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We hope you enjoy today's "holiday version" of your Observer. It offers a wider view of the area's news, sports and features. Your hometown Observer returns Sunday, Jan. 6. I welcome your comments. Happy New Year!

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Local merchants bank on good holiday season

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

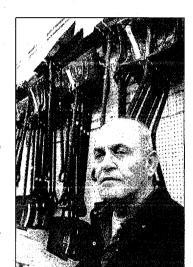
While major retailers nationwide are reporting holiday sales short of expectations, many local merchants used the Christmas season to showcase their unique products, competitive prices and extraordinary customer service to keep up with their big-box counterparts and push their year-end ledgers into the black.

We did gangbusters in December, up about 8 percent from last year," said Matt Macchiarolo, who along with his wife, Linda, owns Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall on Plymouth Road in Livonia. "We haven't been part of the bad news."

Town Peddler consists of about 450 vendors who sell their antiques and collectibles under one roof. Macchiarolo said the key was assembling new vendors and products for the Christmas season.

"With new dealers and new products, that translates into new sales," said Macchiarolo, who has owned Town Peddler for 14 years. "People to go Target for hot items. For something they can't find anywhere else, they come to our store."

"Gift cards were really popular this year," he said. "The week before Christmas we broke our



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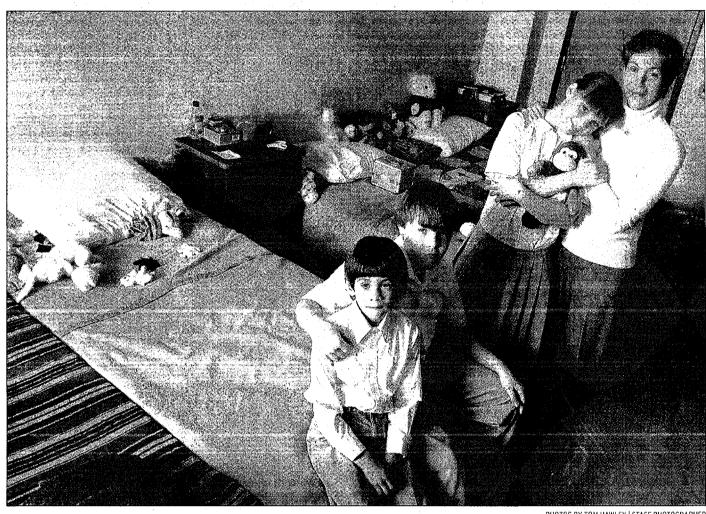
Jerry Seman of Township Hardware in Redford, says he's "spent an extra day in church on our knees hoping it snows" in hopes of boosting sales.

record in gift card sales."

Larry Bird, owner of Gabriala's on Main Street in downtown Plymouth, said his 8 percent boost in holiday sales over last year was fueled by Webkinz, plush pets that come with a secret code which allow children to care for their virtual pet online.

"Webkinz is what were really driving sales," said Bird of the stuffed animals sold mainly in

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After losing her job, homeless mother Deborah Rush is living in the Wayne County Family Center with her three children, Chris, 8, (from left) Sean, 13, and Angela, 10.

'It will always get better'

Homeless find warmth and hope in Wayne Family Center

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

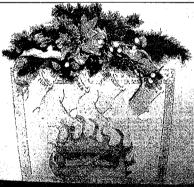
Unemployed and living in a Westland homeless shelter, Deborah Rush didn't get what she desperately needed for Christmas - a new job and a place to call home for her three children, Chris, 8, Angela, 10, and

"I've taught my kids that no matter how bad things are, it will always get better,"

Rush, 44, said, sitting inside the Wayne County Family Center on Michigan Avenue. "I just want our own place with a stable income - the American dream, if there is such a thing anymore."

Nearly two months after moving her children to the shelter run by Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Rush hasn't given up hope. She is desperately trying to find work

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Sean Rush, 13, made this fireplace to brighten up the room of a homeless center where his family

Online shopping ends with arrest

A Westland man was surprised when he received a call from a salesman regarding a 2001 BMW 540I that was being shipped to him from Texas. It turns out someone had stolen the his identity to buy the car.

Inkster resident Michael Shelman, who owns Universal Video in Westland, is in jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond after being charged with receiving stolen property. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

"It's unknown how he came across the complainant's personal information — he had his driver's license number, Social Security number and a copy of his credit report," said Westland Police Sgt. Thad Nelson. "I interviewed the suspect for two hours. He told me he was having financial problems and needed a car badly."

The BMW was being offered for sale online through eBay, Nelson said, but the would-be buyer kept coming up with excuses for not being able to complete the purchase online.

The credit application for the car, about \$20,000 with the shipping costs added, received a tentative approval, so the car was sent to Michigan, Nelson said. Then the bank apparently detected a problem and rejected the loan.

At that point, Nelson said the salesman tracked down the victim and spoke to him by telephone only to discover his identity had been stolen. But the suspect, using the victim's identity, already had taken delivery of the car.

"The suspect was talking to the salesman about some paperwork he still needed and asked him to fax it to Kinko's on Plymouth Road (in Livonia)," said Nelson. "I asked the salesman to call Livonia police and they asked Kinko's to call them, if the suspect showed up."

When the suspect showed up to collect his paperwork, police were contacted and a Livonia officer arrested him nearby after a traffic stop. The suspect was driving the BMW when he was arrested.

Family mourns teenager 'with hope'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

As he stood beside the casket of his secondborn child, David Dougherty wrapped his left arm around his wife and held her as she wiped tears from her eyes.

"She was a rare gem," Dougherty said of his 13-year-old daughter, Clare Mei Dougherty, who died in a skiing accident on Christmas Day at Schuss Mountain, a Shanty Creek Resort near Traverse City. "She had a wonderful life while she was here but all of that pales in comparison to where she is now."

As family and friends filed into the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton on Friday, they were greeted by a memorial in the foyer that featured Clare's Pioneer Middle School sweat shirt, one of her paintings, her recorder and her green messenger bag that read "Work for the people" in red Chinese letters.

"I think I need you more than you need me," a family friend sobbed while holding Clare's mother, Qiliang "Lucy" Dougherty, in a tight embrace.



Qiliang continued to speak with supporters, Clare's sister and brother, Renae, 10 and Miles, 9, sat at the opposite end of the chapel and watched a slide show featuring their big sister. They often giggled throughout the

While David and

Clare Dougherty montage as light-hearted images of Clare, shown throughout her whole

life, played across the screen. In addition to Clare, Renae and Miles, the Doughertys have another daughter, Grace, 15.

"I've told all of them that it's OK to mourn but that we mourn with hope," David Dougherty said.

Described as a "science girl," Clare was a fun-loving, gentle tomboy who had a passion for God and loved pasta, horseback riding, downloading songs on her iPod and being with her siblings. She had also learned to speak Chinese and French and enjoyed travel-

The eighth-grader was baptized last April at Chinese Bible Church in Farmington Hills and was a member of the church's youth group. David Dougherty said his family is thankful for the support of their church, as well as the community.

"Our faith has very much sustained us and our church has been phenomenal," he said.

On Christmas Day, shortly before the Doughertys planned to wrap up their vacation at the ski resort, Clare decided to get in a few more runs with her brother. She was killed when she went off a slope and struck a retaining wall.

If anything good can come out of this "unfortunate accident," Antrim County Sheriff Terry Johnson said he would like it to be that more skiers wear helmets. Clare was not wearing one at the time of the accident.

"Clare's faith was central to her life and we understand that our lives here are temporary," David Dougherty said. "Clare was looking forward to eternity and we are, too."

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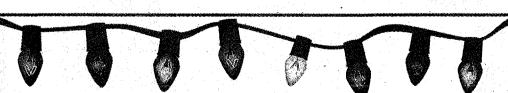
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Court delays hearing on gas station murder charges

Plymouth - The 35th District Court preliminary exam for an employee of the Scott Correctional Center accused of gunning down his supervisor at a gas station across from the state prison at Five Mile and Beck roads in Plymouth Township has been postponed until Feb. 8.

The hearing was delayed because Darren Johnson, 44, of Redford Township remains hospitalized from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest, which he suffered hours after allegedly fatally shooting Joseph Candie, 39, of Detroit several times during an argument at the gas station Dec. 19.

Thief caught 2nd time around

A Plymouth woman is expected to be charged for stealing nearly \$400 in items from the Home Sweet Home antiques and fine furnishings store on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Owner Carol Uber said surveillance tapes caught the woman stealing some of the items on Dec.

"Three days later we recognized her because of the video, wearing the exact same outfit," Uber said. "We called the police, who came

Among the items reportedly stolen were several small clocks, iron hangars, a picture frame and rhinestone bracelet.

"She was released pending further investigation," said Det. Lt. Al Cox.

Charity money stolen

Plymouth police are investigating the theft of at least two money canisters from McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road on Christmas morning.

"Someone smashed the drivethru window, climbed through and stole the money being collected for the Ronald McDonald House," said Cox. "The company said they usually collect \$100-\$200 a month, though it could have been more because of holiday giving."

Purse snatching

Westland - A Detroit man has been charged with robbery after snatching an elderly woman's purse Dec. 22. The victim, an 85-year-old Livonia resident, was walking through the parking lot at CVS Pharmacy on Joy at Merriman, when a man driving by reached out of the vehicle window to grab her purse.

"She was holding on to the purse. She was being dragged and had to let it go. She was dragged five or six feet, then fell to the ground," said Westland Police Sgt. Thad Nelson.

"She received minor injuries cuts and abrasions."

The suspect drove away heading east on Joy. After a bulletin, including the description of the vehicle, was issued, Redford Township Police spotted the suspect's car and arrested the man at Joy and Telegraph.

On parole since 2006 for a previous charges, including unarmed robbery, Grady Elerson, 44, was arraigned on a charge of strong arm robbery and is being held in lieu of a \$200,000 cash bond. A not guilty plea was entered for

Sex offender arrested

Canton - A Canton police officer arrested a 49-year-old man Monday after learning that he had failed to update his address as a registered sex offender since Oct. 2006.

When questioned, the man told the officer that he was confident he had updated his status a couple months back but couldn't give an exact date or say whether he'd been given written verification.

The officer told the man he had failed to register in January, April, July and October.

The man said he had moved into a motel room on the 39000 block of Michigan Avenue last week because he had lost his home. His previous registered address was in Detroit.

After his arrest, the man was scheduled to report to 35th District Court on Jan. 22.

Selling to minors

Canton - The Canton Police Department's Special **Enforcement Unit conducted** alcohol and tobacco sales checks and ticketed a number of businesses during the month of December.

Decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or tobacco at 18 businesses in Canton — staff at 11 sold to the minor decoy, while seven refused the sale.

Ticketed for selling alcohol to a minor include Mexican Fiesta, 44401 Ford, Pinetree Market, 42444 Ford, Don Pablos, 39895 Ford, Texas Coral, 43750 Ford, 7-Eleven, 7171 N. Canton Center, Four Friends, 44282 Warren, Tryst Nightclub, 8663 N. Lilley and Crow's Nest, 6166 N. Canton Center. Ticketed for selling tobacco to a minor were the Speedway Gas, 5596 N. Lilley, and Valero Gas, 41350

Break-ins

Garden City - On Dec. 21, a resident in the 30000 block of Dawson told police she returned home to find someone had climbed through the kitchen window and ransacked the house. While gifts placed around the Christmas tree had been unwrapped, she said none were missing.

Items reported stolen from the house included \$100 in \$20 bills, six rolls of quarters, \$50 in assorted coins mainly half dollars, a PlayStation II, a DVD player, diamond earrings valued at \$2,000, two loose one-carat diamonds and three loose Topaz stones.

The owner also told police the television had been turned on. That fact, plus the amount of searching indicated the suspect had been in the house for some time, police indicated.

Police dog Deuce followed a track from the house to Dillon Street where the police said it was likely the suspect got into

Also on Dec. 21, a resident in the 30000 block of John Hauk told police he returned from work to find a door standing open and a window smashed. There had been what was described as "severe ransacking" of the entire home, including the attic.

Among the items reported stolen were a plasma screen television, a computer, a laptop computer, 10 watches, three jars of loose coins, a bag of old coins, an heirloom gold watch, two digital cameras and a printer. The loss was estimated at more than \$12,370.

Larceny from a vehicle

Garden City - A Livonia man told police that he and his wife were at the Golden Feather, 29633 Ford, on Dec. 23 when a window on his vehicle was smashed and items taken from

Missing from under the vehicle seat were a digital camera, valued at \$500, along with a \$150 GPS system and some unspecified other gifts.

Bar break-in

Redford Township - Nothing was reported stolen in an apparent break-in at the Bullfrog Bar, on Telegraph north of Five Mile, early Wednesday.

Officers responding to an alarm at the bar shortly before 1 a.m. discovered a door ajar and a window on the door broken, a Redford Police Department report said.

Police checked the building with a tracking dog and found no one inside, and the owner reported nothing stolen.

Man shot during family disturbance

BY LEANNE ROGERS

A family dispute over sexual molestation allegations resulted in one man being shot and a second man being assaulted at a home in Westland on Dec. 23.

The incident began just after 1:30 a.m. when a masked man was reported to have forced his way into a home on Alberta at Palmer, west of Venoy.

"A male forced his way inside and began beating one of the

occupants with a blunt object," said Sgt. Ed Price. "Other occupants of the home came to his

One of the other occupants fired a handgun at the intruder, shooting him in the lower arm.

"He was hit below the elbow and an artery was severed," said Price.

The suspect fled to his vehicle and was driven to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital by a second person.

The intruder, identified

as a 39-year-old Dearborn Heights resident, was airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital for treatment. He was subsequently released.

The beating victim, 55, was treated at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and released. The Dearborn Heights man is the nephew of the 55-year-old man. Also in the home were the 55year-old's sister, her husband and their son.

"He (the Dearborn Heights man) said that he had been

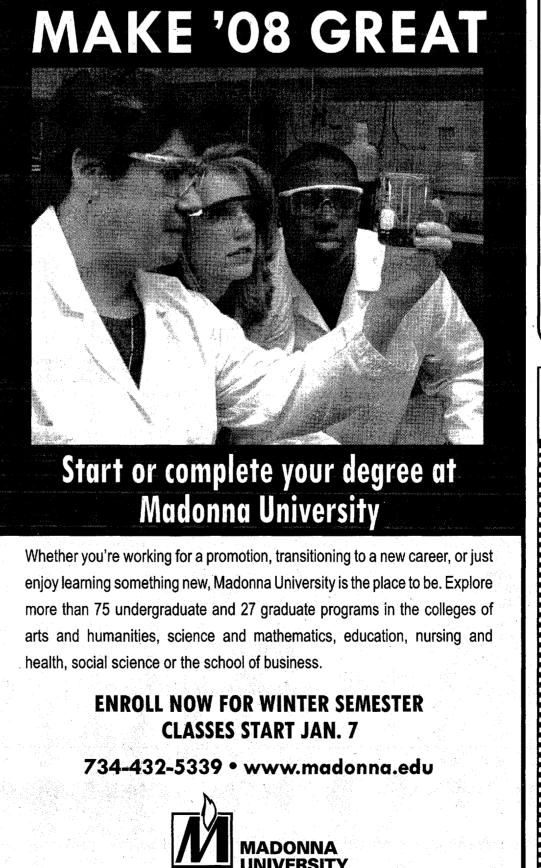
molested by his uncle years ago and had learned of other molestations of family members," said Price, which the suspect cited as spurring the

A warrant request has been submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. The Dearborn Heights man isn't in custody, and Price said he doesn't expect a decision on charges for a couple of weeks.

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Hannah Montana ticket package raffle to help Salvation Army

The Salvation Army's effort to help the needy, including those in Livonia, Redford and Garden City, should get a boost, courtesy of the Hannah Montana frenzy.

That's the hope of Patrick Mifsud, owner of Entertainment Express limousine on Telegraph near Warren.

He's donating four tickets to the pop star's Jan. 11 show and a free limousine ride for a raffle, with all the proceeds going to the Dearborn Heights Citadel of the Salvation Army.

Tickets for a chance to win are \$10 and will be sold until the raffle is held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10.

With reports that kettle donations to the Salvation Army down this year, Mifsud hopes young fans might also consider the charitable aspects of giving back.

"It's good to get the kids involved, especially at an early age," Mifsud said.

