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Police await info about body found in Dumpster

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maintenance worker Jim Haile's gruesome discovery became horribly clear only after he dumped a second bucket of water on a burning body he found Friday morning in a Dumpster outside Palmer Terrace Apartments, on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland's Norwayne neighborhood.

"I felt sick to my stomach," Haile, 53, said. "It's not something I ever thought I'd find. It

was totally charred. I couldn't tell if it was a man, a woman or a kid."

Standing outside the one-story apartment complex on a crisp, autumn morning, Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick said it appeared the body, burned beyond recognition, was a man's. Authorities didn't know whether he had been killed and set on fire or whether he may have climbed into the Dumpster, possibly looking for shelter, and started a fire to keep warm.

Karrick said police would have to await a ruling from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office.

Haile found the body in a Dumpster, shared by Palmer Terrace residents and the next-door Palace Plaza shopping center, shortly after 7 a.m. when a resident reported seeing a fire.

"I slid the door open and saw a bunch of little fires in there," Haile said. "I saw what looked like part of a chair or something."

He dumped two buckets of water before he noticed what looked like a body.

"I thought maybe it was a Devil's Night prank. I thought maybe somebody had put a scarecrow in there and set it on fire," Haile said.

But it became clear that the body, lying on its back in the Dumpster, wasn't a prank.

Another apartment maintenance worker, 33-year-old Gary Bailey, walked up to the Dumpster shortly after Haile did.

"It's something we'll never forget seeing," he said. "It was burned beyond recognition."

Haile worried that the body might be someone he knew, someone from the apartment complex. He hoped not, but, regardless, he said it was a bad situation.

On Friday morning, Karrick said police hadn't received reports of anyone missing, either from Palmer Terrace Apartments or in the surrounding neighborhood.

Palmer Terrace resident

Leda Moore had noticed smoke coming from the Dumpster when she walked outside with her 11-year-old grandson, who was catching a bus to school. At first, she thought it was a small fire. Then, she heard that a body had been found.

"I was shocked," she said. On Friday morning, the body had been turned over the medical examiner's office and the Dumpster had been hauled away.

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Man gets probation for assault

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man accused of holding his wife to the floor and trying to stab her to death has been placed on probation for three years and ordered to comply with a long list of court-imposed conditions.

Jason Michael Corp, 28, has avoided prison by agreeing to plead guilty to one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. In return, he will no longer face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for other charges including assault with intent to murder.

Corp's sentencing by Judge Edward Ewell Jr. came on Oct. 22, just seven weeks after he was accused of attacking his 30-year-old wife during an incident that erupted while the couple was staying with a friend at Hickory Green Apartments, near Yale and Warren a few blocks south of Westland Shopping Center.

The couple, married only a few months, had argued about their relationship when Corp was accused of getting a steak knife, throwing his wife to the floor, restraining her by getting on top of her, and trying to stab her as she fought him off, police Sgt. Michael Harhold has said.

The victim survived the attack, but police Lt. Dan Karrick said the woman had severe defensive wounds on her arms and hands.

Corp finally fled the apartment and inflicted wounds to his own wrists and throat, police have said. Both Corp and his wife were treated at a local hospital.

In accepting Corp's guilty plea, Ewell placed him on probation for three years and ordered him to take his prescription medications. It wasn't known for what he was being treated.

Ewell also ordered Corp not to use alcohol and illegal drugs, and he warned that Corp will be subject to drug testing. The judge also refused to let Corp leave the state without permission, warned him not to contact the victim, demanded he receive a psychiatric evaluation, and imposed court fines and costs.

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Jeremy Beguhn (from left) as Harley Wayne with Juliana Stewart as Bertha Mae Sludge, Cody Buege as Ellard Hooper and Vanessa Callanan as Eloise Sludge rehearse a scene from the John Glenn Theatrical Guild's upcoming production of "Virgil and the City Slickers."

JG Guild goes for humor with 'Virgil'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Matt Benyo, the hardest part of playing Virgil in the John Glenn Theatrical Guild's upcoming production isn't being the assistant director, it's the accent.

A senior, Benyo plays the lead in *Virgil and the City Slickers* which will be presented Thursday through Saturday at John Glenn High School in Westland.

"It's been difficult at times," Benyo said. "I'm not good at accents."

Benyo is sharing the assistant director's job with Kelly

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Clerk predicts heavy turnout for election

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's voter turnout in Tuesday's presidential election is expected to soar beyond the 69 percent level of four years ago, mirroring a nationwide surge and raising the possibility of long lines at polling places, City Clerk Eileen DeHart said.

