started Thursday evening when she got together with her daughter Amanda, friend Barb Wolsinski, and Wolsinski's daughter Jennifer Wrobel to map out their route. They started at 3 a.m. at JC Penney to get a snow globe, a holiday tradition for Wrobel. The route also took in Target, Circuit City and Westland Shopping Center before they got home at noon.

"I got 90 percent of the gifts I need," Hickman said. "They had some good stuff. If you were looking for certain items, it was good. Barb got a leather jacket that cost \$248 for \$52."

Dorothy Tieppo of Westland also joined thousands of shoppers in flocking to the stores for the annual day-after-



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Shawn Oprisiu of Petoskey and her mom, Diane Tarczynsk of Westland had a full load after shopping at Westland Shopping Center Friday. It's an annual tradition for the mother-daughter extreme shopping team. They started at 3:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving event. By 7:30 a.m., she'd made it to two stores, Sears and Target, and was loading a shopping cart full of gifts into her minivan. Among her purchases was a flat-screen TV she paid \$549 for.

"I ran into Sears and got what I needed and came here," she said.

Tieppo doesn't normal shop

on what has become known as "Black Friday," the busiest shopping day of the year, but ventured out at 5 a.m. to take advantage of the early bird specials. She found the crowds "good and the stores busy."

Many retailers peg the success of the holiday shopping season on how well they do on Black Friday. Many stores open early and offer deep

discounts. If parking at the Westland Shopping Center is any indication, it will be a merry season for merchants.

At Target across the street, shopping carts may be the indicator. Tieppo got help loading her purchases in her van by a woman waiting for her shopping cart.

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Octagon House set for visitors

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

One of Westland's oldest buildings — the beloved, mid-1800s Octagon House — will finally be unveiled publicly in December, marking a milestone in the city's history.

"It's a good feeling, because people have talked about it and wanted to go in it," said Jo Johnson, who chairs the Westland Historical Commission.

The eight-sided house, flanked by two additions built in the mid-1930s, will be shown during an open house scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The long-awaited event will crown a years-long restoration effort.

Situated in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road south of Marquette, the Octagon House could eventually be used for small weddings and other events, city leaders have said.

Historians say the original two-story house was built by the ancestors of Clyde Smith, who owned the former Clyde Smith & Sons Farm Market & Greenhouses on Newburgh Road.

The house once stood just south of the farm market, but it was moved to Warren Road near Hix before it was relocated a few years ago to its new home — its logical home, many say — in the historic park.

Although the Octagon House still needs a few finishing touches, restoration efforts have finally made it ready for the public.

"It's a big relief," Johnson said.

The house has had much help with its spruced-up

look, including work done by students from the Wayne-Westland school district's William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Numerous other volunteers and business-

others have pitched in to restore it. Local businessman Gary Bulson's workers from Men on the Move, a moving company, has moved furniture not once — but twice — as the Octagon House's history has given way to its future, Johnson has said.

In another development, historians still are raising money to finish the Octagon House and to begin preparations for other projects, including restoration of another 1800s-era building, the so-called Rowe House, which has a Greek Revival style of architecture.

One fund-raiser nearing completion involves raffle tickets being sold for a playhouse that stands 7 feet tall and measures 8 feet by 9 feet. It even has a little porch.

The playhouse will be raffled off during a drawing at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$5 or three for \$10. They are available at the Bailey Center or by calling (734) 729-1605 or (734) 522-3918.

During a recent Westland City Council meeting, Johnson indicated that women who buy tickets could hope to win the playhouse as a tool shed "for the man in your life." Or, she said part-jokingly, the playhouse could be used "as a dog house for either man or dog."

Second prize during the drawing will be a \$100 gift certificate to Bobby's Bouncers, an indoor play place with inflatables and other amenities for children.

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Council OKs keeping officer at John Glenn High School

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland police officer will continue to work out of John Glenn High School for a second year, following a renewed agreement between city and Wayne-Westland school officials.

The program allows an officer to respond quickly to in-school fights and other disruptions, and officials also say it provides a role model

who can build positive relations between teens and law enforcement.

By having Officer Daniel Serrano at the school, Police Chief James Ridener said he can keep his other officers on city streets barring some large, unusual incident.

Officials also say the in-school police officer serves as a counselor to students and as a liaison between the city and school district.

"He's a jack of all trades to

the school," Ridener said.

In a sweeping vote Monday, the seven-member Westland City Council approved an agreement to continue the program.

The agreement indicates that the officer will attend as many extra-curricular events as possible, becoming a recognizable face to students and providing a police presence should any incidents erupt that would otherwise warrant calling in law enforcement.

The new agreement will be for one year as officials continue to monitor and evaluate the program. Either the city or the school district could terminate the contract with 30 days' notice.

The program is similar to one that involves an officer from the city of Wayne being placed at the district's other high school, Wayne Memorial.

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This playhouse is being raffled to raise money for Westland historic preservation efforts.

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Bus named

A 27-passenger bus used by Westland senior citizens for outings has a name: The Friendship Express.

Mayor William Wild announced the winning name from a contest that drew entries from nearly 250 people who visit the senior Friendship Center in Westland.

The name of the bus will be displayed on the front, Wild said. The back of the bus will sport a slogan "On the Road Again."

Tree-lighting event

The city of Westland's annual tree-lighting ceremony is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in front of Westland City Hall. The public is invited. The event will include the singing of Christmas carols, a visit by Santa Claus and the turning on of holiday lights on City Hall grounds. Afterward, children may go next door to Fire Station No. 1 for treats and to visit with Santa.

Essay contest

The city is asking students in kindergarten through fifth grade to enter an essay contest and write "What Christmas Means To Me." Winners will be chosen to receive a Chase Bank savings bond and to be special guests of Mayor William Wild during the city's annual tree-lighting ceremony at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in front of City Hall on Ford Road.

All essay entries must be received by the mayor's office or the Bailey Recreation Center by Monday, Nov. 26. For more

information call (734) 722-7620.

Christmas concert

To prove it's cool with street slang, the Westland public library has announced a Christmas concert by saying "the library is kickin' it old school — really old school."

In fact, the library plans to party like it's the year 1230.

The Cynnabar Collegium Musicum, an 11-voice choir, will perform Medieval seasonal music at the library at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Faust Room.

"Those Medieval Homeboys, The Cynnabar Collegium Musicum, are rockin' da house with happenin' tunes from the 13th through the 17th century," according to a library poster.

Translation: Feel free to stop by for what is expected to be a good, holiday concert.

For more information call (734) 326-6123.

Win a truck

The Westland Community Foundation and police officers plan to assist local families.

Purchase a ticket to a raffle, sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation, the Westland Police Officers Association and the Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, and you could win a two-year lease of a 2008 Ford F-150 pick-up truck from Jack Demmer Ford or \$7,000 cash.

Tickets are \$100 and only 175 will be sold. The money raised will benefit families within the Westland community.

The drawing will be held at the Westland Community Foundation's annual Holiday Event at 7:30 p.m. in the Media

Center of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland.

For more information, please call (734) 595-7727.

Christmas dinner

Former Wayne County General Hospital employees and retirees will gather for a Christmas dinner 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Golden Corral, 37101 Warren.

Card parties

St. Bernardine Men's Club is sponsoring Friday night euchre/pinochle card parties. Players do not need a partner. Snacks, soft drinks, cash prizes are included in the \$5 admission. A 50/50 raffle also will be available. The card parties are scheduled for Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14, Jan. 4 and 18, Feb. 1, March 28, and April 14 and 18. Doors open at 7 p.m., card playing starts at 7:30 p.m. The church is at 31462 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman in Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.

Winter crafts

A "Winter Wonderland craft show will be held at Lutheran High Westland 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1. Anyone seeking handmade, eclectic goods from a wide variety of artisans are encouraged to attend. The event will include hourly door-prize drawings, a children's craft room and free parking. Strollers are welcome.

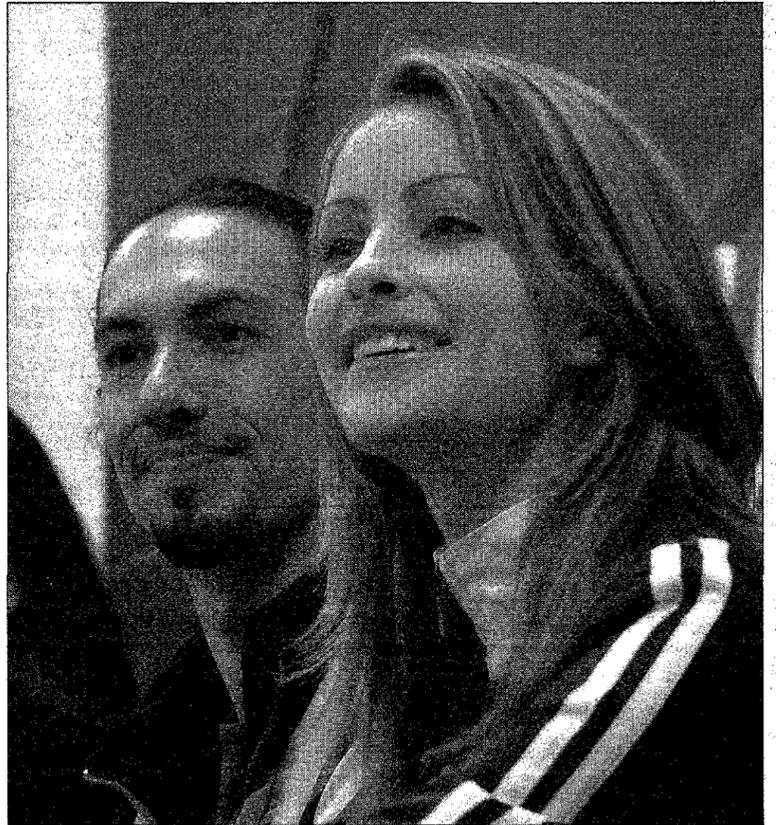
The school is at 33300 Cowan Road, a half-mile east of Westland Shopping Center. For more information call (734) 422-2090.

Wrestling Club

The Westland Bottle Rockets, a wrestling club for ages 5-14, meets 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at John Glenn High School. Practice will begin Monday, Nov. 26. The club meets from November to March. Fee is \$20. For more information call contact Judy at judylaw1122@yahoo.com or call (734) 634-4595.

Lightfest opens

The annual Wayne County Lightfest along Hines Drive — the longest drive-through holiday light display in the Midwest — is open 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Enter off of Merriman, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren, in Westland. Cost is a \$5 donation per car. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.



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Home for the holidays

Olympic silver medalists and hometown heroes Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto were at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena on Tuesday to announce an upcoming benefit they will host at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event, Home for the Holidays: A Celebration on Ice, will take place Dec. 22 (at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.) and will feature Olympic, world and U.S. national champions plus dozens of aspiring Olympic hopefuls from the Detroit metro area. Olympic champion Oksana Baiul and U.S. national champion Evan Lysacek lead the ensemble cast. The show is being billed as a Broadway-like theatrical production with a Christmas theme. Reserved seats are on sale now at the Compuware Arena box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, and can be purchased by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Students to teach at community art nights

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CORRESPONDENT

Livonia Franklin High School's National Art Honors Society presents its third annual "Art with the Community Night" on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

For a supply fee of \$4, guests will "learn to become an artist" through seminars designed to teach the fundamental techniques used to paint, take photographs, create pottery and draw.

Art students will guide and instruct guests through classes.

"Art with the Community Night is a great opportunity to inspire students to become active in their art department,"

said Christen Minnick, president of NAHS and a photography student. "We really want kids to get involved and to see the possibilities that art can offer. This is no longer the era of the starving artist."

Franklin NAHS students will teach about the media in which they excel and which motivates them the most. Attendees will then be set free to work on an assignment with students' help.

"The whole point of this event is to show students and parents that mastery of technical skills is possible. Creating a great piece of artwork does not have to be out of your reach," Minnick said.

The event also shows the works of students. "Most people can't believe that this high caliber art can come out of a high school student, but it can and it does."

The program is open to those 11 and older.

This will be Franklin's third year hosting Art with the Community Night, and the idea has caught on: Both Stevenson and Churchill have decided to follow in Franklin's footsteps by both hosting their first "Art with the Community Nights."

Stevenson will host two sessions on Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 5:30-7 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Churchill's event will be held from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Franklin's will take place from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28.

For more information on Franklin's event, contact jreault@livonia.k12.mi.us or visit franklinart.googlepages.com.

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Nominations sought for decorating contest

So you think you or your neighbor has the best Christmas decorations in Westland?

Tell the city about it. City Council President Charles Pickering has announced the 21st annual, council-sponsored Christmas Decoration Contest.

Pickering will chair the contest, and council members will judge displays. Plaques will be awarded to first-, second- and

third-place winners at the 7 p.m. Dec. 17 council meeting, on the second floor of City Hall.

Anyone who wants to nominate a house may write to the Westland City Clerk's Office, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI, 48185 or call (734) 467-3185 or (734) 467-3191.

Deadline for nominations is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The clerk's office will notify those selected for the awards.

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embezzling scandal involving former officers Neal and Shari Greenfield, and he said the league is continuing its slow climb from the brink of financial ruin — even if it does owe thousands of dollars for debt turned over to Wayne County.

The city of Westland's Web site indicates only part of the league's financial problems, mostly for unpaid water bills. The site shows that the league owed \$2,702 for winter 2005; \$1,466 for summer 2006; \$1,950 for winter 2006; and \$1,614 for summer 2007.

That's nearly \$7,750 even before the county tacks on penalties that Barra said can reach 30 percent.

In another hurdle, the league now faces a new claim in court by AT&T. Barra said \$5,600 is owed for Yellow Pages advertising, which has now been halted.

Barra has called on league members and supporters to boycott AT&T, which he suggested should forgive the debt in the spirit of a huge corporation that supports some charities.

"I think it's reasonable they would forgive the bill," he said. "They give out millions of dollars a year to nonprofit organizations. I would feel the same way, if they were suing a church or The Salvation Army or the Civitans or the VFW."

Attorneys representing AT&T couldn't be reached for comment.

It's the second time the league has had a run-in with AT&T over advertising debts. Last year, Barra said, the league's bank account was garnished for bills it didn't pay, "nearly causing the baseball children to go without uniforms that spring."

While many Westland people appear to support the league's efforts to rebound, resident James Davis has become the front-line spokesman for a small, behind-the-scenes group that opposes Barra's leadership. Davis has repeatedly asked the city to investigate the league.

Just last Monday, City Attorney Angelo Plakas said the city has no jurisdiction over the nonprofit organization unless a citizen files a

formal complaint with the Westland Police Department and has evidence of an alleged wrongdoing.

Barra has shrugged off his critics and vowed to continue rebuilding the league — a task he said is non-paid and difficult at best.

Wayne County's threatened foreclosure is for water and street-lighting bills from winter 2005. Barra said the league again will avoid the threat, which has happened before, by catching up on its bills before they are much more than two years past due, which could mark a critical turning point in the foreclosure process.

"We'll stay ahead of the wave like we have for the last few years," he said. "I have no concern whatsoever that the civic league will be foreclosed on."

Barra voiced hope that the league eventually will get all its bills paid. State officials had revoked the organization's bingo license amid the embezzling scandal, but Barra said games resumed in March.

"We're turning the corner on bingo. We have many profitable sessions," he said, adding that lower-than-expected profits have occurred due to a sour economy that has kept many would-be players at home.

"If the economy turns around and consumer confidence improves," Barra said, "then we'll make more money sooner."

The league also has some private parties, centered around occasions like Valentine's Day, that are expected to boost revenues.

"I see light at the end of the tunnel," Barra said. "And the support from the public has been absolutely tremendous."

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Third teenager still out of school

BY BRAD KADRICH
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The third "person of interest" mentioned by police in the days immediately after the Nov. 7 murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen — believed to be a Churchill High School student — was still being kept out of school as the Thanksgiving holiday came and went.

Livonia Public Schools spokesperson Donna McDowell said she didn't believe the student had returned to school, and couldn't say when he might.

"He is out of school for an investigation by school district officials," said McDowell, who declined to elaborate on the subject of the district's investigation. "We're certainly very cognizant of the needs of the prosecutor's office and law enforcement agencies, etc. We're having our own investigation of this individual. Right now, we just don't have a lot of information."

It has been widely rumored the Churchill student may have been called to the Canton garage where Sorensen's murder took place after the killing had happened. Two teenagers, 17-year-old Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township and 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland, have been charged in the case. Police allege the pair stabbed Sorensen, sawed off his head and disposed of his body in a Northville Township field.

The pair faces a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court Nov. 30.

The Canton garage where the murder took place belongs to Orlewicz's grandfather. Police aren't talking because of a gag



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Kim and Jim Sorensen of Westland, parents of murder victim Daniel Sorensen, were in 35th District Court Monday for the preliminary hearing of the teenagers accused of killing their son.

"best friends." She doesn't believe, despite the charges, that Letkemann was involved in Sorensen's death. She thinks Letkemann was brought into the situation under false pretenses.

