

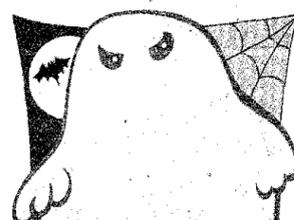


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College asks voters for smaller tax renewal

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Voters who live in the Wayne County Community College District will decide a 1.25-mill property tax proposal when they cast ballots in the Nov. 4 election.

The tax, if approved, will be for 10 years starting in 2011. It would replace a slightly larger 1.5-mill tax that expires at the end of 2010.

The tax would cost \$125 a

year for a homeowner who has a \$200,000 house with a taxable value of \$100,000. Voters across the college district, including those in the Wayne-Westland school district, most of Redford and a small portion of Canton, will decide the proposal.

The tax plan comes one year after WCCCD voters rejected a 1.5-mill, 10-year proposal.

George Swan, WCCCD's vice chancellor for operations, said the tax amounts to 40 percent of the budget for a 72,000-stu-

dent, five-campus district that is growing and earning a solid reputation due to educational and facility improvements.

"We want to make sure we have the opportunity to plan for our operations," he said. "We want to be wise stewards of public dollars."

The tax revenues also would help a district that Swan said has kept tuition affordable for its students, who are mostly part time. Community colleges also fill a void when the

economy takes a downturn and people need to keep costs down while they beef up their education, he said.

However, the tax proposal has opposition from critics like 18th District state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, who is against any measure that he said amounts to a millage renewal years in advance.

"I strenuously object to it," he said.

LeBlanc has introduced a bill that would prohibit any tax pro-

posal from being placed before voters unless it is within 18 months of expiring. He actually favored wording for 12 months, but he said he tried to reach a compromise.

Regardless, LeBlanc said his bill hasn't been taken up by the state House Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs, even though he introduced it last November.

"I can't get a hearing on it,"

he said. LeBlanc acknowledged that

WCCCD has been improving, but he said he is philosophically opposed to tax proposals coming years in advance.

"It's not them specifically," he said.

Swan said he hopes WCCCD voters will remember that the 1.25-mill tax measure would simply continue where the 1.5-mill tax drops off.

"This is not an increase," he said.

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By default: Lack of quorum opens door for recall

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A recall campaign will move ahead after organizers received approval Monday to circulate petitions against Mayor William Wild and Westland City Council members James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves.

A third try for recall language proved the charm as organizers Donna DeWitt and Rosemarie Rembisz appeared before the Wayne County Elections Commission in Detroit.

"We're ecstatic," DeWitt said.

The petition language, which seeks to recall the five city leaders for rezoning property for a \$35 million senior housing development on Joy east of Newburgh, won approval by default when only one of three elections commissioners, Wayne County Chief Probate Judge Milton Mack, attended Monday's meeting.

County Clerk Cathy Garrett and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz didn't show up — a move Godbout criticized after he and other city leaders hired attorneys to argue against the recall language.

"Because the commission doesn't do their job, we get penalized for it," Godbout said. "That was the most disappointing thing."

Wild called the latest development "obviously disappointing" and said, "I really feel that our administration has done a real good job of bringing the community back together. I think if anything would undo some of that hard work, it's unfortunate."

Wild held out hope that most residents will realize positive strides city leaders have made and not support a recall.

"We're not going to quit moving the city forward," he said.

Godbout defended a council majority's decision in June to rezone property and approve developer Glenn Shaw Jr.'s proposal for a three-story senior apartment building, duplex-style condominiums and single-family homes. Neighboring res-

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PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn varsity cheerleader senior Rebecca Meister kisses Delia, a show pig who was at the homecoming pep rally showing. The cheerleaders were thanking the students, teachers and community for helping in their fund-raiser by kissing the pig.

John Glenn celebrates Homecoming



Students at John Glenn High School gave it their all at the pep assembly, but the enthusiasm for Homecoming was dampened when their beloved Rockets lost the gridiron confrontation to Livonia Franklin in a 20-19 squeaker.

Students put on their best red, white and blue for the assembly that featured the varsity cheerleaders smooching a pig as a way of saying thank you for the students' and staff's support of their recent fund-raiser and the teachers losing to the seniors in the annual tug-o-war.

Reigning over the festivities were the royal couple, Homecoming queen Chanel Payne and king Josh Reed.

Watch for more photos of Homecoming photo gallery of the Westland Observer Web site at www.hometownlife.com.



(Pictured above) Reigning over the festivities were Homecoming king Josh Reed and queen Chanel Payne. (Pictured above left) Sophomores Brandi Holbrook, left, and Halie Baker bring home the relay race win for the sophomores at the John Glenn Homecoming pep assembly.

Interest in election spurs increase in voter registration

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland is witnessing a large increase in newly registered voters, partly due to an uptick in young people who plan to cast ballots for the first time, City Clerk Eileen DeHart said.

Local interest appears to mirror a nationwide increase in voters who want to participate in a presidential election season that has been historic on several fronts, from Democrat Barack Obama's selection as the first African-American nominee by a major political party to Sarah Palin's pick as the Republican Party's first female vice presidential candidate.

"We have been getting scores of new registrations almost every day," DeHart said. "It's a wonderful thing. I think that America and Westland in particular have finally woken up. We are getting a large number of young voters registering."

"In this day and age, in this economy, more people know how important their voice in government is," DeHart said.

For potential voters who don't want to miss out, Monday, Oct. 6, looms as the deadline to register for those who will be at least 18 years old by Election Day. DeHart urged those who want to register to visit the city clerk's office, located on the first floor of Westland City Hall on Ford between Newburgh and Wayne, or any Secretary of State branch.

DeHart also said voter registration forms may be received by calling the clerk's office at (734) 467-3187 or (734) 467-3188, or by going online to www.Michigan.gov/sos.

If voter-registration trends continue, DeHart estimated that the number of new Westland voters could climb by 2,000 or more, surpassing the 62,000 mark.

DeHart also urged voters not to forget to request absentee ballots if they believe for any reason that they might not make it to the polls on Nov. 4. She said those requests already have increased substantially over previous elections.

Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis has noticed similar activity in that neighboring community, including some Garden City High School students who will be voting for the first time. She said foot traffic also has increased at City Hall.

"We're getting five times the normal amount of new voter registration and absentee ballot requests," Bettis said.

Clerks noted that people who register must show a valid photo identification, such as a Michigan driver's license or government-issued photo identification.

Observer staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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CORRECTIONS

A story in Sunday's *Westland Observer* should have stated that defendant Wesley Thomas Sanborn is accused of driving while drinking and hitting 27-year-old Gary Brown of Livonia with a Chevy TrailBlazer while Brown was walking on Joy east of Newburgh on Aug. 3.

Background information was not published with stories about Democratic candidate Joan Gebhardt and Republican Thomas Thompson who are facing off in the Wayne County Commission's 12th District. The information is:

JOAN GEBHARDT

Age: 59
Residence: Livonia
Occupation: District staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford.
Education: Master's degree, education administration, Eastern Michigan University. Some doctoral work at Wayne State.
Family: Married with two adult children

Community involvement: Schoolcraft College trustee; representative to Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments; Madonna University adjunct professor; executive board Michigan Federation of the American Federation of School Administrators; executive board League of Women Voters Northwest Wayne County, among others.

THOMAS THOMPSON

Age: 71
Residence: Livonia
Employment: Retired Detroit Public Schools teacher
Education: Master's degree in linguistics and bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan
Family: Married, four adult children
Community involvement: Former chair of the old 15th District Republican Committee; precinct delegate for 20 years; elder, Ward Presbyterian Church; served as assistant pastor, Central Alliance Church near Wayne State University campus.

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idents blasted the development, saying it will create congestion and reduce property values in an area long defined by larger residential lots.

"It's the straw that broke the camel's back," DeWitt said, alleging that city leaders weren't listening to residents and their concerns.

Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart has said recall leaders will have to collect signatures of 6,818 registered voters to get

a recall measure placed on a city ballot. DeWitt and Rembisz hope to garner support from volunteers, and they will have a 90-day window to complete their petition drive.

"We plan on turning it in before the Christmas holiday," DeWitt said.

Godbout said the recall effort will detract from positive gains the city has made despite tough economic times.

"This just takes away from our concentration on continuing to improve things," he said.

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Royal selection

Vying for the honor of being Homecoming queen at Wayne Memorial High School are Chelsea Hildebrandt (from left), Colleen Blake, Jessie Harris, Cassie Johnson and Bianca Hayes. The winner will be announced during halftime of the homecoming football game that pits the Wayne Zebras against Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Friday.

Feisty senior foils theft of her purse

BY DARRELL CLEM
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 71-year-old woman fought off a suspect who was captured after trying to rob her outside the Kmart store at Wayne and Cherry Hill roads, police said. The incident happened around 9:45 a.m. last Friday after the alert victim left the store and was putting bags in her car, police Sgt. Thad Nelson said. The woman braced herself

and positioned her purse to protect it when she saw a man riding toward her on a bicycle, Nelson said.

"He rolled up and grabbed her purse, but she held onto it and struggled with him," the detective said. "She began to defend herself, and another person pulled up in a car and started honking their horn."

The suspect fled on the bike, and Officers Norm Brooks and Mark Cholak and Lt. Michael Match scoured the area and

ultimately found him with help from witnesses, Nelson said.

Brooks located the defendant when one witness steered police to an apartment on nearby South Parent after learning that police were looking for a man riding a bike that had distinctive features, including no seat, the detective said.

The defendant, 53-year-old Gary William VanHorn, was arraigned Saturday on a charge of assault with intent

to rob while unarmed, and a not-guilty plea was entered for him. A bond of \$10,000/10 percent was set, and he was ordered to appear in Westland 18th District Court for an Oct. 9 preliminary hearing to determine whether he should stand trial.

If convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court, VanHorn could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison, Nelson said.

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W-WEA says no to extension, district puts offer on Web site

BY SUE MASON
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The Wayne-Westland school board has taken an unprecedented step of publishing on the school district Web site a contract offer presented to Wayne-Westland Education Association negotiators this week after the union turned down a request for a second 30-day extension.

"Based on yesterday's negotiations, which were very disheartening, the board of education had no other alternative than to release to the public and teachers what has been discussed the past several weeks," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "It was obvious to the board and the board's negotiating team that the union leaders are not interested in negotiating in a fair and equitable manner to resolve the issue of health care."

The teachers' contract expired Aug. 25, and was extended 30 days following a flurry of negotiations Labor Day weekend. The extension expired Tuesday.

Teachers are continuing to work without a contract and negotiations are scheduled for today (Oct. 2) and Friday. According to Baracy, while the district is trying to schedule meetings for next week, the union has not committed to more talks.

"The board of education wants a contract for the kids, for the community and for the teachers, they have opened up the checkbook, but they can't open it any further," Baracy said.

Union leaders have expressed frustration with the course of the talks. Evelyn Baran, MEA UniServ director for the WWEA unit, said the district has not bargained in good faith. She maintains that the district proposals "are illegal" in that they prevent the union from negotiating an insurance carrier and coverage and that a wage formula offered in the third and fourth years of the proposal would eliminate the union's right to negotiate wages.

The two sides have been at odds over class sizes, wages and health care, but Baran said health care is "the biggest stumbling block at present."

"The proposals are regressive," she said. "It's very frustrating. It's very hard to understand why we can't have the health insurance we want when it's less expensive than what the district is offering."

The union has filed two unfair labor practices against the district for what it calls "multiple refusals" to provide information critical to negotiations, as well as a lawsuit charging that the school board violated the Open

Meetings Act by failing to move its meeting to a larger venue to accommodate people interested in attending.

Baran said she isn't surprised by the posting on the district's Web site, adding that contrary to statements that they would not negotiate in public, the district has been doing just that. The latest contract update has angered union members, and a meeting had been scheduled with the membership on Wednesday. She added that the union is appreciative of the community support.

"Parents have been absolutely terrific," she said.

Baracy, however, said it was the union leadership's not providing counter proposals in writing or verbally to the offer that prompted the release of the proposal.

"What is even more apparent from the calls we are getting from teachers is that the union did not share this information with its members," he said. "We feel an obligation to tell the community and teachers what we offered."

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McConnell ready to become district judge

BY DARRELL CLEM
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After a 13-year stint prosecuting cases in Westland 18th District Court, Assistant City Attorney Mark McConnell will become the court's next judge.



McConnell

"I'm excited, nervous, and it all hasn't sunk in yet. I really go between the three," he said.

McConnell became the lone candidate to seek a six-year term to replace Judge C. Charles Bokos, who was blocked by state law from seeking another term because he reached the age of 70 prior to the Nov. 4 election.

With no opposition on the ballot, McConnell didn't have to mount an aggressive campaign for the \$138,272-a-year job, not a bad place in life for a married father of two who celebrated his 40th birthday in August.

McConnell has received widespread praise from Bokos, hold-over 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli and longtime City Attorney Angelo Plakas — all of whom McConnell said have influenced him and helped

MARK MCCONNELL

Age: 40
Residence: Westland
Occupation: Assistant city attorney
Education: Law degree, University of Detroit School of Law. Worked as a research attorney for Michigan Court of Appeals before becoming assistant city attorney.
Family: He and wife Sherry have two daughters, Allison and Grace.
Community involvement: Former Westland First Citizen, past Rotary Club president, involved in S.P.A.R.K. (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids)

proud" that McConnell will be his successor, although Bokos will sometimes serve as a visiting judge who isn't bound by the state-imposed age limitation.

Cicirelli indicated that she, too, is ready to work with McConnell to continue the Westland court's strong reputation.

"I'm looking forward to working with Mark. He will be a great addition to our 18th District Court," Cicirelli said. "He obviously knows the inner workings of the court. He knows how our court operates, and I think it will be an extremely smooth transition. He will be a good replacement to Judge Bokos."

McConnell has worked for the city attorney's office since 1995, drafting ordinances and legal opinions, prosecuting cases and negotiating plea agreements. He has handled felony, misdemeanor and civil cases.

McConnell has pledged to work with Cicirelli to ensure that Westland remains "one of the best courts in Michigan."

prepare him for the new job he will start in January.

"I've had great training from Angelo and both judges to make me confident that I will be an efficient and effective judge," McConnell said.

Bokos earlier told the *Observer* that he was "absolutely dclcm@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2110

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Girl Scouts launch new council

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan has named Janet Barker, former CEO of Girl Scouts of the Glowing Embers Council, Kalamazoo, as the chief executive officer of the newly realigned organization, which combines five Girl Scouts Councils into one, high-capacity council.

Barker was selected following a national search. She began her new position on July 1, in preparation for Tuesday's launch of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, serving 30,000 girls and adult volunteers in 33 Michigan counties.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is a merger of Girl Scouts of Glowing Embers Council, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, Girl Scouts - Irish Hills Council, Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council and Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay Council.

The new council spans the state from southwest to northeast and serves girls in 33 counties - Allegan, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Branch, Calhoun, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lenawee, Livingston, Midland, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren and Washtenaw Counties and parts of Berrien, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne Counties. The new council will have the potential to serve 25 percent of the state's population of girls ages 5-17.

Barker brings a wealth of leadership experience and expertise to her new post. Most recently, as CEO of the Girl Scouts of Glowing Embers Council, she was responsible for the overall vision, direction,

fund development and community development of the Girl Scout program in six counties in southwest Michigan. Her previous experience includes leadership roles within Michigan State University Extension Service and 4-H USDA, in the areas of innovative learning, strategic organization development, academic coaching, international youth development and leadership programming.

Excited about her role in the new organization, Barker anticipates working with girls, volunteers, the board of directors, donors and staff. She is committed to advancing the Girl Scout Movement and promoting the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

"It is so important to help girls be successful and build a brilliant future for themselves and others," said Barker. "In Girl Scouts, when a girl leads, she discovers who she is and what she believes. She learns to take pride in her talents and innate gifts. Before you know it, she is taking on challenges and developing astounding critical thinking skills. Ultimately, she feels empowered to make a difference in the world."

The current facilities in Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw will remain open as regional centers. A regional center will be added in Marshall. In addition, girls will explore outdoor and year-round program opportunities at 11 sites, including the Barbara Osterman Cabin, Alma; Camp Crawford, Milan; Camp Deere Trails, Harrison; Camp Linden,

Linden; Camp Merrie Woode, Plainwell; Camp Oak Hills, Harrison; Camp O' the Hills, Brooklyn; Camp Wacousta, Wacousta; Camp Woodlands, Alpena; the Jane Harris Cabin, Mount Pleasant, and The Hut, West Branch.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan will be governed by a 22-member volunteer Board of Directors, with representation from each of the five merging councils.

"This is an exciting time for Girl Scouts," said Gail Scott, CEO of Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council. "With a new, larger council to serve them and new programming from Girl Scouts of the USA, our girls have so many more opportunities to explore, while still upholding the values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law."

"By consolidating councils, we will be able to be fully staffed and to do the work of a strong, forward-thinking council," said Kerry Allen, CEO of Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay Council. "We hope to build membership by serving girls more effectively. We will focus on national destination offerings that give older girls a chance for travel and adventure."

"Ms. Barker's success at the Girl Scouts of Glowing Embers Council sets the tone for the future of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan," added Cynthia McCants, acting CEO of Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council. "Girls, volunteers and staff will all benefit from Ms. Barker's leadership."

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan invites girls everywhere to become Girl Scouts! To learn more about Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, to join Girl Scouts, or to donate, visit the Web site at www.gshom.org.

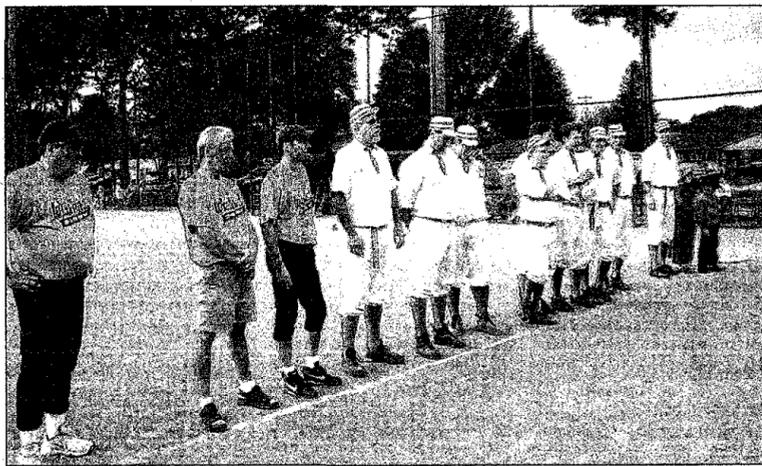


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Getting closer

They lost again, but they narrowed the gap. The city of Westland's baseball team, dubbed the Zip-a-Dee-Do-Dahs, went down in defeat Sunday to Greenfield Village's historic Lah-de-Dahs. The 11-5 score wasn't as bad as last year's 24-8 loss, however. Again, the real winner was the Westland Historic Village Park, which received more than \$1,000 from the fund-raiser at Jaycee Park. Three of Westland's players (from left) are Police Chief James Ridener, Councilman Bill Johnson and Mayor William Wild. To their right is the more decorated Greenfield Village team.

Family gets help in battle with cancer

The excitement of being new parents comes with a challenge for Kristy and Jason Spence. The Garden City couple also are taking on a battle with metastasized melanoma skin cancer with the help of family and friends who are staging two fund-raisers this month.

The first event will be a bowling fund-raiser at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Vision Lanes on Ford in Westland. The cost will be \$15 per person for two games of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and door prize ticket. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and raffles for prizes. For more information,

call (734) 641-8181.

The second event is a day of styling Sunday, Oct. 19, at the BoRics Salon at 5916 Middlebelt at Ford in Garden City. The scissors will start clipping at 4 p.m., and the shop will offer haircuts for \$10, with a shampoo \$11 and facial waxings at \$5 per area. No perms or colors will be done to let the stylist take care of as many people as possible. There also will be door prizes, raffles and a bake sale.

And organizers also are selling melanoma awareness bracelets for \$5 each. All money raised will go to the Spence family to help cover medical costs and loss of income.

In addition to the fund-raisers, a fund in the name of Kristy and Collin Spence has been set up at Fifth Third Bank. Donations which can be made at any Fifth Third office.

According to organizers, Kristy Spence, 29, was first diagnosed with melanoma when she had

a cancerous mole removed in March 2007. Since it was determined it had not spread to her lymph nodes, no further treatment was needed.

However, when she was 30 weeks pregnant, she developed a lump under her arm that became increasingly painful. A biopsy showed that the melanoma had returned and had spread to her lymph nodes, and on Aug. 25, the mass was removed. That's when it was discovered that it had spread to her lungs and other organs.

Following the surgery, her baby began showing signs of distress and was delivered by emergency surgery on Aug. 28. While all tests appear normal, the infant was hospitalized for several weeks because of his premature birth.

Jason Spence has taken an unpaid family leave to care for his son and wife who is now undergoing chemotherapy.

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Patience is the key to weathering current financial crisis

As you listen to the discussion, commentary and the babble surrounding the current crisis in the financial markets, it is difficult to know who to believe. It's hard to know who is being honest, who is trying to spin us, or who has their own agenda.

Money Matters

The reality is it will take years to determine what really happened and whether the measures taken were proper. Like most issues, we will have more than one viewpoint of

the situation. The issue, however, is not what commentators and pundits may say, but rather what you and I should be doing.

It is important to remember that a crisis should not be the only time to review a portfolio. You can't put your portfolio in automatic pilot and forget about it. We live in a dynamic world and we must change with the times. Portfolios are something that, like a yard, requires regular maintenance.

STAY CALM

For investors who have maintained diversified portfolios and who have established a portfolio based upon an asset allocation strategy, my advice is do nothing. Most

asset allocation strategies do take into consideration that down markets occur and they can be painful. However, the strategy of staying diversified and spreading risk into different asset classes protects an investor in difficult markets.

For the investor who does not have an overall strategy and whose portfolio is a hodge-podge as opposed to a coordinated game plan, take advantage of the present market conditions to restructure. Your portfolio needs to be based upon a strategy that matches your goal. Randomly picking mutual funds or stocks is a bad way to handle a portfolio.

Then there's the investor whose view is, "I'm tired of

the losses. I'm just going to liquidate all my investments and put the money in cash." This strategy offers short-term comfort but inevitably will cause long-term pain. Investing in items such as CDs, money markets and government bonds are important investments for a portfolio. However, just like 100 percent of your money should not be in stocks, 100 percent of your money should not be in fixed income investments.

The reason people liquidate their portfolios to move into cash, is they think the portfolio will be risk-free. It would be nice if some of these investments were risk-free, but they are not. Risk is more than your money going up and down in

value, it is also not keeping up with the increased cost of living and taxes. Those selling out of the market today may get some short-term satisfaction, however, they are assuming a substantial risk that their money will not keep pace with the increased cost of living.

