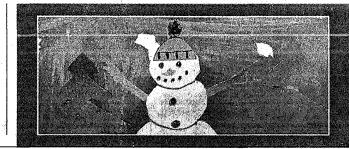


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Dolores Hendershot and Shirley Lundblad pack miracle boxes for servicemen and women in Iraq.

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Volunteers stuff holiday packages for troops serving overseas



Louise Downs is the "Desert Angel."

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday may have been Eugene Valentine's birthday, but he didn't spend much of it opening presents of his own.

Instead Valentine, the general manager at Plymouth Independence Village senior living complex, and some 50 volunteers spent the day stuffing "Miracle Turkey Boxes" to be sent overseas in the hopes of providing a good holiday for troops serving in the U.S. military.

In conjunction with Desert Angel, the support group formed after 9/11, Independence Village volunteers put dozens of boxes together to be sent directly to the troops. It's the third time the complex has participated in the program. Last year, volunteers adopted families of military members.

"These people (Independence Village residents) are part of our 'Greatest Generation," said Jean Martinez, the complex's activities

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Doyle's beefs up reputation in burger poll

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen Maier of Plymouth knows a good

hamburger when she eats one.

That's why she wasn't surprised to hear the Tavern Burger at Doyle's Tavern in downtown Plymouth made a list of the

favorite burgers in the metro Detroit area.
"I'm a burger connoisseur, and it's outstanding," said Maier, lunching at Doyle's Thursday afternoon. "It's a 10 on a scale of 10."

The list was put together by the *Detroit Free Press* in a poll of its readers. The list was divided into a variety of categories. Doyle's was among the "best alternative burgers" in the poll. Doyle's staffers figure the burger's success has as much to do with consistency as anything else. Today's burger — a half-pound of certified Angus beef kept simple with lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion and fries, all for \$5.95 — is the same burger the eatery has served since it opened March 8. 2002.

"We made this burger the first day we opened, and it's exactly the same," said Peggy Doyle, co-owner of the sports bar located on Fralick. "It's so good. The ingredients are great, evérything is fresh. It's made to order and they do great things with it in the kitchen."

Doyle's chef Brian Doyle and his kitchen staff are largely responsible for the success of the burger, which Doyle said is the restaurant's best seller. He said the eatery goes through some 10,000 pounds of beef a year and, on a good Friday, the kitchen grills some 120-150 burgers.

Why is it so popular?
"No. 1, it's certified Angus, so every burger that comes out of this kitchen tastes like a ctack." Prion Doyle said. "It gives it a pice."

that comes out of this kitchen tastes like a steak," Brian Doyle said. "It gives it a nice, unique flavor."

It's not like the Tavern Burger is the only thing on the Doyle's menu. The eatery has

thing on the Doyle's menu. The eatery has the standard variety of sports bar cuisine, including various sandwiches, salads and appetizers. In fact, both Peggy and Brian Doyle asserted, the restaurant's Mexican menu is almost as popular as the burger. But not quite.

"We sell a lot of that other stuff, too," Brian Doyle said. "It's just that the burger is more popular."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Peggy Doyle shows off a Tavern Burger, the biggest seller at Doyle's Tavern.

Mother arraigned in infant's death

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township woman charged in the death of her newborn daughter last month finally made an appearance in court.

Emily Portellos, 28, was arraigned in 35th District Court in Plymouth Thursday on one count of felony murder, one count of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree murder and one count of first-degree child abuse. She was arraigned before Judge Michael Gerou, who ordered Portellos held without bond at the Wayne County Jail.

Portellos, whose arraignment was delayed while she was under a doctor's care at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Nov. 20 at 35th District Court. If convicted, she faces life in prison without possibility of parole.

Plymouth Township police officials said the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office determined Portellos' baby was born alive "and that she did not die from natural causes," Chief Tom Tiderington said.



Portellos

The baby's death was discovered Oct. 15 after Portellos, who had been rushed by rescue unit to St. Mary's, told investigators

where the baby

was located.

Portellos had been taken to St. Mary's after her mother called 9-1-1 because Portellos was hemorrhaging, according to Plymouth Township police Detective Sgt. Steve Rapson. Upon her examination at the hospital, police said, doctors determined she had recently given birth, and "the birth was probably at a stage of sustainable life, so the baby is somewhere and we need to find her," Rapson said.

Rapson said detectives interviewed Portellos, who told them the baby, who was born sometime "during the day" Wednesday, was in her home in the Deer Creek subdivision of Plymouth Township, next to the bed where she slept. Police responded and found the baby, wrapped in towels and a plastic garbage bag.

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Salvation Army rings in with kettle campaign

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Rockettes kick off Red Kettle Drive at Livonia's Laurel Park, A7.

While there are plenty of locations, what the Salvation Army really needs are bell ringers. Moriarty said she's got plenty for most weekends, but is in great need of volunteer bell ringers for weekdays, including this week.

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

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

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

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

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Saturdays at the Penn

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society present "Saturdays at the Penn," with noon concerts at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The next concert is set for noon Saturday, Dec. 6, with special musical host Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady, with announcer Timothy Thompson. Special guest performer will be Josh and Roy, "A Comedy, Juggling Show."

Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased the day of the show. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. To purchase tickets before the concert, sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilcox Foundation and other generous supporters, or for more information on group purchases, contact Deb Madonna at (734) 377-0914.

Senior party fund-raisers

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following

Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Buffalo Wild Wings; Monday, Jan. 12 at Palermo's; Thursday, Feb. 12 at Caravel; Monday, April 6 at Palermo's; and Thursday, May 7, also at Palermo's. All restaurants are on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at http://web.pccs.k12. mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/ senior-party09.htm (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20% credit of your purchase).

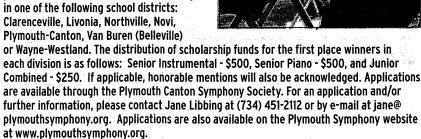
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To volunteer or for questions, contact pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

Artistic competition

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 16, 2008

The application deadline for the Plymouth **Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist** Competition is Tuesday, Jan. 20. The competition is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 1, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton. Through the generosity of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Plymouth Optimists, the Rotary Club of Plymouth, the Rotary Club of Plymouth AM and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral talent from greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities. The competition is composed of three divisions: SENIOR INSTRUMENTAL (grades 10-12), SENIOR PIANO (grades 10-12), and JUNIOR COMBINED (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residina in one of the following school districts: Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville)



Holiday crafts ensemble

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

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

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

competitions and events. For more information, call (734)

Holiday open house

455-0714.

Stores will be decorated for Downtown Plymouth's Holiday Open House on Sunday, November 16. Plymouth Chamber of Commerce officials are urging shoppers to take advantage of "this special day ... a great way to kick-off Holiday shopping while supporting many of the local merchants in our community."

In addition to gift ideas, refreshments and carolers from the Plymouth Canton High Schools, nearly 60 gingerbread houses will be on display throughout Plymouth. Maps listing the locations of the gingerbread houses will be available at participating businesses. Shoppers may vote for their favorite gingerbread house through December 15, and will be entered into a drawing to win Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and Penn Theatre gift certificates.

After December 15, several of the gingerbread houses will be donated to seniors' establishments in the area to be enjoyed throughout the season. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Book signing

Award-winning author and photographer Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin of Canton will autograph books at the Livonia Borders Express store 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. The store is located inside Laurel Park Mall in Livonia.