"I'm shocked, I'm in disbelief, because Alex wouldn't hurt a spider," Housholder said. "I think he was (brought there) under the misunderstanding that he was going to do something very different. He would never go along with something like this."

Jessika Adam, a junior at Churchill, said she believes if Letkemann was involved, he got involved out of fear.

"I think he was frozen with fear," Adam said. "People don't know what they're going to do in a situation like that."

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order imposed by 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou, but sources say Orlewicz may have called the third student for help after discovering Sorensen's body was too heavy for the two teens to move.

The third student is not expected to be charged in the case.

Meanwhile, Letkemann's

friends and family have been vociferous in their defense of the teen, who dropped out of Churchill High School in 2006, then completed his high school education through the school's adult education program.

Lisa Housholder said she considers herself Letkemann's "second mother," and said Alexander and her son were

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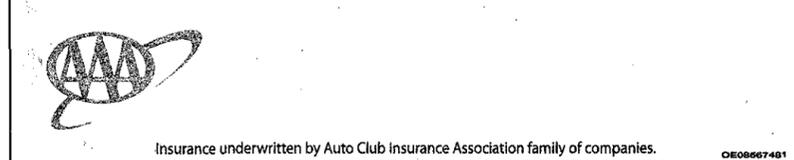
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Climate change

Climate change and talk of "going green" have suddenly become hot new topics. But what exactly is climate change and what kinds of things can we do to decrease our impact on global emissions? Also, what is the difference between climate change and global warming or are they the same thing?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/climatechange/basicinfo.html, climate change "refers to any significant change in measures of climate, such as temperature, precipitation, or wind, lasting for an extended period (decades or longer)." It describes changes in the average state of the atmosphere over time scales ranging from decades to millions of years. These changes can be caused by processes internal to the earth, external forces or, more recently, human activities.

The term climate change is often used interchangeably with global warming, but officially and according to the National Academy of Sciences, "the phrase 'climate change' is growing in preferred use to 'global warming' because it helps convey that there are [other] changes in addition to rising temperatures."

To find out more about climate change you can read "Climate Change:



What It Means for Us, Our Children and Our Grandchildren" or "Climate: The Force that Shapes Our World and the Future of Life on Earth" by George Ochoa.

You can also check out the Web site for the United Nations Environment Programme Web site at www.unep.org/themes/climatechange or the Environmental Protection Agency's climate change Web site at www.epa.gov/climatechange.

There are also a growing number of films that depict the impact of climate change like Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning" or "Global Warming and the Extinction of the Species," hosted by Ted Koppel.

To what find out what you can do to go green and reduce carbon emissions at home check out "Green Living: The E Magazine Handbook for Living Lightly on the Earth" or in your community with "Hands-On Environmentalism" by Brent M. Haglund.

As always the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is her for your information needs. To find out more about climate change stop by the library, give us a call us at (734)

326-6123, or log on to our Web site at westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities

Internet 201: 7 p.m. Nov. 26.

An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Nov. 26.

Our last book before our annual Holiday Reprieve is "Black Sun Rising" by C.S. Friedman. So come on, read the book and come out to the meeting - your last chance before the new year... or if the weather is really that bad, join in electronically on the blog, *Revenge of the Book People of the Planet Fausta*.

Victorian Christmas Craft Night: 7 p.m. Nov. 28.

Come and learn about the evolution of Christmas customs and crafts with local historian Bethany Stawasz. After a presentation about the history of Christmas, you will make-and-take your own Victorian scrap art ornament.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian and Web designer Kristy Cooper. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Hospital sponsors wellness programs

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Nov. 26

Power Hour at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Childbirth Education (fourth of six classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. Call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481.

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. Call (734) 458-3242.

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CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330.

First Aid (American Red Cross) at 6 p.m. The American Red Cross class teaches how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Content includes bandage and splinting, bleeding, burns, poison, shock, wounds, seizures, fractures, diabetes, stroke, heart attack and heat/cold emergencies. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$25 fee. Participants will receive a three-year certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-3330.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. Call (734) 458-3242.

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Daily Programs
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CDs and annuities good for conservative investors

Dear Rick: I read your column and I understand what you say about the market and how investors should not panic during these times. Even though I agree with everything you say, I am still nervous and have decided to sell my stock investments. I have a little over \$100,000 that I want to invest in a safe and secure area. I don't need the money now but probably will in five to 10 years. Any suggestions?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

I understand and I know how it feels when you see your account balance go down. As I have stated many times in the past, I don't care how good an investment is, if it keeps you up at night, it's not worth it. It doesn't matter whether I believe the market will turn around or not, the reality is you're not comfortable with stock investments and because of that, I don't disagree with your decision to liquidate.

The issue is where to invest the money. Considering you are a conservative investor who does not like principal fluctuation you have a couple options. The first is certificates of deposit or CDs. They will give you a guaranteed rate of return without principal fluctuation. In addition, CDs are insured by the FDIC for upwards of \$100,000.

With regards to CDs, the first issue is to determine the length of time. Considering the slight differences between short- and long-term rates, I would consider a two- to three-year CD.

The next issue is where to purchase the CD. Consider a bank that is FDIC insured or through a credit union which also has insurance up to \$100,000. In that regard, you

don't have to consider just local banks, you can also shop CDs around the country.

You can go to one of the brokerage houses and they can shop CD rates for you or you can do it yourself at www.bankrate.com. The key in purchasing a CD is to make sure you understand the terms and conditions.

Another alternative is an equity-index annuity which allows you to invest money that will grow tax deferred until it is withdrawn. Unlike a CD that gives you a fixed rate of return, an equity-index annuity return will adjust on a year-by-year basis based upon a formula. An equity-index annuity is a fixed investment and you cannot lose principal.

Unfortunately, the majority of equity-index annuities are stuffed with fees thus, hindering the return to an investor. However, there are many annuities in the market that have very low fees. The key is to purchase one of those annuities through a firm such as Hutton Financial that deals exclusively in no-load annuities, (800) 874-4444.

Since you don't need the income for a number of years, I would lean towards the equity-index annuity as the better investment in your situation. **Dear Rick: I lost my job and have run into problems with my finances. I am maxed out on my charge cards and I've had to draw from my 401(k) just to cover bills. I want**

to a credit counselor who came up with a program. I am fearful that by following the program I'll never be out of debt. A friend recommended bankruptcy. The credit counselor said there are too many negatives to bankruptcy and I should go with the work-out plan. Is bankruptcy something I should consider? I am 28 years old.

We live in a great country that believes when people get into financial difficulty — because of bad luck or bad choices — there should be a way to wipe the slate clean and start over.

Bankruptcy laws are well established in our country and for people who are having financial difficulty it is something to explore. Unfortunately, there is a stigma around bankruptcy which I'm not sure is fair. After all, many corporations declare bankruptcy and continue to stay in business and, in many cases, retain the public's confidence.

Bankruptcy laws don't exist in a vacuum. They are part of the safeguards in our system and no one should be stigmatized using the law for their benefit.

In your situation, if there is no reasonable expectation the work-out plan will be successful, then bankruptcy is a viable alternative. Because a bankruptcy remains on someone's record for a period of time, it is not something to use without proper consideration.

My recommendation is sit down with a bankruptcy attorney and discuss your options. Depending upon your situation there will be different ways to proceed with different consequences.

In many cases, someone's financial situation is not caused by bad choices but rather bad luck. Whether it is a health emergency, a lost job, things happen and when they do, bankruptcy is something people should consider.

I recognize there is a guilt feeling associated with bankruptcy, however, keep in mind when you were paying 18.5 percent interest on your charge cards, that amount was substantially more than the going rate of interest. In effect, the company was charging a premium to offset any losses they would incur in case of things such as bankruptcy. Therefore, because you paid higher interest in effect you were buying an insurance policy and now you are just collecting on that policy.

Bankruptcy should not be someone's first alternative, however, it is something that deserves consideration. The key is to understand the consequences of what is involved and to make a decision based on what's good for your future financial health.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

'Lion King' prize winners selected

Robin Spivey of Southfield is grand prize winner in the Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers "Lion King" contest. Spivey receives four tickets to the Saturday, Dec. 1, performance at the Detroit Opera House.

Other winners of "Lion King" gift packs are: Kelly Brang of Garden City, the Gaffke family of Livonia, Charlene Diehl of Farmington Hills, Gloria Miller of Westland, Shelly Stallworth of Southfield, Karen Morawski of Rochester, Norbert Ostrowski of Royal Oak, Janice Kanka of Troy, Nadiné Martens of Bloomfield Hills, Betty Cespino of Canton Township, Jerry Powers of Redford Township and Cheryl Kuzmanovich of Ferndale.

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The reason is because abnormal findings in the arthritic conditions are tied to inflammation or disturbances to your immune system. A variety of reactions can cause these laboratory findings. No one can say if the laboratory results present now represent past reactions to medications, viral infections, or responses to pollutants or dust.

Blood testing results may be in keeping with a physician's impression that your medical history and physical examination indicate rheumatoid arthritis or a similar condition. In arthritis, your experience of joint pain and its pattern of impairment provide the best way to diagnose your condition.

The one exception is gout. For that diagnosis, the only way your physician is sure you have gout is to see the crystals of gout in a sample of fluid drawn from the involved toe or knee. Blood results no matter how high the levels, can only lend support to the diagnosis.

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Livonia Public Schools teachers Kitty Yost, left, and Katie Dodge celebrate the award they received for their work with Cooper Elementary School sixth-graders last year in the A World in Motion program.

Award honors teachers putting 'world in motion'

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Spirited competition motivated sixth-graders to learn engineering and physics last year, and teachers Kitty Yost and Katie Dodge are now being rewarded for their efforts.

Yost and Dodge, with the help of local engineers, led Cooper Elementary students through an exercise in toy design, through a program run

by the Society of Automotive Engineers called A World in Motion.

Using math and science skills, students created balloon-powered Jet Toys that were judged for speed, distance, weight, carrying ability, time in motion, accuracy and aesthetics.

Engineers from Detroit Diesel and the General Motors Powertrain plant in Livonia visited once a week to give stu-

dents pointers.

"It was a good learning experience for them," Yost said. "Before we knew it, their cars were really cruising."

"It was fun to watch our kids absorb science and use it daily," Dodge said. "We had fabulous engineers."

Cooper students took gold for the overall competition the first Jet Toy Olympics at Cobleskill Hall in April and earned medals for weight, accuracy, design

logs, distance and speed.

But their teachers were not left out. Yost and Dodge were recently named recipients of SAE International's Lloyd Reuss Award for Teaching Excellence.

The award honors Reuss, a former GM president, who is a staunch supporter of the program. It comes with a \$1,000 gift for Cooper school and \$1,000 for Yost and Dodge to split. Both said

the money would go to their classrooms.

Yost, in her 17th year at LPS, teaches fifth-grade this year at Cooper. She plans to take part in A World in Motion again. Dodge, who has been teaching for five years, has a grade 3/4 split classroom at Webster and wants to bring the program there. Both are Livonia residents.

School secretary Judy Delgreco's son, Ken Delgreco

Jr., who works at the Powertrain plant in Livonia, introduced A World in Motion to the teachers at Cooper.

While several classrooms full of students took part, Jet Toy races in the Cooper hallways last spring determined who would represent the school in the olympics.

"We had a riot," Yost said. "I can't wait to do it again."

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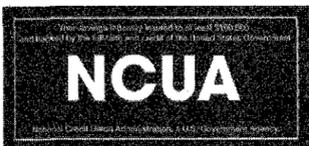
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'Elf' pens letters from Santa

Santa and the elves at Santa's Workshop are preparing for another season of writing letters to all good boys and girls brought to his attention. Elf Kristy Robinett from Sent By Santa (www.sentbysanta.net) has once again agreed to open Santa's Workshop Headquarters.

Letters from Santa are written with provided information and are uniquely personalized. "They are a wonderful keepsake memory and are enjoyed by children of all ages," said Robinett. "Children are

amazed Santa really knows so much about them - good things, as well as areas that need improvement! It is a great way to build self esteem by commending the children of their accomplishments that they experienced in 2007."

Each Santa letter costs \$8.00. As in previous years, a portion from each letter written will be donated to Wide Smiles (www.widesmiles.org). One child in 700 is born with a cleft palate, the fourth most common birth defect, and the first most common facial birth

defect.

Wide Smiles was formed to ensure that parents of cleft-affected children do not have to feel alone by offering support, inspiration, information and networking for families everywhere who may be dealing with the challenges associated with clefting.

A portion of each letter also will benefit Leah's Happy Hearts. Leah's Happy Hearts is a non-profit organization created to preserve the memory of Leah Elisabeth James whose life was cut short due to an

inoperable brain tumor. To read more about this remarkable angel, visit www.leahs-journey.com.

Robinett is hoping to raise money to assist with the Christmas party at Mott Children's Hospital and for pediatric brain tumor research.

Robinett said the deadline for orders is earlier - Dec. 5 - than in the past. Last year, she handles more than 1,000 orders. Visit Robinett's Web site at www.sentbysanta.net for more information.

Dems plan aims to protect jobs

Stepping in where the federal government has failed to act, State House Democrats have announced a bold plan to protect Michigan workers' jobs by making it a felony for employers to hire illegal immigrants.

The plan also would require employers to document the legal status of their workers and give Michigan workers legal recourse when companies replace them with undocumented laborers.

"Every job that goes to an illegal worker is one more job that is stolen from a hard-working Michigan resident who is trying to make ends meet," said State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "Michigan workers must come first. While the state's economy is struggling and unemployment rates continue to soar, it is outrageous that our federal government hasn't acted to protect the jobs of our residents."

The House Democrats' plan:

- Makes it a felony to knowingly employ an illegal or undocumented alien or to encourage such a person to enter Michigan with the intent

of employing him or her.

- Requires employers to fill out an I-9 form for all workers, confirming that they have verified their employees' status as legally authorized to work in the United States.
- Establishes penalties for repeat violators that include suspending or revoking their license to do business in Michigan and levying fines of up to \$250,000. For the owners of companies that are the worst offenders, prison terms of two-five years could be imposed.

The plan also gives fired workers who were replaced by illegal immigrants the ability to hold employers accountable in court.

"It is important that we do everything we can to create jobs for Michigan workers and turn our economy around," LeBlanc said. "Employers who choose to break the law by hiring illegal immigrants are devastating Michigan's business community and our working families."

"Our plan will give Michigan the tools it currently lacks to punish these companies."

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 17, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on December 17, 2007 at 7:25 p.m. regarding the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2008:

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low to moderate income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low to moderate income.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.
- To improve public facilities.

ESTIMATED ALLOCATION	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
\$50,000	City-wide Housing Rehabilitation
\$30,000	Improvements to Senior Center (Maplewood)
\$25,000	ADA Improvements at City Parks Police Station
\$28,120	Public Service Activity (Funding for Senior Center Coordinator; 19% of Total Allocation)
\$7,400	CDBG Administration Planning
\$7,400	(Administration and Planning combined must not exceed 10% of Total Allocation)
\$148,000	Total Proposed Allocation (Estimate)

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the allocations of the CDBG program.

All documentation regarding the CDBG program is available at the Community Development Dept. 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734) 793.1663.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

Posted: November 20, 2007
Publish: November 25, 2007

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 121-J-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, SECTION 22-76 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO ADOPT THE MICHIGAN STATE CONSTRUCTION CODEMECHANICAL CODE

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-76, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide the following:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act (Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909 (MCL 117.1 et seq., MSA 5.2071 et seq.), as amended) a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for the City of Westland, being marked and designated as "The State Construction Code - Mechanical Code" as promulgated and published by the Michigan construction code commission, be and is hereby adopted as the mechanical code of the City of Westland and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Mechanical Code, as amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this article. The City of Westland specifically assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of the State Construction Code - Mechanical Code, as amended.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective December 3, 2007.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: October 15, 2007
Published: November 25, 2007
Effective: December 3, 2007
Publish: November 25, 2007

Cheer for the hometown, read today's SPORTS section

LEGAL NOTICE

"The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wayne Masonic Temple Association, a Michigan non-profit corporation, will be held at the corporate office at 37137 Palmer Rd., Westland, Michigan on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at eight o'clock P.M. for the election of officers and such other business as may properly come before said meeting."