NO ONE ANSWER

There is no one answer how investors should handle the present crisis. The key to handling any type of financial crisis is to look at your individual situation and use that as your guide.

There is, however, one thing that applies to everyone, patience. When people rush, they generally make the wrong financial decision. We

all need to take a step back and let some of the dust settle. Sometimes the best course of action is to do nothing.

Although every crisis has its own personality, a common thread is fear. Investors who let fear dominate their investment decisions ultimately fail to achieve the returns they desire. If you must make a move during these volatile times, be careful and thoughtful and make sure you don't let your short-term comfort cost you long-term security.

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.

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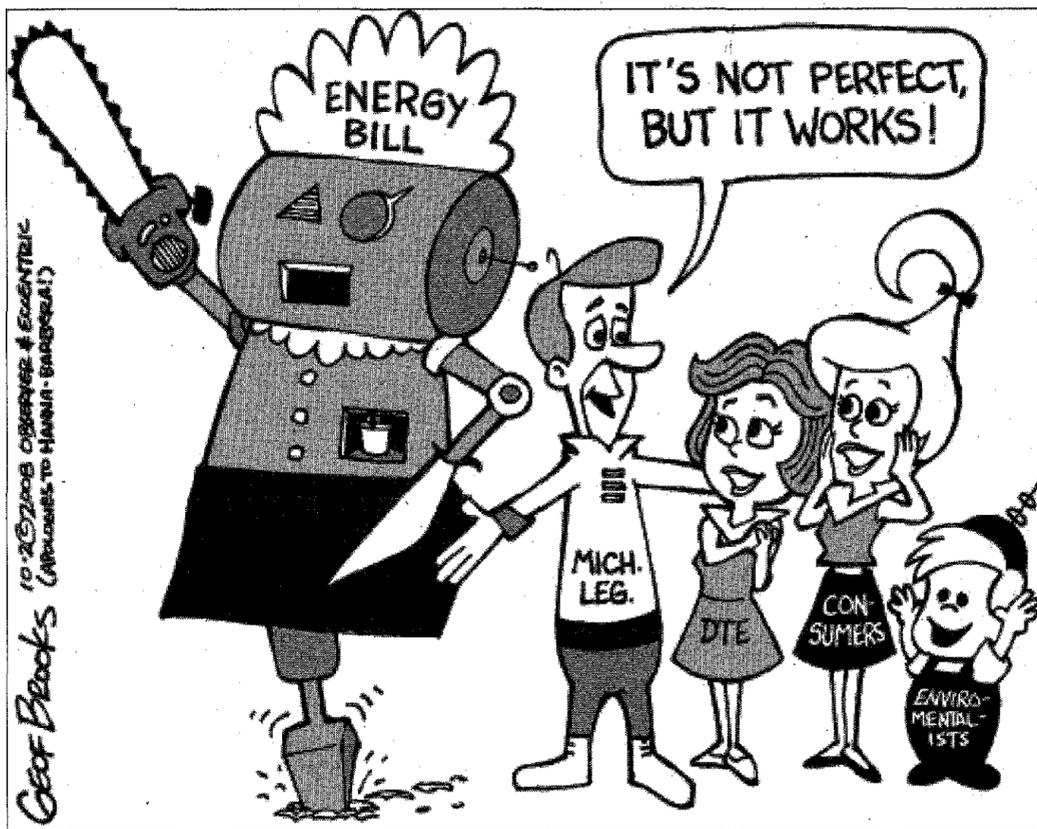
On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters in the Wayne County Commission's 12th District will have to decide who will best represent their interests.

Two candidates — Democrat Joan Gebhardt and Republican Thomas Thompson — are vying for the right to represent the district served by former Commissioner Kay Beard. The longest serving commissioner, Beard had a strong working knowledge of the county as a whole, but we believe the person who replaces her needs an even stronger understanding of the district.

Thompson has some novel ideas like agreeing to a 20 percent pay cut and putting county employees on a four-day work week, but we believe the candidate who knows the district best is Joan Gebhardt. As the district staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and representative to Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, Gebhardt is well-versed in what's happening in the district, the region and the state.

We like the creativity she has shown in proposing a one-stop place where Wayne County residents who are losing jobs and homes can find a wide array of services. We also like her commitment to work with the county and local officials to resolve the lead contamination in Westland's Central City Park. And we are impressed that she's in tune with issues involving the county and the City of Detroit like the expansion of Cobo Hall.

We believe she has the political savvy to be an effective representative of the district on the county commission. That said, we urge voters to vote for **Joan Gebhardt** in the November general election. She is the candidate best suited to represent the Wayne County Commission's 12th District.



Meetings: More than 1-time, 1-issue thing

The Wayne-Westland Education Association believes the school board is violating the Open Meetings Act by not moving its meetings to a larger location to accommodate people who want to attend. In a threatened lawsuit, the union contends that the board is acting in bad faith by continuing to hold its meetings in the board room at the district's administrative office building.

The lawsuit talks about allowing "the participation of the public" in the meeting, which we welcome. However, we wonder where the public was for the board's other regular meetings this year as well as the special meeting just two weeks ago when they selected a new school board member?

The public's interest in participating seems to spike when they have a bone to pick with the district. But most times, interest in what the school board does is slim at best. The board conducts the business of the district before a handful of people, most of them administrators.

We don't believe the board has acted in bad faith as the union contends. The board must be able to maintain order and conduct its business in a professional manner. If moving the meeting to a larger venue will allow more people to participate, we say fine, but check your picket signs and attitudes at the door.

And when this contract is finally settled, we hope the people the union is fighting so hard to get into the meeting room now continue to attend. The school board would surely like to see every seat filled for every meeting. Participation should be more than a one-time, one-issue thing.

New energy package is a good first step

Two weeks ago, the Michigan Legislature passed a compromise energy package that won the support of Michigan environmental groups and the state's two largest energy companies, Consumers Energy and DTE Energy.

It is not perfect legislation and has raised objections. Energy brokers are concerned about returning the big energy companies to a regulated monopoly, with 90 percent of the state's energy consumers. They argue that energy choice hasn't been given a fair trial. Others complain that the energy companies can make rate changes without prior approval of the Michigan Public Service Commission. Some argue that Michigan should be moving more aggressively on alternative energy.

And no one is happy that residential energy bills will be going up. The new legislation shifts some of the burden from industrial and commercial enterprises to residential customers, who have been subsidized by business customers.

But rates would have gone up anyway. The legislation moves Michigan into a better competitive position with other states and finally makes an effort to set a renewable portfolio standard (RPS) and create an energy-efficiency program.

Consumers and DTE wanted customer stability so they could seek loans to build new power plants to replace dated, inefficient plants, coal and nuclear. Environmentalists wanted the RPS and efficiency programs to make the state less dependent on coal-fueled electrical power plants.

Under this legislation, they all get something.

Developer's dream not ours

Mr. (Glenn) Shaw, the developer of the Nankin Mills Village, held another meeting on Sept. 24, inviting residents of Gray that were not invited to the August meeting. He went over some changes he thought were substantial (the three-story, many hundred feet long building is still there along with more than 50 single family homes).

He said that he has a dream to provide upper-scale housing for active seniors. He hopes his dream is a good one and that we residents will like it, too. What Mr. Shaw ignores is that we residents are living our dream NOW. The 100 or so residents that surround his project are happy where they live. NOW. He wants 100 or so residents to give up their dream, so that one businessman can have his dream.

What's more, the Westland city administration and council let one man be more important than 100 Westland city residents. How many of you want to give up your dream so a stranger can have his? How many of you want Westland city government to consider one, outside businessman over many residents?

Rosemarie Rembisz
Westland

Focus on future

Last Thursday evening I attended the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum in Livonia. The forum included the candidates for Wayne County commissioner, District 12.

The contrast between Democrat Joan Gebhardt and Republican Thomas Thompson could not have been sharper. Gebhardt, currently a Schoolcraft College trustee, was well-informed, articulate and compassionate. She clearly understands the challenges faced by Wayne County. She also has a vision for Wayne County's future.

When the questions turned to rising foreclosures in the county, Gebhardt expressed a deep understanding of the problem and the real impact on families, neighborhoods and the county.

She has a plan to address the problem — one-stop centers to provide assistance to homeowners and a neighborhood blight-watch program to keep vacant homes from impacting the value of surrounding homes.

A lifelong Wayne County resident and 35-year homeowner in Westland and Livonia, Gebhardt focuses on the future. She will work hard to bring new businesses and good jobs here so all of our children and grandchildren can achieve their dreams right here.

Joan Gebhardt has the experience and vision we need in a Wayne County commissioner.

Nan Meike
Westland

Gebhardt is best choice

I am pleased and proud to support Joan Gebhardt for Wayne County commissioner for the 12th District.

Following her career as teacher and principal, and now serving as

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Schoolcraft College trustee, Joan obviously knows the importance of doing her homework.

In the recent League of Women Voters Forum at Livonia City Hall, she demonstrated that she has a firm grasp of the issues and that she recognizes and understands the economic and quality of life challenges facing Wayne County and all of southeast Michigan.

Joan shares the concerns of our families, including the many families that may be facing home foreclosure. In these difficult financial times, she knows how important it is to maintain our infrastructure, to improve our county roads, to embrace new technologies, and to attract good jobs to our area.

Last but certainly not least, Joan promises to work long and hard to assure that our citizens receive full value for each and every dollar spent.

I urge voters in the 12th District to support Joan Gebhardt for Wayne County commissioner on Nov. 4. Joan will put her energy, enthusiasm and experience to work for you.

Pat Seleski
Livonia

Vote for Thompson

I would like to encourage voters to consider voting for Thomas E. Thompson. I have known Tom for more 30 years and know he would make an excellent candidate for Wayne County commissioner, 12th District.

Tom can be trusted to do what he says he will do and has a servant's heart to serve the people of Wayne County. Tom is well-organized and over the last eight years has planned and directed our Empty Nesters Camp in the U.P. for 45-60 people each September. Everyone has appreciated his directional skills and planning to care for the needs of each person. You can place your confidence in Tom Thompson and I would encourage you to vote for him in our next election.

Merrill R. Spencer
Warren

From the Web

The following are comments from our reader forums from the *Westland Observer*.

Regarding negotiations between the school district and the Wayne-Westland Education Association:

speciald93 wrote:
I attend Wayne Memorial right now and have been in this school district for 7 years now and all I can say is that the teachers deserve a whole lot of respect from the board, the students and the parents. These teachers give us nothing but the truth and they always stay back after school to help students with any problems they have. Teachers are sitting here taking pay cuts while our board members are getting raises. It is so hard having to deal with 40 students in a class you parents and board members don't even know. Us students are smart enough here to realize what is going on and maybe we should be picketing with the teach-

ers so us students and teachers get the respect that we deserve. We'll see what the district does when they have 15,000 plus students and teachers coming down on them.

d1647 wrote:
In response to the parent who says the teachers shove the students out the door ... That is a total lie and not even possible. By contract the teachers must stay five minutes past the bell and that is what they have done at my school. And if a parent/teacher handles it appropriately, this could be a great teaching lesson for First Amendment rights.

Would you rather teach your child to not stand up for what you believe in, which includes a classroom with a reasonable amount of children. How is that setting a bad example? It shouldn't be confusing at all if the teachers/parents handle it appropriately.

WWCSDETEACHER wrote:
In response to the parent's comment "I do not approve of any teacher telling these kids anything about their contract negotiations in hopes that they will go home and tell their parents."

I can say I want to answer my students questions in a fair and honest manner — I ALWAYS tell my students that I understand the district's point of view — they must balance the budget, however, I must fight for what I believe is right!

I do not "coach" my students to go home and tell their parents anything — I tell them the truth. (Which they see every day in crowded classrooms!)

Regarding our Letters to the Editor:

d1647 wrote:
To Joan Washburn — Sure your daughter likes her job now. Would she like it as well with the 19-step pay scale instead of the 13-step one she is on now? What is her class size? Would she like 36, 38, 42 students in her classroom? How about pulling the special education paraprofessional that helps out in her classroom? How will she service her special needs students? Does your daughter have a family of her own yet? How will she like being told that her child can't have an X-ray for suspected pneumonia because it is not "reasonable and customary?" There are two sides to every story.

SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Stem cell Proposal 2 would advance medicine, grow economy

Embryonic stem cell research has the power to bring hope to the sick in Michigan where there has been none, and healing to people in horrible suffering.

It holds the promise of new treatments and cures for a long list of devastating diseases: cancer, heart disease, diabetes, stroke, Alzheimer's, ALS, Parkinson's disease, spinal-cord injuries, to name just a few.



John Schwarz

It offers physicians a gateway into a new understanding of basic human biology and a fantastic array of new techniques to bring better health care to their patients.

And it can provide a major economic stimulus to Michigan's lagging economy. A conservative estimate says that it would add 8,000 new jobs and \$490 million to payrolls throughout the state.

Yet Michigan physicians who want to use this powerful new tool face serious jail time — simply for wanting to help their patients.

That's what Proposal 2 on the Nov. 4 Michigan ballot wants to change. It will finally unshackle our best doctors and our best scientists to pursue the most promising opportunities for advancing the cause of medicine.

Proposal 2 would allow Michigan physicians and scientists the freedom to pursue cures through embryonic stem cell research, just like doctors in 45 other states.

Who could possibly be against bringing new hope and healing into the world?

The answer is simple: People who want to impose their own narrow values on others, who have decided their lack of compassion and understanding should stand in the way of suffering patients finding comfort and care.

We have already seen that the opponents of Proposal 2 will not let the truth stand in their way. It's science against cynicism. They have lots of money; they have created a small cottage industry of deception — a dissembling line. And they will use it shamelessly to distort the truth and buy votes.

Let's start with their lies:

Taxes: Proposal 2 does not ask for one penny of tax dollars. In fact, by providing economic stimulus, it will save each one of us in Michigan money.

Cloning: Proposal 2 specifically outlaws it. Unregulated science: Embryonic stem cell research is already strictly regulated at the federal level. Proposal 2 adds another layer of ethical safeguards. Embryos can only come from fertility clinics, when they can no longer be used for reproduction and when the donors offer their consent.

Embryos for sale: Proposal 2 specifically prohibits it. Researchers can only use frozen

embryos languishing in fertility clinics that would be otherwise discarded. By law, there can be no payment.

Forget the hype: the science of embryonic stem cells is very simple. Fertility clinics create embryos in test tubes, far more than can ever be implanted in female donors. Remaining, unneeded embryos are frozen for storage. Eventually they are tossed out.

Embryos are tiny things, the size of the period at the end of this sentence. They contain 150 or so cells, including the embryonic stem cells. They could not survive on their own. But their stem cells have immense power and immense potential to save lives, because of their innate ability to produce every other type of cell in the human body.

Think of the opportunities that affords medical scientists. They can take embryonic stem cells and use them to grow endless amounts of tissue in a test tube, which can be put to work repairing or replacing damaged and dead cells in their patients. For instance, medical scientists could grow spinal tissue that can help the injured walk again. Or they could grow pancreatic cells as a source of insulin so that a child with Type 1 diabetes no longer has to endure injections every day.

Physicians can also model diseases — that is, they can develop cells that have a certain disease, such as cancer or diabetes — and then test countless possible medications to identify ones that are effective treatments or cures, in far shorter time than the methods they have now. That speeds up the time for getting life-saving treatments to desperately ill people.

So the question comes down to this: Whom do you believe? Doctors and scientists who are desperately trying to save lives and who pray every night to have the power to create cures for their patients? Or people who care more for their own narrow beliefs than the very real pain of sick or injured people?

Do we want cures or scares?

No wonder embryonic stem cell research has wide support across this nation. Recent surveys show that 68 percent of Americans support it. Embryonic stem cell research has the backing of the American Medical Association and the National Health Council. And it has the bipartisan blessing of both presidential candidates, Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama.

But now, more than ever, it needs your support, too.

As you enter the voting booth Nov. 4, please vote YES on Proposal 2. It's a vote for hope and healing and cures.

Dr. John "Joe" Schwarz is a medical doctor and a former Republican U.S. congressman and Michigan legislator. He is associated with CureMichigan which is promoting the ballot proposal.

Proposal 2 would allow unregulated experimentation

As a person living with metastatic cancer, I would love as much as anyone to find cures and new treatments for diseases and illnesses. However, Proposal 2 will not provide the answers promised by backers.

Instead, Proposal 2 goes too far because it is deceptive and is being presented with emotional and dishonest appeals.



Pat McDonald

In November, Michigan voters will be voting on Proposal 2, but its language has nothing to do with finding cures or with stem cell research. I'm opposed to Proposal 2 because it removes state and local oversight of experimentation involving live human embryos or embryonic stem cells.

I urge voters to read the fine print of Proposal 2, and not merely rely on the packaged description of the amendment offered by its proponents. This proposed constitutional amendment provides that no state or local law may prevent, restrict, obstruct, discourage or provide disincentives to any embryonic stem cell research. In other words, no laws would apply to embryonic stem cell research.

I would like to clarify a few misconceptions on Proposal 2. First, embryonic stem cell research is not illegal in Michigan. Forty scientists are currently conducting human embryonic research at the University of Michigan alone.

Second, this constitutional amendment does not ban human cloning.

And third, those of us who are opposed to this proposal are not opposed to all science related to stem cell research.

Human embryonic stem cell research is already legal in Michigan. Research has been conducted on human embryonic stem cells for years, primarily at the University of Michigan Center for Human Embryo Stem Cell Research, one of the largest research centers in the country. Proposal 2 would allow unregulated and unrestricted research, not only on stem cells, but also on human embryos.

Proposal 2 does not place a human cloning ban into the Michigan Constitution. It does state that nothing shall be interpreted to "alter" the statute that is currently on the books that bans human cloning. However, if Michigan law changes to allow human cloning, the proposed amendment would then allow cloning, and there are two bills that would allow human cloning pending in the Michigan Legislature right now.

The proposed amendment is very deceptive and gives the impression that it addresses human cloning without doing so in any way.

There is nothing in the proposal that protects Michigan's existing statutory ban on human cloning.

Supporters of Proposal 2 told the *Detroit Free Press* that the ban on human cloning could be revisited once the general public becomes more familiar with the science. Quite obviously, their intent is to pursue eliminating Michigan's ban on human cloning.

Finally, MI-CAUSE supports science, but with reasonable restrictions and regulations. Inserting language in the state Constitution that allows for unrestricted and unregulated scientific experimentation is bad policy and creates a horrible slippery slope that is next to impossible to reverse or control.

If Proposal 2 is passed, state law would not be able to regulate matters of commerce, patient safety, record keeping, donor and recipient privacy and other unforeseen issues. If a business were involved in stem cell experimentation that utilized hazardous viruses or animal DNA, the state would be prevented from overseeing it.

Certainly, any industry that does business in our state should be subject to laws and requirements that state and local governments and the people of our state feel are necessary. Industry centered around human embryonic research should be treated no differently.

In fact, the nature of the industry demands that the most stringent and exacting laws and regulations be in place as they are in other states.

Regardless of how pure the motives of its practitioners, regulations and restrictions do have a place in science and research. Unfortunately, Proposal 2 fails to include regulations and restrictions to prohibit human embryo experimentation.

Science involving adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells continues to make great strides and can produce discoveries that make our lives healthier and more productive. Personally, new discoveries that may help anyone who has cancer or another disease or illness would be wonderful, but I do not believe Proposal 2 is the avenue we should take to find new treatments and cures.

Likewise, the people of Michigan should not be fooled by claims that unregulated and unrestricted experimentation can bring us closer to cures. We're too smart to believe this is possible or that this is how science should be used.

This is not the cure Michigan needs. Proposal 2 goes too far. Vote NO on Proposal 2.

Patricia McDonald is co-chair of Michigan Citizens Against Unrestricted Science and Experimentation (MI-CAUSE).



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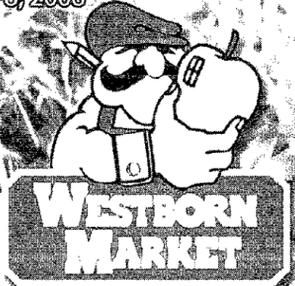
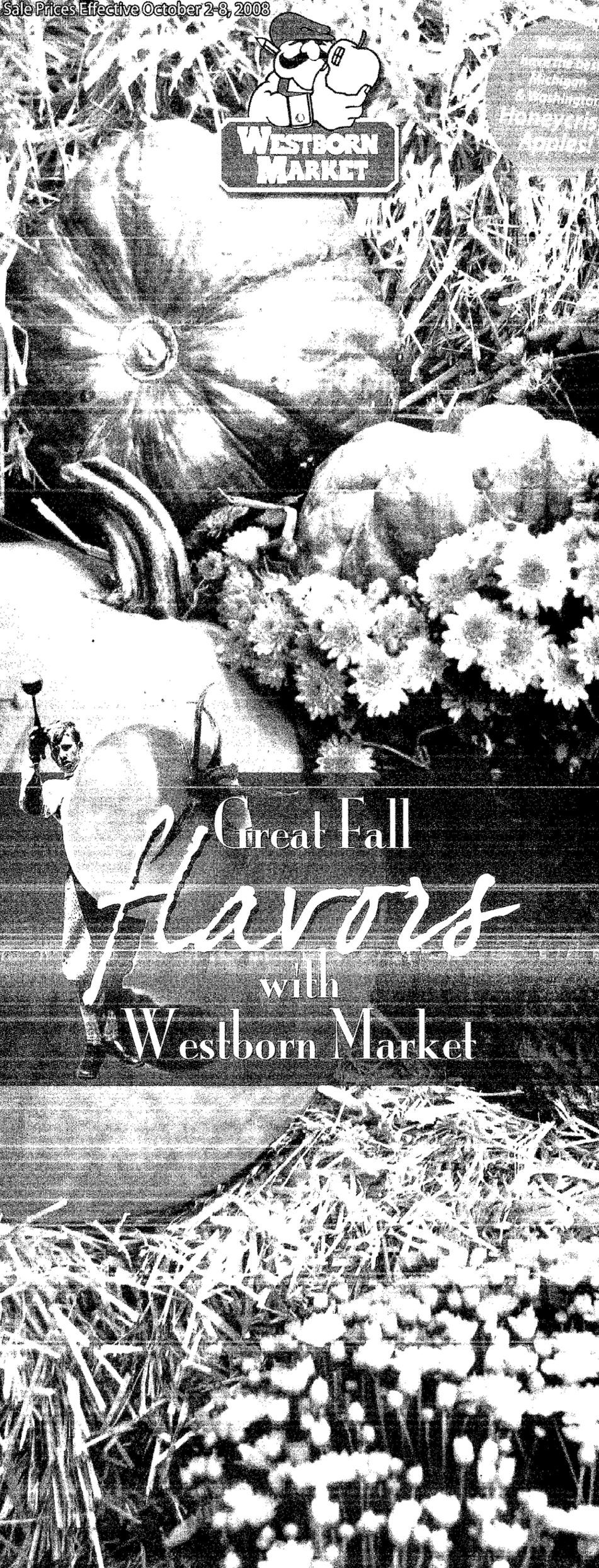
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Ace-ing the test

Lady Ocelots boot Cincinnati State, 4-0

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cool, crisp passes on an autumn day worked to perfection Saturday as Schoolcraft College blanked visiting Cincinnati State, 4-0, in an NJCAA-Region 12 women's soccer match.