Her latest release, "Cheryl's Musings: A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer," will be available. The book walks readers through her 18month writing journey and how she accomplished many goals in such a short time. Her mini writing guide will enable writers of all levels to pen their first poem, story or essay

Martin's first book, "Woman Reclining," will also be available.

Martin's photography is displayed through The Healing Arts Exhibit, and The Portrait Show in Orion Township. At the end of November she'll have a solo photographic exhibit at the Flat Rock Library, in Flat Rock.

As the owner of Pero Inc., Martin helps fledgling writers with their craft and is a full-service consulting and editing business. She can be reached at peroinc5@comcast.net or by calling (734) 397-1626.

Holiday classics

The Penn Theatre will show a variety of holiday classics during December.

The schedule includes: "It's a Wonderful Life," featuring a live performance by the Belleville Bass before the Thursday show, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 and 6:45 and 9:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; "White Christmas," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11; "Polar Express," 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 and 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-21.

The Penn Theatre is located on Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Box office opens a half-hour before each showing; tickets are \$3. For more information, call (734) 453-0870 or visit www.penntheatre.com

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meets at noon Monday, Nov. 17, at Station 885.

The program features the "82nd Birthday Luncheon" featuring The Petticoat Ladies.

Station 885 is located at 885

Starkweather in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Gabriala's fund-raiser

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and Gabriala's join together for a fund-raising event 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4.

Gabriala's will donate 15 percent of all purchases to the PCAC. All donations go to support PCAC programs, including arts education classes, a theater program, concents, lectures and seminars, workshops, and community-based enrichment activities.

Gabriala's is a specialty gift store offering home accents perfect for holiday gifts. Gabriala's is located at 322 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, across from Kellogg Park.

For more information contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or Gabriala's at (734) 455-8884.

Civil War round table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts author Mark Hoffman at its 8 p.m. meeting Thursday, Nov. 20, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Hoffman is the author of My Brave Mechanics: The First Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War.

The public is welcome, admission is free. For more information call (734) 451-7998.

Potters quild

The annual Village Potters Guild Holiday Sale will take place at the Village Potters Guild studio, 340 N. Main, G-1, in Plymouth Thursday, Nov. 20 through Saturday, Nov. 22.

The studio is open Thursday 5-8 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or to learn about classes, call (734) 207-8807 or see www.villagepottersguild.org

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Online votes could lead to Pioneer prize

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students at Pioneer Middle School and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are soliciting your help for a chance to win \$25,000 for their schools.

Eighth-graders from Jason Kaye's media production class, with the help of Janet Sutherland's high school video production class, recently wrote and produced a 90second video to promote a new product line by Sara Lee Fresh Bakery. The online contest could net the cash prize and a visit by actors

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The director for the proj-

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

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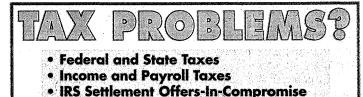
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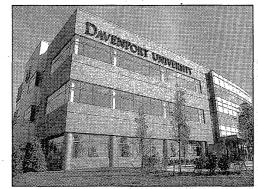
Davenport University's new location in Livonia has attracted a near-capacity fall enrollment of about 900 students.

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

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

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

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



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

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

Harry Belafonte keynotes **ACLU** of Michigan dinner

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

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

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



Belafonte

and to pass the torch from the elders of the civil rights movement to the next generation of prepared young leaders. In 2001, he

and his former

wife set up the

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

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

sador for 20 years and received

accolades for work in Africa and

Foundation.

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

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

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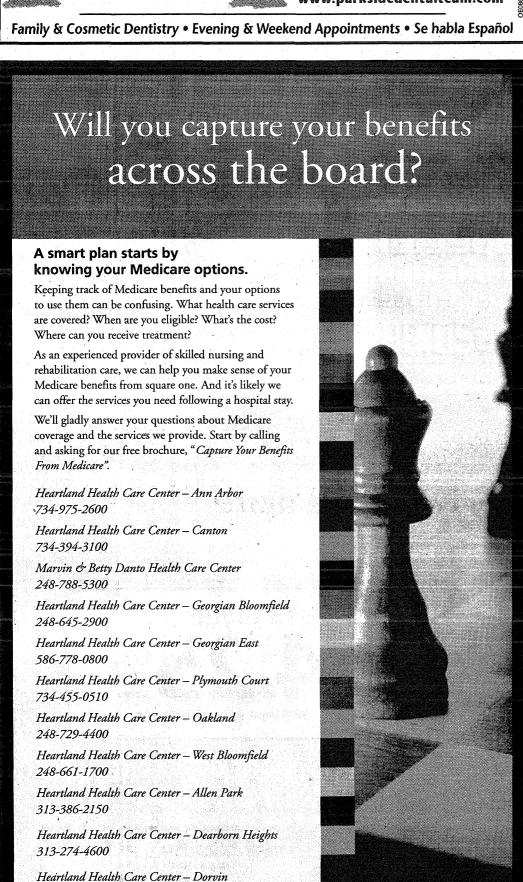
The College of Education at Madonna University University is scheduled for a Spring, 2009 accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or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

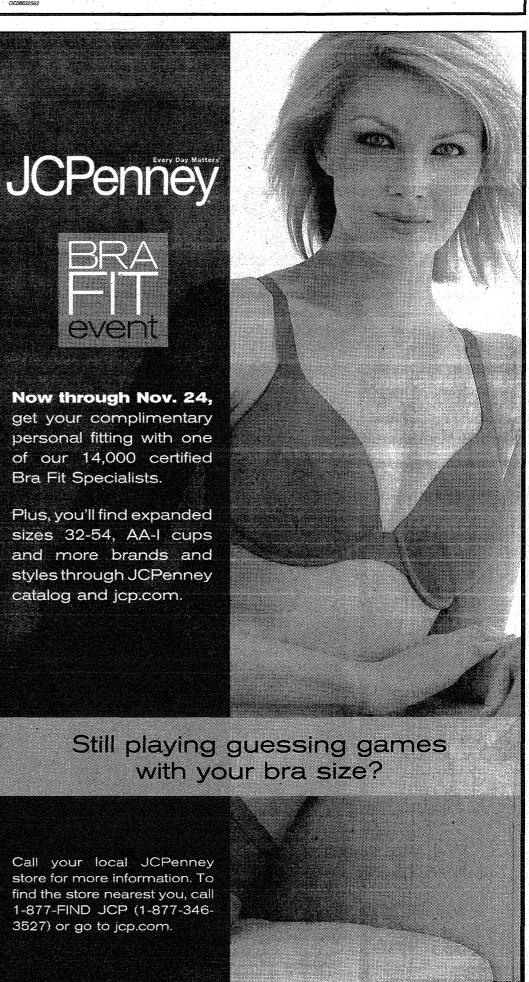
NCATE and Madonna University recognize that graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the Madonna University College of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

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

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

Letters of comment should be received no later than Sunday, December 31, 2008.





Old store, new home

Tea shop moves into spot formerly occupied by jewelry store

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The storefront space where Beitner's Jewelers used to be has been empty since Bill Beitner retired 10 years ago.

The classic store stands empty no more. After a very long absence, the building is now home to TranquiliTea, the tea store that prides itself on literally offering a brew for every taste bud.

