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Zebra Battalion Commander Cadet Maj. Andrew Pate, a senior, stands at attention as the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC present their fourth annual Veterans Day ceremony.

## 3rd suspect charged with robbery of armored car

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland police now believe that an Oct. 17 robbery of an armored car driver was orchestrated by a company worker who formerly drove the local route.

The latest twist resulted in a third defendant, Loomis armored car employee John Brandon Pittman of Detroit, being arraigned Wednesday on charges of unarmed robbery and conspiracy to rob.

Pittman, 24, is the cousin 19-year-old Detroit Jerrel Pittman, one of two defendants already charged in the robbery outside Sav-a-Lot at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, police Sgt. David Heater said.

"It was always suspicious from the beginning that this might be an inside job," he said.

Company officials became suspicious after learning that John Pittman showed up at the robbery scene even though he no longer worked on that courier route, Heater said.

Loomis officials confronted John Pittman and accused him

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## Cadets pause to honor veterans

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



Cadet Master Sgt. Jennifer Schulte, a senior, places a flag near the boots to honor the fallen soldier.

In a ceremony filled with precise moves and pageantry, members of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Zebra Battalion gathered on the lawn of the school Friday morning to honor the nation's veterans.

"The cadets did it right, being it's our fourth year," said retired 1st Sgt. Steven LaHaine, the battalion's senior Army instructor. "This is the first year we've had fourth-year cadets."

Cadet Capt. Jessica Hensley served as narrator for the program, which included the reading of a proclamation issued by President George W. Bush.

Cadet 1st Lt. Ryan Crayne told the audience that, "In times of war and of peace, our men and women in uniform stepped forward to defend their fellow citizens and the country they love. They shouldered great responsibility and lived

up to the highest standards of duty and honor," he said, reading from the proclamation. "They ensured that America remained what our founders meant her to be: a light to the nations, spreading the good news of human freedom to the darkest corners of the earth. On Veterans Day, we honor these extraordinary Americans for their service and sacrifice, and we pay tribute to the legacy of freedom and peace that they have given our great nation."

Four cadets — 2nd Lt. Timothy Bliven, 1st Lt. Rachael Barton, 2nd Lt. Shawn Polite and Master Sgt. Jennifer Schulte — recounted the number of men and women who served and who died for their country since the American Revolution.

A pair of boots, a rifle and beret served as reminders of those who have died, and each of

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## Police seek information in grisly murder case

BY PAM FLEMING  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Northville Township police still had no solid leads Friday afternoon in the murder of a 26-year-old River Rouge man whose badly burned and decapitated body was found Thursday in an undeveloped subdivision.

The body of Daniel Gene-Vincent Sorensen, formerly of Westland, was found lying by the side of the road in a cul-de-sac at 9:32 a.m. Thursday by township water and sewer workers.

The workers were performing routine fire hydrant checks when they found the body and called authorities.

Police are searching for Sorensen's roommate's vehicle, a burgundy 2001 Chevy S-10 pickup with the Michigan license plate number of BBV-9503. The vehicle is not registered to Sorensen, but is what he was last seen driving.

The pickup is registered to the man's roommate in River Rouge, according to Lt. Greg Rhodes of the Northville Township Police Department. The license number also has been listed in the nationwide law enforcement database as a wanted vehicle, he said.

Sorensen was a registered sex offender as the result of a 1998 conviction in Illinois, according to police. Sorensen was 17 years old at the time, while the victim was age 15. It appears the sex conviction was more of a statutory indiscretion, according to police.

Investigators are continuing to interview the murder victim's family members and friends.

Police have learned that Sorensen didn't have steady employment, but that he did have a girlfriend.

Anyone who sees the vehicle in question can call the township police department at (248) 349-9400.



JOHN HEIDER | GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Police officers look for clues to the murder of Daniel Gene-Vincent Sorensen, whose burned and decapitated body was found in Northville Township Thursday.

## 'Student Voices' brings teen view to newspaper

The Westland Observer is proud to present "Student Voices" in today's hometown-LIFE.com section. A group of high school students, mentored by O&E staff members, will report, write and photograph issues important to them throughout the 2007-08 academic year.

If you wonder what teens are thinking about, don't miss this first installment of Student Voices in print and online at www.hometownlife.com. Just click on the Student Voices logo and read stories for and by teens from throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

The students, with help from their mentors, Presentation Editor Julie Brown and Community Editor Sue Mason, prepared today's stories and photos.

Today's featured writers applied to be a student journalist at the start of the school year. They attended a two-hour orientation session on writing and photography. They

Student Voices stories can be found on pages A4 and C1.

brainstormed ideas, did the interviews and research and submitted the material for editing and feedback to their mentors.

"Tyler Vosgerchian's article on the Quo Vadis theater, now empty on Wayne Road in Westland, took me back a few years," Brown added. "It's been great working with such a talented and motivated group, and getting younger viewpoints into our newspapers."

"We have an awesome group of teen journalists," added Mason. "Their stories are timely, relevant and well-written. Their commitment and enthusiasm for this program can't be missed. I hope our readers take the time to read these wonderful stories."

As your hometown newspaper, we believe it's important to hear from younger readers and give them a forum to express them-

selves. They will be the journalists of the future. Congratulations to these outstanding students.

This marks the second year for the program. Last year's crop of budding journalists did such a great job and their work was met with such enthusiasm by print and online readers, continuing the program was an easy decision. A handful of students who participated last year are back again this year.

We hope you enjoy their work and look for more to come from our panel of teen writers and photographers in 2008.

We welcome your comments.

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# Companies create surprise for troops

VideoMagic Productions, Clix Portrait Studio and Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City are teaming up to give military families the chance to record a video message and have professional photographs taken to send to their deployed loved ones for the holidays.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury at 32000 Ford Road between Merriman and Venoy in Garden City.

VideoMagic Productions, a national award winning video production studio in Canton, wanted to help the community by using video for something that would truly make a difference in people's lives.

"This seemed like the perfect

fit," said Mark Salloum, owner and executive producer of VMP. "With the holidays rapidly approaching, it made sense to offer this as a special gift to military personnel."

After discovering that a neighboring photographer Clix Portrait Studio already had been hiping free family photos to any military based overseas, it seemed to make sense to create a package that would marry still pictures and moving video to create a gift that the soldiers will never forget.

John Vena, co-owner of Clix, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and has had many successful years as a pilot in the U.S. Navy.

"It would mean a lot to my wife and me if we could support some of these young men and

women who are away from their loved ones this holiday," said Vena. "Any awareness we can bring to local businesses to join in their support would be great."

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is opening its doors, and pockets, for the special event as the corporate sponsor.

"We appreciate the sacrifice they are making," said Chris Conley, general sales manager. "Bringing a piece of their families to the soldiers will be a reminder that we do care and are very grateful for what they do."

Military families can call Clix Portrait Studio at (734) 459-2500 to schedule an appointment. Families must bring a name of the soldier and APO/FPO address for shipping on the day of the event.

## In concert

Singer Sarah Wilson will perform songs from her CD Saturday, Nov. 17, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Tickets cost \$20 and include dinner, Wilson's show and an open bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available by calling (734) 721-9440.

## Flu shot clinic

TCF Bank Michigan in conjunction with the Visiting Nurse Association will offer flu shot clinics for the public at select TCF Bank branches Monday, Nov. 12, through Friday, Nov. 16. In Westland, flu shots will given at the TCF branch at 37151 Warren Road, between Newburgh and Central City Parkway, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14. Cost is \$25. For more information, call (734) 542-2985.

## Collection

In recognition of Homeless Awareness Week which is Sunday-Saturday, Nov. 11-17, the Wayne County Family Center in Westland is collecting as many items on their "agency wish list" as possible.

Items such as diapers, powdered laundry detergent, flashlights and batteries, toothbrushes and toothpaste, twin-sized bed sheets can be dropped off at the center at 30600 Michigan Ave., just east of Merriman. For a complete list of acceptable goods, call Nancy Bass, resource coordinator site supervisor, at (734) 721-0590.

## Movie time

The Westland senior Friendship Center is hosting a free viewing of *Wild Hogs* 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16. The movie is a comedy about four middle-aged friends who take a road trip on Harley Davidson motorcycles - "hogs." Both the movie and popcorn are free. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, just south of Ford Road.

## Lightfest opens

The annual Wayne County Lightfest along Hines Drive

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kicks off Wednesday, Nov. 16. The longest drive-through holiday light display in the Midwest, it will be open 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Enter off of Merriman, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren, in Westland. Cost is a \$5 donation per car. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

## Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the third Monday of each month.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, Nov. 12.

He will be at the Westland Big Boy 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

## Holiday party

A holiday party will be held 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at St. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland. There will be door and table prizes, a light meal and snacks. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets cost \$8 and are available at the door. Proceeds will go to the church building fund.

## Bowling benefit

Friends of Bridgette Mozham will hold a bowling benefit for the youngster and her family 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Town 'N Country Lanes on Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland. The cost is \$10 per person for three games of bowling and

shoes. There also will be a raffle and 50/50 drawing. Register at the door.

A fifth-grader at Madison Elementary School, the youngster was injured when she and her cousin were hit by a motorist while they were crossing Cherry Hill Oct. 18. She is now out of the hospital and recovering at home.

For more information or to make a donation, call Madison School at (734) 419-2710.

## Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. with tournament play run 6 p.m. to midnight. There also will be a Vegas Night with black jack, Let It Ride, Hold 'Em and seven-card poker. Food, beer and pop also will be available.

Registration is \$60. For more information, call (734) 266-0400.

## Mardi gras party

The Westland Rotary Charitable Foundation will hold a Mardi Gras Celebration, a dinner party and auction, 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight (with four reverse raffle tickets) and include a New Orleans-style buffet dinner, beer and wine. Additional reverse raffle tickets are \$40 each. For more information, call Gary Bulson at (734) 729-6683 or go online to www.westlandrotary.org.

## Ballroom dancing

Westland senior Friendship Center already has the instructor, now it needs a minimum of 10 people interested in joining a ballroom dance class that will be offered 12:30-1:30 p.m. Fridays. Participants do not need to bring a partner. The cost is \$3 per class. Anyone interested can sign up at the front desk of the Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

# Hope Health Care Center gets flagpole with help of Legion

The Hope Health Care Center in Westland always wanted to display "Old Glory" in front of their building, but they needed a flagpole.

They got both on Saturday from American Legion Westland Post 251 of Westland, which held a ceremony Saturday

to dedicate the flagpole as well as honor local veterans who are patients at the facility.

Post Commander Bill Acton said the idea of a flag dedication ceremony came after members of his post met with several veterans who are patients at Hope Health

Care Center on Cherry Hill in Westland.

The American Legion also presented the center with a plaque containing the names of the veterans who are also patients at the center.

"On this Veterans Day, I thank each of our veterans, and I commend their brave service," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "I also thank Post Commander Bill Acton and the members of the Westland Post 251 who made this dedication possible."

Legion Post 251 was first chartered in 1975 and now has 154 members. It meets at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

For more information about American Legion Post 251, call Acton at (734) 326-2607.



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## VETERANS

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the cadet speakers placed a flag at the makeshift memorial to honor America's war dead.

Members of the Wayne Memorial High School marching band performed the national anthem at the ceremony, while cadet Cpl. Muata Mason played *Taps*.

Also addressing the gathering was Cmdr. Roy Yapple of the Military Officers Association of America who talked about the sacrifices veterans have made and thanked them for serving. Yapple served 21 years in the U.S. Navy.

The ceremony comes on the heels of the battalion's strong showing at national competi-



Cadet Cpl. Muata Mason, a junior, plays 'Taps' during the ceremony.

tion last weekend.

According to LaHaine, the cadets placed sixth overall in the nation and third in cross country rescue in National Raider competition. They

also landed two fifth-place finishes in five-mile team run and gauntlet, which included a 150-meter river crossing, low crawl and obstacles. It also placed 10th in the rope bridge

and Army physical fitness test.

"This is significant, considering it was their first attempt and most of the schools involved have done this for years, and had competed on the terrain many times before," LaHaine said. "I was proud of the competition results, but I was most proud of the way they maintained their military bearing and represented Wayne, the Wayne-Westland Community School District and JROTC so well."

"By the end of the day, everyone there knew about 'that team from Michigan' in a positive way."

The National Raider Competition was held Nov. 3 in Athens, Ga.

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# Wayne thespians go 1950s

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

When Kate Sullivan needed two elementary-aged youngsters to play roles in Wayne Memorial High School's upcoming production of *Father Knows Best*, she turned to her husband, Tim.

A teacher at Edison Elementary in Westland, he asked fifth-graders Andrea Macek and Jennafer Bizek if they would be interested.

"When Mr. Sullivan called, he said I was the first one he thought of," said Jennafer. "He asked about my friends. They needed us to be friends who fight a lot."

"Yeah, but we're still able to get along," added Andrea.

Jennafer plays the youngest daughter and Andrea her friend in the three-act play that will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 15-17, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium of the Wayne Memorial campus in Wayne.

"This is the first time I've done this," said Sullivan, the play's director. "I wanted something that had a larger cast. This has a good mix of male and female roles."

In all the play has a cast of 15 students and a crew of four. Senior Briana Dewyer is doing double duty playing the role of the older daughter and serving as an assistant director along with Alyssa Lucas.

The play is set in the 1950s and is a spin-off of the *Father Knows Best* radio and TV show, and according to Sullivan, "it's

the all-American family show." "It's a show the whole family can come and see," Sullivan said.

Sophomore Doug Malcomb plays the frustrated father who wants the family to spend time together at home. They do, but things seem to go wrong. His wife, played by senior Kristina Monty, has her garden club come to the house for their meeting, while his son, played by Andrew Roberts of Marshall Middle School, has his basketball team come over to play. His oldest daughter (Dewyer) has her first date at home.

"He sees all the antics that occur and he realizes he shouldn't try to control so much," said Sullivan. "He realizes that he should let them have their freedom and ultimately they let him have his freedom."

Also helping with the production is Wayne Memorial alumnus Evan Williams, who provides the cast with feedback and critiques performances as Sullivan's production assistant.

"He's a huge help to me, doing all of the behind-the-scenes things I don't have time to do," said Sullivan. "Evan spent his whole high school career in the drama program. He'll be leaving for New York soon and quite possibly may go into theater."

The students have been in rehearsal since early October, putting in long hours after school three days a week. The schedule hasn't been a problem for the cast. According to Sullivan, they've "done a phenomenal job" rehearsing their



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Doug Malcomb (from left) plays the father, Jim Anderson, Briana Dewyer is the oldest daughter Betty and Kristina Monty his wife Margaret in the Wayne Memorial High School production of 'Father Knows Best.'



Rehearsing a scene are Doug Malcomb (from left), Andrew Roberts, Jennafer Bizek, Kristina Monty and Andrea Macek.

lines and getting into their characters.

As the youngest cast members, Jennafer and Andrea said it was "a little hard" to learn their lines, but the two girls used recess to practice them.

"I didn't know it would be a lot fun," said Jennafer.

"We've made a lot of new friends," added Andrea.

They also admit that the play has them wanting to pursue theater productions in middle school and high school.

"It's their first time on stage and they're doing a great job," Sullivan said. "It's wonderful because they're such close friends. They work on their lines together and come to rehearsals together."

# CHARGES

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of being involved in the robbery, and he made statements that led to his arrest this week in Highland Park, where the company has offices, Heater said.

John Pittman was then interviewed Tuesday by Heater, at which time he is accused of making further statements about the incident.

Not-guilty pleas have been entered in court for all three defendants.

John Pittman is accused of driving the other two defendants to the scene and dropping them off. An investigation has indicated that he was supposed to pick up the pair after they robbed the Loomis employee, Heater said.

But the robbery went awry.

The Loomis driver targeted for robbery held one defendant, identified as 18-year-old Christian Hall of Sterling Heights, until police arrived. Hall is charged with unarm robbery and trying to take the

victim's gun.

Jerrel Pittman is charged with unarm robbery amid accusations he grabbed a bag filled with nearly \$15,000 and fled the scene, only to be captured nearby by Police Chief James Ridener and Officer Mark Cholak.

All three defendants are jailed in lieu of \$100,000 cash bonds.

Hall already has been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he waived his preliminary hearing Nov. 1 in Westland 18th District Court.

Jerrel Pittman's hearing is scheduled for Nov. 29 after his attorney, Regina Triplett, asked Nov. 1 for a police lineup to see whether the Loomis driver can identify him.

John Pittman's hearing is scheduled for this Thursday after he was arraigned in front of 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Luke Skywalker has said the money taken during the robbery is still missing.

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# Tickets still available for 'A Tribute to the Stars' show

Tickets still are available for A Tribute to the Stars — a celebrity impersonator show aimed at raising money to help the Westland Goodfellows.

The Goodfellows group raises money to buy Christmas gifts for children who might otherwise not have any, and the nonprofit organization this year is expecting an even larger demand due to tough economic times.

Westland Jaycees members have stepped in with A Tribute to the Stars, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. A mostaccioli dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m.