The Lady Ocelots opened the scoring with less than five minutes to play in the first half as sophomore forward Samantha Harrington buried a 25-yard blast from the left side of the pitch past Cincinnati State goalkeeper Jessica Brandstetter.

Schoolcraft then controlled the second half, with goals by freshman midfielders Stephanie Gutkowski (Livonia Stevenson), Katie Shull (Canton) and Jacqueline Patterson.

Freshman goalkeeper and Salem product Kristen Dondzilla chalked up the shutout for the Lady Ocelots.

"I thought our midfield worked extremely well and made quick, short passes," said Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman. "And our defenders were tough to beat.

"We bring that culture every day (to

practice) and today was one of those days where that came in handy."

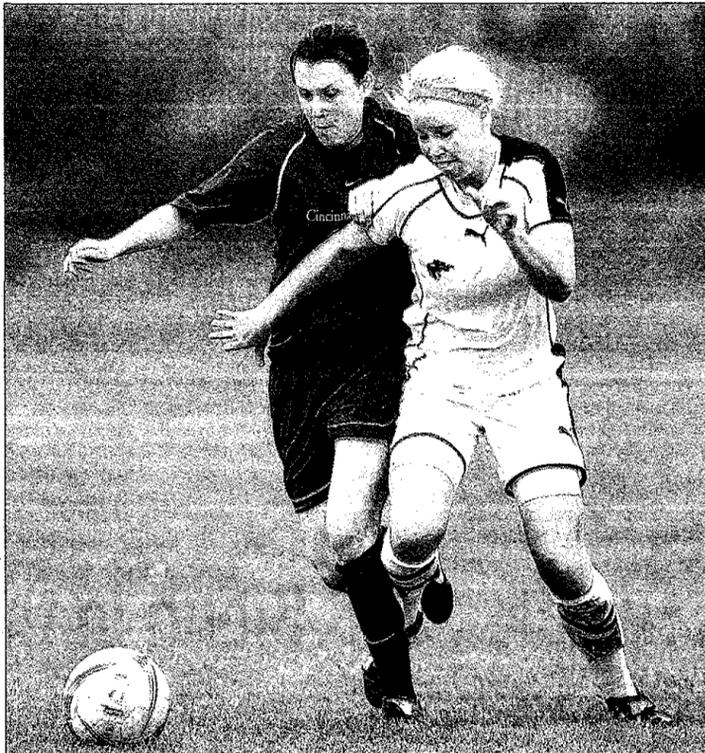
Shivraman said it helped that his team was more rested than Cincinnati State, which played on Friday and then had to travel to Livonia. But the Surge hung around for most of the first half.

"Cincinnati has been a power house in the past, they're well coached," Shivraman said. "But that early goal (by Harrington) kind of gave us some breathing room. ... That kind of put everybody at ease and then we were able to kick in our game. Before that, we played a little bit sloppy."

Gutkowski, cited along with freshman Tara Pietila and sophomore Ally King (Livonia Stevenson) by the coach for their consistency in the center-midfield, made it 2-0 early in the second half when she dribbled through defenders and knocked the ball past Brandstetter.

"They do a great job of making passes," said Shivraman about his

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Schoolcraft's Samantha Harrington battles for possession of the ball against a Cincinnati State player during Saturday's women's soccer match.

Sidelines

Doc's sports raffle

A reverse raffle to benefit Madonna University Athletics, the Livonia Stevenson High Boosters and the National Kidney Foundation will be from 4-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, Doc's Sports Retreat, located at 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

The event, sponsored by the Foresters, is \$100 per couple (includes buffet dinner, drink tickets and a chance to win a first-place prize of \$2,000). Only 200 tickets will be sold.

Other major prizes include \$1,000, \$300 and \$200 (two). More reverse raffle cash prizes are available, too.

To obtain tickets, call Gary Deschenes of the Foresters at (734) 542-7360 or Doc's Sports Retreat at (734) 542-8162.

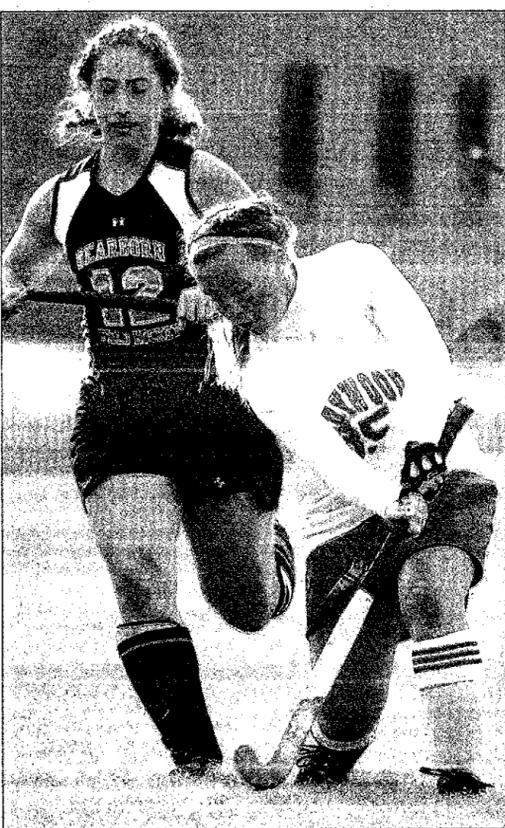
SHS homecoming

■ Auxiliary parking for Friday's Novj at Livonia Stevenson homecoming football game is available behind the visitor bleachers starting at 6 p.m.

To access, take Farmington Road (north) to Curtis and turn left (west) and enter off old Marshall Elementary School. Follow the orange cones and park on the grass. Parking attendants will be on hand. Tickets can be purchased at the gate behind the visitor bleachers for \$5. (Children not in high school must be accompanied by an adult.)

Ticket booths open at 5:30 p.m. Friday with pre-sale tickets sold during all three lunch hours in the school's north cafe from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. game day.

■ The 2008 Stevenson Booster Club will also honor all individual state champions, team runner-up and state champions, along with other award recipients, during half-time. A personalized brick will be placed in front walkway at the entrance to the Stevenson stadium to honor those athletes, who will be admitted free by obtaining an invitation ticket. To reserve a spot, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lyman@livonia.k12.mi.us.



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Sticking to it

In field hockey action Tuesday, host Livonia Ladywood lost to Dearborn 2-1. Leah Malm scored the lone goal for the Blazers, now 4-3-2 overall and 3-1 in Division III. Ladywood's Briana Boyce (above) sends the ball downfield ahead of Dearborn's Sarah Posigian during Tuesday's match.

Good enough

Madonna men's soccer team clips Saints

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Call it a "W" and leave it at that. Despite being outplayed during the second half and hanging on for dear life, Madonna University managed a 2-1 win Saturday at Greenmead Field against Siena Heights.

The Crusaders remain undefeated in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (7-1-0, 5-0), while the Saints dropped to 3-3-2, 2-2.

"We were pretty tired, you could tell," Madonna head coach Tino Scicluna said. "We had a couple tough days of practice, plus we had some guys out.

"But we squeaked it out, we got through it and I'll take the win."

Madonna did come out strong, however.

Junior forward Mark Pikula gave the Crusaders a 1-0 lead just 2:38 into the match.

Pikula received a lead pass from senior forward Eric Kiebert and ripped a shot from the right edge of the 18-yard box inside the far left post past Saints goalkeeper Andy Klenner.

The Crusaders kept the pressure going, and outshot Siena 10-5 in the first half.

But the second half proved to be a little bit different, although senior midfielder and Livonia Stevenson product Keith Sied's header of a feed from senior midfielder Doran Drai at the 2:44 mark provided Madonna a two-goal cushion.

But that's when the Saints turned up the jets and started winning more 50/50s and gaining a territorial edge.

Crunch time for Madonna officially began when Siena's Joel Parrish chipped in a shot around Crusaders goalkeeper Steven Besk with

less than 26 minutes left to play.

Four minutes after Parrish scored, Besk had a close call as a bouncing shot went over his head with nothing but a gaping goal staring at the Siena player. But Besk quickly corralled the ball in time.

Siena's Lindon Ivezic was awarded a penalty kick with 12:30 remaining, but his high shot drifted over the crossbar. A string of near-misses around the Madonna goal continued as the clock slowly ticked down.

"Toward the end of the game, the guys just didn't even have the energy" to possess the ball, Scicluna said. "When you're up a goal, the way to end out games is just by draining the other team by moving the ball quickly.

"But we didn't have the energy to keep the ball. We went most of the second half without it."

Scicluna, however, said it was still nice to get the victory: "When you play poorly and you still win, you know you've got something going for you."

Despite the shaky win, Scicluna said his team is where it wants to be as far as the WHAC standings are concerned. Now the key is to not take any conference opponents lightly.

"I think we're starting to create some separation between us and all the other teams in the conference," he said. "We've just got to keep doing what we're doing. ... Any team in this conference can catch us on any day. So we've got to stay sharp."

SCHOOLCRAFT 1, CINCINNATI STATE 1: Schoolcraft College (7-1-4) battled Cincinnati State (3-4-3) to a draw Saturday as sophomore captain Michael Iyoha tallied the Ocelots' lone goal off a pin-point long ball from sophomore Hunter Robertson (Novi). Freshman goalkeeper Billy Irvine registered four saves for Schoolcraft.

Playoffs? Jockeying starts for those elusive six wins



Grid Picks

Tim Smith

With the final third of the 2008 high school football season approaching, some teams are struggling to get out of their own end of the gridiron.

Still others are stuck between the two 40-yard lines and the remaining teams are crashing into the "red zone," the 20-yard territory that ends at pay dirt.

And there is a correlation between where teams are — figu-

ratively speaking — on the football field to their quest to garner the six victories necessary to automatically qualify for the '08 state playoffs.

Where on the "field" is your team? Breaking it down, it's never as clear cut as all that. But let's give it a go:

■ **No chance, folks:** To those teams with less than two victories so far, meaning Livonia Churchill, Wayne Memorial, Salem, Redford Union and Garden City, it's already time to

play for pride because the postseason probably isn't going to happen.

Only by running the table will those teams have any crack at the districts. And that would require the Michigan High School Athletic Association needing to flesh out to the mandated number of 256 playoff teams should there not be that many winning the six games.

So get to five victories and then let the chips fall where they may.

But, of course, the last team to make the field last year was Livonia Franklin at 5-4 and the Patriots ended up winning two rounds in the Division 1 state playoffs before losing to state runner-up and crosstown rival Livonia Stevenson, 10-7, in the region final.

■ **Stuck in the middle with you:** The final four weeks figure to push some on-the-bubble teams one way or the other.

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Warriors cruise to HVL crown

The state-ranked Lutheran High Westland girls volleyball squad won all six matches and didn't lose a game en route to the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament title.

The Warriors defeated Plymouth Christian Academy in the finals, 25-16, 25-15, after defeating Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett in the semifinals, 25-6, 25-6, and Taylor Baptist Park in the quarterfinals, 25-11, 25-14.

In pool play, the Warriors upended Baptist Park (25-13, 25-19), Livonia Clarenceville (25-14, 25-8) and PCA (25-16, 25-15).

"Overall we had a great day," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team improved to 22-4-3 overall. "We played very well at times, especially after we had to adjust our lineup due to losing an outside hitter to injury in the first match of the day. It was a good day of volleyball for us. We have some little things to work on but they will only make us better."

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Senior middle hitter Becca Refenes led the Warriors with a team-high of 46 kills to go along with seven solo blocks and 30 digs.

Other kills leaders included Katy Ramthun (31), Allyson Yankee (23) and Rachel Stork (21).

Yankee and Emilie Freeman also had seven solo blocks each, while Stork contributed five.

Assist-to-kill leaders included Lauren Gieschen (76) and Cathy Haller (30).

Ramthun, a senior, had a team-best 41 digs followed by Refenes and Abi Gieschen with 30 each; Lauren Gieschen, 25; and Nicole Zehel, 17.

Abi Gieschen also served a team-high 41 points, while Lauren Gieschen served 16 aces for the Warriors, ranked No. 3 in Class D.

The host Hawks went 2-1-1 but lost the opening round of pool play to Clarenceville.

Leah Miller and Samantha Barber tallied 19 and 10 kills, respectively while Kayla Stockdale registered 37 assists.

Huron Valley wins in 4

With offensive balance and plenty of contributors Tuesday, host Huron Valley Lutheran defeated Canton Agape Christian 3-1 in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division match.

Hawks' co-coach Kris Ruth said seven players tallied at least one kill, with sophomore middle hitter Leah Miller (9 kills) and senior middle hitter Samantha Barber (7 kills) leading in that department. Senior setter Kayla Stockdale tallied 20 assists.

"We had a lot of contributions from a lot of different hitters," said Ruth said, whose team improves to 7-6-2 overall and 4-1 in the MIAC-Red. "It's good to have more players involved."

Agape falls to 0-4 in the MIAC-Red.

Clarenceville swept

Adding insult to injury Tuesday - literally - as Macomb Lutheran North earned a 3-0 Metro Conference triumph over host Livonia Clarenceville.

The Trojans lost 23-25, 12-25, 14-25, but were without senior middle hitter Marlene Azar, who sprained an ankle at Saturday's Huron Valley Lutheran Invitational where Clarenceville placed third out of eight squads.

"We were pretty much lacking defense tonight," said Trojans' head coach Wendy Merschman. "And Lutheran North outplayed us. And not having Azar available at such an important position on the floor also didn't help."

Despite the defeat, several players had good outings for Clarenceville (5-10-2) including junior outside hitter Kat Hall (6 kills, 9 defensive digs), junior setter Katie Blacker (9 digs, 17 assists) and senior middle hitter Laisha Patterson (4 kills, 5 blocks).

Churchill brings home Bedford Tourney title

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Livonia Churchill has moved up to fifth in the Class A state girls volleyball rankings after winning Saturday's Temperance Bedford Invitational.

The Chargers, now 20-3 overall, defeated state-ranked Dearborn Divine Child in the championship final, 25-12, 25-20, after eliminating Walled Lake Northern in the semifinals, 25-22, 25-14, and Ann Arbor Pioneer in the quarterfinals, 25-21, 25-20.

Churchill's only loss of the day came against Pioneer in pool play, 19-25, 25-27.

The Chargers also defeated Fenton (25-22, 25-12), Monroe (25-23, 20-25, 15-10) and Fraser (25-12, 18-25, 15-10).

Senior libero Lindsey Graciak had a total of 104 digs on the day and served at 90 percent (with six aces) to pace the Chargers.

Other contributions came from Kristen Nalez (70 kills, four blocks), Cierra Yetts (35 kills, six blocks) and Katie Matz (43 assists, 43 digs, 18 kills).

Setters Cory Urbats and Kristy DeClercq combined for 105 assist-to-kills, 50 digs and six aces.

"It was a really busy week starting with the Mount Pleasant Tournament, the matches on Tuesday and Thursday (with Canton), then homecoming Friday, night and the dance on

Saturday," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "As we played the first couple of matches, we did not play well. We played like we were drained and our minds were on something else."

"Then we decided if we're going to be there, we might as well pick it up, and from that there it just stayed that way. I give them a lot of credit. It was a long day. We got out of there around 8 o'clock."

Spartans go 3-4

In Saturday's Bedford Tournament, Livonia Stevenson finished 3-4 on the day with wins over Holt (25-21, 25-16), Mason (25-21, 21-25, 15-6) and Pinckney (25-17, 25-22).

Setbacks came against Fenton (23-25, 21-25), Dearborn Divine Child (19-25, 25-22, 14-16) and Farmington twice (20-25, 11-25 and 20-25, 11-25).

Top attackers on the day for the Spartans (7-14 overall) included Brooke Knochel (50 kills), Meg Iafraite (28 kills) and Kaylee McGrath (19 kills).

Knochel also was 28-of-28 serving and had 27 digs.

Christine Armstrong led in digs with 35 total.

Iafraite also had eight blocks, while setter Katie Vellucci finished with 50 assist-to-kills and was 23-of-23 serving.

Chargers handle John Glenn in three

Kristen Nalez and Cierra Yetts each recorded 11 kills Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill improved to 21-3 overall and 3-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division with a 25-20, 25-19, 25-14 win over Westland John Glenn.

The Chargers offset Glenn's 6-foot senior middle hitter Brittany Holbrook, who finished with 10 kills and one block.

"If we can put the ball down with our fourth, fifth and sixth rotations, it helps us," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "If we can move them through it puts pressure on her (Holbrook)."

Setter Kristy DeClercq finished

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with 10 assists-to-kills, while Taylor Kerr had four digs and two ace serves for the Chargers.

Kat Krupsky also had two kills and three aces, while Darcy DeRoo chipped in with three digs.

Stacey Truskowski had five kills, a block and three aces for the Rockets (5-4-4, 2-1), who substituted setters when sophomore Brooke Zywick came in to replace the injured Lauren Baker.

Fourteen service errors hampered Glenn's attack. "Churchill is a very complete team," Glenn coach Julian

Wargo said. "They took advantage of our miscues."

Franklin sweeps Wayne

Sophomore middle hitter Chelsea Williams and senior outside hitter Ashly Butkowski each had eight kills Tuesday as Livonia Franklin swept visiting Wayne Memorial in three close games, 25-23, 25-22, 25-22.

Junior setter Liz Hollaway also had 18 assist-to-kills and six ace serves, while freshman Nicole Williamson paced the defense with eight digs.

Franklin is now 6-10 overall and 1-2 in the KLAA-South. Wayne (6-16-1, 0-3) was led by Emily Rudy, who had two

kills and three solo blocks.

Catie Badrak added two hits, while Kristen Miller contributed two solo blocks.

Stevenson prevails in 3

Brooke Knochel finished with seven kills, while Meg Iafraite and Kaylee McGrath chipped in with six apiece Tuesday to power host Livonia Stevenson to a 25-17, 25-4, 25-11 KLAA-Central Division triumph over South Lyon East.

Setter Katie Vellucci added 10 assist-to-kills, while Shelby Wilson finished with seven digs for the victorious Spartans, now 5-15 overall and 1-2 in the division.

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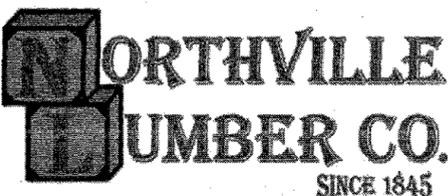


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Outright champs

Herout's 2 goals lifts Churchill to KLAA-South title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

KLAA BOYS SOCCER

Livonia Churchill has booked its spot in the first-ever Kensington Conference boys soccer championship match.

The Chargers, unbeaten in their last 12 games, clinch the KLAA-South Division title outright Tuesday with a 4-1 win at Plymouth.

Churchill, 11-2-1 overall and 9-0 in the KLAA-South, will travel Monday, Oct. 6 to play either KLAA-Central Division champ, either Livonia Stevenson or Salem, for the conference crown. (Game time is 7 p.m.).

Jakub Herout, an exchange student from the Czech Republic, had a pair of goals for the victorious Chargers, who bolted out to a 4-1 halftime lead over the Wildcats (6-8-1, 3-5-2).

Chris DeNapoli and Matt Regan also tallied goals for the Chargers. Assists went to Etienne Lussiez (on a crafty flick to Regan just two minutes into the match) along with Erik Bird, Simon Bank and Ben Merritt (on a cross to Herout).

Plymouth's Vinh Nguyen scored for the Wildcats midway through the first half to make it 1-1.

"We played terribly the first half and only had six good scoring opportunities and scored four," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "The second half ironically we played well, but did not finish."

"But it's neat to play for the first conference championship," Stevenson 3, Novi 0: Adrian Fylenko had a pair of goals and two assists Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson (11-1-3, 7-0-2) moved within one win of clinching the KLAA-Central Division title by blanking the Wildcats (7-6-2, 3-5-1).

"I was very happy with Adrian's play, he had a good spring in his second and his second goal was one of the better ones I've seen," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

Brian Klemczak scored what proved to be the game-winner in the first half off an assist from Fylenko. Nick Anagnostou also drew an assist.

Goalkeeper Conner Burton, who notched the shutout, helped protect a 2-0 halftime lead.

"Much of the second half was played in our end even though they (Novi) didn't have a tremendous amount of scoring opportunities," Richters said.

JOHN GLENN 4, FRANKLIN 3: Nelson Kenne scored a pair of goals out outside the 18-yard box to propel Tuesday to propel Westland John Glenn (6-9-1, 5-4) to a KLAA-South Division win over host Livonia Franklin (2-11-1, 2-6-1).

Tomasz Kraznowski and Will Jenkins also tallied goals for the Rockets, who broke a 2-2 second-half deadlock.

Zain Qureshi scored twice for the Patriots, including a goal with 6:28 left to pull the Patriots within one. Noel Romo also scored for Franklin.

"We're playing with strategy and technique," Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We were able

to control the game. We attacked and defended with style."

Zach Redden was in goal for the Rockets, while Franklin used Brad Mangune and Josh Sheppard.

"What cost us was mental errors," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We came out strong the second half. The guys picked it up. Steve Trapp played well at sweeper back."

CANTON 9, WAYNE 0: Senior Joey Krizanek scored four goals and senior Sheriff Hassanien added two Tuesday as the host Chiefs (10-4-3, 7-2) mercied Wayne Memorial (0-14-1, 0-9) during the second half in a KLAA-South Division encounter.

Senior Kyle Brietmeyer added a goal and assist for Canton, which led 4-0 at halftime.

Freshman Mitch Posuniak and senior Josh Hurst completed the goal scoring for Canton.

Senior Nick Turnbull (one save) posted the shutout in goal for the Chiefs.

STEVENSON 7, COUNTRY DAY 0: It was no contest Saturday between second-ranked teams as host Livonia Stevenson (10-1-3) routed Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day (13-4-1).

Nate Sergison had two goals and one assist for the victorious Spartans, who are ranked No. 2 in Division 1.

