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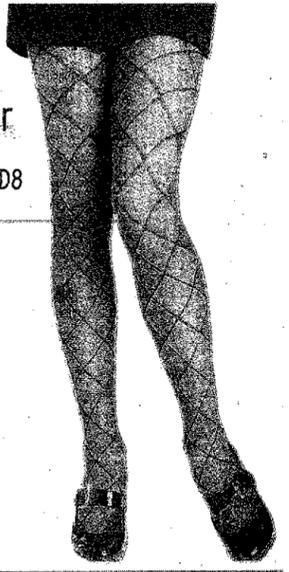
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4 W-W school trustees are target of recall

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four members of the Wayne-Westland school board are in the cross-hairs of a recall by parents angry about last week's teachers strike and faltering contract negotiations.

Shawn Maxwell of Wayne, who is spearheading the effort, has an Oct. 21 hearing before the Wayne County Elections Commission to see if the recall language she submitted is approved. If OK'd, it would clear

the way to collect signatures to recall school board President Martha Pitsenbarger, Vice President Skip Monit, Treasurer Steve Becher and Trustee Ed Turner.

"We're not happy with the negotiating process," said Maxwell. "All we get out of the board is that it's a health care issue. We're concerned about class size. We've lost faith in the board to do the right thing."

School board Secretary Cindy Schofield and Trustees William Gabriel and Shawna Walker are not named in the proposed

recall. Elected officials cannot be recalled during their first six months in office or their last six months in office. Schofield and Gabriel were elected to the school board in May and took office on July 1. Walker was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board on Sept. 15.

Maxwell, who has six children in the district, submitted proposed petition language last Friday. The language states that the four school board members "rejected the Wayne-Westland Education Association's offer to

extend its 2006-2008 collective bargaining agreement with the only change being class size reductions at all levels, then voted to allow the administration to discipline members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association for going on strike.

Turner, a 12-year member of the school board, said he is disappointed about the recall, saying that parents are being misled by union officials and that there are "a lot of falsities" circulating in the district.

"The first thing a school board

has to do is run the district in a responsible way and within the budget," he said. "When I ran for school board, I promised that I would put the students first, the parents second and staff and administrators third. I think I have kept my promise. This board has more feelings towards the students than people realize."

Maxwell had been using a Yahoo e-mail address to connect with people interested in helping. She said she has a committee of 20 people and was receiving at least 50 e-mails a day up until

Monday when a "hacker" apparently shut down the account. She's now relying on her cell phone to keep connected with people interested in working on the recall. People can call her at (734) 521-9110.

She added that she will go ahead with the recall even if the contract is settled.

"We have lost faith in the board and don't believe they have the interest of the children at heart," she said.

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School experiences are basis for books

BY SUE MASON
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For most of her years teaching at Farmington Elementary School, Anne Tobias had a shingle hanging outside her classroom door, proclaiming her dental abilities: Official Painless Tooth Puller.

Any student in the school with a loose tooth was sent to the Westland resident's first-grade classroom where she would work with the youngster to extract the tooth with no pain or trauma.

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What: Anne Tobias's first children's book, "Harry's Problem ... First Loose Tooth," (Peppertree Press, 2008)
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Available: Online at www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com and www.peppertreepublishing.com. A signed copy can be ordered by calling Tobias at (734) 722-7733.

"I had the technique down to a science," said Tobias. "One of the first things I'd do when I got back to school is order a gross of tooth holders. I'd always run out."

The Westland resident retired two years ago after 52 years of teaching.

The things that happened in her classroom have become the fodder for a series of children's books being published by Peppertree Press.

Her first book, *Harry's Problem ... First Loose Tooth*, came out in August and is available online at amazon.com and Barnes & Noble, or by ordering from Tobias.

The book is the story of a young child who loses his first tooth. Written by Tobias, the book features the illustrations by her brother-in-law, Tom Tobias of Ypsilanti.

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Retired teacher Anne Tobias reads her first children's book, "Harry's Problem, First Loose Tooth," to Suzanne Thirjung's first-grade class at Farmington Elementary School.

Deaf defendant ruled competent in murder case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a second time, a deaf Westland man charged with shooting and killing his deaf girlfriend has been found competent for court proceedings involving first-degree and felony firearm charges.

The latest ruling from the Saline-based Center for Forensic Psychiatry means that 45-year-old Timothy Catalano will return to Westland 18th District Court on Dec. 5 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial. Catalano is accused of killing his girlfriend of 24 years, Tammy Susalla, as she lay in bed around 1 a.m. Aug. 27, 2007, at the three-bedroom ranch home they shared on Gloria, near Merriman and Cherry Hill.

The couple's daughter, 19 at the time, was in the basement when authorities said the shooting occurred. Police have said Susalla wanted to end her relationship with Catalano.

Catalano last appeared in front of Westland District

Judge C. Charles Bokos in June for a preliminary hearing to determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Catalano had been ruled competent prior to the hearing.

However, Bokos ordered a second competency examination amid conflicting concerns by defense and prosecuting attorneys that Catalano might not have understood the proceedings or that he might be faking his confusion.

"I want to be sure the defendant isn't playing a game," Bokos said in June. "I don't know if it's a scam on his part or a legitimate concern."

Bokos said interpreters, brought into the courtroom to assist Catalano, couldn't say with certainty how much Catalano understood about his preliminary hearing.

Catalano's hearing has now been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5, after forensic experts ruled yet again that he is competent to understand the court proceedings against him.

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Westland Observer to relocate editorial, circulation staffs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will move its western Wayne editorial staff of the *Observer* group and administrative offices from the newspaper's main office at I-96 and Levan in Livonia to downtown Detroit.

The editorial staffs of the Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Redford and Westland *Observer* newspapers will be located on the fifth level of the Detroit Media Partnership building at

Lafayette and Third streets in Detroit.

"This move in no way will diminish our effectiveness or our dedication to covering the community of Livonia where we have been headquartered during the past 37 years," said Peter Neill, general manager of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers*. "We remain committed to serving our customers — readers and advertisers — with the top service they have come to expect from our team."

Neill announced the move to staffers at a meeting Tuesday

morning. The transition to the new offices is expected to begin late this year.

Neill had discussions with a prospective landlord earlier this year to remain in Livonia, but economic conditions forced the company to look downtown to relocate, Neill said.

"It makes much more sense from a company perspective to make this move," Neill said.

Neill acknowledged that any move is difficult. "The state of our local and state economy and that of our business made it necessary for us to fully relocate to another office before the end

of January '09," Neill said. "The critical thing for the *O&E* and *Mirror* newspapers is to retain their community identity," Neill said. "I believe readers look at us not as *Observers*, but the *Canton Observer*, *Livonia Observer*, *Redford Observer*, *Farmington Observer*, *Westland Observer*, *Garden City Observer* and *Plymouth Observer*. You will have that local identity as long as we are giving them coverage.

"It puts us in a strong position as we refocus our sales, distribution and editorial coverage in our communities," Neill said. "It

allows us to refocus and give the readers what they want."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey was informed of the relocation Tuesday morning by Neill. He said it was a sad day in the city.

"It's a lot like having a good friend move away," Kirksey said. "We look forward to working with the *Observer* in the future and continuing our relationship with the paper and its staff."

The *Observer's* circulation department and customer service will relocate to the DMP Distribution Center on Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township and will be expanded

to include general customer service for the western Wayne papers, Neill said.

The *O&E* will continue to office the South Oakland staff of the *Eccentric* and *Mirror* newspapers in Birmingham. The classified department remains in Sterling Heights and local retail advertising remains on Helm Street in Plymouth Township.

USA Today, *USA Today.com*, *PointRoll* and *USA Weekend* employees will be moving to the *Eccentric* office in Birmingham.

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BOOKS
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"She invited me to come and eat and feed me a line of bologna," said Tom Tobias with a laugh. "She said it would be so good, why don't you do it. And I said I don't do animals."

PAINTING BUDDIES

There aren't any animals in the first Harry book, nor the second book, *Harry Meets the Bully*, that Anne Tobias hopes to have in print by Christmas. The animals show up in book three, *What a Squirrel Eats for Lunch*, and book four, *Elephant Annie*, which is where Anne Tobias's partner in painting, Carol Manore, comes in.

Manore helped Tobias paint the murals that decorate the hallways and gymnasium of Farmington School. Her skills are being moved from walls to paper as she works in watercolors and acrylics to create Tom Cat, Prissy Cat, the squirrel called Mr. Furry Tail, a mouse and Mrs. McNally.

"I was reluctant to do it, it's not something I'm used to doing," said Manore, who lives in Garden City. "I did the murals at the school. We'd trace them up on the walls, but this is all my sketches."

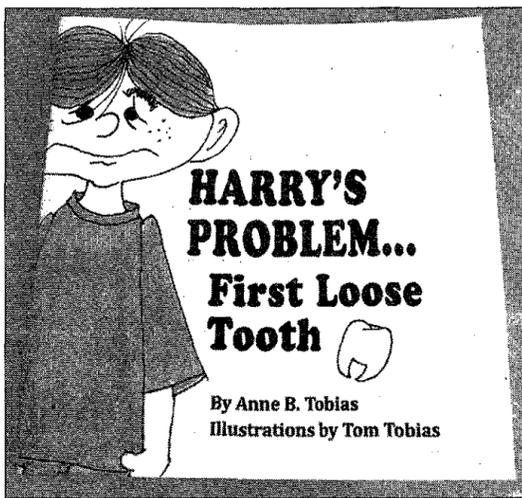
It was her last day of school that gave Tobias the idea of writing her tooth book. Two youngsters visited her classroom to say goodbye and one ended up lamenting about who would pull his loose tooth.

She wrote to the Children's Institute in Connecticut about her memories, *For a Chew of Tobacco*, and was told she should write several children's books to gain credibility. The institute tried to prepare her by sending her writing assignments. Tobias balked at their dictating the subject matter and through a friend hooked up with Peppertree Press.

"I have to write what I know about, that's why I went to Peppertree," she said. "They called and said, 'We love the book.'"

POPULAR BOOK

From first submission to finish product, it took only four months, and within a week of approving the proof,



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anne Tobias's first children's book, *Harry's Problem... First Loose Tooth*, is dedicated to students attending Farmington Elementary School, many of whom "lost their first loose tooth at school."



Working with retired teacher and author Anne Tobias (center) on her children's books are her brother-in-law Tom Tobias (left) and friend Carol Manore.

the first order of books were at Anne Tobias's house.

"I had the script to draw from and the writing was pretty good," said Tom Tobias, who has done illustrations for textbooks and journals in the past. "*Bully* is taking longer, it's a tough subject. You don't want violence in the illustration; you want the words to pop out at the students."

"He wants all the verses and then he does the illustrations," added Anne Tobias. "He works great under pressure."

The first book has proven to be popular. Anne Tobias is into a second order of books, following a book signing with Tom Tobias at Farmington School's open house. She has a date to read her tome to eight first-grade classes in

Detroit and guest appearance in the classroom of Memorial Elementary's official tooth puller, LuAnn Englehart.

"I already have people who want the whole series," she added.

And the group is having so much fun with the books that Anne Tobias is considering carrying the Harry theme beyond two books.

"I have an empathy with the children, that's what prompted the first book," said Anne Tobias. "I wanted to do a written version for the kids to waylay their fears. You want to teach them reading and writing, but as long as they have that loose tooth, there's no learning going on."

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Cake shop sells cupcakes to support kids fighting cancer

People with a sweet tooth can fill up on cupcakes and help a good cause at the same time.

The Mary Denning Cake Shoppe and retailers in Westland's Oak Plaza are once again participating in Cupcakes for a Cause, a fund-raiser supporting children affected by cancer.

This is the second year Mary Denning is joining other bakers in the Detroit area in selling specially decorated cupcakes for the benefit of CancerCare for Kids. The program provides free, professional support services to nearly 1,500 children and their families who are affected by cancer each year.

The cupcakes will be on sale at her shop in Oak Plaza, 7990 N. Wayne Road, Monday-Saturday, Oct. 20-25. Along with selling cupcakes, Paperbacks and Things, Toarmina's Pizza, Carlo's Mexican Restaurant, Divine Hair Salon, dentist Dr. Rita Patel, DDS, Ron Jackson's

Allstate Insurance and Bobby's Bouncers will be hosting a Children's Special Day 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 25, with games, food and fun for the family. Proceeds from the sale of children's books, hair cuts and food will be donated to the CancerCare Program.

"We are excited about our upcoming participation in Cupcakes for a Cause," said Denning. "Last year we were able to send a check for \$1,400 to Cancer Care for Kids."

This is the second year Denning has participated in Cupcakes for a Cause. Also participating is Sorellas Homemade Baked Goods, 31236 Five Mile in Livonia.

CancerCare is a national non-profit organization founded in 1944 that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved. CancerCare programs

include counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help. All services are provided by trained oncology social workers and are completely free of charge.

"Cupcakes for a Cause is a great way to do something fun with your family while helping children affected by this devastating disease," said Diane Blum, executive director of CancerCare. "Children diagnosed with cancer, and those who have a parent or sibling with cancer, face very difficult emotional questions and concerns that most kids their age don't have."

"Our oncology-trained social workers help children understand cancer, talk about their feelings and become less afraid of the disease."

For more information about CancerCare for Kids, call (800) 813-HOPE (4673) or visit the CancerCare for Kids Web site at www.cancercare.org.

Turn off event attracts a crowd

Westland families have been embracing an anti-violence message for years — and they've been turning out by the hundreds to prove it.

They did it again last Thursday during the city's 14th annual Turn Off The Violence night, featuring dozens of activities at the Bailey Recreation Center.

"We know we had over 1,000 people again," Westland Parks

and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

The free event — intended to pull families away from television violence for a night — featured a Hannah Montana impersonator, a reptile trailer, remote-control cars, an animal magic show, arts and crafts, face-painting and numerous other activities.

"It seemed like everybody had a good time," Kosowski said.

"It's a great night to get families to get out and have fun together, instead of everybody going their separate ways. I just think it builds family values."

Westland has long joined cities across the nation that recognize Turn Off The Violence night.

Mayor William Wild's organization called Wild About Youth organizes the event with help from numerous local sponsors.

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Tattan Park southwest of Ford and Carlson, near Westland City Hall. The build dates are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, through Friday, Oct. 24, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. To help, call (734) 722-7620.

Antique appraisal

DuMouchelle's Galleries and the Westland Historic Village Park will host an antique appraisal clinic 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at senior citizen Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford. Verbal appraisals will be given for \$10 an item, with a maximum limit of three items for each person.

Items must be brought to the Friendship Center, and appraisals will be by appointment by calling (734) 522-3918. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals.

hayrides — oh, my! The above and more, including candy and fun await children during the annual Halloween Festival at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park. Sponsored by Wayne County Parks, the free event runs 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. It's spook-free and is open to all ages. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Play Planet

Volunteers still are needed to help build Play Planet, a sprawling play structure planned for

Recall help

Organizers of a recall against five Westland city leaders have issued telephone numbers for volunteers who may want to help them in their effort to oust Mayor William Wild and Councilmen James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves for supporting a large senior housing development on Joy east of Newburgh. Donna DeWitt may be reached at (734) 427-3538, Jodi Brown may be reached at (734) 890-2052, and Rosemarie Rembisz may be reached at (734) 525-8788. Residents say the development, including a three-story apartment building, isn't appropriate for the neighborhood.

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The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008.

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John Glenn High School senior Zach Edwards is selling T-shirts with his political cartoon of the dispute between Wayne-Westland teachers and the administration.

BY ZACH EDWARDS

Student's cartoon shows support for W-W teachers

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Zach Edwards admits that when he gets involved in something, he works on it until it's done. That's the case with a political cartoon that has turned up on fliers and T-shirts in recent days in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

A senior at John Glenn High School, Edwards drew the cartoon, which shows Superintendent Greg Baracy sitting on an overcrowded school house, the same day Wayne-Westland teachers started their four-day strike.

"I was inspired by the whole situation, not by how Baracy acted," Edwards said. "I was in full support of the strike. The teachers weren't being treated well, they weren't getting any respect from the school board or the administration."

Edwards finished his drawing around 4 a.m. Oct. 7, sleep for a few hours and then joined striking Wayne-Westland Education Association members on the picket line at 6 a.m. His image has been reproduced on fliers that started circulating last Thursday.

According to Edwards, it was his father Scott's idea to produce T-shirts.

"He made a shirt for himself with the cartoon on it as well as fliers that were passed out on the picket line Thursday morning and at the parent rally Thursday evening," Scott Edwards said. "Hundreds of parents and teachers have expressed an interest in buying a shirt from him."

The WWEA also printed his cartoon in their newsletter which was handed out on Thursday to all of its members.

He estimates he's sold 15 T-shirts at \$10 each and has orders for a dozen more. He copies the image by computer on to iron-on transfer paper he buys at Michael's and irons it on a white T-shirt.

While his cartoon is about overcrowded classes, Edwards

said he hasn't experienced that with his classes at John Glenn. He did say that he had heard of an AP chemistry class with 36 students and only spots for 32 students at lab tables.

"I've talked to teachers with class sizes of 36, 38 students," he added.

Don't look for his shirts in

the market place. Edwards said he is basically approaching teachers about buying them.

"I had one teacher arrange for teachers at Wildwood (Elementary) to get my shirts, that's been the bulk of my orders," he said.

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City scales back leaf pickup to improve program efficiency

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland will have only one curbside leaf-pickup sweep through neighborhoods this fall as city officials move to trim fuel costs and improve the program's efficiency.

The effort will begin Monday, Nov. 10, in an area bounded by Ford, Cherry Hill, Koppernick and Wildwood roads, branching out until the project can be completed within a month, Public Service Director Kevin Buford said.

Mayor William Wild trumpeted the revised program as a way to combat higher fuel costs and as a response to past complaints from residents about neighborhood leaf-pickup programs that came before leaves had fallen.

"Last season, some residents did voice their concern about how the pickup was planned," Wild said in a prepared state-

ment. "Well, we listened, took note, and believe that our new schedule will not only save money, but will also allow more leaves to be picked up."

Buford called the revisions "a cost-saving measure first and foremost," and he said area leaves have been falling later in recent years.

"We're pretty confident we'll be able to get up most of the leaves in that one-month span," he said.

After starting in the middle of the city on Nov. 10, Buford said leaf-pickup trucks will generally branch out south from Cherry Hill from Nov. 11-21, then north from Ford Road starting Monday, Nov. 24.

Residents should have received word of their neighborhood pickup in the city's Westland Insider newsletter, or Buford said they may call his department at (734) 728-1770 for a map and schedule.

Residents also may access a

map detailing the leaf-pickup dates by going online to www.cityofwestland.com and clicking on the main-page link.

According to a statement from the mayor's office, residents should place all leaves in the street next to the curb in as high and narrow a pile as possible, preferably no more than two or three feet wide. Leaves on lawns will not be swept up; therefore, residents who live on asphalt streets with low curbs should place their leaves on the hard surface rather than on their lawns.

Residents who live on gravel roads should place their leaves on the side of the ditch closest to the road.

Moreover, residents should park their cars in their driveways on leaf-pickup days to allow city workers to do their jobs without facing any obstructions.

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In troubled times, investors need to keep a clear head

Crash, meltdown or implosion, it doesn't really matter what adjective you use to describe what happened in the stock market last week. The bottom line is that it was ugly and unprecedented. We have seen market declines and crashes in the past, and we will see them in the future, but the speed of this crisis and how it spread around the world was extraordinary.

What caused last week's crisis, I don't know. What I do know is that last week the baby was thrown out



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

not only our financial markets but markets around the world. The result of the market volatility and turmoil is that many investors are left

with the bath water. The fundamentals that generally dictate movement on the stock market were thrown out and replaced by fear. A general hysteria swept through

not only confused but angry at what has happened. In addition, many investors are even mad at themselves.

I've had many conversations with investors over the last few days and many of them are beating themselves up with the famous "shoulda-woulda-coulda." In fact, one investor who approached me was beating himself up because he said, "I had a gut feeling that the market was going to take a tumble and I didn't follow my guts."

Let's be realistic — no one predicted what was going to happen and it does no good to beat yourself up. Furthermore, as a side note your investments should be guided by an overall strategy, not by gut feelings. Last week was a week full

of doom and gloom, and fear. What the next few weeks will bring is anyone's guess. I know this advice sounds old and tired and easier said than done, but just like sometimes grandma's old remedy is the cure, it still works. During these times of crisis, investors must not make rash moves or let emotion dictate their decisions. This is the time that investors need to keep a clear head and focus on the long run.

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

Madonna University launches nursing doctorate program

Madonna University in Livonia will announce its first doctorate degree program at a ceremony Friday.

Madonna began accepting applications for a doctor of nursing practice degree Oct. 1. The doctor of nursing practice cohort will begin in May 2009 during National Nursing Month.

The DNP degree will build on Madonna's bachelor's and master's programs. The 36 semester hour, post-master's program is intended to broaden the clinical capacity of nurses, enhance patient care and prepare nurses to fill vacancies in teaching and administration of patient care.

The ceremony to launch the program will be 6 p.m. Friday

at Madonna University Kresge Hall, 366000 Schoolcraft Road (I-96) and Levan in Livonia. Participating in the program will be U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, his wife Rita, a Madonna nursing alumna, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Jeannette Klemczak, Michigan's chief executive nurse, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University, Ernest Nolan, Madonna University vice president for academic administration, Teresa Thompson, Madonna University dean of the College of Nursing and Health and Nancy O'Connor, Madonna University director of graduate nursing.

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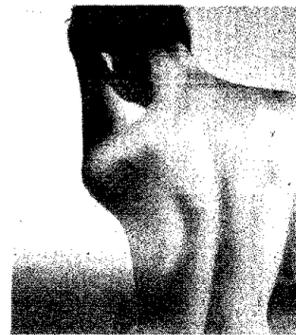
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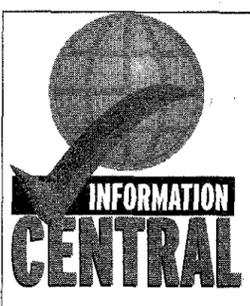
Meditation: a stress reducer

Do you often feel anxious, frustrated, or restless from day to day life? With all the demands of this world, it is easy to feel at a loss of control. One answer to handling stress is through meditation. It is a way of being mindful and paying attention to the present moment. There are numerous benefits that meditation provides, such as stress and pain reduction, lower blood pressure, and increased concentration. At the Public Library of Westland, you can begin an exploration of the various Eastern and Western traditions and techniques of this discipline.

Getting started is the hardest part so newcomers to meditation might feel overwhelmed when trying to find the practice that fits best. Lorin Roche's "Meditation Made Easy" and James Hewitt's "Teach Yourself Meditation" offer quick and easy guides to getting started.

Jon Kabat-Zinn, the founder and director of the Stress Reduction Clinic at the University of Massachusetts Medical, gives a more in depth account of the importance of cultivating mindfulness in his book, "Wherever You Go, There You Are." This is a great book that provides guidance for beginners as well as longtime practitioners.

For those who are more inclined toward the Eastern traditions of meditation, there are several titles available. The compilation, "Breath Sweeps Mind," edited by Jean Smith, gives instructions for several differ-



ent kinds of Buddhist meditations, such as Zen and Tibetan. Other guides that also guide in these disciplines are "Minding Mind: A Course in Basic Meditation," translated by Thomas Cleary and "The Posture of Meditation: A Practical Manual for Meditators of All Traditions" by Will Johnson.