Celebrity impersonators will perform the songs of Shania Twain, Toby Keith, Neil Diamond, Jerry Lee Lewis,

Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley. The event will include dancing, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

Tickets cost \$25. Call Westland Jaycees chaplain Gary Bulson at (734) 729-6683 or the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

Tickets also may be bought at chamber offices on Ford Road between Newburgh

and Wayne. They also will be available at the door, Bulson said.

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# We count: Teenage spending is big in local economy

BY ASHLEY TROMBLEY  
TEEN JOURNALIST

Money. It comes in many forms with many names — from bucks, cash, and dough to even the more bizarre like bread and cheddar. But no matter what you decide to call it, it all serves the same purpose: To buy things. But what role do teenagers play in the local economy?

I made it my mission to find out by asking two questions: What percentage of the store's customers were teenagers and what good deals, if any, were being offered?

It was a normal Monday night at Westland Shopping Center, the shops were full of the hustle and bustle of shoppers. It was here that the answers would be uncovered.

My first stop was Hot Topic, a punk-rocker's paradise. After talking to the management, I found out that teens make up about 70 percent of the store's consumption. No further information was disclosed.



ashley trombley

Love music? Could you spend hours roaming up and down aisles and aisles of CDs? Often find songs stuck in your head?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you're not alone. According to an employee for FYE, 80 percent of the merchandise is purchased by high school kids. The employee went on to point me toward the bargain bin, which held a pretty eclectic mix of music, some selling for \$10 or less.

I know what you're thinking: What kind of teenager would intentionally shop for designer tennis shoes?

Here's your answer: 50 percent. Yes, that's right, exactly half of Foot Locker's shoe-shoppers are teens. The wonderfully helpful Richelle spoke of really good deals, such as certain brands of shoes going

two for \$79.

Perhaps video games are more your thing ... maybe, then, Game Stop is the place for you. There are almost always specials going on used Game Cube, PlayStation, X-Box, and computer games. Employee Justin Dorosh shared with me some surprising news: Teen's consumption at Westland's Game Stop is 50 percent or less. You'd think it'd be quite a bit higher, due to how much kids today depend on electricity.

But I'd be willing to bet that with the Oct. 28 release of *Guitar Hero 3: Rock Legends*, Game Stop will be seeing much bigger numbers in customers.

During this investigation, I learned something: Teenagers are pretty savvy shoppers. And no matter what we decide to do with our moola, greenbacks, or macaroni, it impacts the economy in more ways than we think.

Ashley J. Trombley is a student at Garden City High School.

# Fund raising benefits Junior Miss program

BY CAITLIN BURNS  
TEEN JOURNALIST

The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program's fund-raising drive has begun.

It started with the eighth annual Halloween Bowl-athon. On Oct. 28, the 24 young women competing in the 41st Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Program went to Westland Bowl and bowled their hearts out.

All of the young women worked hard prior to the event, lining up sponsors willing to support the scholarship program. All money raised goes right back to the young women. The goal for the event was to raise at least \$1,000, but the final total isn't in yet.

At the bowl-athon, the girls each bowled two games and prizes were awarded to the young women who had the highest score, most strikes/spares and most open games. The winners were Teresa Sanford, Mallory Brosious and Caitlin Burns, respectively. All participants received a bag of Halloween treats.

In addition to the bowl-athon, the group is sponsoring "Dining To Donate" events at three Westland restaurants. The first two



Contestants in the annual Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Program sport Halloween costumes during a recent Halloween fund-raiser.

took place Monday, Nov. 5, at Buffalo Wild Wings and Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Max and Erma's. The next one will be Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Applebee's on Warren at Central City Parkway.

On these days, supporters of the Junior Miss program take a flier to the restaurant and 20 percent of their total bill is donated to the scholarship program. It is an easy way for everyone to support the program and enjoy a good meal out.

These fund-raising opportunities would not be possible without the hard work of Carol Baker. Baker, mother of 2007 Junior Miss Kelsey Baker, is the new director for the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Program.

She has been involved

with Junior Miss since 2003. She stepped up and took the reins after the former director Pat Hermatz retired and the program was in jeopardy of ending. Baker said she decided to take over because the "program was too good to watch it fold."

People can support the hard work of all these women by attending the Junior Miss Scholarship Program and see who is named Wayne-Westland's 2008 Junior Miss. The pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium on Glenwood east of Fourth Street, Wayne.

Caitlin Burns is a student at Westland John Glenn High School.

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# A diversified portfolio is best defense against recession

Dear Rick: I was reading an article that said that we were headed towards a recession. Are there things that I should do to my portfolio to protect myself?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

If you ask 10 economists you will get 11 different opinions as to whether we are headed for a recession. Part of the reason is there is no strict definition of recession. Some define a recession as two consecutive quarters of negative Gross Domestic Product growth. Others define a recession based upon other broader indicators of the economy.

In fact, when economists use the GDP to determine a recession, we don't know we're in a recession until we're already out of it.

What also makes it difficult to determine a recession is that government numbers are constantly being revised. For example, last month we saw a major revision in the monthly jobs report.

How a recession would affect the economy is difficult to say. We live in a diverse economy and how a recession would affect one state may be totally different than how it would affect another state.

A perfect example is the U.S. economy over the last year. In most states the economy has been performing very well and then we have Michigan. You can make a good argument that Michigan already is in a recession because we were the only state last year that had a declining GDP. If the national economy goes into a recession, it may not have the same impact on Michigan as it would in other states.

The best way for investors to protect themselves is to maintain a well-balanced and

diversified portfolio. This includes investments in fixed-income areas such as U.S. Treasuries, corporate bonds and even fixed annuities as well as a diversified portfolio of equities including foreign and domestic stocks.

There is no question there are issues with the economy. We have rising energy prices, a problem in the credit market and a difficult real estate market. However, it is not a certainty we will enter into a recession. Whether we go into a recession, investors should be very cautious about making radical changes in their portfolios. If we do have a recession, there is no reason to panic. We've been in recessions before. One thing that has always happened is the U.S. economy, over a short period of time, begins to grow and investors who were patient and did not panic were able to prosper over the long run.

Dear Rick: Hopefully,

you can settle a bet with a friend of mine. He entered a poker tournament and won \$10,000. I told him he has to pay taxes on his winnings. He says since he is not a professional gambler he doesn't have to report the money as income. Does he have to pay taxes on his winnings?

Congratulations! You won the bet. Whether your friend is a professional gambler is only one factor in determining how he reports the income and any deductions he's entitled. Bottom line is the \$10,000 is subject to taxes. It is similar to winning the lottery. Playing the lottery is a form of gambling and is subject to income tax.

There has been an explosion in poker tournaments throughout the country over the last few years. According to new rules and regulations recently issued by the IRS, poker tournaments are required to report winnings of

more than \$5,000 to the IRS starting March 2008.

Gambling earnings always have been subject to income taxes. A lot of people believe since those earnings are not reported to the IRS they are not subject to taxes. That is not the case.

It is important to understand the great majority of our tax laws are self-enforcing. Just because income such as gambling winnings are not currently reported to the IRS does not mean that it is not subject to income taxes — they are. Unfortunately, gambling

losses on the other hand are not deductible. Many people would say that's not fair, however, who said tax laws had to be fair. One of the greatest misnomers about tax laws is that they are supposed to be fair and equitable. They are not. It's a reality all Americans must accept.

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.

## Enter for chance to dine with Mark

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Florine Mark of Weight Watchers. Mark is known throughout metro Detroit as a successful businesswoman and philanthropist.

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Mark

## Contest to award dinosaur dig to Michigan classroom

Michigan paleontologist PaleoJoe has announced a contest for Michigan schools, grades 1-6, for an entire classroom to win a dinosaur dig at Wyoming Dinosaur Center in Thermopolis, Wyo.

"We are very excited to offer this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said PaleoJoe, who found

a triceratops three months ago. One of less than 50 have been found.

The children and their chaperones will be taken to the dig by Blue Lakes Charters and Tours. The contest, which started Oct. 12, ends Nov. 25. To enter visit www.MyFoxDetroit.com or www.paleojoe.com.

Each week, for six weeks, kids, parents and teachers can enter by answering a series of questions based on PaleoJoe's Dinosaur Detective Club books written by PaleoJoe and Wendy Caszatt-Allen, a graduate of Interlochen Academy of Arts and Michigan State University. To find the books, go to your

local bookstore or www.mackinacislandpress.com.

Each week there will be four new questions based on PaleoJoe's Dinosaur Detective Club series. Parents, teachers, and each child (with their parent's permission) can enter every week to increase their classroom's chance to win.

## Arts Commission spotlights photography, quilts

The Livonia Arts Commission exhibits photography and quilts through Nov. 29.

Van Nazarian's images continue on display in the second

floor Fine Arts Gallery at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington road.

For information, call (734) 466-2490 during the regularly

scheduled library hours.

The Michigan Quilt Artist Invitational fills the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington road.

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# Hospital programs focus on living well

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**Monday, Nov. 12**

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

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

**Heart Pals Cardiac Support Group** at 7:30 p.m. Group support is offered to cardiac patients and/or their significant other. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**

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

**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (fourth of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues.

## GC Hospital sponsors 'Tree of Angels'

As the holidays draw near, the phrase, "lost but not forgotten" rings true for many people.

At 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Garden City Hospital will hold its third annual community "Tree of Angels" dedication ceremony. The tree honors friends and family who have lost their battle to a terminal illness.

People can choose from an array of custom made ornaments and dedicate it to a loved one by inscribing their name on it and hang it upon the hospital tree. The hospi-

tal's department of oncology is sponsoring the event.

The free holiday event gives people the opportunity to keep the memory alive of those who have passed. Not only are ornaments given to those who attend, but guest speakers, Dr. Cheryl Kovalski of oncology and nurse Vicki Ashker, senior director of nursing, will offer inspiration and support to the loved ones and survivors.

People can bring friends and family to commemorate the season of remembrance. Light refreshments will be

available.

The dedication ceremony will be in the hospital's main lobby. The "Tree of Angels" will be available Nov. 30 through Jan. 4 for decoration. Participants also can take home their ornament at any time.

Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, or visit its Web site at [www.gchosp.org](http://www.gchosp.org).

The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

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

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**Yoga** (second of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

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329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

**Alzheimer's Support** at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower level classrooms of the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building (attached to the main hospital), 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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

**Self Help for Hard of Hearing**

(SHHH) at 7 p.m. Are you or someone you know hard of hearing? You're not alone. A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every third Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.

**Thursday, Nov. 15**

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
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**DENTAL ASSIST**

# Firm collects unwanted computers, equipment

Have an old computer you want to dispose of? Classic Computer Recovery Inc. in Garden City has the answer. The computer and electronics recycling company is helping the community and the environment free of charge by picking up and taking in old computers, monitors and printers from more than 20 area school districts and corporations in the Midwest, along with coordinating special collection sites in the area to promote and advertise America Recycles Campaign 2007.

Residents, schools, municipalities and small businesses can recycle their old computers for Thursday, Nov. 15, through Friday, Nov. 30. Items being accepted for free include computers, monitors 17-inch or smaller, notebooks, printers and all types of computer components, such as floppies, hard drives, cables, and motherboards. They can be dropped off at four sites: ■ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 15-30 at Monroe County/Habitat for Humanity, 840 LaPlaisance, Monroe. For information for Monroe

County, contact Jamie Dean at jamie\_dean@monroemi.org or (734) 240-7909, or Habitat for Humanity, contact Kristin Doyle at kirstinidoye@yahoo.com or (734) 243-1108. Also go online at www.monroemi.org for more information. ■ 24 hours a day seven days a week Nov. 15-30 at Oakland County/Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, 20000 W. Eight Mile, at the corner of Eight Mile and Evergreen, Southfield. Contact Mike Csapoat (248) 208-2270 or by e-mail at mcsapo@

rrrasoc.org and Rachel Pitt at (248) 208-2270 or by e-mail at pitt@rrrasoc.org. ■ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday Nov. 12-30 at the CCR Classic Computer Recovery Inc. warehouse, 32400 Ford, Garden City. Contact Laura Charnota at (734) 732-1784 or e-mail her at laurac@classiccomputerrecovery.com. You can also visit the Web site at www.classiccomputerrecovery.com. ■ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday Nov. 12-30 at the CCR Classic Computer Recovery Inc., 4600 N. Grand

River, Suite B, Lansing, for Ingham County. Contact Laura Charnota at (734) 732-1784 or e-mail her at laurac@classiccomputerrecovery.com. You can also visit the Web site at www.classiccomputerrecovery.com. This is the fifth year Classic Computer Recovery has promoted "America Recycles" Day, by hosting free computer collection events once a year during the week of the federally designated day, Nov. 15. CCR is also spreading the word about the upcoming FCC TV switch from analog to

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## 'Secret Ops' follows Wayne County deputies into danger

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

It's dangerous out there. When rapper Proof was shot dead last year, Detroit's late night club scene became even more dangerous.

Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Special Response Team joined Detroit's SRT on several raids of illegal after-hours clubs in search of drugs and guns. Right behind them was a film crew for Court TV's *Secret Ops*, a nail tough police reality show in which the Sheriff's SRT is playing a star role.

Last week's show followed the team as it made the club raids. Future Sunday night episodes will take viewers into drug dens, after-hours clubs and in hot pursuit of parole violators. Tonight at 10, the team tracks down a notorious drug dealer holding an undercover officer captive in a crack house.

For the sheriff's deputies, the filming has been a positive reinforcement of what they do.

"It was great," said Sgt. John Godre of Plymouth, an 11-year veteran of the force. "It was a different experience, one I've never had before. It was more laid-back than I expected. It was pretty easy and painless."

Cpl. Lewis "Falcon" Yokom of Canton, an 18-year veteran, said the film crew seemed pretty experienced with filming military and police operations. "It was cumbersome," he said. "They had a lot of gear and equipment. We're not used to that extra baggage. We're used to running fast and having a lot of mobility. They were with us for quite a long time to do the series. It's amazing the amount of footage they shot."

### ASKED TO PARTICIPATE

The production company 44 Blue approached the Sheriff's Department about participating in the series, that also features other departments.

Sheriff Warren Evans said he didn't particularly see it as a way to promote the department so much as an opportunity for his deputies to show their stuff.

"There is a certain pride in what they do. Other departments have been getting on and we stand as tall as they do," he said.

Stuart Zwagil, a vice president with 44 Blue, said Wayne County had been part of an earlier show

the company did and Court TV was impressed.

"They asked us to go back and talk to them about doing something more than just an hour show," he said. "It's really an incredible force in what they are doing to keep the community safe."

Zwagil said the concept of *Secret Ops* was to show the danger and hard work that goes into keeping the city safe.

"We are following these guys as they go about their jobs," he said. "We are capturing all the drama that happens and showing how hard it is."

The SRT is a part-time unit within the Sheriff's Department. The City of Detroit has a full-time SRT unit. The Wayne County SRT is called on for raids, hostage situations and crowd control at big events like the Super Bowl and the baseball All-Star game. They are also called on by the Secret Service to help protect presidential candidates.

### DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

But officers all have other assignments. For Yokom, a Marine veteran, one of his regular jobs was warrant fugitive apprehension. In a program scheduled for Nov. 25, the crew follows Yokom as he pursues a woman parole violator.

"This worked out well," he said. "We picked up leads on the west side, followed from the west side to central Detroit, did some date checking and picked up more information."

Yokom and a partner finally tracked their prey on the east side.

Yokom's "Falcon" nickname is one of many used in the program for the officers. They include Rick "Sherlock" Holme, James "Boom" Panackia, Charles "Mother" Hall and Scott "Teflon" Gatti.

"Nicknames are acquired from the team based on job responsibilities or personality," Yokom said. "I've been Falcon for 10-12 years."

Godre said the film crew was never intrusive.

"It was really like a normal workday," he said. "You didn't see them because they were behind you filming."

Sometimes situations got dangerous.

"There was one incident where we had to make entry through a window and we had to throw flash bangs into a dope house,"



Wayne County Sheriff's Special Response Team officers Lewis Yokom of Canton and Lee Smith of Redford prepare to make entry on a suspected drug house. Smith is shown here throwing a distractionary device called a flash bang inside to disorient the suspects before the rest of the team enters the house.



Cpl. James Panackia lines up behind one of his fellow SRT officers as the Court TV film crew looks on.

Godre said. "And there is danger at after-hours clubs because you never know how many people will be there."

Zwagil said he has an "A-list crew" who have experience handling volatile situations and always wear protective gear. "Safety is always first," he said. Yokom and Godre agree the program has a positive message.

"It builds some sympathy and empathy for what we do," Yokom said. "It's not easy doing what

we do. It builds bridges between law enforcement and the community."

Godre said it's important for the community to know that SRT is out there.

"It's refreshing to show that we go out and make a difference, but it's sobering to think there is no shortage of drug houses," he said.

The programs are scheduled Sunday nights through November. Check your local cable schedule for times.