TranquiliTea owner Colleen Cannon recently worked out a lease with Beitner and moved from her former space on Forest. The new digs will offer TranquiliTea much more visibility than they had before.

"We were really tucked away," on Forest, said Cannon, who opened TranquiliTea in February 2006, "and we had pretty much outgrown that space. Now we'll be seen. The visibility will be much better here."

Cannon is also happy with the atmosphere. They were able to restore the floor, using some 200 floor tiles Beitner still had left over. They touched up some damage to cabinets and did a little painting and, voila, the space was back in business.

Cannon said it was important for her to maintain the integrity of Beitner's former business.

"It seems like everyone always wants to tear things up, so maintaining the feel of the store was a cool thing to do," Cannon said.

Shoppers will get a taste of what TranquiliTea has to offer today (Sunday) when Cannon hosts a grand opening. According to Cannon, the store sells the finest loose-leaf teas, tea pots, tea infusers, and other tea accessories.

She said she's up to some 130 loose teas, in addition to a selection of bagged teas "for people who just aren't comfortable dealing with loose teas."

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Colleen Cannon moved her business, TranquiliTea, to the former Beitner Jewelers on Ann Arbor Trail.

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"We've been able to grow," said Cannon. "This is the first year the growth has slowed, but there was still growth. My customers keep spreading the word. I

Cannon and her business aptitude appealed to Beitner, who had never been in any hurry to rent the storefront space out. He's had a lot of inquiries, but didn't bite on any of them until Cannon approached him.

"I've talked to a lot of people who wanted the place, and I've turned down more people than you can shake a stick at," Beitner said. "(Cannon) impressed me more than anyone else. She seems very forthcoming and open, and I think

And the tenant is happy to have found a new home. Cannon, who is from Livonia, said her family has a long history of shopping Plymouth, and she's glad to be part of that shopping climate now.

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A SPOT OF TEA

- What: TranquiliTea grand opening
- When: 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16
- Where: New location, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail (in the old Beitner's Jewelers
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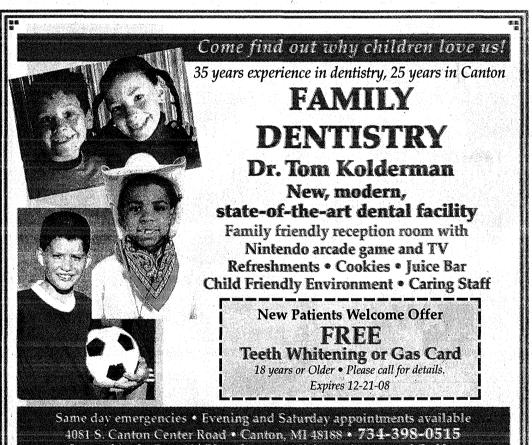
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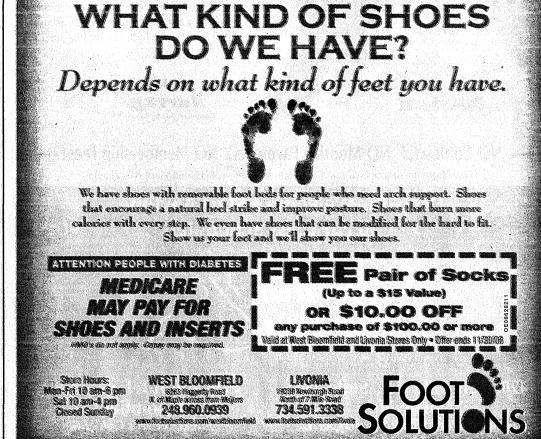
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director who has a grandson serving his third term in Iraq. "They care about America and they really know how to take care of our soldiers overseas."

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They're taking care of the soldiers overseas by teaming up with Desert Angel, the group based in Lapeer County whose mission is to "demonstrate the love of God by providing charitable goods and services to military personnel, especially those serving overseas."

How they're doing that this year is by mailing the "Miracle Boxes" they packaged Wednesday (Valentine said Independence Village would pick up the \$11 per-box cost). Named after Army Pfc. Joseph Miracle, a Michigan soldier killed in July 2006, just 35 days into his tour of duty in Afghanistan, the boxes contain nonperishable food items such as stove-top dressing, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, cans of turkey gravy, and cans of turkey/chicken meat, cookies, and paper plates/napkins.

Louise Downs of Desert Angel worked with Valentine at an Independence Village complex in Oxford. She was more than happy when he called her again from Plymouth.

Setting up Desert Angel "was the thing to do," said Downs, who said troops dubbed her Desert Angel. She's a huge believer in the miracle aspect of the "Miracle Box" which, in addition to the nonperishable and toiletry



Seniors from Independence Village pack miracle boxes to be shipped to troops serving overseas.

items include a prayer cloth or pocket flag.

"What better, more fitting tribute could there be for the troops?" Downs said. "These boxes perform miracles."

That's why the Independence Village volunteers were there most of the day Wednesday. Laura Grutza said she wanted to help, despite vision problems that made it difficult.

"My daughter convinced me there would be things I could do," said Grutza, whose husband spent 3 1/2 years overseas during World War II. "I wanted to do this to honor him."

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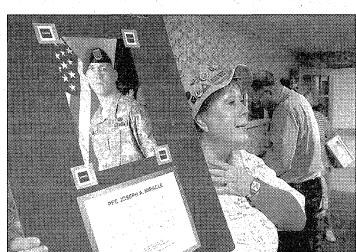
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Holiday service will help those dealing with grief

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Cathy Clough, the director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, will be on hand to address the following concerns: Why is it important to

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Details: (734) 981-1700

plan for the holidays? What are some ways others have handled the holidays to make more tolerable? What can you do about decorating, sending holiday greetings and the many other activities that are a part of the holiday season? How can you make the holidays special for small children when you don't feel like cel-

