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BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Detroit man who made wildly conflicting statements about his role in a botched cocaine-related robbery that erupted in gunfire outside a Westland market has been

found guilty by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge.

Demond Nigel Sanders, who drove a gunman to the Aug. 12, 2008, shootout near Warren and Merriman, was convicted Thursday afternoon by Judge Michael Hathaway after he waived his right to a jury trial

and decided not to plead guilty, as three other defendants did.

Sanders, 29, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison when he is sentenced Feb. 5 by Hathaway for assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to rob while armed and conspiracy to possess more

than 1,000 grams of cocaine. Sanders was found not guilty of two other drug charges.

Dressed in a suit, he showed no emotion Thursday as Hathaway announced his verdict after a day of testimony in which Sanders took the witness stand and sought to recant

an earlier written confession he made to Westland Police Officer Burke Lange.

"Maybe he can get his grandmother to believe it, but he's not going to get me to believe it," Hathaway said. "That is just preposterous."

Sanders' conviction came

after earlier guilty pleas by a 50-year-old Garden City man, George Joseph Boldizar, and two 32-year-old Detroit men, Benjamin Bernard Pringle and Roberto Reed. A fifth man, 28-year-old Brian "Cheeseburger"

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A collage of gears and auto parts, many that he designed himself, highlight a first-place poster Michael Frank of Redford made to the North American International Auto Show.

## NAIAS poster shows off teen's creativity

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those who know Michael Frank praise his artistic talent. His elementary school principal says the Redford teen was a "very creative artist as a youngster." His high school graphic design teacher describes his work as "a really nice

composition."

Now the world has had a chance to admire his work. His award-winning poster has been on display at this year's North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

"Mike has really excelled," said Steve Paulsen, who teaches graphic design at Wayne-Westland's

William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "He used a lot of abstract images, but they're things that relate to autos."

Frank received first place in the 10th-grade competition for his poster and a \$500 prize. He was one of three of Paulsen's students to win prizes. Mike Cox won a third place in the 11th-grade com-

petition, and Kelsey Blevins was third in the 12th-grade competition.

Frank's poster was a collage of car parts. He created a lot of the images himself, using Illustrator software; some he found on the Internet.

Please see **POSTER, A2**

## Police seek suspect in fast food robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police are investigating a dinner-hour robbery that a McDonald's employee said happened Wednesday evening outside the fast-food restaurant at Ford and Radcliff.

In an unrelated robbery, police have arrested a suspect accused of robbing a taxicab driver in December after catching a ride from Inkster to The Landings apartment complex in Westland, near Warren and Central City Parkway.

A female McDonald's worker told police she had gotten into her car shortly before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and was preparing to drive to a bank to make a deposit when a lone bandit approached her door, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

"He confronted her with a handgun and demanded the money," Borisch said.

No shots were fired, and the employee told police the robber fled to nearby Pardo Street in Garden City, where he got into a white Pontiac Grand Am that was waiting for him.

The suspect was described as a 6-foot-3, heavyset black male wearing a black coat with a fur collar, jeans and possibly work boots. The victim told police the bandit appeared "out of shape by the way he was running," Borisch said.

Anyone who has information is asked to call Westland police at (734) 722-9600 or (734) 721-6311.

In the earlier incident at The Landings, police have arrested 18-year-old Marcus Laron Terrell of Inkster with help from the multi-agency Metro Street Enforcement Team, said Westland police Sgt. Brian Miller.

Terrell, arrested at his home, was arraigned Friday in 18th District Court on charges of armed robbery, felony firearms, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and assault with intent to rob while armed. Magistrate David Wiacek set a \$500,000 cash bond and scheduled a Feb. 5 preliminary hearing to determine whether he should stand trial. A not guilty plea was entered for him.

If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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## Sanitation authority refunds \$2.2 million to communities

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Westland, Garden City and three other cities will share in a \$2.2 million payout from a Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority that formerly oversaw a now-demolished incinerator.

The refund is expected within weeks after an independent audit found that the CWCSA

has more money than it now needs to handle remaining duties, such as paying certain bills and processing data, for the five communities that now use landfills, officials said.

"There's not much left to administer anymore," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

Westland will receive \$836,000 — the largest share of money — while other amounts will include \$353,000

for Garden City, \$664,000 for Dearborn Heights, \$217,000 for Inkster and \$166,000 for Wayne, Wild said.

The money will go into the cities' respective sanitation funds, and Wild has asked for a city attorney's opinion on how the dollars can be used. Westland could potentially spend some of its share for a curbside recycling program that officials hope to start by

spring, a project for which city leaders already have set aside \$750,000.

Wild has drawn accolades from officials like Westland City Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt, a longtime incinerator critic, for his watchdog role as a member of the CWCSA board. She publicly commended him Tuesday during a council meeting.

Even with the \$2.2 million

payout, Wild said the CWCSA still will have a \$1 million fund balance to fulfill its duties.

In another development, Wild has suggested that the five communities examine ways to further reduce CWCSA's administrative costs, which he said amount to \$438,000 for the 2008-09 budget year. He indicated that some of that money could be saved by potentially having one

of the cities assume the duties now handled by a full-time administrator, a part-time secretary and a part-time monitoring employee.

Graunstadt indicated support for Wild's suggestion.

"I'm very much in favor of closing this chapter. I see no point in keeping it open at this point," she said.

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Oakland Brass Band  
presents concert



# W-W taps fund equity to cover revenue losses

**BY SUE MASON**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the face of the state's sour economy, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district is continuing to use its fund equity to cover expenses. The school board has approved a budget amendment in which the district

will use \$5 million of its fund equity to balance this year's budget, up slightly from what was proposed last June. The change is the result of a larger than expected drop in student enrollment coupled, a less than projected increase in state school aid and a decrease in local property taxes and interest income.

"Our ending fund balance will be \$7.9 million, that's what we thought it would be," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services. "It's 6.6 percent of expenditures which isn't where we'd like that to be." According to Martin, the district will get \$1.8 million less state school aid after losing

79 more students than projected and a per pupil increase in the formula that was less than anticipated. The district had budgeted for a \$130 per student increase, but received \$96, accounting for a \$450,000 loss. Revenue also will be down about \$150,000 in the sinking and debit retirement funds.

"That's due to property values being down, but both are still in good shape," Martin told the school board. But the news wasn't all gloom and doom. Employee salaries and benefits are down \$1.3 million because of a higher than anticipated number of retirements. Additionally, the district is getting \$124,000 in

Medicaid Outreach and service fees, "and we're happy for that." "We usually have 20-30 retirements, but it was up to 40 this year, so we saved on salaries," he said, adding that the cost containments put in place have helped.

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Investiture ceremony

New 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell will have his investiture 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Westland senior Friendship Center on Newburgh south of Ford. McConnell, a Westland resident and University of Detroit law school graduate, began his duties on the bench this month after running unopposed for the seat. He replaces Judge C. Charles Bokos, who retired. The ceremony is open to the public, and food will be served.

### Valentine Party

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will have a Valentine Card Party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50/50 raffle, light meal and snacks. Tickets are \$8. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Proceeds will benefit the church's debt reduction.

### Coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City Monday, Jan. 26. He will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, Livonia, 9-10

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a.m., then move to Garden City for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

### Scrapbooking

The Wayne Memorial High School Zebra Parent Advisory Council - Z-PAC - will hold a Scrapbooking Event 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, just east of Venoy, Westland.

The cost is \$25 per person. A light lunch, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Seating is limited, and the registration deadline is Jan. 31. Send a check, payable to Wayne Memorial High School, to Z-PAC Scrapbooking Event, 3001

Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. Proceeds will benefit the Z-PAC Scholarship Fund and 2009 Senior Farewell Dinner.

■ A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867.

### Vegas Nights

St. Theodore Parish will hold its Vegas Nights 6 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be 50/50 drawings every hour, Black Jack, Let It Ride, roulette, money wheel and hourly Texas Hold 'em. Food, beer, wine and soft drinks also will be available. The Maximum win per person will be \$500. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voicemail number 10).

Blues buster The Westland Friendship Center has just the remedy for the winter blues - a party! Tickets are on sale now for the Friendship Center's

Winter Blues Bash Friday, Feb. 20. Kerry Price from the Windsor-Detroit Jazz Club will entertain with her signature blend of blues.

The buffet meal will include slow roasted beef in brown sauce, boneless breaded pork chops, wedged red skin potatoes with parsley, and there also will be raffle prizes. And one more thing - attendees MUST wear blue to enter, and any shade will do.

For more information, call (734) 722-7628. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland.

### Open House

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool will have an open house 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. The preschool is now enrolling 3-4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 classes. Tours and enrollment information will be available at the open house. There also will be winter themed crafts and activities for all, including a free photo of your child.

The \$50 enrollment fee will be waived for those enrolling at the open house. Each child will also receive a free children's book. Call (734) 728-3559, visit the preschool's Web site at [www.livesarechanging.com/html/preschool.html](http://www.livesarechanging.com/html/preschool.html), or send an e-mail to [wfpmpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:wfpmpreschool@yahoo.com).

## John Glenn staff seeks Distinguished Alumnus

In the midst of the pomp and circumstance of John Glenn High School's Class of 2009 graduation, there will be time to recognize the achievement of a distinguished alumnus. Each year, the high school recognizes an outstanding graduate, and the award presentation has become one of the highlights of the graduation ceremony.

The most difficult task is to locate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. The Faculty Council at John Glenn High School is asking the community to help in the selection process by nominating a John Glenn graduate who has earned distinction in their field of endeavor following graduation. The council feels "that successful graduates, such as these, could have a positive motivational effect on the graduating seniors as well as the school community and the faculty."

Nominations can be made by contacting Robyn Brennan at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

The Faculty Council will review all applications and select the nominee to be honored with this year's graduating class.

## POSTER

FROM PAGE A1

"I knew it would do pretty good, but I didn't think it would win," said Frank who attends Westland John Glenn High School. "We saw it in the early stages, he found parts to make the collage, it was absolutely amazing," said his father, Jim

Frank. "We found out he won when he went back to school. It was unbelievable, but Mike was like, 'Oh, you got to be kidding.'"

Frank, a first-year student at the career technical center, spent five days to creating his collage and then worked with Paulsen on the placement of a Detroit skyline and the necessary auto show verbiage. But what makes Frank's work extraordinary is that he has

muscular dystrophy and is on a ventilator and confined to a wheelchair.

"He drew pictures all the time," Jim Frank said. "He was eager to learn and had a great art teacher at Fisher (Elementary School in Redford). He paints, draws, does graphic design ... he's really getting into that. The computer can be a challenge. He's sometimes weak physically."

Jim Frank said his son is concerned about accuracy in his work and strives to have things in proportion to each other. That's evident in a picture on his computer that shows him playing wheelchair rugby. He doesn't in real life, but with the help of Photoshop he superimposed his head on that of one of the players.

And while he doesn't play rugby, he does play wheelchair floor hockey at Ward

Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

"I'm more like an artist, I'm into painting and drawing," Frank said. "I'm interested in it probably because of my artistic ability."

Principal Brian Galdes said Frank is a "very important person" and the Fisher School community is really proud of him and his achievement. His limited mobility has not stopped Frank from doing things. In addition to sports, he also builds and races radio-controlled cars, Galdes said.

"We're so proud of all of his achievements," he added. "He's certainly risen above his disability."

According to Jim Frank, it was Fisher Elementary where his son got his jump-start on his education and it is the Wayne-Westland Community Schools that has continued

it. Michael Frank is in the district's POHI (physically or otherwise health impaired) program, and his parents drive him to and from the Westland high school.

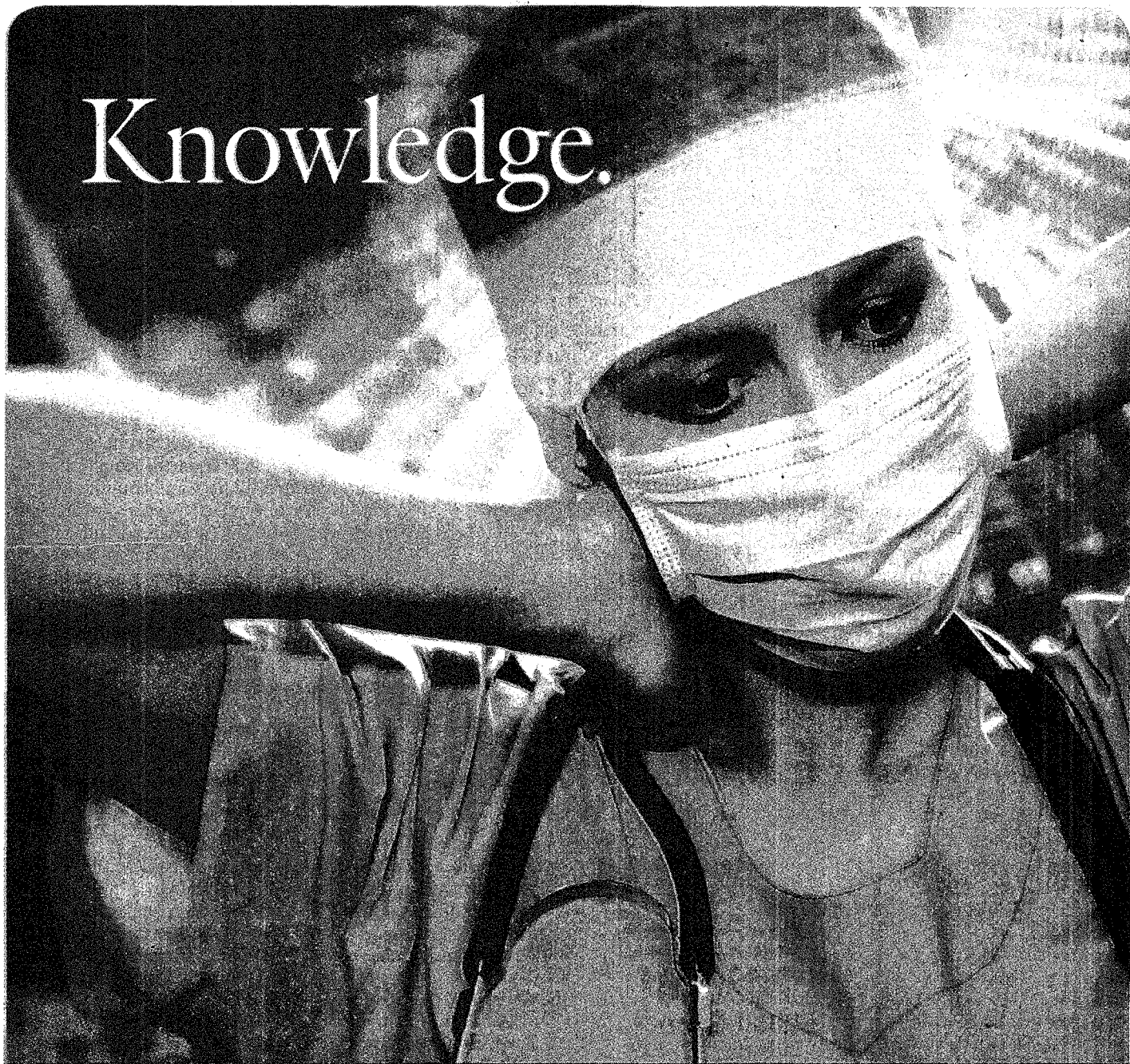
"It's well worth it," Jim Frank said. "He's excelled so much."

With the auto show closing this weekend, Jim Frank was planning to get his son to Cobo Hall on Saturday when the show opens an hour early for people with disabilities. They're going to "try and find his poster and get some photos."

As for his newfound wealth, Michael Frank plans to put the prize money in the bank. That doesn't surprise his father.

"He's really sharp with money, he's also very frugal," he said.

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# TRIAL

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Thomas of Detroit, was shot and killed by police during a shootout outside the now-closed Bob's of Canton-Westland store. Pringle was wounded.

The gunfight erupted on a summer afternoon when gunmen Thomas and Pringle, cocaine-deal conspirator Boldizar and getaway vehicle drivers Sanders and Reed tried to rob a drug informant of three kilos of cocaine rather than pay \$60,000. The plot turned violent and bullets rang out when Romulus police emerged from two parked vans and tried to stop the incident.

In court Thursday, Officer Lange read aloud a statement in which Sanders admitted driving Boldizar and Thomas to Bob's of Canton-Westland in



Sanders

Benz.

Sanders told police he was supposed to get \$1,000 for driving, but he fled the scene after the shootout erupted and was captured later that evening in Detroit. Sanders confessed in writing that he knew

a 2001 Chevy Lumina, while Reed and Pringle arrived in a black SUV just before the drug informant was confronted as he sat in a silver Mercedes

of the cocaine-robbery plot, but he changed his statement Thursday in court. Sanders testified that he didn't know a robbery was planned and that he had merely agreed to give his friend Thomas a ride to Boldizar's house and then to the nearby shopping center. Sanders said he didn't know why the men wanted to go to the shopping center.

Under alternate questioning by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Petito and defense attorney Richard Glanda, Sanders called his

earlier written confession a lie and said he gave it because he feared that, if he didn't, he could face a more serious charge of murdering Thomas. He also said he was afraid that police would harass his family and his girlfriend.

Petito, accompanied in court by Westland police Sgt. Michael Harhold, reminded Sanders of a text message he received from Thomas on the morning of the would-be robbery, reminding him that "it's on" for the afternoon of Aug. 12.

Sanders confessed to police that he drove away from the

scene after the shootout erupted, yet he testified Thursday that he dropped Thomas and Boldizar off, then left before the gunfight happened.

When asked by Petito why he didn't contact police after he heard what had happened, he replied, "I was scared. I didn't know what to do."

Sanders will be the last defendant to face sentencing Feb. 5.

Pringle pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit armed robbery, conspiring to possess cocaine and felony firearms in return for a 15-year

sentence formally set for Jan. 29.

Boldizar accepted a sentence of 10-15 years in prison for his guilty plea to conspiracy to possess cocaine. His formal sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 28.