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1444- Rimmon Oneil- bags, chairs, refrigerator  
2116- Patrick Clark- boxes, bags, totes  
2142- Charise Valentine- desk, chairs  
2287- Deirdre Francis- boxes, bags, totes  
2400- Jodi Beydoun- boxes, tv, recliner  
2464- Nicole Turner- boxes, bags, totes

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104- Hillary Mesler- snowblower, boxes, totes  
940- Jeffrey Woodward- tv  
945- Leantre Terry- refrigerator, boxes, totes  
1116- Jennifer Wheeler- crib, dresser, boxes  
1122- Sharon Sexton- cabinet, boxes, couch  
116- Lori Tecmire- boxes  
126- Stephanie Gestrich- golf clubs, snowblower, tools  
144- Kristen VanWassenhova- boxes  
218- Krystyn Overbeck- boxes, mattress, entertainment center  
238- Kimberly Sidar- boxes, totes  
512- Janet Pielak- speakers, boxes, bike  
620- Robin Baumann- washer, dryer, totes  
622- James Adams- guitar, dresser, tv  
657- Kymane R Clark- boxes, totes, bags  
800- Gregory Bader Jr.- boxes, totes  
820- Barbara Gorno- Ac, totes, bags  
835- David Moore- tv, stereo, dvd  
921- Kindra Moore- crib, box, table

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2043- Robert Peecher- kitchen supplies, vending machines  
3013- Jennifer Stoneberg- tv, stereo, sofa  
3087- Ricky Beasley- futon, couch, chair  
4019- Dennis Cole- tv, stereo, fishtank  
4032- Frank Makdesion- boxes, tv, sofa  
4083- Chris Bastian- sofa, bed, dresser  
5006- Patrick M Laffrey- washer, treadmill, refrigerator  
5013- Tyre Smith- boxes, totes, bags  
5051- DeAnna Cushman- sofa, loveseat, boxes  
5069- Carl Hicks- washer, dryer, box  
5086- Marie Long- boxes, totes, bags  
6010- Carol Mcculley- sofa, tv, dresser  
6049- Robert Hammond- freezer, tv, sofa  
6071- Paul Emerson- table, boxes, monitor  
6080- Christine Newsome- boxes, bikes, tools  
6187- Keith Thompson- mattress, boxes, dresser  
7080- Patricia Keys- vending machine, refrigerator, lawnmower  
9066- Rosemary Boyd- totes, luggage, tent

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## CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

November 29, 2007

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use:

**SLU 07-007,** Dryclean Depot Company proposed development at 31535 Ford Road. The applicant Dryclean Depot Company is proposing to locate their business, a dry cleaning establishment at 31535 Ford Road. The subject property is zoned C-2 Community Business. Dry Cleaning establishments require Special Land Use approval in Garden City.

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

Paul C. Zelenak, Director  
Community Development Department

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# Firefighters boost skills to save lives

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

It's the worst nightmare for a firefighter — being killed on the job or losing a colleague to smoke and flames.

In hopes of avoiding such a tragedy, firefighters from Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Romulus are upgrading what they call their rapid-intervention skills.

Firefighters recently used an empty house in Romulus to simulate rescues of those who are trapped in a building with little air, who have fallen through a floor or who are pinned in a confined area — among other life-threatening situations.

About 25 firefighters and officers from the four cities participated in four days of new training to boost skills that could save lives.

"Not only do they have the physical skills now, but they also have the mental preparation," said Scott Neal,

Westland assistant chief of training and education.

The intense training started with classes that delved into the leading causes of firefighters who died in the line of duty. Firefighters then practiced new skills by filling the Romulus house with smoke and simulating how they would respond in a real situation.

Rescues can become complicated, Neal said, because an average firefighter wearing gear weighs about 265 pounds. That, he said, can become a hindrance in an emergency situation when every second counts.

"We smoked up the house and made it to where the firefighters couldn't see," Neal said. "With the training, the stress level is reduced so that their thinking is heightened."

The four cities also learned to work together as a mutual aid team — a move that could be critical, if any single community has a large fire that requires outside assistance.

Neal credited The Salvation Army



Dan Neault, a Garden City Fire Department engineer (standing on the ground) works with other firefighters during a rapid-intervention training session.



Firefighters practice how to rescue their colleagues during a training exercise involving Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Romulus.

for bring a mobile canteen to the Romulus scene and providing food and water for the firefighters during

their training. He said the four departments plan to work together every year to broad-

en the number of firefighters who receive the training.

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Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who

make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council serves one in six girls living in Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties. For more information, or to join Girl Scouts, call (800) 49-SCOUT, or visit the Web site at www.gshvc.org.

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### Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

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

By Elena Lombardi

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

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

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

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

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

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

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

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



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

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

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

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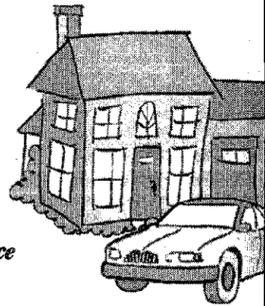
Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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OUR VIEWS

## Economic impact is just one reason deer hunting is important

Much has been made recently about our state lawmakers taking time off for the annual firearms deer hunting season that starts Thursday. They have been criticized because, as it turns out, only a handful of legislators actually hunt. Yet they are all taking about two weeks off anyway. Only in Lansing.

Actually, the annual hunting holiday for state lawmakers dates back a long ways, when hunting was much more ingrained in the daily lives of Michiganders. But that's not to say that it isn't still a huge deal here in Michigan. Just ask small business owners, especially in the northern part of the state, who have come to rely on the annual migration of hunters to help boost their cash registers. In fact, by some estimates, deer hunters contribute about \$500 million to the state's economy through purchases of hunting gear, food, lodging and transportation.

While numbers have dropped in recent years,

there will still be more than a half million orange-clad hunters (both male and female) in the woods at the crack of dawn Thursday. The traditional firearms opener of Nov. 15 is still akin to a holiday in many parts of the state, as numerous schools and businesses will be closed. And deer hunters still spend more days afield in Michigan than in any other state or Canadian province.

For many families, deer hunting season is celebrated as an annual rite of passage that brings them together at camps that have been in the family for generations. It's about more than just trying to bag a deer, though there is certainly plenty of opportunity to do that.

Michigan's whitetail deer population is estimated at 1.6 million, though more than half live in the southern third of the state, a reversal from a generation ago when most of the deer lived "Up North." State biologists believe about

450,000 deer will be killed in all hunting seasons this year, and the vast majority will be taken in the next two weeks.

That will hardly put a dent in the population, though. Here is something to consider, especially for people who are critical of deer hunters: Michigan is second in the nation when it comes to vehicle-deer collisions. Last year, 1,700 people were injured in such accidents around the state, including 12 deaths. Without hunters, we can expect to see those numbers rise. Like it or not, deer hunters are the only means to cull the large deer herd we have here in Michigan.

The other important role that hunters, especially deer hunters, play in Michigan is being the financial backbone of the state's Department of Natural Resources, which is charged with taking care of our forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife. Hunting licenses pump millions into the department's coffers. Despite this, the DNR

is currently slashing its programs, including the number of vital conservation officers who enforce game laws and protect the resources so many of us in this state have come to cherish, because our state Legislature refuses to provide enough funding to the department.

DNR officials have asked the Legislature to dramatically increase the cost of hunting and fishing licenses, because they know that it is the one source of funding they can count on. But state lawmakers have refused to act on it. It must be because they fear a backlash from their constituents that do hunt. It can't be because they don't want to pay the increases themselves, because as we found out last week, there aren't many of them that actually hunt.

For all our readers that do take to the field, enjoy the wonderful outdoors our state has to offer, happy hunting and good luck bagging that deer.

LETTERS

### Not working for constituents

I am in receipt of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's latest taxpayer-funded mailing, which unfortunately mirrors his previous taxpayer-funded mailings in its self-aggrandizing and deceptive propaganda rather than providing any information of actual value for his constituents.

Nowhere is he more disingenuous and deceptive than when boasting of his opposition to the so-called (and utterly misnamed) "death tax." His efforts and those of the Republican Party to repeal this tax should more properly be labeled "the government welfare for children of millionaires act."

Of note, my siblings and I received inheritances because of the deaths of both parents during the past eight years. Although our parents were not millionaires, they had substantial estates and yet we paid no estate tax.

So just who is McCotter shilling for by pushing for repeal of this tax, besides a mere handful of his wealthiest constituents and the big money bankrollers of the Republican Party?

I await, but expect that I will never see, a mailing trumpeting the congressman's continuing votes for the illegal occupation of Iraq that his president and his party lied our nation into. Nor do I expect to see a mailing from Mr. McCotter trumpeting (or even explaining) his repeated votes against children's health care, against safe food and water, against Internet neutrality, against good and environmentally sound science and against Constitutional rule of law, despite overwhelming support for all of these issues by his constituents.

He claims to work for me? That is hardly the case. Mr. McCotter's predecessors Lynn Rivers and Bill Ford did work for me and for the people of this district before it was blatantly gerrymandered to ensure his election. I can only hope that Mr. McCotter's successor in January 2009 will follow in their footsteps and not his.

Joe Golonka  
Westland

COMMUNITY VOICE

### How do you think we should celebrate Veterans Day?



"I think the celebration should be more open, there should be more media about it. Some cities do parades, I wish all cities did."  
Dorothy Frazer  
Westland



"I think we should honor the veterans, they put their lives on the line for us. I spent 11 1/2 months in Vietnam. I fly the flag and the POW-MIA flag."  
Jeffrey Fleehart  
Westland



"They should have some kind of ceremony to honor what they do. The one they have in Garden City is nice and intimate."  
Dan Smith  
Garden City



"We need to have the veterans acknowledged better for their participation in the wars and conflicts. People complain, but the men and women who gave their lives so they could aren't recognized."  
Richard Sikula  
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## Stevenson 10, Franklin 7



Franklin's Israel Woolfork heads up the field for a gain being pursued by Stevenson's Derek Lienhardt.



Stevenson sophomore Austin White accounted for the Spartans' lone touchdown in Friday's 10-7 regional championship win over Franklin.

## Sidelines

### Boles sentenced

Former Westland John Glenn High and University of Michigan football standout Tony Boles was sentenced to prison for a second time, Nov. 1, in Washtenaw County Court.

According to a report in the Ann Arbor News, the 39-year-old Boles was arrested Sept. 9 on Ypsilanti's east side for blocking traffic. There was also an arrest warrant for violating his parole, police said. Officers also learned the car he was driving was reported stolen from Detroit. Boles, of Detroit, also gave officers false identification.

Boles pled guilty on one count of receiving and concealing stolen property last month.

The MLive report also said Boles served six months in prison for unarmed robbery before being paroled in 2005.

The former Glenn All-State running back rushed for 2,247 career yards, including 1,408 in the '88 season. He had 10 100-yard or more rushing games. He was named All-Big Ten twice (1988-89) before going down with a knee injury.

Boles was drafted in the 11th round of the 1991 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys and had a brief stint with the San Antonio Gunslingers of the World Football League.

### Lions play-by-play

Scott Sieron, 16, of Livonia, was one of 10 randomly selected finalists (ages 9-16) for the 3-A Day of Dairy - Lions Junior Broadcaster contest held Tuesday at the Meijer store in Warren.

Competitors demonstrated their skills by reading a play-by-play script while watching a video broadcast of a Detroit Lions game.

Judges included Lions tackle Jeff Backus, Lions play-by-play man Dan Miller, radio analyst Jim Brandstatter, 2006 winner Mariah Harrison and a Meijer representative.

Sieron, an 11th-grader, wants to be a programmer of weather moedel. He plays trombone in the wind ensemble at school and enjoys computer technology and meteorology.

Two grand prize winners receive four tickets to the Nov. 18 game at Ford Field between the Lions and New York Giants.

## Spartans' line shines

### Field goal settles Region 4 championship game

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to its stellar defense, Livonia Stevenson survives to play another day in the state football playoffs.

Before an overflow crowd Friday night, the undefeated Spartans improved to 12-0 with a hard-fought 10-7 victory over rival Livonia Franklin for the Division 1-Region 4 championship.

The Spartans took advantage of one of Franklin's four turnovers as Jonny Myschock's 27-yard field goal with 6:01 left in the third quarter proved to be the difference.

Stevenson also earned its first state semifinal berth since 1979. That's when quarterback Dave Hall called the signals and led his team into a matchup against Escanaba.

Stevenson stymied Franklin's offense much of the night, limiting the Cinderella Patriots, who entered the playoffs as a 5-4 at-large team, to 162 total yards.

The host Spartans also contained Franklin junior running back David Fortin, who had rushed for 238 and 188 yards, respectively, in playoff wins over Monroe and Dearborn Fordson.

Fortin, who missed eight regular season games with an arm injury, was held to 44 yards on 14 carries.

"Tonight we got bailed out with our defense," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel, whose Spartans face 10-2 Troy in a 1 p.m. Saturday semifinal at Southfield-Lathrup. (Troy defeated Warren Cousino, 34-0). "It's a team game and we've won other games on our offense, but we made plays

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## Modano: NHL's American Idol

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It took awhile, but the kid who grew up in Westland and attended Franklin High School is now the National Hockey League's all-time leading scorer among American-born players.

Wednesday night in San Jose, the Dallas Stars' Mike Modano passed former All-Star defenseman Phil Housley when he scored a pair of goals in the first 4:24 of the opening period in the Stars' 3-1 win over the Sharks.

The 37-year-old Modano now has 1,233 career points, including 511 goals and 722 assists.

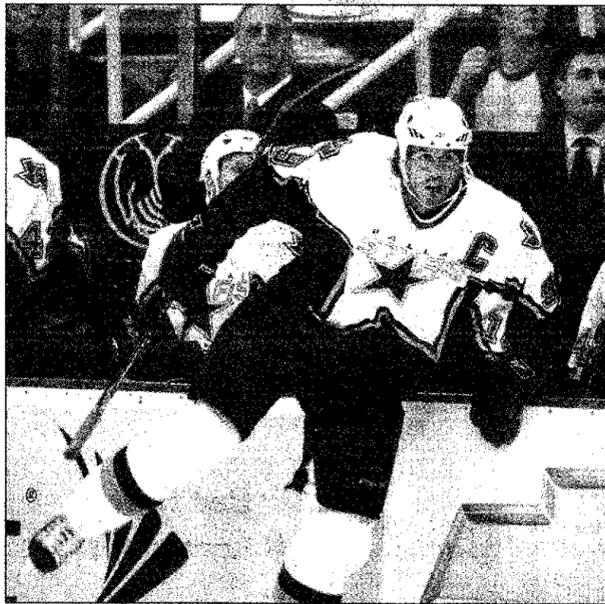
Karen and Mike Modano, Mike's parents, have rarely missed a game during his 18-year NHL career, whether in person, or from afar.

But on this historical occasion, mom apparently knows best. She also had a premonition.

Karen witnessed the record-breaking achievement from her TV set in Westland home along with her daughter and sister.

Mike, Sr., ironically, was away in a

Please see **MODANO, B4**



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland native Mike Modano, hitting the ice in a 2006 game against the Red Wings, became the NHL's all-time leading American-born scorer with two goals Wednesday night in the Dallas Stars' 3-1 win over the host San Jose Sharks.

## MU garners spot in NAIA nationals

The Madonna University men's soccer team made history Wednesday night, going on the road and defeating Goshen (Ind.) College 1-0 to claim their first NAIA Region VIII men's soccer championship.

The 14-3-2 Crusaders advance to the NAIA National Championships, which begin Wednesday at the MidAmerican Nazarene's College Boulevard Activities Center in Olathe, Kan. MU, the 14th-seed in the 20-team field, will take on 19th-seed Embury-Riddle (Fla.) at 2:15 p.m. (CST). Patrick Moore will provide the play-by-play beginning at 2 p.m. in the Crusader Internet Radio Network.

Doron Drai scored the game-winning goal 11:30 into the match when he received a Makes Lewis pass near the front of the Goshen goal box and deposited it into the top-left corner of the net.

The Crusaders' defense would bunker down and hang on through a flurry of Goshen shots down the stretch, including a great opportunity by Maple Leaf forward Tony Janzen, who misfired on a shot with under four minutes to play that would have tied the match.

MU senior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons stood tall during the final five minutes, making a pair of critical saves to help cement the victory.

Goshen keeper Brad Graber made four saves as the Maple Leafs bowed out with a 12-8-2 overall record.

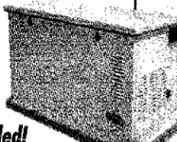
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# Kuratko answers call for Churchill softball

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Longtime assistant Col. Louis Kuratko will become Livonia Churchill's new girls varsity softball coach.

The Air Force Junior ROTC head instructor succeeds former Charger All-State pitcher Meghan Misiak-Hall, who resigned unexpectedly last month to take a grade school teaching position in Florida.

"My job is to settle things down and keep things stable," said Kuratko, a Smithville, Texas native who has served the past 15 years in the Livonia Public Schools. "We'll play for what is in front of the jersey instead of what's on the back. We'll play

as a team and do our best to achieve what we can. We'll go out to compete and have some fun."

Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said Kuratko's 13 years in the program was a huge plus.

"Our kids are real comfortable with him," Hage added. "He needs an assistant, but we're happy to have him on board and in the program. It's a good thing and I couldn't be more pleased."

Col. Kuratko is a graduate of Texas A&M who learned the game of fastpitch softball while serving in the Air Force.

"I played quite a bit and it used to be the game of choice," Col. Kuratko said.