"I would say it will be a minimum — minimum — of 75 percent," she said.

Local voter registration rolls have increased by more than 4,400 since the August primary, climbing past the 62,000 mark as election officials here and beyond brace for a turnout that could shatter modern records.

Westland absentee voting has been strong, with DeHart predicting that well over 10,000 absentee ballots will be cast.

In neighboring Garden City, Clerk Allyson Bettis projected that turnout could potentially surpass 80 percent, considering the city fell just short of 70 percent in the last presidential election.

"I'm looking for at least a 10 percent

GET READY TO VOTE

Local sample ballots can be viewed at www.hometownlife.com by going to the Westland page and clicking on the election icon.

Come back to the Web site to see updated election results after the polls close 8 p.m. Tuesday. We'll have updated local, state and national election results, including the national Electoral College map.

Voters needing help getting to the polls election day can utilize Michigan 2-1-1, which can provide transportation

increase in turnout," Bettis said.

Voters going to the polls can expect a substantial wait to cast their ballots, DeHart said.

"I would expect the wait will be an hour at least — maybe two," she said.

Even so, DeHart said she believes the city is prepared to accommodate a huge turnout. She said Westland will have extra voting privacy booths and privacy sleeves for ballots.

to the polls and help finding information on candidates and ballot proposals. It's an initiative sponsored by the Michigan Participation Project, a non-partisan, non-profit group dedicated to expanding the role of non-profit organizations in voting and elections.

Michigan 2-1-1, the health and human service equivalent of 9-1-1 to give or get help, currently services 71 percent of Michigan's population through regional call centers.

DeHart predicted turnout will be high partly based on "all of the newly registered voters and the importance this election will have on the future of the country, whichever (presidential) candidate gets in."

Voters also will have their say on other national, state and county races, and those who live in the Wayne-Westland school district will help decide a 1.25-mill tax renewal for the

Wayne County Community College District. The tax, which would replace a higher, 1.5 tax set to expire in two years, would amount to \$125 a year for a \$200,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000.

Local voters also will help decide two proposals, one for the medical use of marijuana and one pertaining to embryonic stem cell research.

Meanwhile, DeHart said her office each day has been flooded by calls from people who have election questions.

"We've had literally hundreds of phone calls a day," she said.

Voters who need to cast absentee ballots still may do so until 4 p.m. Monday at the clerk's office, in Westland City Hall on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne. However, they will have to fill out their ballots on the premises.

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

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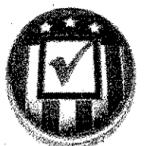
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AROUND WESTLAND

Collection for homeless

The Wayne County Family Center is sponsoring its annual Project Homeless Connect Hygiene Drive, which aims to supply the homeless with much needed hygiene items. From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, the center will provide the items to the homeless free of charge. Additional services, such as hair cuts, flu shots, HIV testing will also be available. Clothing will be available as well, breakfast and lunch will be served, and much more. The Wayne County Family Center is located near the Kay Beard Building at 30600 Michigan Ave., in Westland. For more information, call Erin Schmidt at (734) 721-0590.

Hazardous waste

The Wayne County Department of Environment will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Nov. 8, at the Westland Department of Public Service.

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Examples of acceptable items include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, nail polish, anti-freeze, motor oil, gasoline, and automotive and dry cell batteries.

Acceptable electronics include computer CPUs, monitors, printers, keyboards, cell phones and televisions. Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted.

For more information, call (734) 326-3936. The Westland DPS is at 37137 Marquette, south of Ford and east of Newburgh.

Thanksgiving Celebration

An annual favorite that has signaled the arrival of the

holiday season in Westland is the Friendship Center's 2008 Thanksgiving Celebration will noon-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 from Noon until 3 p.m. Guests can anticipate a traditional feast, prizes, entertainment, festive decorations, and even some friendly "competition," all of which make counting blessings all the more fun. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$14 for non-members. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh between Marquette and Ford roads.

Classic movies

Enjoy classic movies on the big screen at the State Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Avenue W., Wayne. "North by Northwest," starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint will be shown at 1, 3:35 and 6:10 p.m. today (Sunday). Tickets will be the theater's standard price of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children, age 11 and under. For more information, call (734) 721-4700.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sweet Halloween

Youngsters got an early start to trick and treating at the Westland Public Library during last week's storetime. Collecting sweet treats are two-year-old Callum Gruenhagen of Westland, a Dalmatian, and Maya Ferraciolo, 3 of Garden City, a cheerleader.