Tickets can be purchased



The winner of the ticket raffle will get to the Hannah Montana concert in this specially decorated limousine.

at Entertainment Express, 6986 Telegraph, near Warren, in Dearborn Heights. They can also be purchased via mail - send checks made out to the Salvation Army to Entertainment Express, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. For more details, visit the Entertainment Express Web site at www.ee-mi.com or call (313) 534-0684.

A second prize offers four floor seats to a Detroit Pistons game with a limo ride to and from the game. The third prize is four tickets to a Pistons game.

Money raised will help Salvation Army, which provides a food pantry, emergency assistance (such as utility bills) and sports and characterbuilding camps and programs.

New Year's Eve reservations filling fast

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

There's still time to plan a first date for 2008.

Thousands of people will toast the new year at ball rooms and restaurants. Some tickets for inclusive dinner parties are still available. Most require reservations that can be made through Monday afternoon.

■ Laurel Manor in Livonia celebrates its 20th anniversary with an elegant sit-down dinner, a band that never likes to see the dance floor empty and a partnership with the Marriott Courtyard to chauffeur guests safely away after the ball drops.

"We opened Laurel Manor with New Year's Eve 20 years ago," said Deirdre Stemmelen, general manager in charge of sales. Tickets, at \$80 each, can be purchased over the phone by calling (734) 462-0770. More than 400 have been sold. The band is Ultra Violet.

■ 1 Under Bar & Grill on Five Mile in Livonia will be ringing in its first new year. The party

includes a buffet dinner, DJ, two drink tickets and balloon drop at midnight. Tickets are \$34.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required. Call (734) 464-5555

by 2 p.m. Monday. ■ Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland brings in the band Rare Earth. Dinner includes prime rib and a premium bar; pizza follows the midnight champagne toast. Tickets are \$65 each. Call (734) 525-3550.

■ Hawthorne Valley Country Club, also in Westland, offers a full dinner menu until 10 p.m. or an all-inclusive party that lasts until 2 a.m. For reservations, call (734) 422.3440.

■ Roma Banquets in Garden City hosts a party from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. with buffet dinner and the band Channel 6. Tickets, \$95 per couple, are available until 4 p.m. New Year's Eve. Call (734) 422-4550.

■ The Livonia Italian American Club will say goodbye to 2007 with a "Shaken, not Stirred" 007 theme party with more than 400 guests. The band, Gino's Market, will play Italian American music. Tickets are \$80 for members, \$90 for nonmembers. Call (734) 953-1137 by Sunday; tickets are going fast, said general man-

ager Linda Stoyanovich. ■ Albert's on the Alley in Garden City will celebrate the New Year by staying open until 4 a.m. The regular dinner and drink menu is available and prizes will be included in the balloon drop at midnight. Reservations not required.

Four Friends in Canton has a party with the band Freelance and no cover charge. For information, call (734) 416-0880.

Other places taking New Year's Eve reservations include:

■ Farwell & Friends in Westland - call (734) 421-6990. ■ Andiamo Livonia, call

(734) 953-3200. **■** Timber Wolf Tavern in

Redford is open for dinner. Call (313) 937-1218 G. Subu Leather Bottle in

Livonia will have live music and stay open for dinner until 10 p.m. Call (248) 474-2420.

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Warming center opens doors

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

A local warming center is ready to open its doors so homeless people can escape the chill of a cold winter's night.

Lighthouse Home Missions will operate its warming center 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. seven days a week, beginning Tuesday, at the Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

"We don't know what to expect when we open the warming center this year," said outreach coordinator Thelma Ivey. "We expect there will be more families coming

Lighthouse Home Mission relies on the support of five churches and volunteers to operate the warming center which can sleep up to 50 homeless individuals.

Ivey has put out a call for volunteers to work at the center, especially late at night. 6-11 p.m. shift gets the center ready for the people who come there to get out of the cold. The 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.

WAYNE NEWS BRIEFS

City and township offices and courtrooms around Wayne County will be closed Monday and Tuesday for New Year's Eve and New Year's

There will be no curbside trash and recyclables collection on Tuesday. Pickups,

of the week, will resume on

There is one exception. Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office will be

St. Valentine Catholic Church will host a prayer

breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21, in honor of Martin Luther

King Jr., the civil rights pioneer who was assassinated in 1968. The events starts at 7

a.m. at the St. Valentine gymnasium. It is sponsored by Supervisor R. Miles Handy II and the Redford Ministerial

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shift serve as watchmen while they sleep.

"We're looking for churches or individuals to oversee a night or so at the center," the Garden City resident said. "Whatever night they're available, I'll take them. I'm in desperate need of volunteers for the late shift."

The need doesn't end there. The center is in need of pillows with plastic, or sanitary covers, blankets, white tube socks and warm clothing for men, women and children.

"And men's blue jeans ... we can't keep them on hand," said Ivey.

In addition to the warming center, Lighthouse Home Missions also operates a soup kitchen 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It serves donated food, including soup from Leon's Restaurant in Garden City. According to Ivey, demand is up at the soup kitchen.

"We're seeing more families with children coming in," she said.

Soup that is left from lunch is served as an evening meal in the warming center, but more is needed. The center doesn't have the facilities to

prepare food, so it relies on donations of prepared food or leftovers from restaurants or church groups.

Clothing and food pantries open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment and referrals for assistance are handled 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Full Gospel Temple and Lighthouse Home Missions also have formed Churches United Against Hunger in an effort to get more help for the needy. So far, 16 churches have signed on.

"The idea is that if you're needy, you can go to a church and seek the help you need," Ivey said. "We've targeted every church to reach out and help those in need."

People interested in volunteering at the warming center can fax their information to Ivey at (734) 721-2423. Churches interested in becoming a member of Churches United Against Hunger should contact Ruby Beneteau at (734) 326-3333.

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A Livonia store hopes peo-

New life for 'peanuts'

trash can and creating more landfill, why not recycle them?" said David Holt, owner of PostalAnnex+ of Livonia.

Holt invites folks to bring in whatever peanuts they've got and the PostalAnnex+ store, at 33523 Eight Mile Road, will issue a \$2 voucher good toward the customer's next UPS or FedEx shipment. PostalAnnex+ is a one-stop business service center, offering UPS, FedEx and USPS shipping. Contact the store at (248) 471-4144.

specialty shops. "Every day we sold from 100-400 of them. When the moms were in buying Webkinz, they would walk around the store and buy other things."

Bird said the success of his store depends on continuously changing merchandise.

'Our inventory mix has changed, we don't see people spending money like they once had," said Bird. "Because we are a specialty retailer, we can raise our customer service up a couple of notches. The big guys (retailers) can't do that."

TRAFFIC GOOD

Retail success during the holidays can be measured in many ways, and not always at the cash register. Orin Mazzoni Jr., owner of Orin Jewelers in Garden City, said while traffic was "very, very good," his store will most likely finish the busiest shopping period of the year down a bit from last year.

"I would have to say it was successful from the standpoint people were out buying, but the price points were a bit lower this year because people weren't spending as much as they have in the past, Mazzoni said. "As far as being successful dollar-wise, we weren't as

successful as we wanted to be." Unlike many other goods, luxury items aren't as conducive to sales during a slow economy.

"Whenever the economy gets more difficult, the first thing people will do is cut luxury goods," Mazzoni said. "We just have to work harder to make sure people are happy with their purchases and feel they are getting good value. We tried hard to find items in lower price points that were still high

To help bring in sales, Orin Jewelers sent out \$50 gift cards to loyal customers, with no requirement to spend more.

"Sometimes when things are more difficult, like the economy is right now, you need to do something for the people who helped us get to where we are today." Mazzoni said. "Maybe we make a little less, but overall everybody is

WEATHER FACTOR

Not only did the economy hurt sales in December at Redford Township Hardware, owner Jerry Seman said the fairly mild weather has cut into any chance of selling snow shovels and driveway salt.

"We had two good days, the day it snowed and the day after, said Seman of the snowstorm that dumped 8-10 inches of snow on Dec. 16. "We spent an extra day

in church on our knees hoping it

In fact, the poor Michigan economy and lack of snow dropped sales by double-digits this holiday season at the Tru Value store.

"We probably did about 15-20 percent less (in December)," Seman said. "We were hoping to do 10 percent better than last year. "It's no secret people are being laid off, they have no money and gas prices keep going up. People have to cut."

Seman said in a down economic year, the family-owned business does have one advantage.

"It's a family operation, so we make things work any way we can," said Seman.

"If we have to work 24 hours a day, that's what we have to do so it's not as costly to operate. We'll just hope for a better spring with gardening, which is good business for us. We'll survive until better days

All retailers have one thing in common, sales in November and December are key to operating in the black for the entire year.

"Those two months we make about 40 percent of our entire year in sales," said Steve Marulis, owner of Michigan Made in Plymouth. "If we had a bust in November and December, we literally wouldn't be able to pay the bills.

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A: Take the cash. The 10 percent premium does not seem enough to offset the additional risk you assume by taking paper.

One issue to consider is whether you will be repaid. Who is issuing the note? What is his or her financial stability? What is her or her ability to repay?

Another issue is security. Are you receiving a lien on equipment or a building? Or, is the only security that you receive the business back, if the debt is not paid? That is not much security because if you end up taking the business back, how much would the business be worth and what damage could have been done?

One last note. Many people say by taking paper you can



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the tax, you would only delay it and in the long run that is not worth much.

Q: Dear Rick: I am 25 years old and my parents showed me your column about using a Roth 401(k) versus a traditional 401(k). I did a calculation myself and it appears if I use a traditional 401(k) it will save me about \$500 in taxes. Don't you think \$500 in taxes is enough to consider using a traditional IRA versus a Roth

A: As I always say, money looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. I am not cavalier with the \$500 number because you are not saving \$500 in taxes but rather, you are deferring the payment.

When you make a contribution to a traditional 401(k) you invest pre-tax money. When you invest in a Roth 401(k) you deposit post-tax money. That is where the \$500 difference comes in because you will pay income taxes on the money invested in the Roth 401(k).

The real advantage comes down the road. When you withdraw money from your traditional 401(k) plan, all the money withdrawn is subject to tax at your ordinary income bracket. When you withdraw money from a Roth 401(k) all the dis-

tributions are tax free. Taking a short-term hit today, which in your situation is \$500, you're getting a tremendous advantage. The longer someone leaves money in the 401(k) plan the more advantageous using a Roth option becomes.

If you meet the income requirements, which most people do, in addition to your 401(k) contribution you can contribute to a Roth. You have until April 15, 2008, to make a 2007 Roth IRA contribution.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com.



Baby Talk - Part I

So you just found out you're pregnant. Congratulations! That is wonderful! What is even more amazing is that your baby already has a spine, most of the body organs, arms and legs beginning to form, and its own nervous

system. And it's only 5 weeks old! Miraculous! In order for your baby to develop normally, it has two basic needs: One is proper nutrition and the other is a normally operating nervous system.

Let's cover nutrition first.

At the risk of insulting my readers, some people operate under the impression that as long as they are not hungry, they eat well. Not true! As a mom, you must be aware of the fact that everything you eat and drink affects your baby. Everything! Generally the baby will take from the mother whatever it needs in terms of nutrition and I have met many mothers in my practice who are literally undernourished as a result. As a mom, you must remember that you are eating

for two. Simply "filling up" is not the answer. Your baby has very specific needs as it is growing and developing. Its rate of growth is seven times faster than its three-year-old brother. Much like feeding a baby elephant some may say!

The baby will take as much as it can from mom so it is important that mother provides proper fuel for all that rapid growth. So the following are essential for normal development of your baby:

- 1. Iron. Mom requires at least 800 mg daily. This is crucial for the development of red blood cells in your baby and is contained in most dark leafy veggies. If you must, you can obtain a liquid iron supplement from a health food store. The nicest way of getting iron is from a tablespoon of dark molasses in a glass of milk three times a day. What a way to treat your baby! Taking Vitamin C will help in the absorption of Iron from your digestive tract.
- 2. Folic Acid. This is very important in the normal development of the nervous system and cannot be omitted. You are lucky though, Folic Acid is contained in most foods which contain iron so it's a

cinch to get. If you really want to get fancy, Oysters are loaded with Folic Acid. They are also a known aphrodisiac and that may be why you are reading this, but that is another topic!

3. Calcium. Our friend! Mom and baby need at least 1200 mg daily. The molasses treat is a good way, or you may try raw almonds if you are not into dairy. Vitamin D helps in the absorption of Calcium form the digestive tract This can be tricky because Vitamin D can also cause nausea and "morning sicknes" @. I found that the easiest way of getting Vitamin D is from a careful suntan.

I want to wish everybody a healthy and happy New Year. A special thanks goes out to all of my patients and staff for their charitable donations to the "adopt a family" program run by Sister Marie and St. Luke church.

For more information please feel very welcome to call me personally at 248-615-1533 or www.ASFwellness.com

- Dr. Gregory Kramer

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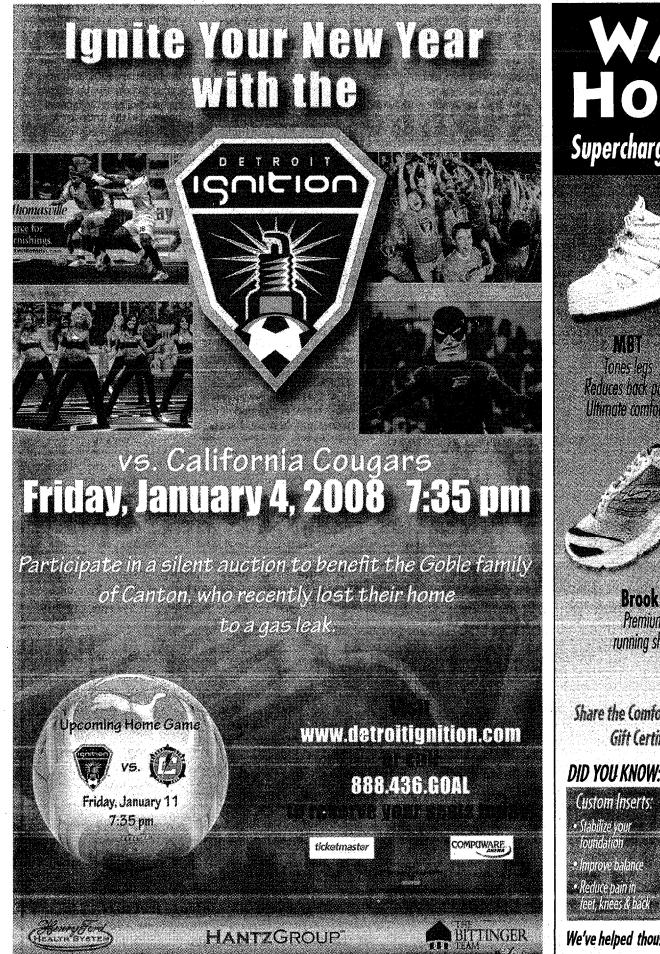
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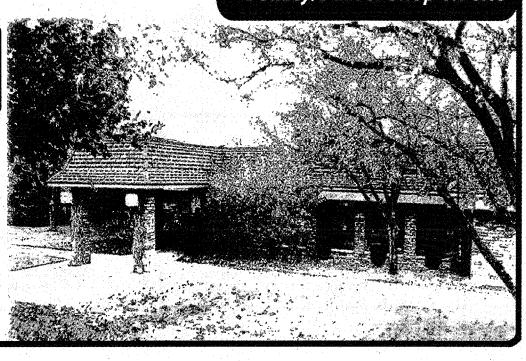


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Carol Eddy,

after losing her job as a retail assis-

tant manager, a position that paid \$10 an hour plus commission.

"I'm setting up interviews left and right," she said quietly, "but it's

Divorced seven years ago and without child support, Rush said her old job had kept her and her children in a two-bedroom apartment in Lincoln Park. Now, the family shares one room with four beds, but they've made the best of their situation.

For Christmas, young Sean drew a large fireplace, cut it out, taped it to the wall and colored in the flames. He decorated it with four paper stockings, including one labeled for Mom. The telltale signs of children could be seen in the room - stuffed animals, dolls, school books, crayons, drawings that decorate the walls.

The Rush family can only watch television during certain times in a room down the hallway. They have to share a bathroom with other residents, and they eat their meals in a community dining room. They have to be in their room by 9 p.m., and they have a door that locks to give them some semblance of having their own

For the holidays, they decorated their door with wrapping paper and a large stocking filled with stuffed animals.