"I've got a real love for the game and now it's taken off as a sport with the girls."

Churchill finished 17-15 in Misiak-Hall's only season as coach. The former Wayne State standout replaced Carrie Korican following the 2005 season.

"The major thing is to make sure there remains some continuity because for the seniors this will be their third head coach," Col. Kuratko said. "I'm pretty sold on the same philosophy as Mr. Hage - that we have a great school, great facilities and blessed to have great support from the community."

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Stevenson's Derek Buskey churns upfield for a gain with Franklin tackler Connor Leidal in pursuit during Friday's Region 4 championship game.

## SPARTANS

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defensively all night. It felt like we were hanging on at the end even though we take pride in our offense and were still trying to score."

Stevenson, averaging 38 points per game this season, faced its stiffest test of the season as the Patriots continually made key fourth-down stops.

Stevenson had only 233 total yards of its own, but didn't commit any turnovers.

"I thought Franklin's kids played hard, got to the ball, and hit well," Gabel said. "They played some 4-4 (defensive scheme) and we definitely had to play a guessing game as far as what they would run."

Helped by a pass interference call, Franklin scored first when senior quarterback Jesse Carpenter hit Brian Humenay in stride over the middle for a 23-yard touchdown pass with 11:04 left in the first half. Carpenter converted the extra point to make it 7-0.

Stevenson answered right back with 10-play, 80-yard drive as sophomore Austin White, who led all rushers with 139 yards on 19 carries, ran in from the 1 with 5:10 remaining on the half. Myshock's extra point knotted the count at 7-all.

After both teams went three-and-out, Franklin threatened to score just before the half as Mark McRobb, returning from a knee injury suffered in the season-ending win over Livonia Churchill, scampered 19 yards to the Stevenson 25.

But on the very next play, Carpenter was sacked for a 16-yard loss and time expired.

"He (Carpenter) is a good quarterback and we knew they'd pass lot, so we had to get some pressure and make him throw some incomplete passes," said Stevenson's 6-foot-2, 310-pound senior defensive tackle Chris Golonka, who spearheaded the Spartans' front seven.

Carpenter was indeed under

duress most of the game, completing only 5-of-16 passes for 127 yards. He was sacked four times and threw three interceptions.

The lack of a running game certainly did not help his cause.

"It's been our strength the last couple of games, but they (Stevenson) beat us up front," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team bowed out at 7-5 overall. "We also hurt ourselves with penalties, off-sides where our backs jumped, which is inexcusable."

"And we did not take advantage of our opportunities when we did have them."

John Samaan recovered a Franklin fumble at the Patriots' own 29 with nine minutes to play in the third period, which led to Myshock's game-winning field goal.

The Patriots got inside the Stevenson 40 on their next drive, but couldn't capitalize as Dan Plagany came up with an interception for Spartans.

An acrobatic catch at mid-field by Franklin's Israel Woolfork on third-and-18 gave the Patriots life with 10:37 left in the final quarter. Carpenter hit Jeff McCullough on a key third down pass for 10 yards and Fortin added three yards to the Stevenson 32, but the drive stalled again when Carpenter was sacked.

The Patriots punted down to the Stevenson 7 and made the Spartans give up the ball again, but John Saaman's interception killed the threat with 4:10 to go.

After Stevenson made a first down - but had the yardage taken away because of personal foul - Austin White raced 83 yards for what appeared the game-clinching TD, but the play was whistled back to the Spartans' own 39 because of an illegal block and another personal foul with 3:01 remaining.

Franklin then stopped the Spartans on fourth-and-inches with only 1:50 to go at their own 30.

Carpenter hit Humenay for a first down, but on the next play he was sacked by Golonka, who jarred the ball loose. Teammate Pat York then picked off another

Patriot pass and returned it to the 25 to seal the win with 1:21 remaining.

"Both of us wanted to get out of the regional and play next week in the semifinals," Golonka said. "We just tried to do the same thing (defensively) that we've done since two-a-days (preseason practices), and just do it right."

The two teams combined for only 18 first downs (nine each).

"Defensively we played a great game," Kelbert said. "It's a testament to our kids because in the last five games, Stevenson has scored 28 or more points each time against us. Defensively we did what we had to do, but offensively we did not get it done."

Gabel credited his defensive coordinator Conrad Newman for coming up with a winning game plan.

"It was his decision to play one less guy in the box using different blitz angles," Gabel said. "Conrad had some difficult decisions to make as far as line play because they (Franklin) are so balanced. Give them credit. They played tough up-front and disciplined because when one guy breaks down, you can lose a lot of yardage. We took some chances with the game plan and the kids executed it well."

### Center Bell injured

Stevenson's Ricky Bell, a 6-foot, 248-pound starting center, watched the second half on crutches after suffering a knee injury on the Spartans' only TD in the second quarter.

His status for Saturday's game against Troy is doubtful, according to Gabel.

Bell was replaced by junior Kyle Hobbins.

"It's hard to sit and complain about injuries after seeing what happened to Franklin this year, but Ricky is the heart-and-soul of our team," Gabel said. "He's the best (center) I've coached by far. He gives you every ounce along with his soul to the game. He means so much to us and our offensive line. I feel bad for him."

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### Softball kings

The Master Blasters recently completed their Wayne Men's Class E softball season with a 14-1 record and a stirring victory in the playoffs, rallying from a 15-2 third-inning deficit with a walk-off three-run homer to beat Papa Joe's Bar, 22-20, for the title. The Blasters also finished runner-up in the Port Hope Classic to cap a successful year. Members of the Blasters include (front row, from left) Bob Genna, Pete Banko, Brian Kerr, Jimmy Carron, Ernie Comini, Kevin Miller, manager Ed Hamacher; (second row, from left) Chuck Hebestreit, Glenn Smith, Don Buchan, Hank Grosso, Phil Camp, Roger Frayer, Denny McMahon, Tom Kerr and Scott Kerr. (Not pictured is Gary Smiddy.)

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Churchill vs. Novi, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Milford, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 17  
Ladywood vs. Northville at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.  
(Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena)  
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western, 3 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Milford, 5:30 p.m.  
Northville vs. Novi, 7:30 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday, Nov. 14  
(NAIA Nationals at Olathe, Kan.)  
Madonna vs. Embury-Riddle (Fla.), 2:15 p.m. (CST)
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Nov. 13  
Rochester College at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 16  
(Huntington, Ind. College Tournament)  
Madonna vs. Campbellsville (Ky.), 6 p.m.  
Huntington vs. Kuyper College, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 17  
Huntington Tournament, 1 & 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 3 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Nov. 16  
Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 17  
Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 18  
Whalers at London Knights, 2 p.m.
- MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
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SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. 216297

**BUSY GIRL**  
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5'11", 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to split up my life. 2230118

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, parks, music. Seeking SM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. 229293

**VERY CUTE**  
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 2113138

**ARE YOU SEEKING?**  
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 55-70, financially secure, easygoing, looking moral, loving family, for dating. 630808

**HEY GUYS**  
SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4", 120lbs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hanging with friends. Looking for a loving SM, to get to know. 234678

## HEY GUYS

SBF, 20, 5'9", slim, long black hair, enjoys movies, concerts, and just having fun, looking for a nice, respectful man, to enjoy talks, casual dates, and see what happens next. 225610

**IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...**  
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call 2292478

**LET'S TALK**  
SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SBM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. 190972

**WILD AND SOPHISTICATED**  
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplift. 40-50. 147056

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
WWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. 211930

**CREATIVE MAKEUP ARTIST**  
Sincere, kind SWF, 5'3", proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, outdoors, cooking, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. 230791

**SEEKING FRIEND**  
DWCW, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, ISO who loves sports, drives and holding hands. 229295

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
SBF, 27, self-sufficient, fun front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. 229295

**IS IT YOU?**  
SF, 65, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving, Libra, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. 226704

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
SBF, 19, full-figured, full caramel complexion looking for a good man to enjoy talks, hang out with and just get to know. 2230300

**READ THIS AD!**  
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies, ISO, college, degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. 993381

**POSSIBLE LTR**  
SWF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, scary movies, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 50-55, N/S, college, degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. 993381

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
Employed SWF, 50, 5'3", blond/hazel enjoys day trips, quiet times, getaways, sightseeing, window shopping, trying new restaurants, moonlight strolls. Seeking like-minded gentleman who would appreciate the same. 227075

**SEEKING MR. RIGHT**  
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? 985794

**NURSE**  
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. 408978

**TRY ME**  
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, cooking, dancing, laughter and simple times. 213013

**I'LL MAKE U SMILE**  
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/HM, to share fun, friendship, fun times, talks, laughs, a little romance and see what happens next. 212804

**LET'S TALK**  
SF, 51, 5'9", brown/blue, Places, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, seeking simple guy to share friendship and fun. 213820

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get it started. 221264

**LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER**  
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. 226494

**FUN AND SIMPLE**  
SBF, 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. 229295

**UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...**  
strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. 225816

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**  
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lb+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. 692549

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks SM, 48-68, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. 207254

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compatible outdoors, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 210247

**I NEED A LOVE...**  
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming SWF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 889359

**NO DRAMA**  
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 28-38, with like interests, to share special times. 172729

**HOW ARE YOU?**  
SBF, 28, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. 200770

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**SEEKING A TRUE HEART**  
SM, 44, self-employed, honest and hard-working, modest and humble, loves music, long walks, parks, movies, dinners, plays. Seeking a kind, like-minded woman to share companionship, happiness, maybe love. 231534

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", black/brown, and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise/wise of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 269295

**LOOKING FOR ROMANCE**  
SM, 70, 6'1", 194lbs, retired salesman, enjoys cycling, dining out, movies travel and life in general. ISO SF, 57-75, who appreciates the same, for sharing happiness and LTR. 252304

**LET'S GET GOING!**  
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 128302

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SBM, 44, 5'7", 150lbs, tall, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. 151943

**HI LADIES!**  
DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a H/WF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. 216527

**BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED**  
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 26-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. 684501

## COULD IT BE YOU?

SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys soulfood, good company, romance, ISO a fun, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. 189723

**CALL THIS MAN!**  
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 112288

**WAITING FOR YOUR CALL**  
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. 236130

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 692418

**A TERRIFIC GUY**  
SWM, 45, 6'1", blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR. 224424

**WANTS A LADY TO LOVE**  
SWM, 47, 5'10", 170lbs, N/S, sincere, loyal, honest and warm-hearted, enjoys dining out, walks, the zoo and weekend getaways. Looking for LTR with sincerely interested woman. 2231715

**ISO MY COUNTRY!**  
Adventurous, energetic, handsome, laid-back SWM, 48, looks younger, 5'11", N/S, enjoys traveling, dining out. Seeking fit, energetic, pretty woman, 26-59, N/S, with same qualities, and interests, for LTR. 218526

**ENJOY THE VIEW**  
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for lady, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks blond, attractive SWF, age and area open. 113855

**WORTH THE CALL**  
Healthy, romantic, happy, reliable SWM, 36, well-built, attractive, open-minded, likes bowling, movies, good talks and laughter. Seeking similar, commitment-minded SF, into having a good time, to share friendship maybe more. 235780

**HELLO SEXY LADIES**  
Romantic, honest SBM, 36, brown/brown, 165lbs, looking for sexy/attractive, sociable, open-minded SF commitment-minded and caring who knows how to enjoy life to the fullest and appreciates a good man. 2235940

**ISO MY COUNTRY!**  
SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere - warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life. 235738

**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
Affectionate, sincere SWM, 40, 5'11", 190lbs, salt-n-pepper/brown, looking for a loving, sweet lady to share fall fun and friendship. 236282

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBM, 48, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey playing, watching out, new activities, kind, truthful woman, 37-46, who loves to have a good time in life. 226675

**WHAT'S UP LADIES?**  
Simple, honest, respectful, romantic SWM, 42, 6'2", 280lbs, light complexion, brown eyes, looking for a nice, romantic lady to get to know and share good times. 237959

**NO GAMES**  
Adventurous, funny, sports-minded, 33-year-old SWM, looking for an outgoing, fishing, horseback riding, etc. I have never been married and have no kids. I'm seeking a SF 18-36, for friendship and dating. 225030

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SM, 31, looking for outgoing, nice, loving lady, good-humored, honest and active with an appreciation for sports, nights out and just having a good time. Friendship first. 229904

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SHM, 31, 5'8", black/brown, medium build, 180lbs, employed, independent, likes playing basketball. Looking for outgoing, fun, down-to-earth lady to enjoy dates, good talks, romance and then who knows? 229295

**I WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED**  
Sexy SBM, 18, muscular build, fun, open-minded, goal-oriented lady to get to know and have a good time. 229295

**HOW ABOUT IT LADIES?**  
Intelligent SM, 30, good-looking, with beautiful smile, 5'8", 180lbs, romantic, passionate, affectionate loves occasional nights on the town, or snuggling at home with someone special. Want to be that someone? 2230352

**TALL, ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoor activities, rock to motown, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. 231309

**WORTH A SHOT**  
Easygoing, honest, fun-loving guy, 36, 6'2", 250lbs, black/brown, ISO romantic, outdoorsy, sensitive, sweet, child-friendly lady who can make me laugh and smile. Is it you? 237256

**GOD FIRST**  
SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6'1", 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, sport bikes, movies. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. 222112

**SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE**  
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities for companionship, friendship and romance. 146012

**EASYGOING**  
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, and watching out. LTR SWF for dating and fun times. 187614

**WORTH IT**  
Loving, retired senior, former educator, wishing to meet a youthful, active SF, 39-72, who loves movies, music, and romance and laughter. Could it be you? 238410

**ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE**  
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lives daily adventures. 144227

**LONELY & READY**  
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Piedmont Area. 960305

**COUGAR LOVER**  
Some things get better with age. Blue-eyed handsome man, mid-40s, physically/philosophically fit, laid-back, secure, good-humored, w/ cougar loving side, seeks woman who like qualities and interests of travel, music, fitness etc. 230057

**MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES**  
Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. 165436

**WANT TO JOIN ME?**  
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. 20012

**BRUNETTES ARE BETTER**  
SWM, 5'8", blonde/blue, masculine build, seeking a SWF, 22-35, with good values, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining, traveling and shopping. Bonus: she's a smoker. 203189

**BOATER SEEMS 1ST MATE**  
SWM, 35, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. 209048

Loving, sociable, employed SM, 48, 5'9", 210lbs, dark complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, smoker, independent, affectionate, looking for a special lady I can treat like a queen. 210000

**I'M YOUR MAN**  
SWM, 39, 5'9", brown/brown, stocky build, seeking a woman, 18+, to spend time with. 2143



DON ALLEY

Mike Modano of the Dallas Stars scored twice in Wednesday night's 3-1 win over the host San Jose Sharks to become the NHL's all-time leading scorer among American-born players. Here he appears during a dedication ceremony with former Westland mayor Sandy Cicirelli during the Modano Arena dedication in 2003.

## MODANO

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Florida hotel and didn't have access to NHL's Center Ice pay-per-view network to watch the late-night game.

"Of all the games we've watched together, and he doesn't see this one," Karen Modano said.

Mike Modano was off to one of his slowest NHL starts with only two goals and three assists in his first 14 games. He hadn't scored in Dallas' previous three games amid worries that he was pressing in his attempt on the record.

"He mentioned how much pressure people were putting on him to get it done," Karen said. "I was thinking all along he was going to do it when they were going out West."

And just 2:19 into the game, Modano ripped a long slap shot past Sharks goaltender Evgeni Nabokov to tie the record. Then about two minutes later, moments after fans at the Shark Tank gave him a warm round of applause, Modano raced in on a breakaway and slid a shot underneath Nabokov for a short-handed goal.

"We were all read excited

because I had just turned it on," Karen Modano said. "He was skating down ice, and I said, 'That looks like the old Mike, he zipped it right in there.'"

"Then I said, 'Oh my God, he's going to do it again.'"

Karen Modano received a 2 a.m. call from her son.

"I was able to tell him he had a great game and that I was happy for him," Karen said.

Mike Modano, who wears No. 9 and is the team captain, was the first pick overall in the 1988 NHL Entry Draft by the Stars, who eventually moved from Minnesota to Dallas.

He's appeared in the Olympics and in two Stanley Cup finals, including the deciding seventh-game win over the Buffalo Sabres in 1999.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Modano has also played in 156 postseason games with 53 goals and 80 assists for 133 points.

After 18 NHL seasons, Modano has been able to stand the test of time.

"He's had slow starts before, but I think he's found his niche now and he'll be fine," Karen Modano said of her son. "He wants to play until it's not fun anymore, and as long as he's producing, and doing good for the team. He's told me, 'If I can't take care of my end, then I'll retire.'"

Karen Modano says his workout routine and dietary habits keep him going.

"He's really started changing within the last five or six years as far as how he treats his body," Karen said. "He's picky about what he eats. I've had a hard time cooking for him when he comes home. I used to cook him the All-American dinner. But he's has to get 'into his zone.' He's very determined and I wish could be the same."

Mike Modano was also married on Aug. 25 in a private ceremony on a ranch outside of Dallas to 26-year-old singer-TV host-actress-model Amanda Lee Williford, whose stage name is Willa Ford. Karen Modano said her son will likely stay in hockey in some capacity following his retirement. "It's been his whole life, I don't know what else he'll go and do," she said.