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

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

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

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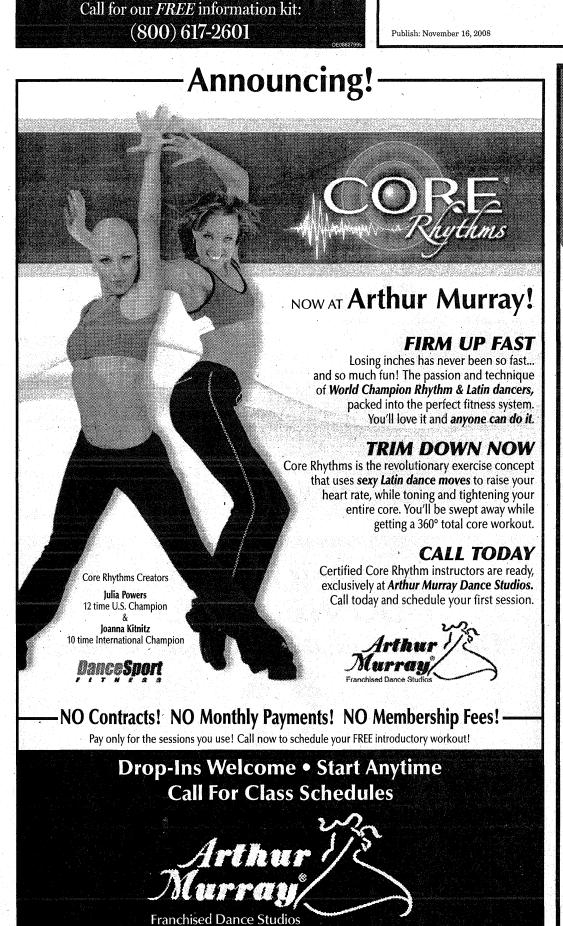
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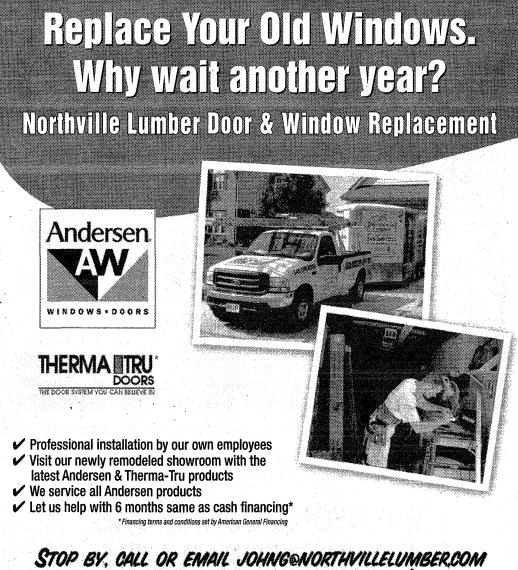
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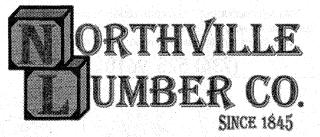
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Rockettes kick off Salvation Army's yule drive at Laurel Park in Livonia

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

That day marked the beginning of bell ringing for this year's Salvation Army Christmas appeal, which has a goal of \$8.5 million for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties for 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

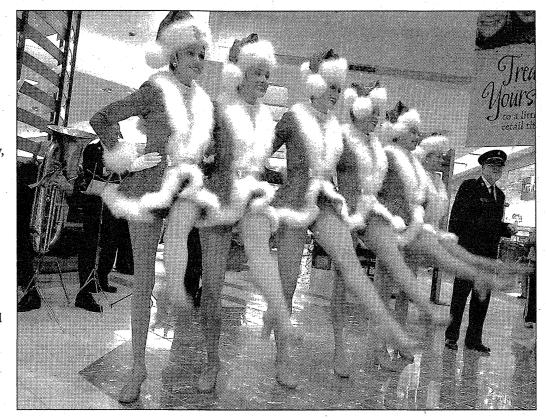
The Eastern Michigan Division raised \$8.2 million in last year's Christmas appeal. "We just look to the community," Turner said. "Southeast Michigan has been a very generous community through the years.

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

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

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

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



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

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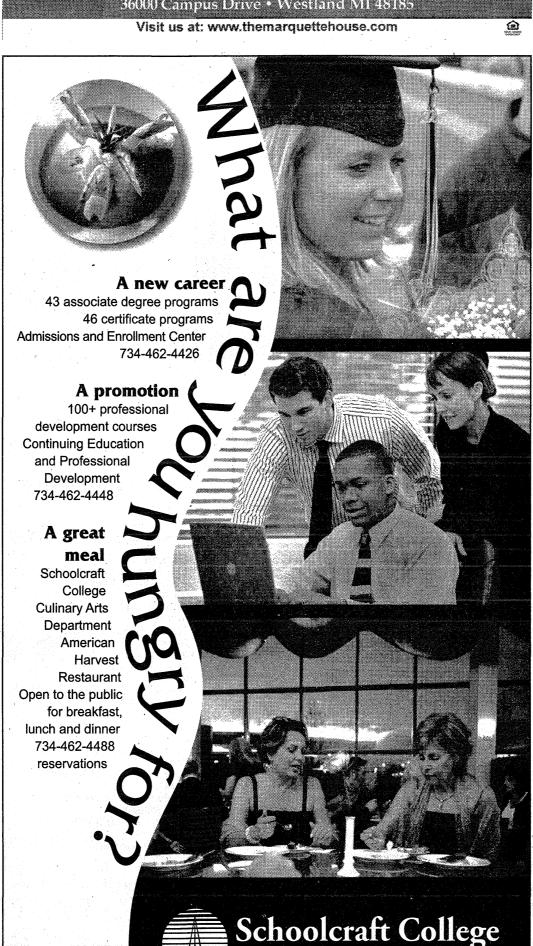
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Maj. John Turner, general secretary for the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Laurel Park Place mall. The Rockettes were also at the mall in Livonia.



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Investors should look for opportunities in down market



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I love the way you think. I agree with you that the market is "on sale." Now is the time investors should look for

lower, but there is no doubt that prices are significantly

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

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

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One of the problems the auto industry faces is its legacy costs. General Motors, for example, has approximately \$3,000 of legacy cost for every car. These costs give the U.S. automakers a competitive disadvantage. There is a belief by many that if the auto industry is to get taxpayer money there should be strings attached and one of those is to address legacy costs. If this line of thought prevails, it could mean reduced benefits to retirees. Of course, if one of the Big Three does decide that bankruptcy is the appropriate course of action, then, almost certainly, you would see reduction in overall benefits. Bankruptcy courts have wide discretion with regards to existing contractual relations. I think it is reasonable to assume that if one of the Big Three does pursue bankruptcy protection, retiree benefits in particular, would be affected.

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

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

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

MILLIKEN WILL BE HONORED AT LIVONIA TRIBUTE DINNER

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

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

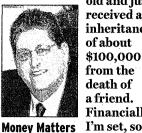
David Murley, president of the Michigan Political History Society and a legal adviser for Michigan House Republicans, said that Milliken is the fourth political figure to be recognized by the society, which was founded in 1993. Previous honorees were longtime Attorney General Frank Kelley, a Democrat;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

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

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

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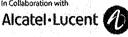
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Salmon, trout prove Rouge no longer on brink of death

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

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

banks. OK, I'll give you a moment to get

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

Since participating in my first Rouge Rescue about a decade ago, I've gotten to know our little river well. Despite its reputation, and all that humanity has done to her, I have come to learn that this river (like all of nature) is resilient and full of surprises.

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

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



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

salmon run for about a

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

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

The Rouge watershed, probably the state's most urban watershed, is also home to trout. The DNR has been planting brown trout in Johnson Creek, a



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

cold-running tributary stream in western Wayne County and part

of Washtenaw County, for a number of years. There are also rainbow trout thriving in the Lower Rouge River in Canton Township. A few of the small headwater streams also contain trout.

While many people had written the Rouge off as a dead river a long time ago, there has been an army of volunteers, spearheaded by Friends of the Rouge, who were not ready to write its obituary. Thanks to U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens, who has forced local governments to

uphold the Clean Water Act, these volunteers have been buoyed by a

commitment from local, county and state government to change the Rouge's fortunes.