They are warm. They have shelter from the Michigan winter.

#### **BETTER THAN STREETS**

Carol Eddy, the family center's administrator, knows how important that is

"It's not like a hotel here, but it definitely beats being on the street or living out of a car," she said.

Wayne County opened the shelter in 1991 in a building on the old Eloise property, once a sprawling hospital complex. The 22-employee center can house up to 113 homeless people in 24 families. Residents must have a minor child to live there, but a pregnant woman qualifies, too.

In 2006, the center helped 573 people in 150 families, including 195 adults and 378 children. At any given time, two-thirds of the residents are children. The shelter serves 93,000 to 98,000 meals a

Eddy, a Redford resident, has noticed a change in the faces of the homeless. Some are two-parent families who don't make enough money at minimum-wage jobs to keep a home. Occasionally, a grandparent needs a place to stay with grandchildren. Eddy cited many reasons why families end up in the center — evictions, domestic violence, job losses, foreclosures, a move here from another state, illnesses that leave people broke.

Rush and other residents receive help from case managers as they try to regain their independence. They get help finding housing assistance, and they have an employment coordinator who helps them with job resumés and interview skills.

The center's residents have a laundry room, and they have licensed day care so they can look for jobs. The shelter has two 15passenger vans used for doctor's appointments, job interviews and the ultimate goal of finding housing. Children can receive afterschool tutoring on site. They also have a library, and they participate in activities like movie nights and arts and crafts classes.

Doctors and interns from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University volunteer their time to visit the family center's on-site medical clinic to provide routine health care. The center works with school districts to get children to and from school.

Two of Rush's children, thirdgrader Chris and fifth-grader Angela, attend Baylor-Woodson Elementary in Inkster Public Schools. Eighth-grader Sean goes to Blanchette Middle School in the same district. All of the children wear school uniforms.

Rush has an older son who is on his own. She also has parents, but she didn't feel they had the home space to accommodate her family, much less provide the basic services they need.

"I couldn't do that to them," she

Aside from their academic studies, Angela studies ballet, Chris takes tap-dancing and Sean works on the school newspaper. Angela said the shelter can get boring, but she and Sean said they're glad for activities like movies and arts and crafts projects. Chris, the youngest, is mostly quiet.

"He's my little mouse," Rush said, rubbing her son's head. "He doesn't say much."

#### **FUNDING CHALLENGES**

The center has 5,300 square feet of space on one floor, and it



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Agencies like United Way also

help, and Eddy said contributions

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER shelter.

administrator of the Wayne County Family Center, walks past a nature mural that she says is one of her favorite spots in the homeless

has an annual budget of \$918,000. Wayne County provides the Eddy writes numerous grant probuilding and utilities, and it posals to secure funding, and help

contracts with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan to run the program. Some residents use the shelter

on an emergency basis for 90 days. Others have to stay longer as they try to find jobs or finish a school program. All residents have to save 85 percent of whatever income they have, even if it's Social Security dollars, as they strive to become independent.

As of late this year, hundreds of people had called the family center who can't yet get in. Many times, Eddy and others are forced to refer people to other shelters. The center gives priority to residents from cities that help out with block grant dollars . Westland, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Taylor and Lincoln Park. However, the shelter takes in the homeless from across Wayne County. Eddy cited a list of items the center could use — diapers, baby wipes, hygiene supplies, food, monetary donations. To help, call (734) 721-0590.

Residents have to abide by strict rules. They have to be in the center by 8 p.m. unless they're working or attending classes, and they can be kicked out for problems ranging from violence to drugs. Everyone who lives at the shelter also has a chore, whether it be washing dishes, cleaning bathrooms or clearing the dining

When families manage to make a new start on their own, they receive six months of follow-up care from the center's case managers. Like any mother who wants a home for her children, Rush is eager for that day.

"They say a lot of people are just one paycheck away from los-

ing their home, but this has been a culture shock," she said. "It's been an experience that we never would have expected to be in. When I leave here, I want to be stable and be able to pay the bills. I don't want to leave too early and have to come back.'

Even so, she's grateful for what

the Wayne County Family Center has given her and her children - shelter, beds, food, their one room, hope, and the knowledge that someone cares as she tries to piece together her share of the American dream.

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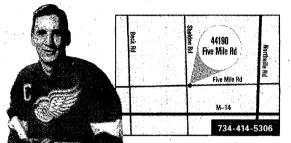


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Parade leaders from left in 1982 are the late Ed McNamara (then mayor of Livonia) with Mike Sullivan and Archdiocese of Detroit Cardinal Edmond Szoka.

# Party marks 50 years of St. Patrick parades

Although the holiday is still months away, those who celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Detroit have a lot to celebrate in January.

Organizers say 2008 will mark the 50th year of the St. Patrick's Parade in Detroit.

The United Irish Societies will host a black-tie optional dinner dance to mark that anniversary at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Dearborn Inn. The event takes the parade back to its roots, since the first St. Patrick's Day Parade was in Dearborn.

The event will include plenty of music including Detroit signer Brian Bonner, local harpist Siobhan McKinney, and Andy Cooney and his Irish Band (of New York) playing Irish dance music.

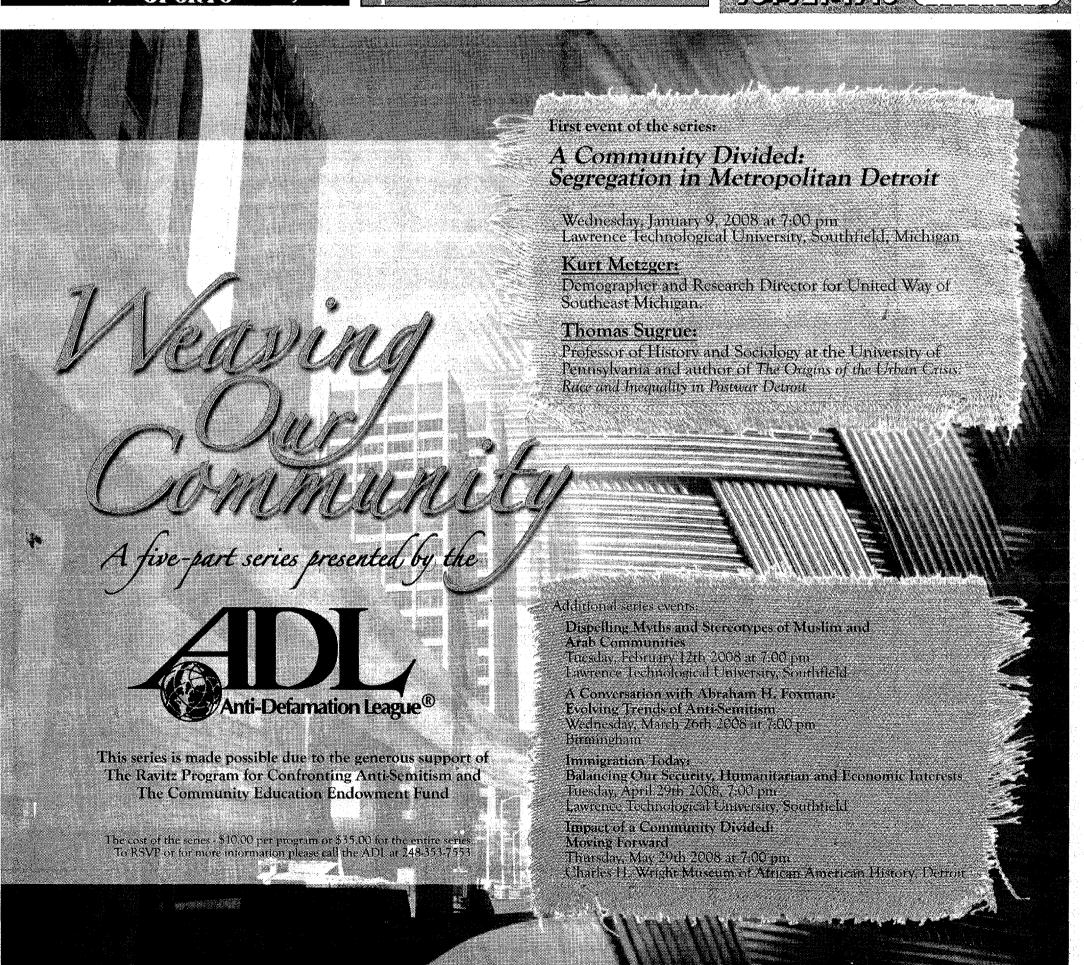
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Parade watchers pack the street in Detroit for the St. Patrick's Day march in 1961.

the parade's history on the walls. Tickets for the event are \$110 per person can be purchased by contacting Peggy Walsh at (313) 882-8163. Tables of up to 10 can be reserved.







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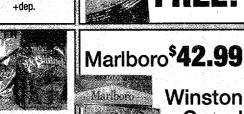
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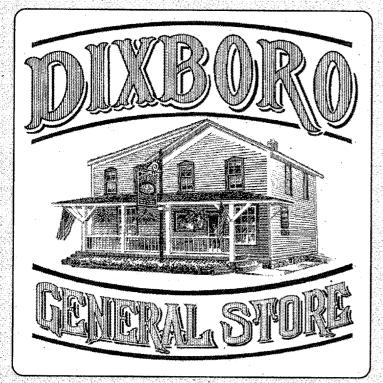
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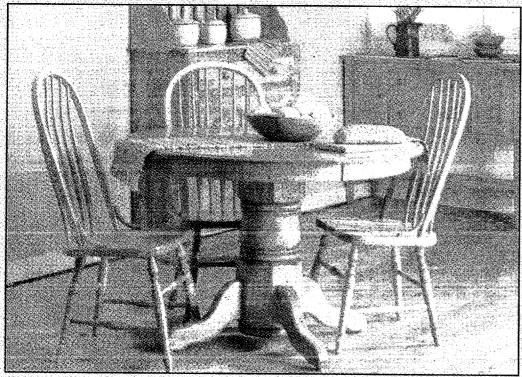
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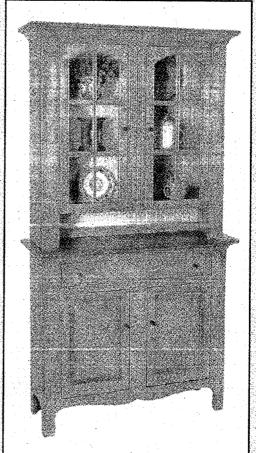
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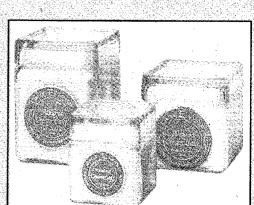


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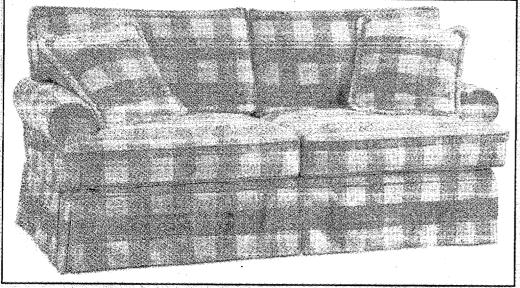
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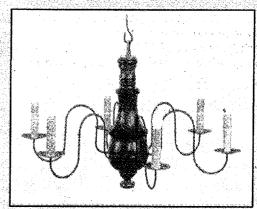












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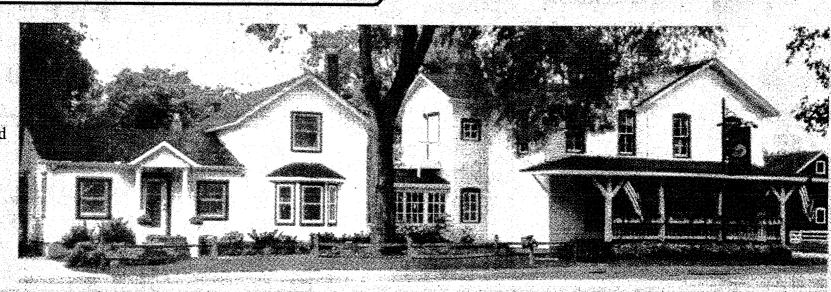


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**OUR VIEWS** 

## For auld lang syne, don't drink, drive

his year, we will be especially happy to say goodbye to 2007 and welcome 2008 and a promise of better things to come.

Unfortunately, all too many of us choose to celebrate the New Year with too much alcohol. We may begin with a drink to lighten our hearts or loosen our tongues. We may believe we have everything under control after a couple drinks to make us merry. But soon the mind becomes fuzzy, the motor skills become impaired, the emotions become volatile and some will make the terrible decision to get behind the wheel of an automobile. The alcohol combined with the usually perilous weather conditions of New Year's Eve set the stage for tragedy.

As a newspaper, we are all too familiar with the consequences of that terrible decision. Every year we report on the deadly aftermath of a drunken driver's bad decision. Quite often the dead are innocent people who came in the path of a drunken driver, who would at any other time be considered a solid citizen. One foolish moment often destroys many lives.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments offers these, we hope, sobering

- Impaired driving is the most frequently committed violent crime, randomly killing someone in America every 30 minutes.
- Crashes involving drinking tend to be more serious than nondrinking crashes. A fatality in a crash is 11 times more likely when alcohol is involved.
- In Southeast Michigan, alcohol was involved in 31 percent of all traffic deaths in 2006. Alcohol was a factor in 123 deaths and more than 2,800 injuries in 2006 (131 deaths in 2005).
- In Michigan, alcohol was involved in 35 percent of all fatal crashes in 2006. Alcoholrelated crashes accounted for 383 deaths.
- In the United States, 17,602 people were killed (or 41 percent of all fatalities) in 2006 in crashes involving alcohol.

Though it's been said many times, many ways, don't drink and drive.

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"No, because I never would follow it, so there's no sense trying. I have no willpower."

Gina Alexander Redford



"I'm not making one this year. They're usually broken in a week or two, so my resolution is to not make one."

Steve Baker Redford



"Mine's to get a 3.0 grade point average in school this semester."

John Iltis Redford

**LETTERS** 

Do you plan to make a New Year's resolution?



"Yeah, it's to make some changes in my life."

Karla Cushinberry Detroit

#### **Beware of China's threat**

Warning to U.S. citizens: China is stealing your jobs, your health, your independence, even your No. 1 status as a super military power.

Extra low wage scales make China a magnet for elite industrialists who have no conscience or sense of patriotism to the United States or its middle class. China's slipshod manufacturing standards have resulted in historic recalls of toys you buy for your children. Your children, for heaven sakes! What others are there that have not yet been found?

The U.S. owes China almost \$3 trillion in borrowed revenue not to mention the trade deficit the U.S. has with China. U.S. citizens will be paying this for generations not born yet.

U.S. industrialists have sold out the citizens of America for cheap labor. Industrialists have given China secrets of all sorts. Technology was given away for cheap products, labor, and the root of evil. more money for stocks.

Unpatriotic industrialists have no concern for the U.S. citizen or the health of the U.S. itself. They won't do what is right for this country. Their concern is the company's

bottom line and their own out-ofproportion bonuses.

When outsourcing everything to other countries, who will make our war needs when the U.S. becomes weak and cannot produce for itself? Who will make the rifles and the bullets when it has been outsourced?

The U.S. government has knowledge of China's spending on war materials that include ships, missiles, troops and other military needs. Just recently the Chinese refused the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk permission to port where the relatives of sailors were waiting to see their loved ones. Suspicious if you ask me. Then just a few days later, China refused safe harbor to two U.S. military ships during a storm at sea. Again, seems suspicious, don't you think?

China is not a good friend to the U.S. After all the U.S. has done for China in past history, they treat us as an enemy when U.S. politicals and industrialists grovel at China's feet. They call this globalization.

Making the U.S. middle class unable to work at a living growing wage or killing the middle class altogether will also kill the largest consumer market in the world.

Breakup of nation

Larry G. Blair

Recent actions in Congress, when viewed in their totality, indicate a slow, but steady drift of our political system into a state of totalitarian rule. If this drift continues, it will endanger the survival of our democratic system and ulti-

mately the breakup of our nation. Congress should reverse this suicidal course before the point of no return is reached.

**Steven Lukacs** Livonia

#### Response is humbling

Life through e-mail has been a Christmas blessing this year for families who are less fortunate. One e-mail, requesting help for needy families, sent to friends and family of a Westwood Community School District employee, made its way throughout the state in a moment's notice. People shared the e-mail with their friends and family and soon it became an example of the "pay it forward" experience.