To find out more about the practical value of meditation, the Public Library of Westland is a great place to start. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities

"The Other Side of Mooradian": 7 p.m. Oct. 13.

Join us for an evening with former local newspaperman turned author Tom Mooradian. He will introduce his new book, "The Repatriate," and

discuss his adventure as a young basketball player who spent 13 years behind the Iron Curtain as a repatriate of Soviet Armenia. A book signing opportunity will follow the lecture.

The Making of the President 1968/2008: 7 p.m. Oct. 15.

As part of our year long look at the '60s, join Craig Ruff, senior policy fellow for the Lansing-based Public Sector Consultants as he compares and contrasts the elections of 1968 and this pivotal year. All are invited.

20s/30s Book Club: 7 p.m. Oct. 15.

For people between the ages of 20 and 39, at Biggy Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh. "Popco" by Scarlett Thomas - Mathematical puzzles, mind-bending codes, a secret manuscript and a cake recipe, too. As the novel opens, Brit Alice Butler is en route to a retreat sponsored by her employer, PopCo, a cutting-edge - and slightly creepy - toy company product for the teen-girl market. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

Drop-In Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Whether you want to learn to knit or are an experienced knitter, all are welcome. Call the library for more information at (734) 326-6123.

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



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Dining With The Stars October winner Sarah Mikhael, second from right, sits down for lunch with the Mojo In The Morning Crew at Buddy's Pizzeria in Farmington Hills.

Dining winner connects with Mojo

Sarah Mikhael of Troy and Mojo of Mojo in the Morning have a lot in common. Both are the children of immigrants who came to the United States looking for a better life. Both call their parents heroes.

Mikhael got to share her family's story at lunch with her favorite morning radio personalities Monday at Buddy's in Farmington Hills. Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 95.5 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's most popular personalities.

Mikhael was the first winner of this year's Dining with The Stars promotion sponsored by Buddy's and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"I guess I can relate to Mojo's father's experience about coming from another country and trying to get established in America," wrote Mikhael in her winning entry.

"I was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and my parents and I came to the United States when I was around 4 years old (I'm 24 now). We had to flee Lebanon because my dad (who is a pastor) wrote some controversial books.

"If we didn't leave Lebanon, my father, mother and I would



Dining With The Stars October winner Sarah Mikhael joins the Mojo In The Morning Crew as they watch dancers Karla Pinet and Leonid Sidorenko of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio perform at the Buddy's Pizzeria in Farmington Hills.

have all been killed. "Starting all over is hard. But we made it through. My dad continued being a pastor and now has the largest Arabic-speaking church outside of the Middle East right here in Detroit. He also became a radio and TV personality on the Arabic talk show station 680 AM and on the Arabic satellite TV station," Mikhael wrote, adding that her mom received a doctorate in biochemistry from Wayne State

and works at General Motors, while she has a bachelor's degree (double major) in nursing and health services administration from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is currently working on a master's degree.

Mikhael works at the Detroit Medical Center and does some modeling on the side for Lebanese ads.

"I have been playing the piano for 18 years and just started teaching it two years ago. Having said all of this, my parents are also my heroes.

They went through some tough times to make life better for me and for themselves," Mikhael wrote.

Her parents left late last month for Iraq to start an English-speaking school for young children.

"It is a billion-dollar project, but they are determined to complete it. Their determination and faith is what keeps me going every day. I would love to sit down with Mojo and the crew and see what helps keep them going throughout their life."

She got her wish. "Sarah was thrilled with her entire Dining With The Stars experience," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's. "Mojo, Kyra and producer Rachel arrived with Sarah ... then, Mojo's best friend appeared at Buddy's to join in the festivities. The party was complete when Mojo invited the limo driver, Gary, to join in, too.

"The Fred Astaire dancers performed and invited Mojo and Sarah to dance ... they were great," Brontman added.

"This was certainly a fun group and our winner was like one of the crew. Mojo, I must say, can and does light up the room, and has that 'real deal' heart to back him up. He is warm, kind and funny," Brontman said, adding that it was a pleasure to present Mojo with a \$500 contribution for Covenant House.

In addition to lunch, Mikhael was treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class Plus Limo; mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn; \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield; and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.



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CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2008

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the following offices will be voted upon: **United States President and Vice-President, United States Senator; Representative in U.S. Congress; Representative in State Legislature; Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County Offices including Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and County Commissioner for District 12; Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, 3rd Judicial Circuit Court Incumbent Judges, 3rd Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Judges, 3rd Judicial Circuit Judge Incumbent Partial Term, Judge of Probate, Judge of the 18th District Court, Taylor School District Trustee positions (part of Pct. 28 only), Wayne County Community College Trustee District 9, State Prop. 08-1: A Legislative Initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions. YES or NO, State Prop. 08-2: A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan. YES or NO and Wayne County Community College District Millage Renewal and Reduction: Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be renewed at a rate of 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2011 to 2020, inclusive, as a reduction of the prior millage authorization previously approved by the electors (as reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment) which shall expire with the 2010 levy, to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.25 mills would raise approximately \$41,778,457 when first levied in 2011. YES or NO**

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 23, 2008 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan			
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Increases	Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
Garden City Public Schools	June, 2002	18 mills	2012
Inkster School District	May, 2006	21 mills	(non-homestead only) 2015
Livonia Public School District	May, 2006	6 mills	(non homestead only) 2015
	February 2005	18.4568 mills	2010
	February 2005	.63 mills	(non homestead only) 2010
Taylor School District	February, 2005	1.12 mills	2009
	January 2008	18 mills	2013
Wayne - Westland	June, 1995	18 mills	(non homestead only) 2009
Community Schools	February, 2003	1 mill	(non homestead only) 2012
Detroit Zoological Park	Operating	0.1 mills	2017
City of Westland	Operating	6.4834 mills	
	Police & Fire Ret. Act 359	3.35 mills	
	Sanitation	0.0216 mills	
	Other	2.0 mills	
	General Fund	5.3716 mills	
	Library	11.8550 mills	
		0.9477 mills	

Dated June 23, 2008

RAYMOND WOJCIWICZ /s/ Treasurer

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on November 4, 2008, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1 & 19	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2 & 32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter; Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
11 & 23	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey; Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
12 & 25 & 35	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
13 & 18	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
15	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell; Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
16	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
17 & 37	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
20	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
21 & 42	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
24	Johnson School, 8400 Hix; Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
26 & 33	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
27 & 36	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
28	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
30 & 31	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
34 & 38	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
40 & 41	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

EILEEN DEHART, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the November 4, 2008 General Election on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

EILEEN DEHART, CMC
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

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

SPR/SLU 08-003, Proposed Deli and sit-down restaurant at 27505 Ford Road. The subject property is zoned C-3, General Business District. Restaurants require Special Land Use approval in the C-3 General Business District in Garden City.

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

DAVID L. HARVEY
City Manager

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Posted: October 9, 2008

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On October 21, 2008, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY/STYLE	COLOR	VIN
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1999	Lincoln	Continental/4 DR	Silver	1LNHM97V1XY626886
1997	Saturn	SC2/2 DR	Black	1G8ZG1271VZ127288
1989	Chev	Beretta/2 DR.	Black	1G1LW14W7KY100092
1990	Buick	Regal/2 DR	Gray	2G4WD14LXL1454818
1983	Cadillac	4 DR	Burg	1G6AS6982DE809683
1981	Cadillac	Deville/2 DR	Burg	1G6AD47N0B9184388
1991	Dodge	Pickup	Black	1B7FL26XXMS246033
1985	Dodge	Ram/PKUP	White	1B7FD14T6FS587701
1994	Ford	Escort/2 DR	Green	1FARP128XRW275080
1992	Ford	Taurus/4 DR	Green	1FACP52U9NG260973
1997	Buick	LeSabre/4 DR	Lt. Green	1G4HP52K5VH531273

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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Plymouth Whaler Christian Steingraber has his hair dyed pink by Sheri Cicciarelli as he and his teammates prepare for their upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness Game Friday night.

Whalers to go pink for cancer awareness

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Whalers center Tyler Seguin watched Tuesday evening as some of his teammates strolled through Vanity Salon on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, sporting their newly dyed pink hair. Seguin, who is living with Mike and Kelly Collins in Plymouth Township while away from his Brampton, Ontario, home to play hockey for the Whalers, said the next week will be interesting. "All week at school with 7,000 kids looking at you, it's going to be fun," Seguin, a junior at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, said facetiously. "Hopefully, the girls will like it because it's for a good cause."

The Whalers will be skating for a cause Friday night — complete with pink laces, pink hockey tape and a pink sticker on their helmets — during the first Pink Out! for Breast Cancer Awareness at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township during their 7 p.m. game against the Niagara IceDogs. "We all agreed we should help out," said center Joe Gaynor, who lives with Bill and Christian Baker in Canton Township. "People are obviously going to ask and we'll bring awareness, so that's good." The Plymouth Whalers are owned by Peter Karmanos Jr. — also the CEO and co-founder of Compuware Corp. — who established the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit in 1995.

All of Friday's proceeds will go to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. "Our Pink Out! is a chance for our players, our sponsors and our fans to rally together to increase breast cancer awareness and raise funds in a way that is familiar and fun for us," said Denise Ronayne, Plymouth Whalers director of sales and marketing. "We promise it will be pink and it will be memorable." Jacinda Burdziak, owner of Vanity Salon, said she was more than happy to host the players as they changed hair color. "It's been great and for such a good cause," said Burdziak, 40, of Canton Township. "My mother died from breast cancer, so it's been near and dear to me."

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American House residents benefit from onsite clinics

American House Senior Living Residences have opened onsite outpatient therapy clinics, offering physical, occupational and speech therapy for their residents in both Oakland and Wayne counties. Licensed therapists from Spectrum Outpatient Therapy are providing treatment for the first time in recently established clinics at American Houses in Rochester Hills, Southfield, Riverview, Livonia, Southland and Westland. The therapy provides treatment in areas such as orthopedics, sports medicine, sports injury and geriatric medicine for patients referred by a physician. The care is also available to others living in nearby communities. The clinics provide continuity of care. American House residents hospitalized after a debilitating illness or injury, for example, can continue with therapy at home while recuperating afterwards. They don't have to leave their homes to visit an outpatient facility or clinic. The clinic at American House Livonia brought positive change to resident Betty Wickham. When she first arrived there, physicians had told her that she would never again be able to walk. "I began working with the therapy clinic at American House on my balance and strength," she said. "Their

positive support gave me the incentive to keep working at it, which was a positive change. I am much better now. I never could have done it without the outpatient therapy clinic and the support from many others at American House. I now walk with merely the aid of a walker or cane." Spectrum Outpatient Therapy utilizes Anodyne Infrared Light Therapy, a non-invasive, drug-free device for increasing circulation and reducing pain. The treatment is used at American House Village of Rochester Hills by Spectrum physical therapist Mahesh Pydipati to treat 82-year-old Grace O'Rourke. "She suffers from neuropathy that destroys feeling in her feet. After the first six of 12 recommended treatments, O'Rourke is noticing improved sensation in her feet. Most of the therapy services provided at the clinics are covered by Medicare Part B. Commercial insurances are also accepted. Information about treatment at a nearby American House is available by calling Spectrum Outpatient Therapy at (248) 591-9500. The 26 American House Senior Living Residences in southeast Michigan are tailored to seniors' needs, from luxury condos to apartments with assisted living services.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 10/24/08 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

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1202 - Michelle Carter - 50 Boxes, Mattress, Lamp
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1282 - Ronald Williams - Mountain Bike, 20 Boxes, Table
2026 - Nedra Banks - TV, Microwave, Headboard
2048 - Elaine Griffin - 30 Boxes, 20 Bags, Bicycle
2054 - Vertonga Thomas - Couch, China Cabinet, Flat Screen TV
3010 - Barbara Workman - Leather Couch, Dresser, Washer
4022 - Ryon J Maples - Microwave, 2 dressers, misc items
4032 - Donielle Mitchell - 2 TV's, Coffee Table, Bicycle
4082 - Pandora Otote - 1 Tote, Table, 2 Boxes
4092 - Jeanette Sherwood - Mattress, 2 Speakers, 4 Chairs
4096 - Claudia E Barber-Martin - 10 Boxes, Table, 2 Totes
4130 - Mary Teague - Mirror, Stereo, Aquarium
4148 - James Tuttle Jr - 4 TV's, Mattress, Dresser
5068 - Felicia Sadler - Washer, Dresser, Table
5096 - Fayvian Watts - 10 Boxes, Table, 2 Totes
5100 - Michael Cather - Sofa, Dresser, 20 Boxes
5112 - Dennis Bates - Freezer, 2 Suitcases, 20 Boxes
5138 - Ederique Goudia - Tote, 4 Boxes, Bookcase
6004 - Jennifer Kowalewski - Couch, Loveseat, TV

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2171 - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed T-Mobile Unipole and Communications Equipment, Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer Road, Parcel #074-01-0826-301, South Side of Palmer, West of Venoy, Don Waskevich (Gary Martin)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2170 - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed T-Mobile Unipole and Communications Equipment, Stevenson Middle School, 38601 Palmer Road, Parcel #079-99-0003-704, South Side of Palmer Road, East of John Hix, Don Waskevich (Gary Martin)

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of 1996, Section 125.2663 (9), (10), (11a), (11b) and (11c), a plan has been filed with this Body to support Cooper NJ, LLC's (Cooper NJ) proposal to construct a new development on the site of the Former Cooper School in Westland; and

WHEREAS, The eligible property is located at 28611 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI. The site location and surrounding area are shown on the Site Location Map below; and

WHEREAS, Taxing jurisdictions that levy taxes subject to capture under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, MCL 125.2651 et seq. are hereby notified of said public hearing and fiscal and economic implications of the proposed brownfield plan (see attachment); and

WHEREAS, All maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk located at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. EST, in the Westland City Hall Council Chambers, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan to hear any objections or comments thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of 1996.

EILEEN DeHART
Westland City Clerk

Publish: October 16 and 23, 2008

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

CASE #1126A - Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from OB, Office Business to CB-4, Vehicle Service, Parcel #033-01-0040-000, Southwest Corner of Venoy Road and Warren Road, Michael Tzakoff (Steven Hamade)

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

CASE #0311F - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Pharmacy, 8024 Middlebelt Road, Arbor Place Shopping Center, Parcel #002-99-0078-000, Northeast Corner of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail, Fadi Fardous (Sleiman (Bill) Saad)

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Publish: October 16, 2008

Coalition collects items to help homeless people

As the weather begins to change and many people continue to struggle due to the economy, there is an even greater need for clothing and

supplies for the homeless. The Out-Wayne County Homeless Services Coalition is currently taking donations for their annual Project Homeless Connect event.

The two-day event offers free items and help for homeless individuals and families. Hygiene items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, combs, feminine products

and diapers are being collected. New and gently used blankets, sleeping bags and winter clothing for children and adults - coats, hats, gloves, socks, etc. - are also needed. Items will be collected until Oct. 27.

Project Homeless Connect will offer breakfast and lunch, haircuts, hygiene kits, flu shots, HIV testing and winter clothing to individuals and families. The

event also will include information and referral assistance with Social Security applications, housing and case management services for a variety of services.

Individuals and families can receive assistance on 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Faith Recovery Center on Moore in Lincoln Park and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday Nov. 6, at the Wayne County Family Center on

Michigan Avenue in Westland.

The Project is organized by the Out-Wayne County Homeless Services Coalition. Funded by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, the coalition is a partnership of more than 30 organizations which work to eliminate homelessness and its causes.

"We held a Project Homeless Connect last year that attracted

a much larger number of people than we expected," said Jennifer Lepard, Chair of the Coalition and COO of Wayne Metro Community Action Agency. "We expect to again see an overwhelming need for these items and services."

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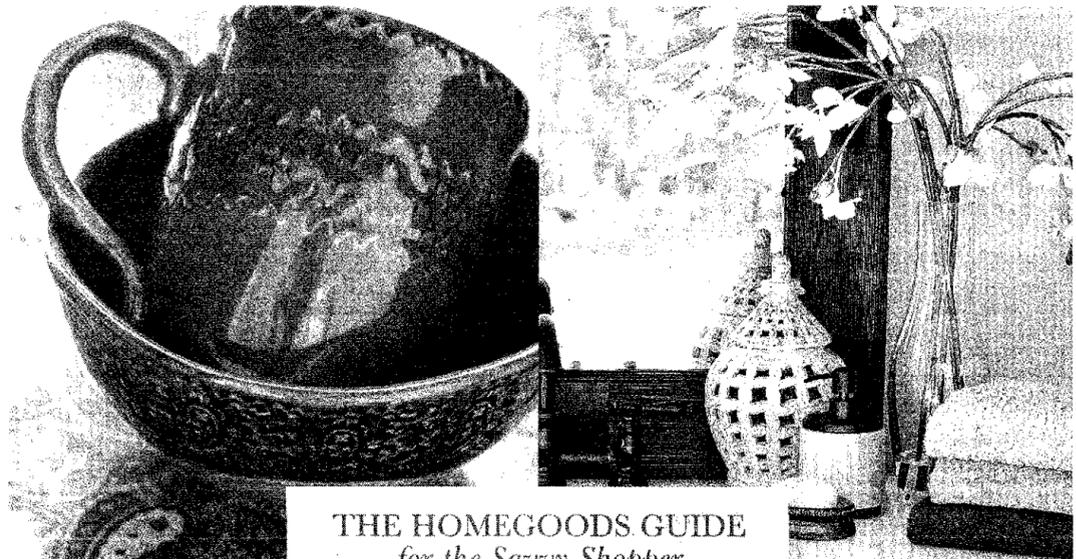
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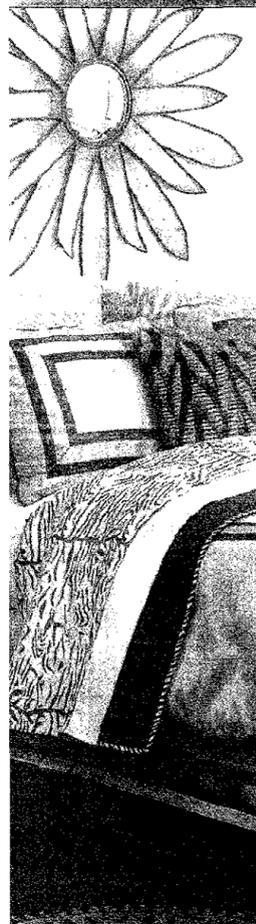
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Sixteen-year-old Rodney Harris, whose goal is to be a network news anchor some day, has a small studio in his basement where he records a news Webcast.

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Anchorman

Teen on the scene when news breaks

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rodney Harris, 16, defies the trend of teens being uninterested in news.

"I like knowing what is going on in the world," the Canton High School junior said. He has a news studio in his Canton home basement and broadcasts on his Web site, www.thenews14zone.com.

Harris, son of Rod and Sue, has been interested in news since preschool days. He's done the broadcasts for the past couple of years, covering local and national news, along with weather, sports and area gas prices. "I also cover breaking news on my Web site," Harris said, showing the Westland Rotary a clip of his broadcast about Sarah Palin on the GOP ticket story. He offers clips from John McCain, Palin, Barack Obama and Joe Biden, but emphasized his role as an objective newsman in not telling Rotarians which presidential candidate he'd vote for.

Harris has met CBS News' Katie Couric, after the network did a story on him and his news coverage. He enjoyed a tour of the CBS New York studio, and has also shadowed other television journalists. Harris has been featured as well on ABC World News Now and locally on Fox 2 Detroit.

At school, he's Web director and assistant news director for student radio station WSDP-FM. Harris is politi-

cally active as well, working on Steve Johnson's campaign for Wayne County commissioner.

He has done broadcasts from up north, where his family has a second home. He'd like to attend Central Michigan University, which has a good journalism program, or possibly Michigan State University. Harris hopes to begin his career up north "and then work my way down to Detroit."

He's not interested in being a foreign correspondent. Harris, a former *Observer* teen journalist, gets help from cousin Amanda Sweet, his co-anchor, and other family members with his news operation.

Each newscast takes about an hour and a half to two hours, and Harris must juggle school and part-time work at the family's Sunoco station located at Newburgh and Cherry Hill in Westland.

"He was always inquisitive and wanted to know everything," Rod Harris says of his son. "He would just search for knowledge. We're pretty proud of him."

Westland Rotarians were impressed during the teen's Sept. 25 visit to lunch at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "I'm excited to hear from him," said club member Margaret Harlow of Wayne, an owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. "We are going to see him within the next eight to 10 years as a news anchor."

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College town: Seven institutions have facilities in Livonia

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia is becoming quite the college town.

Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, and most recently Davenport University have established homes here, while Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Northwood University and the University of Phoenix have extension centers, all along the I-275 corridor.

"Livonia is an education destination," said Marty Heator, marketing director for Schoolcraft. "It's an educational hub, and it has been for some time."

The schools report enrollment numbers are up. Each offers up its own answer for adults seeking to break into job markets with predicted high growth.

"There probably are enough students to go around," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration at Madonna.

DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY

Davenport, a private university based in Grand Rapids specializing in business, technology and health professions, launched eight new programs and specialties this year.

With its new 40,000-square-foot Livonia site, Davenport's focus will be business and technology offerings "to support the transition from the automotive industry to higher tech industries," said Dave Trombka, associate dean for the School of Technology.

In January, the school will begin offering its executive M.B.A. program. This accelerated program is geared toward students who have held in executive position or have plenty of experience in the business, "but never really quite got that master's degree," Trombka said.

The school also offers bachelor's and master's degrees and certification in global project management, which blends business and technology skills needed for major projects. The example Trombka cited was the Big Dig in Boston, or similar efforts across the globe.

Davenport also offers a master's degree in information assurance, a specialization in information technology to reinforce and protect identity and corporate databases in the global environment, the types of skills sought by the National

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Central Michigan University's Livonia Center will have an open house from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 38695 Seven Mile, Suite 120.

Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the degree programs offered there, which include bachelor's degrees in administration and community development; graduate certificates in health services, human resources and information resource management; and master's degrees.

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Eastern Michigan University — with an extension center at 38777 W. Six Mile, Suite 400 in Livonia — offers a doctoral degree in

Security Administration, as well as CIA and FBI, Trombka said. "Our students have gotten immediate employment."

A catch phrase at Davenport is "We don't duplicate, we innovate."

"We have programs that are going to educate students for jobs ... that haven't even been created, in some respects," he said. "We are on the leading edge, moving Michigan forward into the new economy. ... The Livonia location is addressing the needs of adult students while we transition."

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY

Northwood University, a private Midland-based university, specializes in managerial and entrepreneurial education.

On Oct. 8, the school will host an open house at its Livonia extension center, which the university decided to expand to meet the growing need, said Rhonda Anderson, dean of University College, which includes the adult degree program.

The average student in this program is 35 to 37 years old, most work full time, but take one to two classes per term and are looking to make sure they have in-demand skills.

At the Livonia center, students can earn a bachelor's in business administration. "We're exploring bringing our M.B.A. program there too," Anderson said. Students have also expressed interest in foreign language.

Courses are offered in evenings, online and on weekends to meet students' needs.