Publish: November 25 and December 2, 2007

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PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, intelligent, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'8", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **211352**

DO-WOP TO CLASSICS
DWF, 56, 5'4", N/S, with traditional values, sharply blond, enjoys concerts, dining, classic cars, the lake, dancing, ISO christian M, N/S, gentleman, 50+, for dating, open to new activities. Rochester. **212502**

TAKE CHANCE
SWF, 25, 5'2", medium build, athletic, enjoys sports, working on cars, bowling, pool, Italian food, music, my dogs, having fun. Seeking outgoing, fun-loving guy to get to know, share fun. **212328**

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 50s, widowed mom, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party, retired, enjoys art, card playing, chess, etc. If you're it, you're it. **213422**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SWF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-66, N/S. Possible LTR. **213422**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
45-80, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, sexy and fun. City. **213422**

SINCERE ONLY
SBF, 38, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good times and simple fun. If you're it, you're it. Friendship first, possibly more. **213422**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeking SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures, enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks, walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **214299**

HELLO
DWF, 57, 5'4", 160lbs, seeks 16, attractive, retired, RN, homeowner, smoker, loves jazz, movies, good company, fun, dating and travel. Give me a call. All call returned. **212306**

SWEET SEXY LADY WANTS...
To be swept off my feet! Very pretty SWF, 42, brunette, 5'9", 135lbs, N/S, seeks good-looking tall SWM, 40-45, honest, somewhat serious, college-educated, romantic, sensual, for friendship first, possible LTR. **212306**

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBFC, 36, 5'8", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz, enjoys sports, traveling, dating, fun. Looking for a SWM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted, considerate, to share all life has to offer. **212306**

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SWM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted, considerate, to share all life has to offer. **212306**

HI THERE
SWF, 46, blonde/blue, 5'9", slim, enjoys outdoor activities, sports, hiking, reading and animals. Seeking compatible man to share talks, casual dates and fun. **212306**

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed divorced W/M, 55-60, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **212306**

HIDDEN TREASURE
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+, **212306**

COULD U BE THE ONE I ME?
Active SWF, 52', blonde, fun-loving, nurse likes boating, traveling, sports, dancing and travel. Give me a call. All call returned. **212306**

CLASS ACT & GOOD CATCH
Free kitten to good home. Affectionate, attractive intelligent DWWF, 59', N/S, upbeat with class, warm and sensual humor, seeks LTR with non-narcissistic, romantic gentleman, 55-69. Make me purr. **212306**

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SWF, 36, 5'2", 120lb, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? **212306**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. **212306**

BUSY GIRL
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 15! Slim, long blonde hair, looking for someone to spend my life. **212306**

HI THERE
SBPF, 35, 5'9", 135lbs, sexy, curvy, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all it offers. I enjoy water sports, travel, dining out. **212306**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with crown son likes walks, movies, dinner, park, music. Seeking SM, 35-55, for friendship, possible romance. **212306**

YOUR SOULMATE IS WAITING
SBF, 27, 5'4", chiseled complexion, pretty brown eyes, dimples, thick build, looking for SWM, 28-30, for friendship and more. **212306**

VERY CUTE
SBF, 56, 5'3", 120lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **212306**

BF SEEKING MR. RIGHT
SBF, 39 inches, N/S, seeking WM 40-60, N/S, for a friendship that could turn into something more. I enjoy life, reading, travel, camping, fishing and trying new things. **212306**

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF, 57', 120lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality, Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, friendly guy, looking to meet a kind Jewish man. I enjoy life, reading, travel, camping, fishing and trying new things. **212306**

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? **212306**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE
Bright, sunny, pretty SWF, 46, educator, outgoing, friendly, open-minded, looking for a Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **212306**

HERE I AM GUYS
Confident, sexy SWF, 54, caramel complexion, 5'7", 160lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, single, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. **212306**

ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN...
wanted, attractive, ISO SWF, 40-55, for friendship, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old, N/S, no children, looking for SW/H, to share life with. **212306**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-read, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, traveling, fitness, dancing and travel. Give me a call. All call returned. **212306**

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION
WM, 50-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **212306**

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SWF, 38, educated, D/D-free, in search of SWM, with same qualities, for friendship and possibly more. **212306**

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional and physical spiritual and financial uplifting. **212306**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SWM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. **212306**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
W/M/F, 40-50, N/S, 6'2", 160lbs, 6'20, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **212306**

HEY GUYS
Loving, sexy SWF, 54, caramel complexion, 5'7", 160lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, single, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. **212306**

AWAITING YOUR CALL
Honest, attractive SWF, 28, 5'2", 130lb, mother, child-friendly, respectful Christian man to enjoy dining, good talks, family, friendship and fun. **212306**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
W/M/F, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share his life. **212306**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
SBF, 27, self-sufficient, fun front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. **212306**

HEY GUYS
SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4", 120lbs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hanging out with friends. Looking for a loving SM, to get to know. **212306**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SBF, 20, 5'9", slim, long black hair, enjoys movies, concerts, and just having fun, looking for a nice, respectful man, to enjoy talks, casual dates, and see what happens next. **212306**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SBF, 19, full-figured, 5'4", caramel complexion looking for a good guy, who's fun, hang out with and just get to know. **212306**

LET'S TALK
SBF, 63, 4'11", 110s romantic, walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SWM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No kids, serious. **212306**

CREATIVE MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, propionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, outdoors, cooking, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities for friendship. **212306**

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys reading, sewing, movies and art, seeking for a SWM, 52+, with various interests and hobbies. **212306**

IF IT YOU?
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SW/M, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **212306**

COULD IT BE YOU?
Employed SWF, 50, 5'3", blond/hazel enjoys city life, looking for a loving, single, nice, downy shopping, trying new restaurants, moonlighting. Seeking like-minded gentleman who would appreciate the same. **212306**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SWF, hoping to meet mature SWM, 45-60, I'm a very professional, affectionate, loving SWF, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **212306**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and being nice. **212306**

TRY ME
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, enjoys a variety of activities, good times, shopping, dancing, laughing and simple times. **212306**

WANT TO MEET A LADY?
SBF, 31, 5'9", brown hair, Piercing, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, single guy to share his life with. **212306**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-40, for friendship and possibly more. Call me, let's get together and see what happens next. **212306**

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER
SBF, 58, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, fine arts, culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. **212306**

FUN AND SIMPLE
SBF, 19, dark complexion, arroy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. **212306**

UNAFFAIR OF A LITTLE...
strangeness. Outiry, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, games, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. **212306**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **212306**

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **212306**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'9", 120lb, long blonde hair, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'11", 225lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **212306**

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 46, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degree, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoor activities, reading, traveling, seeking friendly SF, appreciation open. **212306**

ISO MY COUNTERPART
Adventurous, energetic, handsome, laid-back SWM, 48, looks and enjoys, 5'11", N/S, enjoys traveling, dining out, seeking fit, energetic, party woman, 28-32, with same qualities, and interests, for LTR. **212306**

A SPECIAL GUY?
DWM, 55, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks former Marine, father of 2, ISO romantic, outdoorsy, serious, mature, single, who can make me laugh and smile. Is it you? **212306**

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. **212306**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBF, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romantic companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **212306**

HOPE TO FIND YOU
SM, 41, wishing to meet loving, respectful lady, 28-50, not about games, to share happiness, special times, laughter and possibly more. **212306**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, baseball, sunbathing, soft rock music more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. **212306**

WANTS A LADY TO LOVE
SWM, 47, 5'10", 170lbs, N/S, sincere, loyal, honest and well-read, enjoys dining out, walks, the zoo and weekend getaways. Looking for LTR with single, sweet woman. **212306**

HEY LADIES!
DWM, 46, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/beard, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys socializing, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. **212306**

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lb, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movie, good music, and working out. Seeking lady who knows how to enjoy life. **212306**

HEAVY LADIES?
SBM, 22, 6'2", brown complexion, brown eyes, 175lbs, looking for sexy, thick, curvy ladies to kick it with and have a good time. **212306**

GENIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, dining, and just hanging out. **212306**

A TERNIFIC GUY
SWM, 45, 6'0", brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, in crowd, shapely, w/ similar interests. Possible LTR. **212306**

WORTH THE CALL
Healthy, romantic, happy, reliable SWM, 38, well-built, attractive, open-minded, likes bowling, movies, good talks and laughter. Seeking similar, commitment-minded SF, who has a good time, to share his life with. **212306**

HELLO SEXY LADIES
Romantic, honest SWM, 36, brown/brown and caring who knows how to enjoy life to the fullest and appreciate a good time. **212306**

FRIENDLY AND FUN
SWM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-30, to get to know and share all the good times in life. **212306**

HOPE TO FIND U SOON
SBM, 51'11", 170lb, black/brown, brown complexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more. Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share his good times in life. **212306**

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
Affectionate, sincere SWM, 40, 5'11", 150lb, tall, open-minded, looking for a loving, sweet lady to share full life and friendship. **212306**

TAKE A CHANCE
SBM, 46, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey playing, watching. Seeking a loving, kind, truthful woman, 37-46, who loves to have a good time in life. **212306**

WHAT'S UP LADIES?
Simple, honest, SWM, 42, 5'11", 150lb, tall, athletic, ISO romantic, romantic SWM, 42, 6'6", 260lbs, light complexion, brown eyes, looking for a romantic lady to get to know and share good times. **212306**

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PHOTOS BY KEN HOLMES

The Upper Elementary choir students at Johnson Elementary School rehearse for the Holiday Concert with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Holiday concert to spotlight children's choir

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Karen Danke takes a moment before heading out the door to share her excitement about the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Clarenceville High School.

A cellist with the orchestra, Danke just finished performing at the LSO Ballroom Brilliance benefit Friday night at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

While the concert and dazzling performances by professional dancers were exciting, the upcoming program is sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

Danke's upper elementary students at Johnson School in Livonia have already spent hours practicing their two songs - Candle of Peace and Winter Wonderland of Snow.

"They're only 10 or 11-years old but oh are they incredible," said Karen Danke of Redford. "It's a sweet children's sound and they are so driven. I made CDs for them to practice parts at home and parents say they're practicing for hours. We had 78 kids audition. They are so excited. Everybody's buzzing with excitement."

Danke directs choirs of 200

HOLIDAY CONCERT

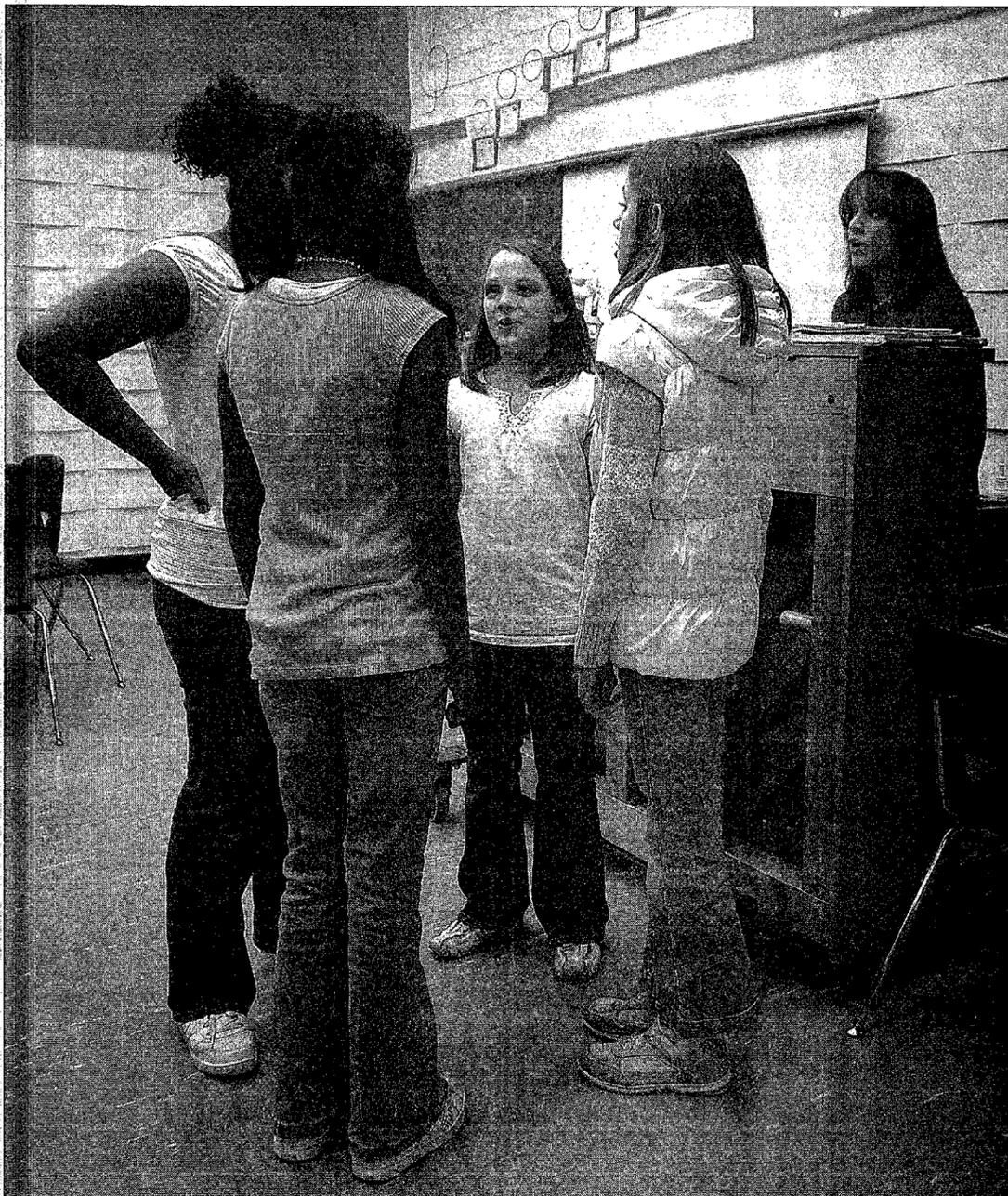
What: Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents seasonal concert featuring commercial, Christian and Jewish music
When: 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1
Where: Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Tickets: \$17 adults, \$5 children/students, and available at Livonia libraries in advance or at the door before the concert. For information, call (734) 421-1111 or visit www.livoniasymphony.com

plus children at the school, but the stage wasn't big enough so she had to choose 38 kids to sing at the Dec. 1 concert.

"We're making a DVD at the end of the month for the Music Educators National Conference. We sent in a proposal and they were accepted," said Danke, a music teacher at the school. "It's exciting when you have so many kids who want to sing."

In addition to the children's choir, one of the highlights is a performance of The Santa Claus Symphony.

"It's the Midwest premiere,"



Music teacher Karen Danke leads her Johnson Elementary School choir students through one of the songs they perform with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

said Carl Karoub, LSO French horn player. "There are some new themes, some favorite Christmas themes."

Bruce Sole not only helped select the symphony for the holiday program but looks forward to performing the music by Fry.

"The Santa Claus Symphony is not performed very often," said Bruce Sole, LSO music committee member and principal trombone. "I'm really excited about playing and it's kind of challenging. I love Christmas music in general. We've taken Victorian Christmas cards

and transferred them to Power Point and are programming them to fit a specific point in the piece."

Conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk says the concert is one the entire family will enjoy.

"Grandma, grandpa and kids can come," said Volodymyr

Shesiuk of Garden City. "We'll play White Christmas, Sleigh Ride and end singing Silent Night."

"It's going to be fun," added Tom Bjorklund, president of the LSO board of directors.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

"Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the vision requirement for driving" Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of the 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision as 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves independence and quality of life."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

1-877-677-2020

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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Trivia challenge benefits student exchange program

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER

Trivia buffs are invited to join a contest — and help out a special student exchange program for South Redford schools — at a major fund-raising event from 6-9 p.m. today, Sunday, Nov. 25, at the Timber Wolf Tavern on Plymouth Road in Redford.

For a fee of \$30, participants join in the Trivia Challenge Fund-raiser, which will raise money to help defray airfare and other costs for students in the district's "Classroom Without Walls" Chinese exchange program.

The program began with students learning about each other using online and other means while in their own countries, before moving onto in-person visits. Last year, about 15 students from Nanao

School in China visited South Redford.

Fisher Elementary Principal Brian Galdes, who had initially traveled to China to help set up the program, said the district plans to have South Redford students make a reciprocal visit sometime in 2008. Donors can help ensure the opportunity happens.

"This is a great opportunity for the South Redford community," he said. In terms of our counterparts in China, he said, "They're so welcoming, so hospitable. They want to give every opportunity possible for their students to become global citizens."

Barb Torey, an active parent with children at Fisher and Pierce, is helping coordinate the benefit. She said the owners at the Timber Wolf were very supportive of helping kids. "I asked him and he said, 'Sure,

go ahead. Let's do it.'"

During last year's visit, Torey said one of the Chinese boys stayed with her family for a while. "It was an amazing experience for everyone involved," she said.

Will her daughter make the trip? "Oh, she's going. I'm working like heck so that she can," Torey said.

Participants in the trivia challenge will also get pizza and pop, plus the chance to win a \$200 first prize, \$150 for second and \$50 for third. Raffles and 50/50 drawings will also be held.

Raising money for the effort won't stop at the trivia night. Supporters will be selling Mackinac Island fudge at Olde-Fashioned Christmas event on Dec. 8.

For more details, contact Torey at (313) 533-2303.

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Teresa DeHart-Schultz and her mom, Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart, fill the trunk of their car with purchases made at Westland Shopping Center on Friday.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SHOP

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"There's none inside," said the woman.

Joy Bobby of Dearborn started her morning a little later than Hickman — at 3:30 a.m. — by standing in a long line outside Kohl's. She researched her purchases and by a little after 7 a.m. had made it to four stores. Her best deal, she said, was at Radio Shack where she bought an iPod for \$149.