Many families in the Thorne Elementary School community had

food and gifts for Christmas that they would not have enjoyed without the thoughtful and generous donations of people from all over the metro Detroit area. A special thanks to the following institutions and businesses along with all of the individual donors who received the e-mail request and responded in kind:

The University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Risk Management Department, members of St. Michael Parish, Sorella's Bakery, Henry Ford Village Retirement Community and Girl Scouts NSU

In addition to the humbling response to a single e-mail, the children of Thorne School will be protected from the winter weather thanks to an abundance of brand new coats donated by the Share A Smile Foundation, supported by Flagstar Bank.

We send a heartwarming thank you to all who embraced an opportunity to help the less fortunate.

**Maureen Molloy** principal Jean Schoenberger principal

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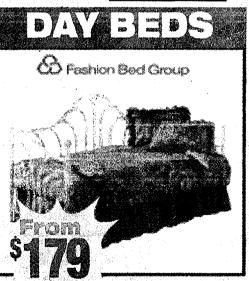


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## Beard-led **Panthers** slow down Titans

Brad Emons, editor . (734) 953-2123 . bemons@hometownlife.com

#### PREP HOOPS

Just because Redford Union and Southgate Anderson aren't in the same division any more doesn't make the Panthers' 43-32 victory over the Titans Thursday night any less sweet.

Led by senior point guard Terrell Beard's 14 points, RU posted a satisfying 11-point triumph over Southgate in the opening round of the Grosse Ile Holiday Tournament. The win earned coach Brett Steele's cagers a berth in Friday night's championship contest against the host Red Devils.

"This was a great win for us," said Steele, whose team improved to 3-3. "Last year, Southgate Anderson and us tied for the division championship, but we were moved into different divisions this year. The rivalry is still a good one, though."

Joining Beard in the highproductivity department for the winners were junior center Leonard Wernette-Leff, who netted 10 points and seven rebounds; and Jake Hedner, who tallied seven boards.

Leading the 5-1 Titans was Phil Carr, who twined 11 points.

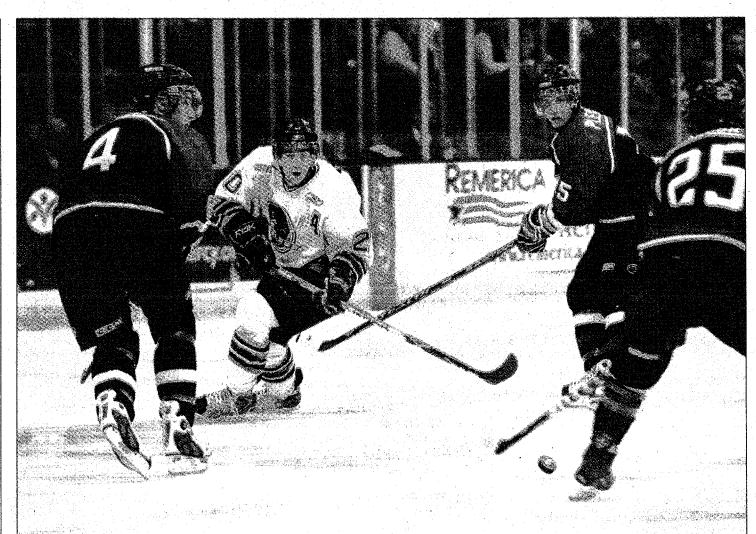
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Macomb Christian 42: On Thursday in the Immaculate **Conception Holiday** Tournament, Covenant was led by a trio of players

who hit for double figures: Kenny Jones (16), Ben Kill (15) and Lawrence Ridgell, who added 14 points and five rebounds.

Ian Ridgell registered a double-double for the winners with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Macomb was led by Joel Battjes, who recorded 24 points and 11 rebounds.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Chris Terry looks for room to maneuver between Saginaw's Nick Crawford (4), T.J. Brodie (25) and Joe Pleckaitis (15) during Thursday's 4-2 loss to the Spirit. Terry picked up a late-game assist.

## SPRINEDS

## Saginaw doubles up Whalers on Kids' Day

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

There was plenty of mascot meeting, hot dog eating and face painting during the Plymouth Whalers' "Kids' Day" matinee game against visiting Saginaw Thursday afternoon at Compuware Arena.

Unfortunately for the Whalers, there wasn't nearly enough lamp lighting.

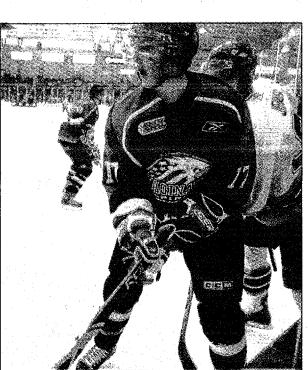
Playing before a sellout crowd of 3,510, Saginaw goalie Ryan Daniels redirected 27-of-29 shots to lead the suddenly resurgent Spirit to a 4-2 road victory. The fourthstraight triumph boosted the winners' record to 15-14-3-1 while the Whalers slipped to 19-10-2-2.

Plymouth won't have to wait long for redemption as the two teams are slated to face off again Saturday at 7:1 p.m. in Saginaw.

Both teams showed signs of the rustiness that can develop when you don't play for 12 days and practice just once in two weeks.

"It's disappointing losing at home coming off

Please see WHALERS, B3



Canton resident Joe Underwood played a strong game for Saginaw Thursday afternoon against Plymouth. Spirit earlier this month in a trade with

Underwood was acquired by the

#### ence the Goble family. **Coaches: Please** report results

Observerland prep sports coaches are encouraged to report their team's results to their respective city's sports editor.

Plymouth/Canton Editor Ed Wright can be reached at (734) 953-2108 or ewright@hometownlife.com; Livonia/ Westland Sports **Editor Brad Emons** can be reached at (734) 953-2123 or bemons@hometownlife.com; and Redford/Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith can be reached at (734) 953-2106 or tsmith@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.; the deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 11 p.m.

## Warriors' Brown drops 40 on Salem cagers

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

If you think Santa Claus made efficient use of his time the other night, vou should have seen Woodhaven's Willie Brown deliver against Salem Thursday evening in the opening game of the Allen Park Christmas Tournament.

Despite spending most of the fourth quarter on the Warriors' bench, the 6-foot-2 senior swingman filled the stockings, er, nets for 40 points in Woodhaven's 76-64 triumph over the slow-starting Rocks.

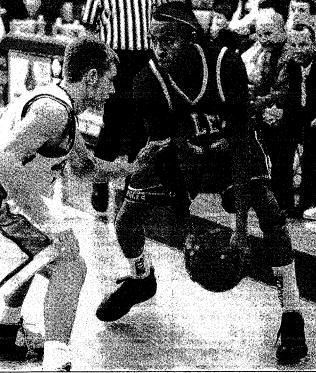
Brown hit from everywhere except the North Pole, draining triples, driving

layups, mid-range jumpers and fastbreak finger rolls with stunning regularity.

"We knew going into the game he'd be a load, and he was," lamented Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team slipped to 1-4 heading into Friday night's consolation game against the loser of Thursday's Carleton Airport-Allen Park semifinal. "He's a senior, so he's been there a while. He's a very versatile player. He can score from outside and he's very quick when he goes to the basket."

Following Thursday's setback, there's a clear-cut No. 1 item atop Brodie's list of basketball-related New Year's

Please see CAGERS, B3



TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Grant Stone, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored 32 points in the Rocks' 76-64 loss to Woodhaven Thursday night.

#### **Omitted Spartans recognized** The photos of Livonia Stevenson head football coach Tim Gabel and the Spartans' starting quarterback, Mitchell White, were inadvertently not published along with Tim Gabel the rest of the 2007 Stevenson All-Observer foot-Coach

Thursday's paper. Gabel was honored as the Observerland Coach of the Year after leading Stevenson to a 13-1 record that culminated with a loss to Macomb Dakota in the Division 1 state championship game at Ford Field.

ball team that ran in

White engineered a Stevenson offense that was second to none in the area.



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## **Redford Unified** skaters tie Kearsley, 4-4

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

A power-play goal with 26 seconds left on Dec. 22 enabled Redford Unified to skate to a 4-4 draw with host Flint Kearsley.

Tim Hall netted the equalizer, firing a sharpangle blast into the Kearsley goal from short range. Hall took a perfect centering feed from Sean Phillipart, while Maxx Scicluna also assisted.

"It was good for the kids to come back," said Unified head coach Bob Murray, whose varsity hockey team has struggled throughout December, largely because of injuries and some players remaining ineligible. "We now have three set lines and two sets of 'D,' so that's

Also good was the goaltending of Nick Smith (16 shots, 13 saves) over two periods and freshman Josh Marlow (seven shots, five saves) in the third.

It was Marlow's high school debut, and despite twice giving up the goahead goal he did stop a partial breakaway and earned praise from his coach.

"He (Marlow) played pretty well for his first time in net," said Murray, adding that another goalie, Tim Buckley, hopefully will also see his season debut in the near future.

Unified got off to a quick start. At the 13-second mark of the contest, Philippart scored on a play set up by Hall and Larry Marlow.

The Redford squad again took the lead at 2-1 in the second frame, thanks to Bob Trotter's tally. Murray said defenseman Scott Bunzeluk "pinched in on the play, and got the puck over to Bobby Trotter who let it go from the point."

But Kearsley again evened the score before the end of the frame and then went up 3-2 early in the third against new netminder Josh Marlow.

Not to be denied. Trotter's second goal (from Larry Marlow and Hall) evened things up at 3-3 only to have Kearsley score with 1:43 remaining.

In the final minute, Murray pulled his goalie to get an extra attacker on the ice and the advantage turned into a 6-4 edge thanks to a penalty against Kearsley.

Soon thereafter, Hall (one goal, two assists) ripped his shot into the net to secure the tie and allow for the long bus ride home from Flint to be more enjoyable.



A Public Hearing for taxing authorities only will be held before the Westland City Council on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 2nd floor, 36601 Ford Road, Westland.

The hearing is being held regarding the application of U.S. Farathane for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for the property located at 39201 Ford Road, Westland, MI.

> EILEEN DEHART Westland City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008** 

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

A request for rezoning of the following property from M-1, Light Industrial and R-1, Single Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial: Parcel I.D. No. 005-01-0128-002, Property more commonly known as 26802 W. Seven Mile Road, and, Parcel I.D. No. 005-02-0001-004, Vacant

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

It is further given that a copy of the plan may be examined at the Public Services building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone (313) 387-2680.

> PATRICK A. MCRAE, Chairman Planning Commission Charter Township of Redford

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#### CITY OF GARDEN CITY FINAL DETERMINATION **PUBLIC NOTICE**

On December 17, 2007 the City Council of the City of Garden City, following a duly noticed public hearing, determined to submit the following projects for funding pursuant to the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program subject to the county of Wayne's administration of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG Program.

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#### **PROJECTS ACTIVITY** <u>N</u>

**ESTIMATED AMOUNTS** Housing Rehabilitation \$ 50,000 City Park / Buildings ADA Compliance

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Senior Center

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Note: Program income in the amount of \$5,000 is estimated to be the approximate amount to be received from repayment of existing CDBG deferred loan liens. Program Income received will be used for Housing Rehabilitation. There is, in addition an annual appropriation of \$30,000 for housing rehabilitation that is separate from the Community Housing Rehabilitation funding listed above.

Further information is available by contacting Paul C. Zelenak, Community Development Director, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135 or by calling (734) 793-1663.

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### **Trot for Toys**

Pictured (from left) are Livonia Ladywood cross country runners Laura Bou-Maroun, Jordan Collins and Karlee Sipierski, who helped deliver toys to Mott Children's Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit at the University of Michigan Healthcare System in Ann Arbor recently. The toys were collected at the first Ladywood cross country Mott Trot For Toys. The 5k run and post-race party were held Dec. 1 at George Murphy's. One-hundred-and-twenty runners braved the frigid weather conditions for the event, which concluded at Bicentennial Park, Random drawing prizes were donated by Mizuno Running, Brooks Running, Running Fit, George Murphy's, Caribou Coffee, Bravos, Max and Erma's, DelSol Design and Starbucks. The grand-prize drawing — an IPod Touch — was donated by Tom Kenyon, owner of Sir Speedy Printing in Livonia.

## John Glenn's Marken triples his pleasure against Detroit Denby

By the time Westland John Glenn senior guard Stefan Marken got Detroit Denby's attention Thursday night, it was too late for the

While Denby focused on double-teaming Earl Hardison — the Rockets' top inside threat - Marken took advantage of the open space on the perimeter to drain six triples in John Glenn's 73-50 triumph in the opening-round game of the Detroit Renaissance Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament.

Marken finished with 22 points to lead the winners to their fifth consecutive victory to open the 2007-08 campaign. Denby slipped to

Also shining for the Rockets were senior

guard Keshawn Martin (18 points), Austin Anderson (10 points) and Hardison, who pulled down 10 boards to go with his six points. Marken also grabbed 10 caroms for the winners.

Angelo Summers paced Denby with 15 points. Derrick Barden added 13 for the Tars.

John Glenn led 13-12 after one quarter before blowing the game open with a 23-point second quarter to extend its halftime advantage to 36-22. The Rockets led 53-36 with eight minutes to play and were never threatened in the anti-climactic fourth quarter.

The Rockets, who played host Renaissance on Saturday night, drained 11-of-12 free throws. The Tars struggled from the stripe, connecting on just 9-of-21 attempts.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 4 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at F.H. Harrison, 7 p.m. Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Friday, Jan. 4 Melvindale at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m. Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY

**Friday, Jan. 4** Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m. Churchill vs. A.A. Pioneer at Veterans Arena, 7:45 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m. Canton at W.L. Northern at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5

Ladywood at Port Huron (McCann), 4 p.m. Franklin vs. Lakeland at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8 p.m. A.A. Pioneer Invitational, TBA Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 3:20 p.m.

#### PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Jan. 5 Fordson Invitational, 8 a.m. L'Anse Creuse Invitational, 9 a.m. Wyandotte Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Troy Invitational, 10 a.m.

#### BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 3 U-D Jesuit, Saline at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 West Bloomfield Invitational, 1 p.m. Plymouth at Tecumseh Kiwani Inviational, 10 a.m.

**GYMNASTICS** at Plymouth H.S., TBA Canton at Rockford Invitational, 8 p.m.

PREP BOWLING Saturday, Jan. 5 Ladywood Tournament at Woodland Lanes, noon W.L. Central Invitational

### at Wonderland Lanes, 1 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 5 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Saturday, Jan. 5 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Jan. 3 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 Whalers at S.S. Marie Greyhounds, 7:30 p.m

Saturday, Jan. 5
halers vs. Guelph at Compuware, 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Monday, Dec. 31 Detroit Ignition at Milwaukee Wave, 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4

Det. Ignition vs. California Cougars at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

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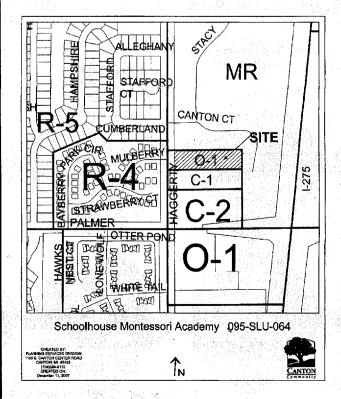
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SCHOOLHOUSE MONTESSORI SPECIAL LAND USE -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTIONS 20.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 095 99 0002 000 (1675 HAGGERTY S.). Property is located north of Palmer and east of Haggerty Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 10, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman



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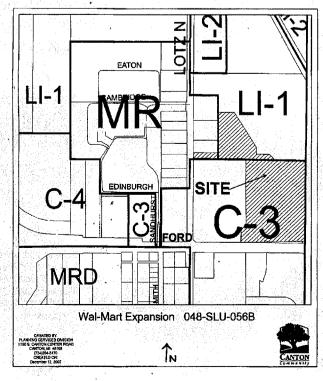
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WAL-MART SPECIAL LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LAND USE CONDITION TO ALLOW FOR RETAIL EXPANSION IN THE CORPORATE OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR PARCEL NO. 048 99 0022 708 AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.19. Property is located north of Ford Road and east of Lotz Road.

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the break, but I know we'll bounce back and we're only going to get better," said Whalers head coach Greg Stefan, who's just four games into his tenure. "Right now I'm still trying to get to know some of these kids and we're trying to put a little bit of a twist on what we want to do. Whenever you're coming off the time off that we had, you never know what you're going to get.