Livonia's location makes sense,

she said. "When (student) leave work, they go right to school," she said.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft, a community college, which has been in Livonia since 1961, opened its 48,000-square-foot Biomedical Technology Center last month to house biology labs and classes for math and science.

"We're finding students want (to gain) math and science backgrounds and then pick up their speciality from there," said Heator, the marketing director. "That lays the groundwork for many other careers."

Enrollment has been growing for a decade, Heator said, estimating the breakdown of students at 60 percent "traditional" and 40 percent adults over age 24, although that number is shifting as more working adults go back to school, as jobs in the automotive industry dry up. "We suspect we will get more and more of them ... in the next five years."

The college offers one-year certificate programs, associate degrees and transfer programs to four-year universities.

For those students who may be nervous about a return to college life, Schoolcraft offers back to basics math courses and a "very supportive environment," Heator said. A visit to the Career and Transfer Center helps students find out where the opportunities are and come up with a plan that relates to their skill level. Students can also elect an open-entry, open-

educational leadership, master's degrees in business, construction management, education-related fields, nursing and public administration; and bachelor's degrees and degree completion programs in business and technology management, for students transferring from a community college.

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exit structure that lets do much of the work online, with a few on-campus class meetings.

"There are going to be opportunities in southeast Michigan. In order for people to take advantage of those, they need a plan," Heator said. "It takes some time."

In the future, many of the job openings are going to be in health care, computers, electronics and high-skill manufacturing as well as entrepreneurship, Heator said. "There will be a lot of people creating their own jobs."

Some of the in-demand fields that Schoolcraft prepares students for include aviation management, biomedical engineering technology (these are the people who maintain and repair all the high-tech equipment in hospitals) and a degree in

business information technology, which trains people to have the business and information technology skills to come up with IT strategies for companies.

"We're just continuing to open up more pathways," Heator said.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna, a 75-year-old independent Catholic liberal arts university, will begin offering its first doctoral program next May, a doctor of nursing practice. Regulations related to nurse practitioner role have changed and this degree will be required by 2012, said Nolan, who oversees degree programs. Madonna will be one of the first universities in Michigan to offer the DNP degree. "We're trying to be ahead of the curve," he said.

Madonna's nursing program continues to run at a capacity level. Nurses who may have become "burned out" in the profession or just want a career change can go back to school in the nursing paraprogram to develop skills that will be useful for insurance companies or law firms doing research on medical cases.

Another way people are going back to school for additional training is to pick up a new language. Madonna has instituted a series of certifications in Spanish, such as business Spanish, Spanish for law enforcement and Spanish for medical settings.

Madonna's new emergency management bachelor's degree prepares students for careers in disaster management, homeland security and rescue. Developed for

those with fire training or criminal justice backgrounds in mind, the multidisciplinary program's focus is preventing and responding to crises and covers hazardous materials response certification, grant proposal writing, security operations and resource allocation and planning. The program was the recipient of a federal grant.

Nolan also noted the university's forensic science program, graphic arts and computer design and the new lyric theater program, combining theater and music.

One year ago, Madonna broke ground on construction of the new 60,000-square-foot Science and Media Center, which will include laboratories for astronomy, quantum physics, microbiology as well as the TV and radio studio.

As fields evolve — whether in business, health care, teaching or science and math — "we encourage all faculty to keep current on the latest programs to constantly refresh the curriculum," Nolan said.

The newly developed master of arts in teaching in autism spectrum disorders is one example. E-commerce is another. Combining business and technology skills, the E-commerce program can fill out a degree in economics, entrepreneurship or management.

"We've been very distinguishing in terms of developing programs ... that will continue to serve students after they leave," Nolan said. Ninety-six percent of students find employment in their chosen field within two years of graduating, he said.

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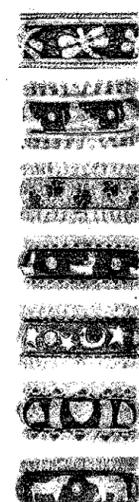
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OUR VIEWS

LeBlanc, Scott are our choices

When Westland voters go to the polls on Nov. 4, they'll face a ballot filled with more than who's running for president. They'll decide who they want to represent their interests in the state House of Representatives and on the board of trustees of the Wayne County Community College District and whether the college should have a millage renewed several years before its set to expire.

In the 18th State House District, incumbent Richard LeBlanc is facing a challenge for U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate Harold Dunn.

A automotive engineer, Dunn is seeking the two-year state House term because the major political parties have failed to listen to the people. But we find that is not the case with LeBlanc who is completing his first term in the state House. He listens to his constituents.

He has been an excellent lawmaker. By day, he is in Lansing, keeping abreast of the issues facing lawmakers. In the evening he is back in his district hearing from his constituents. And at a time when Democrats and Republicans are at odds over many things, LeBlanc has proven to be able to step across the aisle and work with his political counterparts.

While we applaud Dunn for challenging LeBlanc in the November election, we find his ideas better suited for the national arena. They sound good, but would be impossible to accomplish at the state level. That's why we believe the best man for the job in the 18th House District is Richard LeBlanc. He is knowledgeable and ready to ask the tough questions on behalf of his district. We urge residents to vote for **Richard LeBlanc** in the 18th District House race.

Sharon Scott is running unopposed for a six-year term for the 9th District of Wayne County Community College District. Current Trustee Elizabeth Potter is not seeking re-election.

Scott served on the Wayne-Westland school board and Westland City Council. We believe her former service makes her well-suited to help steer WCCCD at a time when the college is experiencing a growth spurt. She has knowledge of what the college offers and through her work with the Westland Community Foundation, she has the ability to promote the WCCCD to high school graduates and adults looking to retool their skills.

We believe Scott will be a strong voice for the suburbs and help the college market itself effectively throughout its sprawling service area. We urge people to vote for **Sharon Scott** for WCCCD's 9th District in the November general election.

Dunleavy is best choice for county treasurer

In heavily Democratic Wayne County, countywide elective offices are usually decided in the primary. This year is no different.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy ran unopposed in the primary and general election. Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood is unopposed in the general election. Sheriff Warren Evans, and Clerk Cathy Garrett have nominal opponents in the general election.

The only fireworks in this year's election has been in the race for treasurer. Raymond Wojtowicz, who has served as treasurer for 32 years, faced stiff opposition from County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh. The primary also attracted nine other Democrats to the ballot.

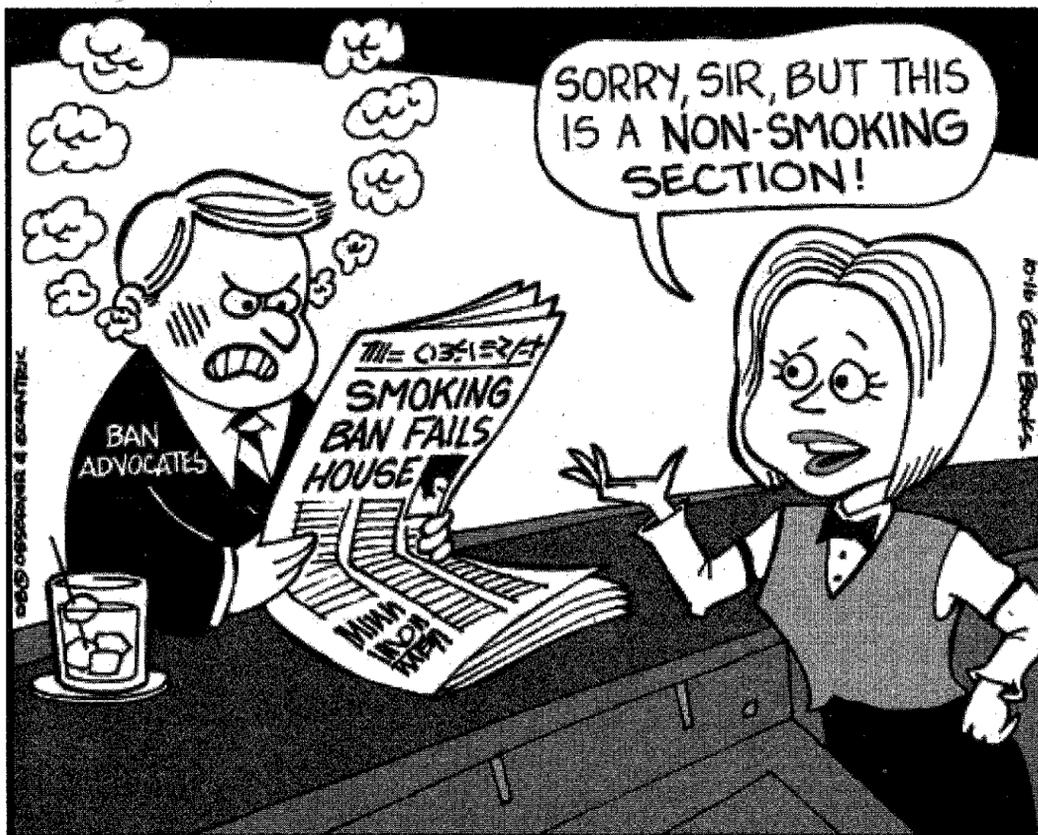
On Nov. 4, Wojtowicz, 79, will face former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy, 48, the Republican candidate.

In 2004, when he was the county auditor, Dunleavy issued a devastating audit of the treasurer's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. In the audit, Dunleavy was highly critical of the treasurer's accounting practices, the awarding on no-bid contracts and other "irregularities." Dunleavy's audit says that when questioned for information, Wojtowicz refused to cooperate. Wojtowicz dismisses the audit as politically motivated and says current audits have given his department a clean bill.

Dunleavy concedes that Wojtowicz has done a good job investing county tax dollars. He also says Wojtowicz has acted to keep people facing tax foreclosures in their homes. But he makes a strong case that the county has not a good job in handling foreclosed properties, helping taxpayers before they reach foreclosure and being transparent in its handling of taxpayers' money.

Dunleavy offers some interesting ideas on how to group and dispose of foreclosed properties and work on changing state law to give delinquent taxpayers more time to pay their taxes.

We believe it is time for a change in the treasurer's office. We urge voters to vote for Brendan Dunleavy.



LETTERS

School board does care

Hello, my name is Nathan Noeyack. I have lived in the city of Westland my entire life. I am also very proud of the fact that I was a student in the Wayne-Westland school district for all 13 years I attended school.

I was recently watching this last week's school board meeting on TV, and I felt compelled to write. It offended me in the meeting when one of the audience members said something in the regards of "the teachers care about the students, but the school board doesn't." I can say that in the time I attended John Glenn High School one of the most caring role models I've had the honor of meeting is Mr. Ed Turner. No matter what music event I had, I saw him every time. At every band and orchestra concert, every choir concert; he was there. He showed me how to truly become a role model in someone's life, to lead by example.

It didn't even stop there. Whenever I see Mr. Turner, he still talks to me to see how everything is going, and I know he is asking because he genuinely cares. It's because of Mr. Turner and people like him that I am now attending college to become a teacher.

I know that Mr. Turner, and the rest of the school board truly cares for every student that has been fortunate enough to attend our schools. I have also read the entire proposal that the board, set forth for the teachers' union. I was upset when I heard that the teachers' union declined it, especially after reading it and seeing that it had indeed met the primary reasons that they were striking.

I don't want to turn this into an anti-teacher letter, as I have had a lot of excellent teachers in this school district as well, but I don't think the teachers needed to go on strike. I don't think that teachers should ever go on strike. Coming from a music education student at Eastern Michigan University, I want to say, that if I am fortunate enough to find a contract like the one you proposed for the WWEA teachers when I graduate from school in a few years, I would be thrilled in accepting it.

I would like to end this just by saying, thank you. I know the school board cares about the students and wants what's best for everyone of them. I also want you to know that you I still support you and will continue to do so.

Nathan B. Noeyack
Westland

Supports teachers

Up until Tuesday evening I supported the board's actions and backed them almost 70 percent in their proposal to the teachers. However, 10 minutes into the meeting my mind as well as several parents that I attended the meeting with changed our minds.

The only reason the board called that special meeting was so that it could vote in front of the citizens and teachers to discipline them and to take them to court on Thursday morning. For board members to state they were ready to

make comments and answer questions during that meeting is pure fantasy. You knew what that meeting would turn into the minute you decided to open the meeting the way that you did.

Then to sit there with egg on your face and along with your lawyer, who the taxpayers pay, and not know anything about the MBRC judge's findings being issued, you board members are so out of touch right now.

One speaker said that night that you have managed to do one thing and that was unite the teachers, she was incorrect, you have now managed to unite the citizens and parents of the district against the board. I have been polling parents and citizens and none of you have enough support to get re-elected. There has been a recall effort started against each and everyone of you by a group of parents. I am going to personally make sure that every comment and action made by the board members is and has been documented and easily accessible for whomever runs against you, either in a recall election or general election.

Mr. Becher's absence from the board meeting so that he did not have to vote yes in front of his former co-workers or vote no and show the board was not unified showed his true colors.

As Barack Obama states, and I am not even a Democrat, "It is time for change," it is time for transparency, it is time for a new board and a new superintendent.

Ken Harris
Westland

Obama has it wrong

I've just returned from Europe. Imagine my shock when a sales lady in a gift shop in Portugal said, "We are praying that Obama does not get to be your president." The *Michigan Catholic* stated that Bethlehem doesn't trust Obama.

So how can Americans be so blind as to want this inexperienced man for president who can't even get a radio ad straight? This ad keeps saying that the McCain-Palin platform is against all stem cell research. What a falsehood! What a lie! John McCain and Sarah Palin are against embryonic stem cell research which has proved to be the real bridge to nowhere as it has not produced a single cure, while adult stem cells already have proved over 70 cures.

Obama approves this message which has stated that this is a political issue. Not so! Embryonic stem cell research is a moral issue.

If Obama can't get a simple radio ad straight, how will he ever be able to decipher a memo to the president's desk? John McCain's wisdom and military experience are what is necessary to lead our country. Obama claims to be for family values. There are no family values when it comes to abortion. Obama keeps preaching "hope and change." I hope the only change will be to display the Ten Commandments on every court house wall, prayer to be reinstated in every school, and the reversal of Roe vs. Wade. If we can't

have these changes, then America has no hope.

Dolores Kapanke
Garden City

Caught in a lie

Unfortunately, Democratic candidate Joe Larkin for Michigan's 11th Congressional District is resorting to lying about Representative McCotter's record. Perhaps Mr. Larkin is trying to generate some news for himself, but having the *Detroit News* (<http://info.detroitnews.com/redesign/blogs/dcblog/index.cfm>) point to your lie is hardly an auspicious way for Larkin to introduce himself to the public.

It is not as though Mr. Larkin shaded the truth, or put a different spin on a debatable political idea. No, Mr. Larkin, deliberately tried to scare and mislead senior citizens who are receiving absentee voter ballots in their mail boxes this week. It's shameful.

Please consider making a contribution to the McCotter campaign as we are sure the unfounded attacks will continue.

Please bear in mind that Mr. Larkin cannot hide behind the notion that he was unable to find Thaddeus McCotter's real position on social security. A Yahoo or Google search will uncover numerous articles making Thaddeus McCotter's position crystal clear. Mr. Larkin is a personal injury attorney and sues police officers as part of his law practice. It requires a tremendous amount of research ability to win jury awards from municipalities (taxpayers). If Mr. Larkin has the research skills to win lawsuits against law enforcement, then he has the research skills to get the record right. It appears Mr. Larkin chose to lie instead.

Please help us inform your friends and neighbors. Do not let Democrats get away with lying!

Thank you for your support, it is only through your efforts that we can return Representative McCotter to Congress where he can continue to work for you.

Chris Gravell
McCotter campaign manager

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"To hold the students hostage by striking until union demands are met is wrong and only hurts the students just one week before they take the MEAP."
- Senate Majority Leader Michael D. Bishop, R-Rochester, reacting to a four-day strike by teachers in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2712.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Railroadiana
Ss. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer Road, one mile west of Merriman Road. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show.

Free Movie
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, in cooperation with AMC Theaters of Livonia, will host a free movie screening of Clint Eastwood's film, "Flags of Our Fathers" at 3 p.m. Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Haggerty, north of Seven Mile. Concessions will also be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theaters of Livonia. The event is being held to honor the service of America's military veterans. Tickets are limited and required for admission. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by e-mail SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306.

Travel show
Party Animal Travel is holding a free travel show for residents in Wayne and Oakland counties 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City. Discount travel deals, free travel coupons and some of the area's top travel suppliers will be present. Coupons and raffles will be available for all attendees. To reserve a spot, call (734) 525-9777. Space is limited to the first 300 callers.

Halloween haunting
Come, if you dare, to "A Victorian Haunting Experience" at Wyandotte's Ford MacNichol Home/Wyandotte Museum at 2610 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 25-26. Experience a Halloween Party with a Victorian feel at, hear local ghost stories and learn ghost hunting how to's. There also will be a paranormal investigation and a séance at the event 6-10 p.m. Oct. 25, and 4-8 p.m. Oct. 26. Afterwards, Psychic Medium Kristy Robinett and Paranormal



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The royal couple

Danielle Voetberg of White Lake was crowned queen and Brad LaRose of Canton king at Lutheran High School Westland's recent Homecoming. Voetberg, the daughter of Deborah Voetberg, has participated in volleyball her freshman year, soccer all four years and cross country since her sophomore year. She also is a member of the National Honor Society. LaRose, the son of Jeff and Robbie LaRose, has been active in soccer, wrestling, and track all four years at Lutheran High. He has also been very active in student council, serving as a class officer or representative all four years. This year, he is a member of the yearbook staff.

Investigator Amy Williamson, the hosts, will take guest to a local cemetery for "Tombstone Tales." "A Victorian Haunting Experience" tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets for "Tombstone Tales" are \$10 extra and donations will be given to the Cemetery Association. Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available online at www.kristyrobinett.com.

Free workshops
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Find Your Path to Health and Wellness" 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Start your journey to health and wellness, as this class guides you through the holistic wellness choices available. Say goodbye to headaches, back pain, stomach problems even hormones and weight issues. There are alternatives to medications; this workshop will teach about natural means of improving health naturally. There is no charge for the workshop, however, seating is limited to the first 15 guests. Reservations are required. Call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

TLCHolisticWellness.com.
■ Dr. William H. Karl, a certified Brimhall wellness doctor and a nutritional expert, will talk about lifestyle choices that will help you lose toxic fat and your excess weight 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 25000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington. Karl will explain why it is important to have fats in your diet, how hormones and stress influence your weight, and why. The workshop is co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit organization serving the community since 1985 promoting natural and preventative healthcare. Seating is limited. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information and to reserve a seat or register online at www.KarlWellnessCenter.com.

Charity casino opens
If you are looking for a place to show your skills at Texas Hold 'Em, the hottest game in town, the Canton Charity Casino, Western Wayne County's only charity poker room is coming to the Shark Club in Ford in Canton every Thursday through Sunday. The Canton Charity Casino offers nightly tournaments as well as continuous

cash games and a venue for players of all skill levels. Custom tables and equipment, trained dealers, and a professional staff all lend itself to the gaming experience. Non-profit, charitable organizations are licensed by the State of Michigan to sponsor each weekend, allowing them to raise funds for their special causes. The hours are 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday (tournament at 8 p.m.) and 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday (tournament at 5 p.m.) The Shark Club is at 42070 Ford, just west of Haggerty in Canton. Non-profit groups interested in sponsoring a fund-raising weekend can call (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to scpokertb@gmail.com.

Class reunion
Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983 and 1984 will hold a reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriman north of Warren Road, Westland. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and open bar (casual attire). Advanced tickets only must be purchased by

Sept. 30. Contact one of the following committee members for additional information: '83- Lori Westerholm at (734) 834-6796, '83- Mary McCollough (Potvin) at (734) 658-1014, '83- Mary Ann Brefka (Stempien) at (734) 729-6783, '83- Mark Tyl at (313) 587-0092, '83- Lori Hagedorn (Schuler) at (313) 730-1303 or '84- Renee Liske (Scott) at (734) 425-7826.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

CRAFT SHOWS
Garden City Knights of Columbus
Crafters are needed for the Garden City Knights of Columbus second annual craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22, at the hall, 30759 Ford, Garden City. For more information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373 or Vicki at (313) 538-0204.

St. Sebastian
Crafters are needed for St. Anne Altar Society's Fall Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20710 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charmaine at (313) 278-1266. St. Sebastian Catholic School needs vendor for its craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the school, 20700 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Michelle at (313) 586-1133 or (313) 563-6640.

FOR YOUR HEALTH
Advocacy group
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St

John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Counterpoint
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove
A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

EDUCATION
St. Raphael
St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is now accepting open enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year for preschool through eighth-grade. Programs include 3-4-year-old preschool, technology updates and a host of extra-curricular activities. Computer labs, new classroom technology, Japanese class, and chess club are some of the school's newest additions. The school has a strong academic program and also offers religious class, weekly Mass and sacramental preparation including Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Latchkey and bussing is available, and all faiths are welcome. For registration information or to learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School, contact the school office at (734) 425-9771 or visit the Web site at www.straphael-qc.org.

St. Damian
St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

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High voltage

Chargers zap Canton in key KLAA South match

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not how you start, it's how you finish. That was the scenario which played out Tuesday night between the two main contenders for the South Division girls volleyball title in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Host Livonia Churchill got down quickly 1-0 to Canton, falling 25-15, before storming back impressively 25-13, 25-11, 25-20 for a victory over the Chiefs.

Churchill, 31-3 overall and ranked No. 4 in the Division 1 state rankings, now is in the driver's seat holding a two-game lead at 7-0 in the KLAA South with three matches remaining.

"What happens now is that we need to finish up the division and hopefully represent the South side for the conference championship and make a good showing," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said.

Jordan Kieilty, a 5-foot-10 junior outside hitter, recorded six of her team-high 12 kills in the opening game to lead the Chiefs, but was held to two over the final two games.

Churchill, meanwhile, rode the superb hitting of 5-foot-10 senior outside hitter Kristen Nalecz, who finished with a game-high 21 kills, including a series of dinks over the Canton block.

"Kristen really swung well and was able to hit alternate shots that kept them (Canton) off-balance," Grenier said.

Cierra Yetts added 10 kills, while Sarah Suppelsa contributed six for the Chargers. Setters Cory Urbats and Kristy DeClercq

combined for 28 assist-to-kills and 14 digs, while senior libero Lindsey Graciak had a team-high 17 digs.

Taylor Kerr (13 digs) and Katie Matz (11 assists, six digs) also did their fair share.

"The first game we imploded, maybe because of nerves, the excitement, the build-up," Grenier said. "We made unforced errors after unforced errors, but our girls work hard and they showed some mental toughness and were able to persevere during their run."