Loading stuff in her car in the Kmart parking lot, she admitted that "some people were getting feisty."

"It's been smoother here," she said. "I walked in and walked out with what I wanted."

Sarah Finley of Romulus started at 5 a.m. at the Wal-Mart store in Taylor and was working her way north.

"I'm on a budget, I'm paying cash for everything, not like those people who are charging it," she said.

An oddity in the sea of shoppers was Charles Pilch of Inkster. New to the shopping frenzy, he started out at 5:15 a.m. and two hours later was ready to stop for breakfast. He'd made it to Meijer, JC Penney, Kmart and Toys R Us where the electronics department "was outrageous."

"I haven't gotten a lot, but I've got a few good buys," he said. "I've got a couple more to go, but I'll probably go home and take a break."

Chris Jenkins was another one of the 5 a.m. shoppers, but



Holly Triplett of Westland had a long walk with her purchases. She has a handicapped parking permit but couldn't find an available handicapped parking spot Friday at Westland Shopping Center.



Target employees Jerome Mbek and Latrelle Hutson load purchases for DeeDee Ballard of Detroit, Sherrie Thomas of Detroit and Michelle Averhart of Sterling Heights.

after two hours of store hopping, she had come to the conclusion that it wasn't "worth getting up that early."

"I got some good buys at Toys R Us, but I came out more for the fun of it," she said. But Dye and her two friends

decided it was better to drink their coffee and wait for later.

"I can't spend my whole life in a line," she said.

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Girl Scouts help shoppers wrap it up

While shoppers crowded Laurel Park Place in Livonia Friday, the Girl Scout gift wrapping booth was there to help harried shoppers make their gifts look just so.

"We also have Westland mall," where the booth was being set up Friday, said Mary Dicello of Livonia, a mom involved with the Metro Detroit Girl Scout Council. The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council also participates in the fund-raiser.

Adults and girls wrap presents for shoppers at both malls during mall hours, continuing through Christmas Eve. You can use your own

boxes or theirs, with prices based on box size.

"The bows are handmade," said Dicello, adding all gift tags are stamped. Key organizers are Sue Roy and Diane Bergendahl: "If it wasn't for them it would not be possible," Dicello said.

"I enjoy wrapping," she said. "I enjoy meeting the people. It's just a lot of fun." The volunteers watch a DVD in training. The girls choose what they want to do with money raised, such as camping or trips.

"Just come out and help the Girl Scouts," Dicello urged.

By Julie Brown

OUR VIEWS

No shortage of need in 'season of giving'

It is no secret the state of Michigan is in the midst of a prolonged economic slump. And while there are always the less fortunate who rely on the generosity of others to make it through the day, the number of people needing a helping hand this holiday season surely has increased.

And that is putting extra pressure on area food banks, soup kitchens and emergency shelters to keep up with the additional demand. Organizations like Gleaners Food Bank and the Goodfellows need more help than ever if they are going to succeed in ensuring no child goes without a Christmas, and every family will enjoy a holiday meal.

A great way to get into the "holiday spirit" is by supporting the various charities whose volunteers work tirelessly to help those in need. There is no shortage of ways to help, either offering one's time, talent or treasure to a worthy cause.

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers to help with its annual red kettle campaign. If enough volunteers are not found, the organization either has to pay people to man the kettles or reduce the number of locations, both of which cut into its resources. Visit the Salvation Army's Web site at www.salvationarmymich.org to learn how to help.

Similarly, Gleaners Community Food Bank is seeking both food donations and volunteers to help pack food boxes for the needy. The organization, which serves both Oakland and Wayne counties, experienced record demand for assistance last month, distributing more than 2.2 million pounds of food. With area food pantries experiencing critical shortages, cash donations are the best way to help restock empty shelves. Visit the Gleaners Web site at www.gcfb.org to learn more.

South Oakland Shelter is another area organization experiencing record demand, coupled with dwindling resources. The Oakland County-based shelter not only provides temporary housing and meals to area homeless people, but also helps with case management, job counseling and transportation to help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. To learn how to help, visit the S.O.S. Web site at www.sos1985.org.

In this season of giving, it is more important than ever to do as much as we can to help those in need this holiday

COMMUNITY VOICE

With costs going up, will you spend more or less for the holidays?



"We're probably spending more because the boys are older and we'd love to have a Wii."

Sonya Adams
Garden City



"Oh, yeah, for sure, we'll definitely be spending less for Christmas."

Crezelena Torres
Garden City



"I'll probably spend less for Christmas because I'm going on a big vacation."

Lee Magher
Westland



"I definitely won't be spending very much because everything costs too much."

Samantha Hamilton
Redford

LETTERS

McCotter fights for veterans

This is a response to both Dianne Marietti and B.J. Davis. It's hard to believe that they don't know how the system works. Congressman McCotter has fought for us veterans all the time. He has also fought on the Social Security that the Democrats have tried to push through.

Do these to persons know that our two senators, Levin and Stabenow, have voted to give illegal aliens Social Security benefits.

These two persons should read and study what our two Democrat senators are doing in Washington.

When I want something or some information, Rep. McCotter is right there to give it to me. Right now he is fighting to get more benefits for us veterans.

George D. Kosnich
Livonia

Hats off to teen writers

Read the article relating to the Student Voices section. Great, it provides the school children a means of freely expressing their views to all who will listen. The benefits are manifold. The children will improve their ability to organize thoughts, knowing that

there will be feedback. Helps them to recognize that all issues in life have many facets.

The power of words will become ingrained in them for the rest of their life. Learning effective communication is, as always, what makes mankind superior to the other animals on the planet. Also helps those of older generations to better understand how the world is changing for the better. After all, these are the ones that will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Perhaps they can end a practice that we have not been able to end — being misled by many glib politicians and other self-serving individuals. They treat us as dumb, gullible people who will believe any lie, if it is repeated enough. Just think how much we would all benefit if we could lose the Nation of Sheep characterization.

Hats off to all the *Observer* people who created this most worthwhile program.

Ralph E. Williams
Livonia

Catholics criticize McCotter

Please notice what U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter is saying about groups that slam him for his vote against children's health care. It is another reason we should not re-

elect him next November.

In October, Catholics United, "a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting the message of justice and the common good found at the heart of the Catholic Social Tradition," launched an ad campaign targeting "pro-life Christian" politicians who voted against expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The ads criticized the members of Congress for saying that they're "pro-life," but then voting "against health care for poor children."

"That's not pro-life. That's not pro-family," concluded the ads.

One of the targets of the ads, McCotter, R-Livonia, the chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, responded by accusing Catholics United of being the "devil" and acting in "sin."

Now Catholics United is taking to the Christian radio airwaves again. They're still hitting McCotter but are also adding four more members of Congress to their target list: Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Georgia, Rep. Virgil Goode, R-Virginia, Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kansas, and Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Missouri.

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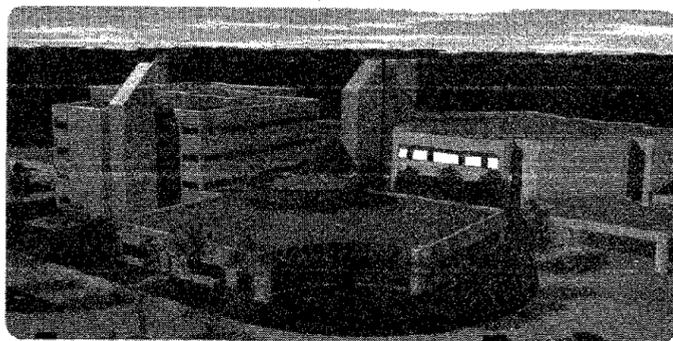
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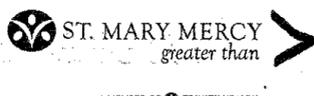
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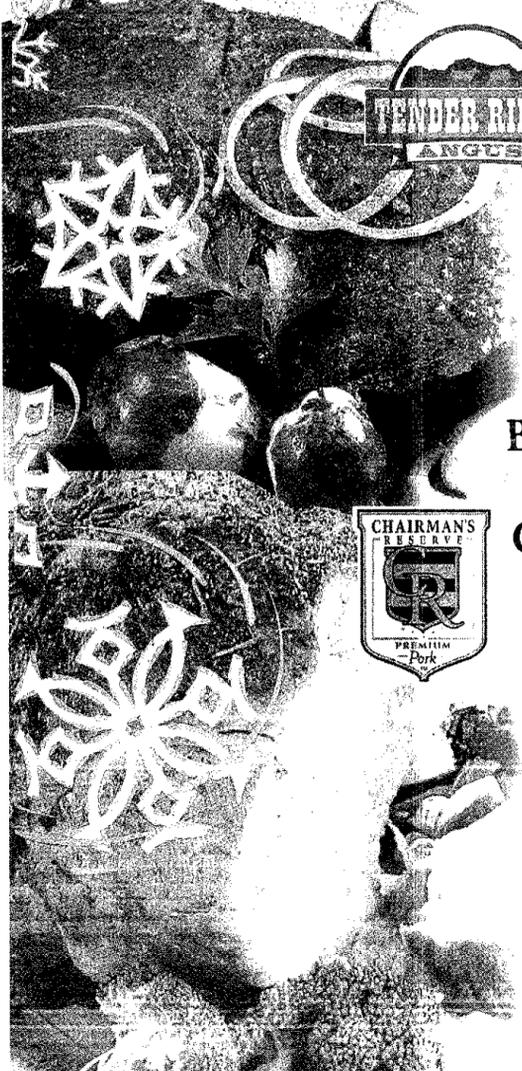
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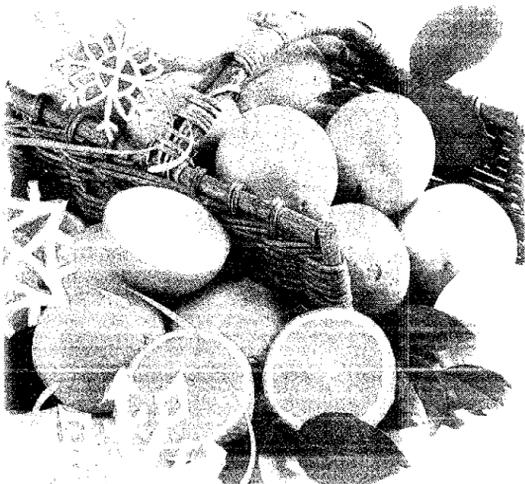
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Churchill jolts Shamrocks in early test, 7-5

Milam's hat trick fuels win vs. CC

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

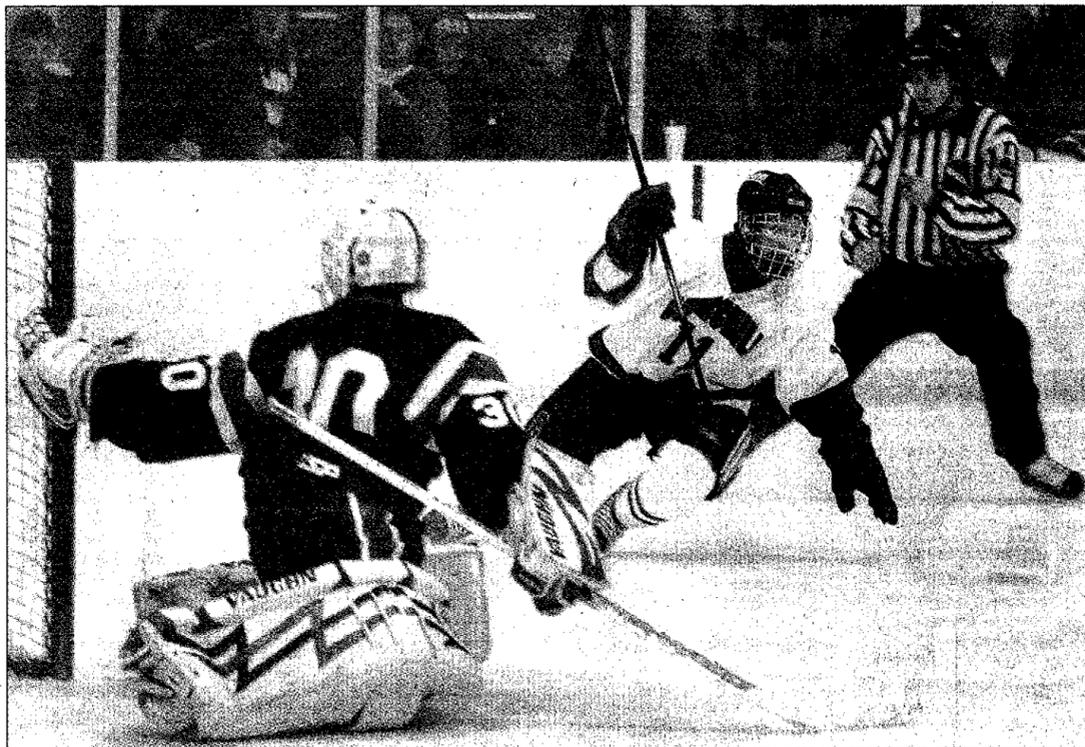
Livonia Churchill is off to a 3-0 start in boys hockey and nobody is hotter than Nathan Milam.

The senior forward notched a hat trick and added an assist as the Chargers, who battled back from a 3-1 first-period deficit, notched an eye-opening 7-5 victory Wednesday night over visiting Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Milam, a second-team All-Area pick as a junior, played like a magician as he raised his season total to 10 goals and four assists.

"Churchill is a really good team," said CC coach Todd Johnston, whose team slipped to 1-1 overall. "They play with a lot of energy. Milam put up an early vote for Mr. Hockey. He was really good, the best player on the ice."

Milam ripped a quick shot off the face-off to score Churchill's first goal just 1:24 into the game off an assist from Keith Yackley.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill senior Nate Milam reacts after scoring his second goal during the second period past Catholic Central goalie Tyler Marble.

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SIDE LINES

A's sign Rogowski

Former Detroit Catholic Central High School standout Casey Rogowski (Livonia) was signed to a minor league contract last week by the Oakland A's.

In 264 Triple-A games for the Chicago White Sox' affiliate in Charlotte, the left-handed hitting first baseman and outfielder hit .259 with .364 on-base average and a .418 slugging percentage.

The 27-year-old Rogowski enjoyed his best minor league season in Double-A Birmingham (Ala.) when he batted .293 with nine homers and 78 RBI.

He was a 13th-round pick of the White Sox in 1999.

Krug earns honor

For the third time in four weeks, Adrian College junior Adam Krug (Livonia Churchill) was named Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Week.

In a weekend sweep, of Finlandia, Krug netted the game-winning goal and added an assist in a 7-3 win (Nov. 16).

He had a hand on all four goals (two goals, two assists) in a 4-2 Bulldogs' win (Nov. 17).

Krug and teammate Shawn Skelly are currently tied for the most points in NCAA Division III hockey with 18 points apiece. Adrian is 5-2 overall.

Meet C'ville teams

The Livonia Clarenceville Athletic Department will hold its "Meet the Team Night" for winter sport athletes, parents and coaches from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, at the high school cafeteria.

Topics included athletic and academic eligibility requirements, sportsmanship, season schedule, team rules and consequences, team policies and banquet information.

For more information, call Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217.

It's a brand new season

Girls get early jump on '07-08 campaign Tuesday

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS HOOP PREVIEW

At least for one week, girls basketball takes center stage. And because of the MHSAA's court-mandated seasons switch, the girls will share the stage with boys for the remainder of the 2007-08 winter season.

And with the scheduling, you'll have your pick of plenty of games choose from on Tuesdays and Friday nights. Let's just hope there are enough (qualified) officials around.

When the girls season opens Tuesday night, here are some things to look for:

■ **New coaches:** Former University of Michigan player Leslie (Spicer) Williams becomes the fourth coach in four years at Wayne Memorial; JV coach Dave McCall takes over the reins from Mary Kay Whalen at Livonia Franklin; former Livonia Ladywood assistant Pat Cannon takes over at Livonia Stevenson; Chad Jenkins replaces Keith McDonald at Livonia Churchill; and Eric Ruth takes over for his

wife Kris at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

■ **All-Area players:** Junior Brianna Taylor, who averaged 13.1 points and shot 49 percent from the field, leads Livonia Franklin.

Livonia Ladywood's Alex Serowoky, also a second-teamer, leads an experienced team which finished 20-4 a year ago and captured the Catholic League A-B Division championship, as well as the Operation-Friendship and Class A district crowns.

■ **Other players to watch:** Jenna Anastos, a senior forward from Ladywood; Brittany Holbrook, a junior center from Westland John Glenn; Becca Refenes, a junior center from Lutheran Westland; Brittany Taylor, a junior guard from Franklin; Lindsey Graciak, a junior point-guard from Churchill; Trena Barbee, a senior guard from Wayne; Allyson Yankee, a junior guard from Lutheran Westland; and



Brianna Taylor Franklin

Lauren Adlof, a senior point-guard from Huron Valley; Alison Szczypka, senior guard, Ladywood; Amber Drabicki, senior guard, Ladywood; Becca Bartek, senior guard, Stevenson;

Wendy Foster, junior center, Wayne (transfer from Detroit Cooley); Amanda Moody, senior guard, Clarenceville.