"Our start wasn't too bad, but then we had some defensive lapses and our penalty kill got running around a little bit. After they scored, we had some power-play opportunities of our own, but we couldn't cash in."

The afternoon was a homecoming of sorts for a couple of the visitors — Spirit coach Todd Watson, who served as an assistant coach for Plymouth before being hired by Saginaw during the off-season; and Saginaw defenseman Joe Underwood, a 17-year-old Canton resident who was traded from Guelph to Saginaw earlier this month.

"It was a little awkward at first coaching on the other side, especially because I have so many great memories here," said Watson. "But this was my second game (with Saginaw) coaching here, so you get

"Today's game was a little sloppy all around I thought. I know Stef's not happy with his team and we're not over-ecstatic with the way we played. I know they're a better team than they showed and I think we can play better, too."

Watson is high on Underwood, a steady 6-foot-1, 183-pound defenseman who logged several productive shifts Thursday and nearly scored on a whistling third-period shot from the blue line that was redirected by Whaler goalie Matt Hackett.

"He's the type of defenseman who's a stay-at-home, solid player," said Watson.



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"I thought he had a very solid game today. Joe should help us a lot."

The story of the day for the Whalers was the promising play of goalie Matt Hackett, who was filling in for usual starter Jeremy Smith, Plymouth's OHL Goaltender of the Year candidate who is currently playing for the United States in the World Junior Championships in the Czech Republic.

Hackett stymied 38-of-42 shots — two of the Spirit's goals were power plays including a trio of breakaway stops that Smith would have been proud of.

"I thought our young goalie played very well," said Stefan, who starred as a Detroit Red Wings' net-minder throughout the 1980s. "It's the first time I've seen him play and I thought he made some very good saves. We'll evaluate him tomorrow and take it from there."

The Spirit broke open a scoreless contest with three second-period goals and never looked back. Jordan Szwarz opened the scoring 4:41 into the second stanza when he deposited a rebound shot past

Christopher **Breen for** possession of the puck during Thursday's Kids' Day matinee game at Compuware Arena, The Spirit won, 4-2.

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Hackett just 10 seconds after the Whalers were whistled for a penalty. Thomas Zaborsky and Jack Combs assisted on the lamp lighter.

Saginaw doubled its lead to 2-0 six minutes later when Combs found the back of the net, this time just 22 seconds after a Plymouth infraction.

Chris Chappell's even-strength netfinder made it 3-0 with 6:24 left in the

A.J. Jenks lasered a slap shot past Daniels with 1:54 left in the second period to bring Plymouth to within 3-1, but Ryan McDonough tipped a Chappell pass past Hackett at 9:44 of the third to stretch the visitors' lead out to

Plymouth's Wes Cunningham scored the game's final goal off assists from Andrew Fournier and Chris Terry with 5:51 left.

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"We have to start playing better defense," he said. "We're giving up way too many easy baskets off offensive rebounds and we're gambling too much. When you give up 76 points like we did tonight, you're not going to win many games."

The veteran coach said poor defense can lead to shoddy execution at the other end of the court.

"When you fall behind like we did tonight (Salem trailed 12-0 after the first four minutes), you struggle offensively because you're in panic mode," Brodie said. "You want to try to get everything back real quick."

Salem senior forward Grant Stone nearly matched Brown's production as he tallied 32 points and eight rebounds. Fellow Rock Ross Davis posted a double-double (12 points and 11 boards) although he was mired in foul trouble throughout the

Senior guard Tyler Jeleniewski added seven points for Salem while junior forward Joe Posler chipped in with six.

After tumbling into a 19-4 first-quarter abyss, the Rocks displayed some resiliency by piecing together an 8-0 run to end the stanza. An inside hoop by Stone with 6:40 left in the sec-

ond quarter brought Salem to within 23-16, however, Woodhaven answered with a 9-0 streak to surge ahead 32-16.

A steal-and-layup by Jeleniewski made it 35-25 Woodhaven at the intermis-

The pivotal point of the game unfolded early in the third quarter when the Warriors reeled off a 9-0 run to extend their advantage to 46-29 with 4:40 left in the period.

The closest Salem got in the final eight minutes was 66-55 thanks to a pair of Posler free throws with 3:10 left.

Brown was far from a one-man show for the 5-1 Warriors. Others making major contributions were senior guard Josh Satterfield (16 points); and senior forward Richard Sutherlin and Marquis Barnett, who both netted nine points.

Salem committed 20 turnovers against Woodhaven's trapping pressure-cooker defense.

The Rocks shined from the line, sinking 18-of-21 free throw attempts.

The Warriors were good on 8-of-14 from the charity

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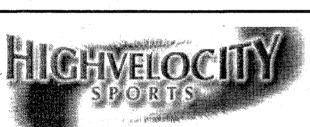
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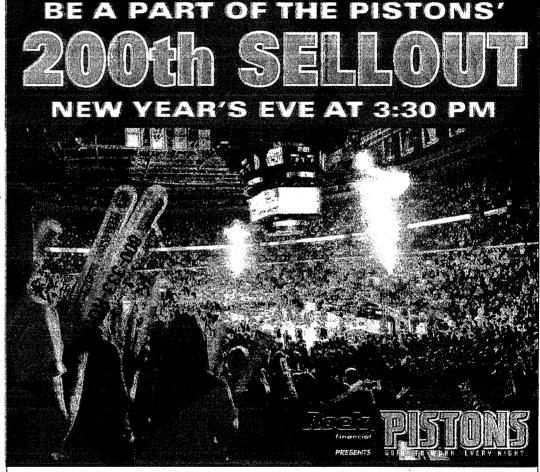




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# Curing cravings

## Hypnosis could be key to weight loss, expert says

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Gene O'Dow didn't believe that only one session of hypnosis could reduce his ballooning waist line, but that was 10 years ago before he attended a weight loss seminar with Rena Greenberg. Back then the Livonia man weighed nearly 289 pounds. The \$59 he spent on learning self-hypnosis enabled him to change his life. O'Dow has maintained a weight around 196 pounds ever since. In fact, over the years he's encouraged several of his family members and friends to attend Wellness Seminars with Greenberg who returns to the area in January.

"I blew \$59 at McDonald's every week," said Gene O'Dow. "At the seminar you . had the opportunity to leave before you pay. I decided to stay after the orientation. What you thought was 10 minutes was probably 45 minutes (under hypnosis). I heard chairs moving and Rena talking about making better decisions. After I would go to the refrigerator 15 times and unwrap a chocolate Easter egg. I was so guilt ridden I walked away from the fridge. Two weeks later the scale is moving left, not right anymore. That was almost like a drug to me."

For the next 30 days O'Dow listened to Greenberg's cassette to refresh his memory about the hypnosis session.

"Since then I transferred it to my iPod. I went from a pant size 42 to 36," said O'Dow. "I swore to myself I'd never go

back. I know what to do. I listen to the tape and it will help. She made it known this is a lifetime commitment.'

Greenberg was determined to change her eating habits after going through a health crisis in 1990. She admits to having a sugar addiction back then. In her new book, The Craving Cure: Break the Hold Carbs and Sweets Have on Your Life, Greenberg shares the knowledge that helped regain her health.

"I know what it's like to crave food. I started to exercise excessively to not gain weight," said Greenberg, who doctors eventually diagnosed with an irregular heart beat. She had a permanent pacemaker implanted at age 26. "When I got sick I basically had to go to bed. I had to learn about nutrition and balance, learn to exercise in moderation. What changed my life even more was when I learned about hypnosis. I began reading everything I could about the power of the mind."

Greenberg used hypnosis to reprogram her thoughts. Previously she had swung from diet to diet.

"The purpose of self-hypnosis is to make it automatic so it becomes second nature. A behavior modification booklet comes with the seminar and has a lot of tips to help," said Greenberg. "At the seminar they like the hypnosis to break old habits and plant new behaviors. Everyone who comes to the seminars already knows what healthy food is. The hypnosis helps change the self-programming. When

thoughts change our behavior naturally changes."

The book includes self-hypnosis techniques that can be used at home along with breathing exercises and recipes for juices. Greenberg began juicing after becoming sick.

"I wanted to give an easy way to eliminate the cravings with a twoweek cleanse. I found juicing to be incredibly helpful to get those nutrients into the body so you're not always looking to eat something else," said Greenberg.

"We're being hypnotized all the time by the environment, ads, media, what we've learned from parents. We subconsciously have habits and pleasurable associations with the wrong food. It's the emotional eating. Those foods remind us of comfort. We associate them with love. Mom didn't give us broccoli when we were sick or needed comforting. She gave us cookies and milk."

The Craving Cure is available at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, easywillpower. com, or by calling (800) 848-2822.

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Reak the Hold Carlis and Sweets Have on Your Life

## Physician offers tips for a healthy 2008

Dr. J. Mario Molina of Molina Healthcare in California is offering a number of guiltless New Year's resolutions. Here are his common sense tips for a healthier 2008.

Breakfast can be the most important meal of the day. In 2008, eat breakfast to help prevent fatigue and irritability in the New Year.

Vary the color of the vegetables you eat. According to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), you should eat a variety of vegetables (and fruits) each day.

Be flexible. Expect that there will be changes in your life. Flexibility can help you complete your goals. Remember to acknowledge incremen-

tal successes. Challenge yourself in 2008. Take an art course. Learn a new language, or use this year's Summer Olympics as inspiration to try a new sport. Whatever you choose, opening your mind and body up to new ideas and

activities helps keep us young. Meditate. Spend time with your pet. Both meditation and having a pet can lower your blood pressure and heart rate. Experiment with different meth-

ods to reduce stress. Take part in some form of regular

exercise each day. Exercise can help maintain weight, enhance your mood, lower blood pressure and some studies show that exercise reduces the risk of some cancers. 7. Spend time with loved ones and friends. We know that friendships are one of the keys to keeping us happy and healthy.

Make sure you have an emergency kit in your home and car. Wear your seat belt in your car and a helmet when riding a motorcycle. Avoid  $smoke-filled\ rooms, high\ traffic\ areas,$ breathing in highway fumes and exercising near busy intersections.

Quit smoking. If you tried before, try again, and again and again. On average, studies show that smokers try four times before they quit for good.

Smile. Tell a joke. Laugh. Laughing can lower blood pressure, reduce stress and produce a general sense of well-being.

Molina Healthcare (www.molinahealthcare.com), a Medicaid-focused. managed care organization, arranges for the delivery of health care services to persons eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, and other governmentsponsored programs for low-income families and individuals in nine states including Michigan.

#### **JANUARY**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park area at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites located off of the southbound M-5 Service Drive behind the Bill Cook Automotive Dealerships. To schedule an appointment, call (517) 545-7712. The holiday season is an especially difficult time to collect the 800 units of blood needed on a daily basis to fulfill the requirements local hospitals. Platelets only have a shelf life of only 5 days and are necessary to treat patients undergoing cancer therapy, open heart surgery, leukemia, or aplastic anemia. One donation of blood will help three hospital patients. To help encourage participation the Red Cross will be giving a scarf to everyone attempting to donate. In addition, those attempting to donate will be entered into a drawing for a one year lease on a 2008 Mercury Mariner Premier. Other prizes include \$25, \$50 and \$200 gas cards.

New sessions starting the week of Jan. 7, at the non-profit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 591-

#### Splash classes begin

HAP's free Senior Splash Bash & Moms in Motion classes begin in January in five southeast Michigan communities with indoor pools including Southfield and Troy. Any adult can join. Classes not limited to HAP members. Programs runs Jan. 1, to March 20, at the Troy Indoor Municipal Pool, 3179 Livernois, Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10 a.m. and 10-11 a.m., and Jan. 22 to March 20, at Southfield High School, 24675 Lahser, Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m. For more information, call (313) 664-8420.

#### CHADD meeting

Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, Jan. 7, at Way Elementary on W. Long Lake Rd. east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for the meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Fran Parker Ph.D., Mary Jo Schuster and Kevin Roberts moderating a panel of college students who have been successful in college managing their AD/HD. This session is open for parents to bring teens or pre-teens. There will be a simultaneous adult informal support group in a different room. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation per non-member families. If school is closed due to inclement weather, the phone line at (248) 988-6716 will indicate if meeting is cancelled. The Web site is www.chadd.net/527.

#### Fibromyalgia support

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

To educate the community about joint replace-

#### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

ment options Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

#### Hospice benefit

Rena Greenberg

in her new book.

shares strategies to

break food addictions

Internationally renowned and award winning photographer Linda Solomon will be a specia guest at A Grand Night for Hospice XX, a black tie extravaganza with An Enchanted Evening theme, Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. The annual event hosted by The Women's Committee for Hospice Care (WCHC), a nonprofit organization that raises money and grants funds for nonprofit hospices in Macomb. Oakland and Wayne counties. Tickets \$300 patron, \$500 benefactor. For information, call (248) 680-7150, or visit www.wchcinc.org. For information about corporate ticket rates and tables, call Susan Kiltie at (248) 359-1167.

#### **CARE House of Oakland County**

Circle of Friends holds its annual fund-raising luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 29, begins at noon, preceded by a jewelry show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by designer Sharon Meyer, at The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham, A portion of proceeds will be donated to CARE House. Speaker is Naomi Griffith, a consultant on child welfare issues. a storyteller and author of Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking at Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child. She uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences in business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention and family violence systems.

Circle of Friends patron level tickets are \$150, luncheon tickets \$75. Call (248) 332-7173.

#### Wellness seminars With Rena Greenberg to quit smoking and

lose weight (all seminars last two hours) 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 29 (weight loss) at St. John Oakland Hospital, 28000 Dequindre at 11 Mile. Corporate Services Building; 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 (weight loss) at Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh; 10 a.m. (stop smoking) and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive, Administration Services Bldg. auditorium, Ann Arbor; 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 E. 12 Mile at Hoover), Main Entrance, Auditorium, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Kalman Auditorium, Main Entrance. Programs combine hypnosis and behavior modification. The first 45 minutes of session is free. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay \$79.99. Save \$10 by registering at easywillpower.com. The fee includes hypnotic session plus Greenberg's book, The Right Weigh: Six Steps to Permanent Weight Loss, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement hypnosis CD, and unlimited free repetitions of the hypnosis for one full year, if needed. No reservations required. Call (800)

#### ONGOING

#### New parents support group

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

#### H.U.G.S. support group

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

### Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide inhome companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn.org/Hospice.

#### AA support group

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

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

#### Cancer support group

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

#### Thyroid cancer support group

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

#### ONGOING

#### Our Body exhibit

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

#### sciencecenter.org. Volunteers needed

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

#### Hatha Yoga classes

Beginning and Intermediate continue 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays to May 22, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. To register, call (734) 655-1145.

## Go Red For Women Calendar available

The second annual, full-color 2008 American Heart Association Metro Detroit Go Red For Women calendar is now available in time for holiday shopping. Each 12-month calendar provides tips to empower women to join the fight against heart disease and love their heart all year long. This year's issue of the calendar features photos of the 2008 Metro Detroit Go Red For Women Luncheon Executive Leadership Team; doctors, nurses, and patients from St. John Health, Metro Detroit Goes Red sponsor, as well as members of the metro Detroit media at various locations in and around the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

"The goal of the 2008 Metro Detroit Go Red For Women calendar is to provide a tool to remind women that preventing heart disease should be a priority all year long," said Dr. Joan Crawford, medical chair of the 2008 Metro Detroit Go Red For Women

Reserve your copy of the 2008 Metro

Detroit Go Red For Women calendar by contacting the American Heart Association at (248) 936-5806. A donation of \$15 benefits the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women campaign.

Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national movement that raises women's awareness of their risk for heart disease and helps them learn, and take action to reduce, their personal risk for heart disease.

Metro Detroit Goes Red, the American Heart Association's local partnership with St. John Health, stresses the message that heart disease is women's leading cause of death in Metro Detroit, a fact that most women do not take to heart. The local movement also provides tools to educate women to take the necessary steps to prevent heart disease. For more information about the Metro Detroit Goes Red For Women campaign visit goredforwomen.org or stjohn.org/gored.



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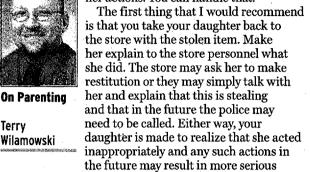
## Work with your child to build up trust

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i recently found out that my 11-year-old daughter shoplifted an item from the store while I was with her. I found it when we got home and confronted her about it. To her credit, she admitted to doing this and said that she had never done anything like this before. But I'm not sure if I can believe her. I am so angry and embarrassed. How could she do this? I raised her better than this. How can I make sure that she doesn't do this again?