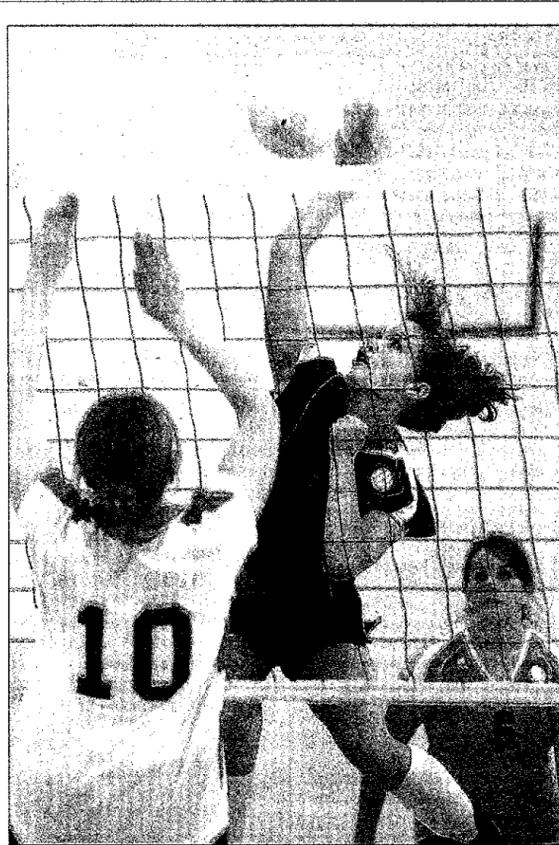
Canton, which lost to Churchill for the second time this season, falls to 25-5 overall and 5-2 in the division.

The Chiefs had two players go down in the final game, including Kieilty for a short spell after taking an inadvertent elbow to the face. Senior setter Kacy Moran (21 assists) also left late in the match with a knee injury after diving to save a ball on the back line.

"Our passing was horrible and our communication was horrible. It was all passing and when you don't pass and serve-serve, anything else really doesn't matter," Canton coach Jen Barnes said. "In Game 1, they made all the errors and we didn't have to work to earn points. Offensively we did not do the job, either. We need way more kills out of our big hitters because those outside high balls won't work against Churchill. We made poor decisions on the court and we couldn't mix much because you've got to have good passes."

Canton's 5-7 freshman outside-hitter Kristen Muir wound up with nine kills and 11 digs (along with Kieilty), while senior defensive specialist Shelby Anthony had 10 digs.

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Soaring Hawks

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's Leah Miller goes for the kill in Tuesday's match against Ypsilanti Calvary Christian as teammate Ann Schaffer (back) looks on. The Hawks won the match to improve to 6-1 in conference action. See story on B3.

Sidelines

Moccia sisters star

Sisters Amanda and Ashley Moccia, both Livonia Stevenson High grads, played prominent roles as Western Michigan University captured six -of-seven singles championships and two-of-three doubles during last week's 2008 Fall Mid-American Conference Invitational held at Sorenson Courts.

Amanda Moccia, a sophomore, captured the No. 2 singles flight with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-1 victory over Buffalo's Smaranda Stan.

Amanda Moccia also teamed up with Rachel Denny to win the No. 3 doubles flight with an 8-2 victory over Libby Harrison and Stafanie Menoff of Bowling Green.

Senior Ashley Moccia, who recently surpassed the 100-win career mark at WMU, captured the No. 4 singles flight with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph over Katia Babina of Bowling Green.

She also teamed up with Emily Dudzik to give WMU the No. 2 doubles crown with an 8-1 victory over Adron's Jeremie Benjamin and Lindsey Berry.

College harriers 1-2

Livonia Churchill High grads and teammates Megan Macerati (Grand Valley State) and Kylan Cieslak (Northwood University) finished one-two in the Michigan Intercollegiate women's cross country championships held Saturday at Kensington Metropark.

Macerati won the 5-kilometer race in 18 minutes, 33 seconds, while Cieslak was runner-up in 18:39.

Grand Valley also won the team title with 22 points helped by a 10th-place finish by Kelly Gibbons (Livonia Stevenson), who was clocked in 19:10.

On the men's side, Grand Valley took the team title with 30 points.

Hillsdale's Timothy Howse (Churchill) was 33rd in the 8K run in 26:55.

Legel team 1st

Livonian Robert Legel, along with son Jeff, and 13-year-old grandson Justin, teamed up partner Al Flamme to capture the Oktoberfest golf scramble held Sunday at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth.

Midland-bound: netters qualify

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill boys tennis season has been extended another week.

The Chargers are bound for the Division 1 state championships this weekend at Midland after tying Dearborn Fordson for the regional title last Friday hosted by Brownstown-Woodhaven.

The Chargers and Fordson each scored 19 points to share the crown, while Dearborn also qualified with 18 points.

Churchill last made a trip to state finals at the Midland Community Tennis Center in the spring of 2006.

"More than anything, it's a thrill for the guys. It's nice for the program and the school to go two of the last three years," said Churchill coach Dave Farmer, who earned

Please see **TENNIS, B4**

Gridders avoid politico venom

I don't know about you, but once Nov. 5 rolls around, I'm sure going to miss those campaign sign-cluttered intersections, the negativity-coated debates, the venom-filled TV commercials and the dinner-interrupting political solicitation calls. Isn't election season refreshing? **NO!!!!**

I can't even begin to tell you how often I remind myself how lucky I am that I'm covering the road to the high school football playoffs these days and not the campaign trail.

Can you imagine how horrific things would be if even an ounce of politics seeped into high school football?

"Vote for me, and I guarantee you I will lower your team's passing yards allowed per game by 10 percent!" coaches would promise.

Commercial after commercial with defensive coordinator voiceovers would rip on opposing teams' 4-3 schemes and how their middle linebacker couldn't cover Oprah coming



Ed Wright

Grid Picks

The coordinator's mugshot would then appear on the screen with his voice stating, "I'm Bobby Joe Blitz, and I approve of this game plan." The other day while napping, I had a disturbing nightmare in which two high school football coaches were locked in a mean-spirited debate about the spread vs. the power-I offenses. One looked frighteningly like Sarah Palin, but with a mustache.

Thankfully, not too long into the nightmare, I was startled awake by the ringing of the telephone.

Unfortunately, it was — you guessed it — a politician asking for my vote.

I don't need an exit poll to tell me that my once-dominating lead is shrinking faster than the value of Jon

Kitna's rookie card.

Following a sub-par 8-3 showing last week, I stand at 61-18, just five games ahead of Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith (56-23) after he registered a 9-2 mark in Week 7. Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons is also in the hunt at 55-24.

Here are this week's games.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (all 7 p.m. unless noted)

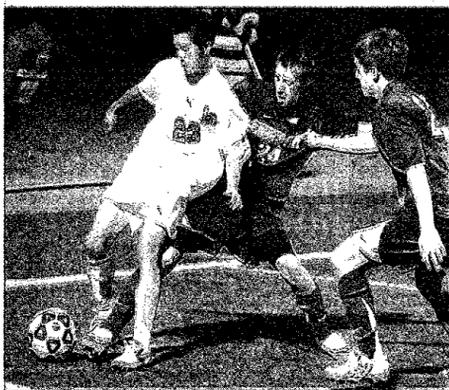
CANTON (6-1, 4-1) at NOVI (6-1, 5-0):

This KLAA crossover battle between division champions — Canton won the South, Novi the Central — should be won by whichever team's defense steps up. The Chiefs have been torched for 35 and 43 points the past two weeks, but it's a safe bet to say that the Wildcats 'D' hasn't faced an offense as powerful as Canton's. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton).

RED COVENANT (3-4, 2-3) AT OAKLAND

CHRISTIAN (1-4): Auburn Hills Oakland Christian has been outscored 237-48, which could translate into a landslide vic-

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Matt Regan (left) attempts to keep possession against Garden City's Steven Woolweaver near the Cougars' goal in Monday's Division 1 district tourney opener.

Churchill rolls in district play, 6-0

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill gave Garden City senior goalkeeper Greg Shrader a rude awakening Monday night in the Division 1 boys soccer district quarterfinal hosted by the Chargers.

Churchill (14-3-1) required just 32 seconds for senior midfielder Matt Regan to field a long throw-in from junior defender Adam Bedell and put a shot past Shrader, who Friday night had blanked visiting Wayne Memorial, 2-0, for his 10th shutout of the season.

With 37:31 remaining in the half, the Chargers went up 2-0 thanks to a 20-yard blast inside the left post by junior forward Max Washko.

Churchill built a 4-0 halftime lead by the half's midway point, with goals by senior midfielder Etienne Lussiez and Bedell on a penalty kick, and went on to claim a 6-0 win.

But the Chargers found out just how tough Shrader played during the Mega Conference schedule.

"He gave up two goals in the first couple minutes by not coming off the line," Churchill coach Reid

Friedrichs. "And then he played great. To me, that's character right there. He changed the way he played, (by) coming out, catching crosses, stopping breakaways."

Shrader's spectacular goal-keeping came far too late for the Cougars (10-5-4), who mustered only a couple of shots all night against Churchill goalies Adrian Motta and Christian Adams (who played the final 23:30).

"Yes, it (final score) could have been a lot worse," dejected Garden City coach Bill Torni said, praising

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Lutheran N'west wins Metro, secures 'Rusty'

BY DAN STICKRADT
O&E STAFF WRITER

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The season of dreams for Rochester Hills, Lutheran Northwest continued Friday night - and it also included some first-time championship hardware.

The state-ranked Crusaders clinched at least a tie for its first-ever Metro Conference football championship, downing visiting Lutheran High Westland, 33-0, in front of an overflow homecoming crowd.

Northwest (7-0, 5-0), off to its best record ever, can clinch the title outright with a home win next Friday

against Harper Woods.

"We've gone from 1-8 a few years ago to being 7-0," Northwest coach Don Justice said. "It all goes down to the hard work these guys are putting in. Over the years, we've talked about just getting that sixth win and making the playoffs. There was never a talk of winning a conference or hosting a playoff game. Now, we have at least a share of the conference and if we keep winning, we'll be able to host in the first round. That's unbelievable."

The Crusaders also captured "Rusty," a three-foot-tall, tin-knight trophy in its annual battle with the Warriors (2-5, 2-4).

Northwest cashed in on two Lutheran Westland turnovers and quickly turned that into a 12-0 first-quarter advantage. That quickly took the wind out of the Warriors' sails.

"This game is simple," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said. "You win the game up front and that's what (Northwest) did. They're very good. Plus, for what I've seen, they have the best athlete in the league (in Matt Rolf). They do what they do

and they do it well. That's why they're winning the league."

Northwest's Jorrell Jones returned an interception 56 yards to open the floodgates and Matt Rolf scored on a 6-yard quarterback keeper for the early 12-0 lead. On the Crusaders' next possession, Rolf ran up the middle 55 yards for another score with 8:02 still left in the first half.

Rolf connected with Kyle Kovack with a 7-yard fade pass, followed by Rolf conversion run, for a 26-0 lead. The same duo hooked up again late in the second quarter for another 10-yard TD strike. Nick Miscovich's

extra point capped the scoring. Rolf, who sat the second half, finished with 116 rushing yards on 11 carries and was 5-of-7 passing for 79 yards.

Warriors quarterback Ethan Haller was picked off four times in the game. He finished with 107 rushing yards on 30 carries. Eric Shoats had five catches for 34 yards for the Warriors.

"We still have only three seniors and we're learning," said Guse. "We did some decent things and then - boom. They have the interception for the touchdown. We fell into a hole really early on against them."

Stevenson overcomes Berkley, 3-0

Livonia Stevenson, ranked No. 2 in Division 1 and Kensington Lakes Activities Association champions, needed three goals in the final 18 minutes Monday night to be visiting Berkley, 3-0, in a district tournament boys soccer opener.

Brian Klemczak's goal in the 63rd minute proved to be the game-winner as the Spartans improved to 15-1-3 overall.

David Simor and Michael Nickerson also tallied late goals for the Spartans, while Nate Sergison, Nick Anagnostou and Klemczak drew assists.

Conner Burton was the winning goalkeeper.

"This is a reminder of what playoff sports and single-elimination are all about," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Berkley had a good game plan and worked hard. They had a lot of numbers behind them and we just did not play well the first half."

Berkley ends its season at 9-9-1 overall, while Stevenson faced Birmingham Groves in Wednesday's semifinal.

JOHN GLENN 6, FRANKLIN 3: Khalid Suleiman's four goals propelled Westland John Glenn (9-9-1) to a Division 1 district tourney win Monday over host Livonia Franklin (2-15-2).

Franklin struck first on Chad Dorton's unassisted goal at the 10-minute mark, but Glenn answered with three Suleiman goals, two assisted by Nelson Kenne and the other by Jacob Gates to take a 3-1 halftime lead. Travis Matthey's unassisted

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goal cut the deficit to 3-2 early in the second half, but Glenn responded with three straight goals - Tomasz Krasnowski on a header off a corner kick from Gates; Suleiman from Kenne; and Logan Chaston from Suleiman.

Dorton then notched his second of the night for the Patriots in the final minute.

"I thought we started out playing well, but as soon as Khalid (Suleiman) put his foot on the ball, he knew where the goal was," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The second half we didn't mark as tight and they beat us on the run."

Franklin goalkeeper Josh Sheppard made 12 saves, while Zach Redden stood out in net for the Rockets.

"Franklin came out strong both halves and played wide-open," said Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada, whose team faced Livonia Churchill (14-3-1) in Wednesday's district semifinal at Canton.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: Three players scored two goals each Monday for the host Chiefs (13-5-3), who rolled into Wednesday's Division 1 District semifinal round by smothering Wayne Memorial (1-17-1).

The Chiefs led 6-0 at the half and the match was called due to the MHSAA's eight-goal mercy rule when Jonathan Allen's scored his second of the night with 28:42 left on the second-half clock.

Freshman Mitch Posuniak and Joey Krizanek each scored a pair of goals, while Scott Zech and Josh Hurst added one each for Canton.

Kyle Breitmeyer (two), Sherif Hassanien, Collan Baker, Krizanek and Zech registered assists for the winners.

Remaining Mega schools meet to discuss new league

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eight schools from the northwest portion of the sputtering Mega Conference moved closer Thursday to forming a spin-off league.

In addition to meeting host Redford Union, representatives from Redford Thurston, Garden City, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Dearborn Fordson attended the session. A ninth school, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, was invited but did not attend.

According to RU athletic director Brett Steele, there seemed to be a "pretty firm commitment" to go ahead with the venture. School board approval is required to change from the Mega, which already is losing 12 schools for 2009-10.

"Today we had a pretty good meeting," Steele said. "We

had a good level of commitment out of the schools that were there to move forward. We hope to have something finalized for the next Mega AD meeting (slated for Oct. 21)."

Steele said the proposed league is on a fast track, largely because 2009 football schedules will need to be finalized by November.

"There was a lot of hope that this is an arrangement that could work," said Thurston's Al Chambo, athletic director of the South Redford district. "We're not finalizing anything at this particular point. We know that there's a real tight time constraint with, essentially, the posting of (football) schedules for next year. That's the biggest concern and that's what's driving us in terms of time."

Another major factor in looking to form a league is the high cost of transportation to and from athletic events, Steele said. The average dis-

tance from RU - the northernmost school in the proposed circuit - is only eight miles; teams from the school now must travel as far as 90 miles roundtrip to visit schools such as Gibraltar Carlson.

"In this day and age, school districts are really looking at the transportation piece," Steele explained. "That's huge, and a big reason school districts are interested in this."

The league would attempt to include those varsity and junior varsity sports currently offered as Mega members.

"We're trying to determine what sports we're going to require each league member to offer," Steele said. "Obviously, there's a number of core sports we all agreed upon."

CHANGE IS COMING

Even if the league does not materialize, schools such as RU, Thurston and Garden City need to figure out what to do for next year and beyond

because the Mega will not be what it is today.

"That's an absolute definite," said Chambo about the breakup of the Mega. "There were 10 Downriver schools that have formed their league, Monroe has left for the SEC and Ypsilanti has left as well."

"Those 12 schools are gone, leaving the 16 remaining Mega schools and from that we're trying to find out what's, in our case, in the best interest of South Redford and Thurston athletes."

Nothing is etched in stone about the roster of schools for 2009-10 or beyond, either.

One of the schools at Thursday's meeting, Dearborn, might not be part of the group at all. It was invited to make a pitch for inclusion in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association along with two other schools. The KLAA is looking to fill one vacancy.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 17
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Det. Univ.-Prep at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 16

Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 6:30 p.m.

Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
W.L. Central Invitational, 8 a.m.
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DIVISION 1

SALEM (Host)

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, noon at Canton. (Winner advances to the Sallie regional semifinals vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford district champion.)

NORTH FARMINGTON (Host)
Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Berkley vs. L'Anse Creuse North district champion.)

DIVISION 4

ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST (Host)
Thursday, Oct. 16: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Jackson Christian vs. Ann Arbor Greenhills district champion.)

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Friday, Oct. 17
Metro Conf. Meet at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Catholic League Championships at Stony Creek Metropark, 9 a.m.
KLA-Kensington Conference Meet at Kensington Metropark, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Oct. 16

Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
F.H. Mercy at Stevenson, noon.

GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18

Division I at MSU's Forest Akers, 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Oct. 17
(Lindenwood, Mo. Univ. Tournament)
Madonna vs. Ill.-Springfield, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
(Lindenwood, Mo. Univ. Tournament)
Madonna vs. Columbia College (Mo.), 11 a.m.

Madonna vs. McKendree (Ill.), 3 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 15

Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m.
Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16
Owens CC (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Madonna vs. Davenport at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 17

(Polk CC, Fla. Invitational)
Schoolcraft vs. Polk CC, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
(Polk CC, Fla. Invitational)
Schoolcraft vs. Darton (Ga.), 11 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Madonna vs. Davenport at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
TBA - time to be announced.

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Huron Valley earns MIAC victory

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the Class D state volleyball districts drawing closer, Huron Valley Lutheran coach Mike Dest is starting to find out more about his Hawks.

"We're trying to prepare for our districts," said Dest, following the victory. "And so we brought up a sophomore (middle hitter Paige Sharrow) we're trying to get in in the middle. We're working on some things, changing the rotation."

On Tuesday, Dest saw some inconsistency in virtually every area.

But he also liked how several players - including Sharrow - came through when needed, helping the Hawks finish off Ypsilanti Calvary Christian after stumbling in a Game 2 defeat.

Lutheran Westland earned

a 3-1 Michigan Independent Athletic Association triumph, 25-13, 25-20, 25-13, 26-24 to move to 9-6-2 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

"I thought we did a good job tonight," Dest said. "But we didn't serve consistently enough. We have to focus more on our serves."

One player he didn't have any problems with in that regard was junior Crystina Gutierrez, who tallied four aces in the match-tying Game 3 win with too-hot-to-handle serves. She stepped up to the line and reeled off six points to turn a close game Huron Valley's way.

"She always serves well for us," Dest said. "She's one of our more consistent, tough servers."

In the clincher, senior setter Kayla Stockdale (31 assists) finally put the Hawks ahead with a three-point service run that was punctuated by senior outside

hitter Samantha Barber's timely spike. That put the Hawks up 16-14 and they never trailed after that.

Huron Valley's in-flux lineup also featured solid matches from Barber (12 kills), sophomore middle hitter Lea Miller (13 kills), senior outside hitter Staci Hatzung (5 kills) and junior Devon Linderman (3 digs).

Dest also said junior Kelly Kubinski was "hitting the ball extremely well."

For the Cougars (4-10), Andi Hay collected 11 assists.

On Saturday, the Hawks went 0-6 at the Whitmore Lake-hosted tournament, but Dest was satisfied that it was a good way to enable youngsters up from the junior varsity to gain some experience.

He listed sophomore Katie Nell and freshmen Megan Kubinski and Allie Dest as making strides thanks to the playing time.

Kroll leads Churchill girls to division title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sara Kroll's set a Wayne Memorial course record in 19 minutes-flat Tuesday to lead Livonia Churchill to the outright South Division girls cross country title in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The junior was one of five Chargers to finish in the top 11 for the 5,000-meter race as they edged Plymouth, 33-38, for the team crown.

Rounding out the six-school field was Livonia Franklin (80), Canton (95), Westland John Glenn (161) and host Wayne (no team score).

Other Churchill finishers included Alyssa Mira, fourth (20:10); Emily Clairmont, seventh (20:31); Bethany Pilat, 10th (21:03); and Jenna Szuba,

11th (21:14).

"It was a very tough course, but the girls embraced the challenge," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "Sara took a commanding lead and took charge of the race as she's done all season. We're looking forward now to Saturday."

Both the KLAAs-South and KLAAs-Central teams will converge Saturday on Kensington Metropark for the Kensington Conference meet. The first race starts at 3 p.m.

In the KLAAs-South Division boys race, Canton edged rival Plymouth for the team title, 28-35, followed by Franklin (82), Churchill (95), John Glenn (141) and Wayne (no team score).

Elmar Engholm of Plymouth was the individual winner in 16:49.

Calka rules KLAAs-Central

Livonia Stevenson senior Courtney Calka turned in an impressive clocking of 18:09 to cruise to the individual girls title at the KLAAs-Central Division meet held at Cass Benton Park.

Novi captured the team championship with 33 points followed by Northville (64), Salem (58), Stevenson (65), South Lyon (153) and South Lyon East (161).

Novi's Mike Blaszczyk ran 16:15 to gain the individual title as the Wildcats scored team-best 31 points followed by Northville (49), South Lyon (71), Salem (87), Stevenson (124) and South Lyon East (187).

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Rookie setter shines in Glenn win

Freshman setter Sarah Headrick, a recent call-up from the JV squad, served seven aces in her debut as Westland John Glenn made quick work Tuesday night of rival Wayne Memorial, rolling to a 25-10, 25-10, 25-6 girls volleyball triumph.

Glenn is now 15-9-5 overall and 4-3 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, while Wayne falls to 7-16 and 1-6.

"This was her first full match at varsity and she moved the ball along the net with confidence," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said of Headrick. "Brooke Zywick moved back to defense and our back row play looks tighter. We were able to establish our middle attack

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with Brittany Holbrook (eight kills, three blocks) and Halie Baker (six aces), so things opened up on the outside for our hitters."

Halie Robinson added five kills, while digs leaders for the host Rockets included Mercedes Robinson (11), Stacey Truskowski (10), Holbrook (nine) and Brittany Robinson (eight).

Bianca Hayes had four assist-to-kills, while Catie Badrak finished with two kills and four digs for the Zebras, who struggled with their serving and blocking, while slipping to 6-23-2 overall and 0-7 in the KLAAs-South.

Plymouth bests Patriots

Setter Katie Salo had 20 assist-to-kills and five ace serves Tuesday to propel Plymouth to a 25-12, 25-10, 25-18 KLAAs-South victory at Livonia Franklin.

Lauren Scott (13), Brian Beyer (12) and Meg Quinlan (12) paced the victorious Wildcats, who improved to 14-10-4 overall and 4-3 in the division. Dani Risi added nine kills and four aces, while Katie Binger and Meg Quinlan contributed six and five kills, respectively.

Franklin (7-16, 1-6) was led by sophomore Chelsea Williams, who had five kills. Amanda Borioe added four kills and four aces, while libero Nicole Williamson had 16 digs.

Churchill girls post 6-0 record in tournament

The Livonia Churchill girls volleyball squad carried the mantle in Saturday's KLAAs-Mega Challenge hosted by Northville.

The state-ranked Chargers, members of the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, swept all six Michigan Mega Conference opponents to improve to 30-3 overall.

Victories came against Dearborn Fordson (25-4, 25-3), Belleville (25-14, 25-19), Garden City (25-22, 25-21), Trenton (25-6, 25-11), Dearborn (25-21, 25-6) and Monroe (25-12, 25-23).

Senior libero Lindsey Graciak finished with 60 digs and 10 ace serves on the day for Churchill.