Karen Modano, meanwhile, will continue to enjoy watching her son play.

"We have a lot of tapes," Mrs. Modano said. "When we won the Stanley Cup, that's the most exciting I've ever seen, the triple overtime game. I've watched it more than once."

"We tape every game. This one (the record-breaker) was a keeper."

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# Compuware to host Kronk's 'New Stars'

Compuware Arena - in association with legendary boxing trainer Emanuel Steward, Dennis Turner and Second Round, Inc. - will present Kronk Gym's "New Stars" in a boxing event known as "The Ultimate Night of Boxing."

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Compuware Arena.

Tickets ranging from \$12 to \$125 are on sale now by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

The event features NABO Cruiserweight champion Johnathon Banks (17-0, 13 knockouts) as he takes on Derrick Brown (13-3-3), of

New York, N.Y.

Also headlining the event is Ireland's Andy Lee (12-0, nine knockouts) as he opposes Brad Austin (8-3) of Johnson City, Tenn.

Steward was asked about the attraction of holding the event at Compuware Arena in Plymouth - the first boxing card the facility has ever hosted since it opened in 1996.

"We are impressed with the facility and the people who run it," Steward said at a press conference held last week at Compuware World Headquarters in Detroit. "And (Compuware Founder and CEO) Peter Karmanos

has always supported our fights, whether they're at Joe Louis Arena or the Palace of Auburn Hills. It's time to move out to the suburbs."

Other fighters scheduled to appear in the undercard include Kronk Gym's Octavio Lara, Jason Cintron, Erik Deleon, J'Leon Love, Leandre White and eight-year-old Ghieth Mohammad.

Tickets for the event can also be purchased online by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township, between Five Mile Road and M-14.

# Troy routs Cousino; Stevenson next

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

Indeed. Unable to match the size and strength fielded on the front lines by unbeaten Warren Cousino, the Troy Colts utilized their speed and scrappiness Friday night to hand out a punishing 34-0 triumph in a Division 1 regional championship contest played on the Patriots home turf.

"Our kids played awfully well," admitted Troy head coach Gary Griffith, who will now see his Colts advance onto Division 1's Final Four for the first time since their championship season of 1994. "That was the best game we played all year for four quarters."

"I don't know what it was - I guess the excitement of the playoffs," Griffith continued. "Getting off the bus our kids had a bounce in their step and were ready to play. The proof is in the pudding because we came out and moved the ball down the field. We squandered that scoring opportunity, but the good news was we moved the ball and gained some confidence."

As has been the case all season long, Troy's triple backfield threat of quarterback Branko Hamilton and running backs David Pardun and Nick Gallina were too much for the Patriots to handle.

All three Colts seniors rushed for more than 80 yards in the first half as the visitors opened up a 20-0 advantage. Gallina scored the game's first

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touchdown on a five-yard scamper in the first quarter and Hamilton raced in from 19 yards out late in the opening half.

In between, junior place-kicker Kevin Muma split the uprights on attempts from 36 and 42 yards out.

As efficiently as the Colts were executing on offense, the defense was causing all kinds of havoc for a mammoth Patriots offensive line that was trying to protect senior quarterback Ricky Powell. Senior noseguard Kyle Mio (5-6, 180) and fellow lineman Jon Cato (5-10, 185) sliced and diced their way under, through and around the behemoths to help limit the Patriots to just four first downs and 71 yards of total offense.

"Speed," answered Mio when asked how the Colts were able to off-set the size differential in the trenches. "Coaches told us all week we've got to be the quicker ones, no matter what. Our defense is based on speed." Mio's assessment held true throughout the second half as well as no matter how hard they tried, the Patriots couldn't find enough daylight to penetrate the Troy goal line.

Cousino's best opportunity to put points on the board came late in the third quarter when they had four snaps inside the Troy 10. But no gain on first down was followed by two incomplete passes and then culminated by a 15-yard sack of Powell by Cato.

"That's the biggest line we've

ever seen," Cato said of the Patriots front which held better than a 100-pound advantage per man. "The were bigger than us, so they could have pounded it down our throats if we let them. We just had to stay low the whole time. Coach has been telling us all season we've got to stay low or we'll end up on our backs."

The sack sent the Colts offense back on the field and they didn't waste any time as a 69-yard pass from Hamilton to Gallina on the third play resulted in a touchdown and a commanding 27-0 lead.

The Colts concluded their scoring late in the fourth quarter when Pardun bowled over a host of Patriots tacklers on his way to a three-yard TD.

Troy (10-2), which will now face Livonia Stevenson (12-0) in a Division 1 semifinal Saturday at Southfield Lathrup, outgained Cousino (11-1) 448-205, including 330-108 on the ground. Hamilton led all ballcarriers with 123 yards on 18 tries. He was efficient throwing the ball as well, completing 5-of-7 passes for 118 yards.

Gallina finished with 102 yards on 11 attempts and Pardun churned out 90 yards on 12 rushes.

"The game plan was to stop all of them and we didn't," Cousino head coach Mike Powell said. "Credit Troy because Troy is a good football team. Somebody's got to win, somebody's got to lose - unfortunately it was us on the losing end. But our kids are resilient and they did the best they could."

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Stevenson tryouts-practice

Livonia Stevenson High will hold boys basketball tryouts for freshman, 6-8 p.m., junior varsity, 5-7 p.m., and varsity, 7-9 p.m., beginning Monday, Nov. 12 at the North Fieldhouse.

Wrestling practice will be from 3-5 p.m. starting Monday, Nov. 12 in the wrestling room.

Winter pom pon tryouts will be from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 13-14, and 3:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, in the North Fieldhouse.

For more information, call (734) 744-2894.

### Lightfest 8K run

The 11th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8-kilometer fun run-walk will be Tuesday, Nov. 13 in Hines Park.

Race day check-in will be from 5:30-6:45 p.m. The race begins at Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area, which is located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive, in Westland (three miles south of I-96).

Registration (prior to Nov. 6) is \$16. The fee (after Nov. 6) is \$18 in advance or \$20 on race day. The fee for high school students or younger is \$10.

Registration forms can be downloaded at [www.waynecountyparks.org](http://www.waynecountyparks.org). For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

### C'ville winter sports tryouts

Livonia Clarenceville High School announced its winter 2007-08 athletic tryouts for the following sports:

Boys varsity basketball: 2:45-4:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the high school gym (contact Corey

McKendry at [cmac721@yahoo.com](mailto:cmac721@yahoo.com));

Boys JV basketball: 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at the middle school gym (contact Corey McKendry at [cmac721@yahoo.com](mailto:cmac721@yahoo.com));

Wrestling: 3-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at the high school gymnasium balcony (contact Anthony Saliccioli at [asaliccioli@clarenceville.12.mi.us](mailto:asaliccioli@clarenceville.12.mi.us));

Boys and girls bowling: 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 at Country Lanes on Nine Mile Road (west of Middlebelt). Contact Pam Jones at [pjrabbitjudge@yahoo.com](mailto:pjrabbitjudge@yahoo.com); or call (248) 476-3201.

Cheerleading: 3:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 at the high school gymnasium balcony (contact Amanda Teague at [mteague11@yahoo.com](mailto:mteague11@yahoo.com)).

All athletes must have a valid physical on file (conducted after April 16, 2007) in order to try out. Athletes must have also paid their one-time per school year \$75 athletic participation fee.

For more information, call the Clarenceville athletic office at (248) 919-0408, Ext. 217.

### WYAA girls fastpitch

Registration for the 2008 Westland Youth Athletic Association girls fastpitch softball will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Dec. 1 at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford).

The WYAA fastpitch softball program is a member of the Western Wayne County League with teams from 30 surrounding communities. It involves both travel and tournament play.

The registration fee is \$25. For more information, call WYAA during normal business hours at (734) 421-0640.

### WYAA hoops signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays throughout the month of November at the WYAA Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

The WYAA offers leagues for ages 7-8 (Right Start), 9-10 (Freshman), 11-12 (JV), 13-14 (Varsity) and 15-18 (Senior with 18-year-olds required to be in high school with a valid I.D.)

For more information, call (734) 421-0640.

### Elks Hoop Shoot

The 2007 Elks Hoop Shoot contest will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Registration, which starts at 8:30 a.m., is open to the following boys and girls age groups: 8-9, 10-11, 12-3. There is now fee.

Each contestant will shoot 25 free throws. First-place winners in each age division advance to district competition in January.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### Prep coaches wanted

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### NOVEMBER

#### Inner engineering

Isha yoga - Free Teacher led Introductory Talk 3 p.m. Sunday Nov. 11, at Baldwin Public Library Rotary Room, 300 W. Merrill St. Birmingham MI 48009. Refreshments will be served. For questions, call (734) 716-1628.

#### Team in training sessions

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training offers informational meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Troy Athens High School, 43333 John R. For information, call (800) 456-5413 or visit [www.teamintraining.org/mi](http://www.teamintraining.org/mi).

#### Isha yoga

Internationally acclaimed yoga master Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev will be offering Isha Yoga's Inner Engineering Program Nov. 13-18, weekdays 7-10:15 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Come and experience an unparalleled upliftment for body, mind, and spirit, at the St. Clement Banquet Hall, 19600 Alter Rd., Dearborn 48128. To register, call (866) 424-ISHA (4742) or visit [www.ishafoundation.org](http://www.ishafoundation.org).

#### Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

#### Flu shot clinics

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

#### Divorce support group

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

#### Gastric bypass seminar

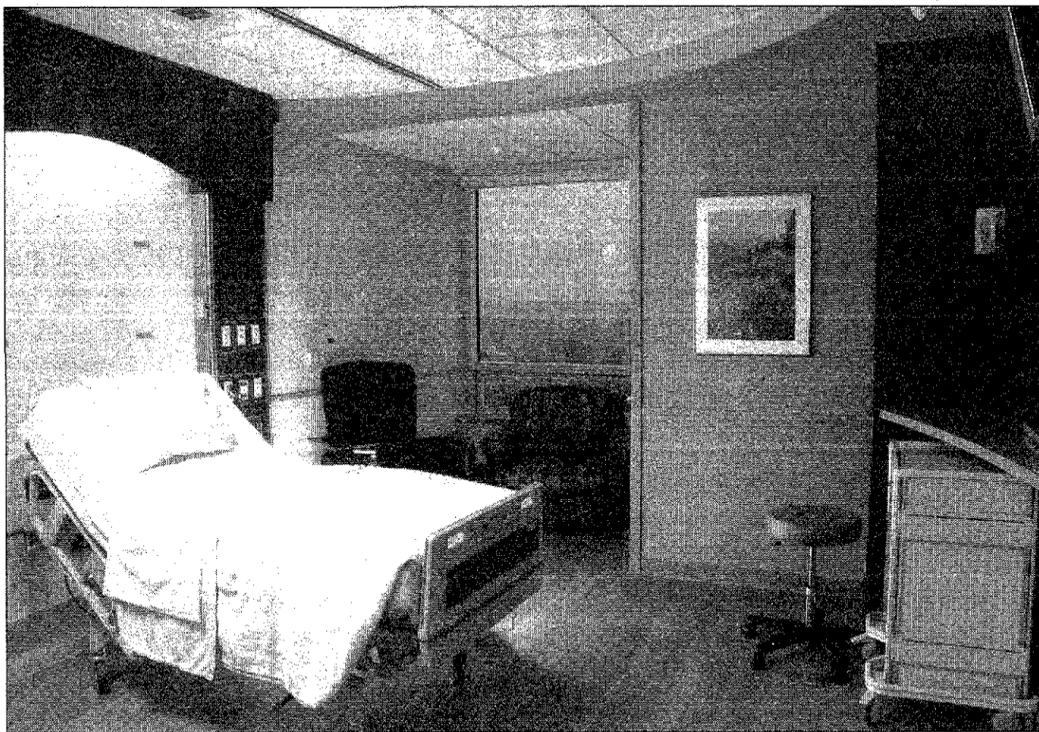
Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy at MBI's upcoming Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Interactive speakers are Tallal Zeni, MD, medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, program director and post-op patient. Call (734) 655-2693, or Toll free (877) Why-Weight!, to register for the free seminars.

#### Flu shot clinics

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

#### Flu shots

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



The new patient rooms are twice as large as the old ones at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

# Healing tower

## Hospital's new patient rooms provide soothing environment

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The rolling stool in every patient's room is only one of the details that went into the design of the East Tower, yet it reflects the overall healing concept for the 11 new floors at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

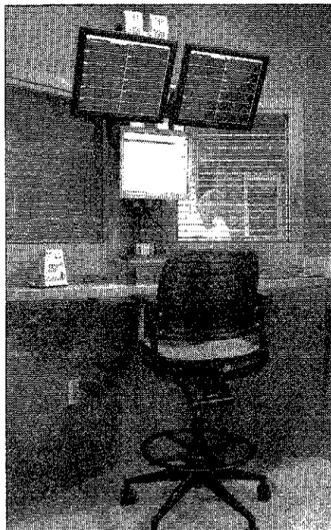
Every aspect of the structure not only makes hospitalization easier on patients, but staff and visitors. From waterfall sculptures to a magnificent view of the area surrounding the 340-acre hospital campus, the tower provides a calming environment. Even the gold and green walls soothe much like the trees outside the expanse of windows. Throughout the hallways, nature photographs by Sister Anne Marilyn Tyler offer a peaceful oasis in between each of the 362 private rooms.

Physicians requested the stools during the design phase when patients, staff and community members came together to share ideas.

The result was the \$128 million East Tower which opened Oct. 14. The first phase of new construction will be followed by the demolition of six wings and the building of a seven-story North patient tower in 2009, and a new entrance and chapel in 2011, the 100th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy starting the first Saint Joseph hospital in Ann Arbor. Today, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System consists of three hospitals in Howell, Saline and Ann Arbor, and 18 outpatient facilities including one in Canton.

The East Tower is the cornerstone of the health system's \$744 million investment which began in 2006 with the building of the Woodland Cancer Center in Brighton, a surgery pavilion with 17 state-of-the-art operating rooms at Saint Joseph hospital in Ann Arbor, and the acquisition of the CyberKnife radiosurgery system for cancer treatment, and a robotic surgical system for minimally invasive procedures.

"We mocked up a patient room and people came through, laying in bed, testing the chairs," said Garry Paja, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. "We took all of their suggestions. The nurses wanted a bigger door so a collapsible panel was built alongside the entrance to rooms. In the future physicians said they'd probably be doing more exams and procedures in the patients'



Charting alcoves between every two patient rooms replace the centralized nursing station. Staff is able to record a patient's progress as well as access test results.

rooms so we provided lighting over the bed. Physicians wanted a stool in the room so they could sit eye level with patients. Studies show that if a physician is standing it looks like they're ready to leave and patients are hesitant to ask questions."

Night lights not only give a pool of light but are part of the system that signals bathroom lights to turn on automatically when a patient leaves the bed in the middle of the night. Lights come on in patient, bathroom, reflection and conference rooms when occupied.

In addition to saving on electricity, the system helps stop the spread of germs because there is not a switch to turn on and off.

A walk-in shower with hand-held shower head was suggested by nurses to make bathing easier. Lighting, temperature and visiting hours are all controlled by the patient. Although nurses are available to help manage visitors who stay too long.

A recliner, custom-designed for the hospital, provides comfort for the patient when out of bed. Another chair opens into a single bed for visitors. Still more folding chairs are available in the closet. Each of the new 300-square-foot rooms

is double the size of the old rooms.

"There are supplies like linens right outside the rooms. Nursing staff wanted everything at their fingertips so they can spend more time with patients," said Mary Lou Wesley, chief nursing officer for the Saint Joseph Health System. "We've installed patient lifts in all patient rooms. Some lift up to 1,000 pounds. The rest go up to 500 pounds with a sling to save our nurses' backs. With one hand you can move a patient."

#### DETAILS

Wesley leads a tour through the 11th floor of the new tower pointing out details like a curved hallway. Nestled in the interior are storage rooms so hallways remain uncluttered.

"There are not a lot of angles to give a sense of calm and quiet details in floors and ceiling to muffle noise," said Wesley. "All patient rooms are on the exterior for outside views. There are interior work stations for staff, and all supplies come up in interior elevators so you don't have the noise. These are the advantages you can have when you build new instead of renovate."

Physicians like to take the COWS or computers on wheels with them on rounds. In between every two rooms, a charting alcove provides a stationary computer to record patient information. Nursing stations have been decentralized to allow staff to remain close to patients. "The nurse in the alcove can see into two rooms, but the blinds are controlled by the patient for privacy," said Wesley. "The family space (or waiting area) is wireless so they can use their own computer or use the hospital computer."

Nursing and health care in general have changed dramatically since Wesley became a registered nurse in 1978. Before opening the new tower, staff had to go through extensive training.

"Technology changed," said Wesley. "There were no computers back then. Now we have patient information you can read, safety technology like IV pumps. Back then it was common to have three-four nurses for 46 patients. (Today there is one nurse for four to six patients at the hospital)."