As serious as this is, it is not all that uncommon. It does not mean that your daughter is a hardened criminal or that you've done a bad job as a parent. It means that your

daughter made a poor decision and that she needs to face some consequences for her actions. You can handle that.



Wilamowski penalties.

Secondly, I would take this opportunity to address how her actions have hurt the trust between the two of you. Explain that you are having difficulty trusting her to make the right decisions and that you will need her to regain this through her best efforts. Tell her that she will need to remain beside you at all times while you are in stores until you are convinced that she will not steal again. .

It is important that you recognize that this does not mean that she is a bad person and she should not be made to feel this way. She needs to understand that it is the behavior that is unwanted and not her. Remind her that you love her and that she will always be a person that you are proud of but that she needs to learn how to avoid these kinds of problems by making appropriate choices. Explain to her that if she wants something she should talk to you about ways to earn it.

Once she has demonstrated that she has learned her lesson, let her know that she has regained your trust and that you are proud of her efforts. Help her to realize that it is not always easy to admit to making a mistake but that when you do, you can usually avoid making similar mistakes in the future.

I have a friend that gives her son everything that he asks for. I mean it ... EVERYTHING! If he mentions something in passing, she writes it down to get for him. Her house looks like a toy store. I've tried to explain to her that this is not a good thing and that she may actually be hurting him in the long run but she disagrees with me. She feels that this makes her a good mother and that if I was a good mother I would do this for my own daughters. I don't know if this matters, but my friend is a single mother and her son's father is really not in the picture at all. Anyway, I know that she reads your column and that she respects what you say. So what do you think? Is she being a good mom or just a spoiling one?

I think that your friend is a good mother that is spoiling her son. The two things are not mutually exclusive. A parent can be both. And I really think that your friend is trying to be the best mother possible. Unfortunately, in at least one respect, she is going about it in a less than

Most parents want to give their kids things. It makes us feel good to make our children happy. The problem is that if we give too much and too often, it loses its value and becomes expected rather than appreciated as something special.

It sounds as if your friend may be trying to assuage some feelings of guilt with material goods. She may feel that she has to pick up the slack created by a less than present father or that she is lacking as a mother in some way. Whatever her motivation, she does not realize that she is establishing impossible standards for herself and their relationship. Unless she is extremely wealthy, how can she keep this up? What will happen when she can't give him what he wants?

By telling our children "no" we are teaching them to make good decisions and deal with disappointments. If they never hear this word, they never learn these lessons. And as anyone with experience in the real world will tell you, these lessons are essential for leading a happy and

Continue to model the appropriate behaviors for your friend but avoid coming across as if you are criticizing her parenting. This will only put her on the defensive. It may be better for you if you allow her to come to you with concerns rather than have you raise them. After all, your friend is a good mother and she will need to face the consequences of her current actions at some point. When she does, she will be more receptive to your input and suggestions.

Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents, and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions or comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@vahoo.com.

## **Unleashed gaming**

## Computer gaming center offers variety

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

A steady stream of shoppers stop in to investigate the spacious playing arena featuring 20 Xbox 360s and two Nintendo Wiis. Unleashed Gaming opened in early October at Westland Mall with nearly 50 titles, including Halo 3, Call of Duty 4, and Guitar Hero III. Gamers can not only challenge themselves, but play against their friends, or people from around the world, by linking to Xbox Live.

"It's all about having fun," said Mike Fawaz, who co-owns the computer gaming center with Chuck Kallil of Canton. "This is something they could set up at home, but people like doing it because it's a social friendly environment. We're trying to persuade people to get out of their room and play here."

Fawaz and Kallil decided to open the gaming center after noticing kids walking aimlessly around Wireless Giant, where Fawaz was assistant manager, and a jewelry kiosk Kallil operated in the mall. Fawaz, 20, grew up playing games. He's been working since age 14 and first gained management experience at his father's gas station in Fraser. Kallil, 34, earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Kentucky, then spent seven years as a sales rep for Leggett & Platt, a Fortune 500 company in Florida. Even though they're still paying off the equipment, the two think the gaming center will be financially profitable once the word spreads. As of yet they have not advertised. They're relying on word of mouth.

"We saw potential for something for the kids to do in the mall," Kallil said. "We have anyone from kids to grandparents coming in with their grandsons. We have an older crowd in their 20s instead of going out to the bar will come over here."



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includes guitars and drum pads

"My kids are here all the time,

that actually teach up to four

every chance they get," Kallil

said. "They say, 'Dad can I come

Rock Band, costs \$180 and

amateur musicians to play.

to work with you?"

Thomas Thornton, 14, of Westland, plays Madden NFL 2008.



Ritondale, 14, of Westland plays Skate.

MATCHMAKING

"Xbox Live finds players and hooks you up in a match," Kallil said. "You're not playing against a computer or program. You're playing against somebody. You're linked to the same game."

Travis Graves was on Xbox Live playing Call of Duty 4. The 19-year-old Southfield man is unable to play games at home.

"This is brand new, just came out," Graves said. "I get to play with people all over the world. That's the neat part about it. I love it. I stay as long as I can."

Unleashed Gaming draws players from as far away as Lansing and Battle Creek for tournaments. The regular crowd comes from Livonia, Plymouth and the surrounding communities.

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nies but is eventually going to

include businesses, that while

their products here, supporting

"Almost all my work comes

not Michigan owned, make

workers in the state.

## **FAMILY FUN**

The gaming experience appeals to the entire family. Both agree they don't want Unleashed Gaming to turn into a hangout. They try to make it a safe environment to attract all ages. The youngest gamer is around age 4 and comes in with his father to play Wii, a popular gaming system in demand right

"We try to aim for the high school and younger crowd," said Fawaz of Dearborn Heights. "Mom drops them off in here and does her shopping. We have no problem dropping off kids,

them leaving, and we're very strict on the rating of games. 'M' is for age 17 with parents of younger kids signing a form or we won't allow them to play. 'T is for teens. 'E' is for everyone." Kallil's children, Chase, 12,

but we're not responsible for

and Hannah, 8, love the place. The father of two estimates it would cost him \$3,000-plus to have the same setup at home. Xbox alone is priced at \$350, a TV with high definition around \$700, and the games \$60 each, plus \$50 for the Xbox Live subscription.

One of the newest games,

## Think Michigan first catching on with consumers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Forget about making a resolution to lose weight this new year. Lisa Diggs is asking everyone to take the pledge to buy Michigan goods and services starting Jan. 1.

Think Michigan First - the words seem to automatically come out of Diggs' mouth during conversation. The Livonia woman became a cheerleader for the state after business travels opened her eyes to the progress being made in other parts of the country.

Diggs' consulting business, the Catalyst Company, helps organizations attain and sustain success so it was only natural she came up with a solution to turn around the economy in Michigan. Diggs just never



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can expand the categories for

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Right now the Web site fea-

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Better Made potato chips.

nies will self-report so she

dreamed the Web site, wwwbuymichigannow.com, would require her attention seven days a week. Since going online the day after Thanksgiving, the Web site's lists have grown thanks to suggestions from friends and family. Diggs is

buymichigannow. com promotes the state's products and businesses.

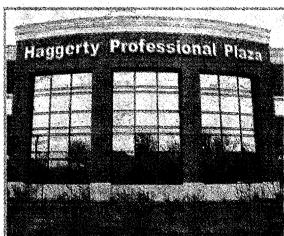
Lisa Diggs' new

Web site, www.

from outside the state. I would like to be helping businesses here," said Diggs, 42. "I thought what can I do to make a bigger contribution? Could I buy from a local business? "I want to give people some-

thing to do. All of us can go to a locally owned store or restaurant and read labels to see if it came from a Michigan business. I changed my buying habits. If you would have looked in my refrigerator two months ago 20 to 30 percent of the products were Michigan made. Now it's 70 percent — dairy products, most of my produce although

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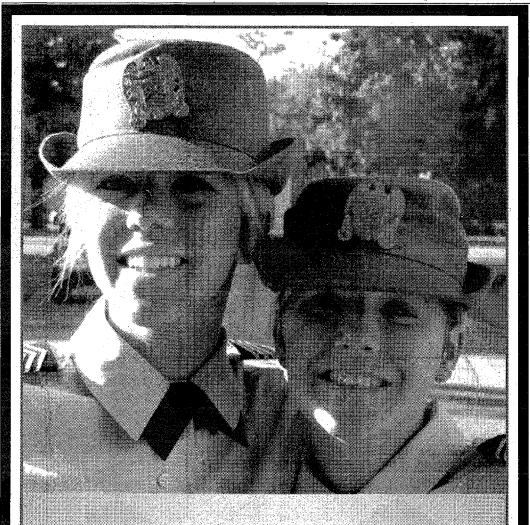
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# Irish to celebrate 50 years of St. Patrick's Parade history

STAFF WRITER

No, it's not a fund-raiser, says Bridie Flynn. The St. Patrick's Parade dinner/ dance is simply meant to celebrate 50 years of history on Jan. 12, at The Dearborn Inn.

Why The Dearborn Inn?
The city hosted the first
parade in the Detroit area to
honor Ireland's patron saint.

"We've been working on this for 15 months. It's going to be a big celebration sponsored by United Irish Societies," said event chairwoman Flynn of Livonia. "It's black tie optional with dinner and dancing to the music of Andy Cooney, an Irish band from New York. It's going to be a fun party."

The celebration is just the beginning of the festivities surrounding the parade which is actually being held Sunday, March 17, in 2008. Usually the parade takes place the Sunday prior to St. Patrick's Day. The Grand Marshal is Pat O'Hara who's active in the Irish community and Irish Cultural Forum.

"We have the Maid of Erin

lead the parade," said Flynn, who for many years led the search for the young Irish woman (ages 17-23) judged on poise, appearance, presentation, speaking ability, and knowledge of Irish culture. "The Maid of Erin has to be of Irish descent. When she is chosen she gets a scholarship of \$700, \$300 for first runner-up from the United Irish Societies."

For more information, call Ann Poppe at (586) 790-2566.

A second pageant selects
St. Bridgid's Court. It is held
by the Ladies Ancient Order
of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy
division. For details, call
Maureen Kelly at (734) 6320334. The criteria for age and
descent are the same. The
winners of both pageants will
be announced at the Grand
Marshal's brunch March 14,
and is open to the public.
"We have different divi-

sions of United Irish Societies consisting of 30 organizations in Michigan including the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Equity, Gaelic League, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Dearborn Gales," said Flynn, who left Ireland for the U.S. in 1960.

"Martin Fleming of
Dearborn was the key organizer of the first parade
in 1959. He was also Irish
born. In 1985 the decision
was made for the parade to
be on the Michigan Avenue
route in Corktown, Detroit's
historic old Irish neighborhood. In 2008 we'll have the
Painting of the Shamrock (on
Michigan Avenue) fund-raiser
the Friday before on March

Each year's parade has a different theme. When the event steps off at 2 p.m., parade goers can expect to see Irish units "honoring the past, marching into our future."

But before the big day, there will be a fund-raiser Feb. 24, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road in Livonia.

"This parade costs a lot of money so that's why we have a lot of fund-raisers," said Flynn.

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it gets tougher in winter. Now I buy Big Chief sugar. In my work I schedule a lot of meetings. Instead of a national chain, I'll go to a local or Michigan-based restaurant like Beaners."

Diggs isn't asking consumers to simply buy Michigan, she wants everyone to speak positively about the state, and take the pledge on the Buy Michigan Now Web site.

"Let's stop complaining and waiting to do something," said Diggs. "Make a pledge to think Michigan first to choose a product that fits my families needs and if I have a choice I'll

choose Michigan. If you can change one product and put that money into our economy. Also there's the ecological aspect. If you buy an apple from Washington state it had to get on a truck. Stuff made in China used all that fuel to get here."

Diggs believes every
Michigan resident can make a
difference. She not only used
a local company to build the
Web site but features photographs taken by her father,
Lawrence Diggs, a Livonia
lensman. Her idea seems to
be catching on. So far, Diggs
has invested her own money in
the project, but plans to start
taking sponsors because of the
response to the Web site.

"We had 6,000 hits in the

first month," said Diggs. "It shows how much people are excited about this idea. We together are going to make this change. People from 12 different states have taken the pledge and want to support the state with online shopping. If you have a choice of buying online or going down the street, go down the street. That supports Michigan workers or at least get them from the store. We need to think about that we're all in this together. Shop locally, but in this sense can mean on the west side of the state to put money in the tax pool.

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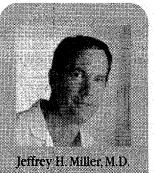


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## Author's 1st novel: 'dark, urban fantasy'

STAFF WRITER

Vampires, shrinks ... They don't seem to go together. But they do for Lynda Hilburn whose first print novel, The Vampire Shrink. is the story of a therapist's young client who wants to be a vampire.

But before you pick it up to read, understand it's not quite a horror story, paranormal romance or a new tale of Count Dracula.

According to Hilburn, the novel "crosses genres, it's a little of this, a little of that."

"People look at the cover and say it must be a horror story and if you see the cover, it sort of looks like it, but it's not," said Hilburn. "It's a dark urban fantasy with lots of romance, sex, mystery and lots of humor."

The book is the first in a series of heroine stories Hilburn plans to write and draws from her experience as psychotherapist, licensed hypnotherapist and founder/director of SoulWorks **Hypnotherapy Training** School in Boulder, Colo.

It's based in part on a mother who came to Hilburn, looking for help her daughter who was acting out in Goth and wanting to be a vampire. The main character also is "an idealized version" of the author.

"I've always been fascinated by the strangest of human nature," she said. "I like lifting up the stone to see what's underneath."

A Garden City resident, Hilburn spent two years writing the book which was released in October by Medallion Press. During the

Get on the ball.

process, she discovered that writing fiction is far more difficult than nonfiction and found that she "had to throw out a lot of versions" in the process.

Another discovery was the time it took to find an agent and then work out a book deal. In the end, it was Medallion Press which "was extremely excited about the book from the first reading."

"I had a junior agent who I think lost interest when it didn't sell right away, but Medallion Press wanted to buy it and he did a great job for me negotiating a contract," she said.

Hilburn's roots trace back to Detroit where she lived until her family moved to Garden City. She was 13 years old and admits the shift from urban to suburban was a culture shock.

She graduated from Garden City West High School in 1969 and staved in the area until 1977 when she moved to Colorado. She later returned to complete her undergraduate studies in psychology at Michigan State University in 1987 and went on to get a master's degree in transpersonal counseling and psychology from the Naropa Institute.

As an author she has discovered writing is a timeconsuming process. She now works part time as a counselor and spends her off hours working on her second novel, due to the publisher by tomorrow (Dec. 31). It has a working title of Dark Harvest and has an October 2008 release date.

"I'm spending a lot of time writing, it's the quiet time of the year for my practices,"

A happy Lynda Hilburn shows off a copy of her first print novel, 'The Vampire Shrink,' during a recent book signing in Boulder, Colo.

said Hilburn. "I'm focusing entirely on sitting in my bathrobe writing. It seems kind of isolated and weird to be locked in a writer's cage."

Hilburn's The Vampire Shrink online

You can read excerpts from

at www.lyndahilburn.com. The book also is available online through e-booksellers www.barnesandnobl. come and www.amazon.com.

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#### REUNIONS

#### Dearhorn Fordson

Class of 1969 Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

#### **Detroit Christ the King Elementary** Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734)354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

#### **Garden City High School**

Class of 1960 Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of 1-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

#### Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace. com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set

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#### Lincoln Park High School Looking for members of Lincoln Park

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#### Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or email: Kayninilu@aol.com.

#### **Plymouth High School** Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact

#### phs40threunion@charter.net. Plymouth-Canton high schools

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassof1988@yahoo.com for more infor-

### **GET TO KNOW THE ROUGE**

If you've ever been interested in learning more about the health of the Rouge River, Friends of the Rouge and the communities in the Rouge watershed are offering the perfect opportunity. They are co-sponsoring a benthic macroinvertebrate sampling program, in which volunteers will search various sites in the watershed for aquatic insects, which are an indicator of the river's health. The program takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Volunteers will meet at the

**Environmental Interpretive** Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. They will be assigned into teams prior to their arrival. Teams will be led by trained volunteers and travel to different sites in the headwaters of the Rouge River Watershed. Volunteers sort through samples collected from the stream by team leaders for stoneflies.