David Simor, Adrian Fylenko and Chris Sergison each chipped in with a goal and assist. Joey D'Agostino and Bob Smith completed the goal scoring.

Ricky Chrazsz contributed a pair of assists, while Nick Anagnostou had one.

Goalkeeper Conner Burton posted the shutout for the Spartans, while Country Day, rated No. 2 in Division 3, played without injured starter Justin Fragnoli, who had 12 shutouts coming into the match.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 3
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 2
Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4
UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Oct. 2
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
(Metro Conference Playoffs)
Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 3
Canton Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4
Churchill at Dexter, 11:30 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Oct. 2
Glenn Frosh-Soph. Invitational, 4:15 p.m.
Metro Conference Jamboree at Nankin Mills, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4
Wayne County Invitational at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Oct. 2
John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
S. Lyon Unified at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 29
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4
KLAA-Kensington Conference Championships at Plymouth, 9 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Oct. 2

Blazer Inv. at St. John's, 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 3
Franklin vs. Churchill at Idyl Wild G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Canton, Plymouth vs. Wayne at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Thursday, Oct. 2
Kingswood at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4
Catholic League Championships at Livonia Ladywood, 9 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 2
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 4
Madonna at Cornerstone, 2:30 p.m.
Ancilla at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 4
Madonna at Cornerstone, noon

Canton's offensive line stars in 49-21 triumph over Wayne

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sometimes the best remedy for a crushing defeat is a night filled with crushing blocks.

That was the case Friday night for Canton's football team, which rebounded from last week's stinging overtime loss to Westland John Glenn with a resounding 49-21 rout of Wayne Memorial.

Canton, which led 42-0 late in the third quarter, improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

The Zebras slipped to 0-5 and 0-3, respectively.

The Chiefs travel Friday to Livonia Franklin for a pivotal showdown with the Patriots, who are 3-0 in the division.

Canton junior running back Adam Payter sprinted to 213 yards against Wayne - his second 200-yard-plus performance in the past three games - but it was the guys wearing the numbers between 50 and 80 who shone the brightest for

PREP FOOTBALL

the winners, in the estimation of Canton coach Tim Baechler.

"Adam is quick, he can break tackles; he disappears in there a little bit sometimes, but our offensive line did a great job of executing for him tonight," said Baechler. "Our offensive line is really starting to come of age."

A pair of bruising seniors - Justin Sneddon and Kyle Dunleavy - anchor the Chiefs' two-tight-end O-line.

Under the direction of junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz, the Chiefs' offense churned out 437 total yards - 319 in the first half.

Senior running back Kiere Daniels made the most of his four carries, picking up 79 yards and a pair of scores.

The Zebras showed some spunk late against Canton's reserves, scoring 21 points in the final 8:16.

"I'm always pleased we didn't quit, but unfortunately

that's becoming our M.O. - that we don't quit," said first-year Wayne coach Kevin Weber. "We have to start coming out in the first quarter with the same mentality we've been showing in the fourth."

The Chiefs led 14-0 5:16 into the game thanks to two Daniels scoring runs - one from four yards out; the other from 20.

The Zebras nearly dented their deficit late in the first quarter when they strung together an impressive nine-play drive that took them to the Chief 13. However, they came up empty when Jesse Dorow's 30-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right.

Four plays later, Payter juked a pair of linebackers before racing 49 yards to paydirt to make it 21-0. Canton then closed the first-half scoring with a perfectly executed 48-yard TD pass from Delapaz to Davion Stackhouse.

The most dazzling play

of the night unfolded just seconds into the third quarter when Canton's Arron Boudreaux bolted 90 yards with the second-half kickoff. Delapaz hit Ron Gaudi with the ensuing two-point conversion pass to pad the Chiefs' lead to 35-0.

Payter upped the Chiefs' advantage to 42-0 with 3:02 left in the third with an electrifying 91-yard run.

The Zebras recorded the game's next two touchdowns, the first coming on Richard Haley's 2-yard run, but Zach Guy extended Canton's lead to 49-15 with 1:42 left.

Haley was the Zebras' star, rushing for 118 yards on 21 attempts.

"Richard's one of our leaders, one of our captains," said Weber. "We told him this week that we were going to lean on him by giving him the football a lot. He stepped up and ran very hard."

Wayne back-up quarterback Nick Mills capped the scoring with a 9-yard keeper.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

YPSILANTI BRVES INVITATIONAL

Sept. 27 at Simpson Trail

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (10 schools): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 26 points; 2. Canton, 51; 3. Brighton, 72; 4. Saline, 86; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 159; 10. Wayne Memorial, no team score. **Individual winner:** Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 20 minutes, 12 seconds (5,000 meters). **Ladywood finishers:** 22. Cathy Wojtanowski, 22:04; 26. Meredith Houska, 22:14; 33. Becky Babon, 22:38; 34. Morgan Zuziak, 23:29; 44. Laura Bou-Maroun, 23:29; 48. Shannon Scarlett, 23:54; 53. Alexandra Darr, 24:34. **Wayne finishers:** 46. Holland Boertje, 23:43; 50. Jennifer McCaffery, 24:17; 66. Chelsea Gilbert, 28:48. **BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Saline, 35; 2. Brighton, 50; 3. Redford Union, 95; 4. Canton, 122; 5. Blissfield, 152; 9. Wayne Memorial, 265. **Individual winner:** Bateson (Blissfield), 17:04 (5,000 meters). **Wayne finishers:** 35. Tyler Gendron, 20:40; 48. Darryl Ison, 21:42; 58. Brandon Tykoski, 23:23; 60. Ryan Stamper, 24:17; 64. Darnell Givhan, 26:53.

CENTER LINE INVITATIONAL

Sept. 27 at Center Line H.S.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (17 schools): 1. Troy, 84; 2. Grosse Pointe North, 116; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 126. **Individual winner:** Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 18:08 (5,000 meters). **Other Stevenson finishers:** 19. Karli Kuchka, 20:18; 33. Victoria Saferian, 20:47; 36. Katie Vidler, 20:58; 37. Michelle Krawczyk, 21:03; 49. Kelsey O'Keefe, 21:21; 66. Rebecca Gidley, 21:44. **JV Individual winner:** Tasi Newton (Stevenson), 20:42.

DIVINE CHILD FALCON INVITATIONAL

Sept. 27 at Patriots Park (Riverview)

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (7 schools): 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 35; 2. Detroit Renaissance, 46; 3. Lutheran Westland, 76. **Individual winner:** Spencer Lyle (Lutheran Westland), 16:17 (5,000 meters). **Other Lutheran Westland finishers:** 16. Theodis Washington, 20:03; 18. Alex Kemp, 20:10; 25. Jeremy Kohtz, 21:11; 26. Bob Schwartz, 21:16; 27. Joshua Kirk, 21:49.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Divine Child, 40; 2. Lutheran Westland, 65; 3. Renaissance, 66. **Individual winner:** Sarah Maynard (Lutheran Westland), 21:30.

Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 11. Miriam Pranschke, 22:57; 15. Erin Lyle, 23:13; 19. Ashley Pniwski, 23:54; Amber Pniwski, 24:32; 28. Brittany Maynard, 25:11; 31. Jessica Rice, 26:15.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 19

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 42

Sept. 30 at John Glenn

Individual winner: Paul Hanni (Franklin), 17 minutes, 36 seconds (5,000 meters). **Other Franklin finishers:** 3. Dylan Taylor, 17:52; 4. Austin Jones, 17:57; 5. Nik Gherardini, 17:56; 6. Peter Walblay, 17:59; 8. Jason Riffel, 18:21; 9. Bobby Wilson, 18:23. **John Glenn finishers:** 2. Tim Boes, 17:44; 7. Jeff Adkins, 18:21; 13. Eric Mlynar, 19:37; 15. Reuben Maya, 20:05; 16. Ryan Vichinsky, 20:15; 17. Jeff Medel, 20:19; 23. Steve Shak, 25:15. **Dual meet records:** Franklin, 2-2 KLAASouth Division; Glenn, 1-3 KLAASouth Division.

PLYMOUTH 24, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 31

Sept. 30 at Plymouth

Individual winner: Elmar Engholm (Plymouth), 16:37 (5,000 meters). **Other Plymouth finishers:** 2. Derek Lax, 17:11; 5. Warren Buzzard, 17:20; 7. Matt Neumann, 17:24; 9. Joe Porcari, 17:40; 13. Derek Gielarowski, 18:29; 15. Jimmy Eiben, 18:31. **Churchill finishers:** 3. Mark Waterbury, 17:15; 4. Matt Szado, 17:17; 6. Nathan Wise, 17:22; 8. Matt Zoski, 17:34; 10. Tom Windle, 17:45; 11. Quinn Osgood, 17:50; 14. Kyle Mireles, 18:30. **Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 4-0 KLAASouth Division.

Division: Churchill, 2-2 KLAASouth Division.

CANTON 15

WAYNE MEMORIAL (NTS)

Sept. 30 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Kyle Clinton (Canton), 17:40. **Other Canton finishers:** 2. Duncan Spitz, 17:51; 3. Greg Reed, 18:12; 4. Mitchel Clinton, 18:23; 5. Mike Elmers, 18:26; 6. Alex Watts, 19:48; 7. Steve Watts, 19:48. **Wayne finishers:** 7. Darryl Ison, 20:50; 9. Tyler Gendron, 21:06; 10. Antonio Parker, 24:10; 11. Brandon Tykoski, 25:45. **Dual meet records:** Canton, 3-1 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-4 KLAASouth Division.

NOVI 15, LIVONIA STEVENSON 48

Sept. 30 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Alex Minghine (Novi), 17:52 (5,000 meters). **Other Novi finishers:** 2. Dan Egner, 19:52; 3. Mike Blaszczyk, 17:53; 4. Thomas Butler, 17:53; 5. Joe Schubring, 17:57. **Stevenson finishers:** 7. Matt Williams, 18:00; 8. Joe Urso, 18:04; 10. Shawn Howse, 18:08; 13. John Lynch, 18:17; 14. Andrew Longhi, 18:20; 15. Brian Fenech, 18:33; 16. Travis Gosselin, 18:40. **Dual meet records:** Novi, 4-0 KLAASouth Division; Stevenson, 1-3 KLAASouth Division.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 24

PLYMOUTH 35

Sept. 30 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Sara Kroil (Churchill), 18 minutes, 25 seconds (5,000 meters). **Plymouth finishers:** 2. Molly Slavens, 20:12; 4. Nicole Traitsch, 20:13; 5. Kelly Hahn, 20:15; 11. Tricia Pniwski, 21:23; 12. Adrienne White, 21:33. **Other Churchill finishers:** 2. Amanda Southwell, 19:31; 6. Bethany Pilot, 20:21; 7. Alyssa Mira, 20:22; 8. Emily Clairmont, 20:26; 9. Katie Rash, 20:59; 10. Lindsay McMullen, 20:59. **Dual meet records:** Churchill, 4-0 KLAASouth Division; Plymouth, 3-1 KLAASouth Division.

NOVI 21, LIVONIA STEVENSON 34

Sept. 30 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 18:25 (5,000 meters). **Other Stevenson finishers:** 6. Karli Kuchka, 20:36; 8. Victoria Saferian, 21:20; 9. Julia Capeneka, 21:26; 10. Michelle Krawczyk, 21:30; 11. Katie Vidler, 21:49; 15. Rebecca Gidley, 22:16. **Novi finishers:** 2. Elle Robinson, 19:04; 3. Brooke McMahan, 19:58; 4. Abby Chandler, 20:08; 5. Kelsey Hodge, 20:29; 7. Lauren Sheeran, 21:12; 12. Alyssa Murray, 21:52; 13. Marie Ross, 22:02. **Dual meet records:** Novi, 4-0 KLAASouth Division; Stevenson, 2-2 KLAASouth Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 15

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50

Sept. 30 at John Glenn

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:49 (5,000 meters). **Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Tiffany Lamble, 20:53; 3. Brittany Dilley, 21:15; 4. Kelly Walblay, 21:21; 5. Victoria Church, 21:36; 6. Brittany Rouse, 21:44; 7. Megan Wickens, 22:13. **John Glenn finishers:** 8. Ashley Bailey, 23:01; 9. Evi Cenolli, 23:40; 10. Jaimie Medel, 24:04; 11. Megan Nikula, 24:30; 12. Audra Flores, 26:56. **Dual meet records:** Franklin, 2-2 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 1-3 KLAASouth Division.

CANTON 20

WAYNE MEMORIAL (NTS)

Sept. 30 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Katie Grimes (Canton), 23:45. **Other Canton finishers:** 2. Courtney Campbell, 23:46; 4. Yuki Krolicki, 24:27; 6. Samantha Schlamp, 25:19; 7. Ashley Dupuis, 25:31; 8. Melanie Kulczyk, 25:46; 9. Margaret Murphy, 25:46. **Wayne finishers:** 3. Jennifer McCaffery, 23:47; 5. Holland Boertje, 25:05; 10. Chelsea Gilbert, 26:40. **Dual meet records:** Canton, 2-2 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-4 KLAASouth Division.

Haller sparks Lutheran Westland's grid win

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

It was the tale of two halves Saturday as Lutheran High Westland stormed back from a 14-6 halftime deficit to beat host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 22-14, in a Metro Conference football game.

Ethan Haller's 7-yard touchdown run with just under eight minutes remaining proved to be the difference as the Warriors improved to 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the Metro.

David Moldenhauer's interception, his second of the game, set up the game-winning score. Haller, who

led all rushers with 146 yards on 28 carries, also scored on a two-point run to give Lutheran Westland an eight-point cushion.

Cranbrook (1-4, 1-3) committed five turnovers and was limited to only 12 second-half plays and was 1-of-9 passing with three interceptions (the other picked off by Sean Rowe).

Haller, meanwhile, had a big day on both sides of the ball as he recovered the opening kickoff at the Cranbrook 48 to start the game. Fourteen plays later, Haller scored on a 2-yard run to make it 6-0. (The try

for the two-pointer failed.)

Cranbrook answered later in the first quarter on quarterback Mike Corey's 4-yard run followed by Dan Ducomb's extra point to make it 7-6.

The Cranes took a 14-6 advantage in the second quarter on Corey's 3-yard TD pass to Kurt Wilhelm and Ducomb's point-after.

In the third quarter, Lutheran Westland mounted a 12-play, 72-yard drive as Haller, helped by his own 45-yard run, scored on a 3-yard TD and added the two-pointer to make it 14-all.

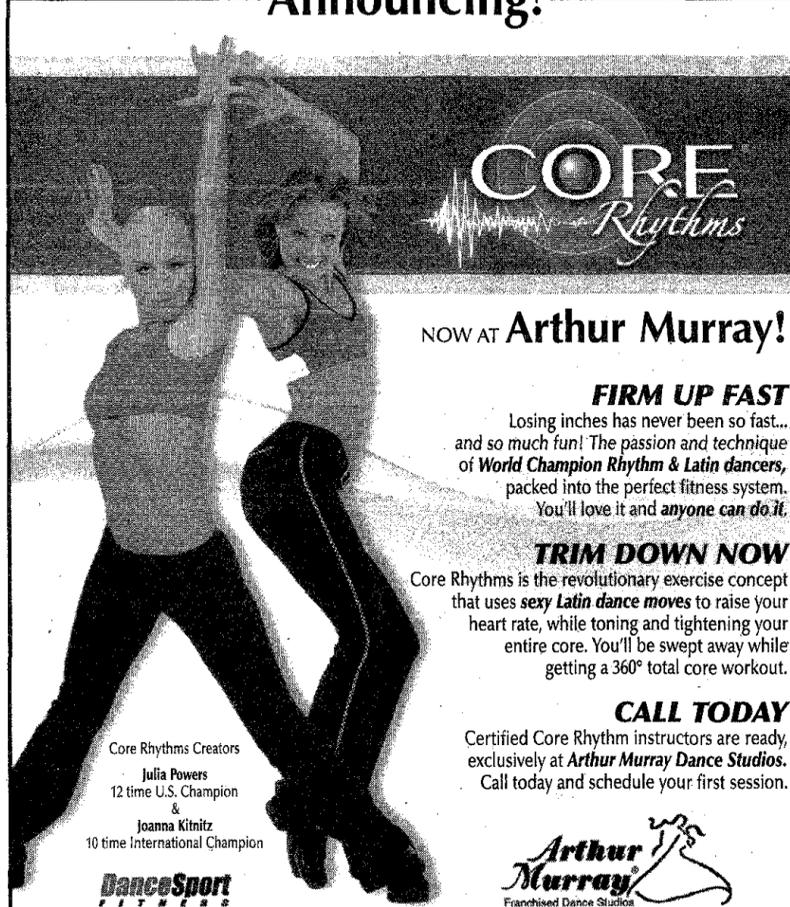
Haller also stood out defensively with six tackles, including a sack. Sam

Ahlersmeyer added five tackles, including a sack (along with Vince McRae).

"We made some adjustments at halftime because they were attacking the inside and we were too much widened out," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse' said. The Warriors outgained Cranbrook in total yardage, 273-112, and had 14 first downs to the Cranes' six.

Of the Warriors' 273 total yards, 260 came on the ground as Stephen Kemp added 54 on 16 attempts, while quarterback Eric Shoats had 40 on 11 carries. Shoats completed his lone pass attempt to McRae for 13 yards.

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Ocelots impress on North Carolina trip

The Schoolcraft College volleyball team took its "A" game with it on a two-day excursion to North Carolina this past weekend.

The Ocelots posted a 4-0 mark against top-notch competition to improve their record to 20-5.

"The team came ready to play both days," Schoolcraft coach Richard Lamb said. "On Friday, we flew into Charlotte (N.C.) and then had to drive over an hour to get to Spartanburg. We were concerned that a full day of travel may have tired the team out. However, this team has resolved that nothing is going to prevent them from doing their best out on the court."

"All the teams we played this weekend are NJCAA

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Division I schools (Schoolcraft is Division II), so we knew it would be a challenging weekend. All 11 of our young ladies came to play."

On Friday, the Ocelots ousted Cape Fear (N.C.), 25-22, 25-16, 25-15, before taking out Spartanburg (S.C.) Methodist College, 26-24, 25-19, 25-16.

They remained hot on Saturday, downing Guilford (N.C.) Technical CC, 25-27, 25-14, 25-10, 25-22, before sweeping Spartanburg Methodist again, 25-19, 25-18, 25-22.

"In our Saturday match against Spartanburg Methodist, I have never seen such great defense by both teams," said Lamb. "There

were bodies hitting the floor on both sides of the net and there were numerous long rallies that we were fortunate to win.

"We're very proud of the way we are playing at this time. We know that we still have a lot of work to do in this last month if we are going to meet all of our team goals."

Virginia Butler (Westland John Glenn) enjoyed a productive weekend for the Ocelots, recording 48 kills and 45 digs. Brittany Denter racked up a team-high 101 assists while Jordan Kerr (Livonia Churchill) notched 82 digs.

Hillary Colomina chipped in with 50 digs and Whitney Clay contributed a team-best six solo blocks and one block assist.

Grinvalds sparks MU

Setter Inta Grinvalds had 35 total assist-to-kills Tuesday as Madonna University rolled to a 25-13, 25-11, 25-11 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph over host Siena Heights.

Brynn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College) paced the defense with 12 digs for the fifth-ranked (NAIA) Crusaders, now 18-1 overall and 5-0 in the WHAC.

Top hitters included Lubovj Tihomirova (14 kills) and Whitney Fuelling (10 kills).

WHAC Player of the Week Mary McGinnis and Martie Mazur each added nine.

Jessica Brown had six kills for the Saints (2-9, 0-4).

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL GIRLS SWIM MEET

Sept. 26-27 at Wayne

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 450 points; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 320; 3. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 124; 4. Wayne Memorial, 123; 5. Garden City, 117; 6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 98.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:00.65; 2. Ladywood, 2:02.88; 3. Crestwood, 2:16.95; 4. Wayne, 2:18.62; 5. Garden City, 2:25.86; 6. Annapolis, 2:29.5.

200 freestyle: 1. Sells (WJG), 2:07.11; 2. Heather Pijor (LL), 2:09.96; 3. Maddie Pelon (LL), 2:14.96; 4. Rachael Alholinna (WJG), 2:18.08; 5. Lindsey Bessinger (WJG), 2:23.09; 6. Margaret Wright (WJG), 2:27.92.

200 individual medley: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 2:31.19; 2. Brianna Wilson (LL), 2:33.25; 3. Kali Aloisi (WJG), 2:35.0; 4. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 2:35.52; 5. Mollie Pelon (LL), 2:38.69; 6. Jennie Humbach (WJG), 2:40.26.

50 freestyle: 1. Shannon Kelly (LL), 26.49; 2. Burgess (WJG), 26.75; 3. Madelynn (WM), 27.23; 4. Fielhauer (WJG), 28.24; 5. Rachel Rakstis (DHC), 28.789; 6. Jacquelyn Hewitt (WJG), 29.16.

1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 326.55 points; 2. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 320.05; 3. Humbach (WJG), 272.50; 4. Katy Harris (WJG), 255.45; 5. Brooke Graham (WJG), 205.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:07.6; 2. Maddie Pelon (LL), 1:08.01; 3. Brinkman (LL), 1:11.47; 4. Bessinger (WJG), 1:19.17; 5. Wright (WJG), 1:20.0; 6. Hannah Weaver (LL), 1:22.49.

100 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 58.34; 2. Peterson (WJG), 58.82; 3. Beville (WM), 1:00.92; 4. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:02.8; 5. Rakstis (DHC), 1:03.43; 6. Hewitt (WJG), 1:06.33.

500 freestyle: 1. Sells (WJG), 5:38.63; 2. Pijor (LL), 5:58.39; 3. Alholinna (WJG), 6:12.96; 4. Mollie Pelon (LL), 6:16.51; 5. Cati Assenmacher (DHA), 6:31.4; 6. Leslie Botts (WJG), 6:43.69.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Aloisi, Fielhauer, Sparks, Peterson), 1:52.45; 2. Ladywood, 1:53.9; 3. Crestwood, 1:59.78; 4. Wayne, 2:00.67; 5. Garden City, 2:01.76; 6. Annapolis, 2:07.39.

100 backstroke: 1. Burgess (WJG), 1:07.02; 2. Wilson (LL), 1:07.71; 3. Jessica Vance (GC), 1:16.58; 4. Jessica Arabi (LL), 1:16.99; 5. Kate Moran (WJG), 1:18.23; 6. Allisie Gaines (DHC), 1:20.1.