■ **District assignments (Class A):** at Livonia Ladywood (Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Northville, Novi, Ladywood); at Redford Thurston (Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Redford Union, Farmington, Thurston);

Class B (at Livonia Clarenceville): Detroit Old Redford Prep, Detroit Renaissance, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Oak Park-Academy of Michigan.

Class D (at Huron Valley Lutheran): Lutheran High

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Alex Serowoky returns up front for defending Catholic League A-B Division and Operation-Friendship champion Livonia Ladywood.

Ocelots boot player for chair-throwing incident

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

A chair-throwing incident during half-time of the Schoolcraft College men's basketball game last Tuesday night against host Owens Community College (Ohio) has led to the dismissal of a player.

Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox confirmed Wednesday that 6-foot-6

freshman guard Darius Hardrick of Belleville has been terminated from the team following the Ocelots' 78-70 non-conference setback.

"All I can say right now is that this is something we cannot tolerate," Fox said. "The player has been informed and he will no longer be a part of this team."

Perrysburg Township (Ohio) police chief Ed Stribny, who was in attendance at the game, said no charges were filed, but a police report had been logged.

With Owens leading 39-18 at intermission, the incident occurred as Schoolcraft players and coaches exited the playing floor and were headed down a hallway leading to the visitors locker-room.

Stribny said a Schoolcraft assistant

coach, who tried to intervene during a dispute between Hardrick and another Schoolcraft assistant coach, was struck in the head and momentarily knocked unconscious.

"It was more of an internal thing among the team and we asked them (the Schoolcraft coaching staff) if they had everything under control," Stribny

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Tuesday, Nov. 27
 Luth. Westland at A.P. Cabrini, 6 p.m.
 Liggett at Huron Valley Lutheran, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at F.H. Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 G.P. North at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 28
 Dearborn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29
 Ladywood at Flint Powers, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Inter-City Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 30
 Lutheran South at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Whitmore Lake, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Novi at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Brighton, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Sunday, Nov. 25
 Ladywood at Silver Stick Tourney, TBA.
Monday, Nov. 26
 Franklin vs. Waterford Kettering
 at Lakeland Ice Arena, 7:20 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 28
 Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Canton at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. G.P. North
 at Grosse Pointe Civic Arena, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 30
 Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Edgar, 6 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 7 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1
 Ladywood vs. Plymouth-Canton-Salem
 at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Nov. 29
 Clarenceville Quad Meet, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1
 Grand Blanc Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Rocket Team Inv. at John Glenn, 10 a.m.
 Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Lutheran Northwest Invitational, 10:30 a.m.
 Lincoln Park Invitational, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Nov. 27
 Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 28
 Schoolcraft at Lansing CC, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 30
 (Montana State Northern Tourney)
 Madonna vs. Montana St. Northern, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1
 (Montana State Northern Tourney)
 Madonna vs. Rocky Mountain (Colo.), 1 p.m.
 (Prime Table Classic, Freeport, Ill.)
 Schoolcraft vs. Black Hawk East (Ill.), 3 p.m.
 Highland (Ill.) vs. Lincoln Land (Ill.), 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 2
 Prime Table Classic, 3 p.m., and 5 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sunday, Nov. 25
 (Kalamazoo Valley Tournament)
 Schoolcraft vs. Lake Michigan, 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 30
 (Schoolcraft College Classic)
 Kalamazoo Valley vs. Lakeland (Ohio), 5:30 p.m.
 Schoolcraft vs. Sinclair CC (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1
 (Schoolcraft College Classic)
 Kalamazoo Valley vs. Sinclair CC (Ohio), 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft vs. Lakeland (Ohio), 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 30
 Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1
 Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware, 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 2
 Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 6:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 30
 Whalers vs. Baltimore Blast
 at Compuware Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1
 Whalers at New Jersey Ironmen, 7:30 p.m.
 TBA-time to be announced.

Spartan icers cruise, 5-0

Livonia Stevenson bolted to a 3-0 first-period advantage en route to a 5-1 non-league boys hockey victory Wednesday night over visiting Port Huron Northern at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Ian Curran, Tyler Vines and Zach Roberts paced the Spartans, now 3-0 overall, with a goal and assist each. John Vella and Joe Byrne also tallied goals for Stevenson.

Chris Hopper's third-period goal spoiled Stevenson netminder Pat McHugh's shutout bid. The senior made 15 saves.

"We had a good first period, but the second and third periods had little flow due to penalties," Stevenson first-year coach David Mitchell said.

The loss drops the Huskies, who lost their opener to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (2-1), to 0-2 overall.

OCELOTS

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involved were professional and we were able to get the player to cease and desist. He (the stricken) coach did not want treatment. He was given ice."

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft first-year coach Randy Henry said: "I was not there when it happened. The only comment I'll make is that 'we handled the situation.'"

Owens coach Kevin Skaggs called the incident "an unfortunate deal all the way around."

"It put a cloud over the whole thing, the guy (Schoolcraft assistant) was laid out," Skaggs added. "My assistant saw one of their players throw a chair."

Following the altercation, the stricken Schoolcraft assistant coach returned to the bench for the second half and the 1-3 Ocelots made a comeback before falling eight points short after cutting the deficit to four with 1:37 to go.

Following the second-half comeback, Henry's son Eric, a 6-3 freshman forward from Detroit Renaissance, spent the night in a nearby Perrysburg hospital after being attended to and transported by paramedics late in the game.

"Eric took a charge and got hit in the throat and he took another charge later on and was hit in the chest," coach Henry said. "He had some discomfort. He started to hyperventilate so they kept him overnight. He's fine."

On Nov. 3, Schoolcraft opened its season at home with an 83-70 loss to Owens.

In the rematch, Pontiac Northern's Deandre Hall led the Express (4-2) with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"We had been playing pretty well, we were up 21 at the half," Skaggs said. "Things got a little weird the second half after what happened at halftime. It got pretty intense."

Owens' Berdell Billingsley added 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Wes Taylor and Fletcher Noble chipped in with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Marvin Walker, a 6-1 freshman guard from Highland Park who did not score against Owens in the first meeting, paced Schoolcraft and all scorers with 26 points.

Alex Nason added 18 second-half points, including three triples, to spark the comeback.

Narmer Dudley (Farmington Hills Harrison) contributed eight rebounds and four blocks.

"We're a young team that doesn't understand patience - we've averaged 22 turnovers (per game)," Henry said. "We had three turnovers in the last 1:37. But we had enough pride and character to come back and not give up. If we had played with the same energy we had in the second half to start the game..."

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Churchill sophomore Mike Woynick (left) gets past Catholic Central defenseman Greg Merrill and scores.

CHURCHILL

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CC, however, responded with three quick goals within a span of 1:43 at the end of the opening period to go up by two goals.

Michael Bourgon scored the first at 12:16 from Jeff Leroy and Greg Merrill followed by Nicholas Gatt's unassisted power-play goal at 13:04. Nick Bates' then stole the puck directly in front of the Churchill net and tallied goal just 55 seconds later.

"We took some bad penalties and were not moving our feet," said Churchill eighth-year coach Pete Mazzoni, (per game), Henry said. "We had three turnovers in the last 1:37. But we had enough pride and character to come back and not give up. If we had played with the same energy we had in the second half to start the game..."

"We had to settle down and get back to the basics. We could have gone two ways. It was fortunate for us that we dug in and stuck together as a team."

Churchill came storming back with a pair of goals to open the second period with Mike Woynick scoring unassisted at 2:31 followed by Milam's second goal from Yackley at 3:45 to make it 3-1.

Merrill put CC back on top, 4-3, on an assist from Leroy at 7:13. But Milam

tallied his third of the night at 12:56 off a back-door pass from defenseman Nick Harakas to even the count at 4-4.

In the third period, Kody Strong's unassisted goal at 3:59 put the Chargers ahead for keeps and Travis Satkowiak's goal from Milam gave Churchill at two-goal cushion, 6-4 at 5:51.

But with only 2:59 left in the game, CC made things interesting when Steven Hensley scored from Brent Darnell and Leroy just after a Charger penalty expired.

The Shamrocks, who took 12 penalties on the night to Churchill's eight, then took a pair of costly ones including a holding call on Bourgon with only two minutes to play and another by Merrill, the senior captain, on a crosscheck and game misconduct with only 1:28 left.

With CC down two men, Churchill's Garrett Miencier took advantage of the 5-on-3 situation by tallying an empty netter to put the game away with only 19.8 seconds remaining from Satkowiak and Tyler Cotter.

"I think we're better up front than we were last year," said Mazzoni, who guided the Chargers to a regional title and a 23-3-2 record a year ago. "They're strength (CC's) is defense and goaltending. And like they say in base-

ball, it was the classic good pitching versus good hitting matchup, and I guess the hitting ended up winning out."

Churchill senior goaltender Derrick Daigneau made a total of 26 saves, including some key third-period stops. He is among three goalies on the Chargers' roster along with senior Greg Wirick and sophomore Aaron Crouse.

"Derrick (Daigneau) made some big saves," Mazzoni said. "So whoever is hot we'll go with."

CC, coming off a 5-2 victory in its opener against defending Division 1 state champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's, pulled goalie Tyler Marble in the third period in favor of Michael Ciurffoletti.

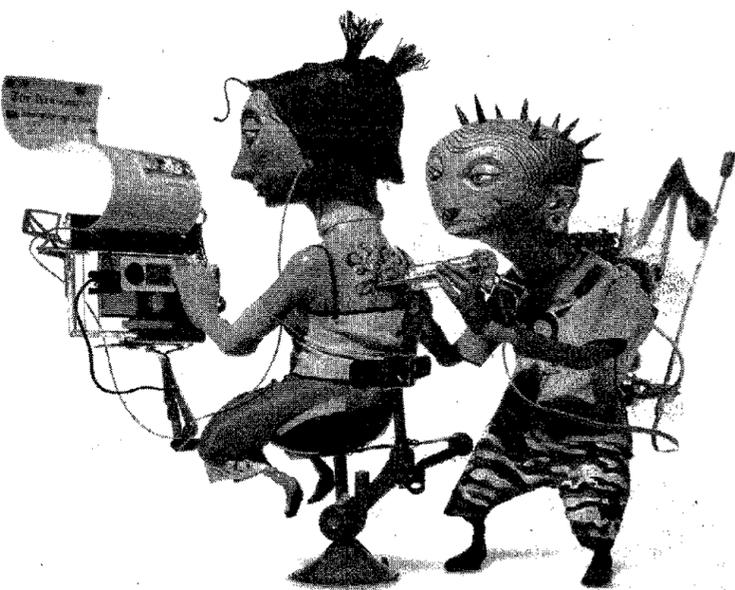
"We feel have a good number one goalie," Johnston said. "Actually we have three good goalies and I guess the competition is on."

"We knew they (Churchill) had a good first line with Milam and Miencier, they're the best line in the state. We had a good first period, then fell asleep. When it was 4-4 it was a great environment, a great game. It was hard hitting, but not nasty. There were some puzzling penalties and not a lot of flow. We just did not have a good third period."

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Patriot Pompon 1st

Livonia Franklin captured first place in the Large Varsity High Kick category at the 2007 Mid American Pompon, Inc. Championship held Nov. 4 at Eastern Michigan University. The Patriots also placed second for their hip hop dance routine. Members of the team, coached by Kyra Boprie, include Gina Ansara, Kolee Gignac, Nicole Kingsbury, Lindsay Brown, Alison Armstrong, Jenn Kuzara, Colby Gill, Mel Mueller, Hannah Urbanski, Keely Wilson, Stephanie Matroionni, Cara Jones, Jan Mueller, Kristy Lindensmith, Stacey Kuehn, Tori Barnes, Katelyne Johnston, Nicole Marzolf, Nickie Walker, Brette Gurski and Brittany Schulte. Team captains include Shannon Domzalski, Lea Bowers and Alicia Armstrong.

Whalers triumph in matinee

Jeremy Smith pitched a 26-save shutout and Joe Gaynor's first goal of the season was all the Plymouth Whalers needed in a 1-0 victory over the Sault Ste. Greyhounds in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday afternoon at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers improved to 15-7-1-1, good for 32 points and third place in the OHL West, four points behind the Soo, which slipped to 17-6-1-1.

Plymouth is 8-1-0-1 in 10 games in November and has received points in 10 of its last 11 games.

Smith and Soo goaltender Kyle

Gajewski battled all afternoon, with Smith tying Kitchener's Josh Unice for the league lead with his third shutout of the season. Gajewski stopped 35 of 36 shots.

Sault Ste. Marie's most dangerous scoring chance in the game came at 4:46 of the first period when Dustin Jeffrey was awarded a penalty shot. Smith pokechecked the puck away from Jeffrey just outside the crease area on the penalty-shot attempt.

Gaynor scored the only goal of the game at 2:56 of the second period. Working with linemates Joe McCann and Brett Valliquette,

the line dug the puck out from the left boards in the Soo zone and Gaynor snapped a shot from the hashmarks past Gajewski.

Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg called a time out and pulled Gajewski with 1:03 left in regulation, but the Greyhounds couldn't find the equalizer.

Smith (a Nashville Predators draft choice from Brownstown Township) came into the game tied with Barrie's Andrew Perugini for the league lead with a .931 save percentage. Smith lowered his goals-against average to 2.46 while raising his save percentage.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOKS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Chad Jenkins, first year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 7-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Stephanie Bradshaw (third-team All-Area); Amber Holod, Hilary Antal, Liz Buttery.
Leading returnees: Lindsey Graciak, 5-5 Jr. PG; Darcy DeRoo, 5-10 Soph. G; Alysa Boldizar, 5-6 Jr. G; Chelsea Manasian, 5-6 Sr. G; Shannon Getchen, 5-11 Jr. C; Brittany Catalano, 5-7 Sr. G; Jessica Bostick, 5-4 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Hannah Stahr, 6-1 Soph. C; Mia Griffin, 6-0 Jr. C; Katie Stodulski, 5-4 Jr. G; Hannah Tabone, 5-6 Jr. F; Sienna Skocelas, 5-9 Jr. F.
Jenkins' 2007-08 outlook: "Chelsea (Manasian) been doing a good job being a leader, getting people in right spots and knocking down jumpers. (Alysa) Boldizar is one of our better defenders, she's our best creator and can get to the basket. In the middle, Mia (Griffin), Shannon (Getchen) and Hannah (Stahr) will compete with each other for playing time. We'll see who steps up and take the job. All three definitely have size. Our goal is to get better every day. That's our philosophy win or lose. If we do that, everything will take care of itself!"

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dave McCall, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 15-7.
Notable losses to graduation: Robyn Whalen (second-team All-Area), Andrea McCall, Allison Bonsall, Liz Dempsey, Heather Jaroh.
Leading returnees: Brianna Taylor, 5-10 Jr. F (13.1 ppg, 6.5 rpg) second-team All-Area; Brittany Taylor, 5-9 Jr. F (6.9 ppg); Ashley Price, 5-9 Sr. F; Melissa Davies, 5-6 Sr. F; Samantha Floyd, 5-4 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Allison Trosell, 5-4 Soph. G; Nicole Emery, 5-4 Soph. G; Jessica Stealey, 5-9 Sr. F.
McCall's 2007-08 outlook: "We're not a big team, but we'll be aggressive. We're going to be a running and a pressing team. We're strong, we get along well and we play with a lot of continuity. They're a bunch of hard workers. My main concern is defense, making sure we work as hard on defense as we do on offense. We're not ready to name a starting lineup yet, but the Taylor twins, Price and Floyd will start. The fifth spots is up for grabs."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Pat Cannon, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 5-16.
Notable losses to graduation: Kaitlin O'Hara, Janice Hollandsworth.
Leading returnees: Rebecca Bartek, 5-5 Sr. G; Julia Schroeder, 5-7 Sr. G; Rachel Stevens, 5-10 Sr. F; Kaylee McGrath, 6-1 Jr. C; Sabrina Parsons, 5-5 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Karli Kuchka, 5-5 Jr. G; Courtney Lewis, 5-7 Jr. G; Samantha Kliman, 5-10 Jr. F; Jenny Bartek, 5-5 Jr. G; Tasi Newton, 5-7 Soph. G; Emily Hollandsworth, 5-9 Soph. F; Sarah Smith, 5-5 Fr. G.
Cannon's 2007-08 outlook: "I think this is a team that can build. It's a very cohesive team. They work together and they're very hard workers. I think we'll be a good mixture of youth and experience. We're going to bring some strong defense and play up-tempo. We're going to have to strengthen our rebounding. We can push the ball pretty well. They like to run - we have half cross country and half soccer players."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Mike Schuette, sixth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Destiny Knight, Krystal Nelson, Natasha Owens.
Leading returnees: Trenea Barbee, 5-8 Sr. G; Nastassia Goines, 5-4 Sr. G; Bre'Ana Sims, 5-7 Jr. F; Denetria Knight, 5-2 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Wendy Foster, 6-3 Jr. C (transfer from Detroit Cooley); Brittani Burroughs, 5-4 Sr. G; Delia Johnston, 5-4 Sr. F; Jalisa Simmons, 5-9 Jr. F.
Williams' 2007-08 outlook: "We'll be pretty balanced. We're going to stress the '3 D's' - desire, dedication and discipline. We have a structured program, but it's not so structured so that I won't let them loose. As far as my style of play, we'll run the fast break. We're quick and we'll finish. We want to be fundamentally strong in the red zone - the key area - 100 percent. We're striving to convert using a structured fast break and be physically sound."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Leslie Williams, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 12-0.
Notable losses to graduation: Courtney LaValley, 5-6 Jr. G; Haley Ross, 5-6 Jr. G; Melissa Wickman, 6-1 Jr. F; Sarah Jury, 6-4 Jr. C; Molly Gacioc, 5-9 Soph. F; Alyssa Anastos, 5-9 Fr. G.
Gorski's 2007-08 outlook: "We are returning seven-players who contributed greatly to our success last year. We will be a physical, hard-working team that will play an up-tempo style. The key to this year will be how quickly the newcomers can contribute on a consistent basis. We want to win a third consecutive Catholic League title and look forward to advancing in the state tournament."