Reed agreed to a 10-year prison term and pleaded guilty to felony firearms, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and possession of cocaine. His sentencing was scheduled for Friday, the day after Sanders' conviction.

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One way to start working toward your vacation before you even begin planning it is to enroll in awards programs that grant you travel miles just for using your credit card, eating out, staying at a hotel, or changing or using your long-distance. These miles can add up quickly for you and your family, according to "The Art of Traveling Extravagantly" and "Nearly Free" authors Dorice Exline and Keith Stefanczyk (910.202 Exl in our library).

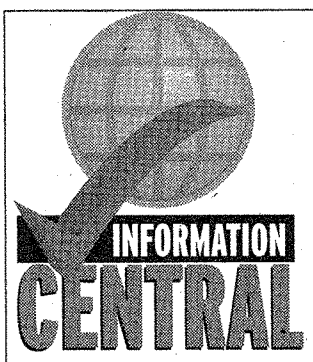
Another way to fly cheaply depends on the day you buy your tickets, according to Peter Greenberg, author of "The Travel Detective" (910.202 Gre) and travel editor on the NBC's "Today Show." Greenberg suggests that Wednesdays are the most likely days for an airfare price war and that the weekends are the times for the highest priced tickets.

Another common way to find cheaper airfare and accommodations is to comb the local newspaper's Travel and Leisure section, in our cases, the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News (both of which you can view at the library). An uncommon suggestion comes from the authors of "Travel with Your Family" (910.202 Fod), who claim that combining your destination's major newspaper is an even better way of getting deals. So visit these papers online or call to see if you can get their Sunday service for a month or so (the Reference Desk can you find both of these).

Of course, there are a number of Web site you can use. Travelocity, Expedia, Southwest, Hotwire, and Priceline are all popular. Just beware of the really cheap flights because they often require hoofing it long-distance between gates in a minimal amount of time.

If you have any questions about how to access some of these sites or which books can help you choose the right vacation, please visit the Reference Desk at the library or call us at (734) 326-6123. Happy trails to you!

**Highlighted Activities**  
**Investor Education in Your Community:** 7 p.m. Jan. 28.  
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mercial national public education and awareness campaign sponsored by the Investors Protection Trust, the Investor Protection Institute, and the State of Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation. You will learn the fundamentals of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, key investment terms, how to select a financial services provider and how to protect yourself from investment fraud. Participants will each receive a copy of "5 Keys to Investing Success" from IPT and Kiplinger. Optional one-on-one counseling sessions are available 7:30-9 p.m. The program is free. Contact the library for forms to be completed prior to the individual sessions. Call to reserve your seat - (734) 326-6123. The program is made possible through a partnership with the Investor Protection Trust, the Investor Protection Institute and the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation. The program is part of a nation's, multi-year public awareness and advocacy campaign to promote the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century

**"Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan":** 2-4 p.m. Feb. 1.

Join us for the unveiling of a month-long exhibit about the Idlewild community, featuring Dr. Ben Wilson, historian and Africana Studies professor at Western Michigan University. This exhibit funded with help from the Michigan Humanities Council.

**Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library:** Every Wednesday evening beginning at 7 p.m., Whether you want to learn to knit or are an experienced knitter, all are welcome. (Crocheters are welcome, too.) Call the library for more information, (734) 326-6123.

**Information Central** was compiled by reference librarian Andy Schuck. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

## Pan takes on Hook in annual AAUW play

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sandra Iannucci was looking to venture out of her comfort zone when it came to performing in the children's play presented each year by the Plymouth-Canton branch of American Association of University Women. In the past, she had played animals and little boys; this year, she was thinking about playing Smee, Captain Hook's right-hand man in *Peter Pan*.

She got a surprise when the directors selected her to play the role of Wendy.

"I was surprised and a little nervous. I wondered what I was getting myself into, but it's been fun," Iannucci said. "When we do tryouts, you can put down your preference. I knew I wanted to change, I wanted something new. The directors were kind enough to let me try Wendy."

Iannucci and the rest of the cast have been meeting at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium twice a week rehearsing for the production, which will be presented there at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

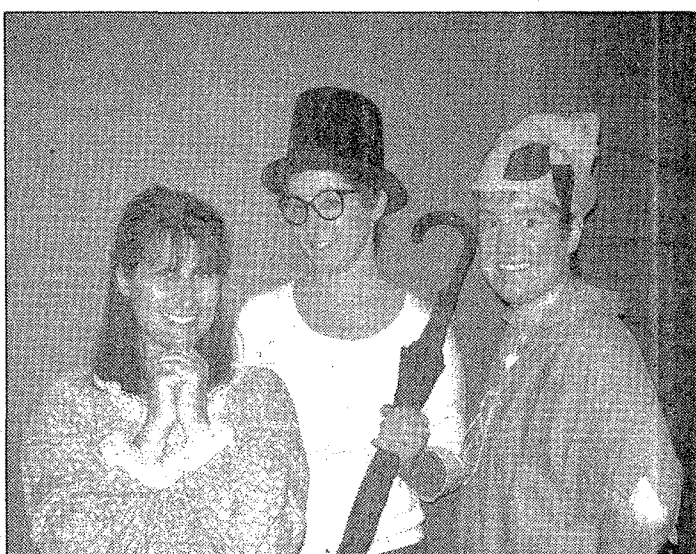
Due to previous commitments, the play is being staged a month earlier than usual. While there's less time to prepare, the cast has come to the rehearsals well-prepared.

"They've been doing an awesome job," said Monica Nick, who is co-directing with Mickey Edell. "They knew we had to pull this off and they're doing double duty. We started rehearsing the first week of January and they were expected to know their lines by then. It's worked out pretty good. Things are falling into place."

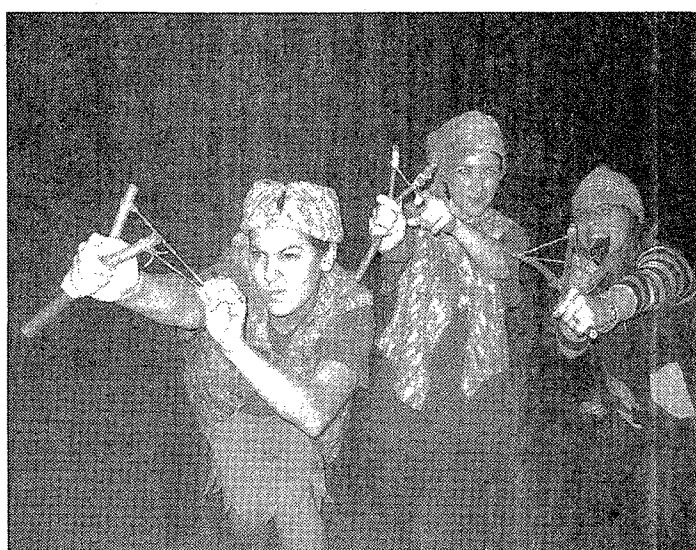
This is Nick's first time directing since joining the organization seven years ago. While she admits that it seemed "scary," it's a lot like her teaching job.

"You have to do a lot of little things," she said.

To keep the plays fresh, the



Sandra Iannucci (from left) plays Wendy, with Michelle Churchill as John and Melissa Uhl as Peter Pan.



Members of the Lost Boys in Plymouth-Canton AAUW's upcoming production of 'Peter Pan' are Kaytee Bellows (from left), MaryBeth Riblett and Casie Bockenstette.

scripts are reworked. The idea is to involve the audience and draw them into the play. New to this *Peter Pan* production is Tinker Bell. In the past, a light has sufficed, but this year, Mary Kroeger will play the role.

"I think the kids will love it," said Melissa Uhl, cast as Peter. "She's a little sprite herself. She'll move across the stage and ring her bell. This is her first year and she does have a big part. She doesn't talk, but she's on stage a lot, ringing her bell."

Uhl wanted the role of Peter after missing the *Pan* tryouts seven years ago.

"I ended up being cast as one of the Lost Boys and had loads of fun," Uhl said.

Uhl remembers watching Mary Martin portray Peter Pan, and had the opportunity to see Cathy Rigby perform *Peter Pan* live on stage in Detroit. Her performance was "amazing."

"While I am no where near as good or professional as either of them, I try to have just as much fun," she said.

Uhl has been a member of the Plymouth-Canton AAUW since graduating from Michigan State University in 1994. She grew up watching her mother perform in the same productions. She also is playing opposite her first-grade teacher, Sharon Belobraidich, who will reprise her role of Captain Hook.

This is her 15th production, and Uhl sees the organization and the play as an outlet from her day-to-day work as an automotive engineer. She

### 'PETER PAN'

**What:** The 49th annual Plymouth-Canton AAUW's children's theater production of 'Peter Pan'

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Thursday will be the annual "Scout Night" performance for Boy and Girl Scout troops. Scouts, families and friends are invited to this special evening for a "behind-the-scenes" look at live theater by the cast at 6:15 p.m., followed by 'Peter Pan' at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City. Scout troops interested in attending must register by Jan. 28 by e-mailing troop information to AAUW\_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com.

**Tickets:** Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City; Sideways-Plymouth, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth; and Perkos Shoes, 33426 Five Mile, Livonia. They also available by sending a check, payable to the Plymouth-Canton AAUW, and self-addressed stamped envelope by Jan. 28 to Play Tickets, 13270 Foxboro Ct., Plymouth, MI 48170. Tickets also will be available at the door on performance dates at \$6 each.

**Why:** Proceeds from the play provide college scholarships for girls and women in the members' communities.

enjoys her "network of wonderful women" and the smiles and excitement on young children's faces, including her own.

"But more importantly, it's the money we raise. It goes toward college scholarships for women and young girls in our communities to further their educational opportunities," she said.

Iannucci also loves the fact that the production exposes children to live theater.

"Kids today have television and movies. With live theater, they still have to use their imaginations," she said. "Live theater doesn't have those bells and whistles. It's wonderful to expose them to it at a young age and show them that it's something they can do."

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING February 9, 2009

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:58 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed changes to the Animal License Ordinance regarding license application late fees as follows.

#### Proposed Ordinance #09-002

#### 90.17 LICENSE APPLICATION.

(A) Upon application to the City Clerk or his duly authorized representative, giving the full name and residence of the applicant, the City Clerk or his duly authorized representative shall issue a license to the applicant and a tag of some durable material stamped or engraved with the number of the license, the year it is issued, and the words "Animal License, City of Garden City, Michigan."

(B) Before the City Clerk/Treasurer or his duly authorized representative shall deliver a license and tag as above provided for, the applicant therefor shall pay, at his option, to the City Clerk/Treasurer the charges in accordance with the Comprehensive Fee Schedule in Chapter 12 of this Code for each and every animal regardless of sex.

(C) The application for a dog or cat license shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the subject dog or cat has been vaccinated by a duly qualified veterinarian with modified live rabies virus of chick embryo origin.

(D) A license shall entitle the applicant to keep or harbor the dog or cat for the term commencing from the date of the license and terminating June 1 following its issuance, if a one-year license. For two- and three-year licenses, the termination date shall be June 1 in the second and third years, respectively, following its issuance. When issued for a period of less than half of the period prescribed, the City Clerk/Treasurer shall collect a total of one-half the fee hereinbefore provided. If the license is applied for 60 days or more after the dog or cat was subject to licensing, a late fee will be assessed according to the current fee schedule. Every dog or cat four months old or older shall be required to be licensed.

('83 Code, § 90.12) (Ord. 81-014, passed 5-18-81; Am. Ord. 82-044, passed 10-18-82; Am. Ord. 82-046, passed 12-20-82; Am. Ord. 06-009, passed 4-24-06) Penalty, see § 90.99

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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# Purtan and friends treat the whole gang to lunch at Buddy's

The first Dining with the Stars of 2009 tuned out to be a big party thanks to Dick Purtan and Purtan's People and the generosity of Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.

Purtan and his radio crew picked a winner — Dr. Margaret Sartori of Livonia — but then decided to invite all of the finalists because they are "all huge fans."

Sartori's winning entry was "Top 10 Reasons Why I Would Love to Lunch with Purtan's People."

10. I'm low carb, so I'm a cheap date!

9. I admit I made the \$250 donation to Salvation Army mostly to get Dick's CD!

8. I've had great bladder control due to listening to Purtan's People.

7. I can name all the stations Dick's worked at since I moved here in 1974.

6. I know the names of all Dick's daughters!

5. I changed a patient's appointment so I could sneak to Kroger to see Purtan's People in action!

4. Someone needs to tell Dick where the Kroger's in Livonia really is. (West of Merriman? South of Five Mile? Huh?)

3. I'm a psychologist like Dick's daughter Jessica!

2. Purtan's People has much better side effects than an antidepressant!

1. Next to my husband, there is no one I would rather wake up with than Purtan's People.

Other finalists and guests at the Jan. 15 luncheon sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers included Bob Feldmaier, who bears a striking resemblance to Dick Purtan; Nicole Bovee, community service coordinator/circulation supervisor at the Rochester Hills Public Library; Nancy Slowik of Plymouth; and Linda Beggs of Roseville. A sixth finalist, Anna Kutlich, was unable to attend.

The group lunched on pizza, laughed a lot and danced with Lorenzo and Karla of the Fred Astaire Dance School in Bloomfield Hills.

"It was a party of 14 people — all huge fans of Dick and the gang," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza. "Dick Purtan could not have been kinder and really seemed happy to be with his fans."

"Dick was fabulous."



PHOTOS BY DAVID REED

Contest winner Dr. Margaret Sartori (front row, center) with Al Muskavito and Dick Purtan. Other finalists, friends and the crew of Purtan's People joined Sartori last week for lunch at Buddy's in Farmington Hills. Pictured are (back row, from left) Bob Feldmaier (finalist), Dana Mills (of Purtan's People), Nicole Bovee (finalist), Rebekah Rhodes (of Purtan's People), Nancy Slowik (finalist), Jackie Purtan (of Purtan's People), Linda Beggs (finalist) and Nancy Brown.



Dr. Margaret Sartori of Livonia dons the Dick Purtan signature eyebrows, nose and moustache as she gets ready to meet Dick Purtan and Purtan's People at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.

Big Al, Jackie, Dana and Rebekah were incredible. They made everyone down to their servers feel important and special," Brontman added.

Sartori, the contest winner, was treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo and a makeover courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon J Lyle Ltd. in Birmingham.

She also received a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver

Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Purtan and Purtan's People (Al Muskavito, Dana Mills, Rebekah Rhodes and Jackie Purtan) danced with the contestants and professional dancers and filmed the episode for their radio station Web site.

To get into the spirit of the day, all Buddy's Pizza employees and Sartori wore

various disguises of "Purtan looking" (bushy) eyebrows, nose and moustache — a tribute that delighted the veteran radio man, according to Brontman.

Buddy's presented Purtan with a check for \$500 for his charity Children's Hospital.

"Dick Purtan and Purtan's People — there's nothing like the original," Brontman said.

## Stress and brain aging topic of seminar

Explore the connection between stress and brain aging at a seminar presented by Dr. Scott Moffat, Ph.D., a leading researcher on brain function, on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 10-11 a.m. at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Moffat, a professor at Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology, is studying how the stress hormone cortisol affects the brain as it grows older. Participants will learn about research into improving older adults' quality of life.

The seminar is part of the Senior Division's Lifelong Learning at Longacre series, which offers topical issues and enrichment presentations for adults 50 & better. There is a \$5 fee and the registration deadline is Jan. 27. For more information, call (248) 473-1830.

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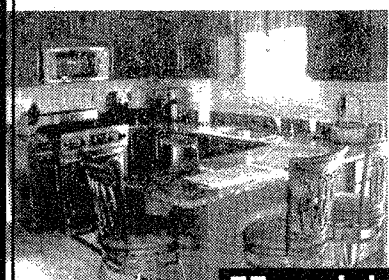
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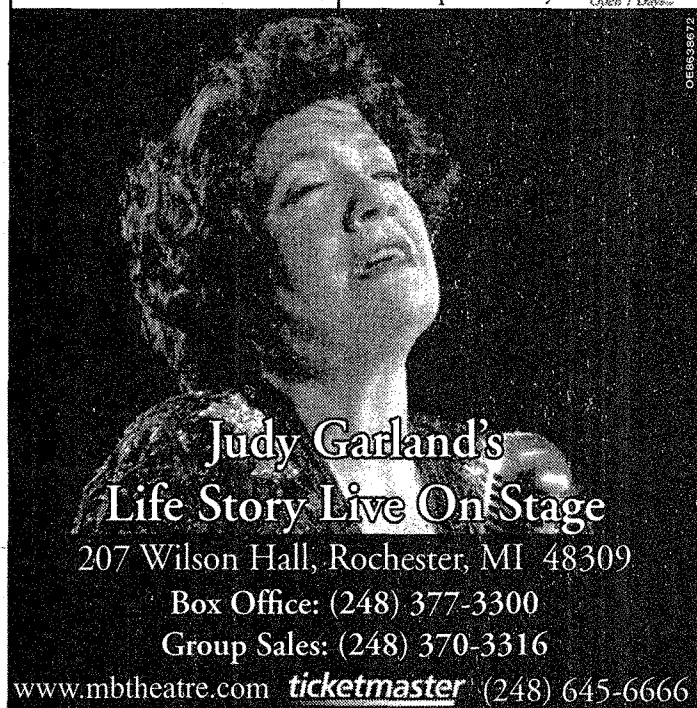
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**A:** Whether you receive a W-2 form or not, you are still liable to report the income on your tax return. The same applies to a 1099 or other forms of income. The law places the responsibility on the individual to report income correctly.

You sign your return and your signature basically confirms that you are filing a correct tax return.

Just because your friend says you won't get a W-2 doesn't mean that you won't. Employers still have time to send out W-2s and it is likely you will receive one. Employers recognize their legal obligations, some which contain personal liability with regards to tax filings. It is not unusual — in fact, it is common and normal — that businesses which shut down still file the necessary tax documents. Of course, there are situations where employers do fail to meet their legal obligations.

I recommend contacting your old employer. You can send a letter and even though they may be out of business, the mail may be forwarded. In addition, contact the state of Michigan to obtain current contact information. If you know the accounting firm that handled your old employer, you can contact it.