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## Relationship can affect your health

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Elaine, you may want to think twice about that relationship, it could be heartbreaking, literally. Researchers followed more than 9,000 people in close relationships. They found those who had a high level of intensity

in their relationships were 34 percent more likely to have a heart-related event than those with positive relationships. Experts say those with negative relationships are more likely to suffer with depression, low self-esteem and anger issues. All these problems have been found to increase the risk of heart disease.

Sue from Farmington Hills e-mails and says her sister has a couple of glasses of wine every night. Is this bad for her?

Sue, you may want to warn your sister that those drinks could raise her risk of cancer. Researchers studied the drinking habits of more than 70,000 women. They found those women who had more than three drinks a day raised their risk of breast cancer by 30 percent. The study also found just having one drink a day raised a woman's risk of developing breast cancer by 10 percent. And it did not matter what type of alcohol, beer, wine or liquor. Earlier studies suggested red wine could help protect against heart disease. While that may be true, experts warn, this new study shows drinking any alcohol could raise your breast cancer risk.

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

## Bank offers sites for flu shots

TCF Bank Michigan in conjunction with the Visiting Nurse Association will offer flu shot clinics for the public at select TCF Bank branches from Monday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Nov. 16. Cost for a shot is \$25. Visit the following branches to receive a shot.

Canton: TCF Ford Road branch, 45375 Ford Road (between North Canton Center and West Franklin Drive), from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Royal Oak: TCF Branch, 1811 Crooks Road, 3-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

Troy: TCF Branch, 2138 E. Big Beaver Road, 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Rochester Hills: TCF Rochester Hills South Branch, 200 E. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Shots will be available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15.

Southfield: TCF Branch, 17535 12 Mile, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12.

Westland: TCF Warren Road Branch, 37151 Warren Road (between Newburgh and Central City Parkway), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14.

For more information, call 734-542-2985.

## Holiday toys wanted for children with leukemia

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) invites individuals, schools, businesses and community groups looking for a way to help families dealing with leukemia to participate in its annual Holiday Toys Program. Last year, through the efforts of participants conducting toy drives and many generous donations, CLF provided approximately 3,850 gifts to 1,100 child patients, their sib-

lings and the children of adult patients throughout the state of Michigan. An adult patient living in Oakland County who benefitted from the CLF holiday toy program last year wrote this about the program and CLF: "If it wasn't for CLF, my children would not have received any gifts. CLF took a tremendous burden off my mind, knowing my children would receive something for Christmas. Now that's a

definite uplifting of my spirit! God bless CLF, its workers, volunteers, and sponsors for your hard work and dedication to families in need. I love you and truly appreciate your help and support."

Because a leukemia diagnosis can be emotionally, physically and financially draining for families, especially during the holiday season, in December CLF sends packages to the families with 3-4

new gifts for each child.

To learn more about the CLF holiday toys program and how you can help, call (800) 825-2536 or visit [www.leukemiamichigan.org](http://www.leukemiamichigan.org). CLF is an independent, statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance, and emotional support to families of adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma, and related blood disorders.

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## Books open doors to new experiences

Inside, C3: What's so great about book clubs?

 BY KIMBERLY POMA  
TEEN JOURNALIST

Science books, math books, history books. High school students have enough textbooks to read and do work with, so why would anyone pick one up in their spare time? Well, why not ask them?

Many people are familiar with *Harry Potter* and *Twilight*, two very popular book series for teens.



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*Harry Potter* is the tale of a young wizard who casts spells, saves lives, and plays a game on a broomstick.

All this, and Harry is only a teen.

*Twilight* is the tale of a Vampire family, the Cullens, and the girl Bella, who gets involved with them. There's romance,

action, and a few funny moments.

It's really no surprise teens can be familiar with these characters. After all, they are teens themselves. Just ask Lauren Anthony, a junior at Garden City High School.

"I love *Harry Potter*, *Twilight*, and *Angels and Demons*," she said. "They are fun to read in my spare time."

While some teenagers travel to the movie theaters to watch the book unfold on the big screen, some teens don't need to. According to Jennifer Johnson, 15, reading is "like watching a movie, but with more thought. It's more detailed." On the big screen, it doesn't take as long to find out the ending, but sometimes, the movie doesn't do the book justice.

Some teens might think of reading as a strain. After all, they have homework, after-school activities, and so much stuff that keeps them busy. When do they have time to pick up a book and read?

"I get to escape from reality, it's like a fun little ride, and it gives me time to relax," said Elizabeth Moore, a senior at Garden City High School.

Some teens don't mind taking the time to pick up a good book.

Sam Tilley, 15, loves to read "because it's like escaping life and living a new one."

Once again, look to *Harry Potter* for an example. He's an average boy with magic in his blood. He's able to do magic, fight dragons and befriend giants. He goes through the same things teens do. He has friends and crushes.

It's easy to get lost in his world, because it's not that different from ours.

It may seem that only girls pick up a book and read, but that's not so. Nick Stollings, a freshman at Garden City High School, likes to read.

"It's fun," he said. "I don't have to be on Earth, I can escape to my own world. I like to read *Goosebumps*, mysteries, and things like that."

*Goosebumps* come from the author R.L. Stine, and are scary stories featuring funny characters, chilling moments and strange endings. Mysteries, of course, are books that keep the reader guessing the ending until the last moment. Some well-known mysteries are *Nancy Drew* and the *Hardy Boys*.

Stephen King, J.K. Rowling, Stephanie Meyer and even the less known authors like Lemony Snicket and V.C. Andrews, can create the characters and worlds for teens to read. Teens can find characters that they can find themselves in. Things that happened, that once happened to them. It's so easy to just pick up a book and read. To get lost into a world, sometimes so different from your own.

So, why not pick up a book and try it?

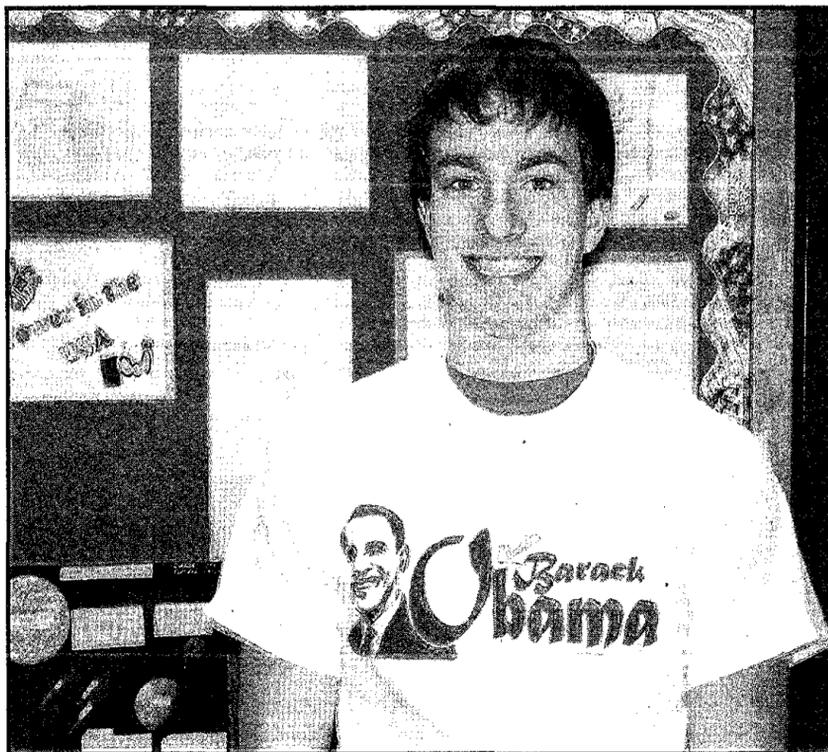
Today, more teenagers spend time watching TV and playing video games. Why not put down the controller and go to the library? During the summer, certain libraries come up with reading lists and fun activities for teens.

Even schools have something to do with it. Garden City High School has a book club after school on Wednesdays. Students decide which books to read each month, and then watch the movies. It's a fun and exciting way to keep teens interested in reading.

Kimberly Poma is a student at Garden City High School.

## Candidates need to connect with youth in

# JOB



A member of the Millennial Generation, Jordan Holland, 17, sports a Barack Obama T-shirt.

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 BY FAWNA CICOTTE  
TEEN JOURNALIST


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When the 2008 presidential election comes around, almost 50 million people ages 18-29 — the Millennial Generation — will be eligible to vote, and will make up more than 20 percent of the electorate.

The presidential campaigns are already beginning, and while the frontrunners of the moment, according to a poll taken by *Newsweek*, are Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rudy Giuliani, it's

still so early that the frontrunners could easily change. With such a frenzy surrounding the 2008 presidential election, the question is whether or not the big, and still growing, group of 18-29-year-olds will get out and let their voices be heard by voting.

The number of young voters has actually gone up in recent years. More young voters turned out for the 2006 elections than in any previous year, continuing the trend from the 2004 presidential election, where 49 percent of all eligible voters ages 18-31 voted, up from 40 percent in 2000. Yet, this is still only about half

of all eligible voters in that age group.

In order for the Millennials to make as big of an impact as they possibly can, and for them to have the chance to shape the political landscape to their liking, voting counts. Studies show that the Millennials identify as more liberal than the older generations. More of these young voters have to go to the polls and vote.

"(The potential candidates) try to be connected, but they really aren't," said Lyndsay Whitt, 18, who doesn't think that the candidates really understand where teens are coming from or what

 Please see **CANDIDATES, C2**


The Garden City High School marching band practices its halftime show under the lights.

PHOTOS BY CARA MCPHERSON

## Band overcomes obstacles to make music

 BY MELISSA PENNINGTON  
TEEN JOURNALIST


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Mark time, mark!

The rumble of bass drums on the distant side of the field heralds their arrival. Blue and orange clad teens march their way into the back of the field and arrange themselves in a tight block. Horns gleam in the fading twilight and drums pound out the beloved school fight song.

Just another game for the Garden City High School Marching Band. A cadence begins and out onto the field they go, spreading into a pat-



Kariee Derrick and Amber Voyt are band members at Garden City High.

tern seen only from the stands.

Horns, winds and drumsticks snap into a ready position with a command from the cape-clad drum major.

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# Teens also divided about war in Iraq

BY NICOLE MARTINDALE  
TEEN JOURNALIST

Every time you turn on the news, you will most likely see a story about the ongoing war in Iraq. For many adults, this is a common and controversial conversation topic. But you might be surprised to find that many teens think of it in the same exact way as you.

There are many reasons possible for the way we feel about the war: we could have family or friends in Iraq; we could choose to feel the way the other people around us do; we could simply not like the system that we're liv-

ing in, or we could have a different view altogether.

Regardless of the reason, it is safe to say that teens have just as much a variety of views and things to be said about the topic as adults do. It is a deep topic, rooted with many important questions. Why are we there? Is it really worth it? What is it doing for us in the end?

In the society we live in, how do we really know what's right from wrong anymore? Many students feel that the war is a waste of our money and takes many innocent lives.

"I think the war in Iraq is ridiculous," said Vu Nguyen-

Tong, a sophomore at Garden City High School. "It is none of our business to be in another country spending our money. The amount of money we're spending is unnecessary."

On the other side of the coin, many other students think that the war is something that is needed to rid the country of its controversies once and for all. They argue that stopping now would only further the issues.

"We should stay in Iraq and keep fighting until we win," said Tommy Wisniewski, also a sophomore at Garden City High. "If we pull them out, we will just end up putting them back in. I

think (President) Bush is doing what is right for the country."

As long as there is still a war, there is no doubt teens will still have an opinion about it. But regardless of the views and regardless of why they feel this way, there is no doubting the point that teens have a voice that will be heard.

Nicole Martindale is a student at Garden City High School.



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## BAND

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This is what someone attending any football game might see at half time. Students in cowboy hats and blue and orange marching on well-trodden grass, trying to stay in step and pay attention to music at the same time. Many of these students have been playing with each other since middle school band. But unfortunately, nothing lasts forever.

When seniors leave the school, band director Diran Kochyan asks them to say a few parting words. Almost all of them repeat the same sentiment, "I Love Band." No explanation or speech, just three simple words that everyone in the room seems to understand.

Band is friends that you can come to with a problem, or make you smile simply for the sake of it. It's a sense of belonging that no one can take away.

Zach White, a junior at Garden City, said favorite thing about band was band camp, also an often repeated sentiment. This one time at band camp is a pretty well-known phrase.

Every year the band

takes in less students, gets less funding and is slowly but surely being forgotten. Small but proud, these teens love what they do and most of them are more proud of band than anything else they accomplish, in school or out. They attend band camp at Michigan State University, play at the Michigan State Fair, march in parades, do exhibition performances in competitions at the Novi Fanfare and attend Band Day at Eastern Michigan University.

Backing this group of student musicians is the help of the Band Boosters. A group of band parents who put everything together. From band camp to concerts, fundraisers to picnics. They put together a Spaghetti Dinner and raffle fundraiser every year, including the one planned for Feb. 8, 2008.

"I love the kids and listening to what ideas they have for things that they want to accomplish," said Cara MacPherson, the president of the Band Boosters. "I love to see the spirit and energy when we work hard on something and achieve it. I also love to see the enthusiasm in each and every one of their faces when we are faced with new challenges and deadlines, we meet and exceed them."

"This is one of the most rewarding selfless jobs I have ever had the honor to be a part of. All the rewards come when I see the kids SMILE! This is not only done by myself but all of the band boosters."

The marching band is a group of diverse kids with almost unrivaled talent. They work hard, play hard and have a lot of fun.

Melissa Pennington is a student at Garden City High School.

# Quo Vadis legacy lives on despite dark screen

BY TYLER VOSGERCHIAN  
TEEN JOURNALIST

One day, while ironically walking home from a movie, I stumbled upon the magnificent derelict that is the Quo Vadis. The old out of business theater on Wayne and Warren across from the mall. I was awe-stricken by its magnificent beauty, and its stunning Art Deco façade. I was inspired to, with the help of a few cohorts, set upon a crusade for the truth of this monolith of a bygone era. To accomplish this feat I employed the same

old repertoire of research techniques. Top among them was the Internet, but good old legwork helped out as well. I was able to contact the owner.

The Quo Vadis, designed by Minoru Yamasaki's firm Yamasaki and Associate, the same firm that designed the World Trade Center, was introduced to the public in 1966, featuring the aptly named romantic comedy *The Glass Bottom Boat*, about a glass-boat operator who dresses up as a mermaid in order to attract customers.

The theater's success contin-

ued throughout the years, and as a result the building itself was treated to various renovations; in '68, and '70. The final seating capacity of the three theaters, and three penthouses was 1,798 people. Not counting the adjacent Algiers Drive-In Theater, which itself was demolished in order to make way for expansions, and the ever-encroaching strip mall.

But sadly, like all great legacies, the Quo Vadis eventually had to face its twilight, on the night of Jan. 21, 2002, the last movies seen on the Vadis' silver

screens were *Harry Potter, Ali and Vanilla Sky*. Today nearly six years after it closed, the Quo Vadis' future still looks quite bleak. A renovated Quo Vadis is just what the city needs to brighten up its spirits during this economic downturn.

Tyler Vosgerchian is a student at Livonia Churchill High School.



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## CANDIDATES

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they want in a president.

Jordan Holland, 17, thinks that part of the problem is how the candidates present themselves and their views. He doesn't think that the debate format is as attractive to teens as it is to their parents. He said that the candidates should come to the teens, to venues and places that teens know and use like the Barack Obama MySpace session in order to reach them better.

Despite this feeling of disconnect, experts are expecting a bigger turnout of young voters in 2008 than during any previous election.

Campaigns like Rock the Vote and Vote or Die may be contributing to the increased turnout. Rock the Vote and Vote or Die use celebrity promoters like P. Diddy and Paris Hilton to encourage the 18-24-year-olds to vote in elections.

However, the impact they have on youth voters' turnout is debatable. "I was self-motivated," Jordan said.

"I never was like, 'Oh, I wanna vote now because P. Diddy votes,'" said Lyndsay, adding that the campaigns did help her think about voting, and she now plans to.

Why then are only half of all young people able to vote actually voting? It could be because they don't think their vote matters. Lonnie Lawrence, 18, said that almost no one in his extended family votes, and that he doesn't think his vote counts.

It could also be because of how the candidates are presenting themselves, with the debates that Colleen O'Brien, 17, only watches when "nothing else is on."

Or, maybe, it's the issues the candidates are tackling. Holland wants the media to stop focusing on the big, obvious issues like the war and focus on smaller, less obvious things that are just as important in the long run.

In any case, the 2008 presidential election may yield the biggest turnout in youth voting yet, and with that turnout could cause the beginning of a change in the White House and the government as a whole as the nation knows it.

Fawna Cicotte is a student at Wayne Memorial High School.

# Careers can start with bit of magic

BY JESSICA LAMONTAINE  
TEEN JOURNALIST

When I was 5 years old, my dream was to be a princess. I wanted to live in Disney World, in the highest tower in the Magic Kingdom and spend my days living in perfect harmony with Mickey and Minnie.

The Disney Career Start Program Web site boasts the ability "to live in Florida with other cast members from around the world, take classes to prepare you for your future and gain a competitive edge ..." and to give you the time of your life.