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

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

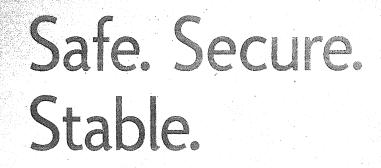
Friends of the Rouge recently led a group of about two dozen people on a canoe/kayak adventure along the Lower Rouge through Wayne and Westland under a canopy of beautiful fall colors. (If you want to watch a short video of the trip, visit www.youtube. com/watch?v=fLtSFLcZeqQ on the

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

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

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

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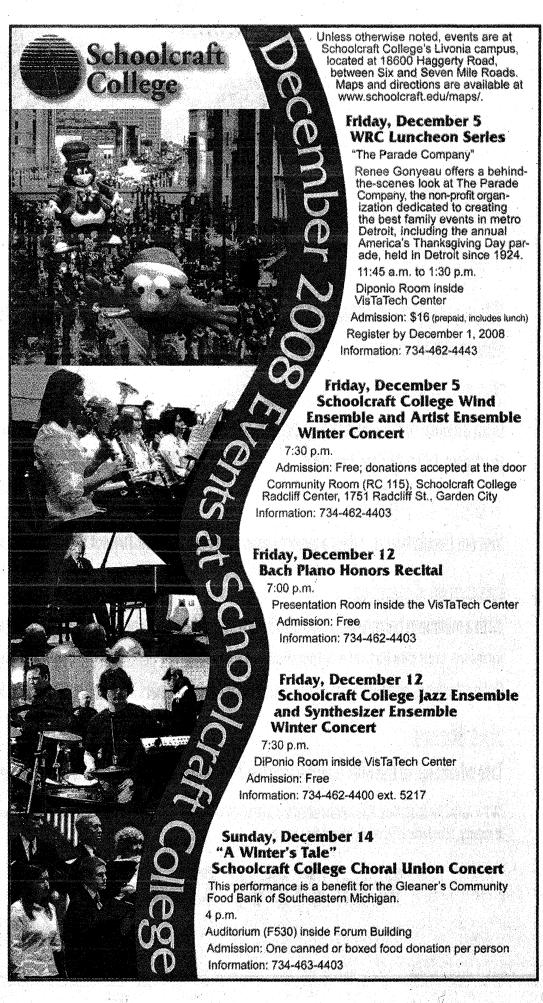
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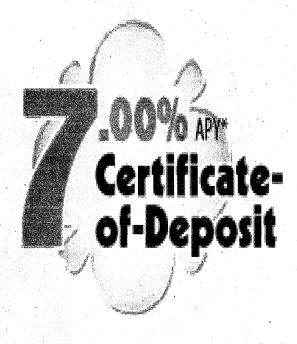
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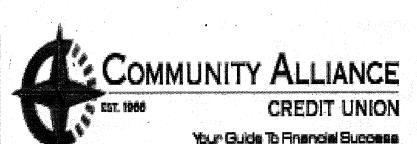
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Whalers topple Spirit, 5-1

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Rookie Tyler Seguin registered a goal and two assists as the game's first star and Jeremy Smith stopped 26-of-27 shots as the Plymouth Whalers defeated Saginaw, 5-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before a sellout crowd of 3,593 at Compuware Arena.

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

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

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

Jack Combs scored the lone goal for Saginaw.

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

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

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

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

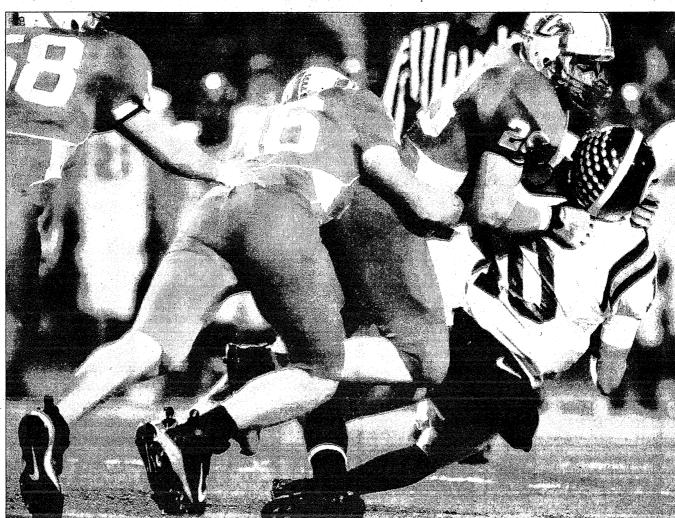
Vellucci said the team changed up some systems between Monday and tonight's

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

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

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

LIVONIA STEVENSON 38, CANTON 31



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

Late Stevenson rally ends Chiefs' season in stunning fashion

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

White, who finished with 277 all-purpose offensive yards, was the brightest star, but far from the only one for Stevenson, which was also bolstered by the stellar play of Gudeman (8-of-13, 183 yards) and a spectacular play by senior Wade Stahl, who hauled in a diving, 26-yard Randy Moss-esque touchdown reception with 6:07 left that closed the Spartans' once-daunting deficit to 31-24.

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

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Canton's girls swim

and dive team has

enjoyed a phenomenal

next week's Division 1

state meet. Among the

leaders are (front row

from left) co captains

Megan Blue and Hannah

Maxam; and (back row

from left) Sara Krebs,

Maggie Carlson, Kari

Schmitt and Kayla

Eyster.

season heading into

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



Davis signs

Salem senior Chelsea Davis recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play college basketball for Wayne State University, Warriors head coach Gloria Bradley announced Thursday.

Davis, the daughter of Damon Davis and Sonya Reeves, was one of four high school players to sign with Wayne State.

Davis, a 5-foot-11 forward, averaged 11 points, eight rebounds and 2.5 blocked shots for coach Fred Thomann's squad last year.

She plans to study business at Wayne State.

Free throw contest

Canton Leisure Services hosted the annual Elks Free **Throw Competition** on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Following are the top placers in each age group:

■boys 8-9: 1st-Paul Vella; 2nd-Gage Moyer; 3rd-Shane Aigner;

■boys 10-11: 1st-Taylor Burke; 2nd-Nathan Kelly;

■girls 10-11: 1st-Katie Latack: 2nd-Shannon Shuit;

■boys 12-13: 1st-Jacob Miller; 2nd-Sameer Krishana; 3rd-Aaron Miller.

Streaking Chiefs

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

same group of players went 9-0 last fall. This year's JV team was coached by

Mike Tomasaitis.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chiefs' depth leads to several victories BY ED WRIGHT Canton won their first eight dual meets before falling in a **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

That has been the winning strategy for the Canton girls swimming and diving team this

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

Under the guidance of firstyear head coach Ed Weber,

Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship crossover meet to powerhouse Novi.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chiefs ran 62 offensive plays to the Spartans 39.

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

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

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

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

Canton then seized a seem-

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

Stahl's amazing TD catch with 6:07 left cut Canton's advantage in half before Bacigal's return wiped it out completely.

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

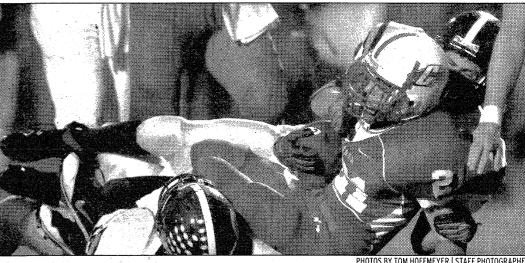
"Their offense is tricky because they carry out fakes 15 yards down the field and they do what they do well. At halftime we knew we had to do something different. Our defense stepped up."