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Franklin's Brittany Taylor (left) and John Glenn's Brittany Holbrook will be battling under the boards again this season. Both are juniors.

Notable losses to graduation: Klays Montague.
Leading returnees: Brittany Holbrook, 6-1 Jr. C-F; Brittany Brown, 5-8 Sr. G; Chanel Payne, 5-5 Jr. G; Shantinique Baker, 5-8 Sr. F; Joye Clenney, 5-5 Sr. G; Marshae Brazier, 5-9 Sr. F; Ashley Montgomery, 5-7 Sr. G-F; Linda Barrett, 5-6 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Nyah McReynolds, 5-8 Jr. G-F; Danyelle Terry, 5-6 Soph. G; Andrea Gordon-McClain, 5-8 Fr. G-F.
Schuette's 2007-08 outlook: "What we have to do is we have to be quick in spirits, take advantage of turnovers and control the tempo of game. Our best offense will be to score in transition or get ball in side to (Brittany) Holbrook. To do that, our defense has to be sound and smart. Brittany has two years of experience and a lot more confidence. She's our number one scoring threat as far as getting layups, short jumpers or putbacks. Brown, Payne, McReynolds and Clenney are our threats from the perimeter."

WESTLAND HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Kevin Wade, second year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's overall record: 12-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Kayla Gieschen, Lauren Schewecke.
Leading returnees: Becca Refenes, 6-2 Jr. C (fourth-team All-Area); Allyson Yankee, 5-9 Jr. G; Miriam Storck, 5-9 Sr. F; Lauren Gieschen, 5-6 Jr. G; Sam Terranella, 5-7 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Kaley Ramthun, 5-9 Jr. F; Abi Gieschen, 5-6 Jr. G; Rachel Storck, 5-8 Soph. F; Hannah Mielke, 5-5 Jr. G; Jessyka Weiser, 5-8 Sr. F.
Wade's 2007-08 outlook: "I think we're going to be O.K. We're off to a bit of a slow start due to the success of our volleyball team, but we'll take it. We'll be working harder than usual to get up to speed. I think we'll be competitive in our conference and district. We lost a good senior class last year who really contributed to the team as a whole. (Allyson) Yankee will fill point-guard spot from Lauren (Schewecke). It's a different role for her this year. We have a good mix of leadership and returnees, along with young talent. The junior class is athletic."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Eric Ruth, first year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's overall record: 13-10.
Titles won last year: MIAA-Red champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Gruenewald (9.5 ppg).
Leading returnees: Lauren Adlof, 5-7 Sr. PG (10.9 ppg, 7.4 rpg, first-team All-MIAA; fourth-team All-Area); Katie Kipfmueller, 5-10 Sr. F (6.6 ppg); Nicole Schaffer, 5-4 Sr. G (5.2 ppg, 3 apg); Autumn Beach, 5-4 Sr. G; Nicole Smith, 5-9 Sr. F; Catherine St. John, 5-6 Sr. G; Brittany Sherman, 5-4 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Emily Helwig, 5-8 Sr. G (played boys soccer last year); Samantha Barber, 5-11 Jr. F; Kayla Stockdale, 5-3 Jr. G.
Ruth's 2007-08 outlook: "Our goals are set high with eight returning seniors. We have to replace Gruenewald's ball-handling and point production, but I think Schaffer, Beach and Helwig will all fill that role nicely. We are very deep on the bench, but quickness is a problem. Our inside game should be very good with Adlof and Kipfmueller, and we're looking to improve our outside shooting."

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LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Andrea Gorski, 12th year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 20-4.
Titles won last year: Catholic League, Operation-Friendship and Class A district champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Kathryn Berger (first-team All-Area); Laura Guina (second-team All-Area); Stephanie DiGiandomenico, Erin McLaughlin.
Leading returnees: Alex Serowoky, 6-1 Sr. F (9 ppg, 7 rpg); Jenna Anastos, 5-10, Sr. G-F (7 ppg, 6 rpg; third-team All-Area); Alison Szczypka, 5-10 Sr. G-F (7 ppg, 5 rpg); Amber Drabicki, 5-7 Sr. G (6 ppg, 4 apg); Katelyn Vitale, 5-6 Sr. G; Caitlyn Szczypka, 5-9 Jr. G; Mary Fitzgerald, 5-7 Soph. G.
Promising newcomers: Courtney LaValley, 5-6 Jr. G; Haley Ross, 5-6 Jr. G; Melissa Wickman, 6-1 Jr. F; Sarah Jury, 6-4 Jr. C; Molly Gacioc, 5-9 Soph. F; Alyssa Anastos, 5-9 Fr. G.
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Westland, Plymouth Christian, Redford Covenant, Detroit West Village-Academy North, Detroit Urban Lutheran.

■ Dates to remember: The girls district tournament starts the week of Feb. 18 followed by the regionals the week of Feb. 25. The quarterfinals will be Tuesday, March 4 with the semifinals and finals for

all four classes, March 6-8, in Ypsilanti, at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

■ Defending state champions: Detroit King (Class A); Hudsonville Unity Christian (Class B); Saginaw

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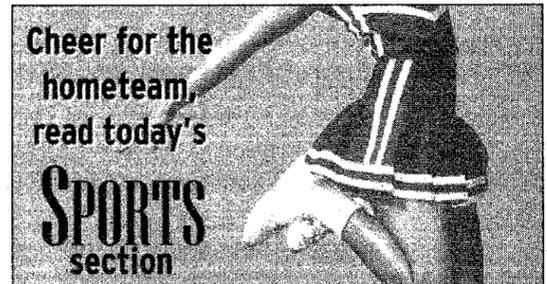
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MU women's cagers falter

A poor-shooting first half Tuesday doomed Madonna University's women's basketball team, which suffered a 68-55 non-conference setback against to host Spring Arbor. The Crusaders (1-3) connected on only nine of 26 field-goal tries in the first half (35 percent) and trailed 30-20 at halftime. Although MU's accuracy improved in the final 20 minutes, it wasn't enough to overcome the early deficit.

Cali Crawford led Madonna with 15 points, while Caryn Inman and Alyssa Guerin collected 12 and 11, respectively. Christie Carrico pulled down seven rebounds for MU, with Crawford leading in the assists category with five. Lyndsey Norman hit 12-of-13 from the floor en route to a 28-point game for Spring Arbor.



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Worm genes may help fight aging

James from Romulus e-mails wanting to know if there is any way he can slow down the aging process.

James, I don't have a secret potion to keep us young, but, I do have some encouraging news. Researchers have identified a group of genes in worms that not only prevent cancer but may slow the aging process. They are now looking to see if the genes work the same way in humans. Experts are encouraged

because the worms the researchers were studying often share genes with humans. This new finding may also lead to creating drugs to mimic these genes and help people battle cancer and also live longer.

Stan from Sterling Heights e-mails that he is out in the sun a lot and is concerned how it is affecting his skin. Is there anything he can do?

Stan, broccoli may be the answer. Researchers found the extract from sprouted broccoli seeds reduced skin redness and damage by more than one-third. They put the broccoli extract on different patches of skin and then exposed those areas to UV radiation. In some cases the extract reduced the redness and swelling by almost 80 percent! Another interesting benefit, the extract was still working two days later! Now experts are working to figure out how it should be applied to the skin.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Pain killer Patients find relief through mind control

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Karen Lewis never believed the power of her mind could reduce the pain and fatigue of fibromyalgia until she completed a three-week treatment program run by Dr. Howard Schubiner. For eight years, Lewis went from doctor to doctor and even tried acupuncture and massage therapy before hearing about the Mind-Body Medicine Program at Providence in Southfield.

Until then no one could offer her a treatment that worked. One rheumatologist gave her muscle relaxers and antidepressants, another steroid injections and pain killers. Six months after participating in the Mind-Body program Lewis has 85 to 90 percent less pain and enough energy to care for her children, ages 3, 6 and 24.

"If I thought my mind would cure me I would have tried it a long time ago," said Lewis of Westland. "After the first week I found I was sleeping better and that made me feel better. The pain didn't subside until the fourth or fifth week. I listened to him (Schubiner) and learned how to meditate and did writing exercises about whatever you feel you need to write about, things that could be stressing you out. It's different for everyone. I wrote about my mother-in-law's death. I had two small children. My husband had been sick. I had a lot of people needing me. Today I have my life back. I still meditate especially if I know something stressful's going to be coming up."

Schubiner admits the program is not widely accepted in the medical community as a treatment for fibromyalgia so he's joining with Dr. Michael Hsu at the University of Michigan to conduct research into the effectiveness of the mind-body prescription. Fibromyalgia patients are currently being sought for the study. For more information, call (248) 849-4728.

BODY AND MIND

"The basis of the program is that pain and other symptoms can occur because of stress and other emotions," said Schubiner, an internist at Providence Hospital and clinical professor at Wayne State University School of



Dr. Howard Schubiner exams Diane Olsem, a fibromyalgia patient at the Providence Medical Center in Southfield. Olsem is part of a study that uses mind-body medicine to treat the disorder which causes pain and fatigue.

Medicine. "Anyone who's had a headache at the end of a stressful day or a stomach tied in knots when they gave a presentation has experienced this. Freud described a young man berated by his father all his life. One day he had enough and went to hit his father and his arm became paralyzed. In the 1600s and 1700s paralysis was a common symptom related to stress. We now have back pain, neck pain, TMJ, fibromyalgia, fatigue, irritable bowel and irritable bladder."

Schubiner estimates 10 million people have fibromyalgia in the U.S., 80 to 90 percent of them women.

"Fibromyalgia means aches and pains, and there's no cure for it," said Schubiner. "Everyone has this in some shape or form. The mind and body are inextricably linked. I believe fibromyalgia is a reflection of stress and emotion and coping with them."

Diane Olsem is practically pain-free since going through the Mind-Body Medicine Program at Providence. Her neck pain and fatigue were diagnosed as fibromyalgia a year ago.

'IT WAS STRESS'

"We learned how our mind affects our body. Through the program we write about our emotions. I knew it was stress," said Olsem, a registered nurse and clinical nurse auditor for St. John Health. "I had three kids and gone through a 25-year marriage in which I was emotionally abused. As I wrote I realized this is

stress and it comes out in pain."

Hsu first read about a program similar to Schubiner's as a resident. Hsu (pronounced she) screens patients for the study before sending them to Schubiner for the program. Hsu treats patients with chronic neck and back pain. He is a clinical lecturer and research fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan.

For more information or to volunteer for Healing Through Affective Self-Awareness in Fibromyalgia, a randomized control trial, call Hsu at (734) 997-7409. The study will be recruiting participants until July.

"I was pretty fascinated by the approach because it's nonpharmacological and non-invasive, and no one's studied this approach in a controlled fashion," said Hsu. "The basis of the program combines mindfulness exercises and self-affirmations, embracing yourself for who you are, self-exploration."

"According to Dr. Schubiner, the results seem to be encouraging although we won't know definitive results until fall of next year. The more we could have evidence, the better results for patients to help themselves and for doctors to be aware of what works."

Hsu speaks about fibromyalgia at the first meeting of the Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-1768.

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Flu shots still available

Make sure getting a flu shot is on your list of shopping after Thanksgiving. It could be the best gift you give yourself this season, according to the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan.

Each year, influenza, a respiratory illness not to be confused with the stomach flu, can strike as much as 20 percent of the U.S. population, rendering 200,000 individuals hospitalized and as many as 36,000 dead.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stresses that a flu shot is your best protection against the flu," said Kay Renny, RN, manager of community programs for VNA of Southeast Michigan. "Even if you consider yourself healthy, you can come in contact with those who are at risk. Your flu shot helps to protect them as well."

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is conducting public walk in clinics 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its office located at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600, Oak Park. For more locations, visit www.vna.org. Homebound service is also available by calling (800) 882-5720, ext. 8755. Cost is \$25.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

Movie gala

6:30 p.m. (pre-glow), 8 p.m. movie premier Monday, Nov. 26, at the Uptown Palladium Theater in Birmingham. To attend, call (248) 737-0900 or send e-mail to michigan@ccfa.org. The movie gala is a fundraiser for the Michigan Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

Flu shot clinics

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering flu clinics throughout the area in November and December. Flu shots \$33, pneumonia shots \$84. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, Blue Care Network, CareChoices, Health Alliance Plan, M-Care, Medicare Part B and Priority Health, all cover entire cost of flu shot. Clinics open to public, most limited to age 12 and older. For a weekly listing, call 888-547-7295 or visit www.umvn.org. Clinics include 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth; Saturday, Dec. 1, Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia and Saturday, Dec. 15, Busch's, 24445 Drake Rd., Farmington Hills.

Thyroid presentation

7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, Dr. William Carl, D.C., at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington roads, Livonia. For reservations or information, call (734) 425-8588.

Divorce support group

Getting through the holidays - Marjorie Lang, an attorney and counselor with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, discusses the intense emotions triggered by divorce during holidays and other special occasions and offer helpful coping skills 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

Gastric bypass seminar

Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy at MBI's upcoming Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Speakers are Tallai Zeni, MD, medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, program

director and post-op patient. Call (734) 655-2693, or Toll free (877) Why-Weight, to register for free seminars.

Joint replacement seminars

To educate community about joint replacement options Thursday, Nov. 29, and Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

Sharing & Caring

Partial breast irradiation presentation by Dr. Pamela Benitez, breast surgeon at Beaumont Hospitals 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in the first floor classroom at the Beaumont Royal Oak Cancer Center. For more information, call (248) 551-8585. Sharing & caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends.

Flu shot clinics

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Livonia Urgent Care, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Suite 140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost is \$25, but it is covered for those with Medicare.

Flu shots

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

Holiday cards

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UPCOMING

Nativity displays

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

Divorce support group

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

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Dr. Michael Hsu 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford road. Hsu, a clinical lecturer and research fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan, is part of Healing Through Affective Self-Awareness in Fibromyalgia, a randomized control trial with Providence internist Dr. Howard Schubiner. Donations are accepted. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

ONGOING

New parents support group

Meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For details, call (248) 858-7766.

H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

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AA support group

Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon (for family and friends) groups meet 10 a.m. every Sunday, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 706-1020. No pre-registration required.

Volunteer training

Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring and compassionate individuals for hospice volunteer training to provide companionship, support and friendly visits for patients and their caregivers. Evening and daytime classes available. Office support is also needed. Call (800) 770-9859.

Cancer support group

The Charach Cancer Treatment Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital hosts a support group for anyone dealing with cancer 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-5163.

Thyroid cancer support group

Free support group meets monthly and is open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. For summer meeting dates or information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

ONGOING

Our Body exhibit

Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Exhibit has been extended to Jan. 6, at Detroit Science Center. As part of the extension, five new full human body specimens will be on display. For information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles grief support program for children and teens needs volunteers for Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other sites. Sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, the programs meetings are held biweekly. Sandcastles also offers a weekend bereavement camp in August which is in need of volunteers. Call (313) 874-6881.

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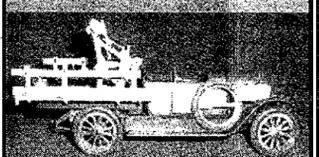
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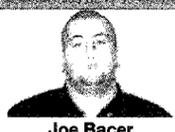
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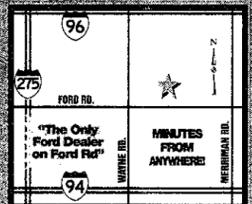


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Christmas Walk spotlights Livonia homes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

A chorus of cuckoo clocks strike at noon, welcoming visitors to the Livonia home of Al and Marylou Larson. Al doesn't know the exact number of time keepers in the house, but there are at least 70 in the family room, more than a dozen in the living room.

The magical tick-tocking wonderland definitely won't be a quiet stop on the Livonia Christmas Walk Saturday, Dec. 1. It will be like stepping into a clock as well as antique shop.