If all else fails and you cannot contact the company, complete Form 4852, a substitute W-2 form, and file with your tax return.

Remember, by reporting income you received, you are also reporting the withholding by the company. Therefore, by reporting your income and taking advantage of what has been withheld from your paycheck, you may actually get a refund and not owe taxes.

To complete a substitute W-2 form, use an old pay stub to help compute the numbers. Most pay stubs keep cumulative records of what has been earned and withheld. If you don't have any documentation, you probably need to contact a certified public accountant to help prepare your return.

People ask whether something is deductible or not or if they have to report income or not. The real question is, what are the odds of getting caught, not what the law actually requires.

My advice is when it comes to taxes, we are responsible to file accurate tax returns. The penalty for failure to comply can be substantial. Do yourself a favor, follow the law to the best of your ability. That does not mean that you should not use the law to your advantage, because you should. Take every deduction you are entitled to and if there is a gray area in the law, use it to your benefit.



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## Historic inauguration shows U.S. is a beacon for freedom, opportunity

We stood less than 100 yards from the stage where President Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States.

My Deputy County Executive, Azzam Elder, and I gave up our seats to two elderly people. Despite frigid temperatures and no place to sit, we soaked in this historic moment with great joy.

It was my first presidential inauguration. The energy was high; the mood very uplifting. A sea of people from all walks of life huddled together, providing warmth to



Robert A. Ficano

the air. Everyone acted as if this was the happiest day of their lives. The officers and security seemed to bend over backward to assist people. They were pleasant, helpful and accommodating. It was as if they had attended Disney charm school.

Unfortunately, we had almost missed our date with history. An incident on the Metro Center station forced us to exit four miles away. We walked the rest of the way.

It was well worth the walk. When he talked about his vision, President Obama's tone was serious, as it should be. Our nation is facing many serious issues. The president left the impression he knows there is a lot of

work to be done and is ready for the challenge.

I sense that President Obama intends to unify this country. He wants to end partisanship. Instead of a Democratic or Republican nation or a black or white nation, he envisions one nation pulling together to solve these serious problems.

I get the impression that President Obama is very pragmatic. He is practical rather than philosophical in seeking solutions. He realizes he has eight years at best to make a difference. The bar is being set high. I believe he will get things done.

Throughout the ceremony and the address, I saw many people in tears, overcome by the significance of what they were witnessing. Many

people did not believe they would see an African American elected president during their lifetime.

When President Obama recited the oath of office, a hush came over the crowd. As he raised his hand, you knew history was being made.

At that moment, it struck me how great this country really is. It made me reflect on my own life as a first-generation Italian American who had the opportunity to attend law school and hold elected office. This is truly a Democracy. Freedom and opportunity are the ingredients that make us a powerful nation and a beacon for success.

Robert A. Ficano is the Wayne County executive.

## Schoolcraft's Grote brought Southern charm to rocky times

BY TIM RICHARD

A college president can be considered honored if a campus building is named for him. C. Nelson Grote has had two colleges name two buildings for him.

Grote, president of Schoolcraft College from 1971-81, has his name on the administration building on Haggerty Road. Last September, Morehead State University in Kentucky added his name to a 1926 residence hall, making it Grote-Thompson Hall. Grote, as Morehead's 11th president, had spared the hall from demolition and had it renovated.

The board of regents said he had focused MSU's construction program "primarily on the improvement of student housing," adding that he had achieved a fiber-optic system in rebuilding the underground utility system among "numerous technology improvements across the campus."

Wife Wilma and many of his children and grandchildren gathered for the ceremony. The Grotes on Jan. 6 observed their 60th wedding anniversary. They eloped on that date in 1949.

The last building name came with considerably less political pain than the one at

Schoolcraft in 1982.

In the 1970s, the Schoolcraft College District was a hotbed of political activity. It had an eight-member board, five of whom came from Plymouth — with about 20 percent of the population — and one from Livonia, with about 50 percent. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a 1970 Kansas City case, ruled that states, counties and college districts should observe the "one man, one vote" rule under the equal protection of the laws provision in the U.S. Constitution.

The New Democratic Coalition of Livonia filed a circuit court suit for reapportionment and eventually won. But before reapportionment could take place, the old college board hired Grote as its second president. Grote had been Morehead's dean of technical education, an area Schoolcraft was expanding into. He had earned his own degrees in technical education from Eastern Illinois University, the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Illinois. (EIU in 2002 named him one of its outstanding graduates.)

The Grotes brought Schoolcraft an abundance of Southern graciousness and folksy charm from "the foothills of the Daniel Boone National Forest" (as Wikipedia describes Morehead's

location), though not a lot of experience in dealing with militant unions. So the new president ran into an unexpected buzzsaw.

There were a few strikes. "I did not know what it meant to be an adversary or not to enjoy close personal relationships with faculty, as well as working relationships," Grote told Sam Hudson, author of the college's history *Reaching Out*. He tried holding frequent coffee hours for everyone to foster social friendship.

It backfired. Two faculty representatives came to him and said, "my southern hospitality and our tendency to do things gracefully was viewed to be unnecessary," he recalled. They wanted that money in their paychecks. The Faculty Forum fought him bitterly on such issues as "area directors," a faculty advisory seat (read lobbyist) on the board, part-time faculty and off-campus expansion.

When it came time in 1982 to dedicate the new Applied Sciences Building, the board considered Grote's name. Ungraciously, the campus unions generated a letter, with 124 signatures, opposing naming anything for Grote (Hudson, page 167). A faculty member proposed, and the board agreed, to a compromise: Name the new administration building for him.

To my mind, that was the wiser choice, considering that Grote was a heavyweight in Michigan community college circles, had wrestled with recession-era budgets and reached out to extend courses to Garden City and other points.

By 1981, Grote saw he had done as much as he could do and found a new post as chancellor of a multi-campus college in Spokane, Wash. I know those trustees were impressed by Grote's outreach because two of them interviewed me asking how he might do with a multi-campus system. "Fine," I said.

Grote moved to Washington in 1982 and might have stayed their until retirement, but the big job at Morehead (a university with 9,500 students) opened up in 1987. He finally retired in 1992.

The Grotes built a house on Whidbey Island in Washington and spend summers there, with a view of ships, Olympic Mountains and the sunsets. The rest of the year they are in Kentucky, one of the most gracious and charming states in the Union. He recently turned 81.

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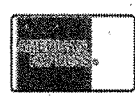
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## Zebras defuse Rockets' rally

BY BRAD EMMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Normally when boys basketball rivals Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn take to the court, it's like a Fourth of July fireworks display on the Detroit River.

And Friday's encounter featured another dazzling display punctuated by a grand finale as the host Zebras watched a 14-point, fourth-quarter lead evaporate into thin air before holding off a furious Glenn rally for a 73-66 triumph.

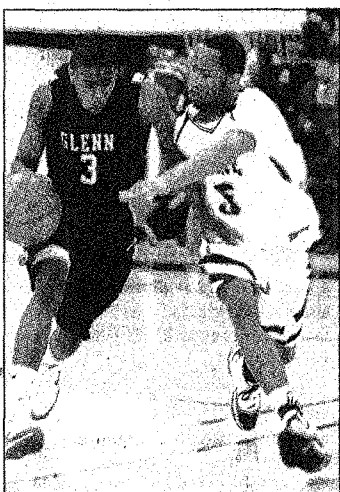
Wayne, 4-3 overall, now sits atop at the KLAA's South Division along with Canton at 2-0. Glenn, which had its five-game winning streak snapped, falls to 5-2 and 1-1.

Daniel Hill, a 6-foot-3 junior forward, led the Zebras with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Guard Reginald Reeves, making his season debut, added 18, while steady senior point guard Robert Woodson finished with 10 points and six assists. Delorean Holland chipped in with nine points.

Wayne was able to offset the sterling performance of Glenn senior point guard Austin Anderson, who finished with a game-high 31 points.

Wayne seemingly had the game under control with 5:37 remaining in the final quarter, when Jimmel Bennett nailed a triple to make it 64-50. But the Zebras suddenly stopped attacking the basket and went into an offensive shell, giving Glenn new life as the speedy 6-1 Anderson orchestrated the comeback, scoring 13 straight points during a span of 3:42.

"The guys kind did it on their own," Wayne coach



John Glenn's Austin Anderson (left), who led all scorers with 31 points, tries to dribble past Wayne defender Jimmel Bennett in Friday's KLAA South clash.

Wayne Woodard said, referring to spreading out the floor. "We wanted to be 99 percent sure to score and get them to foul, but they were playing not to lose instead of trying to win."

After Woodson's two foul shots put the Zebras ahead 68-59 with 1:32 to go, it looked like the Zebras had it in the bag.

But two free throws by Anderson, a steal and layup by Anderson, followed by a steal and layup by Jeremy Langford, along with his free throw for a three-point play, cut the deficit to 68-66 with only 1:04 left.

Derrie Horton, then took a long pass from Hill and answered with a layup at the other end after the Zebras broke Glenn's full-court press for a 70-66 lead.

The Rockets, meanwhile,

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Glenn's Brandyn Jenkins (right) makes Wayne's Reginald Reeves pass the ball off during Friday's KLAA South Division game.

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## Sidelines

### Ocelots honored

■ **Schoolcraft**  
College's Allyson King, a sophomore mid-fielder from Livonia Stevenson, recently earned National Junior College Athletic Association Division I honorable mention honors in women's soccer.

The fourth-ranked Lady Ocelots also had five players make the NJCAA All-Region 12 team including King, Meghan Horgan (Livonia Franklin) Claire Baptist (Plymouth), Sally L'Esperance and Samantha Harrington.

■ **Schoolcraft**  
College's Rick Larson was recently named NJCAA Region 12 Coach of the Year in men's soccer.

Among the first-team All-Region 12 selections for the Ocelots, who reached the NJCAA Division I National Tournament, were Michael Iyoha and Andy Addlington.

Second-team picks included John Swistyn, Hunter Robertson and Chris Riley.

### SHS orientation

Livonia Stevenson High School will stage its annual incoming ninth-grade orientation night beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the competitive gym.

The event is open to all public middle school, private or parochial middle eighth-grade students considering attending Stevenson H.S.

A portion of the program includes meeting athletic department coaches and current athletes of all sports programs at Stevenson.

Sports program information and practice-tryout dates, along with sign-up sheets, will be available. You can also pick up a physical exam card and coupon.

The academic orientation will be offered simultaneously which includes meeting with school counselors, tours of the school and information on extracurricular activities and clubs. The Stevenson Jazz Band will perform and the school store will be open.

For more information, call the Stevenson athletic department at (734) 744-2660, Ext. 48116.

### LJAL signup

Open registration for the Livonia Junior Athletic League's 2009 baseball and softball season will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7 at Frost Middle School. Registration forms will be distributed through the Livonia Public Schools and most private school systems. Forms can also be obtained by visiting [www.ljal.com](http://www.ljal.com). (Additional information can be obtained by calling the listed unit director on the registration form.)

## Canton icers freeze Churchill in KLAA South clash, 7-2

BY BRAD EMMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### PREP HOCKEY

Canton's hockey team re-established itself as the team to beat in the South Division of the KLAA's Kensington Conference with a convincing 7-2 win Wednesday night over host Livonia Churchill at Edgar Arena.

The state-ranked Chiefs, coming off a 7-3 setback Friday against rival Plymouth, improved to 11-2-1 overall.

Alex Berlin had two goals and three assists, while Ryan Lash also scored twice and had two assists as the Chiefs improved to 6-2-1 in the South and now enjoy a four-point divisional lead with 13 points.

Both Churchill and Plymouth are tied for second with nine points each, four behind the Chiefs.

Nick Tomilenko, Jordan Emery and Donnie Barlow also tallied goals for the Chiefs, who led 3-1 after one period and withstood a 15-4 Churchill shot advantage in the second period while adding another goal.

Anthony Bennett contributed three assists as Canton outscored Churchill 3-1 in the final period.

"We had to refocus our game plan to suit our style," Canton coach Dan Abraham said. "We got away from that the previous game and played very poorly. Prior to that game, our defense and goaltending were awful and our forwards did not score because they did not play position hockey. We worked on that and included some motivation because it was Churchill, and

they have a great team history."

Canton goaltender Zane Birchler turned away 36 of 38 Churchill shots to help secure the win. He made 15 straight saves to hold the Chargers scoreless in the second period.

"If Zane doesn't play the way he did in the second period, we don't win by that margin," Abraham said.

Joe Williams tallied Churchill's first goal in the opening period from Brent Mishowski and Robert Louwers. Scott Hamill added a third-period goal from Drew Sieber and Stefan Kubus as the Chargers fall to 3-5-3 overall and 3-2-3 in the South Division.

Churchill started Adrian Motta, who gave up five goals before being lifted early in the third period.

"They (Canton) played a smarter

game," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "They were able to capitalize and we were unable to match it (in the second period). They had a good game plan and once they got the lead, they played responsibly in their defensive zone."

**STEVENSON 2, NOVI 1:** Goaltender Richie Dunphy stopped 17 of 18 shots Wednesday night as host Livonia Stevenson (7-5-1, 4-3-1) edged the Wildcats (9-4-2, 4-3-2) in a KLAA Central Division game at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson led 1-0 after one period on Evan Malik's third goal of the season from Jake Vert and Marc Villaire.

Jake Hermann's unassisted short-handed goal at 3:02 of the second period made it 2-0 for the Spartans before Novi's Evan Dixon answered with a short-handed goal himself at 6:15 of the same period.

Novi netminder Michael Pesendorfer made 25 saves.

## Eagle eye — Hearn's molds Thurston freshman squad

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Keith Hearn remembers what it's like to be a young basketball player who thinks he has the world on a string.

He also remembers that there's another world — of difference — from being a cocky 14-year-old to displaying maturity on and off the court.

Hearn, a 2004 graduate of Livonia Stevenson who went on to play at Madonna University, now is working on instilling things he learned from his coaches and teammates to today's 14-year-olds.

Those kids are on Redford Thurston's freshman boys basketball team, where the 22-year-old Hearn is in his first season as head coach.

"It's good," Hearn said about coaching ninth-graders. "It's a little bit harder because you



Keith Hearn is enthusiastic about the start of his basketball coaching career, with Redford Thurston's freshman team. He looks to be the kind of mentor to players that his prep and college coaches were to him.

have to work with kids more. But you get kids that are literally like ... it's almost like starting as an artist and drawing from a

clean slate.

"Varsity is where you're finishing up someone else's picture. Now, I get to start from

scratch and build these kids into what they're going to be."

Teaching kids the intricacies of the game, not to mention intangibles such as being good people and teammates, counts for more than wins and losses with any freshman team. But Hearn understands his primary job is "to get them ready for JV and varsity" when the scoreboard matters increasingly more.

Hearn, meanwhile, draws on personal experience when coaching and communicating with his new team.

"I was a lot like most of these kids are. I thought I knew more than I did," Hearn said, recalling his early Stevenson days. "And I was immature and (then-Spartans coach Bill Dyer) was hard on me."

"I hated him until I graduated and once I graduated I realized, he made me not just a

better basketball player, but a better person."

During a recent practice at Thurston, the Redford Township resident got tough with his players who weren't exactly staying on task. He barked at them to get into the right position and run the right play: "You can't run an offense with two post players."

The drill was repeated a time or two.

But the mumbling that Hearn heard back isn't something he doesn't understand.

"I'm not necessarily trying to break them," Hearn said. "But I'm trying to get them to understand that, you know, it's hard to tell a 14-year-old that he's not right."

"I try to tell them, 'I'm not your friend but, then again, I don't want to be a dictator.'"

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## HEARNS

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### RIGHT APPROACH

Hearns so far is dealing with moments of first-year uncertainty and frustration. He questioned his coaching style and communication skills after a lackluster scrimmage. He sought input from others in the coaching fraternity.

"They said you can't hold them to the standards you would hold yourself to," said Hearns, who averaged 18 points a game at Stevenson and eight at MU. "But my biggest thing is effort. I tell my kids you will never be benched for missing a shot."

"But if I see you not working hard enough or you forget a play, you're coming out. That's just pure concentration and effort and that's pretty much all I'm trying to preach."

Thurston freshmen hear their coach talk about effort, paying attention to detail and realizing hot shots aren't always the best players.

"Some of the best guys I ever played with weren't necessarily the best basketball players," he said. "But they worked harder than anyone and you hated them because you were like, 'How are you doing what you're doing?' Just pure effort and

wanting to do it."

Hearns cited former Madonna point guard Adam Kerfoot, who didn't look pretty making plays, but did the job.

"He was not the best ball-handler, but yet, as a point guard, he got to the hole," Hearns said. "It was purely saying, 'I'm not gonna outdribble you, but I'm gonna outplay you.' A lot of kids don't understand there's no style points in high school."

Another lesson Hearns tries to get across is how essential being a "coachable" player is regardless of skill levels.

"You can be the best player, but if you're not coachable you're overlooked," Hearns said. "Every day I'm fighting with the best players and that shouldn't be the way it is."

### ALL-AMERICAN EXAMPLE

Hearns talked to the Thurston players one day about Madonna's Noel Emehiser during a discussion about being coachable. Emehiser (now an assistant coach at Madonna) was no slouch; he was an All-American who later played professionally in Europe.

"One day at practice, coach (Chuck) Henry corrected him and he said, 'Thank you,'" Hearns said. "He didn't correct him in a nice way, he called him out in front of the whole

team and yet he said, 'Thank you.'"

"After practice, we were all like, 'What the heck was that all about?' And coach came in later and made a point that, 'That's how I want you to be. I'm not here to embarrass you, I'm here to correct you.'"

If a top player could take stinging criticism in stride, why couldn't the rest of the squad? "Hey, Noel was the best player I ever played with, he played overseas," Hearns said. "It's not a coincidence the best players are coachable and just have the right attitude."

It's the kind of thing Hearns learned both at Stevenson (from Dyer) and Madonna (from Henry and Bernie Holowicki) — the latter campus where the "Champions of Character" ideals are imbedded into the fabric of the athletics program.