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

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

"We were so young on offense, we overachieved a little bit this year. I'm very, very proud of our

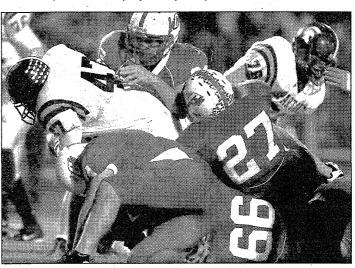
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"I was not expecting to go

"We have a lot of swimmers

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



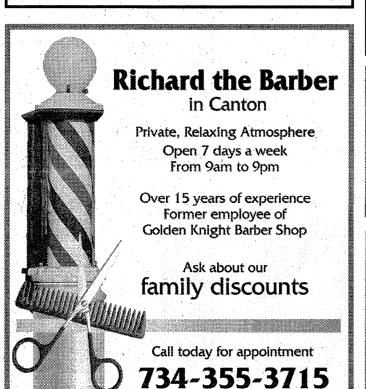
Canton's defense gang-tackles a Stevenson ball carrier during Friday night's Regional final game won by the Spartans, 38-31.

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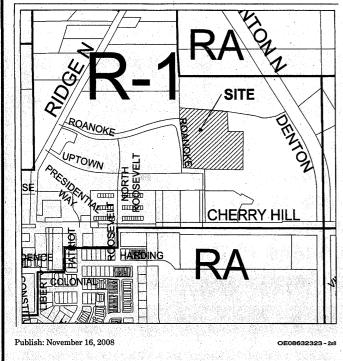
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UPTOWN PDD AMENDMENT NO. 3 (ALL SEASONS SENIOR APARTMENTS) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 072 99 0003 707 AND 072 99 0015 701. Property is located north of Cherry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

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

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Hail to the champions

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



All-Observer tennis stars net hard-earned success

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES BRETT FOSTER, SOPH., SALEM: The sophomore compiled an 18-6 record for the Rocks at No. 1 singles. He placed first in three tournaments and captured the "Top Gun" award at the Woodhaven Warrior Classic the first Rock to do so since

Xinning Li in 1996. "Brett never gives up on a ball and has been known to frustrate opponents with his tenacious approach to the game," said Salem coach Bill Nelson

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEPHEN PAYNE, FR., LIV. FRANKLIN: Playing most of the season at No. 2 season, Payne finished with a 22-3 record while earning Division 1 regional champ honors at Woodhaven.

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

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

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

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peer. As a player he is ethical and versatile. He has a promising future for tennis representing Franklin.'

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

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

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

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

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

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



Brett Foster Salem



Chris Martin Stevenson



Walter Woods Franklin



Stephen Payne Franklin



Brock Foster Salem



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Dave Benson Salem



Max Korpalski Plymouth



Pat Bailey **Plymouth**



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David Kang Canton



Chad Dorton Franklin

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

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES MAX KORPALSKI, SR.; PAT BAILEY,

JR. PLYMOUTH: The Wildcats' No. 1 doubles squad enjoy an ultra-successful season as they advanced to the semifinal round of a brutally tough Regional tournament and placed first in their flight in the Wildcat Invitational early in the season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COACH OF THE YEAR BARB LEHMAN, CANTON: The

Chiefs' veteran coach guided her team to another stellar campaign. Canton finished 8-0 in the inaugural season of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.



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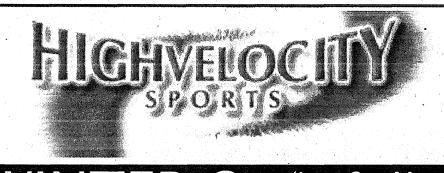


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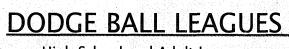
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Time to CU

Smoking causes 90 percent of lung cancers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Great American Smokeout sets quit date

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

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

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

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

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

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

smoking ban could lead to 3,340

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit www. cancer.org of call 1-800-ACS-2345.

"I hope people will call," said Szczerba. "There's so much help out there. You're doing something for those around you and yourself."

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"We are actively recruiting

women to join this study and encourage them to call us for additional information," said Dr. LoRusso.

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

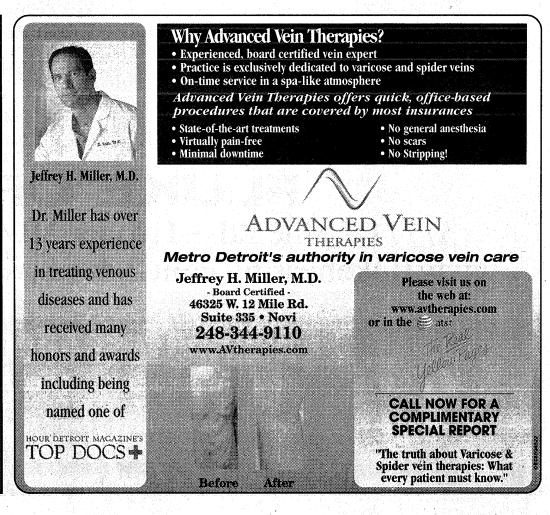
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LoRusso developed the Phase I program at Karmanos, one of only 14 National Cancer Institute funded Phase I programs in the country, and the only such program in Michigan.

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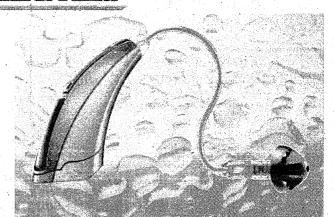
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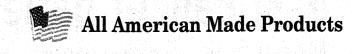
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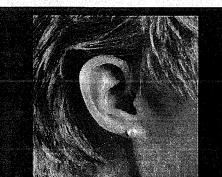
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Linda Chomin (center) and her sister Gwen Dietrich (right) walk Clancy in Plymouth with the guidance of their trainer, Bonny Wainz.

Hooray, we did it

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



Linda Chomin

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

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

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

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

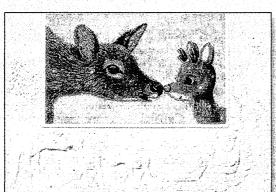
Of course, we haven't done it alone. Bonny was right there as we walked past the goats and ducks at the Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill without incidence. Clancy usually bolts when he sees another dog or a squirrel, leaving us far behind. In earlier sessions around our neighborhood, Bonny had caught our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

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

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



Holiday cheer



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



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

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





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

Send a greeting that benefits charity this season

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

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

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

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

Five dollars represents the cost of serving a homebound senior citizen a hot meal through the Holiday Meals on Wheels program in 34 western and Downriver Wayne County communities served by the Senior Alliance — Area Agency on Aging 1-C.

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

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

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

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

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

Please see CARDS, C2



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



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



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



during the holiday season. Wigs4Kids is selling this. holiday card, which will help raise funds to turn

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to deliver meals or in buying the cards directly from the agency can call Pier at (734) 727-2060.

Many other nonprofit organizations are selling greeting cards to help fund their programs and

services. Here's a sampling: ■ Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter has a variety of holiday card designs, with packages of 25 cards selling for \$36. A portion of the proceeds from card sales help fond the association's efforts in Alzheimer's research, care and support. To view all designs and order, visit www.alz.org/gmc. For more information call (248) 351-0280.