Classes offered in the resort program can help train a student for a future career or be transferred into college credit at another university. The Disney Career Start Program can act as a stepping stone in any direction that their future

is headed.

Students start off by creating an Individualized Learning Plan, which lets them choose between classes, time in one of Disney's learning centers and spending time with "class leaders" to connect what they learn in the classroom to real life situations.

Time not spent in classes is spent working in the resort to earn dorm board. There are many different job opportunities available, from servers in restaurants, to dressing up as a Disney character to greeting guests at the gate.

Just like any other college program, students live in a dorm-like atmosphere. Rent and utility payments are deducted from a student's Disney paycheck, so they never miss a payment. Apartments can have anywhere from one to four bedrooms, roommate numbers vary from building

to building. There are pools, basketball courts and friendly front desk ladies in every separate building.

The program accepts graduating high school seniors and recent graduates who are at least age 18. If a person received their diploma or GED in the past four years, they're eligible for acceptance. Graduates from alternative schools, like Cambridge and Tinkham, may find this a choice alternative to trade school or a technical program. The DCS Program is definitely a more cheery alternative than the military!

If a student has a flair for theatrics then the DCS Program could be just the thing. During their participation in the program, a fully dressed performance is required. Disney expects a student to spend a large portion of their time smiling and help-

ing guests; most of the work positions are in full view of the public eye.

People interested in learning more about the program can reach recruiters through [www.disneycareerstart.com](http://www.disneycareerstart.com). The next session opens January 2008. It's suggested that students view the e-presentation — it provides any extra information they may need.

Those who can't make up your mind about what they'd like to do for their future or those who know for sure they want to be in the highest tower for the Magic Kingdom, the Disney Career Start Program can offer a new look into what to do in the future.

Jessica LaMontaine is a student at Westland John Glenn High School.



Jessica Lamontaine

# What's so great about book clubs?

BY BETHANY HARRIS  
TEEN JOURNALIST

Not many people find reading very enjoyable. It is usually difficult to get other people interested in reading books. In fact, teenagers are probably the most difficult people to get interested in reading a book.

Fortunately, book clubs are getting more and more popular these days. Now teens have even more

resources to guide them into the world of books and literature, and a lot of it is because of these programs.

What is it that seems to have so many book clubs popping up more now than they used to? Or is it simply that the clubs are getting more support and more popular?

Well, despite the fact that many young people would probably rather play video games, watch television, or listen to music than they would pick up a book, there are still quite a few people who enjoy and appreciate a good read.

Books are often described as portals that are able to take readers into another world, and recently there are plenty of books being published specifically for young adults to get them to travel the world without having to leave home.

Teenagers have more books to choose from in which the characters and their problems are more relatable to their own lives. There are even clubs that

read movie-adapted books only in hopes that teens will be more interested, if they see that interesting stories and plots like those you see on screen can be just as exciting in book form.

"The good things are learning about new books and interests, and to share my interests in books with other kids near me," said Garden City High School sophomore Billie Hall about why she enjoys book clubs so much. "There aren't really any bad things, though."

But book clubs do just what she said. They introduce different types of books and all kinds of interests to readers that may or may affect them later in life.

But then again, not everyone who likes books wants to join book clubs. Some people prefer to read books on their own rather than to discuss them with other people.

"I enjoy both because everyone has their own personal interpretation of a book," Hall said. "I do (recommend book clubs) because it's a good way to get interested in something that could potentially get you farther in life."

From the sound of it, book clubs are a great way to try something new, meet new people, and get involved in an activity that can help you socially and academically. If you want to find people who share your interests, find something to keep you occupied, or just want an idea for what book to read next, then book clubs are probably the right extracurricular for you.

Bethany Harris is a student at Garden City High School.



Bethany Harris



Kaitlyn Brang

# Teens debate texting vs. talking

BY KAITLYN BRANG  
TEEN JOURNALIST

JW if U could Plz read this Ez Txt Msg? To the average teenager,

this would be extremely easy. Two-thirds of teenagers with cell phones use text-messaging daily according to Virgin Mobile and more than half of 15- to 20-year-old users send or receive 11 text messages a day.

According to Jennifer Heidel, a 16-year-old Garden City High School junior, teens text "because it's another way to communicate with friends and family when you can't talk on the phone." Teenagers especially are using this new way to communicate. Truly gifted texters can text without looking at the phone using one hand.

Jessica Thompson, a recent Garden City High School grad, said about texting "It's easier to text to some people. You're less nervous when you text."

Amy Eichelburger, a Garden



PHOTO BY KAITLYN BRANG

Jennifer Heidel, 16, of Garden City High sends a message.

City High School junior, agrees: "It's easier to text when you want to work things out so you don't have to talk face to face. Something's are just easier to text people."

All this new cell phone technology allows teens to be connected 24/7. Teenagers are texting before, during and after classes. While at work and driving. We have all seen or heard about fellow students having to hand over their cell phones to teachers after being caught texting. The state of Washington has recently passed a law outlawing texting while driving.

Experts are saying that texting is adding to the lack

of sleep most teenagers are already experiencing. They can stay up till all hours of the night texting a boyfriend or girlfriend without the risk of parents knowing they are awake.

Another growing concern is the abbreviations being used to text are affecting teens' vocabulary skills. When you can write BFFL instead of Best Friends For Life, why bother to learn to learn the correct way to spell. Jennifer Heidel says, "I use symbols because it's a shorter way of saying something else, it's easier."

Some of the most common abbreviations being used include:

LOL	Laugh out
Loud	
BRB	Be right back
LYALS	Love you like
a sister	
L8R	Later
GL	Good Luck
U	You
R	Are
GR8	Great
W/B	Write back
JK	Just kidding

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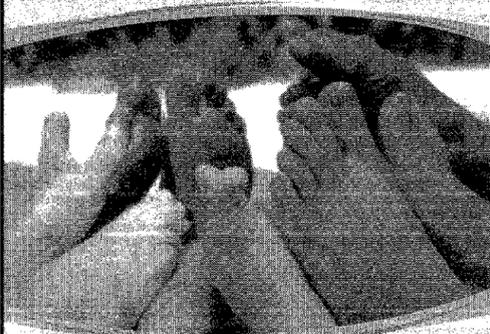
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As you can see, the list could go on forever and ever. And if you were over 40 you would probably need to ask for help in deciphering most text messages sent by today's teenagers.

Kids as young as 10 years old are texting. Maybe soon we'll have courses just teaching us to text. So for now, GTG (Got to Go).

Kaitlyn Brang is a student at Garden City High School.

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## ELIZABETH ANN BUNO

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**HER FAREWELL...** A Healing Farewell was held Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Elizabeth's family by call 877-231-7900 or sign her guest book at: [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com).

## SHIRLEY RUTH CEASAR (NEE: Chapman)

Born November 11, 1928 in Detroit, MI. Passed away October 26, 2007, at age 78. Loving wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Carey Lynn Murphy and Patricia Ann Ayoub. Grandmother of Heather Smith (Rick), Siobhan Murphy, Sinon Ayoub, Paul Murphy, Ameer Ayoub and Wah'ja Ayoub. Great-grandmother of Sianna, Lanae, Arianna and Jaisen. There will be a memorial service on November 18, 2007 at 2:00pm at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia, MI 48150. (734) 421-5406. Call Carey at (248) 830-4911 for more information.

## DONALD L. HORNBACK

Of Harrietta, MI, passed away Nov. 9, 2007. Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home, Cadillac, MI



## LOUIS WILLIAM LESSARD SR.

East Lansing, MI. Louis William Lessard, Sr., former resident of Clarkston, age 86, died at his East Lansing home on November 8, 2007. Born in Pontiac, Michigan, he was the son of Katherine McKeown of Kinkora, Perth Co., Ontario, and William Joseph Lessard of Hayward, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marian (Kaul), and four children, Catherine (Vytautas) Virskus of Mason, Dr. Louis William Lessard Jr. (Alicia Jones) of East Lansing, Dr. Joseph G. Lessard (Luann Wieber) of Traverse City, and Judith Lessard of Mason. He is survived by ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews. The family also grieves the loss of Marian's brother, Vernell Kaul of Clarkston, who followed Louis in death several hours later on November 8, 2007. Louis was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Jack and Robert, and sisters, Francis (Olsen), Margaret (Kizman), and Luella (Kizman). Louis grew up in Pontiac and worked while attending school to help his family survive the Great Depression. He graduated from St. Frederick's Catholic High School in 1938 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. He volunteered to join the Army Air Corps during World War II, where he excelled at aerial gunnery training and was first in his class in Bombardier School. He and his crew flew B-24 Liberators out of Manduria, Italy, as part of the 450th Bomb Group participating in numerous dangerous combat missions. After a promotion, 1st Lieutenant Lessard spent the next year as a telephone and telegraph officer in the 450th Signal Corps Construction Battalion in Bari, Italy. During this time he was in command of soldiers responsible for repairing communications equipment damaged or destroyed by the enemy. Louis returned to Pontiac in August 1945. He resumed employment with Michigan Bell Telephone while attending the Detroit Institute of Technology, where he earned an engineering degree in 1946. Louis worked for MI Bell for 42 years and retired in July, 1982. Louis married Marian Arlene Kaul of Pontiac June 28, 1947. Louis built the home in Clarkston where they raised their family and resided for 32 years (1953 - 1985). The Lessards were members of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford, where Louis was a member of the ushers club and St. Vincent de Paul. He was also a member of the Elks Club in Pontiac and the Clarkston Rotary Club, serving as president in 1968 - 1969. Louis was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Louis enjoyed close friendships with many Clarkston residents, including the "Hale Open" golf group. In the 1970s, Lou and Marian and a group of Clarkston friends built condos on Marco Island, FL. The Lessards also jointly purchased a home with their daughter and son-in-law on Lake Charlevoix in East Jordan, enjoying both residences during their retirement years. Many memorable family get-togethers took place at "the cottage". The Lessards enjoyed spending time with family and friends, golf outings and world travel. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, November 24, 2007 at 11:30 am at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in East Lansing, MI 48823. Louis will be interred at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. Louis' family is deeply grateful to his physicians, nurses and medical staff, as well as those at Heartland Hospice for their kind and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Heartland Hospice, 865 South Cedar, Mason, MI, 48854. The family is being served by the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing, MI

## SHERI A. OZAK

Age 46, of Northville, passed away November 6, 2007. She was born on January 20, 1961 in Pontiac, Michigan daughter of Philip and Billie Schuricht. She was united in marriage to Terrence "Terry" Ozak on September 1, 1989. Sheri was a realtor with Re/Max Prestige. She was a member of the Realtor Association. Sheri enjoyed many winter activities, especially skiing. She is survived by her beloved husband Terry; her cherished children Caitlin and Tyler; her devoted parents Philip and Billie Schuricht; and her dearest siblings Philip "Brad" (Patty) Schuricht and Renee (Schuricht) Slabinski. Sheri will also be missed by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, November 17 from 11am-1pm with a Memorial Service at 1pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 West Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to the Ozak Children's College Fund, PO Box 837, Northville, Michigan 48167. Memories may be shared at: [www.myspace.com/remembringsheri](http://www.myspace.com/remembringsheri)



## DOROTHY ANN SCHALL

Age 84, of Plymouth, died November 8, 2007. She was born August 2, 1923, in St. Louis, MO. A former longtime resident of Westland, she was a member of St. Theodore Church. She was a homemaker, and she enjoyed swimming, bowling, sewing, reading, ceramics, and gardening. She is survived by her children, Diane (Robert) Burton, Donna Schall, David (Margaret) Schall, Donald Schall Jr., Dorothy (Phillip) Peffrey, Daniel (Lucie) Schall, and Matthew (Sandra) Schall; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and her brother, Funeral from St. Theodore Church, 8200 Wayne Rd., Westland, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Sunday 3-8pm. Scripture service Sunday 4pm. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## MILTON STOVER

Of Fenton, formerly of Traverse City, died Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at Crestmont Health-care Facility. Funeral Services were held Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Roger Cook officiating. Interment in Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Milton and Ella Stover Endowment Fund for Starr Commonwealth. Milton was born August 15, 1921 in Temagami, Ontario, Canada, the son of David L. and Lucilla Ann (Brown) Stover. He married Ella Patterson on June 15, 1946 in Ann Arbor. Milton was 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, serving in WWII and the Korean War. He retired from the Amoco Oil Company in 1978 and moved from Franklin to Traverse City in 1981. Milton attended the Presbyterian Church in Franklin and was a life member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association. He was on the Board of Directors of Michigan Manufactured Housing Institute, Chairman of Grand Traverse Housing Commission and was a counselor and on the board of S.C.O.R.E. Milton was a licensed pilot, loved flying and fishing. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Ella of Fenton; daughter, Janet Polluck (Larry) of Holly; two sons, Milton Stover and special friend, Brenda of Reno, NV, Ward Stover (Carol) of Columbiaville; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Bessie McGregor of Rose City. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, George, Sydney, Walt; three sisters, Agnes, Lottie, Edna. Online condolences and tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of: [www.sharppfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharppfuneralhomes.com)

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## WILLARD D. DEN HOUTER M.D.

Age 76, passed away Sept. 7, 2007. Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Bill grew up working in the family restaurant, The Roundtable. Upon graduation from the University of Michigan Medical School, he settled in Plymouth with his wife, the late Katherine, and sons Willard B. Den Houter M.D., of Canton and John Den Houter of Edwardsville, IL. A family practice physician for 35 years, he retired in 1994 to an active schedule of fishing, swimming, gardening, bird watching, and babysitting his grandchildren, Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack, and culinary adventures with his siblings Dave, Danie (Elaïne) and Mary (Duane) Clark. An "M" man in baseball, Bill maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue". Having battled renal disease for many years, Bill embraced the kindness of his caregivers, finding special friendships among the staff at St. Joe's Dialysis and the AATA A-Ride Transportation Staff. Bill's love of family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remembered by all the lives he touched. Bill's family welcomes his friends to join them for a period of reflections and to celebrate his memory, on Friday, November 16, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit: [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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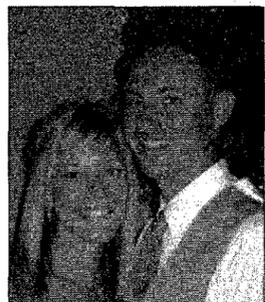
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## ENGAGEMENTS



**Tulppo-Ake**  
 Megan Jane Tulppo and Kevin James Ake are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judi Stonik of Westland and the late Fred Tulppo. She is a 2001 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education. She is employed as an accounting specialist with Burns and Wilcox in Farmington Hills.



**Karbo-Conradi**  
 Richard and Mary Ann Karbo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Catherine Karbo, to Mark Daniel Conradi, son of Robert and Louise Conradi of Saline.

The future groom is the son of Lois and Jim Ake of Fenton. He is a 2001 graduate of Fenton High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree in human resources management. He is employed as a human resources specialist with Domino Pizza in Ann Arbor. A May 2008 wedding is planned for Silver Gardens in Southfield.

The future groom is the son of Tim and Sheryl (Cookie) Carner of Garden City. He is a 1997 graduate of Wayne

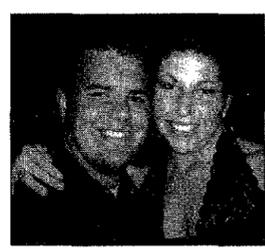
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is a special events coordinator at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

**Tulppo-Richardson**  
 Elizabeth (Betsy) Marie Tulppo and Christopher Ryan Richardson are engaged to be married.



The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judi Stonik of Westland and the late Fred Tulppo. She is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 2005 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associates degree in general education. She is employed as an office manager with Cleaning Authority in Plymouth.

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**Cain-Venier**  
 David and Patricia Cain of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Renee Cain, to David Alfred Venier, son Ann Venier of Berkley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.



**Mezza-Walsh**  
 Livio and Loretta Mezza of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann Mezza, to Ryan Walsh, son of Ann Walsh of Gilbert, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

The groom is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and is employed by Yazaki of North America.

A May 2008 wedding is planned for Mill Race Historical Village, followed by a reception at St. Mary's Cultural Center.



**McPhee-Brodie**  
 Kate Elizabeth McPhee and Scott Phillip Brodie announce their engagement to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mike and Marie McPhee of Pottersville. She is currently attending Ferris State University and is graduating in May with a degree in human resources management.

The future groom is the son of Mark and Theresa Brodie of Livonia. He is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and graduated from Michigan State University. He is currently employed at Microsoft in Seattle, Wash. A July 2008 wedding is planned.

## Holiday greeting cards wanted

Is your charity or nonprofit organization offering holiday cards for sale to raise funds? On Sunday, Nov. 25, the *Observer's* Life section will feature an entire page of holiday greeting cards in full color. Send your cards with information on how to purchase them and who the charity serves to Hugh Gallagher, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for receiving information is Friday, Nov. 16. There is no charge.