And now, with a year of college classes remaining before wrapping up his bachelor's degree, not to mention his July wedding to ex-Madonna volleyball player Rebecca Crane, Hearns doesn't mind mimicking his mentors as he begins his own coaching journey.

"Bernie and I were really close the last four years (at MU)," Hearns said, chuckling. "All my drills I got from Bernie."

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## ZEBRAS

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missed their final four attempts and Horton's dunk with only 23 seconds to play gave Wayne 72-66 lead and sealed the victory.

"Against their press, we tried to dribble through it," Woodard said. "We've got to be smarter than that. We regrouped. We said: 'Don't dribble through the double team, move the ball out it quickly.'"

Glenn led 19-17 after one quarter, but Wayne regained the lead at halftime, 34-31.

Wayne got a boost in the first half from the 6-0 Reeves, who was making his inaugural appearance. He scored 10 first-half points.

"Reggie's been on our practice squad; he just became eligible," Woodard said. "He's a junior, a guy who can get to

the hoop. We were settling for jumpers and he got us back in the game. It was on the verge of being very ugly."

In the third quarter, Glenn stayed within striking distance, 51-48, despite missing eight straight free throws.

The Rockets also missed another foul shot to start the fourth quarter to make it nine straight before Anderson broke the spell with 4:18 remaining.

Glenn was only 9-of-21 on the night.

"The nine free throws — there it is," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "That's obviously tough to overcome, and the fact that they got 16 offensive rebounds along with their dribble penetration was the difference."

"That ... and it's hard to win against a team like Wayne on the road. They've got lot of guys. They're a good team."

Langford finished with 13 points, while Dorian Prather

contributed 10 and Derrick Crosby had eight.

"We battled back and did not give in," Young said. "We cut it to two with a minute left and still had opportunities. We kept fighting and that's a good sign."

Anderson's play, meanwhile, gave Woodard heart palpitations on the sidelines.

"The start of the second half we used a box-and-one on Austin to try and slow him down because he had 14 at the half and he was going to beat us by himself," the Wayne coach said. "Daniel Hill then said, 'Let's go 55, which is our 2-3 zone (defense). He (Hill) did everything but sweep the floor. He was sharp tonight, no doubt about it."

"And he (Woodson) played a steady game as hard as they were guarding him. He was pretty good out there."

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# Plenty of teamwork

## Spartans crush Rocks in divisional triumph

### KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

in a KLAA South Division encounter.

Canton took control by outscoring the Chargers 19-7 in the third period.

Kevin Weisz led the victorious Chiefs with 18 points, while Dietrich Lever and Marlon Glenn added 18 and 10, respectively.

Senior guard Ryan Woods had 15 for the Chargers, while Cameron Norscia and Adam Bedell added 10 each.

The Chargers made 13 second-half turnovers while being outscored 31-13.

"They (Canton) came out and outplayed us the third quarter," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We abandoned every we did the first half. We did things we haven't done all year and don't do in practice. It's hard to explain. We played great the first half and they (Canton) played even better the second half. Give them credit."

**PLYMOUTH 66, FRANKLIN 54:** In a KLAA South Division battle Friday, the host Wildcats (5-3, 1-1) held off a late Livonia Franklin (2-5, 0-2) rally for the victory.

Brad Lineberry led Plymouth with 14 points, while Justin Moss and Cliff Buttermore chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively.

Jeff Poole paced the Patriots, who trailed 23-12 at intermission, with 14 points. Mike Gadsby and Connor

Leidal added 11 and 10, respectively.

Leidal got into early foul trouble, but the Patriots battled back to within five points with just over six minutes left in the final quarter before Plymouth held on.

"We did not handle their zone the second quarter," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "Our full-court pressure got us some steals and points. We gave everything we had, but we couldn't carry on."

Franklin was 12-of-19 from the foul line, while Plymouth made 15-of-25.

**CHURCHILL 71, EDEL FORD 60:** Junior forward Adam Bedell's double-double carried Livonia Churchill (3-3) to a non-league win Thursday night over visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford (2-7).

The 6-foot-6 Bedell scored 22 points and yanked down 14 rebounds to pace the Chargers, who led by as many as 24 points late in the second half.

Senior guard Ryan Woods and junior guard Anthony Frizzell added 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Chargers. Senior forward Alex Bay came off the bench to chip in eight points.

Mohamed Aleidaroos led the Thunderbirds with 20 points, while senior forward Elah Abbas added 13.

"We came out with a lot of energy, the kids got after from the opening tip," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "It's nice to get back on the winning track. The kids played hard and everybody got to play."

# Baglow's 33 propels Warriors

### BOYS BASKETBALL

recognized the hot hand and kept feeding him the ball in good scoring positions."

Eric Shoats and Gage Flanery added 14 and 13, respectively, for the Warriors, now 6-2 overall.

"I believe that (speed of the game) worked in our favor," Bekius said. "We did a nice job of breaking the pressure and attacking the basket in transition."

That translated to a 27-11 lead after one quarter. Detroit Urban did make adjustments and actually outscored the Warriors 58-56 the rest of the game, but the damage had been done.

William Byse and Domonique Dent tallied 21 and 17 points, respectively, for the Vikings (1-7).

**LUTH. WESTLAND 46, LIGGETT 38:**

Friday's game between Metro Conference foes became a defensive struggle, but host Lutheran High Westland (7-2, 1-1) did just enough in crunch time to protect the win against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (2-7, 0-2).

Gage Flanery led the victors with 12 points, while Eric Shoats chipped in with 10.

"It's nice to get our first conference win," said Lutheran Westland coach Brandon Bekius. "We played well defensively, but struggled to put the ball in the basket. The fourth quarter seemed to be the difference. We took care of the ball and made plays down the stretch."

The Warriors nursed a 23-21 halftime lead and that two-point margin remained entering the fourth, 31-29.

In the final stanza, the Warriors took charge, outscoring the Knights 15-9, making key foul shots in the final moments.

A factor was proficiency from the foul stripe. The Warriors made 13-of-18 free throws while the Knights only hit only 3-of-7.

# Trojans break century mark in win

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There very well might be a sign over the Livonia Clarenceville gym entrance asking people to wear their hard hats, as efforts continue on building the varsity boys basketball team into a team to be reckoned with in March.

After a sour start against tough, non-conference opponents, the Trojans' varsity boys basketball team is heating up against Metro Conference competition.

On Friday night, Clarenceville smacked Hamtramck 102-62 to improve to 3-6 overall and 2-0 in the Metro.

"Things are starting to come around," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. "It's still a work in progress, but we're working on team chemistry. Everybody's working on finding their niche."

The Trojans did compete well for most of the games against strong non-Metro teams in December and early January, but McKendry now is trying to get the squad over the mental hump so that it can emerge victorious when the heat gets turned on in state districts.

"Obviously, playing against the strong competition that we did helped us," McKendry continued. "But it was a little bit of a wakeup call."

It was the visiting Cosmos not waking up Friday night, as the Trojans featured a varied attack led by Jamie Stewart (20 points, 10 rebounds), Nathan Clark (18 points), Matt Garant (16 points) and Jeremy Gainer (14 points).

McKendry cited the strong work of sophomore point guard Anthony LaVallis, who chimed in with six points and eight assists.

"He played his best game of the year by far," McKendry said. "He played a great floor game."

Chris Taylor led Hamtramck (1-7, 0-1) with 15 points.

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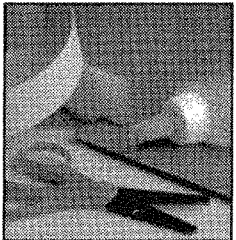
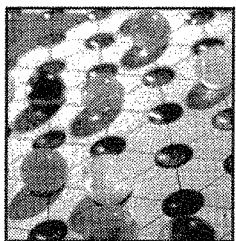
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Monday, Jan. 26**  
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Det. Urban at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Luth. North at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**  
Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.  
A.P. Cabrini at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 30**  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Monday, Jan. 26**  
Det. Urban at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 7 p.m.  
Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**  
Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 30**  
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
Birm. Marian at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

## PREP HOCKEY

**Monday, Jan. 26**  
Ladywood vs. Country Day at Southfield Ice Arena, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
Churchill vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 6:10 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
Franklin vs. Plymouth at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Churchill vs. North Farm-Harrison at Farm. Hill Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Trenton (Kennedy), 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 30**  
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 31**  
Franklin at Woodhaven, 6:30 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. G.P. Univ.-Liggett at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.

## PREP WRESTLING

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
Novi, Northville, South Lyon at Stevenson Quad, 5:30 p.m.  
Cville at Hamtramck Quad, 5:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 6 p.m.  
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne, Franklin at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 31

Observerland Invitational at Churchill, 9 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**  
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
Livonia Red vs. Northville at Churchill H.S., 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
Livonia Blue vs. Walled Lake Maroon at Churchill H.S., 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 31

**PREP BOWLING**  
**Monday, Jan. 26**  
Clarenceville vs. Wayne at Town 'N Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 27

Ladywood vs. Mercy at Astro Lanes, 3:30 p.m. (at Westland Bowl)

## Thursday, Jan. 29

John Glenn vs. Wayne at 700 Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 31

Clarenceville Doubles Tournament at Country Lanes, 8 a.m.  
Tri-County Invitational at Five Star Lanes, TBA.

## GIRLS SKIING

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
Ladywood vs. Hartland at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**  
Ladywood vs. Marian at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

## GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
Clarenceville, Lutheran Northwest at Lutheran High Westland, 6 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 31

Northville Invitational, 1 p.m.  
Berkley Invitational, TBA.

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 31

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 3 p.m.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 5:30 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 31

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 1 p.m.

## ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

**Sunday, Jan. 25**  
Plymouth at Windsor, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
Sarnia at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.

## Friday, Jan. 30

Windsor at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 31

Mississauga at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 103  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 83  
Jan. 22 at Churchill

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. John Glenn (Jake Ferguson, Levi Cavender, Paul Gutu, Billy Lyons), 1:58.8; 2. Churchill, 2:02.32; 3. John Glenn, 2:14.01.

**200 freestyle:** 1. David Vincintini (LC), 2:03.57; 2. Nate Larsen (LC), 2:03.83; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 2:13.97.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Cavender (WJG), 2:32.53; 2. Derik Atzinger (LC), 2:40.25; 3. Jeff Stevens (LC), 2:40.66.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 24.94; 2. Larsen (LC), 24.96; 3. Lyons (WJG), 25.12.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 198.95 points; 2. Andrew Richards (LC), 194.80; 3. Travis Holt (LC), 179.25.

## DOUBLE-DUAL RESULTS

**Jan. 21 at Salem**  
**SALEM 46, LIVONIA STEVENSON 27**  
**103 pounds:** Nick Kim (Salem) pinned Ash Alhaj, 0:50; **112:** Ian Phillips (Salem) p. Omar Mostafa, 3:45; **119:** Devin Stratton (Salem) won by major decision over Corey Davis, 13-1; **125:** John Bills (Salem) pinned David Bernier, 1:32; **130:** Kyle Middleditch (Salem) p. Jay Bishop, 1:10; **135:** Jamaal Reid (LSO) p. James Middleditch, 1:22; **140:** Mitch Gonzales (LS) dec. Josh Morhofer, 17-12; **145:** Raz Markosian (LS) p. Dylan Hatcher, 0:32; **152:** Robbie Schultz (Salem) dec. Dan McCarthy, 4-2; **160:** Chris Arnold (LS) p. Brad Sugg, 1:30; **171:** Jake Burns (LS) p. Adam Turner, 3:09; **189:** Austin Root (LSD) dec. Andrew Schramm, 10-5; **215:** Sam Lepper (Salem) p. Derek Winderlich, 0-45; **285:** Ali Ajmi (Salem) p. T.J. Austin, 2:54.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 68  
SOUTH LYON EAST 11

**103 pounds:** Tyler Foley (SLE) pinned Ash Alhaj, 3:40; **112:** Omar Mostafa (LS) won by void; **119:** Nick Burnes (SLE) won by technical fall over Joe Sellinger, 16-1; **125:** David Bernier (LS) p. Nick Adams, 1:45; **130:** Jay Bishop (LS) won by void; **135:** Mitch Gonzales (LS) p. Kevin Case, 1:05; **140:** Raz Markosian (LS) p. Mike Persichini, 2:22; **152:** Dan McCarthy (LS) won by major decision over Jake Haddad, 16-0; **160:** Chris Arnold (LS) p. Brett Dippolitti, 1:08; **171:** Jake Burns (LS) p. Tim Mindlink, 0:48; **189:** Andrew Schramm (LS) won by void; **215:** Derek Winderlich (LS) won by void; **285:** T.J. Austin (LS) won by void.

## Stevenson's dual match record: 11-12 overall, 3-3 KLA South Division.

## Jan. 21 at Franklin

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 47, PLYMOUTH 27**  
**103 pounds:** Said Youssef (P) decisioned Tristen Jarosiewicz, 11-6; **112:** Darryl Ison (WZ) pinned Shadi Jammoul, 0:28; **119:** Nick Rizzo (P) p. Devon Adams, 1:47; **125:** Michael Wallace (WM) won by major decision over James Ahearn, 12-4; **130:** Jalen Jones (WM) p.

## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**100 butterfly:** 1. Vincintini (LC), 1:03.37; 2. Gutu (WJG), 1:07.01; 3. Ferguson (WJG), 1:15.56.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 55.72; 2. Lyons (WJG), 55.74; 3. Wakeford (WJG), 57.4.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Atzinger (LC), 5:59.62; 2. Stevens (LC), 6:26.81; 3. Tim Moran (WJG), 6:40.63.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Churchill (Van Gorp, Brandon Guild, Jacob Rimatzki, Larsen), 1:40.12; 2. John Glenn, 1:43.97; 3. John Glenn, 1:54.49.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Ferguson (WJG), 1:09.41; 2. Richard Scully (LC), 1:12.86; 3. Mikhail Burshteyn (LC), 1:13.29.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. John Yurgil (LC), 1:15.09; 2. Cavender (WJG), 1:16.9; 3. Pat Kemp (WJG), 1:23.63.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Churchill (Larsen, Van Gorp, Vincintini, Rimatzki), 3:48.79; 2. Churchill, 4:03.41; 3. John Glenn, 4:06.08.

## Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-2 overall, 1-1 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 1-3 overall; 0-2 KLA South Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 84  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 79  
Jan. 22 at Franklin

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Wayne (Zach Williamson, Adam Karson, Jacob Barnes, Mike Gabriel), 1:59.39; 2. Franklin, 2:03.8; 3. Wayne, 2:29.79.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Brandon Larkins (LF), 1:58.92; 2. Steven Ogg (WM), 1:59.11; 3. Scott James (LF), 2:02.75.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Barnes (WM), 2:23.68; 2. Eric Madaj (LF), 2:47.1.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Karson (WM), 25.33; 2. Joe Michniewicz (LF), 25.4; 3. Tyler Lee (LF), 25.41.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Scott Ansteth (LF), 59.81; 2. Gabriel (WM), 1:13.37; 3. Madaj (LF), 1:13.65.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Karson (WM), 56.29; 2. Michniewicz (LF), 57.41; 3. Lee (LF), 59.45.

**500 freestyle:** 1. James (LF), 5:23.22; 2. Ogg (WM), 5:32.9; 3. Josh Higgs (WM), 6:42.12.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (Lee, James, Michniewicz, Larkins), 1:44.54; 2. Wayne, 1:44.88; 3. Wayne, 2:01.51.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Larkins (LF), 1:03.47; 2. Barnes (LF), 1:05.45; 3. Ansteth (LF), 1:06.67.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Corey Robbins (WM), 1:23.86; 2. Dawson Barnes (LF), 1:36.86; 3. Chris Wurster (LF), 1:55.22.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (James, Michniewicz, Larkins, Ansteth), 3:51.55; 2. Wayne, 3:54.7; 3. Franklin, 4:46.04.

**Dual meet records:** Wayne, 0-5 overall, 0-2 KLA South Division; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLA South Division.

## PREP WRESTLING

Aaron Jones, 3:50; **135:** Tevin Hines (WM) won by major dec. over Ryan Schuit, 17-4; **140:** Anwar Woliver (WM) dec. Zack Feschenko, 14-11; **145:** Brandon Whittenberg (WM) p. Brandon Crowther, 4:26; **152:** Josh Mills (WM) p. Rob Barackman, 4:26; **159:** Derrick Davey (P) p. Cicero Chandler, 3:42; **171:** Vincent Rizzo (P) p. Nate Cavanaugh, 1:38; **189:** Dimitrus Renfro (WM) p. Curtis Crosier, 5:19; **215:** Alex Winn (P) p. Dylan Korzetti, 1:58; **285:** Chris Bowie (WM) won by void.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 38  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 34

**103 pounds:** Jacob Meadows (LC) won by major decision over Tristen Jarosiewicz, 14-6; **112:** Darryl Ison (WM) pinned James Locklear, 2:52; **119:** Matt Hecksel (LC) p. Devon Adams, 2:15; **125:** Michael Wallace (WM) dec. Kane Kanouse, 10-5; **130:** Jalen Jones (WM) p. Josh Bridge, 3:02; **135:** Tevin Hines (WM) dec. Brett Appel, 15-8; **140:** Bryan Fortney (LC) p. Anwar Oliver, 0:55; **145:**

Brandon Whittenberg (WM) won by major dec. over Tyler Farnstrom, 11-1; **152:** Grant Morgan (LC) won by major dec. over Josh Mills, 22-10; **160:** Josh Gustitus (LC) p. Cicero Chandler, 1:22; **171:** Curtis Castleberry (LC) p. Nate Cavanaugh, 1:09; **189:** Dimitrus Renfro (WM) p. Emmett Sheppard, 2:15; **John Shekell (LC) p. Dylan Korzetti, 4:20; 285:** Chris Bowie (WM) won by void.

**Wayne's dual match record:** 11-6 overall, 2-2 KLA Kensington Conference.

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# Glenn beats Wayne convincingly; Taylor's 25 points leads Patriots

Westland John Glenn owns bragging rights – at least until Feb. 10 – over girls basketball rival Wayne Memorial following Friday's convincing 71-38 triumph.