100 breaststroke: 1. Peterson (WJG), 1:15.67; 2. Aloisi (WJG), 1:18.49; 3. Caleigh Griffin (LL), 1:20.2; 4. Harris (WJG), 1:22.3; 5. Megan Vitale (LL), 1:27.44; 6. Brittany Krejci (DHC), 1:30.13.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Maddie Pelon, Pijor, Wilson, Kelly), 3:58.78 (state cut); 2. John Glenn, 4:01.1; 3. Garden City, 4:41.54; 4. Annapolis, 4:42.08; 5. Wayne, 4:51.52; 6. Crestwood, 4:57.06.

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FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 336 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 295; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 160; 4. Northville, 140; 5. Salem, 132; 6. Canton, 109.

EVENT HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay (Heat A): Pioneer (Ashley Cohagan, Valerie Barthelme, Melissa Lang, Hanna Cowley), 1:51.27; 2. Mercy, 1:51.59; 3. Salem, 1:56.91; (B): Mercy (Emily Reamer, Kathryn Carey, Anna Schena, Anna Vandecaveye), 1:57.44; (C): 1. Mercy (Eileen Fredendall, Mo Nicholson, Lauren Ochoa, Geri Michaluk), 1:57.28; 2. Pioneer, 1:59.09; 3. Northville, 2:05.80.

200 freestyle (Heat A): 1. Nikki Barczak (FM), 1:56.98; 2. Jessica Weber (N), 1:59.90; 3. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:00.15; (B): 1. Megan Gagesky (FM), 1:57.71; 2. Paige Kostishak (AAP), 1:59.19; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:05.01; (C): 1. Sato Kakihara (FM), 2:00.60; 2. Olivia Barrow (AAP), 2:03.62; 3. Ashley Reed (LS), 2:10.72; (D): 1. Emma Craig (FM), 2:00.62; 2. Hannah Walsh (AAP), 2:06.14; 3. Laura Holtz (LS), 2:11.55.

200 individual (Heat A): 1. Valerie Barthelme (AAP), 1:59.28; 2. Alex Swies (FM), 1:59.01; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:55.5; (B): 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:53.24; 2. Ann Warren (AAP), 1:54.92; 3. Kathryn Carey (FM), 1:56.63; (C): 1. Mo Nicholson (FM), 1:52.92; 2. Kelly Bedro (C), 1:57.74; 3. Caylie McMath (AAP), 1:59.86; (D): 1. Emma Caruso (FM), 1:56.55; 2. Paige Walters (AAP), 1:59.14; 3. Maddie McLean (C), 1:59.86.

400 freestyle relay (Heat A): 1. Pioneer (Kristina Jaeger, Paige Kostishak, Ashley Cohagan, Hanna Cowley), 3:38.84; 2. Mercy, 3:41.42; 3. Salem, 3:49.11; (B): 1. Mercy (Emily Reamer, Emma Craig, Anna Vandecaveye, Maria Bargardi), 3:46.62; 2. Pioneer, 3:56.5; 3. Stevenson, 4:06.66; (C): 1. Mercy (Geri Michaluk, Olivia Samoray, Anna Schena, Natasha Mason), 3:52.13; 2. Pioneer, 4:02.43; 3. Stevenson, 4:24.71.

Youngster delivers first 300 game

Dreams really do come true sometimes.

That was just how it went last Saturday for 15-year-old Bryan Anderson as he delivered his first 300 game in league play at Woodland Lanes.

His parents, Sue and Duane Anderson were equally excited as they are both avid bowlers.

They got Bryan started at age four in bumper bowling and now he competes in the Woodland Rangers Juniors league on Saturdays.

He is U.S. Bowling Congress league certified and will receive the appropriate award.

Bryan credits the youth coaches, Charles Cain and Kurt Suokaf, for helping him with the fundamentals of the game.

"I was a little nervous in the tenth frame," Anderson said.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Every shot was right in the pocket except for one lucky Brooklyn hit.

His previous high mark was 279 and he averaged 165 last year in league play and the average is climbing higher yet.

The 10th-grader from Franklin High is a well-rounded young man, carrying a 3.5 grade-point average and is a member of the school soccer team.

His first love is bowling and he has even put in an application to serve on the Metro Detroit USBC Youth Committee.

Congratulations to Bryan and let's hope this one was the first of many more in the future.

■ Did you know that the Manoogian Mansion in Detroit has a bowling alley?

I did not know that until all of the Detroit mayoral fallout took place recently and the fate of the building was up for discussion.

I wonder now if Mr. Kilpatrick and family were availing themselves of that facility. Wouldn't it be nice to have a lane or two in your basement?

■ Welcome back, Ray Buchalter.

His job required him to relocate to Minnesota last year, but now he is back here and his old spot on the team was still open, so he fit right back in with the Sunday Morning Goodtimers at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

The league also observed a minute of silent reverence for the recently deceased former member and league officer, Mort Silverman, who passed away in August.

■ Thanks to Dr. Michael Lubetsky at Henry Ford Medical in West Bloomfield.

He is a rheumatology specialist and gave me a prescription that resulted in immediate relief from a very painful middle finger on my bowling hand. The pain is gone completely but now I no longer have any excuse if I bowl badly.

■ Taylor Lanes will again be the venue this year for the popular Pro Bowlers Tour. The event will be Nov. 9-16 and will incorporate the pro-am portion, which always attracts a plenty of bowlers.

Entry forms will be available at bowling centers throughout the area and look for more details in upcoming Ten Pin Alley columns.

Those interested should call Taylor Lanes (734) 946-9092.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by e-mail at: tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Fastpitch softball tryouts
Tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Wild travel fastpitch 14-, 16- and 18-and-under girls softball teams will be at noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Livonia's Ford Field.

For more information, e-mail Paul Seewald at www.info@ljal.com.

WYAA volleyball signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Nov. 5 at the WYAA Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

WYAA volleyball features a two-tier session with 9-11 year-olds starting practice on Sept. 27 with season play Oct. 12 through Nov. 16; while 12-14 year-olds will start practice Nov. 8 with season play Nov. 23 through Jan. 4, 2009.

Games will be Sundays at the Bailey Recreation Center. Practices will also be held at Bailey.

For more information, call Mark Rodriguez at (734) 560-7137; or call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640. You can also visit www.wyaa.org.

Franklin Pom Pon clinic

The Livonia Franklin varsity Pom Pon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the high school.

The cost is \$22 (includes T-shirt). Clinic participants will also perform at the Franklin varsity boys soccer match that evening.

For more information, call Nancy Kuzara at (734) 261-2598.

Adult women's hockey

Registration continues for an adult women's hockey league, which begins its fall session Oct. 3 (through Jan. 16) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

Beginners are welcome and no experience is necessary. The registration fee is \$190 (includes jersey).

Games will be scheduled at 7:50, 8:50, 9:50 and 10:50 p.m. Fridays. To register online, visit macrhl.com.

OCELOTS

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center-midfielders, adding that it helps to have speedy players such as sophomore forward Claire Baptist (Canton/Plymouth) and freshman midfielder Andrea Polite ready to take those passes and go from there.

Schoolcraft (6-0-2) iced the victory with two goals in a 44-second span.

Freshman midfielder Dena Sana's through ball found Shull streaking up the middle and she made no mistake from close range to make it

3-0. On the ensuing rush, the Lady Ocelots scored again. Katelyn Gilbert floated a pass from the right side and freshman Patterson headed the ball in from the left post for her first collegiate goal.

SCHOOLCRAFT 5, JACKSON CC 1: On Sept. 21, a two-goal performance by sophomore defender Kate Gilbert — one on a penalty kick — lifted Schoolcraft College (5-0-2) to a victory over host Jackson Community College (0-3-0).

Other Schoolcraft goals were tallied by sophomore midfielder Ally King (Livonia Stevenson), sopho-

more defender Emily Navas (North Farmington) and sophomore forward Samantha Harrington. Freshman midfielder Tara Pietila drew two assists, while Harrington and freshman midfielder Kristin DeClercq also picked up helpers.

"I thought we played a great game today and all of our players had good things to show," said Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman. "We played a very controlled game and when we do that, the other team has a tough time dictating the game. Our passes were sharp and shots resulted in beautiful goals."

MU match washed out

Unplayable field conditions caused the postponement of the Madonna University women's soccer match Tuesday at Spring Arbor University.

The non-conference match will not likely be made up, according to a release made on www.madonnacrusaders.com.

The 24th-ranked Crusaders, 7-2 overall, return to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action beginning at noon Saturday at Cornerstone University.

MADONNA 1, SIENA HEIGHTS 0: On Friday, Kaila Moore came off the bench to

WOMEN'S SOCCER

score the game-winning goal in the fourth minute of overtime to give the Madonna University women's soccer team a 1-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Siena Heights.

Moore, named WHAC Player of the Week, beat a Saints defender and blasted a shot to the far post from six yards out to give the Crusaders the, now 7-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference, win.

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner had to make just one save for the shutout.

Haley Mancini had five saves for the Saints (5-3-1, 2-1-1).

COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS

WOLVERINE-HOOSIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN'S GOLF JAMBOREE (No. 5)
Sept. 29 at Lenawee Country Club
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Davenport University, 293 strokes; 2. Cornerstone, 294; 3. Indiana Tech, 297; 4. Madonna, 298; 5. Siena Heights, 304; 6. Aquinas College, 312; 7. Concordia, 363.
Individual medalist: Kevin Palmer (Davenport), 2-under 69.
Madonna scorers: 7. (tie) Nick Sears and Austin Stillman, 74 each; 13. (tie) Kyle Lawrey and Steve South, 75 each; 18. (tie) Brett Outliquit, 76; 24. (tie) Matt Robinson, 78.

MEN'S GOLF JAMBOREE (No. 4)
Sept. 27 at Fellows Creek G.C. (Canton)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Davenport, 291; 2. Madonna, 297; 3. Aquinas, 298; 4. Siena Heights, 301; 5. Indiana Tech, 310; 6. Cornerstone, 317; 7. Concordia, 345.
Individual medalist: Dan Szelkowski (Aquinas), 3-under 69.
Madonna scorers: 5. (tie) Steve South and Austin Stillman, 73 each; 12. (tie) Kyle Lawrey, 75; 15. (tie) Matt Robinson, 76; 21. Nick Sears, 77; 22. (tie) Brett Outliquit, 78.

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ALEXANDER SCHWABAUER

Age 87 of Rochester Hills and originally from Crosswell, Michigan. Died September 28, 2008 at home. He was born June 17, 1921 in Crosswell, Michigan to Henry and Mary Schwabauer. He served in the United States Army during World War II in Asiatic/Pacific Theaters receiving 4 Bronze Battle Stars. On February 7, 1953 he married Shirley Kreiner. Alex retired after 31 years with L.E. Myers Electrical Company. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and enjoyed bowling and playing the accordion. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shirley; three children Pamela (Mitch) Albertson, Brenda Schwabauer and Kyle Schwabauer and two grandchildren: Matt and Mark. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry and Dave, and three sisters Mary, Freida and Lydia. A gathering for family and friends will be Friday from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Carman Funeral Home in Brown City. Funeral services will be October 4, 2008 at St. Mary's Church on Summers Road in North Branch. Pall bearers will be Larry and Fred Hilliker, Don, Dale and Randy Long and Larry Drabant.

AVON F. ROOD

September 26, 2008. Age 82. Beloved wife of Ferris. Dear mother of Brenda (Joseph) Lizbinski and Dee (Thomas) Sep. Grandmother of Sara (Brian), Amy, Tara, and T.J. Service Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Rd. (one Mile W. of Farmington Rd.) Monday at 2:00 pm. Visitation Sunday 3-9 pm. Memorials to Seasons Hospice.

BERTRAND N. TROMBLEY

Age 97, passed away on September 19th, 2008. He was born on August 27th, 1911 in New York. He was raised in Bay City Michigan and later moved to Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where he was president of Trombley, Pisani, Trombley Design Corporation. In his retirement, he lived in Punta Gorda, FL where he was a charter member of the Punta Gorda Isles Yacht Club. His final two years were spent at Tabor Hills Nursing Home in Naperville, IL. Bertrand was the loving husband of the late Madeline nee Ouellette; cherished father of Jacquie (John) Harrell and Barbara Kirkwood; precious grandfather of Jeffrey (Barb) Harrell, Todd (Jenny) Harrell, Heidi (Andy) Sells, Charlie (Sharon) Hartung and loving great-grandfather of eleven. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 10:30 AM at St. Michael Church, 315 W. Illinois, Wheaton, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to CNS Hospice, 690 E. North Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188 would be appreciated. Arrangements by Blake-Lamb Funeral Home. Info 630-964-9392.

BETTY JEAN ERICKSON

Age 79 of Holland. Died Monday, September 29, 2008 at Holland Hospital, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born September 21, 1929 in Holland to Richard and Gertrude (Hoffman) Borr. Betty was a 1947 graduate of Holland High School. She was employed by the Michigan Bell Telephone company as an Operator and Service Assistant. She married Kenneth H. Erickson on June 23, 1956 and they moved to Livonia, where they lived for 48 years before returning to Holland in 2004. Betty was a member of the Grace Episcopal Church of Holland. Betty was known as a gentle, loving, and lovable person by all who knew her. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. After raising her children, Betty was active as a volunteer participant in many community, church, and school activities, devoting countless hours to these various activities and affecting the lives of many young people and children. She is survived her husband of 52 years, Kenneth; sons, Jeffrey (Rosemary) Erickson of Holland, Brent (Marcia) Erickson of Williamston, and Bradley (Fiona) Erickson of Clarkston; eight grandchildren, Bryan, Michael, Jason, Nicole, Kelsey, Colin, Aidan, and Regan; sisters, Joyce (Ralph) Martinus of Muskegon, Marsha (Paul) Northuis of Holland; a brother, Roger (Ruth) Borr of Holland. Betty was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Judy, in 1968. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6-9 pm at the Northwood Chapel of Dykstra Life Story Funeral Homes, 295 Douglas Ave. Holland. Funeral services will be held 10:30 am Thursday at the Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Ave. Holland with Rev. Jennifer Adams officiating. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Grace Episcopal Church. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com to leave a memory for the family, sign a guest register, or read Betty's life story.

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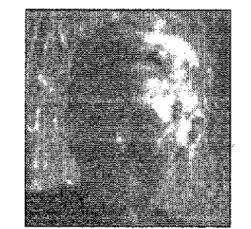
Age 90. Of Roscommon, formerly of Redford. Sept. 27, 2008. Secretary to the Personnel Director at the Ford Transmission and Chassis Plant in Livonia from 1955-1980. Beloved daughter of Debbie Livingston; three grandchildren: Brad (Amanda) Livingston, Becky (David) Bunn, and Evelyn (Scott) Smith; five great-grandchildren: Mason, Madison, Tessa, Lauren, and Aubrey; and son-in-law of Carl (Renee) Cople. Predeceased by husband, Milton; daughter, Gayle Cople; sister, Evelyn (Robert) Hall. Funeral Oct. 18, 2008, Noon at the First Congregational Church-Roscommon. Pastor Mark Davidson officiating. Memorials to the Church or Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home-Roscommon, (989-275-3600)

CHARLOTTE BEAUMONT PERRY

Of Brighton, Formerly of Plymouth. Age 82. Passed away on September 18, 2008. She was a Special Education Teacher in the South Redford School District for many years. Charlotte belonged to many organizations and woman's clubs. She and her husband donated a fountain in Kellogg Park in Plymouth and also contributed to many charitable organizations. Charlotte is survived by her devoted husband and best friend of 36 years, Calvin Perry of Brighton. She was the beloved mother of Robert (Mary) Millington, Kimberly (Steven) Kleckner, Laura Bruno, and Christine Culbert, Charlotte leaves behind many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings, Robert (Mary Ann) Beaumont, Margaret (John) Clark and Edward Scudder and many special nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death is her daughter, Suzanne Hendricks, and sons, Thomas Millington and Thomas Perry. A Memorial service will be held 1:00 pm on October 26, 2008 at Independent Village in Brighton. Arrangements are entrusted to Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel

ELIZABETH A. McMANAWAY

Of Hastings, formerly of Livonia. Passed away Saturday in Battle Creek at the age of 85. Surviving are her children: Walter "Ed" (Beverly) McManaway of Hastings, Deborah (Donald) Langley of Highland Ranch, CO, Michael (Brenda) McManaway of Livonia, and Susan McManaway of Schaumburg, IL; sisters, Virginia Beaudette of Inkster and Elsie Voss of Onekama, MI; brother, Robert Allen of El Cajon, CA; grandchildren, Kathie (Marshall) Pierce, Walter (Chris) McManaway, Shawn (Teri) McManaway and Michelle McManaway; great-grandchildren: Walter McManaway, Stevi Kay McManaway, Keagan Pierce, Braydon McManaway and Logan McManaway; many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband, Walter McManaway; sisters, Jeanne Silk, Eleanor Taylor and Patricia Cooper. Elizabeth graduated from Central High school in Detroit and was married to Walter McManaway for 52 years. She was Office Manager for Sievek Tool Co. for 15 years and worked at Felpausch for four years and retired in 1987 to Athens, OH. Before leaving Michigan, she was a volunteer coordinator for Methodist Children's Home in Redford, did volunteer work at Hocking College in Nelsonville, OH, and instructed an Aquatic program for the Arthritis Foundation. She returned to Michigan in 1995 to be near her children. Funeral Services for Elizabeth were held Wednesday at the Lauer Family Funeral Homes - Wren Chapel in Hastings with interment in Pine Lake Cemetery in West Bloomfield. For those who wish, memorial contributions to Methodist Children's Home, 26645 W. Six Mile, Redford, MI 48240 would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please leave condolences for Elizabeth at www.lauerfh.com.

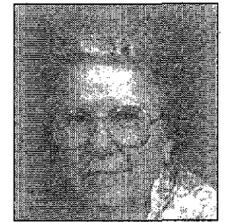


ELSIE "Lois" KOLBASA

Age 87, of South Lyon, passed away on September 27, 2008. She was born on January 24, 1921, the youngest of eight, in Asheville, North Carolina to William and Vista (Edmonds) Rice. Before Lois moved to South Lyon ten years ago, she was a resident of Farmington Hills for 45 years. She was united in marriage to Ted Kolbasa on January 14, 1944 and spent 52 loving years together until his death in 1996. Lois loved to laugh, watch old movies, and go ballroom dancing. Gardening was her passion, but she also enjoyed painting. To Lois family was the most important aspect of her life. She is survived by her children, Patty (Warren) Bromley, Dolores (Nels) Carlson, Nancy (Lloyd) Collins, Sharon (Mel) Sherman, Joseph Kolbasa, Christie (Paul) Drury, and Timothy (Alice) Kolbasa; ten grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and seven brothers and sisters. A Funeral Service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Pastor Jenkinson with Oak Pointe Church officiated the service. She was laid to rest at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Active Faith, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

RUDOLF H. STANI

Age 67, September 29, 2008, of Plymouth. Loving father of Therese (Mark) Reeser. Dear grandfather of Steve and Megan Reeser. Brother of Kaethe Rohman. A memorial mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at 10:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 1062 Church St., Plymouth, MI. The family suggests donations to Michigan Right to Life, 30840 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 310, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201. Please sign Rudolf's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com

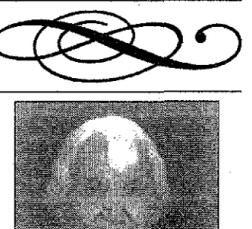


MARY (MONKS) HANSEN

Age 90, Canton, MI, September 17, 2008. Mrs. Hansen passed away peacefully at home on September 17, 2008. She was born October 4, 1917 in Belleville, daughter of the late Joseph & Lina Cora (Poet) Monks. She graduated from Lincoln High in 1937 and married Loren Emery Hansen on April 17, 1937. They were members of First Baptist Church in Wayne. Mary was a member of the Michigan Extension Club and Gideons International Auxiliary. Mary and husband Loren were the former owners of Standard Printing Co. of Ypsilanti. Survived by husband Loren Sr. of 71 years, four children Mabel (Louis) Fischer of Canton, Loren (Carole) Hansen, Jr. of Ann Arbor, Kenneth (Phyllis) Hansen of Haines City, FL and Ina (Michael) Cussen of Canton, 14 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, also five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five sisters and two brothers. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be 10:30 AM Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. Memorials may be made to Gideons' International Wayne-Westland Camp, or Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund, 26677 Twelve Mile Road, Suite 108, Southfield, and would be appreciated. Arrangements by BROWN FUNERAL HOME, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MELROSE SABO

Age 88, of Farmington, September 27, 2008. Dear wife of the late Anthony (1996); loving mother of Judith (Reginald) Goddard, Elaine Sabo, Linda Herbert and Patty (Travis) Terrell; beloved grandchildren Marlene (Christopher) Bieniasz and Eric (Elizabeth) Ladwig; and her great-grandchildren Christopher, Nicholas, Zachary and Emily Melrose. Mrs. Sabo is also survived by her sister Evelyn Mueller. She is preceded in death by her siblings, Lillian Slater, Benjamin Boden, Ellsworth Boden, James Boden, Elsie Diak and Robert Boden. Funeral service Saturday, October 4th, 10:00 AM, at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Friday 2-8 PM. Memorial tributes suggested to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, vfw.org. heenev-sundquist.com



OLIVE ANNE CONANT

Passed away Sunday. She was born on March 16, 1913 in MN, one of five children of Bruno and Catherine Anna Neubert. She married Herbert Conant of Denton, MI on June 25, 1940 who preceded her in death, as well as her son-in-law Jim Shake, sisters Madeline & June and a brother Raymond. Survived by her sister Lucille Baker of Canton, four children, John Conant and Cynthia Shake of Plymouth, James Conant of CA and Bruce Conant of AK, also two granddaughters Tamara Conant (Adam Buckfelder) of MA and Colleen Conant (Juan Lopez Torres) of CA. Olive was active in the Salem Historical Society, Ypsilanti Seniors, Michigan Botanical Club and Michigan Herb Society, 4-H and St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth for many years. Memorials to St. Peter's Church, St. Jude Hospital or the Salvation Army. Visitation 3-5pm & 6-8pm Thursday at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A private burial will be 2 pm Friday at the Denton Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be 11 AM Saturday, October 4, 2008 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Arrangements by DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

PAUL F. REITHEL

Age 92, of Plymouth Township, formerly of Birmingham and Gaylord, died peacefully September 30, 2008. He will be deeply missed by his children, Dennis (Barbara) Gare, Debbie (Alan) Gill, Janet (Greg) Polles, Bonnie (Russ) Hornfisher, and Gale Ryer. Cherished by his loving sister, Marie Armbruster. Proud grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of three. He served our country in the US Army during WWII. A retired partner of the CPA firm, KPMG. He loved his family, the northern woods, traveling, and fine dining. Funeral service Friday 2:00pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 3-7pm. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

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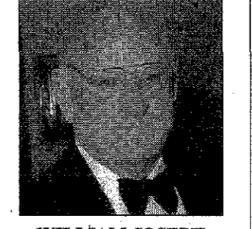
Husband and Father
Jeff Stemberger
October 4, 2006
Love, Kathy, Nick and Nate

TODD BOMBERY

Age 57, of Plymouth. Formerly of Garden City. Beloved son of Irene and the late Anthony. Dear brother of Matthew (Karen). Dear uncle of Eric (Melissa) and Sarah. Private cremation services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home. Tax deductible memorials may be made to Personalized Nursing Light House Inc. of Plymouth, 575 S Main St. Suite 6, Plymouth, MI 48170. To leave a message of condolence, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

WALTER V. RAROG

Age 95. Passed away on September 25, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Virginia. Dear father of Lorraine Turovski, Daniel (Suzanne) Rarog and Susan Porter. Also leaves seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memorial Service Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 11 am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth.