## ANNIVERSARY



**Whites celebrate 50th anniversary**  
 Bob and Gail White of Garden City are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Detroit, on Nov. 16, 1957. They have lived in Garden City for 49 years. Bob retired from General Motors (Cadillac) after 30 years, and Gail worked for a while at Montgomery Ward. They enjoy camping, bowling, golfing, playing games (rummykub, and various card games), and going to the casino. They've had a camper for over 30 years at Greenwood Acres, in Jackson Michigan where they spend lots of time. Bob and Gail have been devoted grandparents to their 10 grandchildren, attending various sporting, and extracurricular events. They have three children; Crystal (Pat) Brozek, Carrie (Keith) Kerr, and Robert Jr. Ten grandchildren are; Keith Jr., Nick, Mallory, Tim, Nolan, Liz, Sarah, Zach, Andrew, and Jillian. They have one great-grandson, Chase. They will be celebrating their anniversary with family and close relatives at a restaurant continuing at their daughter's home. For their gift, their children are sending them to Las Vegas.

LIKE NUMBERS? there are a pile of them in today's SPORTS section



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## Getting into college: more than top grades

BY ERICA PERDUE  
TEEN JOURNALIST

So you've turned in all your assignments, studied for every test, and managed the seemingly impossible, a 4.0 grade point average. Now you think the deal is signed and sealed; you have a definite in to any college or university of your choice, right? Not necessarily. Many students fail to realize that it takes more than high academic achievement to get into many colleges and universities. Students often overlook the fact that in addition to academic success, factors such as extracurricular involvement and challenging courses may determine whether they will receive acceptance letters.

Heather Koch, an English teacher at Wayne Memorial High School, was told by a University of Michigan admissions officer that they "look at the whole picture." It is more likely for a student with a slightly lower grade point average, but with challenging courses and extracurricular involvement, to be chosen over one with fewer college preparatory classes and little involvement.

"Those admissions officers want to be sure the students they are admitting can handle the rigors of their challenging courses," said Koch.

Because the demands of college include the ability to balance the rigors of classes with other aspects of college life, such as jobs and social commitments, doing so in high school will help ensure later success.

"I'm busy now and I can get what I need to get done, so I know I'll be able to handle it when I get (to college)," said senior Melissa Smith, who is involved in a variety of sports and clubs at Wayne Memorial High School.

Senior Johnny Reid's opinion is close to that of Smith's.

"I know colleges value involvement, and it prepares me," said Reid.

"Being affiliated (with a nonacademic activity) helps you broaden who you are as an individual," said Jan Tomlinson, Wayne Memorial High School director of Upward Bound, a federal program for first-generation college bound students who

engage in accelerated programming. She's noticed that what has been working the most for her former students has been approaching their high school career positively, challenging themselves, getting involved in the community, being activity affiliated in school, and volunteer work.

About volunteer work she said, "it can teach you about things you may or may not like to do."

The more a student has to put on his or her application, or resume, the better it looks. The application is the main source of information the college admissions departments have about you, including the essay. Tomlinson said that students should write an essay whether it is required or not. "(Essays) prove positive that you can write cognitive statements," she said. "An essay is the essence of who you are."

Senior student Claire Moro has written multiple essays for her college applications.

"I liked the essays," she said. "You get to tell (the college) about something the application doesn't say. Your personality comes through."

While Moro may find writing essays pleasing, other students have called them "the most difficult part of the application process," according to senior Chase Kelly. It's "inconvenient and stressful, but necessary," said Smith. The essay may not be the sole factor on which one's acceptance is based, but it is a way for college admissions officers to see the student in depth.

Extracurricular involvement in clubs and sports, taking challenging courses, working out of school, and writing an essay, are all ways that you can achieve the goal of being accepted to the college or university of your choice. When you put all of your hard work and involvement together in the end, it could very well lead you toward a bright future.

Erica Perdue is a student at Wayne Memorial High School.

## School and work: Not so easy jobs

BY NICOLE BURNS  
TEEN JOURNALIST

Trying to hurry through the mass of crowded high school students after a day filled with endless algebra problems, Shakespeare readings, and even a mile run in gym, your thinking to yourself, "I finally get to go home and relax."

Getting into your car, you notice your calendar sitting on your passenger side seat with the words "WORK 4 to 10" written on it. You groan loudly realizing that night of relaxation isn't about to happen.

That's how a lot of teenagers are feeling in this day and age. Teens are both working and

going to school. So there is a lot of stress involved in each of these activities, but together they form a mass amount of stress. Some can't handle the pressure of it, but others like myself can and do handle the pressure of it. Sure, everyone slips up now and then, don't get me wrong, but for the most part I feel that I do a good job of maintaining a level head.

Balancing school and work takes patience and understanding, that's for sure. I know there are some days that I'd rather just come home and not go to work. But I know I must go. A lot of my friends work and go to school at the same time. It's a necessity for some of us. Sure coming in from school going straight to work on that Mount Everest-sized mountain of homework before you go deal with customers who are trying your patience for the best isn't

exactly what we call a good time, we do it in order for us to have some of the extras the world offers us.

The expenses that teens are paying tend to be a couple hundred dollars a month. Teens that have their own cars are paying for gas, insurance, and in some cases, are paying their parents back for buying the car in the first place. Of course, you have to include the price of going out to movies, concerts, and just out to eat into that those expenses that need paid.

Some teens even pay for their cell phone bills. I'm one of those teens. That cell phone bill of \$54 a month needs to be paid by the seventh or there's no texting for me until it's paid. It's not uncommon for teens to be paying those kinds of bills. In order to pay for those extras, we go to school and work at the same time.

I have to say that having a job and going to school has really made me a better person. I value the amount of a dollar more, and how much things cost. Life isn't easy. I'm coming to understand that also. I know if I want to do well in school then I must tackle the homework that comes my way and that I must pay the bill for the cell phone that I ever so love.

Teens like myself, are realizing that things in life aren't handed to them; you've got to grab your opportunities while they're out there and go for things yourself. Sure working while maintaining that 3.5 grade point average isn't easy. It comes to show through the people that do it that it's more rewarding to those who have struggled for it.

Nicole Burns is a student at Westland John Glenn High School.

## Web key part of learning materials

BY EMILY CRUSE  
TEEN JOURNALIST

Michigan has recently changed its standards. The new standards have forced the schools to change their curriculum. So some subjects received new books. One of the new books is Holt, Rinehart and Winston. The new books have a series of Web sites with the books. The Web sites are www.my.hrw.com and www.go.hrw.com. These Web sites have a lot of

resources.

Each volume of the books has a complete copy on line. Each copy has enlargeable text, it has different resources for each chapter in the book. For example, the geometry book has many examples of what you are being thought. It also has calculators and a glossary. It also has all the questions in the book.

Each question has either a multi step solution where you go along with the computer to find the answer to the

problem. Or there is a video of professor Edward Burger, one of the co-writers of the book, explaining the problem to you. The Web site also has a part where the teachers can put assignments or tests on the Web sites.

Richard Morton, 35, a math teacher at Garden City High School, says, "The book and Web sites complement each other greatly." The mathematics books have parent resources as well. It has parent algebra refresher. There

are a lot of different features in each book. There are 16 books with Web sites, ranging from biology to foreign language. Each Web site has its own features reflecting the subject. Technology has really improved the learning experience.

Emily Cruse is a student at Garden City High School.



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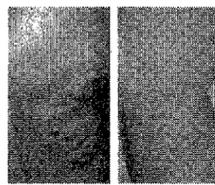
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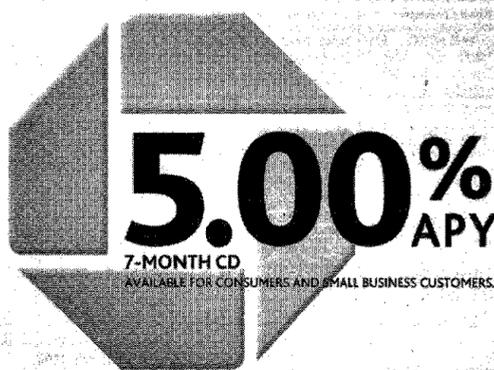


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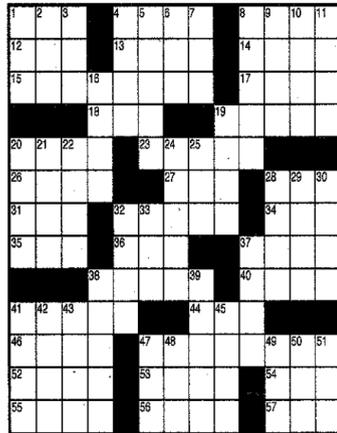
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- ACROSS**
- RV haven
  - Garden soil
  - Flake tooth
  - Mouse catcher
  - Question for Brutus (2 wds.)
  - Swindle
  - Full of air
  - A.M. word
  - Hilo guitar
  - Swells, as a river
  - Mischief-makers
  - Toxic gas
  - Peppercorn
  - Frignon
  - Maze
  - DEL neighbor
  - Great achievements
  - Rope-a-dope boxer
  - Took a load off
  - Work unit
  - Show of anger
  - Positive responses

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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H I E A R E A H U L L  
O N A R E A F F I R M S  
P E T A L P E A R  
E H D E S R A H S  
K O N L I D T E T O N  
A R S E T R O D B I  
R E D I D S U M L O T  
L O U D E L M A U  
L A T E A L G A E  
R A V I S H I N G G R R  
E L A N O G R E E G O  
F E N G S H A D D O S

- DOWN**
- Colorful carp
  - up (confess)
  - Chetty alien
  - Coze
  - River mammal
  - Ingested
  - Type of wrestling
  - Bus alternative
  - Charged particles
  - Reminder
  - Just scrapes by
  - Opulent
  - CD
  - Hieroglyphics bird
  - "- Lisa"
  - Furtive whisper
  - Platitude
  - Finish a "T"
  - Lament loudly
  - Ultimatum word
  - Drill attachments
  - Know someone
  - Um's cousins
  - Racer A.J.
  - Feet containers
  - T-bar user
  - Fictional plantation
  - Livy contemporary
  - Water the plants
  - Woodworking tool
  - Playing card
  - T'ai - ch'uan
  - Corn serving
  - Eavesdrop
  - Plumbing joint



### SUDOKU

4	8			6				
7	9		2					5
	2	1		8	6	4	7	
		4			9		6	7
	7		8			9	5	4
					4	2		8
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8	2		9					
3			4					

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- |        |            |         |
|--------|------------|---------|
| BALL   | JACKS      | SWINGS  |
| BIKE   | SLED       | TEA SET |
| BLOCKS | SLINGSHOT  | TOP     |
| DOLL   | SQUIRT GUN | YO-YO   |
- THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

C E R G F D I O P U  
G F D S J A C K S S  
Z A S L E D S D G F  
S Q U I R T G U N S  
G H N N Y O Y O I K  
N M L G B V C W C  
R S A S W A X B S O  
T Y H H J L K I P L  
A Z D O L L M K O B  
S D F T E A S E T G

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	4	9	7	6	8	2	8	1
6	8	8	2	1	5	2	9	7
8	1	2	7	8	2	8	9	9
7	9	6	1	9	8	8	2	2
7	9	6	9	2	7	1	8	
8	2	7	9	8	6	1	2	9
9	8	1	8	2	7	9	6	1
2	6	9	9	7	1	8	7	8

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7	9	6	1	9	8	8	2	2
7	9	6	9	2	7	1	8	
8	2	7	9	8	6	1	2	9
9	8	1	8	2	7	9	6	1
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## CA Report

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I have a confession to make right up front: I own a 2007 Hyundai Accent. Well, I own it, but my college-age daughter is the one who drives it, back and forth to school. When I bought it, I looked at the research, plus I have the advantage of having driven Hyundai Accents and their main competition in the past as part of what I do for this space. For us, the combination of features and price tilted us in Hyundai's direction, but your situation may be different.

We own a GS three-door; the test car this week is the Accent SE three-door. Meant to be an entry-level vehicle, Hyundai has packed this one full of options I never would have put on our car, and those options make it pricier than your basic entry-level transportation. More on those in a bit.

The SE three-door is a typical compact three-door, with a lift gate in the rear. While there is nothing exotic about the styling, it does come with fog lights, a body-color rear spoiler and 16-inch alloy wheels. The SE also comes with heated exterior mirrors, something most entry-level cars don't have. You can add a sunroof, if you like. The test car came with a ground effects kit priced at almost \$1,500, one of those options I wouldn't add, but this version of the SE is obviously not aimed at me.

The Accent SE is powered by 1.6-liter 16-valve DOHC 4-cylinder engine. Rated at 110 horsepower and 106 lb.-ft. of torque, it gives you a few more horses than other engines in this segment. With its small size, 110 horses are enough for decent acceleration.

You'll get pretty good mileage from this engine; it's EPA rated at 32/35 mpg and it's certified as an Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle. A 5-speed manual is standard. Hyundai has moved the reverse gear to the far left; I'm not that thrilled with the way it feels. Going from reverse to first gear doesn't feel natural, to me anyway. Otherwise, shifting is just fine. You can get a 4-speed automatic, if you prefer.

The Accent SE handles pretty well for a small car. Bumps aren't too bad and the steering feels good. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil springs and gas shocks, and the rear system features a coupled torsion beam with coils springs and gas shocks. Rack-and-pinion steering is standard and the small turning circle makes the car easy to maneuver. Inside, there's more room than you might think from looking at it from the outside. With 92.2 cubic feet of passenger volume, it's one of the more roomy cars in the entry level segment. The rear seat is actually usable for people, and the seat folds down to add to the cargo volume. Leg room and head room are fine, even for tall drivers.

The cloth seats provide good support and are fairly comfortable. The driver's seat is eight-way adjustable (manually). Power seats



The Hyundai Accent offers excellent gas mileage - 32/35 mpg and its an Ultra-Low emission vehicle.

are not available for the Accent SE, but other power options are actually included. Power windows, mirrors, and locks, plus keyless entry are all included. Air-conditioning is standard, as are a leather-wrapped steering wheel, and a rear window defogger. For some reason, though, cruise control is not available.

The instrument panel includes a tachometer and a coolant temperature gauge.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers. You can, if you choose, spend a lot more on audio. The test vehicle was set up with the optional Kenwood audio system (\$400), Kenwood rear speakers (\$105), subwoofer (\$420), and iPod adapter (\$129).

I don't care for the way it looks - it looks like an aftermarket system you can buy yourself, instead of something that looks like it belongs in the Accent. The system comes with a wireless remote control, which comes in handy, because the head unit is poorly labeled, hard to read, not intuitively laid-out, and confusing.

The subwoofer has a hand-held control switch that is stored in the glove box. That's where the iPod adapter is, as well. You hook up the iPod and put it in the glove box; the head unit controls the iPod's functions. You may have to consult the owner's manual (I did) to figure out how to get it to play a particular playlist. I have more than 6,000 songs on my iPod (shared with my wife Ro), so getting the proper playlist to play is important. You can also choose to play by artist, genre or album.

As confusing as the controls are, the good news is that the adapter allows you to play audio directly into the head unit. This can be an advantage over the mini-FM tuner iPod adapters that make you find an unused FM frequency to play the iPod's audio through.

The sound is better, while the iPod charges at the same time.

It would be nice if the display would give you the song title, but it will display the playlist name. Overall, the system sounds pretty good, but at more than a thousand bucks total, you may want to look at an after-market system.

One of the things that sold me on the Accent for my daughter Kell was the safety features it has. We were replacing a car in which she just had an accident, so safety was an important consideration. The Accent SE comes with 4-wheel ABS brakes, dual front airbags, dual front side-impact airbags, roof-mounted side curtain airbags and an energy-absorbing steering column.

Hyundai's warranty also figured into the picture. It's a five-year/60,000-mile new-vehicle warranty, while the powertrain is warranted for 10 years/100,000 miles. Five years of roadside assistance is also included.

The Accent SE is priced at a little over \$14,000. Add the high-end audio package, leather-wrapped shift knob, ground effects, front strut tower brace and sport pedals, and you come in at about \$18,000. That's a bit more than an entry-level price, but if the extras aren't important, you can get a pretty well-equipped car for under \$15,000.

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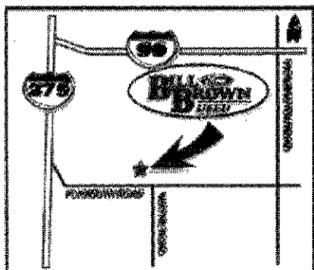
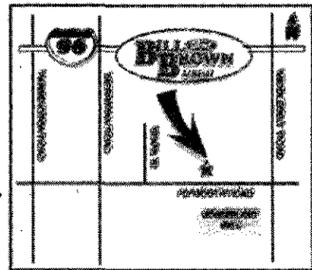
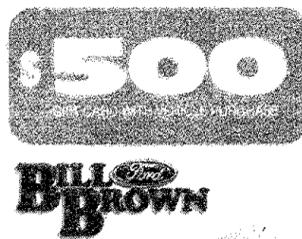
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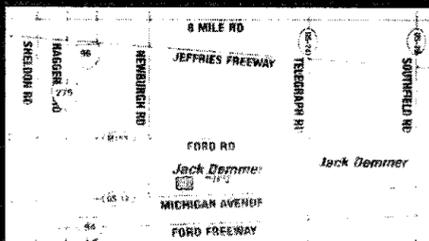


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