Chanel Payne's 14 points catapulted the Rockets, who improved to 5-4 overall and 1-1 in the South Division of the KLAAs Kensington Conference.

Andrea Gordon-McClain (12), Nyah McReynolds (10) and Brittany Holbrook (10) also scored in double figures for the Rockets, who jumped out to a 23-4 first-quarter advantage and never looked back.

"Our defense was a key, we created a lot of turnovers and scored baskets off them," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We also had balanced scoring."

Junior guard Allie Coleman led Wayne (2-7, 0-2) and all scorers with 18 points. Freshman Holland Boertje and senior Chelsea Davis each added seven.

Glenn was 18-of-30 from the foul line, while Wayne made only 5-of-17.

## KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

The two teams meet again Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Wayne.

**FRANKLIN 48, PLYMOUTH 33:** Senior forward Brianna Taylor poured in a game-high 25 points Friday as KLAAs South Division leader Livonia Franklin (8-1, 2-0) rallied in the second half to subdue the Wildcats (3-7, 1-1).

Taylor scored 15 second-half points as the Patriots outscored Plymouth 29-13.

Sophomore Chelsea Williams chipped in with 11 points, while Brittany Taylor added seven.

Shaakira Haywood scored 12 for the Wildcats, who led 20-19 at half-time. Tori Davis added nine.

"We got down 7-0 in the first quarter and they (Plymouth) had an eight-point lead in the second half, but we kept our composure and ran our offense," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "We're still learning to play without Senneca Scott (out with a wrist injury) on the inside. We were also missing Amanda Borioe (attending her grandmother's funeral) and we called up Katie Neu (5-foot-10 sophomore) from the JV (team) yesterday and she did a great job on Haywood and a great job of shutting down the middle."

Franklin was 11-of-17 from the free throw line, while Plymouth

made 10-of-16.

**CANTON 49, CHURCHILL 38:** Sophomores Kari Schmitt and CarolAnn Sexauer tallied 18 and 10 points, respectively, leading the Chiefs (8-2, 1-1) to a KLAAs South Division win over host Livonia Churchill (5-3, 1-1).

Senior guard Lindsey Graciak scored a team-high 13 points to lead the Chargers, who trailed 19-13 at the half and 38-28 after three quarters. Junior forward Darcy DeRoo added 11 points.

Churchill made 7-of-10 foul shots, while Canton connected on 10-of-14.

**SALEM 36, STEVENSON 33:** On Friday, the visiting Rocks (4-6, 2-0) outscored Livonia Stevenson (3-6, 0-2) by a 12-6 margin in the decisive final quarter to earn the KLAAs Central Division triumph.

"Our girls played a tremendous defensive game," Stevenson coach Paul Tripp said.

Sara Stone led Salem with 14 points, while Chelsea Davis added nine.

Sophomore Sara Smith scored a team-high 10 for the Spartans, who missed their only free throw attempt of the game. Senior Kaylee McGrath added nine points and 10 rebounds, while 6-foot sophomore Kristen Balhorn added eight points and seven rebounds.

Salem was 6-of-7 from the foul stripe.



## Senior champions

The Bench Pub, a 55-and-over senior softball team, captured first place in the Major Division at the Huntsman World Senior games held last October in St. George, Utah. The Bench Pub went undefeated and captured their third consecutive gold medal while batting .726. The team plays on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Livonia's Ford Field in the Can-Am Senior Softball League. Formed in 2002, The Bench Pub has captured six straight league and playoff titles with a combined record of 140-26, including a playoff record of 18-2. Members of The Bench Pub include: (back row, from left) Lew Agius, Dan Dawson, Rob Masson, Bob Green, Gordie Ferguson, Bob MacMillan, Bill Petersen; (front row, from left) Jim Gordon, Doug Dillard, Vaughn Covert, Mike Norred, Dave Rose and Nick Guitar.

# Blazers, Clarenceville notch wins

Livonia Ladywood held off a late Warren Regina run to earn its first Catholic League Central Division triumph of the year Wednesday night with a 42-40 girls basketball win.

Mary Fitzgerald and Caitlin Szczypka tallied 14 and 13 points, respectively, to lead the host Blazers, who improved to 5-6 overall and 1-2 in the Central.

Regina, which slipped to 1-2 in the Central, got a game-high 20 points from center Hannah Sabol.

The Saddlelites got the ball at half-court with 1.3 seconds left and missed a desperation shot at the buzzer.

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Ladywood was only 5-of-16 from the foul line, while Regina made 7-of-14.

**CLARENCEVILLE 57, HAMTRAMCK 18:** Paige Davis and Kristen Jolly tallied 13 points apiece Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (2-8, 1-2) rolled to a lopsided Metro Conference win over the visiting Cosmos (1-9, 0-2).

Jolly also dished out eight assists, while teammate Marlene Azar contributed 10 points and 12 rebounds.

"She (Azar) really boxed out well and rebounded well," Clarenceville coach Julie Patterson said. "Our team's ability to move the ball around the perimeter and down low when necessary was something

Jolly had a lot to do with. She really passed the ball well tonight."

Dae'shovall Hall registered 16 of the Cosmos' 18 points.

**LIGGETT 55, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 37:** Madison Ristovski, a freshman guard, poured in 32 points Friday night to spark host Grosse Pointe University-Liggett (5-4, 1-1) to a Metro Conference win over Lutheran High Westland (2-5, 0-2).

Lutheran Westland coach Bill Strang said his team just didn't have an answer for how to stop Ristovski.

"Madison is definitely a quality high school player," said Strang, whose team shot only 21 percent from the floor (13-of-61).

Turning in good efforts for the Warriors were senior Allyson Yankee, nine points; juniors Rachel Stork and Emily Wilson, seven points and seven rebounds apiece.



## Habs seize Cup

The Livonia Pee Wee Canadians won all four of their games en route to the Wolverine Cup held Thanksgiving weekend at the Kensington Valley Ice House. Members of the Canadians included Brandon Beaune, Eric Endress, Michael Galeana, Tyler Gerhard, Nathan Heath, Wade Hemlinger, Mitchell James, Evan Kamrath, Will McDonald, Matthew Monendo, Andrew Nowak, Justin O'Brien, Nicholas Papacharalambous, Jake Plisko, Christopher Quashnie, Dylan Smith and Andrew Summers. The Canadians are coached by Matt Monendo, Doug Plisko, Jim Nowak, Glenn Heath, Tom James and Joe Monendo. The team managers are Doug O'Brien and Tama Smith.

# Avery, Brown sparkle in Lady Ocelots' win

There was an Amber alert Wednesday night as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team rolled to a 101-41 triumph over host Henry Ford Community College.

The Lady Ocelots, now 16-2 overall and 9-0 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference, got a game-high 24 points and 15 rebounds from Amber Avery, a 5-foot-8 freshman forward from Southfield Lathrup.

Jasmine Brown chipped in with a career-high 20 points for Schoolcraft, which started the game with a 32-0 run before the Hawks, who missed their first 24 field goal attempts, answered with a

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free throw with 7:38 left in the half.

Schoolcraft led 50-28 at intermission and outscored the Hawks 51-13 over the final 20 minutes. The Lady Ocelots' bench accounted for 49 points.

Also getting into the act for the Lady Ocelots, who made 46-of-90 field goal tries (51 percent), were Sheray Brown (15 points), Brittany Collins (eight assists) and Antania Shepherd (eight points, six assists).

Taguweisha King scored 19 points to lead Henry Ford (4-12, 1-7), while Chelsea

Manasian (Livonia Churchill) added nine.

**MADONNA 62, CONCORDIA 43:** Because of a coach's decision by Carl Graves, only six players saw action Wednesday as Madonna University (8-13, 3-2) downed host Concordia University (6-13, 0-6) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

The Crusaders, who led 27-18 at intermission, got a game-high 16 points from Tabatha Wydryck.

Katie Mount and Erin Bentley added 15 and 13, respectively, while Kim Olech (Plymouth) finished with 10 points and 13 assists.

Betsey Barlow and Elyse Schlump each scored 10 for the Cardinals, coached by Andea Gorski, who spent the previous 11 seasons at Livonia Ladywood High School.

# Crusaders deck Cards in 66-53 WHAC victory

Josh Gay scored 14 to lead a balanced scoring attack as the Madonna University men's basketball team downed visiting Concordia University, 66-53, at the Activities Building.

Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) came off the bench to add 13, while Ryan Waidman (Canton) and Leroy Allen contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

Allen also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds, while Sims led the defense with four steals as the Crusaders improved to 8-13 overall and 2-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier

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Athletic Conference.

Reserve Noah Williams also scored eight as the MU bench enjoyed a 27-13 advantage.

Marquis Turley paced Concordia (8-12, 0-6) with 13 points. Jeremy Simmons grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds for the Cardinals, who trailed 29-19 at halftime.

MU coach Chuck Henry held out starter Bryant Slaughter (Westland) and key reserve Kevin McLoughlin out of the

lineup. Madonna Sports Information Director termed it a "coach's decision," in a statement through MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo.

**HENRY FORD 81, SCHOOLCRAFT 61:** Bruce Watson scored 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as Schoolcraft College (5-15, 2-7) fell Wednesday night at Henry Ford Community College (12-5, 6-3) in an MCCAAs Eastern Conference game.

Martez Abney (Wayne Memorial) added 15 points for the Ocelots, who trailed 38-22 at halftime. Schoolcraft made 23 turnovers and shot only 1-of-11 from three-point range.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WYAA baseball-softball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball will continue from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through April 4, at the Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

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Registration for girls includes slow-pitch (ages 9-18) and fast-pitch (10- through 16-and-under).

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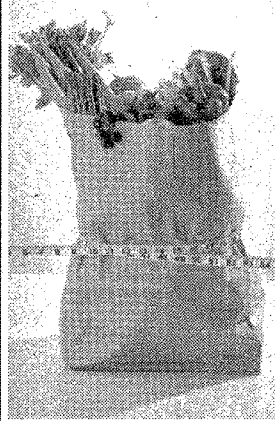
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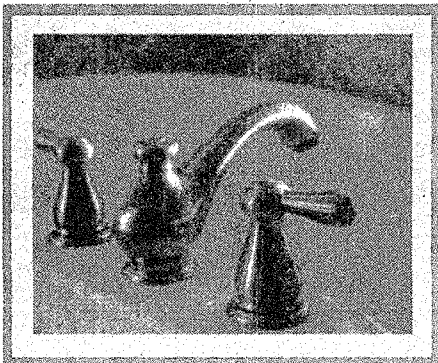
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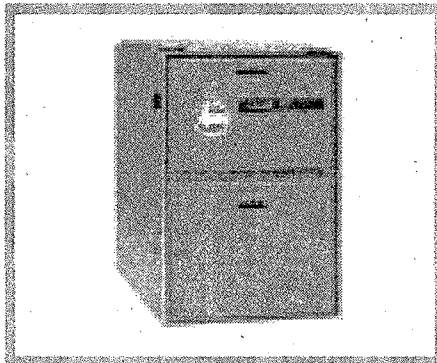
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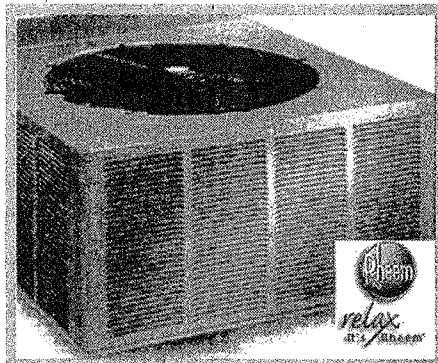
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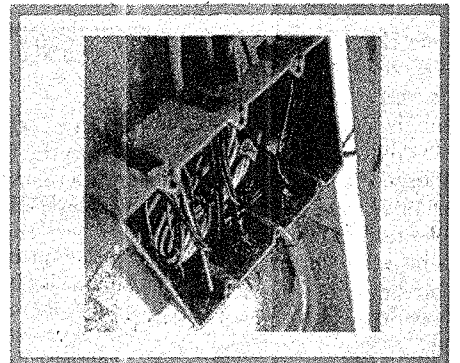
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# Drugs 101

## Mock teen bedroom tells tale of substance abuse

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OGE STAFF WRITER

The dryer sheet stuffed inside a cardboard toilet paper roll looks like a piece of trash in the mock teen's bedroom, but Cheryl Phillips knows it's a sign of trouble. The homemade drug paraphernalia is a dead giveaway that drug experimentation, at the very least, is going on. Users exhale into the tube to mask the scent and smoke making it difficult to detect substance abuse. That's why it's important for parents to learn firsthand to spot such things as books and sandals used to hide contraband.

Phillips and health educator Gretchen Nachazel will place nearly 70 of these items in the interactive exhibit as part of "Drugs 101: What Every Parent Needs to Know" on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Summit on the Park Recreation Center. The program is one of several offered by the Health Exploration Station, the interactive learning facility in St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. Phillips and Nachazel designed the talk to educate parents of middle and high school students about marijuana, inhalants, ecstasy, prescription medicines and alcohol after visiting a similar presentation by the Byrnes Health Education Center in Pennsylvania.

"We're seeing an increase in prescription drug use," said Phillips. "Kids rifle through their parent's medicine cabinets and take one or two from the bottles so they're not missed. They might be selling in school to make money or using it themselves, pain meds like Vicodin and Percocet or stimulants Adderall and



Drug-related paraphernalia are part of an interactive exhibit used for an educational presentation by St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

Ritalin which is used a lot on college campuses to stay up and study."

"They can get hallucinogenic effects from cold medicine, pseudoephedrine," said Nachazel.

Phillips demonstrates how a teen might use a punched-in pop can for smoking marijuana or a bandana, headband or scrunchy for sniffing inhalants throughout the day. She points out that the numbers 420 on a T-shirt are a clue a teen may be using marijuana. It refers to a time kids assemble after school to smoke a joint. Candy necklaces help relieve the teeth clenching caused by ecstasy. Other drug paraphernalia in the room was ordered on the Internet

and delivered to the health center. A drinking game, popular on campuses and high schools, was bought at a head shop in Ann Arbor.

"They can take 15 to 20 minutes to wander through the scene to see what they can spot," said Nachazel. "It's not just related to the inner city. The rates (of substance abuse) are the same in the suburbs."

"Kids as young as middle school and late elementary are using gateway drugs which are so easy to get, mineral spirits, inhalants," added Phillips. "A lot of balloons could be a sign of inhalant use and they still use glue and markers. Rarely does someone use heroin as their first drug."

A resource sheet in the



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Health educator Gretchen Nachazel shows a book that is hollowed out and can be used to hide contraband. She is standing in a mock bedroom of a teen drug user.

parent's packet offers tips to communicate with a child, especially if they notice symptoms like blood shot eyes, an abrupt change in behavior, defiance, sliding grades or the smell of booze or marijuana. Sometimes there may be no

signs. "The child may be more into experimentation," said Nachazel. "We talk about trends and ways they can hide it even from a savvy parent, and we role play a parent communicating with a kid on topics involving drugs."

"The younger you are starting a drug, the more addictive," added Phillips. "The goal is to get school officials to come and take the program back to their school."

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## Anti-cancer diet reduces risks

Registered dietitian Betty Boscarino wants to help reduce cancer risks bite by bite.

"Diet-related factors may account for up to 30 percent of all diagnosed cancer in the United States," says Boscarino, who's on staff at Beaumont Hospital, Troy. "And obesity may replace smoking as the number one preventable cause of many cancers."

Diet and obesity are linked to breast and colon cancers and may be linked to aggressive forms of prostate cancer. Antioxidants in food may block or stall the process of cells becoming cancerous.

Boscarino offers the following tips to avoid potential cancer-causers, ensure an adequate intake of antioxidants found naturally in plants, and maintain a healthy weight.

- Different colored fruits and vegetables contain different antioxidants, so strive to "eat a rainbow" every day.

- Pass up the salt shaker. A high-salt diet is associated with stomach cancer.

- Limit your intake of charbroiled and fried meats, which are linked to stomach, colon and rectal cancer.

- Dietary fiber, found in abundance in whole grains, nuts, fruits and vegetables, may play a role in cancer prevention.

- Consider a vegetarian or flexitarian diet. Flexitarians eat a limited amount of meat. A plant-based diet may help control weight.

- Exercise. Physical activity may decrease cancer risk by speeding up digestion, decreasing insulin levels and suppressing high levels of hormones. Some cancers, such as breast and prostate, are hormone-sensitive.

- Fill your plate two-thirds or more with plant-based foods and one-third lean meat, poultry, fish or low-fat dairy foods.

Boscarino teaches a class for those who want to reduce their risk of getting cancer or of having cancer recur.

The next session of "Reducing Cancer Risk One Meal at a Time" is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Beaumont, Troy, 44201 Dequindre, south of M-59. Registration is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Call Beaumont's Physician Referral Service toll-free at 1-800-633-7377 for more information or to register.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### JANUARY

#### Stress clinic

Continues with Dr. Arthur Weaver 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge; donations accepted. Call the Livonia Department of Community Resources at (734) 466-2540.

#### Healthy eating workshop

Start the New Year Healthy: What Are You Eating? is the topic for a workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, with guest speaker Dr. William H. Karl, D.C. The workshop is for everyone who needs help making healthy choices when buying food at the grocery store, deciding what to eat at a restaurant or cooking family meals. Karl will talk about organic vs. non-organic, GMO foods and the role of supplements in diet. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

#### Lung cancer talk

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents "Let's Talk... About Lung Cancer" 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. A panel of physician experts speak and answer questions about symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of lung cancer in an interactive format. No charge, but registration required. Call (734) 655-8940.

#### Breast feeding classes

Began Jan. 15 and continue 10:30 a.m.-noon Thursdays through Feb. 5, at the Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Oakland Southfield. Public health nurses cover topics ranging from pumping to starting solids and weaning. Mothers are encouraged to bring their babies to sessions. Information is targeted to mothers involved in the first year of breastfeeding. Call (248) 858-4003 or toll-free (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003. For other classes and services, visit [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health).

#### Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit

Overeaters Anonymous information visit [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) or call (248) 559-7722.

### UPCOMING

#### Winter fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women begin Monday, Feb. 2, and continue through April for 22 sessions at the Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The session infuses Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility, and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957 to register. For information, e-mail to [jeanieweaver@charter.net](mailto:jeanieweaver@charter.net).

#### CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet on Monday, Feb. 2, at Way Elementary, 765 W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Sign-in, 7 p.m.; meeting, 7:30 p.m. The Parent group will have Neuropsychologists Isabelle Beaulieu Ph.D. and Roger Lauer Ph.D. speaking on AD/HD, Sleep Problems, and Executive Functioning: What are the Links? The adult group will hear psychiatrist Dr. Phil Parker speaking on Medication Treatment for AD/HD: Bringing us back to the Future. Meetings are free to members and their families. Non-member families can donate up to \$5 to attend and receive literature. Call (248) 988-6716. The website is [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

#### Medical certificate programs

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, for Madonna University's Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies' 13-week or less medical certificate programs. The winter schedule runs 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 17-April 16, for EKG Technician; Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 16-April 13 for Pharmacy Technician; and Feb. 16-May 20 for Medical Billing and Coding. All courses prepare students to take national board exams and apply for entry-level positions. As part of the classes, students are able to attend free workshops at Madonna University for resume writing and job interviewing tips. Classes offered at the main campus at the intersection of Schoolcraft and Levan Roads, off I-96 in Livonia. Visit

[www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) or call (734) 432-5804.

#### Understanding diabetes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a Diabetes Support Group presentation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use the Main Entrance on Five Mile. Registered dietitian Judy Swancutt presents Diabetes and Vitamins, Minerals and Herbs: What's Right for You. All are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, pre-registration not required. For information, call (734) 655-8961.

#### Metro Fibromyalgia support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. Feb. 12, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Rd., Garden City. This is an opportunity to meet some of our advisory board members and ask questions. No dues, but donations accepted. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

#### 'Go Red' luncheon

The American Heart Association event features a fashion show, keynote speaker Dr. Annabelle Volgman, and a silent auction including celebrity purses donated by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 100 Renaissance Center, Detroit. Tickets \$250, available by calling Tasheena Young at (248) 936-5806. Proceeds benefit education and research for women and heart disease.

#### Lupus support group

The Lupus Alliance hosts a free meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Lupus Alliance of America's office, 26507 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Guest speaker is Chuck Pottenger on how memory is affected by lupus. Call (800) 705-6677 to pre-register or for more information online at [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org).

#### Thyroid cancer support

The group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. The next meeting is 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy. For more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

#### Reconnect with food

Registration is now being taken for a Candlelight Yoga and Discussion Program

7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Center for Yoga, Birmingham. The program is for individuals interested in exploring their relationship with food, body image and emotions. Cost is \$29, one week prior to program. Pre-registration required. For information, log onto [www.reconnectwithfood.com](http://www.reconnectwithfood.com) or call (248) 390-4150.

#### Nutrition for life

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering classes led by St. Mary Mercy's registered dietitian Jenny Kasprzyk 5-6 p.m. each month in Classroom 11 in St. Mary Mercy's Marian Professional Building. The class is free but registration required. Call (734) 655-8950. Topics are Destination: Heart Healthy Living on March 4, Eat from the Rainbow: The Benefits of a Diet Rich in Fruits and Vegetables on April 1, and The Truth about Fad Diets May 6.

#### Butterfly Ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan has rescheduled its black tie fund-raiser to 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person. The Butterfly Ball will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development specialist, (248) 784-2018 or [jjimenez@alam.org](mailto:jjimenez@alam.org).

### ONGOING

#### Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100 for more information, or visit [www.stmary-mercy.org](http://www.stmary-mercy.org).

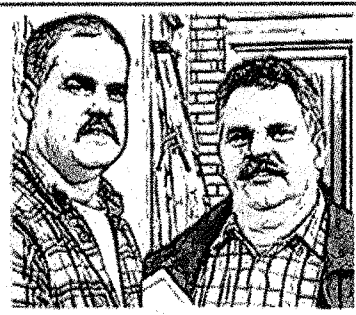
#### Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.



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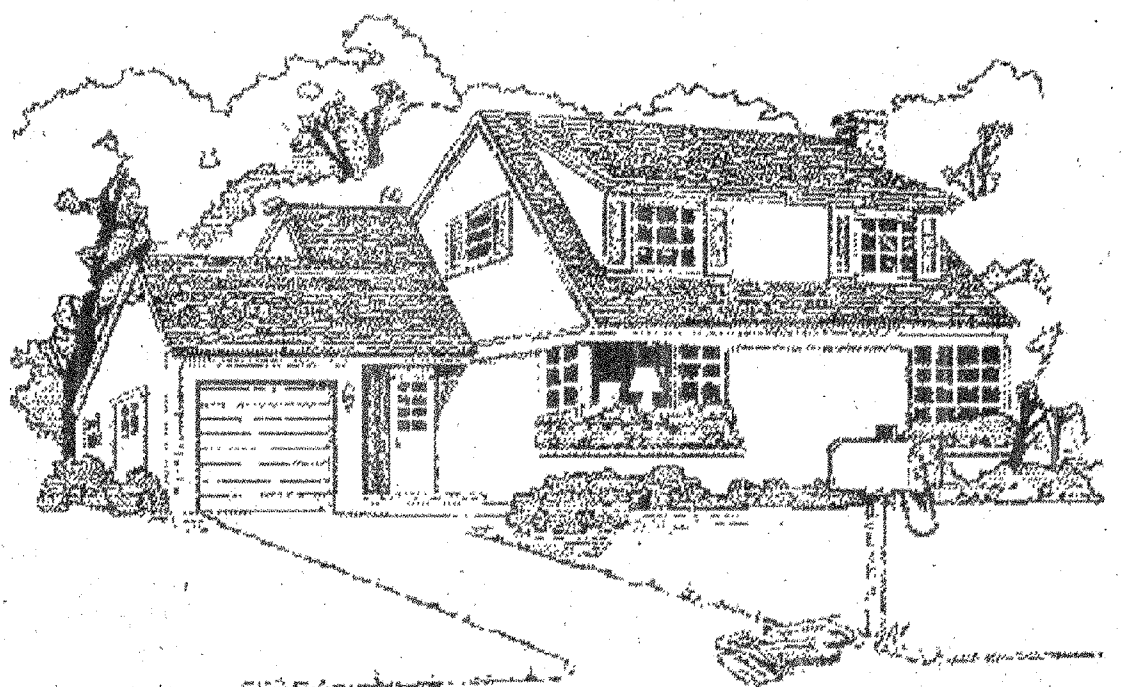
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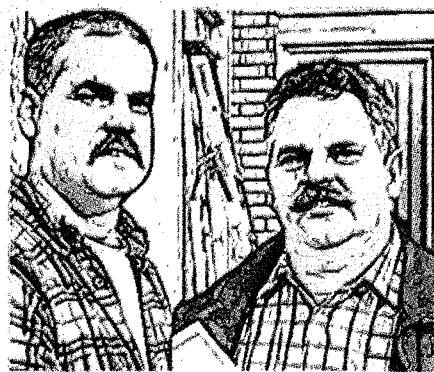
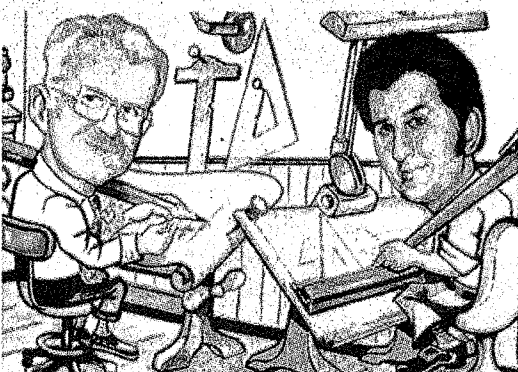
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## Keep kids safe from dog bites

It never ceases to amaze my sister and me how some parents can be so careless. On more than one occasion we've had children run up to us while walking our Irish Wolfhounds in local parks. These are big dogs, but even



Linda Chomin

small ones can bite no matter how lovable they look. My favorite excuse is "we have a big dog at home."

As a master trainer and dog behaviorist, Bonny Wainz has heard her share over the years — that's why she developed the Kids & Canines: Keep 'em Safe

program to prevent children from being bit by dogs. My sister, Gwen Dietrich, created the illustrations for the coloring book showing the don'ts of approaching a strange animal or even the family pet in certain situations. The next session takes place Sunday, March 8, at Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth.

"All dogs are not safe, are not your friend," said Wainz of Alternative Canine Training. "So many times I'm working with clients and kids run up and don't even ask to pet the dog. They're probably not going to bite the owner, but don't trust any dogs."

Wainz offers a number of tips for children and adults to heed.

"Kids have more of a chance of becoming a victim because they're more like litter mates because of their size and how they act. They run, have high squeaky voices," said Wainz, who specializes in rehabilitating dogs with behavioral problems. "They need to know how to meet a dog, to approach from the side and hold their hand with fingers curled under like a fist. Don't make eye contact, then you can pet the dog, but underneath the chin. Over the head you're taking a dominant position which the dog might not like. Under the chin is a friendly gesture."

Parents should never let children tease, yell or throw objects at a dog. In the session she explains to kids that they don't like it when someone is teasing them.

"Never run up to a dog and startle them or give a big hug. Sometimes you just want to be left alone," said Wainz, "and never approach a sleeping dog. You don't like it when someone wakes you up suddenly."

Each of the illustrations in the coloring book teach children what not to do. Never approach a dog while eating or chewing on a toy.

"A Labrador retriever, golden retriever, you even have to be careful of these types," said Wainz. "If you're playing outside and there's a stray dog first try to tell your parents. Go in the back yard and close the gate. Get out of the situation by walking to a friend's house. Cross the street after looking both ways. If a dog is almost on top of you (and) if you have a baseball cap, throw it to the side to distract the dog, slowly back away. If you turn your back you're submissive and prey."

Wainz teaches kids to speak Doglish. Does the face look positive and welcoming or are the ears pinned back, the dog stiff, hair standing up, growling or barking? Dogs will tell you when they want to be left alone.

For dogs with fear, aggression the tail is tucked underneath the body. Do not pet the dog as it might think you're a threat and bite.

"Act like a tree and cross your chest. Usually a dog will lose interest and leave. If a dog knocks you over, put your hands over ears and huddle into a little ball."

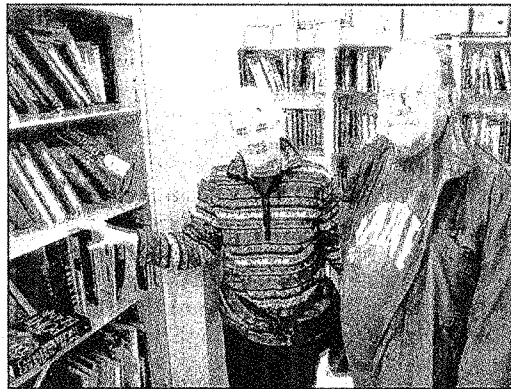
Wainz has some advice for parents as well. If a dog is cranky, take him or her to a veterinarian to rule out illness as a reason for the behavior. And train the dog.

"Teach the dog that lunging and biting at the kids is not acceptable," said Wainz, who's been training dogs since 1983. "Get the kids involved in training. It elevates their social status with the animal."

For more information, visit [alternativcaninetraining.com](http://alternativcaninetraining.com) or call (734) 462-2810.

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## Pinching pennies



Mary and Bernie Ciolek shop regularly at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland. They like the selection of books.



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St. Vincent de Paul employee Sharonda Smiley assembled these outfits. The suit on the right is from Lord & Taylor and priced at \$12.

## Seniors expert at saving money in trying economic times

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mary Ciolek doesn't mind spending time to save money. The 71-year-old Westland woman regularly wades through the merchandise at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift

Store in Westland looking for bargains. On a recent Tuesday, her cart was filled with books and a nativity scene which was half off the already low price. Bernie, her husband of 50 years, picks up World War II videos and Mills Brothers

records. In the warmer months of the year, the Cioleks buy items at garage sales to resell at flea markets to supplement their income.

"We come because it's cheap. The bottom line is money. I also go to the DAV thrift store in Westland," said Ciolek, who taught religion to second- and fifth-grade students at St. Damian's and was an R.N. at Garden City Hospital for 17 years. "We just had lunch at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City for \$2.25. At suppertime I'll make soup. We had six children at home so I used to get vegetables on sale, carrots, cabbage and a little meat."

Barbara Flood offered plenty of ideas for gifts for Ciolek's 15 grandchildren. After grabbing a wicker basket priced at



Barbara Flood is known for the gift baskets she creates at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland.



Attractive displays are created by employees at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland.

### ABOUT THIS STORY

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is beginning a series of occasional stories to help readers save money. The first installation features words of wisdom from senior citizens who many times live on fixed, limited incomes. If you have any money-saving tips, send them to [lichomin@hometownlife.com](mailto:lichomin@hometownlife.com).

50 cents the Redford woman began filling it with Hannah Montana products and a doll.

"I love to see people's faces when they see how inexpensive it can be to create a gift basket," said Flood, assistant store manager.

"We have complete outfits for under

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## Barbershop quartet delivers surprise valentines

### SINGING VALENTINES

**What:** A barbershop quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society sings two love songs and presents a red rose and personalized Valentine's Day card  
**Cost:** \$40. Call (248) 477-2782 to schedule delivery between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, or as arranged. Visit [www.wesingbarbershop.com](http://www.wesingbarbershop.com) for information including how to order by mail. Orders should be placed by Thursday, Feb. 12

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jeff Cheek was looking for a way to impress girlfriend Kara McPhail last Feb. 14, when he called the Renaissance Chorus to have one of the barbershop quartets deliver a singing Valentine at Compari's in Plymouth. The 22-year-old Canton man thought the restaurant would be the perfect place to surprise the young woman he'd only known for about six months.

The quartets will travel to communities within a 15-mile radius of Westland, including Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Garden City, Canton, Wayne, Ann Arbor, Novi, and Northville, this year on Valentine's Day weekend, Feb. 13-14. The cost is \$40, or \$20 for those brave enough to chime in and sing with members of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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Last year, Jeff Cheek of Canton surprised his girlfriend Kara McPhail with a Singing Valentine by Jerry Beamish (left), Mark Pritchard, Jim Farkas, and Frank Adams, a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus.



# Play date

## Dogs, owners 'meet up' online, then get together in the real world

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

On a recent snowy Saturday, dog owners and their tail-wagging charges braved slippery roads, nonstop cold and wet flakes to gather for a morning play date in Troy.

The owners chatted and drank hot chocolate as they watched the pack run and playfully tussle, chase toys and sniff around the fenced half-acre of snow-covered grass.

"It's wonderful," said Megan Stewart of Royal Oak, exiting through the double-gated fence with her American Eskimo dog, Kai, after watching him play for more than an hour outdoors. "The way I found out about this was I was walking him down the street and I met some girl who was walking her dog."

The dogs started wrestling while the two women talked and Stewart discovered through word-of-mouth about the play session held in the backyard of a private home.

"It's exactly like a dog park. People are responsible for picking up after their dogs," said Susan Davis, also of Royal Oak, as her dog, Bella, a shepherd-hound-Rottweiler mix, stood calmly at her side. "It's really great for Bella to have this outlet. And it's important to note that this isn't the only activity we do. The doggy play dates are the core activity that the group does, along with senior citizen pet therapy. We have a group that goes to a senior citizen home and does pet therapy. We do try to come up with all kinds of things."

### GROWING MEMBERSHIP

Troy All Dogs Playgroup meets for morning and afternoon sessions one Saturday a month at Karen and Joe Litchy's home.

The group, which started with about 20 members in June 2007, is 385 people and 525 dogs strong at last count. Karen Litchy created the play group after stumbling on a social networking site on the Internet called Meetup, while searching for places her nephew could socialize his new Mastiff puppy. "One thing that came up in a Google search was a Meetup group in Rochester. But it wasn't active at all," Litchy recalled. Instead, she started her own playgroup, and posted meeting times, dates and the couple's address on her Meetup Web page for the group's members.

At first, she was a bit uneasy about inviting strangers and their dogs to her home. So were some of the initial participants.

"There were probably around 10 to 15 people and everyone was a little unsure, but the dogs were having a ball. And that's what did it ... that the dogs

were just having a blast."

Along with the Meetup Web page, word of mouth and fliers, posted in such stores as Uncle Luke's and Val's in Troy, helped increase membership.

"We had a regular schedule we kept to. People knew we weren't going to disappear." Play sessions are limited to the first 50 respondents.

"Even though everyone watches their own dog, as the organizer I still feel I have to watch and 50 is as many as I can at once," she said.

### FOUR 'FURRY KIDS'

Litchy is a nurse and her husband works in information technology for the Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau. They have adopted two cats and two dogs from rescue groups and shelters. Onyx is a jet black Great Dane-Lab mix. Mikey is a Newfoundland. The couple enclosed their yard after adopting their dogs, adding the double gate and benches after their first few play group sessions.

"We just enjoy having people and dogs around and that is obvious to everyone. It doesn't matter what size and breed they are. People laugh because I know all the dogs' names, even though I might forget some of the humans' names."

Litchy serves coffee and hot chocolate to the pet parents and keeps treats on hand for the playful pups. Warm weather brings out the kiddie pools — there's even one for smaller dogs — and a tented shelter stays up year-round to give respite from rain and snow.

Small dogs can mingle in their own fenced off section of the yard or join the big dogs in the main play area.

### BAD DAYS, STAR DAYS

She and other members are quick to intervene when play becomes aggressive.

"We've never thrown anyone out of the group or asked members to leave the group," Litchy said.

"One time in over 18 months we had to ask a dog to leave and it was very clear it was just not a good day for that dog. We had three different 'snappies' in 15 minutes."

The dog and owner returned another day.