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

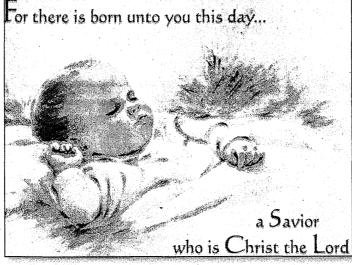
377-9309. The organization also sells note cards, calendars and other gifts.

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

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

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



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

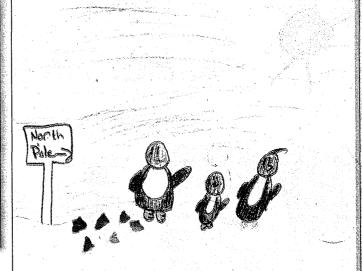
and the selection process for each year's greeting card designs. Betsy Bonnell, director of special events, said the contest helps families feel less alone in facing the challenges of dealing with leukemia or lymphoma. She said they "recognize that there are others out there facing the same challenges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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

 \blacksquare Seedlings Braille Books for Children, which produces

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

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



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Osteoarthritis represents a process in which cartilage at the end of a bone begins to fray. As the role of cartilage is to make the connection between bones at joints smooth and friction free, defects in the continuity of cartilage lead to impairment of the joint.

In the knee, this change for the worse has features that allow a physician to diagnose that the problem is osteoarthritis and not another condition such as temporary injury or rheumatoid arthritis. First, osteoarthritis of the knee begins in either the right or left knee, but rarely in both at the same time. Second, the arthritis often relates to past injury of the knee. Third, the pain experienced comes from the back of the knee because the hamstring muscles attempt to splint the joint as a way of preventing further joint damage. The effect is to shift strain from the knee joint to the tendons behind the

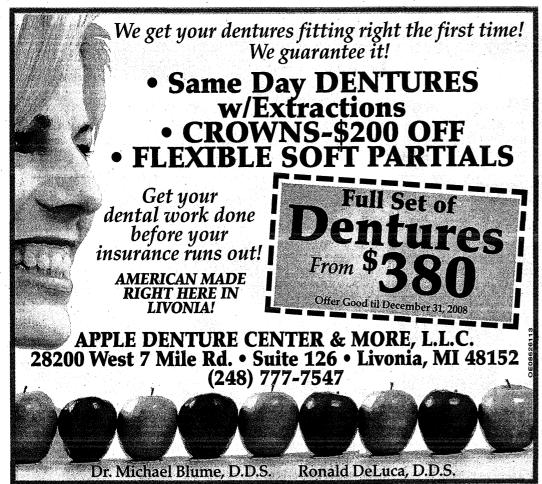
X-rays of the knee are a great help in revealing the presence of osteoarthritis and in determining if the arthritis is slight, moderate or advanced. However, the x-rays must be done with the patient standing and/or flexing the knees because standing and flexing places strain on the joint and exposes any loss of joint space, the hallmark of

Fluid in the knee only indicates joint impairment. However, aspiration with analysis of

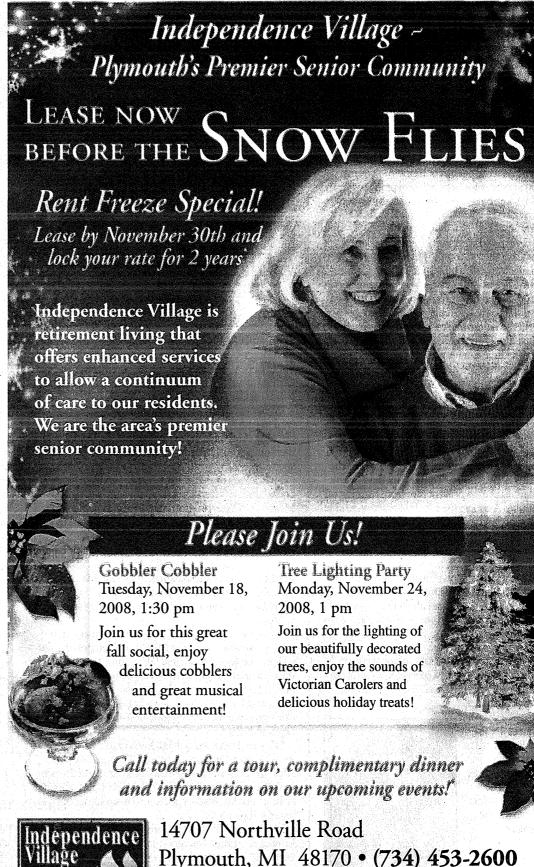
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Gala offers the opportunity to give back to community

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

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

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

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

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL GALA

What: Gourmet dinner, dancing and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band When: Begins with hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. Black tie optional Where: Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty at Eight Mile Tickets: \$125 (includes open bar) and available by calling (734) 655-2980

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

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

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Palace Suite one great auction item

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

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

12, for his or her winning bid. This is a first-rate suite on the lower level, suite 143. The value

of the tickets alone is \$10,800. Call in bids will be accepted at (734) 591-0266 until 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, or at the benefit event which will begin at 6 p.m. at Laurel Manor on Friday. Bidders may put a maximum amount that the item could be bid at during the auction if

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

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

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

'Forbidden Broadway' comes to Canton

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

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

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

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

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Penner-Shaffer

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

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

Geiser-Carroll



the high school level.

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



Arbor and Diane and Don Guice of A fall 2009 wedding is being planned and the couple will make their home in Livonia.

Gary Geiser of Canton and Dennis

and Sandy Felt of Plymouth announce

the engagement of their daughter,

Jessica Geiser, to Christofer Carroll,

son of Dan and Karen Carroll of Ann



Cislo-Barker

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

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

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

ANNIVERSARY



Golden Anniversary

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

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

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

The couple currently resides in South Lyon.

Performers to tell stories that are tailored for adults

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Judy Sima of West

TELLABRATION

What: A worldwide celebration of storytelling for adults presented by The Detroit Story League When: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile at Farmington Road Tickets: \$5 at the door. For more

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

information, visit www.storytell-

ing.org.

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

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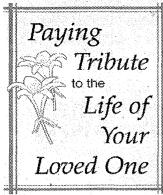
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ROBERTA A. CHISNELL

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

MILDRED "MILLIE" PRICE

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



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GLADYS E. SCHUHARDT

of Overland Park, KS, (10

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

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

MICHAEL S. TUBBS

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

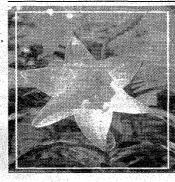
DANIEL A. WALSH

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

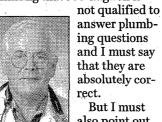


EVELYN M. GRONQUIST-ERIKSON-WHITE

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



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



Doctor

Joe Gagnon

answer plumbing questions and I must say that they are absolutely cor-But I must also point out

taken advantage of by the manufacturers of these products, I am an expert. I wish that the average Joe Plumber who knows of things that are kept almost secret in the industry should be willing to get on

consumers are

the telephone or computer and contact Joe Gagnon. I challenge all plumbers to help me educate the general public. Ray writes: "I read your col-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BIRTHS

Logan Charles Bloomfield Charlie Bloomfield and

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



Gavin Robert Henderson Brandon and Michelle

Henderson of Canton announce the birth of their son Gavin Robert Henderson.