This year, the walk includes six homes and the Hill House at Greenmead's Historic Village. Proceeds go to Friends of Greenmead for the restoration and preservation of the structures on the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile.

Al says the couple's 54-year marriage got off to a rocky start on their honeymoon because of antiques. He wanted to visit an antique shop on Cape Cod and she referred to them as junk shops. Now Marylou loves antiques as much as he does.

"We both have collected and inherited many antiques from our family," said Marylou Larson, 78. "He's been collecting clocks forever. They are everywhere."

"I've always loved clocks," said Al Larson, 82. "Since I was a kid I used to go to the clock shops."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Daughter Christine is the official winder of the clocks that come from as far away as the Black Forest and Switzerland.

LIVONIA CHRISTMAS WALK

What: A walk featuring seven houses including the 1840s Hill House at Greenmead Historical Village

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

Tickets: \$9 in advance, \$10 day of walk, and available in advance at all Livonia libraries, City Hall and Greenmead's office, and on the day of the walk at the Civic Center Library, Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, and Greenmead's Hill House (enter off Newburgh, south of Eight Mile). For more information, call (734) 425-4855.

While some chime in harmony, not all of them do. They're set at different times so some cuckoo is always going off.

"I tell them you have to figure out the right time," said Al. "With cuckoos the weather and humidity affects them."

All four of the Larsons' children return home this Thanksgiving including daughter Jane who's coming from Wisconsin with the antique ornaments Marylou gave her last year. The decorations will be placed on a tree in the couple's upstairs bedroom. Throughout the home an antique manger, Santas, family photos, a village made from paper, and a pitcher collection decorate the home the Larsons have lived in for nearly 40 years.

Like the Larsons, Jane and Mike Cuba's home is filled with furniture and objects holding special meaning. Jane's father hand-crafted nine of the tables and book case in the red-brick colonial built in 1938.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marylou and Al Larson will open their home for the Livonia Christmas Walk to benefit Greenmead Historical Village.

Holiday greetings

Card sales to support nonprofits

There's no easier way to support charities than by buying holiday cards. Here's a list of some of the organizations offering greetings this season.

Forgotten Harvest

Three card selections available this year, priced at \$1 each or \$23 for pack of 25 cards and envelopes (add \$3 for shipping). Peas on Earth is a whimsical card featuring fresh peas. Inside reads "Wishing You a Peas-ful Holiday Season." Orders can be placed by calling Forgotten Harvest at (248) 967-1500 or visiting www.forgottenharvest.org. Every year Forgotten Harvest collects more than 8.5 million pounds of surplus prepared and perishable food which would otherwise go to waste and delivers it to emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area.

Alzheimer's Association

Greater Michigan Chapter cards include eight designs: 25 cards are \$36 (plus shipping) with option to add imprinting. Order online at www.alzgm.org or call (888) 487-5567. For information, call (248) 996-1048. The nonprofit provides services and support for Alzheimer's patients and their families.

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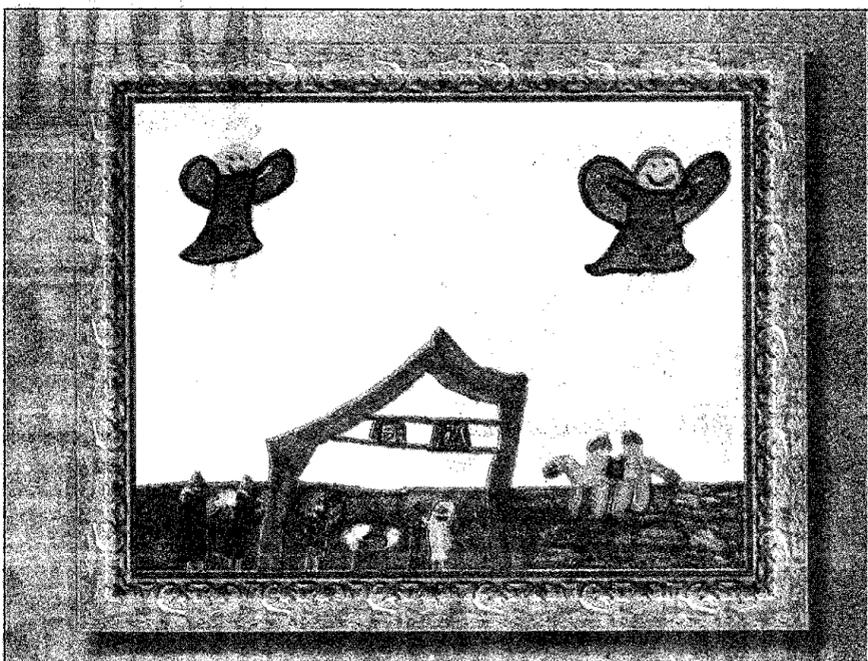
Holiday cards available in one style. Each box costs \$9.95 and contains 15 cards and 16 envelopes, and are available at MHS centers including 900 N. Newburgh, Westland, or by calling (866) MHUMANE or visiting www.michiganhumane.org. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society which cares for homeless animals at its three adoption centers.

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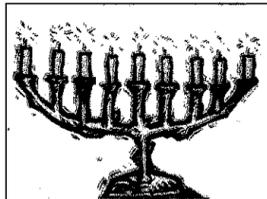
Fine art embossed cards are available in 10 designs by Pumpernickel Press. Cost is \$16 per box of 16 cards and 17 envelopes. Cards are printed on recycled paper with soy inks, made in the U.S., and packaged by occupational training workshop patrons. Cards can be purchased at the Seedlings office at 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. For details, call (734) 427-8552. Seedlings produces children's books in Braille.



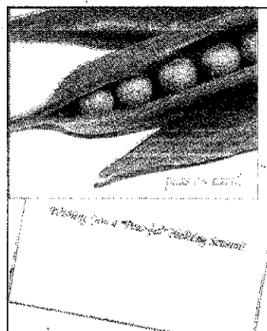
The Senior Alliance



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The Senior Alliance

Volunteers for the The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C will be selling cards for \$5 each Friday, Dec. 7. The Senior Alliance is the agency that supports the Holiday Meals on Wheels program. The cards will be placed with meals delivered to homebound seniors on Christmas Day. For more information or to volunteer on Dec. 7, call Jaclyn Kochis at (734) 727-2060.

Right to Life-LIFESPAN

Christmas cards available in two designs — Adoration (\$16 per box of 20) and Jesus, Mary and Joseph (\$7 for 10). Call (248) 478-8878, send e-mail to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org, or visit the office at 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia. The organization has been presenting the pro-life message in southeastern Michigan since 1970.



Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter

Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary

Box of 20 cards for \$20. To buy online, go to www.childrensdmc.org and click on About CHM and then Gift Shop and Shop Now. For more information, call (313) 745-0962. The CHM Auxiliary assists various departments and programs at the hospital. Recent projects include SNUG suits for children with neuromuscular disorders, a therapeutic summer day camp, and amplification equipment for newly identified deaf infants.

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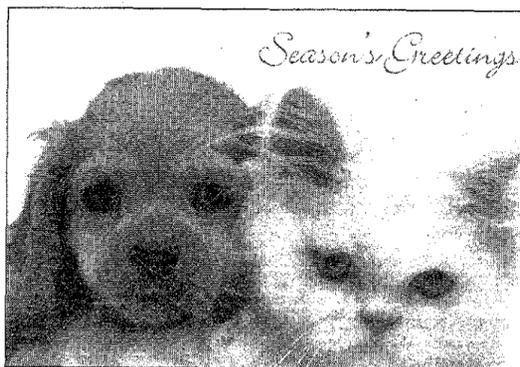
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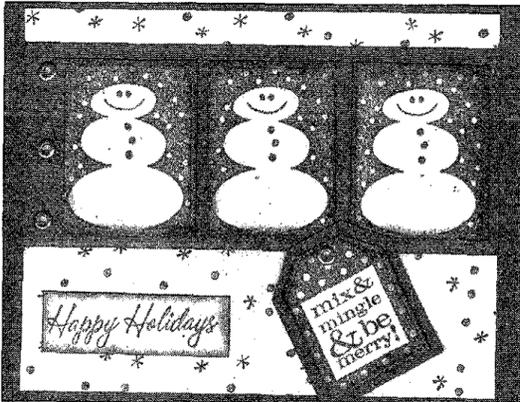
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HOMES

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The couple doubled the space of the home in 2006 with a major addition and renovation project that lasted nine months. A plethora of windows and white enamel woodwork creates an airy atmosphere. The maple kitchen with granite counter tops provides plenty of work and storage space, especially the large pantry.

SIMPLE THEME

While the home looks like it's straight out of a magazine, holiday trimmings are kept simple.

"It was the Depression and it offends me to do designerly things," said Jane Cuba. "The greens came from the yard. We're trying to keep it how they would have decorated."

On the mantle are mementos from Jane's teaching days in Southfield. Her grandmoth-



This antique manger welcomes visitors to the Larsons' home.

er's sewing machine and a bookcase made by her father accent the dining room.

Mike hand-painted the clothespin ornaments hanging on a fern to remind them of their roles with the Spotlight

Players community theater group and the 15 years they marched in the Thanksgiving Day parade downtown.

He retired as a chemistry teacher three years ago after many years at Martin Luther King High School and Wayne State University.

"Everything's special to me," said Jane. "They're some things my students gave me. Most of the furniture is family pieces."

Jan Bennett especially likes the plate rail in the dream kitchen. Bennett is president of the Friends of Greenmead which presents the walk.

"It's a major addition and a lot of neighborhood people have been watching it from outside now they'll be able to see inside," said Janet Bennett. "We'll also have two homes in Rosedale Gardens. We'll have one on the north end of town, one of the newer homes, and one on the east side of town that's been on walk before, but the homeowner says she has surprises for us, and we're going to have hot chocolate and homemade cookies at Hill House."

At the Larsons' home, Al will play Christmas carols on his violin. A former member of the Plymouth Symphony, Al taught music in Livonia Public Schools for many years. This Christmas Eve, he'll provide the music for Midnight Mass at the Felician Sisters Motherhouse at Madonna University.

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Al Larson will entertain with Christmas carols.

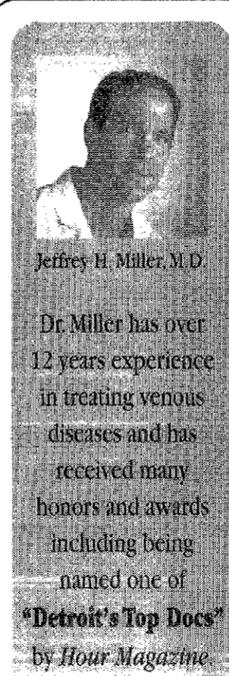


Jane and Mike Cuba.

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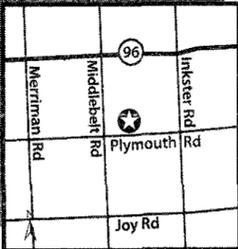
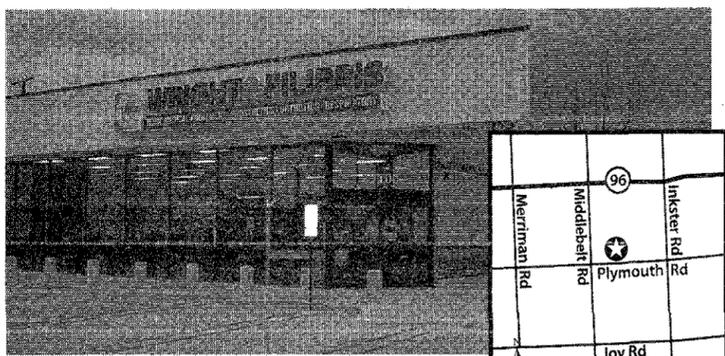
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Many seniors served through The Senior Alliance holiday meals program this Christmas will get gifts, too, thanks to the Be a Santa to a Senior program.

Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, Be a Santa to a Senior is a national nonprofit program that provides gifts and companionship to socially isolated and lonely seniors. In Wayne County, the local Home Instead Senior Care office takes the program a step further by partnering with The Senior Alliance holiday meals program.

"We've purchased 250 holiday meal cards from The Senior Alliance and will be selling them until Christmas," said Glenna Yaroch, owner of Home Instead Senior Care in Livonia. "When you buy a holiday card from us, a gift will be delivered along with the meal to seniors on Christmas day."

This is the third year that Yaroch and her staff have partnered with The Senior Alliance, which will serve around 700 seniors this Christmas. This year, seniors will receive a first-aid kit.

"Home Instead Senior Care is the only group that approaches our holiday meals program this way," said Lori

Vail, Senior Alliance program manager. Selling meal cards not only helps the organization purchase meals, but helps support other programs throughout the year, said Vail. The holiday cards are \$5 and available by calling (734) 525-5300. For information on the meals program, call (734) 727-2017.

"We see many older adults who have no one during this festive season and that makes for a very sad and lonely time," said Yaroch. Last year, 196,500 lonely seniors received 312,500 gifts through the program which has become the largest gift-giving project of its kind for older adults.

If you'd like to give a senior something to unwrap here are some ideas from Home Instead Senior Care in Livonia.

Gift certificates and pre-paid cards for restaurants that deliver, home cleaning, professional caregiver and handyman services, manicures and pedicures, hair salons, book stores, grocery stores, art, craft or exercise classes, movie rentals or telephone cards.

Handy tools such as a night light or reading light, jar opener, automatic timer, weather radio, large button TV remote,

doorknob extender, magnifier, reacher/grabber, wireless TV headphones or easy-to-read watch or clock.

Gifts to provide comfort include slippers or slipper socks, pillows, flannel sheets, plush bath towels, cozy lap blankets, easy-on ponchos or capes, coats, mittens, boots, heating pad, armchair bag for remote, glasses and books, moisturizers, soaps, and perfumes. For safety an automobile club membership, smoke and carbon monoxide detector, fire extinguisher, installed grab bars, first aid kit, auto emergency kit, and exterior motion lights.

High tech hand-held electronic games like Scrabble, Sudoku and Battleship, video games like Nintendo Wii bowling and golf or Nintendo Brain Age, or a computer for e-mailing, sharing pictures, online shopping and searching the Internet.

Just for fun gifts include magazine subscriptions, large-print books or books on tape, bird feeder and seed, binoculars, rain gauge, oversized playing cards, stationery and stamps, calendar, large print crossword puzzles, favorite candies or treats, favorite old movies, or greeting cards.

NEW VOICES

Dallas Andrew Terski

Dave Terski and Tara Overaitis-Terski of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Dallas Andrew Terski on Oct. 23, 2007, at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Dallas weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 22 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Joe and Marlene Overaitis of Livonia and Jim and Jeanne Terski of Livonia.



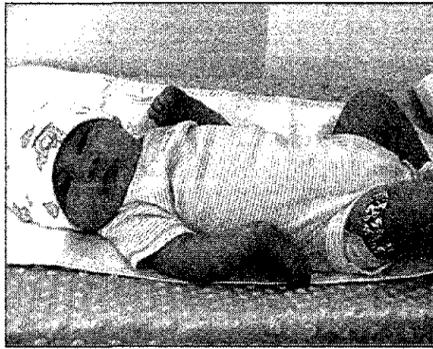
Jack Dylan Wiseheart

Scott and Tracey Wiseheart of Rochester Hills announce the birth of their son, Jack Dylan Wiseheart, on Aug. 16, 2007, at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center in Mount Clemens.

Jack weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and 20-1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Joe and Marlene Overaitis of Livonia, Rita Wiseheart of Milford and Kenneth Wiseheart of Milford.

Great-grandmother is Alida Wiseheart of Milford.



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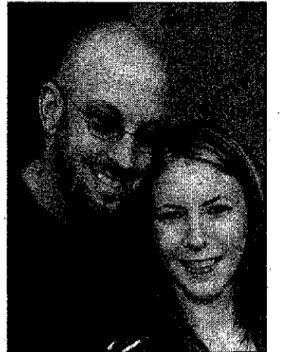
Mousseau-Thomas

Michael Mousseau of Livonia and Kathleen Mousseau of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Marie, to Scott Michael Thomas, the son of Roland and Mary Thomas Jr., of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canton High School and a soon-to-be graduate of Wayne State University, where she's pursuing a degree in education.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Salem High School and Wayne State University. He is an English/Communications teacher at Plymouth High School.

A March wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.



Gingerbread open house offers fun for the family on Dec. 2

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like the smell of gingerbread to put even the grumpiest of Scrooges in the mood for the holiday season. This year Tawnya Johnson couldn't be more excited about the Gingerbread Open House taking place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile at Sheldon, Plymouth. The free family event features live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, music, and refreshments.

There is no charge, but donations of non-perishable food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. For more information, visit www.theinnatstjohns.com or call (734) 414-0600.

"This is the first year we're doing a celebration. We'd done one on a small scale last year," said Tawnya Johnson, director of sales and

marketing for The Inn at St. John's. "It's kind of like a festival going on. We wanted to involve the community in our facility and spread good cheer. In conjunction with the open house we're doing a fund raiser for St. Vincent De Paul. Everyone's struggling now to get donations."