Litchy also is quick to reward dogs that make the group laugh, are the "most fun," get the muddiest, are the silliest or improve behavior each month.

The "dog star" of the month receives a bandana and bragging rights.

"It's a pretty arbitrary choice by Joe and me," she laughed. "And we've heavily lobbied by other members."

To join Troy All Dogs Playgroup or to find other Meetups, visit [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com).



Big dog meets little pup at the Troy All Dogs Playgroup. Miniature pooches may mingle with large breeds or play with dogs their own size in a separate section of Karen and Joe Litchy's back yard in Troy.

# Web site puts people face to face

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Based in SoHo, in New York, the seven-year-old company aims to "help people use the Internet to get off the Internet and form community."

Its mission is to make it easy for people to organize a local group or find people with similar interests, and in the process, revitalize local communities.

The Meetup Web site ([www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)) boasts 4.6 million monthly visitors, nearly 5,000 different topics of interest shared by groups in 100 countries and 3,601 cities.

"It's not about virtual relationships but honest to goodness interaction between neighbor," the company Web site explains.

The firm makes money through advertising and sponsorships and by charging group organizers for the use of its Web site. Meetup groups, in turn, receive their own Web pages for keeping in contact with members, uploading photos, posting notices of meetup dates and times and can be easily found by potential new members among Meetups thousands of listings.

Karen Litchy, a Troy resident and organizer of three Meetups, including Troy All Dogs Playgroup, found sponsors — Camp Bow Wow, Pet Supplies "Plus" and Doggone Bandanas — for her play group.

"When Meetup really took off was during the campaign. Howard Dean's groups really made Meetup take off," she said. "It makes it easy to invite members, have a message board, have photos posted. It's an easy place for all-in-one."

Litchy said other sites offer "pieces" of what Meetup does, but "no one else has the complete package on par."

She also heads a group for dog owners interested in dog therapy for senior citizens and runs

a Meetup for group organizers.

Comparing Meetup to other Internet networking sites, such as Facebook and MySpace, Litchy mused "You're not considered a friend until you meet in person. This isn't just a bunch of computer personalities."

"Just around metro Detroit alone there is everything from home beer brewers to knitters to vegans and bikers to hikers and campers. There is a Meetup for everyone."

Susan Davis, who moved to Royal Oak from Charleston, W.Va., because of her job, is a member of a dining out Meetup and a Scrabble and games Meetup, in addition to Troy All Dogs Playgroup.

"It gets people who have similar interests face to face," she said.

"There are so many online social networking groups out there where people never meet face to face. All they do is talk to each other online."

First-time Meetup users indicate what kinds of groups they want to search for, selecting from a list of broad interest areas, such as arts or animals.

Or they can select all groups available. Then they type in a city or ZIP code and choose the number of miles they're willing to travel to meet with others.

The results list will turn up anything from just around the block to several miles away.

The next step is getting active, joining one or more groups and seeking out other members, in line with the Meetup manifesto: "Let's step away from our screens for a moment."

"Do without the PC, the TV and the phone. People are more powerful than pixels. A real group can beat up a virtual group any day of the week."

"Let's find the others. The ones that want the same thing. Let's meet in real time, in real places, and make a real difference. Let's Meetup."

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Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'7", 130 lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **12267624**

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#### HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SBF, 44, 5'2", 160 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SWM, 35-51. **12284368**

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SBF, 47, 5'7", 120 lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **12285005**

#### VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, enjoys dining, seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **12297933**

#### JUST A NICE PERSON...

looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, W/plus. **12249320**

#### HONESTY A MUST

BF, 42, 5'4", 160 lbs, shapely, brown hair, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. **12256608**

#### BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...

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#### LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-50, for friendship first, maybe more. **12270132**

#### LONELY VIRGO

SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-65, with some interests. **12289375**

#### BEAUTIFUL

BBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BFF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, HW proportional, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **12271085**

#### HEART OF GOLD

SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 4'4", smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **12256492**

#### DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **12280590**

#### LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!

Petite SBF, 36, 150 lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church, looking for SM, 35-75. **12291372**

#### GREAT-LOOKING BF...

35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **12283172**

#### BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **12271683**

#### ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 40-50, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **12287305**

#### A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks nice gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **12270757**

#### A NEW BEGINNING

SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **12289151**

#### PETITE AND CUTE

SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 35-45, who will love me for me. **12294943**

#### THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **12295028**

#### SEEKING STRONG BM

Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **12285668**

#### SINGLE DAD WELCOME

PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **12289151**

#### WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other. **12287187**

#### LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST

SBF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? **12247152**

#### ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **12262181**

#### HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180 lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, MD, 32, enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **12113901**

#### A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-68, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **12271085**

#### DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWCF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice SWM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **12279171**

#### GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **12282578**

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **12282444**

#### OUTGOING

BF 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **12292940**

#### CALLING ALL GOLDFISHS!

WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **12276814**

#### PRETTY EYES

SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **12289970**

#### WORTH A LOOK

SBF, 30, 5'7", 190 lbs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship, maybe more. **12233634**

#### TAKING A PEEK

Attractive SWF, 20 years old, love to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship or more. **12254474**

#### IT'S WORTH THE CALL

N/S, 35, 5'3", 250 lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chat with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. **12255979**

#### GORGEOUS SMILE!

SBF, 26, 5'6", 130 lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-30, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, curling. **12257889**

#### FUN & OUTGOING

SBF, 18, 190 lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **12257908**

#### GET TO KNOW ME

BF, 57, full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a companion, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **12260756**

#### SEEKING SAVED MAN

SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **12265509**

#### HI THERE!

Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship, 45-50, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **12282878**

#### MUST LOVE WRESTLING!

Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **12273294**

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#### LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks young, very attractive, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **12**



# Local thrift stores offer variety of recycled items at reduced prices

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Thrift stores offer everyday clothing, furniture, appliances, electronic items, and children's toys at discounted prices but are a good place to find men's and women's attire for job interviews as well. Increasing numbers of people have lost their jobs and need to save money. Michael Saine thinks the answer is recycling goods. Not only does shopping at thrift stores keep costs down but help the environment by reducing the amount consumers throw away in landfills.

"It's a redistribution of wealth," said Michael Saine, manager of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland. "Those who donate don't need it anymore. It's a perfect form of recycling."

On a recent Monday, assistant store manager Sharonda Smiley of Westland was busy matching a blouse to a Lord & Taylor woman's suit priced at \$12 to show it's possible to dress professionally for a fraction of the cost. Several thrift stores in the area carry blazers and dress slacks in addition to new dollar store items like socks, shampoo, soap, and energy-saving light bulbs.

"We've been working with Michigan Works so people have business clothes to interview with success," said Saine. "We have men's shirts for \$3 to \$4, shirts and slacks, no rips or tears, no smudges, and any proceeds go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, food banks, the society's children's camp allowing our good works to continue. Every penny stays in the Detroit area."

Here's a list of thrift stores in the *Observer* Newspapers area:

■ St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 6613 Wayne Road, between Warren and Ford roads, in Westland. Call (734) 729-3088.

■ DAV (Disabled American Veterans), 8050 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 513-6020.

■ Presbyterian Thrift Shop (affiliated with First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth), 746 N. Mill, Plymouth, (734) 459-1250.

■ Salvation Army, 33600 Plymouth Road, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 425-7573.

■ Salvation Army, 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 261-7175.

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## PENNIES

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\$20, ladies career wear, shoes and purses, for people who just want to save a dollar," said Michael Saine, store manager. "We know times are tight for a lot of people. I have six kids so I know what it's like to stretch a dollar."

### LOTS OF VEGETABLES

Josie Smith shops for fruits and vegetables at Joe Randazzo's in Westland to save money. The 77-year-old Livonia woman makes a special lunch every Sunday for her daughters, but during the week shares meals with neighbors. On Monday afternoon, she was volunteering at the Livonia Senior Center.

"The economy has hit hard, especially the seniors. I made a pot of bean soup with a ham bone my daughter gave me and this Sunday lunch is roast beef which was on sale with carrots and potatoes. I eat a lot of vegetables and salads," said Smith, president of the Silver Village senior association. "I save coupons for food and restaurants, clip them out of the *Observer*. At Silver Village we car pool to save money. The cost of gas floors me for heating and driving. I've turned my thermostat down to 68 at night, 71 in the daytime."

Like Smith, Nancy Klein uses coupons and senior discounts in addition to regularly watching for sales.

"I try to plan my trips for the day to save gas. I don't just jump in the car," said Klein. The 61-year-old Livonia resident



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Manager Michael Saine is proud of the quality of the stock at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland.

was volunteering at the desk of the senior center. "I cook things I can reheat. I try to make a two-day meal for my husband. He's good about eating leftovers and we turn the heat down to sometimes 66 at night. We have a colonial and don't keep vents all the way open because heat rises."

Donna Nowak, 73, draws her drapes, closes the blinds and wears warm clothes to keep heating bills low.

"You can cuddle up with a kitty or dog," said Nowak who likes to snuggle with her cat, Buddy.

### NO CREDIT

One senior who wanted to remain anonymous wished stores would bring back time payment plans, especially for items like refrigerators and washing machines.

"I don't buy it if I can't pay for it," she said. "I haven't had a credit card in 20 years."

Thomas Gerovac taught school for 40 years and has a pension, so he's not as strapped as some of the seniors. He lived through the biggest economic crisis in American history and values the lessons.

"I remember the Depression," said Gerovac, who was born in 1922. "My mother always gave food to anyone asking for food. I eat here for \$2.25 and later might go get a mocha at Costco."

John Ashe still bakes his own Irish soda bread and sweet rolls. The 87-year-old Livonia man learned about pinching pennies during the Great Depression as well.

"My family scrounged for dinner and food. I used to cry when I saw people in the garbage can squeezing liquid from bread and eating it," said Ashe, who was waiting for the lunch many senior centers in the area serve through a county program.

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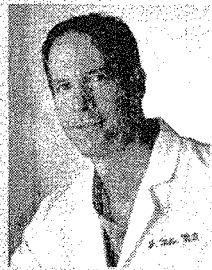
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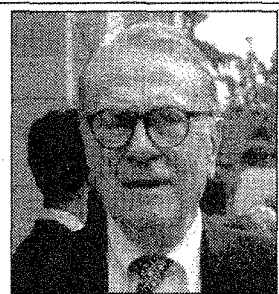
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#### DOROTHY MAE BROWN

Of Livonia. Age 92. Passed away on January 23, 2009 in Novi, Michigan. Dorothy was born January 14, 1917 in Toledo, Ohio. She is survived by her loving sons, Thomas (Ceceile) Brown of Brighton and Robert T. (Barb) Brown of Livonia, five grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death is her husband Robert. A Healing Farewell will be on Tuesday, 9:45 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2009. Burial, Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice. Envelopes will be available at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Monday 5-9 p.m. Please leave a verbal Message of Comfort to Dorothy's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com). Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapels.

#### MARJORIE NAN GRISWOLD

Died January 14, 2009. Survived by her children, Dr. Mary Lynn Griswold and Dr. John D. (Carol) Griswold. She was preceded in death by a son, Dr. James F. Griswold. Also survived by her grandchildren Emilia Griswold, Kevin Rebreovich and Daniel Rebrovich, and siblings Phyllis Jenson and Jerry (Pat) Jehle. Marjorie was born to her parents Emil and Harriet (Ewald) Jehle in Detroit on August 25, 1923. She graduated from Detroit Western High School with High Distinction before moving on to Michigan State University (then Michigan State College). While at Michigan State, Marjorie served as President of the Mortar Board Honor Society and as President of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. There she met metallurgic engineer student Richard F. Griswold whom she married on May 11, 1944, prior to his shipping out with the U.S. Navy during WWII. They remained happily married for 52 years until his death in 1996. Marjorie graduated from Michigan State in 1944, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with High Honors. After the family moved to Farmington in 1958, Marge earned her Teaching Certificate. She taught as a substitute teacher into her 80's, primarily at the Sarah Fisher Home and Boys and Girls Republic in the Farmington School District. During her life, Marge was a very active founding member of the Hope Lutheran Church where she volunteered regularly. She was a voracious reader having read thousands of books in her lifetime and also kept in shape by walking and swimming at the YMCA well into her 80's. Marjorie had a profound impact on many people in her life and will be truly missed.



#### ROBERT "BOB" HOFFMAN

January 19, 2009, of Bloomfield Hills. Bob taught Latin, History and served as the Assistant Dean for Cranbrook Schools, completing a fifty-nine year history with the school before moving to Canterbury-on-the-Lake in Waterford five years ago. A memorial gathering is planned for Tuesday 6-8 p.m. at Page Hall Common at Cranbrook. Another time to honor Bob and his wonderful career at Cranbrook will occur during the June 2009 Alumni Reunion Weekend. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Cranbrook Schools, Robert Hoffman Faculty Appreciation Fund, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801; Canterbury-on-the-Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford, MI 48329, Attn: Susan Dembiec, Executive Director; or In-House Hospice Foundation, 24293 Telegraph Rd. Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48033. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

#### ILENE J. INTIHAR

April 1, 1929 - Jan. 17, 2009. A private family gathering will be held at a later date for Irene J. Intihar, 79, of Granville, formerly of Detroit Michigan. Ilene passed away peacefully after a prolonged illness, Saturday, January 17, 2009 at SharonBrooke Inn in Newark. She was born in Detroit April 1, 1929 to the late Louis and Jennie (Kosmik) Urban. A retired school teacher with the Livonia Michigan School system, Ilene, earned her bachelor's degree in social work in 1950 at Mary Grove College in Detroit. She furthered her education earning a master's degree in education at Wayne State University. As an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, Ilene contributed generously to the Detroit Institute of Arts and to the Detroit Metropolitan Opera and was an active docent for several Detroit area museums and theaters. After moving to Ohio, Ilene became a supporting member of the Columbus Art Institute and the Columbus Area Performing Arts Council. Being active in her community, Ilene helped to arrange for Jose Feliciano to sing the National Anthem at Detroit Tiger Stadium causing a national controversy. She was a world traveler visiting all continents with her family and the Nomads. She enjoyed seeing the Beatles in Helsinki, prior to their arrival in the United States, and being one of the first to fly from Detroit to Paris on the Concorde. Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Carrie Mumma M.F.A. and Paul Mumma D.O. of Granville and her grandchildren, Casey Ilene and Christopher Louis Mumma. In addition to her parents, Ilene was preceded in death by her former husband Victor Intihar of Detroit. Arrangements are in the care of McPeck-Hoekstra Funeral Home in Granville. Condolences may be expressed at [www.mcpeckhoekstra.com](http://www.mcpeckhoekstra.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the National Human Society, 40 E. Main St., #364-I, Newark, DE 19711 or to the Michigan Opera Company, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.



#### STELLA KOSKI

Age 90, of Billings. Passed away Monday, January 19, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home. The daughter of George and Nellie Kulchiesky, Stella was born December 24, 1918 in California, PA. She received her Bachelor Degree from Western Michigan University and a Master's Degree from The University of Michigan. Stella worked as a teacher and Counselor in the Michigan Public School system until retirement in 1983. In 1944 she married John C. Koski in Hamtramck, MI. He preceded her in death in 1980. Stella enjoyed theater, golfing, reading and writing. She has made her home in Billings since 2000. Survivors include two sons, John, his wife Tracy and their daughters Caitlin and Lindsay of Billings and Mike of Interlochen, MI and his son Michael Vincent of Keego Harbor, MI. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Julius and George Kulchiesky and Harry Kool. Cremation has taken place and memorial services were held at 1:30pm on Saturday, January 24th at the Ocee Johnson Chapel located within the main building at St. John's Lutheran Home. Interment services are planned for the spring or summer at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home, Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements. Remembrances may be shared with the family by visiting [www.michelottisawyers.com](http://www.michelottisawyers.com)

#### RICHARD D. OLSON

Age 60, of Plymouth, passed away January 21, 2009. He was born November 8, 1948 in Detroit, MI to Albert and Marion (Hayes) Olson. He was a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. Richard proudly served his country during Vietnam as a Sergeant with the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his loving brothers Gary (Elaine) Olson and Keith Olson; his brother-in-law David Richeson; his Aunt Dorothy Hinkle; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Nina Richeson. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held Monday, January 26, 2009 11:30 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Mr. Olson will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

#### DOROTHEA M. PETERS

Age 89, of Northumberland, PA. Died Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. Born May 17, 1919, in Elmira, NY, she was a daughter of the late John and Aimee (McMillan) Murphy. Dorothea was a 1941 graduate of Elmira College. Surviving are her husband of 62 years, George; one son, John (Carrie) Peters of Lewisburg; one daughter, Ann (Thomas) Williams of Dallas, TX; two grandsons, George and Michael Williams; one granddaughter, Shannon Peters; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, at Sacred Heart Church, 814 St. Louis St., Lewisburg, PA with Monsignor William M. Richardson officiating. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Edmundite Missions, 1428 Broad St., Selma, AL 36701. The family is being assisted by Cronrath-Grenoble Funeral Home, S. 2nd & St. Louis streets, Lewisburg. [www.cronrathgrenoblefuneralhome.com](http://www.cronrathgrenoblefuneralhome.com)

#### CLARA SCHARMEN

Was born to Jesse and Sara Tyler in the family heritage home in Plymouth, Michigan on May 15, 1908. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1926 and received a bachelor degree in liberal arts from Michigan State College (now MSU) in 1930. Clara taught 10th grade English and History at Plymouth High School from 1932 to 1943. On August 1, 1943 she married Leon T. Scharmen. Clara was a founding member of the Plymouth Chapter of the American Association of University Women. Clara was a life-long resident of Plymouth and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Her interests included reading, quilting, flower gardening and she was a member of the Audubon Society. Her most notable accomplishment was successfully raising three boys. Clara was survived by two sons, Charles of Plymouth and Don of Traverse City, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Leon and a son James. Family and friends gathered at 10 am on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am. Please consider a memorial contribution to the Plymouth District Library in her memory. To share memories, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

#### IRA JOSEPH STEELE

January 23, 2009. Age 88. Of Birmingham, formerly of Bloomfield Twp. Proud veteran US Navy-WWII. Longtime employee at Michigan Bell. Beloved husband of the late Beverly (nee. Koeller) for 56 years. Dear father of Richard J. (Patti) and Thomas I. (Mary). Grandfather of Joanna Schultz (Jason), Daniel, Jesse and Chyna. Brother of the late Vivian McNamara (James). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service Monday 11 a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8 p.m. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at [www.desmondfuneralhome.com](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com)

#### KRIS NEAL WHITE

January 22, 1959 - December 27, 2008. Beloved husband of Norma White. Devoted son of Conception and the late Ronald White. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Raphael in Garden City on January 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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## Manufacturers ignore dangerous problems

One of my favorite sayings in the last 10 years is, "they don't make them like they used to." I would like to add a new one: "they don't treat us like they used to."