Kristen Nalez contributed 41 total kills and four blocks, while Cierra Yetts finished with 27 kills.

Jessica Stroud and Sarah Suppelsa also combined for 40 kills and eight blocks, while setters Kristy DeClercq and Cory Urbats dished out a total

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of 85 assists and served 16 aces. Stevenson finishes 4-2

Livonia Stevenson captured four-of-six matches in Saturday's KLAAs-Mega Challenge as Brooke Knochel (32 kills, eight blocks) and Meg Iafate (31 kills, 12 blocks) paced the Spartans.

Stevenson, now 12-17 overall, posted wins over Monroe (25-17, 25-23), Dearborn (25-21, 24-26, 15-13), Dearborn Fordson (25-21, 25-9) and Trenton (25-22, 25-23), while losing to Garden City (25-22, 24-26, 10-15) and Belleville (19-25, 17-25).

Other standouts on the day for the Spartans included Katie Vellucci (20 assists), Claire LeBlanc (15 assists), Christine Armstrong (91 digs), Shelby Wilson (53 digs, 13 aces) and Reina Iyl (15 kills).

On Thursday, the Spartans lost to KLAAs-Central Division leader South Lyon in three

straight, 18-25, 12-25, 20-25.

Armstrong and Wilson finished with 26 and 19 assists, respectively. Vellucci and LeBlanc combined for 21 assists, while Knochel and Iafate had seven and six kills, respectively as the Spartans fell to 2-4 in the division.

Patriots 1-2 at Madonna

In Saturday's Madonna University Tournament hosted by Plymouth, Livonia Franklin dropped two-of-three matches and failed to get out of pool play.

Dexter downed the Patriots in the opener, 25-12, 25-12. Franklin then defeated Livonia Clarencville, 24-26, 25-21, 15-13, before being ousted by Birmingham Seaholm, 25-13, 25-16.

Chelsea Williams led Franklin, 7-15 overall, with 16 total kills on the day, while Ashly Butkowski and Amanda Borioe each added 10. Borioe also served five aces, while Sam Culp and Nicole Williamson paced the defense with 18 and 12 digs, respectively.

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week in our two big conference games."

The Warriors, 28-5-4 overall, defeated Romulus (25-20, 25-9), Wayne Memorial (25-10, 25-13) and Allen Park Cabrini (25-15, 25-12) in pool play and then split with Milford (25-23, 20-25).

Spearheading the Warriors' effort was 6-foot-2 middle hitter Becca Refenes, who collected 77 kills, 12 blocks, 58 digs and nine aces for the day. Katey Ramthun added 28 kills, 46 digs and nine aces.

Other key performers included Allyson Yankee (23 kills, seven blocks), Rachel Storck (22 kills, five blocks), Lauren Gieschen (96 assists, 11 aces) and Abi Gieschen (54 digs, four aces).

Kingswood clips Trojans

Unable to get into a groove Tuesday night, Livonia Clarencville suffered a 3-1 setback to Metro Conference opponent Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

The host Trojans fell 25-13 and 25-11 in the opening two games but did win 25-11 in Game 3. But any comeback was short-lived, as the Cranes clinched the match with a 25-13 victory in Game 4.

"We didn't play as a team tonight," lamented Clarencville coach Wendy Merschman, whose Trojans fall to 7-14-2 overall. "We struggled on serve-receive and defensively."

Registering four kills each for the Trojans were senior Marlene Azar, junior Kat Hall and senior Lisa Wilson. Senior Laisha Patterson contributed three solo blocks.

Warriors 'stand tall' at MU invite

Lutheran High Westland, the lone Class D school at Saturday's Madonna Invitational, had an impressive showing, finishing fifth out of 27 teams, in a girls volleyball tournament hosted by Plymouth High.

Warriors' coach Kevin Wade touted his team's overall effort as it went 3-0-1 in pool play before defeating Class A Lake Orion, 25-17, 22-25, 15-11.

State-ranked Lutheran Westland's day concluded with a 20-25, 25-20, 12-15 loss to another Class A school, Milford.

"Despite being a long day, it was a good day for Warrior volleyball," Wade said. "We competed well against some very good schools and more than held our own. Hopefully we can use that success as momentum this



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KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION SOUTH DIVISION RESULTS
Oct. 14 at Cass Benton Park

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 28 points; 2. Plymouth, 35; 3. Franklin, 82; 4. Churchill, 95; 5. John Glenn, 141; 6. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual winner: Elmar Engholm (Plymouth), 16:49 (5,000 meters).

Franklin finishers: 12. Austin Jones, 17:43; 16. Paul Hanni, 17:59; 17. Peter Walblay, 18:03; 18. Nick Gherarkin, 18:13; 19. Dylan Taylor, 18:14; 23. Bobby Wilson, 18:41; 25. Alex Curry, 18:42.

Churchill finishers: 6. Mark Waterbury, 17:25; 20. Tom Windle, 18:17; 21. Quinn Osgood, 18:19; 22. Steve Zoski, 18:35; 26. Michael Schmidt, 18:50; 29. Mark Freyberg, 19:18; 30. Cody Rossler, 19:22.

John Glenn finishers: 15. Tim Boes, 17:49; 24. Jeff Adkins, 18:41; 32. Ruben Maya, 20:42; 34. Ryan Vichinsky, 21:05; 36. Steve Shak, 25:10.

Wayne finishers: 31. Darryl Ison, 20:13; 33. Tyler Gendron, 20:52; 35. Brandon Tykoski, 23:05; 37. Darnell Givhan, 28:45.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 33; 2. Plymouth, 38; 3. Franklin, 80; 4. Canton, 95; 5. John Glenn, 161; 6. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 19:00 (new course record).

Churchill finishers: 1. Sara Kroll, 19:00; 4. Alyssa Mira, 20:10; 7. Emily Clairmont, 20:31; 10. Bethany Pilat, 21:03; 11. Jenna Szuba, 21:14; 13. Kayla Szabo, 21:17; 17. Katie Rash, 21:42.

Franklin finishers: 9. Tiffany Lambie, 20:51; 12. Brittany Dilley, 21:16; 15. Kelly Walblay, 21:33; 18. Brittany Rouse, 21:43; 26. Megan Wickens, 22:19; 27. Meghan Lark, 23:12; 31. Tiffany VanOrden, 24:20.

John Glenn finishers: 28. Ashley Bailey, 23:28; 30. Evi Cenolli, 23:52; 32. Jaimie Medel, 24:21; 35. Michelle Levy, 27:26; 36. Molly Robinett, 28:48; 37. Audra Flores, 28:52.

Wayne finishers: 29. Holland Boertje, 23:43; 33. Jennifer McCaffrey, 24:21; 34. Chelsea Gilbert, 25:24.

CENTRAL DIVISION RESULTS

Oct. 14 at Wayne Memorial

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 33; 2. Northville, 54; 3. Salem, 58; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 65; 5. South Lyon, 153; 6. South Lyon East, 161.

Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 18:09 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 4. Victoria Tripp, 19:56; 8. Jaclyn Moore, 20:22; 9. Kelly Kerwin, 20:32; 17. Kelly Determan, 20:55; 20. Linda Ling, 21:07; 21. Kara

Booms, 21:46; 36. Jessica Rocheleau, 23:19.

Other Stevenson finishers: 11. Victoria Saferian, 20:37; 16. Karli Kuchka, 20:53; 18. Tasi Newton, 20:56; 21. Michelle Krawczyk, 21:09; 33. Kelsey O'Keefe, 23:03.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 31; 2. Northville, 49; 3. South Lyon, 71; 4. Salem, 87; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 124; 6. South Lyon East, 187.

Individual winner: Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 16:15 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 7. Mike Charara, 17:06; 11. Matt Sevey, 17:18; 18. Jason Smith, 17:37; 21. Alex Lang, 17:45; 39. Zach Maves, 18:21; 33. Jimmy Daniels, 18:27; 39. Matt Krupansky, 19:13.

Stevenson finishers: 22. Joe Urso, 17:45; 25. Shawn Howe, 17:55; 26. John Lynch, 18:04; 27. Eric Plisko, 18:04; 31. Tom Kaman, 18:21; 34. Brian Fenech, 18:28.

ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL
Oct. 11 at Hudson Mills Metropark (Dexter)

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 1 (11 schools): 1. Novi, 38; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 62; 3. Saline, 69; 4. Livonia Churchill, 88; 5. Livonia Franklin, 134; 11. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual winner: Alex Leptich (Saline), 18:37 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 3. Amanda Southwell, 19:40; 19. Katie Rash, 21:19; 20. Jenna Szuba, 21:21; 21. Sarah Bauman, 21:25; 25. Hannah Otto, 21:32; 34. Allie Zoski, 22:13; 37. Lindsay McMullen, 22:27.

Franklin finishers: 11. Tiffany Lambie, 20:35; 12. Brittany Dilley, 20:36; 27. Brittany Rouse, 21:52; 40. Megan Wickens, 22:33; 44. Kelly Walblay, 22:50; 49. Tiffany VanOrden, 23:33.

Wayne finishers: 54. Holland Boertje, 24:25; 57. Chelsea Gilbert, 24:56; 60. Jennifer McCaffrey, 25:05.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 1 (15 schools): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 21; 2. Saline (A), 52; 3. Clarkston, 73; 4. Whitmore Lake, 122; 5. Livonia Franklin, 160; 8. Livonia Churchill, 223; 15. Wayne Memorial, 464.

Individual winner: Dan Culbertson (Pioneer), 15:49.8.

Franklin finishers: 31. Tom Windle, 17:46; 36. Mark Waterbury, 17:57; 45. Steve Zoski, 18:14; 54. Mark Freyberg, 18:37; 57. Quinn Osgood, 18:39; 65. Ryan Keeling, 18:49; 66. Matt Szabo, 18:53.

Wayne finishers: 78. Darryl Ison, 19:37; 84. Tyler Gendron, 20:13; 97. Brandon Tykoski, 22:44; 102.

Darnell Givhan, 25:27; 103. Jacob McClester, 32:00.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 2 (9 schools): 1. Marshall, 51; 2. Dexter, 59; 3. Chelsea, 71; 4. Flint Powers Catholic, 83; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 128; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 167.

Individual winner: Kristen Yarows (Dexter), 19:56.5.

Ladywood finishers: 8. Julia Kenney, 20:25; 36. Morgan Zuzick, 22:29; 46. Laura Bour-Maroun, 23:26; 51. Alexander Barr, 24:05; 55. Melissa Wickman, 24:35; 60. Kelsey Soronen, 25:44; 65. Margaret Wolanowski, 29:05.

MARQUAT TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 4 (9 schools): 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 42; 2. Southfield Christian, 74; 3. Lutheran Westland, 93; 4. Athens, 122; 5. Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, 122.

Individual winner: Victor Allen (Southfield Christian), 16:29.7.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Spencer Lyle, 16:38; 14. Theodis Washington, 19:05; 19. Alex Kemp, 19:13; 32. Zechariah Robinson, 20:30; 33. Jeremy Kohrt, 20:37; 38. Joshua Kirk, 21:14.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 3 (10 schools): 1. Hanover-Horton, 36; 2. Napoleon (A), 47; 3. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 54; 4. Napoleon (B), 135; 5. Vandercook Lake, 154; 9. Livonia Clarencville, 241.

Individual winner: 1. Brett Smith (Lake Fenton), 16:43.7.

Clarencville finishers: 32. Alex Molnar, 19:57; 49. David Gibson, 20:58; 56. Jason Gonzalez, 21:33; 57. Stephen Courtney, 21:36; 70. Corey Coughlin, 25:45.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 3 (11 schools): 1. Hanover-Horton, 48; 2. Napoleon, 81; 3. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (A), 95; 4. Royal Oak Shrine, 117; 5. Vandercook Lake, 135; 11. Livonia Clarencville, 280.

Individual winner: Lindsey Burdett (Hanover-Horton), 19:23.6.

Clarencville finishers: 38. Shelby Dermire, 24:02; 48. Tara Hernes, 25:45; 62. Elizabeth Murphy, 29:39; 65. Paige West, 34:10; 67. Marguerite Fowler, 35:16.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 4 (6 schools): 1. Southfield Christian, 62; 2. Lutheran Westland, 66; 3. Athens, 73; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 75; 5. Grass Lake, 79.

Individual winner: Rachel Carter (Southfield Christian), 20:04.2.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 5. Sarah Maynard, 21:50; 6. Miriam Pranschke, 22:57; 18. Brittany Ambard, 23:57; 19. Ashley Piewski, 24:01; 26. Maynor Piewski, 25:02; 30. Jessica Rice, 25:47; 4. 33. Kelsey Krueger, 26:17.5.

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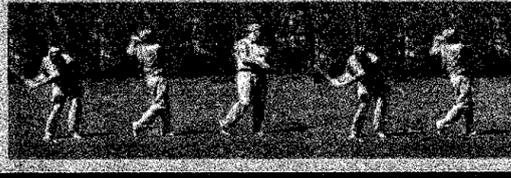
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PICKS

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tory for Covenant. **PICKS:** Wright (Covenant); Emons (Covenant); Smith (Covenant).

RED. THURSTON (5-2, 5-0) at D.H. ROBICHAUD (4-3, 3-2), 4 p.m.: As long as Tyrone Wheatley doesn't suit up, the Eagles should be in this game all the way. They outscored their foes, 192-121, over the first six weeks. **PICKS:** Wright (Robichaud); Emons (Robichaud); Smith (Thurston).

GARDEN CITY (2-5, 0-5) at MELVINDALE (2-5, 1-4): The Cougars are coming off an impressive victory over previously once-beaten Dearborn Heights Annapolis, but they are moving up a few notches in competition this week. **PICKS:** Wright (Melvindale); Emons (Melvindale); Smith (Garden City).

LIV. CHURCHILL (2-5, 1-4) at SALEM (1-6, 0-5): The Rocks will be making just their second appearance this season at the PCEP varsity stadium — the same number as the Chargers, who lost a 57-43 barn-burner on the same field last week to Canton. Salem will surely be inspired by a homecoming crowd. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Emons (Churchill); Smith (Churchill).

LIV. FRANKLIN (4-3, 3-2) at NORTHVILLE (4-3, 3-2): This may be the most competitive game of the week. It features two electrifying teams that are battling to remain in the playoff hunt. This contest has overtime written all over it. **PICKS:** Wright (Franklin); Emons (Franklin); Smith (Northville).

PLYMOUTH (6-1, 4-1) at LIV. STEVENSON (5-2, 4-1): The Spartans' high-powered offense will be tested by a Wildcat defense

that has yielded just 74 points all season. These two teams' most-recent meeting came in the first round of the 2007 playoffs.

PICKS: Wright (Plymouth); Emons (Plymouth); Smith (Stevenson).
LINCOLN PARK (0-7, 0-5) at REDFORD UNION (2-5, 1-4): The Panthers will be looking to build on last week's victory over Taylor Kennedy. Lincoln Park's defense has already yielded 339 points — more than most teams give up in two seasons. **PICKS:** Wright (RU); Emons (RU); Smith (RU).

WAYNE (0-7, 0-5) at S. LYON EAST (0-7, 0-5): The loser of this game will get the No. 1 pick in next spring's KLAAs draft. Seriously, both of these teams will be sky-high while trying to seize their first victory of the season. The scoreboard operator will be busy. **PICKS:** Wright (Wayne); Emons (Wayne); Smith (Wayne).

WESTLAND GLENN (3-4, 3-2) at SOUTH LYON (3-4, 2-3): With the playoffs beyond reach, the Rockets and Lions will be gunning to keep their chance of a winning record intact. Glenn has given up just 91 points, but its offense has been inconsistent. **PICKS:** Wright (South Lyon); Emons (John Glenn); Smith (South Lyon).

HAMTRAMCK (0-5, 0-7) at LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (6-1, 4-1): Clarenceville will have to avoid a letdown following last week's playoff berth-clinching thriller over Birch Run. **PICKS:** Wright (Clarenceville); Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville).

SATURDAY'S GAME
DEY. UNIV. PREP (2-5) at LUTH. WESTLAND (2-5, 2-4), 1 p.m.: Pride will be the primary reward for both of these struggling units. **PICKS:** Wright (Lutheran Westland); Emons (Lutheran Westland); Smith (University Prep).

TENNIS

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Region 3 co-coach of the year honors. "The guys are extremely happy and that's the main thing for the kids."

Livonia Franklin sophomore Walter Woods, the regional runner-up to Churchill sophomore Akshay Moorthy at No. 1 singles, also made the cut as an individual qualifier.

Moorthy, seeded third, took the No. 1 flight in three sets when Woods, the top seed, bowed out in the final set because of leg cramps while trailing 6-5.

Churchill also captured the third and fourth doubles flights.

Sophomore Mike Houghan and junior Rushi Patel took the No. 3 title with a 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 win over Fordson's Hamed Habhab and Mo Abedrabo,

while the Chargers' Cameron Norscia, a senior, and Ryan McPherson, a sophomore, downed Dearborn's duo of Jeff Bruce and Dmitri Ramirez, 6-1, 6-3.

Churchill's No. 2 doubles team of junior Vishal Joshi and Eric Slusarski was runner-up at No. 2 doubles.

Franklin also made a strong show by tying last Woodhaven for fourth with 15 points.

Freshman Stephen Payne, the top seed at No. 2 singles, defeated Dearborn's Greg Gedert for the title, 6-4, 6-1, while the Patriots' No. 1 doubles team of Chad Dorton and Steve Trapp, both seniors and members of the Franklin soccer team, emerged victorious with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph in the regional finals over Fordson's Moe Salamey and Ali Nasrallah.

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SOCCER

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Shrader's strong play.

Outstanding work by Churchill's defense and midfield factored into the rout, although there were plenty of dangerous rushes up the middle and from the flanks.

Bedell and junior midfielder Ian Guerin had excellent showings to pace the Chargers. Friedrichs also said Garden City battled despite the deficit and being shorthanded.

"Garden City played us even and they were down a man,"

Friedrichs said. "For 20 minutes they played well, we did not ... but I give them credit."

Churchill's last two goals came during a two-minute span late in the match, after Friedrichs ran out some of his reserves and players just brought up from the junior varsity.

Senior forward Jakob Herout scored off a redirect, and a long through ball by freshman midfielder Jeff Thomas was collected by Herout who blew past the Garden City back line and drove a shot past Shrader.

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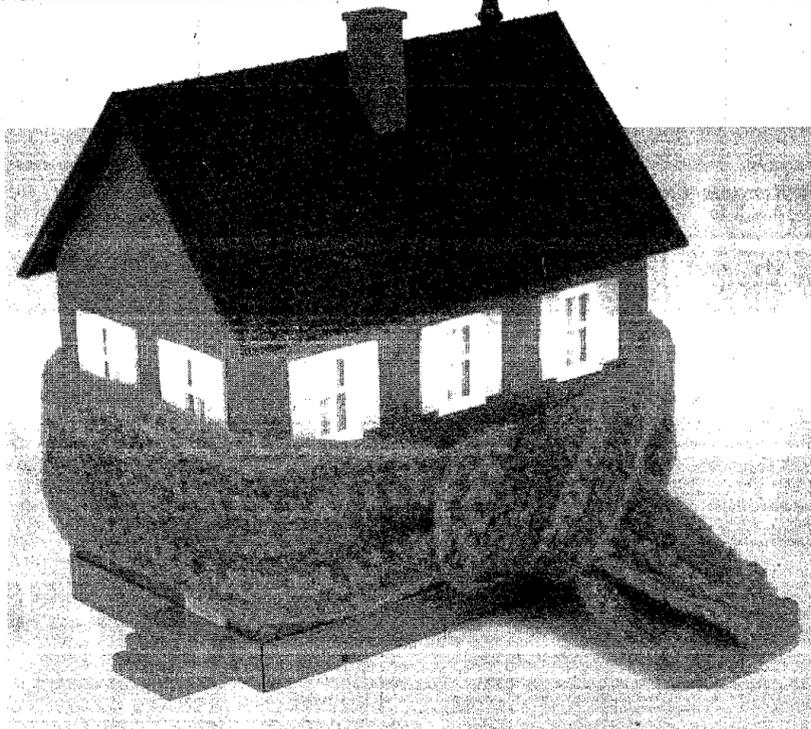
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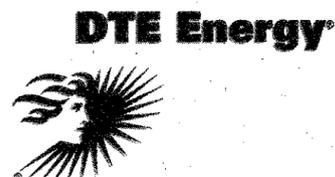
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Chavez eliminates Trojans in OT; Warriors' Blocks captures 200th

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DISTRICT BOYS SOCCER

In a battle right to the final three minutes of overtime Tuesday night, Livonia Clarenceville and Detroit Cesar Chavez hooked up in a memorable Division 3 varsity boys soccer district matchup.

Unfortunately for the shorthanded host Trojans, without first-team all-conference selection Phil Strachan, the Aztec Eagles scored the winning goal with about 2:30 left in the first OT to earn a 3-2 victory and advance to the district semifinal Wednesday against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

"We played our butts off," said Clarenceville head coach Trevor Johnson. "We had some guys that really stepped up today."

It didn't help that Strachan, a midfielder, did not play because of a double yellow card last week in a 2-0 loss last week to Hamtramck in the Metro Conference playoffs.

"But it just made other players have to step up," said Johnson, adding that there were some reserve players who were on the pitch for 75 minutes against Cesar Chavez.

Standouts for the Trojans (8-10-1) included senior goalkeeper Garrett Gregg (16 saves), senior forward Matt Garant (goal), junior midfielder Garet Hintzman (two assists) and junior sweeper Dustin Csokasy (goal).

Twice, the Trojans fell behind and they bounced back each time to even the contest.

Noe Duran put the Aztec Eagles up 1-0 at halftime, but it took just three minutes of the second half for Csokasy to score. Hintzman's free kick from about 40 yards started to play.

"Guys crashed the net and Dustin kicked it in from short range," Johnson said.

But Chavez went up 2-1 with about 18 minutes left in regulation on a marker from German Jiminez.

Clarenceville again showed its resilience when Garant scored on a header off a corner kick from Hintzman.

Although Johnson thought that goal might spark the Trojans enough to get over the hump, it wasn't to be as Samuel Castaneda scored in OT when a crossing ball slipped through two Clarenceville defenders over to the left side of the goal and Castaneda made no mistake.

"He was in the right place at the right time and my keeper was kind of shielded," Johnson said.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, AGAPE 0: On Tuesday, Lutheran High Westland (13-5-1) advanced in the Division 4 district playoffs with a over Canton Agape Christian (4-14) as Warriors coach Rich Block earned his 200th career victory.

The Warriors advance to today's semi-final matchup at 5 where they will meet next-door-neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Scoring twice was senior Josh Kruger, who also drew an assist. Chipping in with single tallies were juniors Gage Flanery, Laith Francis and freshman Mike Kim. Junior Tony Cipolla assisted on two goals, while other helpers were picked up by junior Austin Baglow and sophomore Kent Krzyske (on Kim's goal).