The contest is divided into two categories: Adult/Professional and Family/Child. Prizes include overnight stays at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, dinners at 5ive Restaurant, American Express gift cards and more.

"They need to register by Nov. 25," said Johnson. "There are forms at the web site. The adult division can't use a kit. They have to bring the actual gingerbread house here to The Inn at St. John's by Nov. 30. All will be on display Dec. 2, when we're going to have Santa here, reindeers, ciders, donuts, cookies, all kinds of fun stuff."

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Local students to perform in play

The Henry Ford Community College Theater program presents *To Kill a Mockingbird*, directed by Judy Fletcher, from Nov. 23, to Dec. 2, in the Adray Auditorium of the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center on the main campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Special matinees for middle and high school students will be held 10 a.m. Monday-Friday, Nov. 26-30.

Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 for students with ID. Call (313) 845-9817.

To Kill a Mockingbird is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee about a pivotal time in the

childhood of narrator Jean Louise Finch, known as Scout. The story examines social, racial and tolerance issues in the deep south in the 1930s through the eyes of Scout and her sibling Jem as they grow from innocence to experience and ignorance to understanding.

The production features Mike Fisher of Garden City as Atticus Finch; Emily Hool of Dearborn as the narrator Jean Louise Finch; Gwendolyn Hope Ulrey of Dearborn as Scout; Kirsten Koschnitzke of Lincoln Park as Jem; Patricia Castill-Bello of Farmington as Mayell Ewell; Alex Carr of Redford as Mr. Gilmer; Christian Plonka of Dearborn

as Dill; Ralph Koschnitzke of Lincoln Park as Heck Tate; Tracey Kochnitzke of Lincoln Park as Maudie Atkinson; James Hodges of Detroit as Tom Robinson; Joanne Robertson of Melvindale as Mrs. Dubose; Eleanor Warner of Dearborn as Stephanie Crawford; Kenneth Scales of Detroit as Rev. Sykes; Jasmine Lewis of Taylor as Helen Robinson; Sharda Davis of Dearborn as Calpurnia; Brian Tarasiewicz of Riverview as Bob Ewell; and Jason Rooker of Brownstown as Boo Radley.

The play is the last event celebrating *To Kill a Mockingbird* in the community college's Big Read project, part of a national program to promote literacy. The Big Read was funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, with First Lady Laura Bush as the honorary chair, and is sponsored locally by the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency which awarded HFCC a \$2,500 grant for the project. Through the Big Read, HFCC promoted literacy and held many events to celebrate *To Kill a Mockingbird* including sending HFCC students to see a performance of the play in Stratford, Ontario.

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ALBERT SAMUEL COFFMAN

Age 85, November 21, 2007. Beloved husband for 55 years of Ilene Coffman. Loving father of Joseph (Nancy) Coffman, Heidi (fiancee Craig Cesarone) Coffman and Amy (Andrew) Paberz and the late Dennis Coffman. Dearest grandfather of Alan, Adam and Anna Paberz and Sam. Joel and Lisa Tencer. Al was a racing columnist for the Detroit Free Press, under the by-line of Al Speed, for 35 years and for the Detroit News for 11 years. Services Sunday, 12:00 PM at the Dorfmans Chapel, Farmington Hills (248) 406-6000. Interment to follow at the Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery or visit: www.thedorfmanschapel.com

FRANK J. SINELLI

Age 84, husband of the late Agnes. Dear father of Frank (Kim), John (Debbie) and Ronald (Theresa). Grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of ten. Brother of Mary Paffumi, Beatrice MacDonald, and the late John "Doc" Sinelli. Visiting Friday 3-9pm at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Rd., (btwn 6-7 Mile). Instate Saturday 9:30am until Mass 10am at Our Lady of Loretto (NE corner 6 Mile and Beech Daly). Interment Holy Sepulchre Contributions to Alzheimer's Assoc. appreciated.

HAZEL L. RISK

Age 87, of Fayetteville, passed away November 16, 2007 at Fayetteville City Hospital. She was born July 2, 1920 in Clarksville, AR to John L. and Francis King Johnson. She spent many of her formative years in Tulsa, OK and graduated from Clarksville High School in 1938. She attended and graduated from Sacramento, California Junior College, where she met her late husband Oliver "Ed" Risk, and was married in 1941. They moved to Michigan, her husband's home state, where they raised a family and spent most of their lives. Upon retirement, they moved to Arkansas and split time between Clarksville and Fayetteville. Survivors include a daughter Beverly Ragland and her husband Jim of Farmington Hills, MI; three sons, Mark Risk and companion Virginia Clayton of Fayetteville, John Risk and wife Annie of Costa Mesa, CA and James Risk and wife Andrea of Farmington Hills, MI. Grandchildren: Stacy, Leslie, Craig, Jimmy, Brian, and David Ragland, Kaitlin, Alyssa, Kelsey, Joy and Logan Risk. All Nieto and great-grandchildren: Alex, Mallory, Beau, Jane, and Davis. She had a love of music, teaching and composing for the piano. Her strong faith in Jesus Christ was foremost. She was a scholar of early Christianity and the Dead Sea Scrolls. She spent one fulfilling year as housemother of the Tri Delta Sorority at the University of Arkansas. She had great loyalty to the Democratic Party and a passion for politics, serving endless hours working and supporting campaigns. A memorial mass is scheduled at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on December 15th at 10:00 am in Clarksville, AR. Interment will be at Mt. Airy Cemetery in Ludwig, AR.

JULIE MICHELLE RATKUS

November 27, 1946
November 29, 2001
Six years can pass like a day, or seem an eternity. Time can change many things, but time cannot diminish the memories, my love for you. 'Til we meet at sunset. Love, Carl.

JOHN GERICH

Age 79, Nov. 22, 2007. Retired captain of the Redford Twp Fire Department after 27 years. Beloved husband of Betty of 57 years. Loving father of Michael J Gerich and Susan Adams. Dear Grandfather of Michael A., Heather, Caroline, Lauren & Rachel. Dear Great Grandfather of Mikayla & Mikenzie. Brother of Mary Marino. Sunday visitation 3-9pm at Charles R. Step Funeral Home; 18425 Beech Daly Rd (btwn 6-7 mile Rds). Monday instate 10am & service 11am at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River Ave (East of Beech Daly Rd). Interment Glen Eden. Memorial contributions to Grace Lutheran Church appreciated.



S. GEORGE BINSON

November 20, 2007 Age 93 Founder of Binson's Pharmacy and Hospital Supplies. Beloved husband of Genevieve. Dear father of James E. (Pamela), Betty Lee Bruinsma, and Nancy Carole Fink (Rick). Grandfather of Robert Allen Binson, James E., II, Brandel Marie Rijnovean, Nicholas Bonar, Robin Martin, Melissa Goodstein, Thomas Bruinsma and David Bruinsma. Also survived 13 great-grandchildren. Brother of George Binson. Stepfather of Dr. Chris Scheerer, Linda Merkwae, Martha Walsh, Tom Scheerer, Mary Ann Guillen, Joan Scheerer and Tim Scheerer. Funeral services have been held. Memorial tributes to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com



KATHLEEN ELISE DIERKES-ADCOCK

Age 53, of Vero Beach, FL, died Sunday, October 28, 2007 at her residence in Vero Beach. Born July 30th, 1954 in Pontiac, MI. Kathy held a Masters in Sports Medicine and Nutrition and served as a Clinical Dietitian, she practiced in Mississippi, Michigan and Florida. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Donald and Mary Dierkes and brother, Donald Dierkes, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Cloe Estelle Adcock of Louisiana, sisters: Celia Fox of Okeechobee, Mary Ann Argue (Kevin) of Highland, MI, Elizabeth Anstead (Paul), Linda White (Michael), nephews: Christopher, Montgomery, Garrett, Mikgel, nieces: Shaleiah, Dawn, Siobhan and Meghan and Stephanie. She was a avid reader, learner and teacher. She had a contagious laugh and was a dog lover. She will be severely missed and will be carried in our hearts for all our days. The family has no plans for a service at this time. All arrangements are under the directions and care of Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, FL.

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**By Dave Menard
Avanti News Features**

As the No. 4 Japanese automaker in terms of market share, Suzuki is often overlooked here in the U.S. Those Americans looking at imports tend to favor Toyota, Honda or Nissan (and those companies' luxury sisters, Lexus, Acura and Infiniti). And that's not even counting Mazda, BMW and Volvo, which all had a head start on Suzuki; after all, Suzuki didn't even start selling cars here until the late 1980s, well after the others had established themselves here.

Suzuki, along with other latecomers Kia and Hyundai, is trying to elbow its way to the table and one of the vehicles the company hopes to use to do that is the 2007 Forenza.

Also available as a wagon, the Suzuki Forenza sedan is styled like you'd expect in the \$15,000 price range — nothing too flashy, but nothing unpleasant to look at, either. It's an average looking compact sedan. The front fascia features a simple grille with the Suzuki logo in the center, the front and rear bumpers, door handles and mirrors are color-matched to the car, and silver roof rails are standard on the wagon. The Forenza comes with 15-inch steel wheels; no other kind is available.

The Forenza is powered by a 2.0-liter DOHC 16-valve 4-cylinder engine. It's rated at 127 horsepower, which, for comparison's sake, puts it between the Hyundai Accent (110 horsepower) and the Hyundai Elantra (136 horsepower).

This means, obviously, you'll get a little more power than you would with a subcompact, but not as much as some others in its class.

This engine is mated with either the standard five-speed manual transmission or the optional four-speed automatic. The test car came with the "Convenience Package," and that includes the automatic, acceleration was unexceptional, but adequate. EPA rates the Forenza at 23/30 with the manual and 22/31 with the automatic, and it does run on regular unleaded.

Inside, the Forenza again is adequate, but not exceptional. Neither leather nor power seats are available on the Forenza, but the standard cloth seats are comfortable with decent support. There's a center console



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with a storage compartment, and cupholders for both the front- and rear-seat passengers. There's a good amount of leg room, even for tall drivers, and the rear seats are actually usable for passengers, always a nice idea in a four-door. The rear seats are 60/40 fold-down split seats to give you more room for cargo.

Suzuki only has two trim levels besides the base Forenza. The base sedan comes with air conditioning, tilt-steering wheel, sunglasses holder, power locks and mirrors, heated side mirrors, and rear defroster. Adding the Convenience Package (\$350) will get you cruise control and remote keyless entry. Adding the "Popular Package" (\$950) gets you a power tilt-and-slide sunroof, in addition to the items available in the Convenience Package.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with eight speakers. It's adequate, but not exceptional. There is no upgraded system available, so if you want satellite radio or an mp3 input, you'll have to go aftermarket.

The Forenza will give you a decent ride. The front suspension is an independent MacPherson strut system with gas shocks, while in the rear it's a dual-link suspension with gas shocks and stabilizer bar. Speed-sensitive power steering is standard and the Forenza is fairly easy to maneuver and park.

Advanced dual-stage front airbags are included with the Forenza, as well as advanced weight-sensing front passenger airbag, and driver and passenger seat-mounted side impact airbags. New this year, the Forenza gets a

tire-pressure monitoring system, a nice feature for a vehicle in this price range. Anti-lock brakes (\$500) are available as an option, but, oddly, only if you don't get either of the option packages.

To verify this I went to the Suzuki Web site and did a "build your own," and sure enough, the ABS option only came up when I dropped the other packages — and no, it wasn't already part of either of those packages. If that's the case, then that is truly odd. I know I won't buy a vehicle without ABS again, but to do that with Forenza, you apparently have to give up cruise control, keyless entry and the sunroof.

The new Forenza starts at about \$14,000. Add the automatic transmission the cruise control and the keyless entry and you're at a little over \$15,300.

Compared to the other vehicles it's trying to compete with, there's nothing really outstanding about the Forenza. It's competent, but has nothing that puts it head-and-shoulders above any one of its competitors. Just another one of the import compact bunch.

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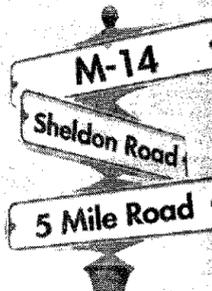
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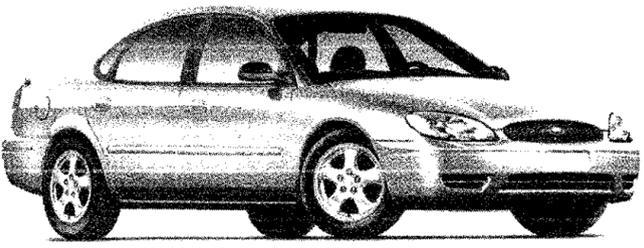


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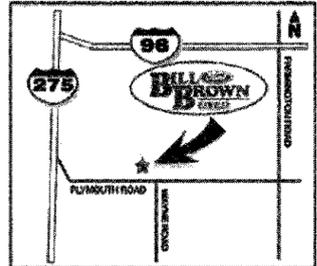
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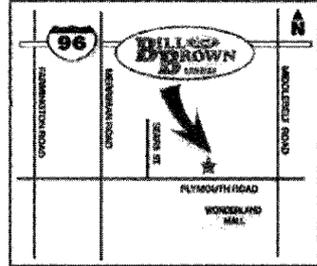
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You and your workplace will be much better off if you know how to spot a destructive ego and how to counter it.

Step back for a minute first. Not all egos are destructive. "Ego is both a liability and an asset," write David Marcum & Steven Smith in "Egonomics: What Makes Ego Our Greatest Asset (Or Most Expensive Liability)..." (Pireside, \$25).

"Ego gives us confidence to use our greatest strengths," they add, "but it also turns them into weaknesses that counterforce those same strengths." They further observe that egos informed by humility, curiosity and veracity can be an asset. However, Marcum and Smith report that 63 percent of businesspeople complain of the negative effects of egos gone wrong -- at least every day or every hour. An enormous 72 percent believe that such problems cost their companies 6 percent to 20 percent of their annual revenue.

How can you identify problematic ego cases? Joe Healey, speaker and consultant at Joe Healey Performance Inc., in Virginia Beach, Va., says, "They're far less approachable and engaging. People don't feel they're on the same team. Communication is greatly reduced. People avoid keeping them in the loop, because they fear what they'll do and how they'll react." As a result, they undermine creativity, which hampers their effectiveness.

Kimberly Bishop, managing director of search firm Korn/Ferry International in New York City, matches candidates with cultures. She points out that an ego that doesn't fit in one culture might in another. She describes a destructive ego as "one which lacks empathy, humility or self-awareness, having a hurtful, destructive impact, without realizing it."

"Egonomics" warns against people who:
-- fixate upon a competitor rather than improve their own work;
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-- are defensive; and
-- constantly seek recognition and acceptance.

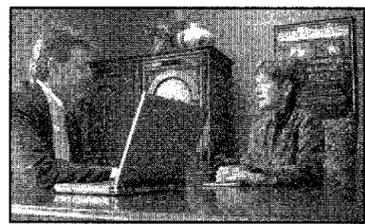
The book is particularly helpful for readers who think that they, themselves, might have a problematic ego.

WHAT TO DO

When you observe a problematic ego that isn't your own, how can you counter it? Bishop says that a company with a 360-degree feedback policy may put a person in check. "Help the person increase self-understanding," she recommends. "Focus on data and facts rather than the way information is being presented. When possible, use positive reinforcement or feedback."

Healey recommends a more direct method, although he cautions against using the word "ego," because it tends to make people feel defensive. He maintains that, even if the person is your co-worker, you must try the method "or you'll be giving permission for that person's ego to walk on you. Focus on the (specific) behavior, immediately." Constant interruptions during a presentation or the person's taking credit for your work are clear examples of an ego working destructively.

"In the current climate," he states, "it is fair game to approach a peer or superior if their actions interfere with the mission or good of the team. Don't allow emotion to get in the way. Be direct and focus on the behavior and consequences of their actions. Be solution-focused. For example, you might say to the person who interrupts you during a presentation, 'The next time we give a presentation



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Joe Healey of Joe Healey Performance Inc., consults with Nina McCoy, president of CCG Systems Inc., on the redesign of marketing and sales processes that led to her company's annual sales growth of 75 percent.

together, let me finish my point, because your interrupting hurts the credibility of both of us."

If repetition doesn't work -- "Be willing to wear the person down," Healey states -- identify how it's cost the company money. This tactic will give you a good business reason to discuss, rather than personal discomfort.

Finally, if the person keeps getting in your way and the only way out for you is to get reassigned, make it happen. Your reason for changing jobs in the company is that you want to learn and contribute more to build the company's future.

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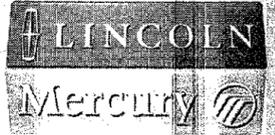
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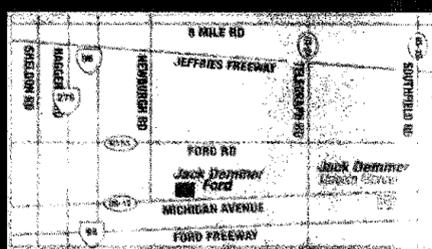
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