Registration is required by Jan. 18 by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.org. No experience is necessary. Children are welcome when accompanied by one adult per child.



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#### **EXERCISE**

You cannot hear a discussion on good health without someone bringing up the important role of exercise. There is little controversy on that point. A more difficult question to answer is: what is the best exercise? Your activity should be one that is convenient and comfortable for you, but not too comfortable. After all, what you are doing is called a workout.

For more people walking or jogging is the most straightforward way to exercise. You can walk in a neighborhood, mall, or gym. With equipment you can ambulate at any speed in your home. You must be careful about equipment. For instance, step master offers excellent exercise, but the repetition of steps means the same muscles, bones and ligaments of your feet are under repetitious strain. In contrast, when you are walking on the street no two steps are the same. Your feet are spared the traumatic effect of repeated pounding.

Another aspect of exercise is its extent and duration. If you are over age 60, you should exercise at least a half hour a day, six days a week. The older you become, the more you need exercise. The aging process requires you to do more to maintain the same level of stamina and strength. That means if you are seventy, you should probably exercise an hour a day and in that regimen include working with weights or sit-ups and push-ups.

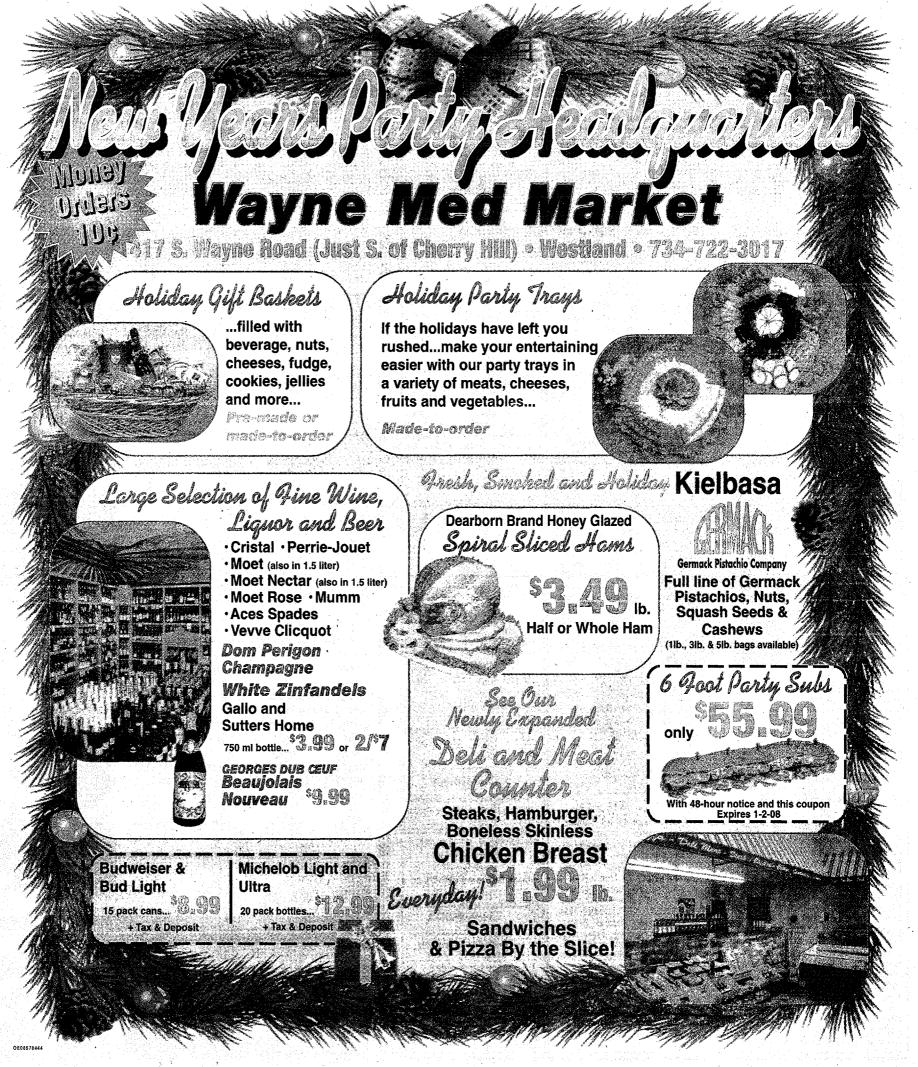
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### All wrapped up

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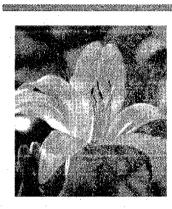
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Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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Age 29 of Grand Rapids passed away in his sleep December, 22, 2007. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Shannon Cooper, parents, Ralph and Joan Cooper, brothers; William Cooper, Matt (Jean) Cooper, sister Amy (Wick) Thomas, father and mother-in-law, Den and Mary Ketelaar, sister and brother-in-laws, Darcy Ketelaar, Michael Ketelaar, nieces and nephews; Lauren, Brady, Riley Jane Cooper and Charley, Cooper Thomas, Godmother, Bettie Rappleyea and their dog Alice. John graduated from Northwood University. He was a person who could light up a room when he entered. John was loved by all and will be deeply missed. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, December 27, 2007 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For those who wish memorials can be made to Salvation Army or a charity of ones choice. To leave a tribute please log onto:



#### ROBERT PETER CROTEAU

Passed away quietly in his home, per his wishes, on December 26 2007 in Plymouth MI, after a long battle with cancer. He worked for Laurel Park Office Buildings in Livonia until February 2007. Bob was born in Keene, NH on February 26, 1946. He was a fire fighter in Keene, NH for many years until he moved to Michigan in the 1970s. He was an avid Nascar fan. Tony Stewart (#20) was his favorite. He was survived by his wife, Michele, brother, Larry of NH; sister, Pat of MA; daughter, Cheri of KY; son, Jay of MI; grandchildren, Steve of MI, Chelsea of MI, and Brian of KY, and many nieces and nephews. Private services have been held.

#### GEORGE WEBSTER DECLARK

Age 103, December 24, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (11-17-1991). Cherished father of Rose Mary (Donald) Miller and David F. (Debbie) DeClark. Dear grandfather of Jennifer Bullion, Deborah Noble, Daniel DeClark, Christopher Miller, Dawn DeClark and Beth Chapman. Loving great grandfather of Sarah Chapman, Emma Noble, Thomas Chapman, Madalyn Noble and Owen Miller. Services were held December 28, 2007, at Fisher Funeral Home, Redford Twp. followed by interment at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial contributions to Leader Dog for the Blind, Rochester, Redford Lions Club, Detroit Opera House or Detroit Symphony would be appreciated.



Of Plymouth, age 91, passed away on December 21, 2007. She came to the Plymouth community in 1945 and was a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was a member of Ward Presbyterian Church of Northville. Beloved wife of the late Walter A. Hall. Dear mother of Larry (Josephine) Hall. Grandmother of Stephanie and Gregory Hall. Visitation Friday, January 4, 2008 from 5pm-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral South Main Plymouth. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 11am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile Rd, Northville. Contributions suggested to the Deacon's Fund for the church. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

#### ANNA LOCKWOOD

Age 92 of Redford, formerly of Livonia, died December 25, 2007. Born December 12, 1915 outside of Konigsberg, East Germany, she was the youngest of eleven children. Anna came to the United States on June 13, 1935 on the "Europa" and settled in Detroit for a short while. Beloved wife of Willard "Sunshine" Lockwood, whom she married on July 11, 1940, preceded her in death in 1979. Devoted Mother to Patsy (Joe) Goupie of Westland, Butch (Barb) Lockwood of South Lyon and Susan Wess of Westland. Proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Anna and Sunshine Lockwood owned Sunshine Greenhouses and Produce in Plymouth and later in Livonia. During the slow seasons, Anna worked at Kresge's in downtown Plymouth creating their gift baskets and holiday displays - her Christmas bows were amazing! Anna believed a daily spoonful of Jaegermeister was the key to a long life. She will be lovingly remembered for her boisterous laugh, feisty spirit and whispering "goose it" when riding in a fast car. A memorial service will be held January 12, 2008, 1pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Friends may visit 12noon until service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia 48154.



THERESA J. WILSON

Dec. 25, 2007, age 69 of Canton. Dear wife of Carlton. Loving mother of Jeanne Kassem and Gary (Valerie). Proud grandma of Kevin and Anna Wilson. Dear sister of Joan (Edward) Dereniewski. Retired from Kmart Corp. as a human resources manager after 25 years of service. Longtime member of M.E.N.S.A. Visitation was held at Veremeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church 44800 Warren Rd., Canton.on Saturday. Memorials may be directed to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

To view obituary and share a memory with the family please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



of Holt, MI formerly of Troy, MI passed away December 19, 2007 at the age of 81. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific and was considered a

pioneer in the television industry working at WXYZ-TV, as an engineer for 39 years. Other interests were Toastmasters, Boys and Girls Club Judson Center Homes, American Red Cross, and AARP. Surviving him are his wife of 59 years, Barbara (Southern) Wilson; children; Kevan (Diane) of Ann Arbor, Kimberly (Daniel) Smeak of Fort Collins, CO and Kipling (Deborah) of Okemos grandchildren; Jason Smeak of Chicago, IL, Samantha Smeak of Columbus, OH, Ashley Wilson of Lake Forest, CA and Alex Wilson of Bellingham, WA; sister, Georgia Hibbs of Lansing. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, January at Gorsline-Runciman Funera Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Condolences may be left at In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Prestige Way Assisted Living, 4300 Keller Road, Holt, MI 48842, who tenderly cared for him in the last year of his life



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#### **WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

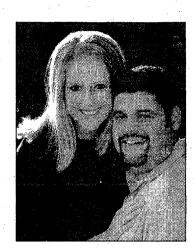
#### Marske-Sharp

Susan Marske of Rapid City, S.D., joins with Bob and Eileen Sharp of Livonia in announcing the engagement of Erica Marie Marske and Robert Lee Sharp, both of Bullhead City, Arizona. The wedding will take place in February 2008 in Laughlin, Nev. Erica graduated from South Dakota State University. She is a Fox Creek Middle School teacher. Robert graduated from Eastern Michigan University. He is a teacher and coach at Fox Creek Middle School.



#### **Root-DiPonio**

Norm and Maureen Root of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Marie, to John Thomas DiPonio of Livonia. Colleen is a graduate of Ladywood High School and obtained a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and will complete coursework at Madonna University toward obtaining a teaching certificate in December 2007. She is currently completing her student teaching at her alma mater, St. Michael's Elementary School in Livonia. John is the son of Renee and Thomas DiPonio of Livonia. He is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Lawrence Tech. He is employed as a senior engineer at J.D. Construction.



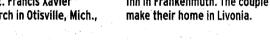
A winter 2008 wedding is being planned at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in the historic Corktown Irish section of Detroit with a reception at The Dearborn Inn.

#### **Root-Peters**

Norm and Maureen Root Jr. of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Teresa, to Robert Lawrence Peters III of Livonia.

Amy is a graduate of Ladywood High School and obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University. She is a teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district. Rob is the son of Nancy and Robert

Peters of Livonia. He is a graduate of Stevenson High School. He is employed by PMA Consultants LLC. A summer 2008 wedding is being planned at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Otisville, Mich.,



#### Herrera-Jendrusik

Marisol Herrera and Joseph

Jendrusik were joined in marriage on Dec. 1, 2007, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church by Rev. Denis Theroux. The bride is the daughter of Emilio and Guadalupe Herrera of Westland. She graduated from Franklin High School in Livonia in 1998 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2004. She works in human resources at GreenPath, inc. The groom is the son of Don and Sue Jendrusik of Livonia. He graduated from Franklin High School in 2000 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2005. He is a project manager at JC Beal Construction. Attendants were Jerred and Raena Short of Livonia; Lori and Jeff Coyle

of Westland: Bob and Julia Roscoe of Taylor; Clemente and Elena Herrera of Wisconsin: Maren Paquette and Brad Cauchi of Redford and Westland: Tracy Wantin and Mike Boza of Westland and Farmington Hills; Lisa Macdonald and Rich Dege of Livonia and Garden City; Sarah Studt and Aaron Patyna of Dearborn Heights and Redford, and Erica Hammar and John Nagle of Redford





and Livonia. All are Franklin High School alumni. Junior bridesmaids were Anessia Herrera of Westland, and Alisha and Samantha Drews of Farmington Hills. Ring bearers were Antonio and Alex Herrera of Westland, Alaina Herrera of Westland was the flower girl. The reception was at Joy Manor in Westland.

The couple honeymooned in Key West, Fla. The make their home in Westland.

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

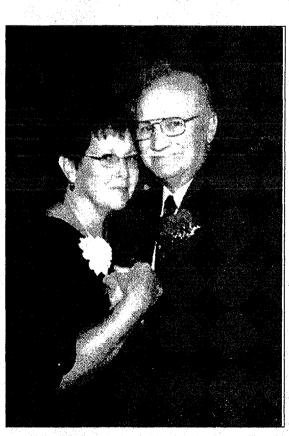
#### Richardses celebrate 50th anniversary

Ronald and Elizabeth (Betsy) Richards of Plymouth plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family brunch at Fox Hills Golf Club on Sunday,

The couple were married Dec. 28, 1957, at Nativity Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Both Ron and Betsy are Detroit natives. They have three children: Susan (Kerry McCue) of Canton; Ronald, Jr. (Kathy), Plymouth, and Robert (Amy), Plymouth. They have seven grandchildren: Ronald, Laura, Jonathan, Ronald, Justin, Daniel and Joseph, and one great-granchild, Gianna, with a second great-grandchild on the way. Ronald is retired from Ford Motor Co. Betsy is retired from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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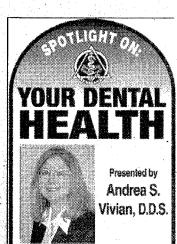
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at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at 8:30 p.m., with the main stage performance starting at 9 p.m. A buffet follows, along with music by the Terry Stevenson Trio, Enjoy a champagne toast and balloon-drop at midnight and dance until 12:30 a.m. A cash bar is also available. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.canton-mi.org/villageth-

### eater or call 734-394-5460.

Celebrate with 'celebrities' Ring in the New Year at a party, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The festivities include performances by Neil. Diamond, Rod Stewart and Blues Brothers impersonators. Tickets are \$50; \$85 per couple; or a table of eight for \$320. Tickets include an allyou-can-eat buffet dinner, with open bar and a champagne toast at midnight. Designated Drivers available. Contact Laurie at (734) 637-5553 or Ibarra@comcast.net, or the hall staff at (734) 728-5010 or vbarra@ comcast.net.

#### New Year's party at AMVETS half

A New Year's Eve party will be held Monday, Dec. 31, at AMVETS Post 171 Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland, Tickets are \$25 each and include dinner, open bar and dancing. For tickets, call (734) 721-9440.

New Year's Eve, the Finnish way

The Finnish Club of America will hold a Finnish New Year's Eve celebration starting with cocktails at 4 p.m. Dec. 31 at the club's center, 35200 Eight Mile Road. Tickets are \$25. For more information, contact the club at (248) 478-6939.

#### **UPCOMING**

#### Peace talk set

Citizens for Peace, which covers the 11th District, will host Rudy Simons, a songwriter and music publisher based in Southfield, discussing his recent visit to Iran, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. (734) 425-0079. Visitors are invited to join the nonprofit group, which promotes nonviolence.

#### The Dreamers' Concert

A benefit concert starring Guy Louis will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth. It's presented by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary and will benefit Tanger School Playground and other projects. Tickets are \$5; children pay \$3. Debra Madonna, (734) 377-0914 or www.plymouthrotaryam.org

#### McCotter staff visits

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold district office hours to discuss federal issues. On Thursday, Jan. 3, it's set for 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library. On Tuesday, Jan. 8, staff will be available from 9-10 a.m. at the Civic Park Senior Center in Livonia, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood



Jingling for a cause
Ladywood High School's team was the largest group for the fifth straight year in the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for the Arthritis Foundation on Dec. 2. The 120 members raised \$4,725 for the cause. The seven-student committee responsible for recruiting team members included Marissa Antosiewicz, Natalie Berry, Meredith Houska, Maria Quaglia, Alex Serowoky, Meredith Stasa and Megan Vitale.