WILLIAM JOSEPH CHORKEY "Bill"

Age 82, of Farmington Hills. September 27, 2008. Devoted husband of Alice for 63 years. Loving father of Lorraine, Susan (Chuck) Wilts, Janet (Ronald Rosalik), Karen (James) Renaud, William, Nancy (Mark) McMacken, Lois Dabrowski. Proud grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of 11; numerous nieces and nephews. Son of the late Lloyd and Irene. Brother of Edward (Irene). Predeceased by two brothers and two sisters. WWII veteran, US Army. Bill was an extraordinary man who made a full life for himself and his family out of sheer determination. An inventor and entrepreneur, he designed a fluid power product that formed the basis for ACE Controls, Inc., the company he founded and guided to become the world leader in deceleration technology. Working with him from the beginning was wife Alice as well as members of the Larry Ellis family. Bill and Alice's children later became involved in the business during the family's 38-year ownership. Bill's industry contributions are documented in the book "Fluid Power: The Hidden Giant" and were recognized by his National Fluid Power Association chairmanship as well as an honorary degree from Lawrence Technological University. An avid antique car collector, he participated in Concours d'Elegance exhibitions across the country. Bill was the one who people went to when they needed advice or help, and he responded with wisdom, caring and generosity. Loved and respected by family and friends, who will miss him dearly. Bill's passing leaves a void in our lives no one else can fill. Visitation will be Wednesday 6-9 pm and Thursday 2-4 and 6-9 pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am on Friday at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Please share memories with the family at www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

To submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

OCTOBER

Rummage sale fund-raiser
Pre-sale 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 (admission \$2 per adult); Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads., Livonia. Admission free. Saturday everything half price.

Lecture
Nationally-acclaimed Catholic apologist and author, Peter Kreeft, speaks on "The Catholic Vote" 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Kreeft is a professor of philosophy at both Boston College and King's College of New York, as well as a noted Catholic apologist and author of more than 45 books on apologetics, logic, philosophy, and theology. The presentation is open to the public and everyone is welcome. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 207 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

CROP walk
Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

ABCs of Christianity
6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 5, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Each program includes a dinner donated by Virginia Barbecue, a presentation on an aspect of the Christian faith and two testimonies. Pre-registration necessary. Call (734) 453-0190 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org to download a registration form.

Mass confusion
Series on the celebration of the Mass 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, and 29, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter David Conrad. No charge. Please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950.

A night of wine & roses
Wine tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, with tasting from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterglow until 10:30 p.m., in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School and adjacent grounds of the church in Plymouth. Tickets \$50, ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance. To order, visit www.olgwinenevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.

Church bazaar
Oct. 10-11, at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, 19300 Ford Rd., off of Southfield Fwy. Dearborn, includes Vegas Night, Friday, Oct. 10 with doors opening at 8 p.m. (Tickets \$35, pre-purchased tickets include \$50 in chips; Texas Hold'em tournament tickets \$75); traditional bazaar with Armenian food, drinks, vendors, outdoor kids fun 1-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 (No charge). For more information, call (313) 336-6200.

Church dinner
And Silent Auction with more than 100 items Saturday, Oct. 11, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Rd., Westland. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children under age 10. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with Silent Auction beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets call Pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.

Apologetics conference
Christians & The Challenge of Islam" A Balanced View presented by Adam S. Francisco 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. No charge, pre-registration not required. Sponsored by Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School in Dearborn. Call Pastor Rod Zwonitzer at (313) 565-4002 or Elaine Pierani at (313) 724-1979 or epierani@wowway.com.

Conference
With David Dark on his book, The Gospel According to America 9:30 a.m. to noon (9 a.m. registration) Saturday, Oct. 11, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile at I-275, Livonia. Cost \$5. For questions, call (734) 425-2800.

Fall craft show
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421.

ICEA conference
For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker. 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time around Christian books. Registration required only for workshops. Non-denominational. Call (248) 557-5536 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Plymouth/Canton CROP walk
Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867 or wbrave@yahoo.com.

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

Evenings of Evangelization
Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 17, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. The series continues Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200. Bring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. Bishops) at September meeting.

Pumpkin patch
Begins Friday, Oct. 17, and continues to Oct. 31, with pumpkins of all sizes and fall decoration for sale, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. A book sale runs during the same hours Oct. 24-26 with a bag sale 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 26. The church women's group holds a bake sale on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from all sales go to various missions and the church's general fund. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) hop
6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Ford Field, Detroit. Tickets are \$250 and available by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 153, includes dinner and silent auction. After Glow takes place after the dinner at 9 p.m. in the South Cove Lounge (\$50 includes two drinks, unlimited dessert bar and coffee station, and entertainment by Flashback Experience, an 80s band). The event is included for those who will be attending the traditional SOCK event. Proceeds go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Girl genius
The ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) event takes place 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and 25, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Girl Genius is an ENDOW middle school program designed to teach Pope John Paul II's message regarding the dignity and vocation of women to 10 to 13 year old girls on their God-given nature, dignity and special role in society. Call (734) 425-5950. Cost is \$30 per girl, mentors free. Lunch is provided.

Mom-to-mom sale
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact ncamom2momsale@gmail.com.

Choral concert
The Detroit Lutheran Singers perform 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Faith will be expressed by in such beautiful anthems as "The Watching Over Israel", from Mendelssohn's "Elijah"; "The Lord Will Guide You Continually", by F. Swann and several other familiar anthems. Featured in the concert will be the debut of "We Are the Lord's." Composer Donald Busarow, well known Lutheran composer and musician and founding director of DLS, describes this piece as a musical portrait of a life dedicated to the Lord. Tickets \$10 (\$5 in advance), \$7 seniors and students 12 and over). Call Dick Schaufelberger (810) 220-8639 for tickets.

Crafters wanted
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

Fall craft show
Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25 (\$2 bag sale) in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh

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PICKS FROM PAGE B1

Three-win squads Redford Thurston and Redford Covenant fall into that category, since they would need 3-1 finishes to automatically qualify.

Full speed ahead: The play-off goal line is within sight for on-the-move Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth and Livonia Clarenceville.

It's also getting to be the stretch drive for the Observer sports editors, who are separated by just six games in the Grid Picks standings following Week 5.

Leading the pack with a 9-2 mark was Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who remains in first place with a 45-13 record.

season are Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons and myself (8-3; 39-19).

Unlike the teams, prognosticators don't need to adhere to any formula to determine who goes to the playoffs or not.

Now, let's take a closer look at this weekend's slate of high school games:

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED)

LIV. CHURCHILL (1-4, 0-3) AT WAYNE (0-5, 0-3): These two Kensington Valley Activities Association South opponents have had a rough time in 2008, and each will look to bounce back from one-sided defeats.

PICKS: Wright (Wayne); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

CANTON (4-1, 2-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (4-1, 3-0): This KVAA-South contest very well could be the best of the week.

Patriots have tallied 184 points so far, while the Chiefs also are an offensive machine, with 155 points in the bank.

Whichever defense comes up with more timely plays probably will decide this one.

PICKS: Wright (Canton); Smith (Franklin); Emons (Canton).

WESTLAND GLENN (2-3, 2-1) AT PLYMOUTH (4-1, 2-1): In a clash of KVAA-South rivals, Glenn is looking to rebound from a tough loss to Franklin, while the

Wildcats rolled over Churchill. These evenly matched teams have scored and allowed virtually the same number of points within division games.

PICKS: Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (John Glenn).

NOVI (4-1, 3-0) AT LIV. STEVENSON (4-1, 3-0): Both of these teams are tied for first place in the KVAA-Central standings, and that bodes well for another compelling clash.

Novi has scored 113 points (just one more than Stevenson) in Central tilts and allowed 54, while the Spartans have been a bit stingier on defense (giving up just 29 points).

PICKS: Wright (Novi); Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

NORTHVILLE (3-2, 2-1) AT SALEM (1-4, 1-2): The Mustangs are stinging from a 21-7 loss to Stevenson and that means the Rocks could pay the price.

But Salem is better than its record indicates and likely has extra confidence following a blowout victory last week.

PICKS: Wright (Salem); Smith (Northville); Emons (Northville).

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (4-1, 3-1) AT LUTH. WESTLAND (2-3, 2-2), 7:30 p.m.: Both of these Metro Conference opponents are feeling good after Week 5 victories.

But the Warriors' defense figures to be severely tested by the high-octane Trojans, who romped 42-10 over Macomb Lutheran North on Friday.

Lutheran Westland has won this matchup two of the past three years.

PICKS: Wright (C'ville); Smith (C'ville); Emons (C'ville).

D.H. CRESTWOOD (2-3, 2-1) AT RED. THURSTON (3-2, 3-0): The Mega Gold-leading Eagles are sky high following Friday's last-

minute upset at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, but the Chargers can score plenty of points as their 48-8 trouncing of winless Ecorse indicates.

PICKS: Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Thurston).

DEN. EDEL FORD (4-1, 3-1) AT GARDEN CITY (1-4, 0-4): These Mega Blue opponents are headed in opposite directions, although the Cougars will try to have a strong showing at their homecoming game.

PICKS: Wright (Edsel Ford); Smith (Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford).

REDFORD UNION (1-4, 0-3) AT TRENTON (3-2, 2-1): This year has been nothing but a frustrating journey — literally — for the Panthers, who can't seem to take advantage of opportunities when they get them.

Last week, RU rushed for more than 400 yards, but managed only 24 points at Gibraltar Carlson. Its fourth consecutive road game is at Trenton, where the Mega White rival Trojans have outscored division teams 83-44.

PICKS: Wright (Trenton); Smith (Trenton); Emons (Trenton).

SATURDAY'S GAME

RED. COVENANT (3-2, 2-1) AT OLD REDFORD (2-2, 2-1), 1 P.M.: The visiting Spartans enter a pivotal game. They changed quarterbacks for the second half of Friday's loss to Southfield Christian and their top running back missed much of that contest with an ankle sprain.

But Covenant still has plenty of offensive weapons to choose from, having tallied 179 points so far.

PICKS: Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4

Sept. 29 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Walter Woods (LF) defeated Akshay Moorthy, 6-3, 6-0. No. 2: Stephen Payne (LF) def. Alex Clos, 6-1, 6-0. No. 3: Ziwin Deng (LC) def. Joe Trudell, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Mark Robbins, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp (LC) def. Dan Landstrom-Erik Newman, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Mike Houghan-Rushi Patel (LC) def. Nate Warrick-Walt Alfonso, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3. No. 3: Mike Geraci-Peter Lee (LF) def. Mike Appel-Alex Zuccarini, 6-1, 6-4. No. 4: Cameron Norscia-Ryan McPherson (LC) def. Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafer, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. No. 5: Pat Moroney-Matt Cezal (LC) def. Joe Bastas-Chase Somonick, 6-0, 6-1.

Dual match record: Churchill, 8-5 overall, 6-4 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 4-8 overall, 4-6 KLAASouth Division.

PLYMOUTH 9, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

Sept. 29 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Pat Onoro (P) defeated David McCown, 6-0, 6-2. No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) def. Brandno Harnos, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3: Matt Dwan (P) def. Jesse English, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Kevin Sample, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Max Korpaiski-Pat Bailey (P) def. Hul Li-Dan Wilson, 6-1, 7-5. No. 2: Drew Leist-Alex Berk (P) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-1, 7-5. No. 3: Tom Eggleston-Sourdepp Bandopadhyay, 6-2, 6-0. No. 4: Mitch McKinstry-Hank Eckhardt (P) def. Justin Her-Jacob Bean, 6-1, 6-0. No. 5: Matt Fritz-Grant Senkbell (P) def. Josh Higgs-Mike Battaglia.

Wayne's dual match record: 2-11 overall, 1-9 KLAASouth Division.

PLYMOUTH 5, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4

Sept. 26 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Akshay Moorthy, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3. No. 2: Alex Clos (LC) def. Matt Dwan, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4. No. 3: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Ziwin Deng, 6-2, 6-3. No. 4: Alex Berk (P) def. Mike Appel, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Max Korpaiski-Pat Bailey (P) def. Dan Landstrom-Erik Newman, 6-2, 6-4. No. 2: Eric

Slusarski-Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Tom Eggleston-John Lopus, 6-1, 6-2. No. 3: Mike Houghan-Rushi Patel (LC) def. Drew Leist-Hank Eckhardt, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. No. 4: Grant Senkbell-Ian Fleming (P) def. Cameron Norscia-Ryan McPherson, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2. No. 5: Pat Moroney-Matt Cezal (LC) def. Walter Wang-Josh Henzle, 7-5, 6-2.

Churchill's dual match record: 7-5 overall, 5-4 KLAASouth Division.

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Sept. 26 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Riley Hoernschmeyer (C) defeated David McCown, 6-2, 6-2. No. 2: Adam Payne (C) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-1, 6-1. No. 3: Varan Bandri (C) def. Kevin Sample, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. No. 4: Steve Lee (C) def. Michael Gabriel, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy Lindbauer (C) def. Hul Li-Jesse English, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Jimmy Lafontaine-Austin Payne (C) def. Dan Wilson-Zach Lankton, 6-0, 6-4. No. 3: Andrew Tidwell-Kartik Bhat (C) def. Stephen Gush-Josh Estepp, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Stephen McKamara, 6-1, 6-0. No. 5: Colin Bower-Nirmal Pathak (C) def. John McTigue-Mike Toms, 6-0, 6-1.

Wayne's dual match record: 2-10 overall, 1-8 KLAASouth Division.

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Sept. 26 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Walter Woods (LF) defeated Zach Ernst, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Stephen Payne (LF) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3: Aaron York (LF) def. Khari Stargell, 7-5 (7-5), 6-3. No. 4: Zach Edwards (WJG) def. Mark Robbins, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp (LF) def. Carlo Tejada-Mitch Dean, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Nate Warrick-Walt Alfonso (LF) def. Jacob Toarmina-Tommy Ruarik, 6-1, 6-1. No. 3: Alex Wood-Peter Lee (LF) def. David Wilton-Wayne Woodard, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafer (LF) def. Karl Lawrence-Nick Stone, 6-0, 6-2. No. 5: Joe Trudell-Derek Davis (LF) def. Camron Ranson-Mike Longurski, 6-0, 6-1.

Dual match records: Franklin, 4-7 overall, 4-5 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 1-11 overall, 1-8 KLAASouth Division.

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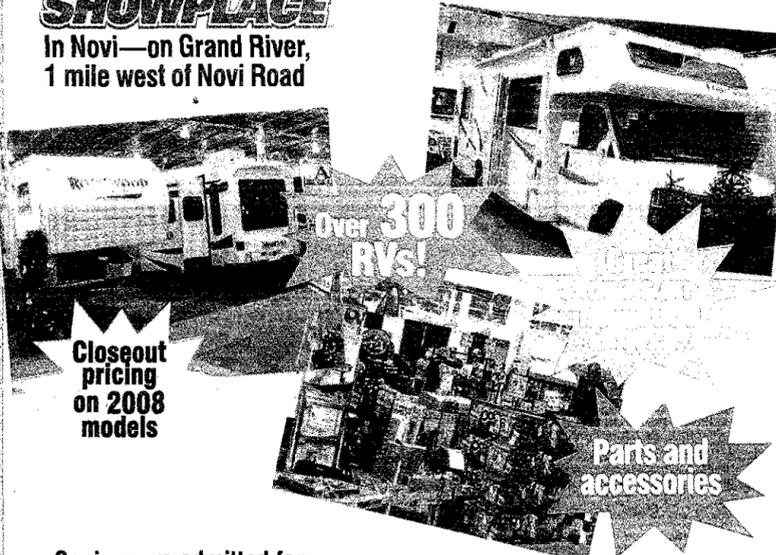
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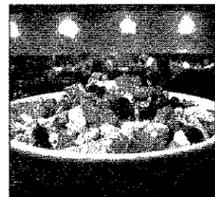


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Travis Walters discusses some of the surprising elements of Meadow Brook's opening play, the chiller 'Murder By Poe,' while showing a model of the set.

A staged fright

Meadow Brook's varied new season set to begin

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Beginning next week, Livonia native and actress Kelly Komlen will don the thick petticoats of The Woman in White, the lead character in Meadow Brook Theatre's chilling season opener, *Murder By Poe*. The show, a period piece that links the characters of author Edgar Allan Poe's stories with his own life, drew Komlen's interest from the start. It is set in the 1840s and filled with intrigue.

"At the beginning of the play we meet the Woman in White when she is lost in the woods," said Komlen. "She happens upon a house." But rather than the shelter she sought, she is swept into an unraveling mystery and encounters ghostly beings and some of Poe's famous characters — who all seem to be part of the house itself.

Komlen said she was familiar with the playwright, Jeffrey Hatcher, but this work was new to her prior to the audition. "When I first read it, it seemed very easy and straightforward," she said.

The complexities began to show during rehearsals over the past few months. Since the audience will experience this story in much the same way as her character does, some of the most crucial scenes require Komlen to "stand still and be present," which she said is much more difficult than it might sound. "I'm really excited about it," she said.

That goes double for Director Travis Walters, who also serves as artistic administrator for the Meadow Brook Theater itself.



Sara Catheryn Wolf is among the cast members in 'Murder By Poe.'



Patrick O'Connor Cronin, of Bloomfield Township, appears in 'Murder By Poe.'

An Oakland University graduate, he's worked for the theatre since 2002 and was recently promoted to his position. He handles everything from actor contracts to group sales and promotion.

Last winter while he and fellow board members began sifting through musicals, plays, comedies and dramas to choose



Travis Walters is balancing a dual role as director of the season-opener 'Murder By Poe' and artistic administrator of Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills.

a suitable set for the 2008-09 season, his passion for this particular show was noted and he was asked to direct it.

The play delves into classic haunting stories like *The Fall of the House of Usher*, *The Black Cat*, *The Tell-Tale Heart* and characters like his Detective C.

Please see **MEADOW, D6**



Ben (Greg Timmermans) with Scarlitta (Laura Verlinden) in his fantasy world in the film "Ben X" that will be screened for free at the Livonia library.

Find cheap thrills in city of Livonia

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Times are tough but that doesn't mean we can't go out on the town. In fact during these rough days, we need to relax.

Filter is here to find inexpensive entertainment, for all ages, in your community.

Today, the focus is in the city of Livonia.

Enjoy award-winning foreign and classic films and art exhibits for free; play Euchre for \$5; dance to '80s cover bands for the price of onion rings; see comedians for \$5 and catch the *Dancing with the Stars* craze for \$6.

Yes, all in Livonia.

Every Saturday, since 1975, crowds get dressed up and gather at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center to mambo, tango, cha-cha, fox trot, swing, polka and Merengue with the Moon Dusters Ballroom Dance Club.

Anyone can come to mingle with the 175-plus people who dance to live swing bands every Saturday.

"You don't need a dance partner either," said Moon Dusters' president Joe Castrodale.

Wear what Moon Dusters' considers "date style" clothing. Jackets and ties required for men. The \$6 admission fee goes to cancer research, veterans groups and other charitable events. This Saturday, Oct. 4, respected musicians Walt Lipiec and his band perform.

"We have people from ages 31 to 95," Castrodale said. "And if you're over 90, get in for free."

Don't know how to dance? Don't worry. There are 90-minute lessons available that night too.

Or, on the third Monday of every month, the Livonia Civic Center Library hosts free movie night in its auditorium. October 20 is the award-winning film *Ben X*, in Belgian with English subtitles.

"Our movie nights are growing in popularity every month," said Carol Guerriero, Livonia's video librarian.

It gives people a chance to view movies on the big screen that they may not normally see.

"Most of the films are ones that have played at the (independent)

Please see **LIVONIA, D2**

LIVONIA-BASED ENTERTAINMENT UNDER \$10

Laugh, laugh, laugh: It's \$5 at 8 p.m. Mondays & Tuesdays at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-0555. Monday open mic, Tuesdays feature local legends.

Cha Cha for \$6: It gets crowded and that's part of the fun. All ages are invited to ballroom dance to live music sponsored by Moon Dusters Ballroom Dance Club, every Saturday, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15128 Farmington Road. \$5 for members, \$6 guests. Take lessons & attend the party together for \$10. "Date-style" clothing for women, jackets and ties for men. Alcohol-free. (248) 968-5197.

Free films: A classic movie on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. - Oct. 8 it's Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho." Foreign films at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month - Oct. 20 it's "Ben X." Located in the auditorium of the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. No food or beverages permitted. (734) 466-2197.

Art: Artists of VAAL - Visual Arts Association of Livonia - host the Fall Art Exhibit "Artistic Impressions" at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 3-30. Meet artists at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. For details call (734) 838-1204.

'80s Music plus Euchre: Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., is Euchre night for \$5. Wednesday nights hear live 80s cover music by the band Square Pegz. Both events at One Under Bar and Grill, 35780 Five Mile Road, (734) 464-5555. See the menu at www.oneunderbar.com

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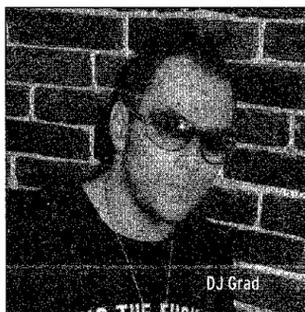
LIVONIA — Ralph Koziarski, a jazz, new age, world music and groove artist, will perform 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 as part of the Acoustic Coffee

House series at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster.

Koziarski will perform on many woodwinds — saxophones, flutes, clarinet, recorders — (sometimes two at a time) and percussion instruments.

Donation, \$15. Call (734) 421-1760 or visit www.unityoflivonia.org.

By L. Mini



FROM RUSSIA TO FERNDALE WITH LOVE

FERNDALE — Russian house-music superstar DJ Grad spins Friday, Oct. 10 at Eden Nightclub. Doors open at 10 p.m.

That same night, Detroit's DJ Jenny LaFemme spins her deep House with sensual beats and slithering melodies as part of her birthday party.