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Series on the celebration of the Mass, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 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.
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JOSEPH P. WIETECHKA
Age 79, October 12, of Garden City. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Gerald (Debra) Kolb, and Susan (Kolb) Niemi. Grandfather of Jaime. Great-grandfather of Brayden. Brother of Eugene. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City and Friday 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 10:00 at St. Raphael Church in Garden City. Please sign Joseph's online guestbook at: www.rggharris.com

MARY DRAPOS
October 13, 2008. Age 80. Wife of the late Steve. Aunt of Terry Krall (Shari), Christina Krall and Frank Krall (Sherr). Also survived by numerous great-nieces and nephews. Private services have been held. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DONALD L. OMAN
Age 88, of Waterford, MI, passed away October 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



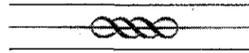
ELEANOR B. D'ANGELO
Of Okemos, age 91, passed away peacefully on Sunday October 12, 2008 at Carelet Inns of Brighton. Eleanor was born on a farm in Miami County, Indiana on April 11, 1917. She was one of 13 children born to Orla and Ethel Bowyer. She spent varying lengths of her life in 9 Mile, Ind., New York City, the Little Rock, Arkansas area; as well as Dearborn, Beverly Hills, Okemos, and Brighton, Michigan. Eleanor was a devoted mother of four, with 9 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She was a loving wife to Horace D'Angelo, Sr. who passed away some 10 years ago. She was also preceded in death by eight of her siblings and son Donald. She is survived by her 3 remaining children (Horace with spouse Lorrie, Diana with spouse Martin Hawley, and Jim with spouse Carol), the grandchildren (Christine, Greg, Jamie, David, Michael, Cara, Valerie, Kevin, and Jenna), and great-grandchildren (Brianna, Sarah, Colin, Torie, Evelyn, and Charlotte). Throughout her life, Eleanor was a member of many clubs and organizations like Oakland Hills Country Club, PTA, the Episcopal Church Women's Group at Christ Church Cranbrook, Brownie and Girl Scout Troop Leader, etc. Some of her favorite loves were gardening, bowling, needlepoint golfing, and watching sports on television. She was a voracious reader, avid collector of many things, terrific cook, and a dyed in the wool "green and white" Michigan State Spartan fan. She was very giving and donated to countless charities and was a cancer survivor. Eleanor will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her and were touched by her generosity and great sense of humor. She felt the world was a truly beautiful place but was looking forward to seeing her late husband again. Funeral services will be at 12:30 Thursday at Christ Church Cranbrook with the interment at Acacia Cemetery at 2:50 p.m. Donations in Eleanor's name may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Fwy., Ste. 250, Dallas, TX, 75244 or the American Lung Association, 403 Seymour Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-1179. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, Michigan.

LILIAN JOSEPHINE PATTERSON
Of Clarkston formerly of Bloomfield Township; October 11, 2008 for the past four years bravely faced cancer with determination and optimism; Age 75; Wife of Norman for 53 years; Mother of Jacki (Dave) Currie of OH, David (Nancy "Lance") Patterson of CO and Christopher (Anna) Patterson of MT; Mentor to her grandchildren: Heather, Erin, Alida, Lilly, Graham & Quinnell; Sister of Robert (Peggy) Ryan, Dorothy (Sid) Millett and Gordon Ryan all of England; Lilian was a member of Daughters of the British Empire; she enjoyed reading, especially about the British Royal Family. Family services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

THEODORE HUGH SMITH, JR
Passed away October 8, 2008. Age 75. Beloved husband of Carol (Stephans). Loving father of Ted, Stephan (Mary) Smith, Julie (Paul) Hull. Proud grandpa of Halston, Lauren, Kaylee and Josie. Son of the late Theodore Sr. and Lillian (Doering). Brother of Yvonne Janosek and the late Elaine Dickason. Visitation Friday 5-8pm, Saturday 2-8pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Rd., E of Levon, Livonia (734-464-8060). Funeral Service Sunday, 2pm. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia (734-422-1740). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Michigan Youth Arts Festival or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

ROBERT BRUCE SCOTT
Age 89, of Blacksburg, VA. Died September 23, 2008, at his home. He was born in Detroit, where he earned a B.S. in chemistry from the Detroit Institute of Technology in 1939. During WWII, he served at air force bases in Africa and at Fort Dix, NJ, going off active duty as a captain in 1946. After earning his M.S. in physical chemistry from the University of Detroit in 1948, he had a career in pharmaceutical research as a spectroscopist, retiring in 1984. He married Patricia Joan Mitchell of Detroit in August 1947. Their lifelong marriage was blessed by three children: Lana Burns of Asheville, NC, Jeffrey Scott of Lexington, VA, and Christopher Scott of Brentwood, TN. Bruce and Patricia have been the proud grandparents of four grandchildren: Lana's Rachel and Ethan and Lara and Kira, daughters of Christopher. A resident of Plymouth from 1959 to 1992, Bruce served on the Plymouth school board and as a volunteer at the Plymouth Historical Society. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 18.

ETHEL P. WARREN
Age 91, of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Rockland, WI, entered into eternal rest at home with family at her side on Sunday, October 12, 2008. Beloved wife for over 56 years of the late Charles R. Warren. Dear daughter of the late John and Mary Olson. Surviving are her children: Charles (Roslynn) of Waterford, Karen Arnold-Warren of Bay City and Sharon Weber-Warren of Bloomington, N.Y.; sisters, Stella, Florance, Joyce and brother, Clarence; six grandchildren, Jenny, Julie, Jessie, Christopher, Karen and Katelyn; and five great-grandchildren, Grace, Ella, Gibson, Ashlyn and Tyler. Ethel Warren was a member of Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church. She was an avid gardener, dancer, bird watcher, homemaker and cherished the time spent with her grand and great grandchildren. Memorial visitation 12 NOON Saturday until 1:00 PM memorial service at Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley (2 Blks. West of Woodward). Burial of Cremains will follow privately at Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Beaumont Hospice Fund, William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073-9952. Share a Memory at: www.sawyerfuller.com



MARY MESHERRY WARD
October 13, 2008. Peacefully at home in Bloomfield Hills. Age 90. She wrote both fiction and non-fiction which was published in a wide range of periodicals, including The National Review and Ladies Home Journal. Mary was devoted to the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, which she supported with the St. Francis Foundation of Michigan, which she founded in 1994. She also loved and often visited Ireland, where she had a small house. From 1980-1990 she walked the length of the Republic of Ireland. Wife of the late Harold L. Ward and the late Thomas P. Marker. Dear mother of Sherry Marker (Gerald Guinness). Loving grandmother of Jessica Nemmer (Joshua Davis), Sarah Nemmer and great-grandmother of Hannah Davis. Funeral service Saturday, 10am at Christ Church Cranbrook, St. Dunstan's Chapel, (Lone Pine west of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan - Hospice, 25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 600, Oak Park, MI 48237 or Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or The First Churcher, 129 Main St., Northampton, MA 01060. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LEWIS CLEMENT PATRICK TORTORA
Age 75, passed away peacefully in the company of his family on October 9, 2008, joining his son, Stephen Lewis and granddaughter, Nicole Rae. Beloved husband of Mary Catherine. Loving father of Patrick (Kim) Tortora, Julie (Tim) Baechler, and Amy Tortora. Proud grandfather of Brocton, Lou and Stephen. Cherished brother of Marlene Tortora-Frenger. Clem was a graduate of Leetonia High School and attended Youngstown State University on a football scholarship. He served in the United States Army for two years, and was stationed in Orleans, France. Clem spent the majority of his career with Kemper Insurance before leaving the company, once the Michigan office closed, in order to avoid moving his settled family from Michigan. He then worked for Great American Insurance before retiring in 1996. During his 12 years of retirement, he enjoyed traveling with Mary Catherine and his family, playing golf with his friends in Michigan during the summer, and spending the winters at their home in Bonita Springs, FL, golfing at Palmira Country Club. Local memorial service being held at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. 6:30pm, Thursday, October 16th, followed by a celebration of Clem's life. Visitation being held Friday, October 17th from 7-9pm at Woods-Rettig Funeral Home, 111 Summit Street, Leetonia, OH 44431. Funeral October 18th 12 noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 167 Main Street, Leetonia, OH. Donations can be made to the Leetonia High School Athletic Department or St. Patrick's Catholic Church, for their restoration fund, c/o Tortora, PO Box 649, Northville, MI 48167.

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Choral concert
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Benefit concert
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Grief workshop
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Trunk 'n treat
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Special needs class
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening and speaking). Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at elc-ed@around-detroit.biz.
Parenting class
Parenting Families DVD-based classes help address issues in a positive way that will enhance your family life, continuing from 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays, to Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830, or register at www.christsavior.org under Adult Fall Classes.
UPCOMING
Craft show
Annual Catholic Central Craft Show and Marketplace, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at 27225 Wixom Road, Novi. Admission is \$3/free raffle ticket. A reputable jeweler will be there to buy gold. Questions and information, call (734) 459-6625 or (734) 459-3857.
Christmas bazaar
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, Dearborn Heights. No charge. Call (313) 274-3820.
Global gifts
Applications daily beginning Nov. 1, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, jewelry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. For an appointment before Nov. 1, call (248) 644-0550 or visit the shop after worship on Sundays. The church is at 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Avenue.
Scrapbook fund-raiser
All day scrapbook event, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, is a fund-raiser for Tiny Tots Preschool located in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Full day registration is \$35 which includes a 6-foot or 8-foot table, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner. Half day options and scrap booking class also available. Call the school at (734) 464-0211 ext. 208 for information.
St. Andrew's Day
Sunday, Nov. 16, begins with 10 a.m. worship service followed by dinner/entertainment downstairs in Calvin Hall, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-11, free for age 3 and under; At the door \$12 adults, \$6 for children. For reservations, call (313) 534-7730.
ONGOING
ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.
Choral rehearsals
Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration
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begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

New worship schedule
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Time change
Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returned to its fall-spring worship schedule. Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Wednesday activities
Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study

focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Reformed Protestant services
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call

(734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Koczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes
Orchard United Methodist Church is

hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services
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Tai Chi class
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Hills pastor honored for supporting schools

Rev. John Meyer, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, is one of four recipients of the 2008 Fr. John B. Zwiers Award by the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS) Board of Trustees.

David Kusch, principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School, nominated Meyer for the award. According to Kusch, Reverend Meyer "knows most students by name and is always welcoming and friendly to parents. He encourages families to visit St. Paul's for worship and has been instrumental in leading many families to join the Lutheran church."

Kusch appreciated Meyer's past experience as a principal. "Rev. Meyer has been a mentor and helpmate to me," stated Kusch. "When I have needed his involvement to solve a problem, I have always had it. When I have needed flexibility or cooperation from him, I have always received it. When I needed support in defending the school to congregational leadership, I have had him as a champion."

Fr. John B. Zwiers was a founding member of MANS and served faithfully on the Board of Trustees from 1972 until his death in 2004.

"Recognizing the critical importance that a pastor plays in successful faith-based edu-

cation, the MANS Board instituted the Fr. Zwiers award to recognize members of the clergy with a strong history of support for faith based schools," stated MANS Executive Director Brian Broderick. "These individuals are able to articulate the importance of a faith-based education, have ongoing connections to the school community, parents, teachers, and students, and demonstrate support in leading the school community."

Together with Meyer, three other clergy were presented with the Fr. Zwiers award at the closing ceremony of the MANS Administrators' Conference on Mackinac Island on Friday, Oct. 10.

The clergy members are Rev. Gerry LeBoeuf, pastor of Guardian Angels parish in Clawson; Rev. Dale Cooper, chaplain at Calvin College; and Rev. Glenn Theoret, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish in Manistique.

MANS represents 516 faith-based schools across the state, including the Catholic schools within the seven dioceses of Michigan, the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Schools, Michigan Region of Christian Schools International, and Association of Christian Schools International.

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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

REGIONAL BOYS TENNIS RESULTS DIVISION 1

Oct. 10 at Brownstown-Woodhaven TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Dearborn Fordson, 19 points; 3. Dearborn, 18; 4. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Woodhaven, 15 each; 6. Southgate Anderson, 11; 7. (tie) Taylor Truman, Westland John Glenn and Detroit Cass Tech, 2 each; 10. Wayne Memorial, 1.

INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT FINALS

No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (Churchill) defeated Walter Woods (Franklin), 4-6, 6-0, 6-5 (retired); **semifinals:** Moorthy def. Kosta Ramirez (Dearborn), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; Woods def. Matt Boley (Southgate), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 2: Stephen Payne (Franklin) def. Greg Geder (Dearborn), 6-4, 6-1; **semifinals:** Payne def. Alex Cios (Churchill), 6-3, 6-1; Ramirez def. Stephen Allred (Southgate), 7-6, 6-2.

No. 3: Cordaro Sheets (Southgate) def. Rame Mehri (Fordson), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Sheets won by default over Omar Mullan (Dearborn); Mehri def. Jon Fenech (Woodhaven), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 4: Alec Grant (Woodhaven) def. David Patterson (Dearborn), 6-3, 6-0; **semifinals:** Grant def. Ameen Thalji (Fordson), 6-2, 6-0; Patterson def. Ludwig Casteneda (Southgate), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp (LF) def. Moe Salamey-Ali Nasrallah (Fordson), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Dorton-Trapp def. Mohammad Khan-Alex Ochman (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-0; Salamey-Nasrallah def. Ian Jenks-Aaron DeGiulio (Dearborn), 6-2, 6-4.

No. 2: Usef Nasrallah-Olvi Mec (Fordson) def. Vishal Joshi-Eric Slusarski (Churchill), 6-1, 5-7, 6-4; **semifinals:** Nasrallah-Mec def. Ron Burgess-Dan Scipione (Southgate), 6-1, 7-6; Joshi-Slusarski def. Nate Warrick-Walter Alfonso (Franklin), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 3: Mike Houghan-Rushi Patel (Churchill) def. Hamed Habhab-Mo Abedrabo (Fordson), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Houghan-Patel def. Eric Reilly-Richard Stretanski (Dearborn), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; Habhab-Abedrabo def. Travis Hamilton-Chase McMillan (Woodhaven), 6-2, 6-2.

No. 4: Cameron Norscia-Ryan McPherson (Churchill) def. Jeff Bruce-Omitri Ramirez (Dearborn), 6-1, 6-3; **semifinals:** Norscia-McPherson def. Jamil Saad-Hassan Hamid (Fordson), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; Bruce-Ramirez def. Mark Leshinsky-Eric Pawlaczkyk (Woodhaven), 6-1, 7-5.

INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT FINALS

No. 1 singles: Joe Dube (CC) defeated Tim Wasielewski (Northville), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Dube def. Matt Nielsen (Brighton), 6-0, 6-0; Wasielewski def. Mani Mahadevan (Novi), 6-4, 6-3.

No. 2: Jack Snyder (CC) def. Melvin Joseph (Northville), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Snyder def. Dustin Wemer (Brighton), 6-2, 6-0; Joseph def. Ryan Bell (Novi), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3: Steven Irvine (Northville) def. Goutham Kondapi (Novi), 6-4, 6-2; **semifinals:** Irvine def. Matt Peplinski (Brighton), 6-0, 6-0; Kondapi def. Willy Wilson (CC), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Carson Crandell (Novi) def. Eric Guindi (CC), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Crandell def. Alex Smith (Brighton), 6-1, 6-1; Guindi def. Mike Hagan (Northville), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Justin Ferooq-Ameya Schani (Novi) def. Lee Schechter-Nick Kalweit (Northville), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Ferooq-Schani def. Jeff Kelly-Zach Vlaches (Brighton), 6-1, 6-1; Schechter-Kalweit def. Young Tae Kim-Brandon Kosinski (CC), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 2: Greg Richard-Peter Zhang (Novi) def. Zach Wisniewski-Kevin Hodges (CC), 6-4, 6-3; **semifinals:** Richard-Zhang def. Dom Traudt-Jesse Maddock (Brighton), 6-2, 6-0; Wisniewski-Hodges def. Conner Matteson-Peter Rustad (Lakeland), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Nick Petrucci-Robbin Guindi (CC) def. Derek Richard-Vishnu Venugopal (Novi), 6-4, 7-6 (8-6); **semifinals:** Petrucci-Guindi def. Trevor Houston-Radu Blajan (Brighton), 6-3, 6-3; Richard-Venugopal def. Ian Jaye-Mike Bucrek (Northville), 7-5, 6-1.

No. 4: Derek Turowski-Patrick Bowers (CC) def. Nikhil Davarakonda-Nathan Ferooq (Novi), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; **semifinals:** Turowski-Bowers def. Andrew Ginnard-Matt Satterfield (Northville), 6-2, 6-2; Davarakonda-Ferooq def. Rohitha Jayasuriya-Taylor Loy (Brighton), 6-1, 6-0.

200-yard medley relay: 27. Livonia Stevenson, 1:59.4; 2. Westland John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:00.93.

200 freestyle: 7. Savannah Hatt (Stevenson), 1:58.37; 32. Kaylee Dolinski (Stevenson), 2:02.39; 62. Samantha Reid (Stevenson), 2:06.17; 70. Khiry Sparks (John Glenn), 2:06.9.

200 individual medley: 16. Ashley Sells (John Glenn), 2:19.5; 44. Peterson (John Glenn), 2:23.9.

50 freestyle: 55. Jordan Burgess (John Glenn), 26.67.

1-meter diving: 6. Carla McNamara (Stevenson), 397.50 points; 24. Desirée Cienney (John Glenn), 304.25.

100 butterfly: 42. Sells (John Glenn), 1:03.84; 55. Reed (Stevenson), 1:04.66.

100 freestyle: 33. Jordan Burgess (John Glenn), 57.48; 41. Samantha Reid (Livonia Churchill), 57.76; 48. Laura Holtz (Stevenson), 58.15; 67. Sparks (John Glenn), 59.3.

500 freestyle: 5. Hatt (Stevenson), 5:09.71; 10. Dolinski (Stevenson), 5:18.5; 68. Reed (Stevenson), 5:39.24.

200 freestyle relay: 31. Stevenson, 1:47.03; 57. John Glenn (Kali Aloisi, Jennie Humbach, Fielhauer, Sparks), 1:51.08.

100 backstroke: 26. Ashley Gordon (Stevenson), 1:04.3; 46. Brianna Wilson (Livonia Ladywood), 1:06.04.

100 breaststroke: 45. Peterson (John Glenn), 1:14.7.

400 freestyle relay: 23. Stevenson, 3:54.41; 36. John Glenn (Sells, Peterson, Sparks, Burgess), 3:57.41; 59. Churchill (Reid, Stephanie D'Annunzio, Olivia O'Neil, Allison Meyer), 4:07.35.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

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Oct. 11 at EMU'S Jones Natatorium

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MU decks Cards, 5-0; No. 1 Lady Ocelots tie

Five different players scored goals Tuesday, including Livonia Franklin grads Jessica Austin and Diana Brda, as the Madonna University women's soccer team rolled to a 5-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Concordia University.

The Crusaders, who also got goals from Kaila Moore (her eighth), Jaclyn Ventimiglia (her fifth) and Canton's Andrea Johnson (her third), improved to 10-2 overall and 8-0 in the WHAC.

Assists went to Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood), Ashley Stoychoff, Shannon McIntyre, Moore and Chelsea Shrewsbury.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MU goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made one save to post the shutout.

Concordia falls to 3-4-3 overall and 1-4-3 in the WHAC.

SCHOOLCRAFT 3, CINCINNATI TECH 3: On Saturday, Schoolcraft College (7-0-3), ranked No. 1 in the latest NJCAA Division 1 poll, battled host Cincinnati Technical College to an entertaining draw.

Clare Baptist (Plymouth), Ally King (Livonia Stevenson) and Brittany Pickett netted goals for the Ocelots, who received strong net-keeping from Kristin Dondzila (Salem), who registered seven saves. Pickett, Katie Shull (Salem) and

Sally L'Esperance picked up assists for Schoolcraft.

"Getting ranked No. 1 in the nation is certainly a privilege, considering all the great players and talented teams that are playing NJCAA D1," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "It also brings with it its own pressures and expectations and we found that out this weekend when playing against a stubborn Cincinnati State College."

"We got a quick goal within the first eight minutes, dropped our guard, and Cincinnati came back to take the lead. We fought back and unfortunately conceded an own goal when one of Cincinnati's shots banked off one of our own players and went in."

MADONNA 2, AQUINAS 0: Kaila Moore notched her sixth and seventh goals of the season Saturday as Madonna

University (9-2, 7-0) blanked visiting Aquinas College (4-7-1, 3-3-1) in a WHAC encounter at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made two saves to post the shutout, her seventh of the season which earned her WHAC Defensive Player of the Week honors. She has a goals-against average of 0.65.

MU's backbone of Andrea Johnson (Canton), Lia Melasi, Gina Leone and Sarah Rokuski also stood out.

Moore's first goal, her third game-winner of the season, came at the 57:17 mark off an assist from Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin). Moore scored again at 58:53 on a chip pass at the top the 18-yard box from Shannon McIntyre.

Moore, a junior forward, also earned WHAC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Early Aquinas goal stuns Madonna, 1-0

The Madonna University men's soccer team, ranked No. 27 in the latest NAIA poll, now finds itself tied for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference following Saturday's 1-0 loss to Aquinas College in a match played at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Jeovani Pantoja chipped in the game-winner over MU goalkeeper Anthony DeMarco from 15 yards out at the 6:40

MEN'S SOCCER

mark following a long pass to the left side by Ruben Ornelas-Luna.

MU falls to 8-2 overall, while Aquinas is 8-4. Both teams are 6-1 in the WHAC.

Aquinas goalkeeper Ben Richardson did not face a shot in 90 minutes of action, while DeMarco made five saves for the Crusaders.

Ocelots edge Lakeland

On Friday, the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team defeated Lakeland (Ohio) Community College, 2-1, to improve to 10-1-4 overall.

Sophomore Hunter Robertson scored off a rebound from sophomore Michael Iyoha. The play started off a corner kick by Mark Djokaj (North Farmington). Younan Samra scored

Schoolcraft's second goal after flicking the ball to himself in the 18-yard box then volleying the ball into the corner of the net.

Sophomore Chris Riley saved the win with a spectacular save with less than three minutes to play.

"One great game that won't show up on the stat sheet was from freshman Peter Magier at right back," Schoolcraft assistant coach Eric Scott said.

C'ville cage standout backs away from EMU

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In June, Livonia Clarenceville's standout basketball player Jamie Stewart was sold on Eastern Michigan University.

But three months later, the 6-foot-4, 190-pound senior guard who averaged 22.4 point and 6.3 rebounds per game as a junior for the 18-3 Trojans, has put up a "For Sale" sign on his recruiting lawn.

After making an official visit recently to EMU, Stewart has

decided to opt out of his verbal commitment with the Eagles, according to Clarenceville varsity coach Corey McKendry.

Stewart was expected to sign an NCAA national letter-of-intent with EMU the first week in November, but has decided to delay his decision and open up his recruiting and make other official visits.

"Eastern is still in the mix, but he's not in a hurry to do anything," McKendry said. "He's not ready to sign in November and it just not enough time to get in his vis-

its. He wants to see what's out there and wants to make sure he's 100 percent right."

EMU is coming off a 14-17 season under coach Charles Ramsey, who is entering his third season as head coach.

McKendry said he has spoken with Ramsey about Stewart's situation and said, "he (Ramsey) and his staff were totally professional about it," according to the Clarenceville coach.

Where Stewart will look now is anybody's guess. Several schools across the

country are more than likely to express serious interest.