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

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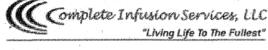
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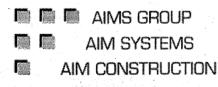


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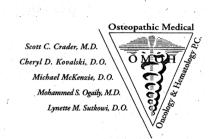


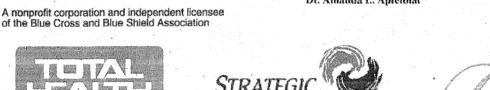












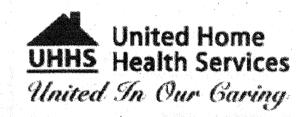














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for possible relationship. **27299949** NO DRAMA
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MATURE WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 38,6'1", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids,
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BM looking for BF, 26-54, with good sense of humor, who loves bowling, long walks and more. LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE SWM, 70s, 5'4", IVS, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe

more. 27275970

Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. \$\frac{1287161}{37287161}\$ SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
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SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, movies, shooting pool. 2291168 SEMI-RETIRED
SBM, 41, 61", 220ibs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-50, with similar interests, to settle down with.

IT COULD BE ME!
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reasons. Something personal happens, like a diagnosis of arthritis, which required Ruta Mildred L.

any number of

Fox to build a career requiring far less time Culp sitting behind a computer. Her Divine Diamonds Inc., sells the Ah Ring she created -- "a" for "available" and "h" for "happy" -- a diamond ring for single women that generated more than one million dollars in

first-year sales out of her New York City apartment. More frequently, but no less significantly, an unforeseen development occurs at work. You don't get the sale you were expecting. A market fizzles. The dollar is devalued. You realize that you're lacking a skill you need to be effective. There's no opportunity in sight.

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

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

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

Vwodek Wojczynski is regional executive manager and business consultant at RSC Business Group Inc., which trains and coaches business owners and is headquartered in Los Angeles. Wojczynski was a self-employed graphic designer with clients in North America and Europe. He noticed in business meetings that people weren't listening

I wasn't really grounded in what I said," he notes, "and was easily pushed aside. I wasn't strong and I wasn't exactly a great listener. People might have seen me as arrogant. I went all over the place, didn't stay focused."

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

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

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

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



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



Vwodek Wojczynski realized that people weren't listening to him before he obtained coaching on this critical business skill. Now he trains other people at RSC Business Group, in Los Angeles, where he is regional executive manager and business consultant.



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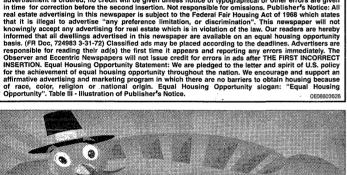
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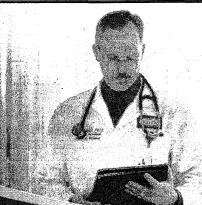












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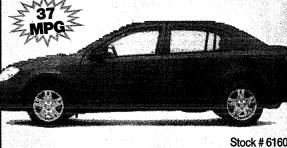
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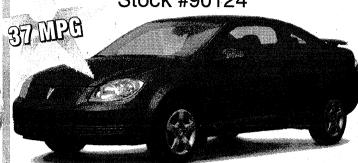


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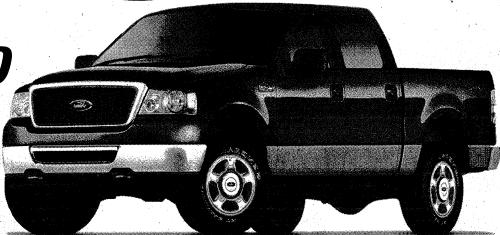
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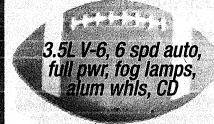
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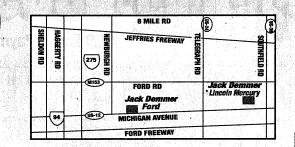
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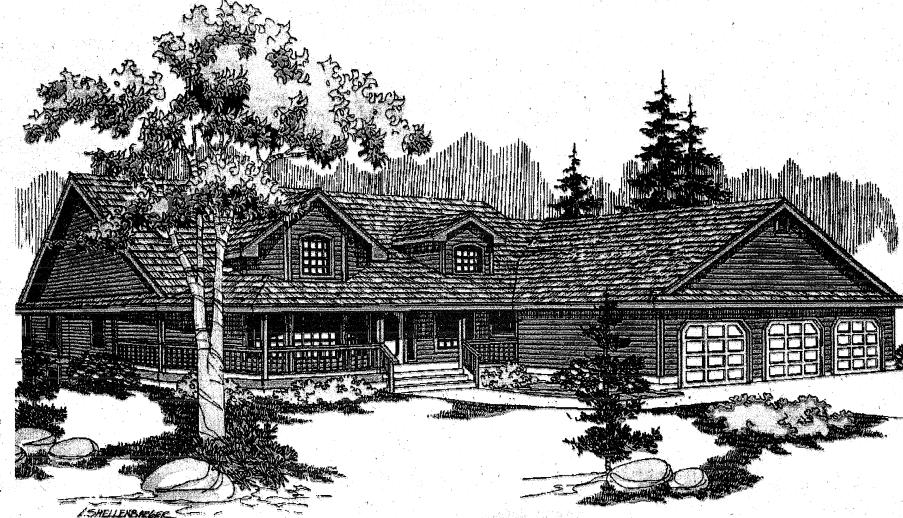
The vaulted formal living room is pie shaped, open to the main vaulted family room. The divider between the two is the stairs to the basement. There are four skylights across the family room to give more natural light within. The fireplace is on the outside wall of the master suite with shelves on either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

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

dining area.

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

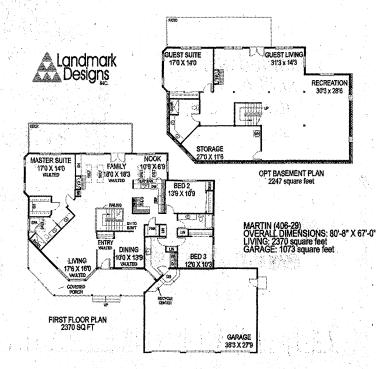
The master suite is vaulted and very open. The large walk-in closet is across from the main suite door for ease



of putting clean clothes away. The bathroom has a spa with a skylight overhead, and an oversized shower. There are two sinks with a pocket door for privacy between.

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BIA

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

Marty Burnstein will discuss "What's New in Michigan BRIEFS

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

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

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

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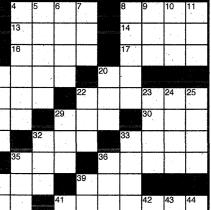
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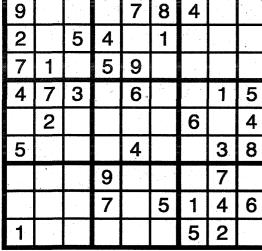
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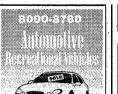
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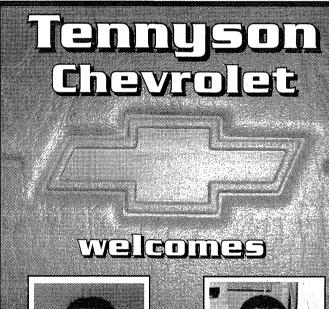
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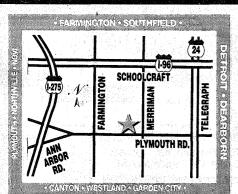
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