Advance Tickets are \$10 at neptix.com. DJ Grad has performed at Russia's largest Dance Music Festival, KaZantip, is a major player in music promotion and festival organization and has a popular radio show in Moscow titled *Radio 2000*.

Eden Nightclub is located at 22061 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 269-EDEN.

By L. Mini

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE PERFORMS "BEST OF" SHOW

DEARBORN — Michigan's leading contemporary dance company will present its 29th season inaugural performance, *Best of Detroit Dance Collective*, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn.

The season opener will feature choreography from current artistic director Barbara Selinger, of Farmington Hills, and company member Corinne Iamberski, of Ann Arbor.

Tickets, \$15; \$12, students and seniors, are available by calling (810) 444-4553 or e-mailing erik@detroitdancecollective.org.

Visit www.detroitdancecollective.org for more information.

By W. Von Buskirk

JAZZ ENSEMBLE PLAYS AT THE PENN

PLYMOUTH — The Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble, comprised of students and members of the community, will play 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13 at the Penn Theatre.

With its traditional Big Band sound, the ensemble will perform a wide variety of selections from Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Dizzy Gillespie and Thelonious Monk.

Tickets are \$3 and the box office opens at 7:30 p.m. Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman Ave. in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0870.

By W. Von Buskirk

MICHIGAN AUTHOR SHARES CHILDHOOD STORIES

BIRMINGHAM — Author Jon Scieszka will read from his new release, *Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories About Growing Up Scieszka* (2008) and sign copies 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11, at Borders Birmingham.

Scieszka, who grew up in Flint with five brothers, writes about his childhood in Michigan.

Scieszka was recently appointed the first National Ambassador for Children's Literature, a position created jointly by the Library of Congress and the Children's Book Council to raise national awareness of the importance of young people's literature. Borders Birmingham is located at 34300 Woodward Ave. Call (248) 203-0005.

By W. Von Buskirk



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Farmington Hills' Hay Day is good, old-fashioned fun

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Don't you just need a break from the chaos? Turn thoughts of bailout into hay bales at the Farmington Hills annual Hay Day in Heritage Park from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Bryan Farmer of Farmington's Recreation Division expects up to 4,000 people to come for a giant marshmallow roast in the area's largest campfire.

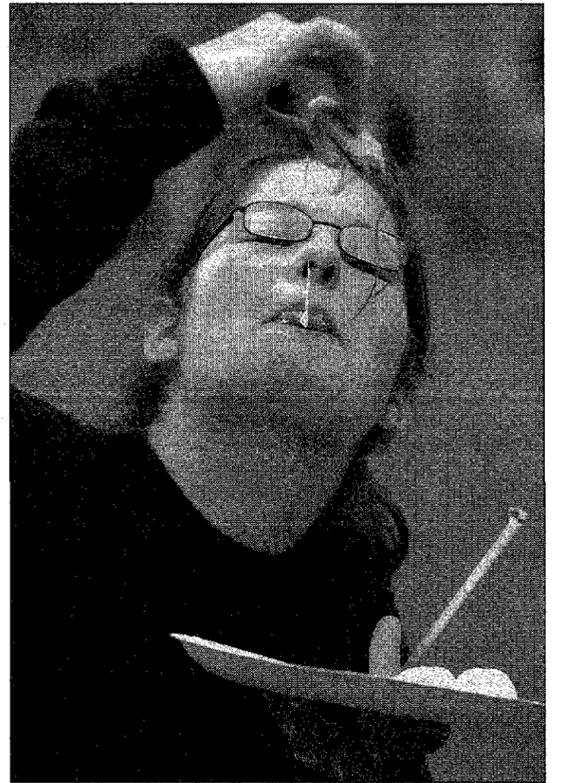
And there's a hayride, fall treats like cider and apples, and a paint-a-pumpkin party. "It's very much an old-fashioned kind of day," Farmer said. "It's perfect to enjoy the fall color change."

Families can also get inside looks at a fire engine, create crafts, walk the trails and make s'mores.

In the past nine years, 18,000 people have attended the event.

It's located at Heritage Park between 10 and 11 mile roads. Attendance is free and includes the rides and marshmallows but there are fees for hot dogs, apples, s'mores and pumpkins.

For more information, call (248) 473-1800.



Hay Day in Heritage Park includes s'mores.

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type theaters," Guerriero said.

Ben X is a film that blends fantasy and reality. It's about a boy with a mild form of autism who plays computer games as a way to escape everyday life. His online dream girl eventually appears and tells him how to confront the bullies that harass him. It's based on a true story.

LIVONIA ARTIST IS APPRECIATED

Robert Perrish, of Livonia, is an award-winning designer, sculptor, wood-worker and painter. His forte is nature-inspired. He's traveled extensively, with a canvas in hand, to paint whatever motivates him.

Perrish's work has been on exhibit nationwide.

Throughout October you can view works from artists that he likes at the fall exhibit *Artistic Impressions* at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

See paintings of watercolor, oil and pastel plus photography, sculpture and mixed media. Meet the artists at a reception at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Recreation Center.

Or, for the price of an appetizer or meal, see the 80s music band Square Pegz at One Under Bar and Grill.

The band is extremely well received, and performs songs by Madonna, Duran Duran, The Go-Go's and more. Square Pegz plays live every week, so have a big \$9 nacho plate and wear your neon.

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Local band Murrow's Boys focuses on social issues

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The setting: Outside it's a paved area with tables and chairs surrounded by bright pumpkins and colorful mums.

Inside, there are fresh flowers, tangerine and blue walls, wireless Internet, sofas, cozy tables and chairs and the scent of coffee in the air.

The sound: This Saturday, on the intimate stage of the friendly, independently-owned Plymouth Coffee Bean is well-composed, well-honed music by a trio of seasoned, local musicians named Murrow's Boys.

The band performs a listenable blend of catchy folk, blues, rock and intelligent yet grooving Americana.

Livonia resident James Murphy plays guitar and bass.

Ken Marten of Hamtramck helps set the mood with his bluesy harmonica and occasional percussion. Brother Greg Marten plays guitar, bass and mandolin. (Greg Marten and Murphy both sing).

Murrow's Boys call themselves observers — and Ken Marten is the perfect example. He's both a journalist and co-songwriter. Their music focuses on social commentary, topics you don't always expect to hear in music.

While many bands of their genre focus on subjects like love and romance, Murrow's Boys sing about the ups-and-downs of casinos in their hometown, for example. The song *Friday Hero* is about the aging guy who can't let go of his school years when he was the Friday night football star. The song *TV Land* is about the phony perfection created in 1950s sitcoms, where broken homes and marriages were never shown.

"That song talks about how those images affect the American psyche," Ken Marten said.



From left, James Murphy of Livonia; Greg Martin of Tecumseh and Ken Marten of Hamtramck are Murrow's Boys; performing acoustic-style music fused with folk, blues, rock and Americana.

Murrow's Boys write songs that aren't preachy or high-brow.

They welcome newcomers to their CD release party at the Coffee Bean. Admission is free but their new, self-titled 14-track CD will be for sale.

THEIR HISTORY

The trio, all with strong musical backgrounds, are equals in the music-making process of Murrow's Boys.

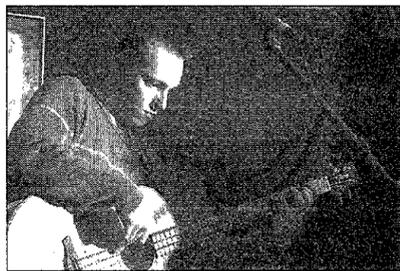
"Lyrics are usually written by just one of us, but all three contribute to creating the music that surrounds and enhances the story," Murphy said. "We enjoy the creative

process which is fairly unique with ideas coming from three different angles."

The band formed two years ago, but all the musicians have played music for decades.

"Ken and I have been making music together on and off for more than 20 years, going back to our high school rock band days," brother Greg Marten said. "We know each other's musical signature real well, and we were fortunate to find James, who fit right in with us."

Murrow's Boys is not a band expecting to make it big in the music world. They all have careers by day. Yet that doesn't mean



James Murphy strums his guitar with Murrow's Boys.

MURROW'S BOYS

What: CD release party

Genre: Folk/Americana/Blues/Rock

Where: Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.

884 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

When: 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

Hear them: www.murrowsboys.com

The menu: Sandwiches; smoothies, coffee, tea; and desserts such as cookies, brownies, danishes, scones and homemade pies and coffee cakes

Admission: Free

they aren't serious about their work.

The band performs several times per week throughout Michigan and Ohio. All three men have played in numerous bands in the past from blues to punk.

Off stage, they are an interesting trio too. Greg Marten is an educator. Murphy is an English teacher and Ken Marten is a journalist who volunteers time to rescue racing greyhounds.

Check out the talented crew on a Saturday night with a cup of java and friendly audience.

Trinity House season packed with big names

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Professional musician Billy Brandt, of Ferndale, speaks of Livonia's Trinity House almost in a spiritual manner. Many musicians do.

The intimate, 87-seat theater is a favorite venue for many musicians — even for those who can play to larger crowds.

"It's almost like a big living room with stained glass windows," said Brandt, of the band Grievous Angel. "It's kind of church-like. You can reach out and touch the hands of folks in the front row."

Trinity House is where music lovers gather; and that's why musicians love it.

"The audience knows why they are there," Brandt said. "They have come to listen to everything you are laying down — from the music, to the stories about the music — to share the inside jokes that your bandmates pass quietly between each other."

"Slowly over the length of a set, you and your partners (the audience) develop an intuitive bond that strengthens as the evening continues. It's always supportive, leaving both you and the audience transformed. And when they leave they thank you. How cool is that?"

Brandt's Grievous Angel plays at Trinity House on Friday, Oct. 24. (He also performs at Royal Oak's Memphis Smoke on Sunday,



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Local musicians Grievous Angel perform at Trinity House — a favorite venue for musicians. Pictured here are Grievous Angel: (L-R) Nolan Mendenhall, Billy Brandt, Roscoe White.

Oct. 5 at 8:30 p.m.) Grievous Angel performs acoustic/folk rock, and Brandt said he is inspired by the Grateful Dead and Gram Parsons.

If you haven't been to Trinity, try it.

It's a non-profit venue, run purely by volunteers. The 28th season began last month. Trinity House hosts well-known, award-winning musicians like Brandt, whose side project, Mission Band, won a Detroit Music Award last year. New musicians hone their chops here too.

Trinity runs on donations — annual membership is

\$45. But you don't have to be a member to come.

The night before Brandt's show, Cats and the Fiddler, a trio of talented 13-year-olds, will take the stage. They have been musicians since they were 6 and play roots music. Check out www.catsandthefiddler.com

The band performs festivals throughout the area and are not a gimmick band. Each member plays their own stringed instrument and they have released two CDs.

The female band Nobody's Darlin', of Grand Rapids, is also well-respected. They

TRINITY HOUSE'S 28TH SEASON

WHERE: 38840 West Six Mile,

Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

www.trinityhouse.org

ADMISSION: \$15 general; \$12 for subscribers unless noted

DOORS: Open 7:30, showtimes at 8 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT: Smoke and alcohol-free, intimate, creative, living room-style vibe

THE SEASON:

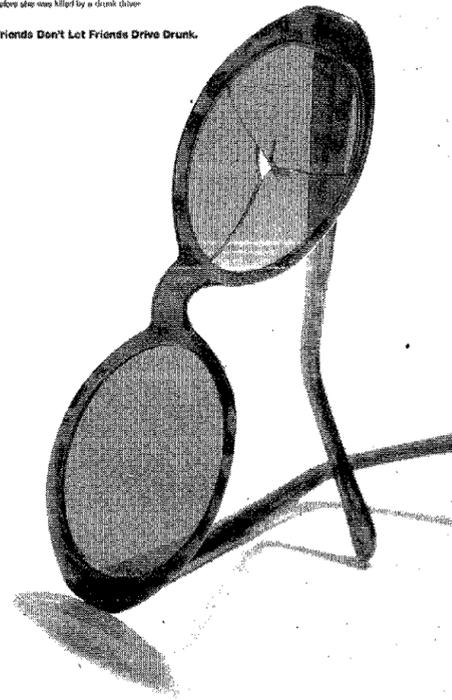
- Oct. 4, Jan Krist w/ Annie and Rod Capps, Alan Finkbeiner and Jim Bizer
- Oct. 10, Sarah Masen and Ric Hordinski
- Oct. 11, Jen Sygit w/ Laura Bates and Brandon Foote
- Oct. 18, Nobody's Darlin' w/ Greg Poulos
- Oct. 24, Grievous Angel
- Oct. 25, Cats and the Fiddler
- Nov. 1, Claudia Schmidt
- Nov. 7, Drew Nelson
- Nov. 8, Andy Pratt w/ Ralston Bowles
- Nov. 14, Joshua Davis and Fool Rooster
- Nov. 21, Pierce Pettis and Kate Campbell - \$20, \$17 for subscribers
- Nov. 22, Richard Gilewitz w/ Jason Derrile
- Nov. 29, The Milroys, Annie and Rod Capps, Doug and Telisha Williams

specialize in Old Time, bluegrass, and gospel.

Something interesting is always on the theater's week-end schedule.

Amenda Geigel brought these sunglasses to work on spring break. She wore them only once before they were killed by a drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO HOLD THE COLLEGE'S REGULAR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES BIENNIALY AT THE EVEN YEAR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Board of Trustees of the Schoolcraft Community College, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "College") will hold a public hearing at 7:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the 22nd day of October, 2008, at the Board Conference Room, located at 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48152-2696, on the proposed adoption by the Board of Trustees of the College of a resolution to hold the College's regular election for Trustees of the Board of Trustees biennially at the even year November general election.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing is being held on the issue of whether to schedule the College's regular election of Trustees biennially at the even year November general election and that, if the resolution referenced above is not adopted, the College's regular election will continue to be held biennially on the May regular election date in odd years. If the resolution is adopted, the next College regular election for Trustees shall be held on November 2, 2010.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the resolution set forth above, if adopted, would have the effect of extending the terms of office of Trustees currently holding office in order to accommodate the College's transition to the even year November general election cycle as required by law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that immediately after said public hearing is closed, the Board of Trustees of the College may consider the adoption of a resolution to hold the College's regular election for the offices of Trustees biennially at the even year November general election.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 642 and Section 642a of Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and will be offered the opportunity at said public hearing to speak concerning the proposed adoption of said resolution. Written comments may also be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft Community College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, prior to said public hearing.

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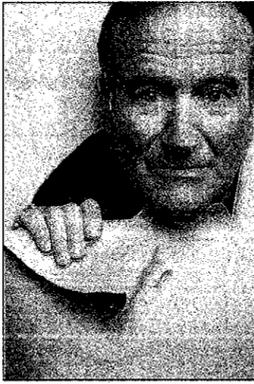


The Wedding Present

2 Consider it a gift from the British indie rock gods. **The Wedding Present** hits Pontiac's Pike Room at 8 tonight, celebrating the recent release of their latest record, titled *El Rey*. Dirty on Purpose opens the show. Tickets

\$12, at 1 S. Saginaw St. Visit www.thecroft.com for tickets and details.

3 Say what you will, still the man is a comedy mastermind, an unstoppable train when it comes to transforming from one persona to another. And tonight, **Robin Williams** brings his brand of full-on funny 8 p.m. to Detroit's Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. This is the first of two consecutive nights devoted to his show *Weapons of Self-Destruction*, highlighting social and political themes. "A lot has happened in the world and in my life since I last did this six years ago and there's no better thrill and no better therapy than getting on that high-wire in front of a live audience," Williams said. Be there to experience the spectacle. Tickets



Williams

\$55-\$95. Call (248) 433-1515 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

4 Today marks the opening day of the Detroit Science Center's newest exhibition — *Leonardo da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius*. The show focus-

es on da Vinci's more scientific side, and includes more than 60 models of his famous machines — from robots to underwater breathing gear and solar-powered inventions. Be among the first to delve into this exploration of his legacy. Tickets cost \$13.95-\$16.95 and general museum admission is included. Visit www.detroit-sciencecenter.org or call (313) 577-8400 for more information.

5 The Detroit Institute of Arts shares an artistic use for sugar, even before Trick-or-Treat time. Stop by the museum for a Drop-in Workshop from 1-5 p.m. on how to make **Sugar Skulls**. Learn how these decorative pieces, made with foil and colorful sugars, are used to honor the deceased and often appear in Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexican and Mexican American communities. For those leaning more toward family lore and legend, listen to the stories of Yvonne Healy at 2 p.m. Admission is \$4-\$8 and the DIA is at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7530 on weekends.

6 In the mood for a laugh? Take in the MGM comedy *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People*, starring Simon Pegg

(*Shaun of the Dead*, *Hot Fuzz*). In it magazine writer Sidney Young strives to charm everyone he can but manages to upset everyone from his boss (Danny Huston) to his fellow writers (including Kirsten Dunst). But a rising starlet (Megan Fox) might manage to save his floundering career. The movie is now playing in area theaters.



Morissette

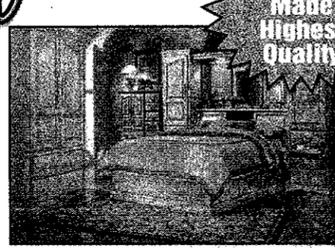
7 Performing songs, like the current release *Not as We* from her recent album *Flavors of Entanglement*, **Alanis Morissette** stops in Ann Arbor tonight with opener Alexi Murdoch. Doors open at 6:30 at Michigan Theatre, at 603 East Liberty. Tickets \$49.50 to \$87.50, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

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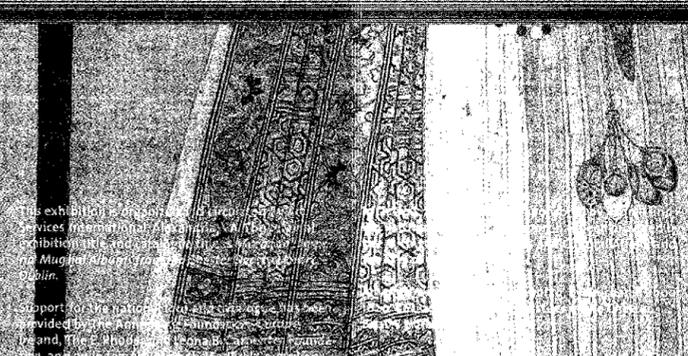
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Halloween Happenings

ART
Scary Monsters: Tom Carey's *Scary Monsters* exhibit is open just in time for the spooky season, running Oct. 3-Nov. 8, at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. An opening reception is set for 7-9 p.m. Oct. 10, and a workshop is set for noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 18, all at 407 Pine, Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Ghoultime Gathering: This second annual juried Halloween art show features original work by local and national artists, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 4 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold. \$5. Visit www.ghoultimegathering.com.

Harvest Pumpkin Painting: D&M Art Studio gets in on the act of this artistic fall activity, Oct. 23-29, at 28691 N. Lilley Road, in Canton. Call (734) 453-3710 or visit www.dmartstudio.com.

STAGE
Thrills & Chills 3 — A Halloween Special:

The Max M. Fisher Music Theatre revives this classic for kids. On Oct. 25 celebrate Rock O'ween with the Candy Band, at 3700 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 576-5111. "They're Coming to Get You Barbra": The Majestic Theatre presents a night of undead musical theater, with the production *Night of the*

Living Dead: The Musical, Oct. 30, at 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-9700 for details.

Halloween Hocus Pocus: Children are welcome at the Marquis Theatre's *Halloween Hocus Pocus*, running Oct. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, at 135 Main, Northville. Call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Murder by Poe: Adult audiences can get in on the stage fright with the mysterious *Murder by Poe*, running Oct. 8 and Nov. 3 at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University at Squirrel and Walton roads, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$30-\$39, at www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 377-3300.

Blood Bath and Beyond: And *Blood Bath and Beyond* is showing Oct. 10-Nov. 1, at Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Call (313) 865-4948.

SCREEN

Penn Theatre: Brace yourselves, movie-lovers, for the Shocktober Classic Movie Series, featuring *Creature From the Black Lagoon*, Oct. 9; *Them!*, Oct. 16; *House of Wax*, Oct. 23; and *Frankenstein*, Oct. 30 at the Penn Theatre. All movies roll at 7 p.m. Tickets \$3. The theater is at 760 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0870.

Detroit Film Theater: Boston's Alloy Orchestra will return to perform live during the films, *The Last Command*, Oct. 24; *Underworld*, Oct. 25 and *Chang: The Drama of the Wilderness and Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror* on Oct. 26, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org/dft.

Redford Theatre: The Historic Redford Theatre offers up *House of Wax*, in 3D with glasses, Oct. 17-18 and a double-feature of *The Invisible Man* and *House of Frankenstein* on Oct. 24-25, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com.

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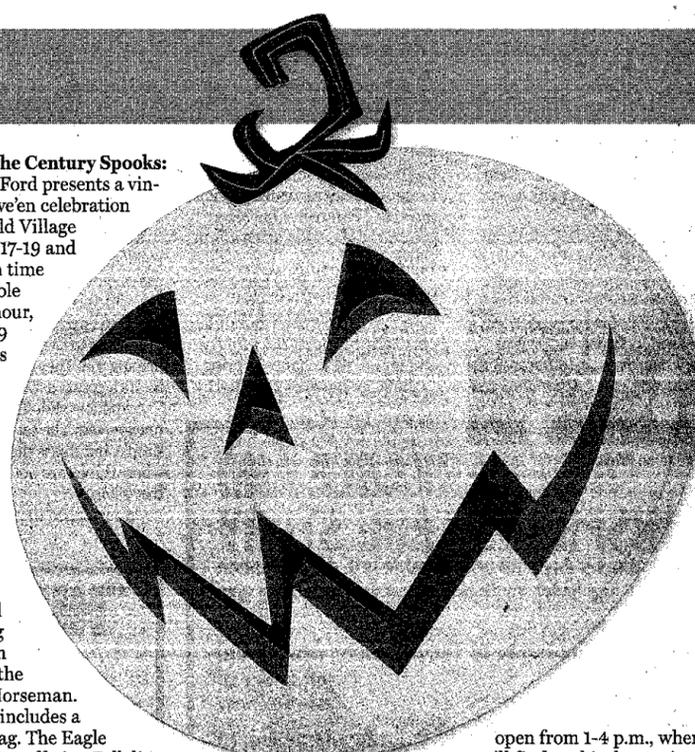
Turn of the Century Spooks:

The Henry Ford presents a vintage Halloween celebration in Greenfield Village Oct. 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26, with time slots available every half hour, from 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets \$12.75-\$15, includes a treat bag. Children two and under admitted free. Follow the jack-o-lantern-lit paths to fill a goody bag and keep an eye out for the Headless Horseman. Admission includes a free treat bag. The Eagle Tavern is also offering Fall dining packages with a menu of squash apple cider chutney, roasted quail, beefsteak pie, stuffed pumpkin and more for \$47.75-\$50. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

Have a Spooky Time: Join the cake walk or donut-eating contest at The YWCA-Oakland Branch Annual Halloween Party, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at 839 S. Crooks Road, in Clawson, call (248) 435-9100.