Stewart, who also had offers from fellow Mid-American Conference schools Central Michigan and Bowling Green, told the Observer of his decision in June: "It (EMU) is the best fit for me because it's not too far and not too close to home. My family and friends can come and watch me play."

"I could have waited, but I didn't want to drag things out throughout the school year. I wanted to focus on school, my season and my grades."

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Ernesto's new name suits its new menu

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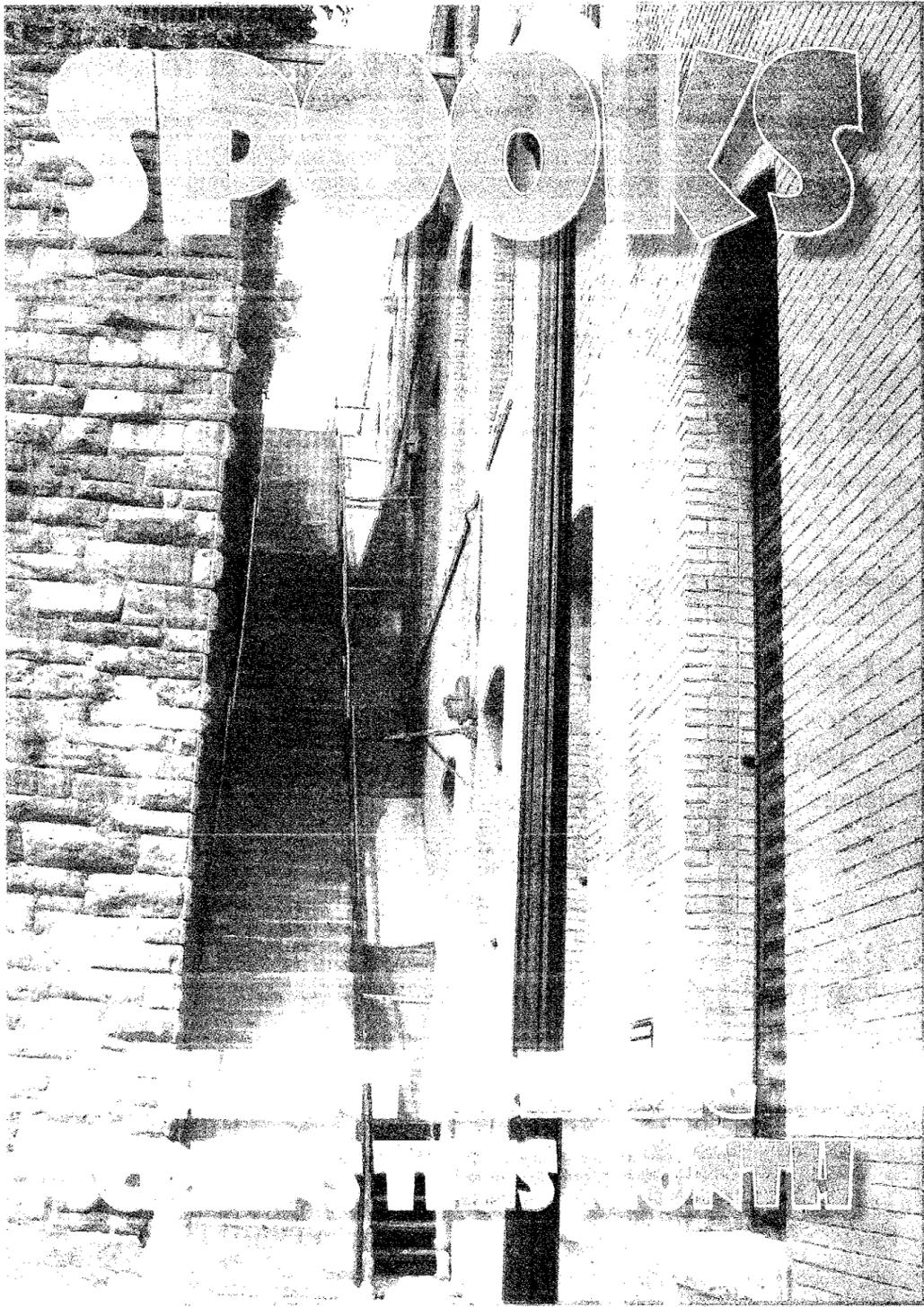
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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers



This imposing staircase in Washington, D.C.'s Georgetown was made famous in the film "The Exorcist," which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year.

I can't say for sure why my first visit to Georgetown in Washington, D.C. made me seek out the house and steep staircase made famous by *The Exorcist*. I have a fascination with the scary and unexplained — likely set in motion by my first accidental glimpse of a scene in that particular horror movie when I was 7. The fear I felt when I saw Regan's eyes go white gave me nightmares for years before it morphed into pure curiosity. Nothing feeds my fascination now quite like these weeks leading up to Halloween. So in honor of *The Exorcist's* 35th



Noise Patrol

Stephanie Casola

HALLOWEEN ON THE SCREEN

Penn Theatre: The holiday haunts have begun but there are still spooky offerings to come: "Them!" a 1954 film starring James Whitmore, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16; "House of Wax," a 1953 creepfest with Vincent Price, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23; and "Frankenstein," a 1931 Boris Karloff classic, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, all at 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. Tickets \$3, visit www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

Detroit Film Theatre: Don't miss the live accompaniment of Boston's Alloy Orchestra with silent films including the 1922 F.W. Murnau vamp-classic "Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror," 6 p.m. Sunday,

Oct. 26, at 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit. Tickets \$6.50-\$7.50, visit www.dia.org.

Redford Theatre: See Vincent Price in 3D with a special showing of "House of Wax (1953)," 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and 2 p.m. or 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. The Saturday night event includes a visit by Metro Paranormal Investigators who will test whether or not the historic theater is haunted. Then, on Oct. 24-25, the Redford hosts a Halloween double feature including Claude Rains in the 1933 film "The Invisible Man" and Boris Karloff, Lon Chaney Jr. and John Carradine in 1944's "Frankenstein." Costumed moviegoers can compete for a prize. Tickets are \$6 per person, at the theater, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 or visit redfordtheatre.com.

anniversary, here are some recommendations on how to get a fun fright from screens big and small — whether they're in your own home or just a short drive away.

Start with the classic movie houses.

Find your way to downtown Plymouth on any given Thursday night and for just \$3 the spooky stuff keeps coming. The Penn Theatre's classic series continues tonight, Oct. 16, with the thriller *Them!* Executive Director Ellen

Elliott, of Friends of the Penn, said she hopes the Shocktober series becomes a long-term tradition for the theater — which re-opened to the public in 2006. "We have current movies

Please see **SCREENS, D3**

Mother and son inspire each other as artists

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Artist Brad Richards brought out the creativity of his mom, Judi, a retired elementary school principal several years ago.

Today, both are accomplished artists, but the mom-and-son duo are very different in their styles, which is evident at their exhibit *Tezamen*, at Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale through the end of October.

"They are vastly different," Deb Hyde of the gallery said. "She is interested in the beautiful side of art with vivid colors and rich textures, yet it's very experimental. His art, however, focuses on political statements and points of view rather than beauty."

Tezamen means "together." The paintings by the two artists were interesting to hang on the walls side by side, Hyde said.

"They bounce off each other," she said.

Brad Richards is from Bloomfield Hills and Judi Richards is from West Bloomfield.

Brad Richards said he wanted his mom to develop her creativity because he knew it would bring pleasure to her life as it had to his. After experimenting with many mediums, she chose watercolor and print-making. Her work has been displayed in many exhibits and galleries.

Richards was always encouraged by his parents to develop his creativity. While attending CCS on a Summer Fine Arts Scholarship, he discovered automotive design by accident when he "got lost in the maze of classrooms at the college." Today he works in the automotive industry by day and does his own art at night. By day, he sets out to improve and radically change American vehicles such as the Harley Davidson pick-up.

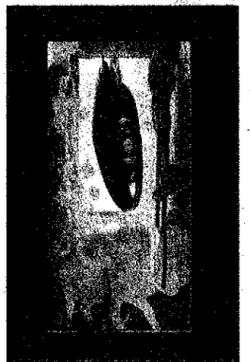
Check out *Tezamen* on Friday, Oct. 24, when Ferndale hosts a gallery walk where established and emerging artists will host exhibits and demonstrations at several galleries.

"We will offer cider and donuts — a night to enjoy Michigan's fall weather," Hyde said about Lawrence Street Gallery, a co-op owned by at least 30 artists.

Transportation will be provided between the galleries of Affirmations' Pittmann-Puckett, Beautiful Home, Lawrence Street, Paramount Bank Community Arts Gallery, Sense Design and State of the Art Gallery.

At Lawrence Street Gallery, renowned wood-working artist Greg Smith will demonstrate techniques on a lathe. Artist Anne Marie Buckman will create interesting textures from water color and acrylic. Gail Hiller will show sculpture techniques, and more, Hyde said.

The walk is an opportunity for viewers to see art in the making, ask questions and enjoy some refreshments.



Ufalo2 is one of the featured pieces in the exhibit.

TEZAMEN

What: An exhibit by Judi and Brad Richards

When: Through Nov. 1

Where: Lawrence Street Gallery, 2620 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Hours: Opening night reception: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 with public welcome. Regular hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Friday

Special event: Ferndale Gallery Walk & Artists Demonstrations at Lawrence Street Gallery

When: 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, Transportation available to multiply galleries. Call (248) 582-9999.

Halloween happenings

ART

Scary Monsters: Tom Carey's *Scary Monsters* exhibit is open just in time for the spooky season, running through 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.

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.

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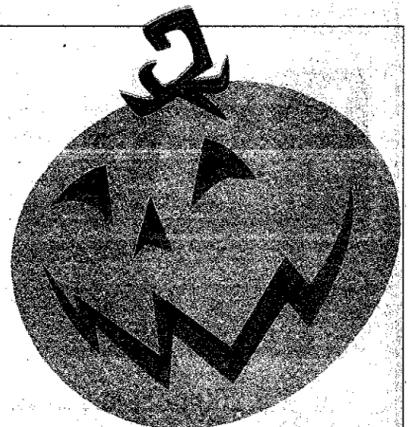
Thrills & Chills 3 — A Halloween Special: The Max M. Fisher Music Theatre revives this classic for kids. On Oct. 25 celebrate Rock O'Wen with the Candy Band, at 3700 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 576-5111.

"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. 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 through 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) 365-4948.



SCREEN

Penn Theatre: Brace yourselves, movie-lovers, for the Shocktober Classic Movie

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The Secret Life of Bees opens Friday.

20 Make it a Monday movie night with the recently-opened Fox Searchlight feel-good release, *The Secret Life of Bees*. Based on the best-selling novel by the same name, the movie deals with differences in race, class and ultimately the quest for love and acceptance. It stars Queen Latifah, Jennifer Hudson and Alicia Keys (pictured). It is rated PG-13.

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Pure Picks

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment picks for the weekend beginning Oct. 17-20:



DeFace the Nation

17 Can't get your fill of presidential debates and discussions? Neither can Detroit's Second City. See the latest comedy revue, *DeFace the Nation*, 8 p.m. today, at 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. The cast includes Rob Belushi, Nancy Hayden and Quintin Hicks. Tickets \$15, at www.secdcity.com.

18 Fans of self-proclaimed King of All Media Howard Stern already know the name Bubba the Love Sponge. Stern recruited his former terrestrial radio rival to host an uncensored talkshow on Sirius Satellite Radio in 2006, launching Bubba's career into the stratosphere. Now the candid host brings his multimedia comedy tour — *Bubbapalooza* — to Detroit to entertain listeners in a live setting. *Bubbapalooza* stars Bubba himself as well as, Brent, Spiceboy, Manson and more. Doors open at 8 tonight at the Fillmore, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$9.50-\$149.50 (the latter for VIP seating and a pre-show meet & greet), call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Those who can't make it out to the show can watch Bubba on CMT TV's newest show, *Hulk Hogan's Celebrity Championship Wrestling* tonight. Check your cable listing for times and stations. And his uncensored radio show *Bubba the Love Sponge* can be heard 3-7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays, on Sirius channel Howard 101.



Bubba the Love Sponge



'Margaret Garner' returns to the Detroit Opera House.

19 Celebrate the opening of Fall opera season as *Margaret Garner* returns to The Detroit Opera House. The show, starring Denyce Graves in the title role, marks a collaborative effort between composer Richard Danielpour and author Toni Morrison. Today's matinee begins at 2:30 p.m. at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$28-\$120, call (313) 237-SING or www.MichiganOpera.org.

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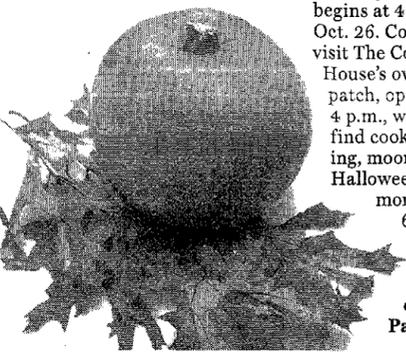
Series, featuring *Them!* Oct. 16; *House of Wax*, Oct. 23; and *Frankenstein*, Oct. 30 at the Penn Theatre. All movies roll at 7 p.m. Tickets \$3. The theater is at 760 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0870.

Walk-In Theatre: Watch Stephen King's *Creepshow* with live musical score performed by Shadiamond Le Freedom, The Interior Project; Liz and Abbey; Richard Wohlfeil and Eric Campbell, at dusk 8:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, Peck Park, at Beaubien and E. Kirby streets in Detroit. Bring a blanket.

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.

Movies in the Moonlight: Downtown Rochester will host a trick-or-treat event for costumed kids beginning at 4:30 p.m. culminating in a costume parade at East Street and University at 6:15 p.m. The parade ends at the Farmer's Market lot, and at 7 p.m. Lucido Fine Jewelry sponsors a viewing of *Scooby Doo* at E. Third and Water streets. The live action film is rated PG. It all happens Oct. 25 in Rochester, call (248) 656-0060 or visit DowntownRochesterMI.com.



for details.
PARTIES

Turn of the Century Spooks: The Henry Ford presents a vintage Hallowe'en celebration in Greenfield Village Oct. 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.

Pick a Pumpkin Patch: Stop by The Village of Rochester Hills Pumpkin Patch noon-5 p.m. Oct. 18-19 in Festival Park, and pick your perfect pumpkin. Get it carved free by professional pumpkin artists noon-4 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds of pumpkin sales will benefit the Oakland Cobras U-14 Travel Softball team. The Village also will offer apple cider, snacks, hayrides, face painting and family fun 1-3 p.m. Oct. 19. Visit www.villageofrochesterhills.com.

TRICK OR TREAT

Treats in the Streets: Go back in time with this 7th annual event where costumed kids can experience the Streets of Old Detroit at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. Detroit. The event is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 and admission is free to children in costume. Richard "The Puppet Guy" Paul will perform in the auditorium at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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.

7th Annual Trick or Treat Parade:

Princesses, pirates, ghosts, goblins, bees and bunnies are invited to Canton's Summit on the Park, 3:30-6 p.m. Oct. 30. The parade kicks off at the Recreation entrance and moves through the building with surprises filling every room — including appearances by Hannah Montana and Strawberry Shortcake. Children 10 and under. \$5 per family/\$10 per non-resident family. Call (734) 394-5460.

Spooktacular Costume Party & Parade: Costumed children are invited to enjoy ghostly games, eat snacks, win prizes and of course, get some candy, at the parks at The Village of Rochester Hills, 5-6:30 p.m. Oct. 31. Visit www.villageofrochesterhills.com.

The Great Pumpkin Caper: From 5:30-7 p.m. on Oct. 30, ghosts and goblins will wander the streets of downtown Plymouth, loading their trick or treat bags to the brim.

Click or Treat: LeeperPhoto will celebrate its 10th anniversary by hosting cider, doughnuts and Halloween treats 10 a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m. Oct. 31, 18280 Devonshire, Beverly Hills. Bring two non-perishable food items for donation to Lighthouse of Oakland County, and get a free 4x6 photo of your children or pets in costume. Call (248) 819-6822.

HAUNTED HOUSES

Pumpkin Fest Haunted Barn: Great for kids ages 12 and under. Admission 50 cents per person. The horse stalls there are taken over by friendly monsters. (Scary ones are based on request.) Oct. 17-19 and 24-26, 29 and 30; 5:30-8 p.m.; 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia, The Wilson Barn. (734) 466-2410.

Haunted Hallows: Dusk through midnight Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and November 1. Dusk until 11 p.m. on Oct. 12, 19, 26, 30 and Nov. 2. Acres of spooky stuff. \$15, not for the meek. Presented by the VFW Post 9885. 6440 Hix Road, Westland, between Ford and Warren roads. www.haunted-hallows.com (734) 751-4312.

Haunted Hike at Heritage Park: Not recommended for children under 7. On Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 mile roads in Farmington Hills. 7:30-9 p.m., Oct. 23, \$5; 7:30-9:30 p.m., Oct. 24, \$7; 7:30-9:30 p.m., Oct. 25, \$7.

Corn Maze: Bloomfield Township's Historic Bowers

Farm open Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 27. Beginner's and advanced mazes.

Flashlights permitted. \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-11. Children ages 5 and under admitted free. 1219 E. Square Lake Road, west of Adams. www.BloomfieldMaze.com.

Special Event: At the above location, Saturday, Oct. 20 from 6:30-10:30 p.m., is a haunted forest, friendly barn, music, bonfire,

and hay rides. \$10 at the gate or \$8. Call Bloomfield Hills Schools Recreation Dept. (248) 433-0885.

The Haunted Winery: Adults \$10, children 52 inches and under admitted for \$5. 31505 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. Look for the smokestacks. (248) 477-8833. www.thehauntedwinery.com/7.html

Tunnel of Terror: Haunted House by the Rochester Area Jaycee from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.,

every Friday and Saturday in October. \$10 per person. Location is Rochester Municipal Park at Pine Street west of Main Street and north of University Drive. From noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, it's kid friendly. (\$2 with a canned food donation. Parents admitted free that day.) www.rochesterareajaycees.org

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SCREENS

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on the weekends," said Elliott, a Plymouth resident. "On Thursdays we try to quench the thirst for people who like the classics. Obviously, October is just a natural for this."

Though the spooky series kicked off last week, Elliott noticed excitement building early on — and it had no boundaries. "People come from all over," she said. "From Pleasant Ridge to as far as Flint."

Before choosing the movies featured, Elliott researched "how those movies did when they first came out." Though she admitted, the choices are limited by what the movie studios have made available. "I think people love Halloween and they love to get scared," she said.

That sentiment rings true at the Detroit Institute of Arts, too. The Detroit Film Theatre won't let Halloween creep up without some due attention. This month the theater welcomes back the Alloy Orchestra to perform live scores to dramas, mobster movies and the chilling F.W. Murnau vampire movie *Nosferatu* — which dates back to 1922.

GHOST HUNTING

The scares will be fully monitored at Detroit's Historic Redford Theatre. Located in the Old Redford neighborhood, at Lahser and Grand River, this moviehouse is a must-see. And this year movie-goers will find out if the Redford is truly haunted, thanks to an overnight visit by Metro Paranormal Investigators on Oct. 18 — following a 3D screening of *House of Wax*. "After people leave they'll

work through the night exploring the deep layers of dusty space around and beneath the theater," said Ed Seward, a Southfield resident and Motor City Theater Organ Society volunteer. Infrared cameras and equipment will be out in full force as the ghosthunters search for clues.

The Redford Theatre has a history of sightings and stories. Among them, Seward noted, is the tale of a mysterious lady in white who was seen exiting the balcony though the auditorium was completely empty. An organist practicing on the original pipe organ has reported feeling as though "there was an audience behind her listening" when no one was around, added Seward.

The Redford Theatre offers more than just scary films around Halloween. From 3D prints to double-feature events celebrating classic cinema, it's all presented in an historic setting, one that's sure to showcase its own spooky tricks. Seward said he hopes people will leave with "a great feeling knowing you've had the whole experience."

HORROR AT HOME

For those who prefer to settle in at home, turn the lights down and see a scream queen, check your local listings. Cable subscribers will have plenty to choose from — even if you don't buy into premium channels. AMC's FearFest will offer a few films worth tuning in for while carving a jack-o-lantern or assembling a ghoulish costume, including the original babysitter slasher flick. *Halloween* is showing at noon on Oct. 24. Keep an eye out for your black cat while watching *Pet Sematary*, 4 p.m. Oct. 28. And beware of dream-stealer Freddy Krueger with *A Nightmare on*

Elm Street, playing late night on Oct. 30 — 12:30 a.m., all on AMC.

Or stop by your local video store. Clawson-based Thomas Video always has a wide array of options on VHS and DVD. The experts there have never failed me in a quest for the truly spooky to show at a Horror Movie House party. When *Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte* was checked out, they saved the day with *The Changeling* — I'd forgotten how clever and scary that movie really was.

But in the age of Netflix and Blockbuster.com, your favorite scary movie might be just a mailbox away.

Add a few of these to your queue: Italian horror master Dario Argento's witchy ways make *Suspense* a gory, artistic scare. Around these parts — Sam Raimi's old Birmingham stomping grounds — *The Evil Dead* is mandatory viewing. Take it Up North and watch it with friends at the remote family cabin. I dare you. Stephen King maintains that high school is Hell in Brian DePalma's *Carrie*, while *Shaun of the Dead* blends dry British wit and the claustrophobia of a zombie takeover for more fun than anyone expected. When in doubt, it's hard to get your fill of redrum when Jack Nicholson goes mad in *The Shining*.

Get your tricks and treats on the screen this October. And share your favorites with FILTER at scasola@hometownlife.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola prefers horror movies to haunted houses, hands down, because she's a scaredy cat at heart. She writes about entertainment and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea for Noise Patrol? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

Easy recipes, Halloween tips and bikes for kids

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE RESTAURANT THEMED À LA CARTE DINNERS:

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Located in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven mile.

TRICK OUT YOUR HOME TREAT YOUR PALATE

To help you keep up with the *Munsters*, stylist Matthew Mead has authored the gorgeously ghoulish *Halloween Tricks and Treats* book, with step-by-step instructions for creating simple, affordable crafts and edibles for all ages.

Halloween Tricks and Treats features spooky snacks, such as

death-by-chocolate cakes, witch pizza, candy corn milkshakes, yummy mummy meatloaf and orange hot chocolate. Chapters include Cookie Monsters, Sweet-n-Spooky, Spine Chillers (think popsicles, ice cream and more) and Mummy Cooked, with deliciously deceptive dinners.

Quick tricks include candles that look spooky and weird in a candleholder because they're really oddly shaped carrots with plastic eyes glued on them.

Mead is style editor-at-large for *Country Home*. His books include *Easter Eggs, Cakes for Kids, Gifts from Nature* and *Entertaining Simple*. Visit www.matthewmeadstyle.com.

STARBUCKS OFFERS SANDWICH BREAKFAST

Starbucks' Piadini, inspired by Italy, is a new breakfast sandwich combination of dough folded around a variety of items (veggies, eggs, meat and cheese).

One is the portabello mushroom, spinach, feta and ricotta for \$3.25

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VARIETY CHILDREN'S CHARITY HOSTS NOVI EVENT

Variety presents Lights, Camera, Auction! to raise funds to buy bikes for local kids. The event features cuisine, a

silent auction and sneak preview of new major motion picture.