Community Center in Garden City. Contact McCotter's office at (734) 632-0314.

#### Learn to skate

Livonia's parks and Recreation Department begins walk-in registration for its learn to skate and hockey skills classes on Wednesday, Jan. 2. The six-week classes begin the week of Jan. 6, with times and days based

on ages of participants. Fees are \$47 for Livonia residents; \$57 for nonresidents. (734) 466-2412.

#### Join a basketball league

Men and women can sign up for winter basketball leagues, offered through the Westland Parks and Recreation department, through Monday, Dec. 31: A minimum of six teams in each division are needed;

each team may sign up to 15 players. Non-resident fees are \$10 per player, capped at \$100 per team. Registration fee is \$350 per team, and each team is responsible for official fees, which are \$25 per game. The season begins Jan. 16 for women. Jan. 18 for men. (734) 722-7620. New Year's Dream Circle

Mystical Resources is creating a

multi-sensory space for peaceful inspiration to commemorate the passing of the old year and begin the new. There will be a candle-lit setting with music, prayers of gratitude and words of inspiration, then meditation - a time to focus on visions of the new year. After silent contemplation, participants may share their thoughts. It will be 7:30-9:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31, at Mystical Resources, 232425 Grand River, behind the Ram's Horn restaurant in Farmington. (248) 442-2525.

#### Skate-athon

The Garden City Figure Skating Club will hold its fifth annual skate-athon 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Civic Arena in Garden City Park, Merriman at Cherry Hill. Admission is \$5 with skate rentals available for \$2. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Humane Society. For more information, call Brian Schenk at (734) 237-4593.

#### Cat show

The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers Inc. will present its 39th annual all breed and household pet cat show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 26-27; at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Pedigree felines as well as household pets will be featured at the show. Food also will be available. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children. The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers is affiliated with the Cat Fanciers Association, the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats.

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#### ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the accuracy testing for the optical scan voting equipment for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. The test is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

This is an open session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Miller Consultations & Elections will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal 07-14: Elmer Lucky, of 16731 Norborne, Redford MI 48240, Lot Number 1331 & 1332 of the B.E. Taylor's Golf & Country Club Subdivision No. 3 located north Lola Drive

The applicant is requesting to construct a 30' wide x 32' deep detached structure located in the rear yard of the property. This proposal would require (3) variances before a permit can be obtained.

1). Per Ordinance 152N, Section 3.11(a), detached accessory structures are prohibited

from having second stories, therefore a variance would be required for the upper level. Per Ordinance 152N, Section 3.11(1).1., the maximum allowable square footage for detached accessory structure is 800 square feet. The applicant has proposed 960 square feet, therefore, a variance of 160 square feet would be required.

3). Per Ordinance 152N, Section 3.11(I), only one private garage is allowed per sident lot. The primary residence has an attached private garage and the applicant is proposing to construct a second garage structure.

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

This appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Redford Township Hall board room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, on *Wednesday, January 09, 2008* at 7:00 p.m. Written comments must indicate the above appeal number and will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m. January 09, 2008. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.

Gregory Morgan, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Five Mile Road, Redford MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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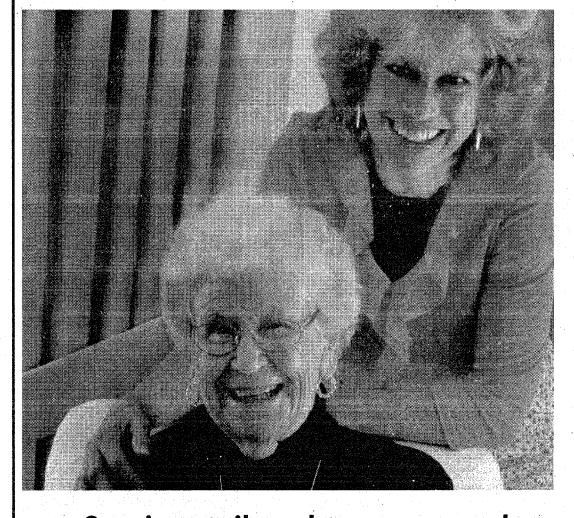
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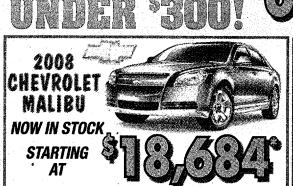
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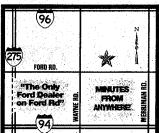
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While the four wheel-drive Land Cruiser is a thirsty vehicle, it does make up for that somewhat by using that

fuel to deliver strong acceleration and a quiet ride. The Land Cruiser is powered by a 5.7-liter, 32-valve DOHC 8cylinder engine that is mated to a 6-speed automatic transmission with sequential shift mode. The engine is rated at 381 horsepower and 401 lb.-ft. of torque, which lets you get this big boy off the line pretty quickly. The transmission shifts smoothly, but you can do the shifting yourself, if you like.

The ride is nice, too. The front suspension features a double-wishbone system with tubular gas-pressure shocks, a hollow stabilizer bar and coil springs. In the rear, it's a four-link coil-spring system with lateral rod format, tubular gas-pressure shocks and hollow stabilizer bar. Enhancing the suspension system: a pair of hydraulic control cylinders that vary roll stiffness depending on suspension attitude. Although I didn't take it off-road, the Land Cruiser can be used that way; in fact, many of the features, like the enhanced suspension system, were added for that purpose.

The Land Cruiser comes with power-assisted rack-and-pinion power steering, and it makes it one of the betterhandling large SUVs I've driven. Response is excellent and it requires just 3.1 turns to go from lock-to-lock. The anti-lock brake system features Electronic Brake Force Distribution and Brake Assist and is excellent. Inside, the Land Cruiser puts the emphasis on "Cruiser." The interior is very well done and full of nice standard features. There's plenty of room and finding a comfortable driving position is easy, thanks to the power seats, which feature leather surfaces that can be heated. The second-row seats fold down for more cargo space and there is a third-row seat that can also be folded down



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The instrument panel features complete instrumentation, including a gauge for oil pressure and a voltmeter. There is a vehicle information system display in the center of the instrument panel. The Land Cruiser doesn't use a traditional key to start the vehicle; the "start/stop" push button is to the driver's immediate right.

The Land Cruiser comes with some nice standard features, including power windows and locks, 12 cupholders, cruise control, rear window defogger, a garage door opener, automatic climate control, power moonroof, power retractable outside mirrors and leatherwrapped steering wheel and gear shift lever.

The standard audio system is a JBL AM/FM/six-disc CD/ DVD system with 14 speakers and an auxiliary jack for an mp3 player. You can upgrade to the optional integrated navigation/entertainment system that includes a rear back-up camera (\$3,400). This system features a touchscreen navigation system that is easy to use, and Bluetooth for your cell phone.

The Land Cruiser is impressive to look at; you can tell it's ready to get you where you need to go. It comes with side running boards, fog lamps, multi-reflector halogen headlamps and 18-inch aluminum alloy wheels. It also carries a full-sized spare.

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The Land Cruiser is loaded with safety features, including Active Traction Control, Vehicle Stability Control, a tirepressure monitoring system, a sonar system to help you

park, driver and front passenger dual-stage advanced airbags, driver and front passenger seat-mounted side airbags, three-row roll-sensing side-curtain airbags, second-row seat-mounted side airbags and driver and

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The Land Cruiser is a nice full-sized SUV outstanding performance and ride, some nice luxury features and good towing capacity. The question is whether its good points are going to be overshadowed by the fact that it's expensive to buy and expensive to own. For those who just have to have a full-sized SUV regardless, this might be the one for you if you want something special that is not within everyone's reach. Auto critic Dave Menard is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. Write to him at autodave@bellsouth.net

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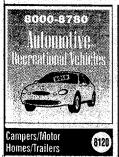
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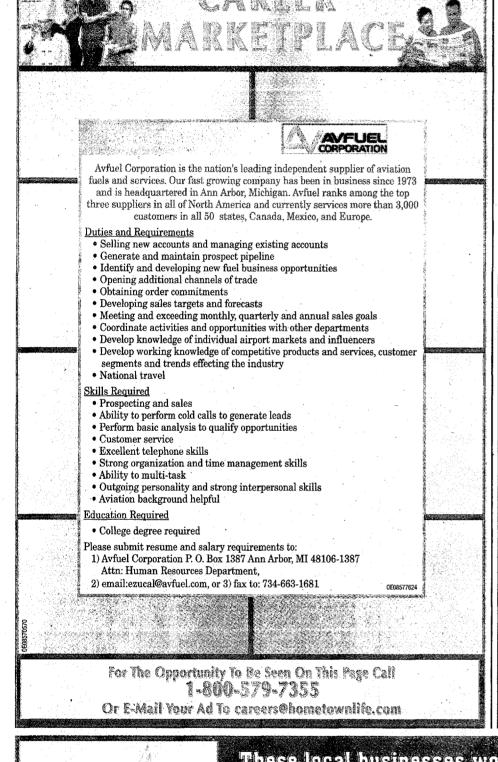
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Mildred L. Culp in the workplace (and elsewhere) don't know when to quit. Marathoners

at work thrive on finding ways to turn something around. However,

not knowing when to quit may well lead to squandered time. According to Seth Godin, author of "The Dip: A Little Book That Teaches You When to Quit (and When to Stick)," not all quitters are losers (Portfolio, \$12.95). In fact, he writes, "winners quit all of the time. They just quit the right stuff at the right time." SITUATIONS

So quitting isn't a question of winning or losing? Jack Singer, president and CEO at Psychologically Speaking L.L.C., in Laguna Niguel, Calif., is a consulting psychologist and professional speaker. He points out that people with stamina often receive rewards for hanging on, which encourages them to continue, but "it's a matter of getting

even if they don't pay off, because the unknown is scarier." Stress, in particular, he says, leads to falling back on the comfort of habit.

Business owners are empowered to stop anything by fiat, including working with people who prove to be quitters. Andy Birol, author and consultant at Birol Growth Consulting Inc., in Solon, Ohio, advises business owners not to take on clients who are quitters, "because you'll never get to the objectives."

However, a decision to quit may not rest on you alone. Dan Kowalski, senior consultant at Kepner-Tregoe Inc., headquartered in Princeton, N.J., coaches project managers and implements systems. "People aren't chicken (but) you should have clear criteria so it's objective," he says. "Clients often say that they have a stage-gate system, which we find later is a floodgate system. It's difficult if not impossible to kill projects."

À GOOD QUIT

Marathoners project the image that you shouldn't quit unless your life depends upon it, that finishing last, even, is more desirable than not completing the race. Kowalski says that strategy, by providing

structure, lets vou know when it's time to quit. Ask if you're "doing the right thing, if you'll get benefit from it," he recommends. "Strategy tells you how to say no and what to say no to."

Godin advocates being strategic about quitting: "outline your quitting strategy before the discomfort sets in... Never quit something with great longterm potential just because you can't deal with the stress of the moment." He maintains that it's essential to keep at something as long as you're progressing, but not if you feel that "you could be doing something far better, and far more pleasurable, with your time."

So, should you quit? Singer wants you to think about what you're afraid of, whether it's failure prompted by low self-esteem or an oversized ego. What would you think of making them irrelevant? Kowalski mentions that lack of resources, financial or otherwise; a sponsor without authority; or the appearance of excessive risk may well indicate a need to quit. Birol recommends focusing almost entirely on objectives. "It's about achieving the end result that you've agreed to up front," he remarks. "As long as you agree on the end result being accomplished by a given deadline, you're either on



Credit: Courtesy of Kepner-Tregoe Inc. Photo: Dan Kowalski (standing), with co-workers, discusses the role of strategy in determining whether to complete a project. He is a senior consultant at Princeton, N.J.'s Kepner-Tregoe Inc.

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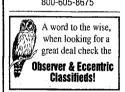
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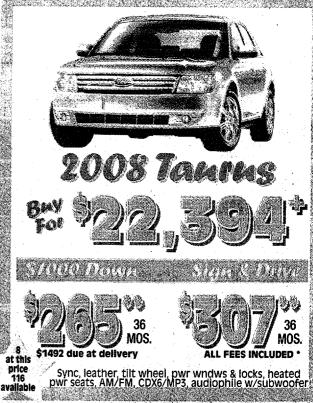










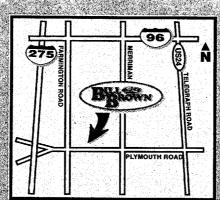








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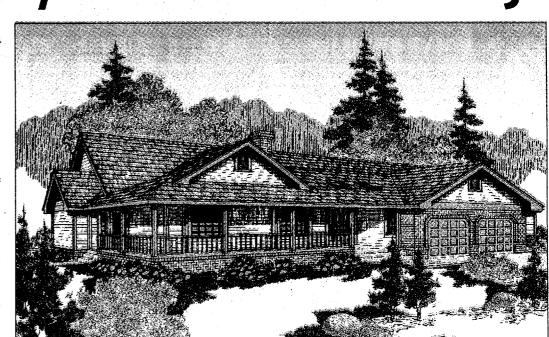
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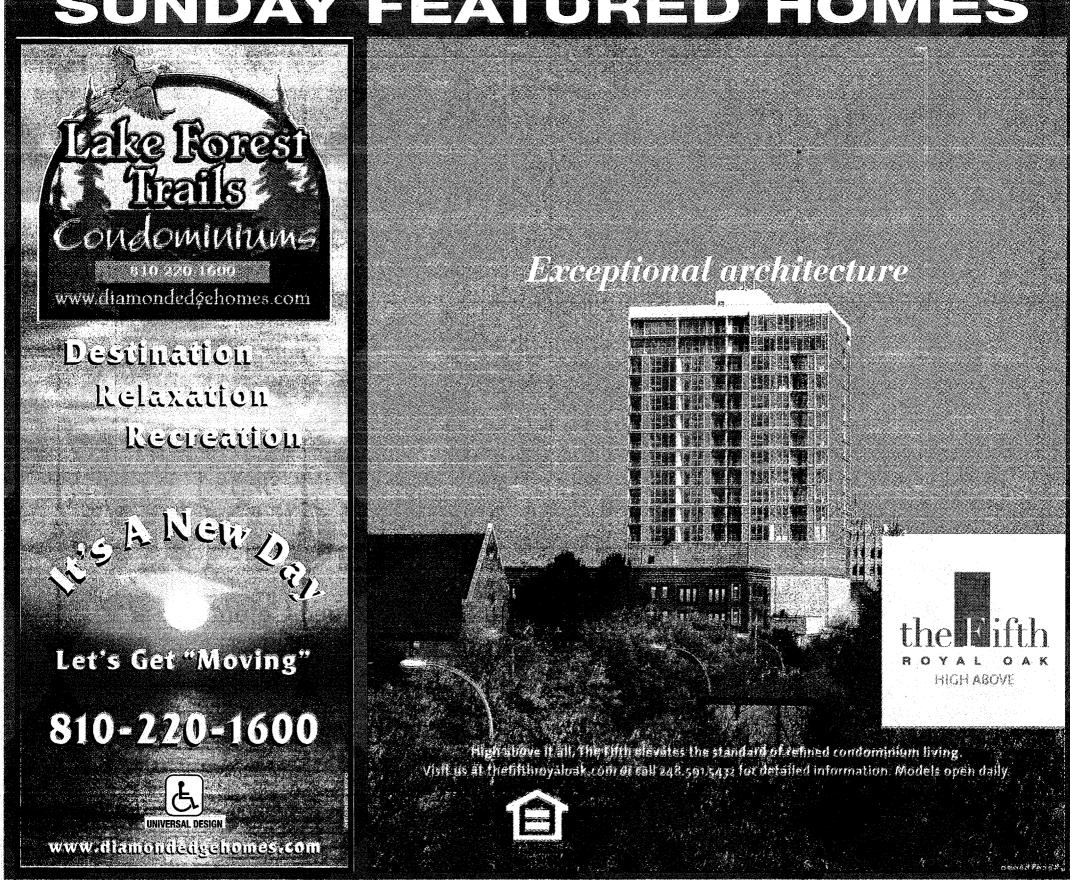
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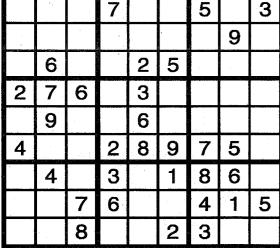
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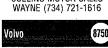
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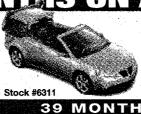




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