PARADES

72nd annual Halloween Parade: Kicking off at the corner of Martin and Bates streets near Shain Park, this Birmingham tradition begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Come early to visit The Community House's own pumpkin patch,



open from 1-4 p.m., where you'll find cookie decorating, moon bounces, Halloween crafts and more. Call (248) 644-1700.

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Stories From the Shadows: Canton Leisure Services offers a family-friendly evening of spooky stories, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, at Morton Taylor and Michigan Ave. in Canton. Cost is \$8-\$10, register at (734) 394-5460 or www.cantonmi.org.



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MEADOW
FROM PAGE D1

Auguste Dupin. "Edgar Allan Poe is the father of detective fiction," said Walter. "Without him we wouldn't have CSI."
Patrick O'Connor Cronin, an actor hailing from Bloomfield Township, finds himself returning to the Rochester Hills stage in this show. He first appeared at Meadow Brook last year as the young Scrooge in the annual production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Like many of his castmates he'll take on multiple roles in *Murder By Poe*, from a police officer to a tortured man. He said audiences can expect to experience a story within a story, a play with multiple layers. He's worked with most of his castmates on previous projects. "We are just having a great time," he said during a Sept. 24 rehearsal.
Sara Catheryn Wolf can attest to that. The St. Clair Shores-based actress portrays four different characters in *Murder By Poe* and for her it's a chance to bring to the stage the stories crafted by

an author she reveres. "I became interested in Poe at the age of 12 when my father gave me a book and told me to read *The Tell-Tale Heart*," said Wolf. She found the stories fascinating and frightening and looks forward to bringing their element of surprise to the stage.
Kornien, a Dearborn Heights resident, commended her fellow cast members. "They're scaring me, which is what they're supposed to be doing," she said. "It's a testament to their talent. They're helping me. They're drawing me in. It's a great cast."
Audiences should brace for the unexpected. The set may appear simple, but this is the sort of play where things are not always what they seem.
Cronin called the set itself "a

puzzle box." And Wolf noted that a comprehensive knowledge of Poe's works won't be necessary for audience members. "I think people are going to be surprised," said Wolf. She said those familiar with Poe's writing will have an appreciation for it and those not as familiar will "still find it exciting."
"There are no pre-requisites," she said. "It's not necessary for anyone to read up on it."
To augment the experience, Meadow Brook Theatre will trace Poe's personal history and feature synopses of his works on public display along the theater's entrance. It's just a touch of something extra that Walter hopes will enhance the entire experience. "We always say the audience is the final character," he said.

Meadow Brook's season line-up

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
OGE STAFF WRITER

Meadow Brook Theatre is poised for a break-out year. With a season filled with premieres, marquee names like Joanna Cassidy and returning stars like Cindy Williams, the independent theater on Oakland University's campus is ready to fill its seats.

"We are Michigan's largest producing professional theater," said Travis Walter, artistic administrator. He admits Meadow Brook has long held a reputation as Rochester Hills' "best-kept secret," but said, "We don't want it to be a secret any longer."

Since 1966 the local stage has welcomed the likes of Robert "Freddy Krueger" Englund, William Hurt and Curtis Armstrong. For the 2008-2009 season, its fresh roster ranges from farcical comedies to serious dramas, Christmas traditions past and present and a spook in time for Halloween.

It all begins this month with *Murder By Poe*, a 90-minute mystery ride directed by Walter himself (see related story). An Oakland University graduate and Sterling Heights resident, Walter has worked for Meadow Brook for the past 6 years. His recent promotion to finds him in a varied role. He has worked his way up from an intern to group sales and beyond, always valuing the experience. "Who doesn't dream of having a theater and running one?" he said. "If you are an actor, that's what you dream."

Walter was putting the finishing touches on *Murder By Poe* when FILTER visited Sept. 24. He was delicately balancing his full time work for the theater with his directing duties for the opening show. Still his energy seemed contagious. "This season is so exciting," said Walter. "Our audiences have never seen shows like these before. We've got something for everyone."

The rest of Meadow Brook Theatre's season is as follows:
A Christmas Carol: Though it's not included in the season ticket package, Charles Dickens' classic, adapted and directed by Charles Nolte, runs Nov. 28-Dec. 21. In this the 27th year, Joe Reed will portray

everyone's favorite Bah humbug, Ebenezer Scrooge.

Beyond the Rainbow: The Michigan premiere of William Randall Beard's tale about the life and rise of Judy Garland, runs Jan. 7-Feb. 1. Listen for songs pulled straight from her much-touted 1961 Carnegie Hall performance, like *The Trolley Song*, *Stormy Weather* and *Over the Rainbow*.

Kong's Night Out: Actress Cindy Williams drops the habit but returns after a successful run last season in *Nunsense*. This story, a farce written and directed by Jack Neary, finds theater producer Myron Siegel in a pinch as his show *Foxy Felicia* is failing due to the popularity of his arch enemy, Carl Denham's, secret Ape-raction. Characters are borrowed from the film classic *King Kong*. The show also stars Eddie Mekka (Carmine Ragusa of *Laverne & Shirley* fame), Kady Zadora Riklis (daughter of Pia Zadora) and Christo Savalas (son of Telly Savalas). This show runs Feb. 11-March 8.

The Trip to Bountiful: This Horton Foote drama marks the return of Meadow Brook Theatre veteran, Mary Benson, and actress Joanna Cassidy, known for memorable roles in *Boston Legal* and *Six Feet Under*.

By Jeeves: With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and book and lyrics by Alan Ayckbourn, this final season package show deals with mistaken identity, forbidden love and more, as it follows a day in the life of Bertie Wooster and his servant and stars David Edwards who played this role on Broadway. It runs April 22 through May 17.

Nunsense 2: The Second Coming: Call it a bonus. Creator Dan Goggin, a Michigan native, brings back his popular series about the Little Sisters of Hoboken. The show runs May 27-June 14 and stars Marcia Wallace of *The Bob Newhart Show*.

Single tickets and subscriptions are now on sale for the season. Subscriptions range from \$104 to \$166, and allow ticketholders priority seating, and a 20 percent discount on additional tickets, as well as pre-sale tickets for *A Christmas Carol* and *Nunsense 2: The Second Coming*. Call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbttheatre.com.

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New Commerce restaurant and bar worth the trip

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

At Uptown Grille in Commerce Township, all-American food gets "a healthy twist."

According to co-owner Joseph Hibbert, locally-grown, organic produce and meats are a priority at the new dining hot spot.

"The meat is all natural, no hormones, no antibiotics. All the fish is wild as opposed to farm raised. We use a lot of Michigan produce while it's available," Hibbert said. "All the sauces and dressings, the pizza dough, everything is made from scratch. Great Harvest Bread Company, they make all the bread for us and deliver it every day."

Hibbert grew up in Canada, and has worked in restaurants all his life, holding positions from dishwasher to general manager. About five years ago he moved to Canton, where he met his business partner, Ryan Adams, of Farmington Hills.

Adams, whose parents own Zerbo's Health Foods in Livonia, was raised in a nutrition-conscious household and, like Hibbert, always dreamed of opening a healthy, upscale restaurant.

Hibbert and Adams found a location in the former Elephant Bar, and spared no expense converting it to the Uptown Grille.

Whether you're looking for a good meal or a great time, the 14,000-square-foot establishment can deliver. One half is devoted to the restaurant, where lunch and dinner are served with a gourmet flair. The other half is a bar complete with 16 plasma screen televisions, a stage and dance floor.

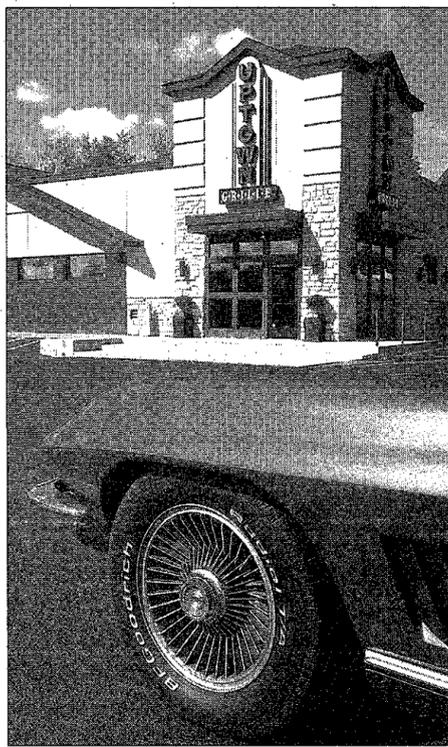
"We wanted a pretty casual family atmosphere in the restaurant, which is why we have a separate bar, to fulfill as many needs as possible for our clientele," said Hibbert.

The menu offers appetizers like Crab Stuffed Mushrooms, Calamari Steaks, Riblets and Roasted Red Pepper Hummus.

Entrees include a variety of salads and a wide selection of Italian dishes, with meat and vegetarian lasagna drawing rave reviews. Steaks include Uptown's



Ryan Adams and Joseph Hibbert present their Oktoberfest Platter: Knachwurst, bratwurst, polish sausage, sauteed red onion, green pepper, a fresh hot pretzel and mustards. They'll offer seven Oktoberfest beers and two pumpkin ales this month.



The Uptown Grill is east of M-5 on Maple Road in Commerce Township.

UPTOWN GRILLE & STAGE 30

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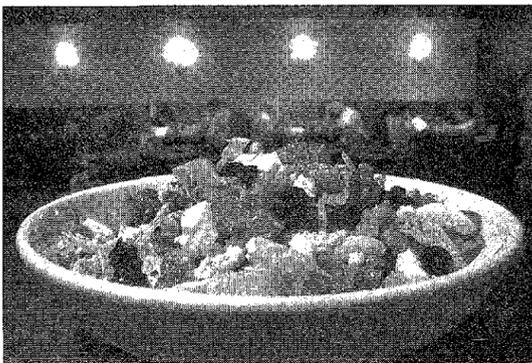
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. seven days a week.

Stage 30 hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Thurs.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-midnight Sun.-Wed.

Prices: Burgers & Sandwiches, \$6.95-\$8.95; Pizza, \$8.95-\$12.95; Entrees, \$10.95-\$26.95; Salads, \$7.95-\$8.95; Kid's Menu, \$3.99.

Other amenities: DJs and live entertainment on the weekends; extensive wine, beer and champagne list; upscale wine, beer and snack shop.

Contact: (248) 960-3344, www.uptowngrille.com.



The Michigan Chicken Salad (\$8.95) is field greens, rotisserie chicken, dried cherries, tomatoes, crumbled gorgonzola and candied walnuts tossed with cherry vinaigrette.

20 ounce Ribeye, which can be topped with sauteed wild mushrooms and crumbled maytag bleu cheese. A seafood favorite is Chilean Sea Bass that's grilled and topped with a lemon-caper beurre blanc, and house entrees

feature Kathleen's City Chicken, Pork Chops and Roasted Apples, and Uptown Aftershave Ribs.

Sides include mashed sweet potatoes, candied baby carrots, exotic grains with fire roasted vegetables, and mac & cheese.

Burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and a kid's menu are also featured, and the wine list is extensive.

The bar area, which has its own entrance, is dubbed Stage 30 and serves 30 craft beers on tap. A



The Uptown Grill has a large selection of wine and beers for retail purchase.

state-of-the-art stage hosts live blues, jazz and rock on Thursdays and Saturdays, and a DJ on Friday, while a "backstage" lounge offers comfortable VIP seating with couches and pillows.

And if you want to take a piece of the atmosphere home with you, Uptown Grille also has a shop stocked with wines, craft beers, sweets from Zerbo's and other goods.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, 37, intelligent, mature, spiritual seeking a SM, 37+, 40-50 physically fit, good looking, nice and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2217056**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 150lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **22113901**

CLASSY LADY
I am in my early 40s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **22092205**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'9", 120lbs, long blonde hair, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 220lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. **22092349**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/M, 47-58, NS, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. **22128129**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-60, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **22172234**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 38, plus-sized, with hazel, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **22288800**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 46, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, NS, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **22285811**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 42, 5'11", loves Italian food, music. Looking for SWM, 35-50, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. **22284915**

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent SM, 33-50, who enjoys the same things. **22282115**

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 18-25, who enjoys the same things. **22222258**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dby lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. **2210247**

HOMEBODY SEeks SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 160lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SM, 39-51. **22284368**

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2226598**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **22287908**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **22287057**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, successful SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **22273803**

A NEW BEGINNING
SWF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **22281511**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK Nerd
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 160lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 25-35, nice open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **22292913**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SBF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **22282578**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", NS, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-82, NS, for friendship or more. **22230594**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, sprightly, pretty SBF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **22289947**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **22289947**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON
Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'3", seeks a man, 50-66, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **22289125**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **22282317**

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for SM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **22282940**

SEEKING SINCERITY
SBF, 54, 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **22285807**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 36, long brown/green, NS, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of active, fit, funny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **22286334**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! **2228172**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP
SWF, 65, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dining, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. **22284371**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **22171693**

CALLING ALL GOLDFERS!
W/WF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, NS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **22279714**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater, is it you? **22271085**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 60s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **22191711**

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'1", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered. **22233977**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", H/WP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snow-shoeing, and more. **22288886**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS
BF, 55', 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **22284318**

SINCERE AND HONEST
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SWM/SM, 25-50, children ok, for friendship. **22249322**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBHM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **22287598**

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL
Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, NS, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1", NS, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. **22285813**

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 16, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **22279056**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **22241298**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 36, 5'10", NS, short hair, no children, looking for SM, 35-50, who enjoys fishing, travel, spending time together. **22280950**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 130lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **22281372**

ARE YOU LONELY?
Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a bit of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **22281247**

HAVE A GOOD HEART?
WF, 33, 6'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves NASCAR, classic rock and more. **22283230**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **22287858**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, NS, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **22287167**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 33, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship. LTR. **2248846**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-60, NS, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **22207254**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships maybe more. Seeks energetic, NS SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **22131598**

VERY CUTE SBF... STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 5'11", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-50, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **22131598**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet NS WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **22306088**

SEMI-RETIRED
SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, NS, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-50, with similar interests, to settle down with. **22235332**

NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN?
SWM, nice-looking and friendly seeks interesting female, 35-51, for dating and friendship. **2229244**

LOVELY AND READY
SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, NS, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. **22282036**

A WALK AND TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and company. I seek a like-minded counterpart for whenever it goes. **22208980**

GOOD GUY WITH A BIG HEART
WM, 5'10", brown/blue, likes music, boating, going to movies, dining out, camping and having a good time. Seeking outgoing, fun WF, 25-38, for dating, possibly leading to LTR. **22226559**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Educated SWM, 37, looking for SWF, 28-58, for friendship first. I love theater, movies, good conversation. **22292329**

GIVE ME A CALL!
SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. **2228548**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT?
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **22285340**

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
SWM, 70s, 5'4", NS, would like to meet a lady, 65-72, enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking naps. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. **22275970**

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **22292943**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2229646**

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...
your investment. SWM, 5'0", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **22281159**

TRUE GENTLEMAN
WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, NS, for friendship, companionship and more. **22238904**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romance, honest, intelligent BF, 25-35, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **22296147**

COUGAR LOVER
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, bad-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman with like qualities, who loves travel, music, exercising, etc. **22242820**

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced SM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easygoing, smart, affectionate female. **2227068**

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-blading, hiking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **22272274**

GIVE ME A CALL
BM, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, NS, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. **22271820**

WARM AND FRIENDLY
Sincere SM would like to meet a warm, friendly, outgoing lady, 21-35, H/W proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. **22279035**

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE
SWM, NS, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, hiking, running, the outdoors, animals, cats, health clubs and I'm social-drinker. Attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **22205048**

WORTH A CALL
Attractive SBF, 55, seeks a lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! **22285815**

WORTH THE CALL!
SBM, 41, NS, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young female, 21-30, to spend some time together and get to know. **22285815**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
SWM, 5'10", 150lbs, active retiree looking for Black or Asian female, 50+ for long-term relationship and possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, casinos, health clubs and I'm social-drinker. **22287100**

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL
SBF, 46, 5'10", average build, seeks going out, relaxing, seeking SHAF, late 30s, for possible relationship. **22289039**

YOUNG-AT-HEART
SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, NS, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, single old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. **22448201**

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
WM, 65', 280lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. **2228482**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 22-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **22294501**

CALL THIS MAN!
Esygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoor sports, evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **22112288**

SEEK LOVAL WOMAN
BM, 6'1", 275lbs, enjoys reading, movies, sports, comedy clubs and more. Would like to meet an intelligent, down-to-earth, sincere, trustworthy patient BF, 34-50, petite/slender build, to enjoy life with. **22291199**

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE
Attractive SWM, 48, 5'10", 150lbs, NS, never married, lives outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **2221199**

LET'S MEET!
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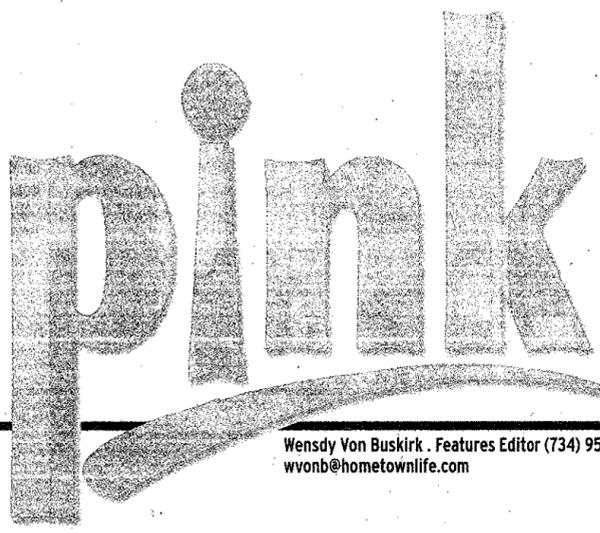
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The Politics of Fashion

Plymouth exhibit highlights first lady fashion

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As election season heats up, citizens are talking about more than hot-button issues. From Sarah Palin's eyeglasses and Michelle Obama's distaste for pantyhose, to Cindy McCain's colorful skirt suits and Hillary Clinton's haircuts, people are discussing the politics of fashion.

According to an exhibit currently on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum, the fascination is nothing new.

"Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies," open through Nov. 5, shows society has always been interested in what White House women were wearing.

From Martha Washington to Laura Bush, all of history's first ladies are represented in the exhibit. Displays feature a vast collection of first lady dolls, along with photographs and short histories of each first lady's life and style.

Highlighting the exhibit are 15 replicas of inaugural gowns on mannequins. The gowns were recreated in 1971, when Joan Deer of Birmingham launched the project as a fundraiser for the Republican Party.

Deer enlisted the help of late Frankenmuth designers Don Nagel and David Zeese, who visited the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.



This Jacqueline Kennedy doll is one of many featured at the exhibit "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies."

to view the authentic first lady gowns displayed there. Based on their sketches and extensive research into fabrics, Margaret Remindino of Birmingham and Juan Horrax of Detroit then sewed the garments.

After the exhibit toured the nation, the GOP put the dresses up for auction. The Deers acquired many of them, which they donated to the Frankenmuth Historical Museum.

The PHM rents the collection

every four years to coincide with presidential elections.

The garments date back to a ribbon brocade dress of the kind Washington might have worn had there been an inauguration ceremony for her husband, George, to the wool coat dress Rosalynn Carter famously purchased 'off the rack.'

In between are two yellow dresses with matching coats that reflect the change from bustles and ball gowns to slimmer silhouettes. One, made from 15 yards of fabric embroidered with 1,500 flowers, was worn by Dolley Madison in 1809.

The other, a sleek designer set trimmed with brown sable, was done by Lady Bird Johnson in 1963.

The evolution of style offers insight into the changing role of the first lady.

According to PHM's Executive Director Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the duties of first lady started out as strictly social.

"It was a hostess job, essentially. They would set up dinners and entertain guests to the White House," she said.

"Today, they've become advocates, like Laura Bush, who was a librarian, promoting literacy. They pick a cause to stand behind so they have something meaningful to add."

FIRST LADY FASHION FACTS

- Two months before the inauguration of Franklin Pierce, he and his wife lost their son. **Jane Pierce** (1806-1863) wore black mourning clothes every day for the rest of her life.
- **Mary Lincoln** (1818-1882) was criticized for lavish entertaining during the Civil War.
- The dress Abigail Fillmore (1798-1853) wore to her husband's inauguration was the first to be sewn with a machine.
- The poor health of **Ida McKinley** (1847-1907) confined her to bed during her husband's pregnancy, where she knitted slippers that were auctioned for charity.
- The flashy style of **Grace Coolidge** (1879-1957), one of the White House's all-time favorite hostesses, is reflected in her red velvet inauguration dress, cinched with a wide silver belt.
- **Lou Henry Hoover** (1874-1944) and her husband, Herbert, used their own funds to entertain guests in the White House during the Depression.
- After becoming first lady, **Bess Truman** (1885-1982) continued to visit the same salon for her weekly \$3 manicure, shampoo and set, though she arrived via chauffeured

- limo.
- **Mamie Eisenhower** (1896-1979) was so often seen in her favorite color that a paint company created "First Lady Pink." Her hairstyle, a bob with short bangs, was frequently copied.
- **Jacqueline Kennedy's** (1929-1994) fashions - including the pillbox hat she wore to her husband's

- swearing-in ceremony - were emulated more than any other first lady's.
- **"Pat" Nixon** (1912-1993) was the first president's wife to wear pants in public.
- **Rosalynn Carter** (1927-) was the first to buy her inauguration dress "off the rack," to demonstrate her budget-conscious values.

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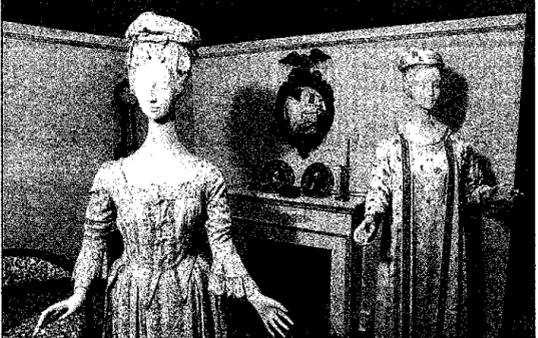
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Inaugural gowns on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum include one representing Martha Washington (left) and a replica of the dress worn by Dolley Madison in 1809.

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