An example of these often repeated words are Stacy who sent me this e-mail: "I am having a problem with my Jenn Air oven. It is a double oven. It is also a convection oven. It was manufactured in 1996. The past two nights



Appliance Doctor  
Joe Gagnon

the bottom oven has been turning on by itself. This morning the bottom oven broiler was on. I called Jenn Air and a service tech is coming out. Jenn Air will pay for the diagnosis but says that the oven is no longer under warranty. I am wondering if Jenn Air should be responsible for any of the costs that will/might result from this issue since it is a dangerous malfunction."

I don't know yet what sort of response Stacey has received from Jenn Air but I can bet all the tea in China that it is not going to be one that takes care of the serious

nature of her complaint. I will let you know.

Sharon called me to tell me that her 12-year-old dishwasher ran all night. Her husband turned it on when they went to bed around 10 p.m., and when she walked into the kitchen at 7 a.m., it was still running. She opened the door and the blast of heat was like opening an oven door. She called the manufacturer who sent out a service technician who couldn't tell her why the dishwasher didn't shut off. The manufacturer then told her they couldn't do a thing for her because it was well out of warranty and besides that, they told her the average life span of the dishwasher was six years. They offered her \$50 towards the purchase of a new dishwasher provided it was their brand.

My dear reader, I am receiving a lot of complaints these days relating to serious product problems that can cause great harm to a home or even take someone's life. From what I'm being told, it is quite evident that manufacturers don't really care about the product malfunction as long as it is out of the warranty period.

Two years ago the manufacturers announced that they would no longer have

extended warranties on key components of their appliances. Warranties would be for one year only on everything. This new policy of theirs was a clear indication that they were spending too much money taking care of problems and building consumer confidence in their products. The mighty dollar took over from there and the smart business ethics went out the door. Can you imagine what the automobile industry would do to itself during these tough times if they took on the same attitude? It's called, shooting oneself in the foot.

There are agencies and safety commissions that ensure that the auto industry takes care of threatening problems with their vehicles. There are fewer recalls because American cars are made better than ever.

Maybe the government should get involved with making sure that major appliances are made better. Until then, I'll just keep saying, "they don't make them like they used to." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and 2 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).

#### ANNIVERSARY

#### Flamme

Albert Flamme and Patricia Patterson Flamme, lifelong residents of Canton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month. The couple married Feb. 7, 1959 at St. Raymond Church in Detroit. They have three children: Dennis of Ann Arbor, Lynda Meadows of Troy and Lisa Mihm of Orlando, Fla; and five grandchildren. Albert has retired after 37 years as an electrical engineer at Ford Motor Company. He also taught math courses at Schoolcraft College. Patricia was a delivery room nurse at Cottage Hospital prior to raising their family. Albert now volunteers on the Ski Patrol at Mt. Brighton. Both Albert and Patricia enjoy their retirement playing golf and traveling.



## Improve pet health care with these simple tips

This January as many pet owners resolve to improve their eating habits and fitness routines Banfield, The Pet Hospital of Livonia, urges them to remember to consider their pets health as well.

"Feeding your pet a balanced diet promotes overall health and allows you and your pet to enjoy more quality years together as a family," said Karen Johnson, DVM at Banfield pet hospital.

In honor of January Pet Food and Fitness Month, Johnson offers the following tips:

Feed your pet a high-quality diet. Select food made by companies known for staying current on the latest nutritional research. Your veterinarian can recommend the best diet for your pet based on factors including age, health and lifestyle.

Offer fresh food and water every day. Also, remember to wash bowls regularly.

Feed your pet the correct amount of food. Determine portions according to your pet's weight and avoid overfeeding. Use feeding recommendations on the pet food label as a guide and adjust for activity level. Your veterinarian can help determine the correct amount to feed your pet.

Follow a daily feeding schedule. This will help your pet maintain normal elimination habits and avoid indoor accidents.

Most pets do better when fed two smaller meals rather than one large meal.

Avoid people food. Your pet's digestive system is simpler than yours and can be easily upset by feeding him or her table scraps. Feeding from the table makes it more difficult to control calorie intake which can lead to weight problems.

Watch the treats. It's often not the dog or cat food fed to the pet that adds unwanted

pounds but high calorie treats multiple times a day.

Consult your veterinarian for exercise needs. If your considering adding a pet to the family, first determine the pets need for exercise and whether those can be blended into your lifestyle. Your dog needs a walk at least once a day. If the pet has been inactive, start slowly gradually increasing the pace and length. Find a schedule that works for both of you whether a short walk twice a day or one long walk.

Help your cat stay active. Overweight cats are at risk for medical conditions such as diabetes and arthritis. There are a variety of toys designed to help your cat stay fit and active.

"One of the best ways pet owners can increase the strength of the bond they share with their pets as well as improve their own fitness levels is to introduce daily walks and interactive play," said Johnson.

## Banjo players bring sound to Livonia library

The Friends of the Livonia Library present The Banjos of Michigan 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

They began as a small group of banjo players who met in a basement in West Bloomfield and grew to more than 100

members who had to move to larger quarters to accommodate everyone.

The Banjos of Michigan have become one of the largest clubs in the Midwest. They play in nursing homes, hospitals, retirement homes, civic events, and concerts across the metro area.

The players come from all walks of life but share one thing in common and that is they all enjoy the banjo and take great satisfaction in bringing the happy sound of that instrument to audiences.

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## Irish ladies looking for new members

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The organization donates to many charities.

For more information, call membership chairwoman Bridie Flynn at (734) 464-8556.

## Seminar on finance topics coming to senior center

On Wednesday Jan. 28, Livonia resident Dru Girard will hold an informative seminar at the Livonia Civic Senior Center. The event begins at 5:15 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include the current financial

markets and how to safeguard your money, how to pass money on to love ones without paying unnecessary tax and penalties, and new investments products.

For more information or to attend the seminar, RSVP to (800) 259-3886.

## QUARTET

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"I wanted to do something that was different than a box of chocolate and flowers and something special she could look back on 10 years from now," said Cheek, a business student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "I called ahead of time and reserved a special seat that positioned her back to the door so she wouldn't see them coming in. Her face turned as red as her dress. She put her hands over her face and couldn't believe it."

McPhail's reaction is typical of the women and men the quartets have surprised over the years. Frank Adams remembers last Valentine's Day when one husband was in shock to find the quartet standing in his living room after he exited the shower dressed only in a towel. It was Adams' first time singing valentines although he joined the chorus three years ago.

"It was really exciting and I'm looking forward to this Valentine's Day," said Adams of Farmington Hills.

Over the years, Mark Pritchard has sung in fast food restaurants and even Divine Child High School where his wife, Karen, teaches.

"We'll surprise them anywhere, some in unlikely places," said Pritchard of Garden City. "One year we went into a dentist's office and they helped us with the subterfuge for one of the clinicians. We were presented as being a new patient and suddenly there were these four guys in tuxedos. We've even sung to couples who bought valentines for each other."

"Generally we sing romantic songs like *I Love You Truly*, *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, but we do take requests. If we don't know it, we might sing the melody but like singing in harmony when we can."

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## Training sessions upcoming for Crohn's & Colitis benefit

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation will kick off local training and information sessions next month for upcoming half-marathons in Hawaii or California.

The foundation's Michigan Chapter's Team Challenge is an endurance training and fund-raising program that sends people to run or walk in a half marathon.

Expenses are paid, but those involved commit to raising funds to help find cures for Crohn's and colitis. The Foundation provides training by professional coaches over approximately 16 weeks and gives them fund-raising assistance and advice.

This summer, Team Challenge participants will either run or walk at events on June 28 in Kona, Hawaii and July 19 in Sonoma, Calif.

The Team Challenge program is open to anyone who is healthy enough to walk or run 13.1 miles.

Information Meetings will

be held:

■ 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9 at the Detroit Public Library, Jefferson Branch, 12350 E Outer Dr, Detroit.

■ 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

■ 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11 at University of Michigan Hospital, room 1H201 University Hospital, 1500 E Medical Center Dr, Ann Arbor.

■ 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17 at PVM, The Village of Oakland Woods, 420 S. Opdyke, Pontiac.

■ 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 at Peter Nielsen's Town Center Health Club, 3000 Town Center-Atrium Mezzanine, Southfield.

A kick-off will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 at Peter Nielsen's Town Center Health Club. For more information call Pam Barclay, Michigan Chapter, at (248) 737-0900.

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Common sense would say you can have more than one injection a year; reason would also say you shouldn't have one a week. However, your doctor cannot determine how many injections are proper for you by picking a number between those two extremes.

The appropriate number of injections comes out of the benefit from this therapy. If injections help you overcome shoulder and knee pain and allow you to maintain activity, then continuing injection therapy is appropriate. If you derive scant benefit, then continuing injection therapy is out of order. In short, response, not number, determines the use of joint injection.

The claim that injecting a steroid softens the joints and tendons, is only an assertion. No one has investigated in humans if such softening occurs; the only studies are in animals and done in laboratory settings far removed from real world conditions.

Steroid injection into joints remains useful therapy. The answer of how often to inject comes from your experience, not from some arbitrary and unquestioned rule.

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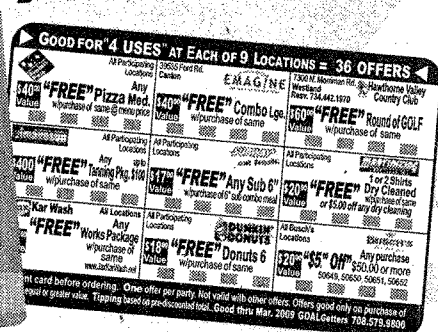
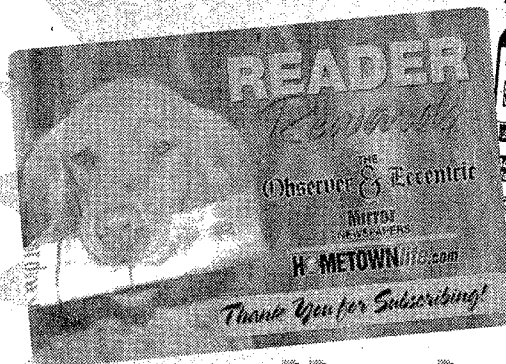
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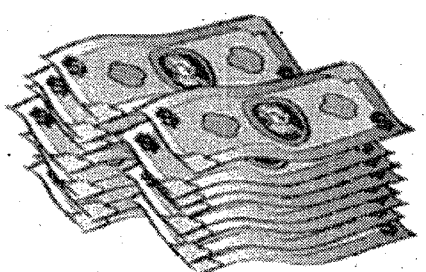
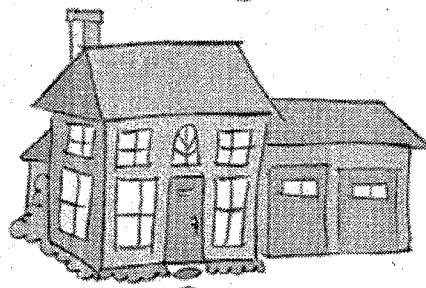
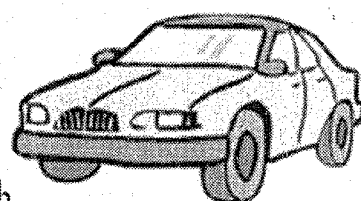
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# WHEN CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES COLLIDE



## WORKWISE

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Take the case of a seemingly tireless seasoned contractor working with a young employee, both extremely competent. When the employee asks the contractor to take on an unexpected task, the contractor agrees, little realizing that it requires a certain set of skills. Resentment, anger and frustration ensue.

Christine Kane, founder and CEO of Purple Cow L.L.C., in Scottsdale, Ariz., specializes in business development for companies that seek to increase their effectiveness. She doesn't necessarily perceive a generational problem if an employee and contractor are years apart. "The issue is one of strategy and communication on the part of the contractor," she observes.

Like Kane, Holly Green, author of "More Than a Minute" (Career Press, \$15.99), believes that this problem could arise between any two people. "The company person

doesn't understand and appreciate what the contractor's role is. The contractor doesn't know how to communicate effectively," given fear of potential loss of image, loss of the contract and/or loss of goodwill. She indicates that the same type of problem occurs between employees. If you're going to blame anyone, she pins it on you: "Once you've stepped in it, it's your own fault."

If this is a long-term relationship, Kane maintains that something must be done. However, give the task a good try before stopping to move toward resolution. Document the time it takes. Green emphasizes the importance of your knowing the value you bring: "This helps you determine the appropriate role to play in the organization."

"Remember that sometimes this just happens and it's part of the deal," she adds.

David Lewis, regional manager of Express Employment Professionals in Oklahoma City, defines this as "an intergenerational communication problem." His company trains and coaches client companies in a range of issues, including generational dynamics. He maintains that both people "may not know how to communicate properly with each other. Millennials tend to be overly optimistic. They want everyone to be on the same page. They don't like conflict. They value intergenerational goodwill."

## REMEDIES

If you find yourself in an unhappy situation in the

middle of a project, consider several simple tactics you can use to communicate effectively:

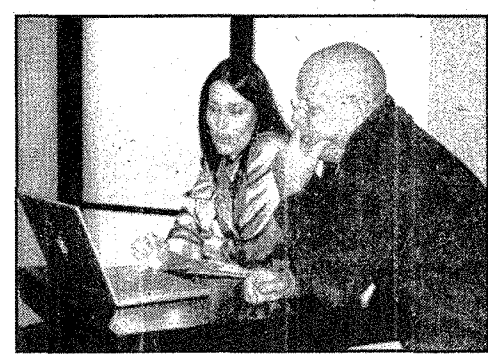
-- "Remember that they're bringing you in because they're not sure of what they're doing and need your expertise (Kane)."

-- If you fear you're on a suicide mission, step back a second. "We make stuff up in our head. It's almost always negative. Thought-bubbles drive much behavior. What if they thought more of you because you were already doing higher-value work (Green)?"

-- Sounding upbeat, appeal to a Millennial's need for continued goodwill. Treating the person as a peer, explain that you're not happy, rather than you're not good at something, and that "you can be the one to help fix it." Millennials views themselves very much like their grandparents. They'll change it not because you aren't good at it but because you're not happy with it. Stay buddies, friends and happy (Lewis).

-- Bring solutions, such as "giving it to someone else, someone who wants to learn" (Kane) or "another employee who would be excited to have the project and be prepared to stay involved to make certain a good job is done (Lewis)."

Next time around, discuss procedures at the outset, Lewis advises. Kane suggests assessing your strategy daily, over the long-term. If you can't stick up for yourself



Christine Kane maintains that good strategy, with communication, helps contractors and employees work effectively. She is CEO of Purple Cow L.L.C., in Scottsdale, Ariz. Here she is with David Cooke, a client who founded Strategic Resource Group L.L.C., in the same city.

when you get to a roadblock, go back to it on another day and take the steps. Your project will be better for it.

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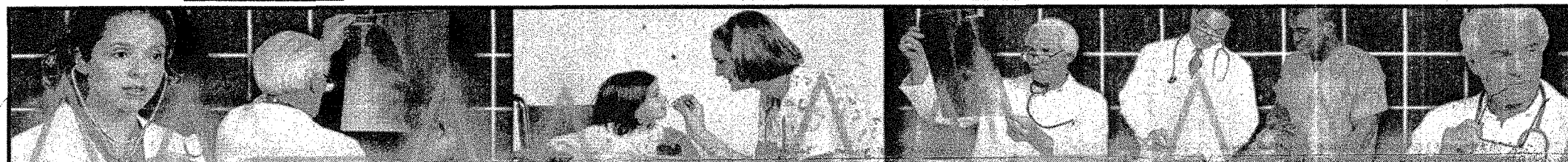
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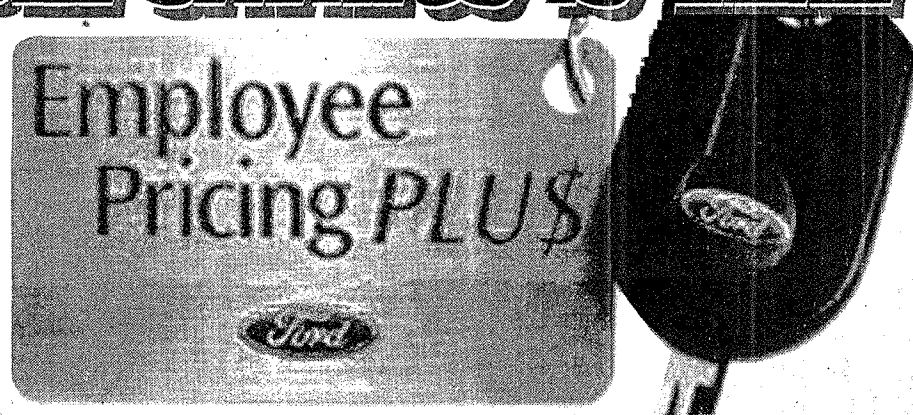
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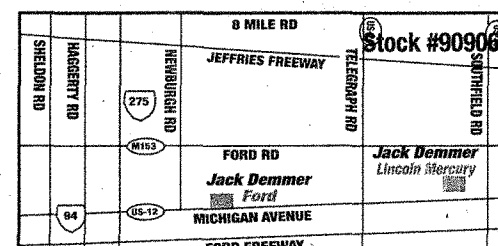
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