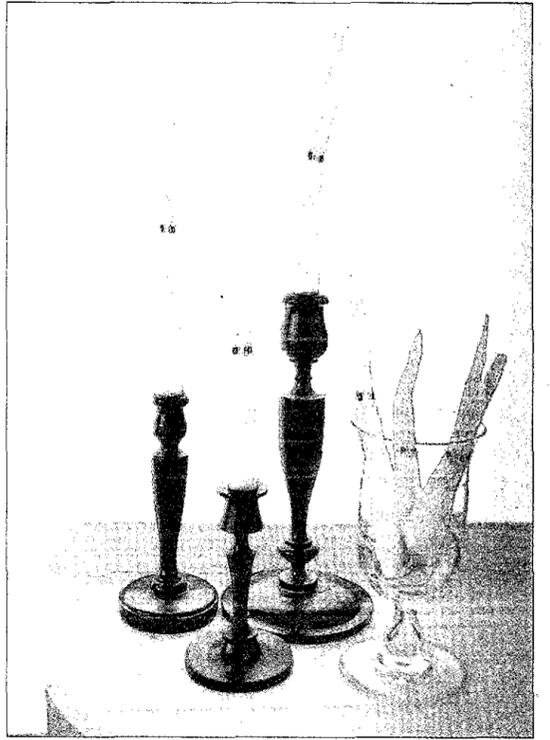
Taking place at Novi's Emagine Theatre on Oct. 28, guests begin the evening with foods from more than 24 renowned restaurants and caterers including 220 Restaurant, Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup, Ocean Prime and Wolfgang Puck Grille, followed by a silent auction.

Some items for bid include a suite for 18 to see *White Christmas* at the Fox Theatre and an epicurean package. Finally, guests will enjoy a sneak preview of a first-run major motion picture.

"Through the amazing generosity of our sponsors and other caring individuals, many children will have a holiday season they will never forget," said Judith Solomon, co-chair of Lights, Camera, Auction. "This is always a wonderful evening for everyone who attends."

Physically challenged children will receive specially adapted bikes to fit their individual needs.

Lights, Camera, Auction's sneak preview begins at 7:45 p.m. at Emagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi. Tickets are \$50 each. Call (248) 258-5511.



Try these fun decorative ideas with carrots and candle holders suggested in Matthew Mead's book *Halloween Tricks and Treats*.

kids can help make.

SPINACH SALAD WITH TOMATO-ORANGE VINAIGRETTE

- 1 pound fresh spinach, cleaned, leaves removed and stems reserved
- 4 plum tomatoes
- 2 oranges, cut into sections, zested
- 6 mushrooms, sliced thinly
- 1 red onion, sliced thinly
- 1 cup croutons
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- one-quarter cup olive oil
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Section the oranges over a bowl to catch any juice that may run out. Gently squeeze the sections with your hand to remove remaining juices, being careful not to crush the sections. Reserve the juice and the sections.

Cut three of the tomatoes on a bias in thin slices and lay around the perimeter of a shallow bowl. Remove the seeds from the remaining tomato and chop. In a food processor, puree the chopped tomato with the orange juice, lemon juice, ketchup and the olive oil. Add salt and pepper to taste and reserve the dressing.

Place the spinach leaves in a

large mixing bowl and toss with the dressing from the blender. Transfer the dressed spinach to the bowl with the sliced tomatoes. Top with sliced onions, mushrooms and the orange sections. Sprinkle the salad with croutons and season with salt and pepper.
Yield: 4 servings.

TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD

- 2 cups fresh pineapple, cubed
- 1 fresh avocado, cubed
- 1 fresh mango, cubed
- one-half coriander, chopped
- 1 cup banana chips, cracked
- one-half cup raspberry vinaigrette or poppy seed dressing
- 2 tablespoons toasted pecans
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoon pink marinated ginger slices
- one-half fresh lime juice

Cut up pineapple, avocado and mango; add banana chips, coriander, raspberry vinaigrette or poppy seed dressings and nuts.

Mix gently, adding fresh lime juice. Serve on platter adding ginger slices and toasted sesame seeds as garnish.
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NATIONAL EAT BETTER, EAT TOGETHER MONTH

It's national Vegetarian Month and National Eat Better; Eat Together Month. Tempt teens with healthy family meals, says The Association for Dressings & Sauces.

According to Washington State University, kids appreciate family conversation. It's their favorite part of the actual meal.

So get the family involved in dinner-making. Allow each person to select one vegetable for the meal that they make and everyone eats together. Or, try experimenting with ethnic foods and assign your kids the task of online research to find recipes.

The Journal of the American Dietetic Association published a study that people who eat healthy salads, raw vegetables and salad dressing have considerably higher levels of vitamins C, E, B6 and folic acid - key nutrients in promoting a healthy immune system. Here are two easy recipes the



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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

October is National Vegetarian Awareness Month.

Nov. 1 is World Vegan Day. Let's clarify some misconceptions:

A vegetarian doesn't eat animal flesh. No fish, chicken, cow, pork, duck, etc.

A vegan abstains from all animal flesh plus avoids dairy, gelatin and all animal products.

People who abstain from chicken and fish are not vegetarians. Vegetarians consume plant life.

Vegetarians and vegans get calcium, b12, iron, protein and other nutrients from plants foods.

Groups like the American Heart Association tout meatless diets to lower risks of obesity, coronary heart disease (which causes heart attack), high blood pressure, diabetes mellitus and some forms of cancer.

To celebrate, there are plenty of restaurants to enjoy. If you miss the taste of chicken or beef, try a restaurant that has mock-meats which are soy or gluten based, high in protein and imitate the flavor of animal flesh.

Try a meatless meal at any of these locations:

■ **Szechuan Empire South**, 29215 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 458-7160. Many mock meat items. Try the spicy veggie chicken with broccoli, carrots, celery in Szechuan sauce. The veggie beef is in a sweet and sour

sauce.

■ **A.J.'s Cafe**, 240 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, (248) 399-3946. Try the seitan reuben, breakfast burritos, housemade coleslaw or sweet scones.

■ **Amici's Pizza**, 3249 West 12 Mile Road, Berkley, (248) 544-4100. The vegan pizza with tofu mozzarella cheese melts in your mouth. With artichokes, it's even better. Nice beer and wine selection.

■ **Ashoka Indian Cuisine**, Two locations 2100 Haggerty Road, Canton (734) 844-3100, and 3642 Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 689-7070. Try the Paneer Lababdar with tomato, onions and cashews in a mild sauce, and the Bagara Baigan of eggplant stuffed with peanut and sesame seed paste and cooked with onion and tamarind.

■ **Sugar Kisses**, 1025 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 542-5622. The slogan for this bakery is "Gluten Free? So Are We. Vegan oohh, we do that too." Try cayenne chocolate brownies, flourless chocolate tortes and stand in line for their big cookies. There are a few counter seats and the bakery also serves soup, pizza and coffee.

■ **Tasi Juice Bar**, 204 West 4th St, Royal Oak, (248) 336-9043. Veggie sandwiches and smoothie options. Good for on the go or a quick lunch.

■ **Detroit Evolution Laboratory**, 1434 Gratiot Avenue #1, Detroit, (313) 316-1411. Call in advance. This is where you learn to make vegan

meals or order unique gourmet vegan catered food such as raw, Thai, Italian and more. At Detroit Eastern Market on the second Saturday of each month Lab owners Angela Kasmala and Gregg Newsom are under Shed Two with gourmet, organic salad dressings, raw fruit bars and more. They plan to open a restaurant soon, check out: www.detroitrevolution.com

■ **Inn Season**, 500 E. Fourth St, Royal Oak, (248) 547-7916. The Mexican burritos and botanas are great with plenty of spice. Try the dill mushroom soup and the big Bapbrawski sandwich - it's like a gourmet Big mac.

■ **Om Cafe**, 23136 Woodward Ave, Ferndale, (248) 548-1941. The Nori rolls are some of the best in Michigan.

■ **Jerusalem Pizza**, 26025 Greenfield Road, Southfield, (248) 552-0088. There's vegan, kosher toppings like veggie pepperoni and veggie Canadian bacon. Worth the drive.

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■ **Ganesh Bhavan**, 28233 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 522-1202. It's strictly vegetarian northern and southern Indian Cuisine.

■ **Udipi Indian**, 29210 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 626-6021. Try the vegetable samosas appetizer. The Chana Massala entree, with

chickpeas in a spicy red sauce is nice with flat bread Naans or eggplant rice. Dessert items include sweet shankir palla with sweet, puffy fried dough in sugar syrup.

Lastly, if you are really in a rush, **Del Taco's** veggie burritos minus the cheese. They include fresh cilantro, nice!

Need a quickie home recipe? Enjoy this hearty soup from www.vegmichigan.org by member Susan Kay.

SENATE NAVY BEAN SOUP FROM SUSANKAY'S VEGAN KITCHEN

- 1 pound navy beans, cooked and drained
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 18-ounce can tomato sauce
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon liquid smoke
- 1 1/2 cups soy milk
- 2 teaspoon salt
- pinch of white pepper

Heat oil over medium high heat in large soup kettle. Saute onion and garlic until transparent. Add carrots, celery, tomato sauce, broth, bay leaf and thyme. Cook until veggies are very tender.

Add cooked navy beans, 1 1/2 cups water and liquid smoke. Bring to a boil then lower heat and simmer. Add soy milk, salt and pepper. Do not boil again, just heat through. Warm again and serve the following day.



Brian Jacobs, owner of Jerusalem Pizza in Southfield, with his half vegetarian with cheese, half dairyless with vegan mock meats pizza.

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Ernesto's new name suits its new menu

Reduced prices, an expanded menu, earthy-Tuscan wall colors and no dress code — plus the addition of the word “garden” to the name of Ernesto’s Italian — are all new editions to the decades-old Plymouth restaurant.

Now called Ernesto’s Italian Garden, the restaurant closed for a short timespan in September and is now especially geared to families.

The easy-to-read menu includes listings of what the restaurant calls “vegetarian fare and/or heart healthy options.”

Here are some highlights of the new Ernesto’s Italian Garden:

Appetizers: Hot Artichoke Dip, artichokes baked into Parmesan cream with garlic and herbs, \$6.95; Mushroom Crostini, mushrooms & shallots sautéed with red wine, topped with Asiago cheese and white truffle oil with Italian bread, \$7.95; Mussels Di Sicily, mussels in the shell simmered in white wine and lemon juice, topped with scallions, tomatoes and herbs, \$7.95

Pizza: Create your own with Italian cheeses plus any three of onions, bell peppers, black olives, mushrooms or Roma tomatoes. Small, \$9.75, large, \$15.95.

Signature Dishes: Italian Garden Rustica, Italian sausage sautéed with tri-color bell peppers, onions and penne pasta, tossed with marinara and baked mozzarella, \$12.95; Italian Garden Marinara, marinara sauce tossed with

angel hair, spaghetti or linguine and grated Parmesan, \$9.95

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Entrees: Chicken Ernesto, sautéed chicken breast, Italian sausage, onions, and sweet cherry peppers in a piccanti sauce over angel hair pasta, \$13.95; Pecan Crusted Walleye, with tempesto sauce, served with roasted Tuscan potatoes and vegetable, \$14.95; Beef Tips Chianti, beef tips sautéed with mushrooms, tomatoes and garlic, served in a Chianti sauce tossed with cavatapi and scallions, \$14.95.

Kid’s menu (with a beverage): Calzone Pizza pocket, \$3.95; Macaroni and Cheese, long macaroni noodles with cheese, \$3.95.

Wine: Riesling, Firestone, \$6 per glass; White Zinfandel, Barringer, \$4.50 per glass; Chianti Classico, Bonffi, \$7 per glass; Pinot, Noir, Pepperwood, \$5.50 per glass.



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Ernesto’s has freshened up their decor and menu to suit the changing times.

— Compiled by Lana Mini, Staff Writer Tony Bruscatto contributed to this report.

He said it and we agree

In the September 2008 Lark restaurant newsletter, proprietor Jim Lark wrote, “The growing dominance of light beers in the U.S. could make one wonder why there is no similar degradation of



Focus on Wine

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wines. The answer: There is! However, insipid almost tasteless wines are not labeled ‘light wine,’ but rather, pinot grigio.”

his opinions, especially about wine and food. Many pinot grigios fall into the category of citrus water, lacking attractive aroma and flavor.

Lark has not found a single pinot grigio that is attractive to sell by the glass. There’s only one by the bottle, Maso Canali 2007 from Trentino, Italy, at \$40.

PINOT GRIS FROM ALSACE

“It’s a mystery to me why pinot grigio, from either the U.S. or Italy, except for the Collio region, are not as good as pinot gris from Alsace,” Lark continues. “The grape variety is the same, only the name reference is different. I assume it’s the terroir. But it may be that Alsace wineries are better at making wine from this variety.”

Lark’s favorite Alsace pinot gris producers are Zind Humbrecht (although he considers them pricey and does not have one on his regular list of about 100 wines) and Paul Zinck, which he offers at the Lark for \$11 by the glass and \$50 per bottle. “It’s difficult to find a poor pinot gris from Alsace,” he adds.

DOMESTIC PINOT GRIS

Adelsheim and Elk Cove are two of Lark’s favorite Oregon producers of pinot gris.

On his preference list, he places King Estate just slightly below them.

Elk Cove Pinot Gris is on the

WINE PICKS

The following wines topped our recent taste-off of PINOT GRIS and PINOT GRIGIO that did not include Michigan producers. Their wines are cited in the column separately:

- 2007 Helfrich Alsace Pinot Gris, \$15 (off-dry)
- 2007 King Estate Oregon Pinot Gris, \$17
- 2007 Four Graces Dundee Hills, Oregon Pinot Gris, \$18
- 2007 J Pinot Gris, Russian River Valley, \$20
- 2007 MacMurray Ranch Pinot Gris, \$20
- 2007 Maso Canali Trentino Pinot Grigio, \$23

Lark’s wine list by the bottle at \$47. On this fine point, we don’t agree with Lark. We recommend the pinot gris from all three of these Oregon producers.

It’s interesting to note that by law in Oregon, the wine must be labeled pinot gris, never pinot grigio.

MICHIGAN GRIS AND GRIGIOS

Michigan is coming on very strong in its production of pinot gris, also labeled pinot grigio, more we believe, for marketing purposes than style.

In the 2008 Michigan Wine Competition, Chateau Fontaine 2006 Pinot Gris won a double gold medal. Winning gold medals are 2007 Peninsula Cellars Pinot Gris and a blend of pinot grigio and chardonnay produced by Bel Lago.

Local is the new gold, so consider Michigan pinot gris and grigios from these wineries also: Bel Lago, Black Star Farms, Brys Estate, Chateau Chantal, Fenn Valley, 45 North, Gill’s Pier, Left Foot Charley, Longview and Round Barn.

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Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, www.musicshall.org.
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First Presbyterian Church: Let Heaven and Nature Sing, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17; A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7; Welcome All Wonders, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19; Psalteries of Psalms, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 2009; How Can You Keep From Singing?, 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 2009; Pipebusters w/organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17, 2009; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 2009, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, trenney@comcast.net.
Oakland Choral Society: "St. Nicholas" and "Wachet auf," Dec. 6; "Messiah," Dec. 14, 620 Romeo, Rochester, 5:15-5:50, (248) 391-0184.
Plymouth Oratorio Society: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.
Rochester Choral: "Too Hot To Handle," Nov. 29-30, Detroit Opera House, "An Affair To Remember," Feb. 14, Club Venetian, Madison Heights; "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; "The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, www.rackhamchoir.org.

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Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.
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Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Maestro Charles Dutoit presents Scheherazade, Oct. 24-26, Max M. Fisher Music Center, box office at 3711 Woodward, www.detroit-symphony.com, (313) 576-5400.
Fox Theatre: Andrew Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. May 19, tickets \$82-\$162.
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Schoolcraft College: Pianist James Tocco, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14; Pianist Anton Nel, Feb. 13; Avalon String Quartet, March 20; Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15, \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

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Fashion View

Pink Ladies weigh in on the season's legwear

This is the first of many planned 'Fashion View' segments where PINK staff will weigh in on current trends.

I am a legwear rebel. There. I said it. I would rather go bare legged than wear nylons any day and I'm not afraid to push the envelope as the air picks up a chill. I don't even look at a pair of socks for as long as the weather dares to cooperate. But eventually I have to give in. We all do.

So give me sassy Betsy Johnson lace-up socks, knee-highs with a seam striped up the back or a good school-girl plaid that stretches up almost to my knee-length skirt and sits inside ballet flats. Give me legwear with attitude — pale pink fishnets to suit my girly side and ribbed black tights when I get too serious.

I know how lucky I am to work in a field that rarely requires nylons and conservative suits. I never could master the art of the nylon — my pale skin simply can't be mimicked by synthetic fibers. I always end up looking a tinge too orange in "tan" and too dead-girl-walking in "nude." Control tops always leave that hideous line — worse than a panty line, it screams "here is my waistband." And even sandal toes leave that tell-tale toe-grazing seam — deeming all my peep-toe pumps a serious fashion "don't." I never could embrace the footless variety.

And don't get me started on the fragile nature of this apparel. I've doctored more than a few pairs with clear nail polish in a pinch. Who hasn't?

So when it comes to legwear, I look for longevity. I must have five pairs of opaque black tights and I wear them



Wensdy Von Buskirk



Stephanie Casola



Lana Mini

regularly. I plan to add lots of color (I'm thinking a rich burgundy) and menswear-inspired texture to that collection this season — as well as a pair of cable-knit winter white tights that recently caught my eye at The Gap. I'd been waiting for the day when cable-knit would come in adult sizes. That time is now.

And to take this a step further, pardon the pun, I am still trying to work my super-soft blue American Apparel legwarmers into my wardrobe.

Sure I've stuffed them secretly under some boot-cut jeans on the truly frigid days but I haven't tried to update the era of *Flashdance* just yet. I'm sure my mother would say the same thing she did back in the early 80s — "pull those up or your legs will freeze." Chances are, I'd still scrunch them down to my ankle out of sheer habit. Blame it on Jennifer Beals. — Stephanie Angelyn Casola, O&E Staff Writer

If Barack Obama wins the presidency in November, women across America can host nylon-burning parties.

After all, the elegant and intelligent Michelle Obama doesn't wear them. Progressive corporate companies realize a woman doesn't need her circulation cut off to be professional.

But, if we're going to wear them, we can do so in a way that doesn't look like we're on a 1980s soap opera or headed to a funeral. If you're going to wear conservative legwear, make them stylish tights, please.

This year's legwear is all about texture and patterns: lace, argyle, or seams even up the front (Vivienne Westwood's *Red* label) with knee-length skirts.

Fishnets are appropriate for day if they're

small weaves; about one-sixteenth inch wide, in black, neutral or brown. Save the fun pink fishnets for a night at MGM.

I recently bought a pair of merlot-colored fishnets that have a vintage look. Pair them with knee-length skirts or dresses and you won't look like a street-walker.

But my favorite type of legwear is over-the-knee socks.

Knee-highs aren't my thing because I hate my saggy knees. But I love over-the-knee socks because they're warmer than tights. By day, wear them with a pencil skirt at work. At night, change to a slightly shorter skirt where just a glimpse of leg is exposed to add some glamour. It's just a leg, have some fun. — Lana Mini, O&E Staff Writer

I'm all about subtlety. If you're going to wear the season's selection of colorful, textured tights, let your legs take the outfit spotlight.

Pair them with a simple LBD (little black dress) so the tights become your standout accessory. And don't make prints compete like you've seen on the runway — that just doesn't work for most people in every-day life.

Since fishnets, bright pinks and patterns can easily slide toward the trashy side, I think fancy legwear looks best peeping out between modest skirts and boots. That way, you're getting a taste, not an eyeful.

I also love the look of little knee socks sticking out from atop tall boots. Parisian's Jadore Pink Cookie socks (\$18 for 3 pairs) have fun prints and a subtle knit ruffle at the top — such a cute way to perk up last year's fall staples without spending a lot of money.

I've seen young models cut holes in the heels and toes of their knee socks and wear them over their stilettos a la legwarmer style. Now a new company is making the trend a bit more official.

Lebootique.com, a Bloomfield Hills-based line of boot and shoe accessories, offers many ways to update your footwear with charms, chains, heel rings and even Ugg Hugs — belts for your Uggs.

Their BootSleeves are virtually knee socks that go over your shoes, exposing the heel, toe and insole.

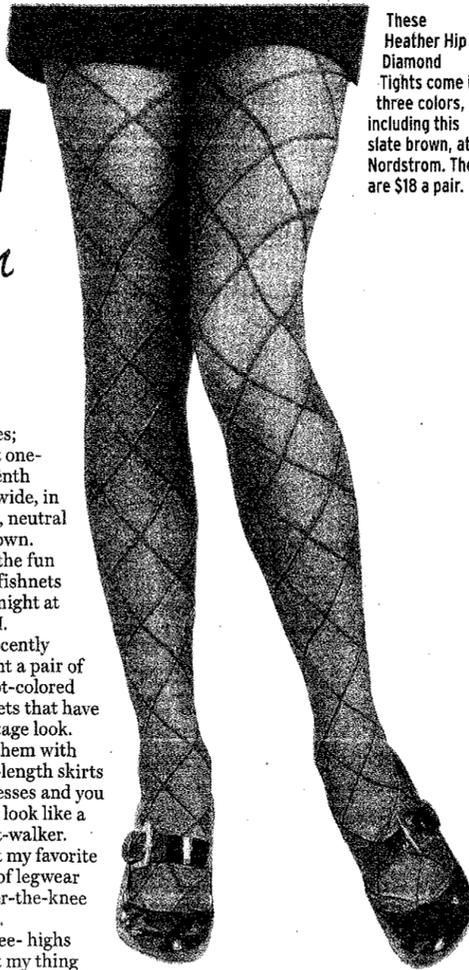
A wilder version are BootLeggerz, legwarmers made from tiers of fake fur that make you look instantly Aspen-bound.

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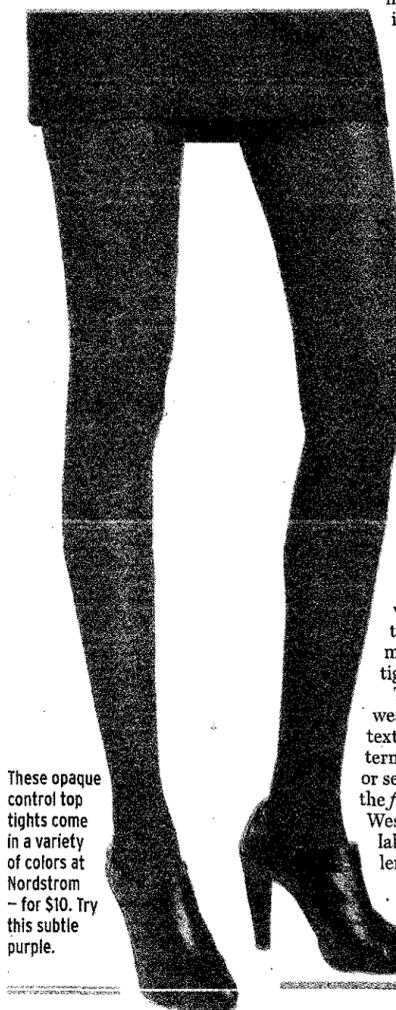
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