VIRGIL

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Sutherland who just happens to play one of the female leads, city slicker Jennifer, in the production.

"This has made my day," she said. "I've been in productions since 10th grade and I look at the assistant directors as huge role models. I want to make a huge difference in the lives of the cast like they made in mine."

According to director Sheri Grove, the students requested that the fall play be a comedy and she obliged.

"I think they wanted a challenge and what better challenge is there than to make people laugh."

The play, one of several Virgil productions written by author Eddie McPherson, centers on the simple country Sludge family who encounter two city slickers who need to use a telephone when their car breaks down and their cell phones don't "work in the boonies." The city slickers walk into several family predicaments including a lover's spat, bad hair day and a miracle tomato-growing tonic, and when they try to help, things go from bad to worse.

"The show is filled with slapstick comedy, southern stereotypes and a ton of fun," Grove said.

Also appearing in the production are Jeremy Beguhn, Cody Buege, Vanessa Callanan, Tyler Claus, Ashley Dunn, Tyla Echols, Queen Gregory, Megan C. Kelly, Sarah Mellas, Shane Miller, Kimmie Schepher, Sarah Toarmina, Nikki Urban and Justin Walker.

Benyo and Sutherland landed their assistant director spots after writing essays about it. Their responsibilities include doing publicity for the play and



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nikki Urban (from left) plays Margaret Sludge with Tyla Echols as Trish, Kelly Sutherland as Jennifer and Matt Benyo as Virgil Sludge. Sutherland and Benyo also are assistant directors for the John Glenn Theatrical Guild production of "Virgil and the City Slickers."



Vanessa Callanan (Eloise Sludge) and Ashley Dunn (Beatrice Hopper) rehearse a scene from "Virgil and the City Slickers."

designing the graphic for the T-shirt cast members will wear on opening day.

They also found themselves having to keep rehearsals going after teachers walked out on strike for four days last month. According to student teacher Kimberly Power who is joining Grove and Belinda Walakonis-Semak as a director, the students used the Westland Public Library for rehearsal the first day of the strike, but moved back to the auditorium at John Glenn High School after receiving permission to do so from school administrators.

VIRGIL AND THE CITY SLICKERS

What: A comedy in which the Sludge Family encounters to highbrow city slickers who need to use a telephone when their car breaks down. It's written by author Eddie McPherson.

Who: Presented by the John Glenn Theatrical Guild

When: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 6-8

Where: John Glenn High School Auditorium, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets: \$5 for students and \$7 for adults, available at the door.

"This has really been a great group to work with," Power said. "They lost four days of rehearsals, but Matt and Kelly pulled it together. They practiced on their own time. They had a lot of initiative from the very beginning, that's why I'm so impressed. They're a hard working group."

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Cowboy Cameron Bryden, 3, of Canton "rides" his horse into the Westland Public Library for the Halloween storetime. His grandmother Joyce Swain of Westland brought him to the program.



Children's librarian Cari Hall, who dressed as a pig, plays a game with the children during the Halloween storetime.

WW board puts lid on talk about negotiations

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Parents who turned out at the recent Wayne-Westland school board meeting were put on notice at the start that comments about the contract negotiations will not be heard until the district and its teachers union has received a fact finder's report.

Board President Martha Pitsenbarger, reading from a prepared statement, told the near-capacity crowd in the district's school board meeting room that "such comments would be ruled out of order."

The announcement comes as the result of an Oct. 17 agreement that both sides would make no further public comments about negotiations until the fact finder issues his report, expected some-

time in January.

"The district and the (Wayne-Westland Education) Association will continue to bargain in good faith toward a new contract," she said.

The board did hear from a number of parents who voiced their support for the teachers. Unlike a special meeting on Oct. 7 that was punctuated with outbursts from the audience, the board's regular monthly meeting was subdued and more civil in tone.

One parent was critical of the salaries made by the district's top administrators while another said opportunities were being taken away from students because of schools of choice students.

"It's hard for me to hear the district is broke," Brandy Smith said. "It's hard for me to accept, it's hard for me to swallow that three individuals make over \$600,000. All of that has been denied, but no one tells, no one shows us differently."

Baracy told the audience that his base salary is \$173,000 and that with benefits, it "could be close to \$253,000."

Pitsenbarger spoke in his defense, telling the parents that Baracy "does make a good salary, but he has a lot of responsibility."

"Plymouth-Canton just hired a new superintendent and his base salary is \$195,000," she said. "He (Baracy) has been here 13 years. He's on call 24/7 and he is mainly responsible for running the school district."

Board Treasurer Steve Beecher added that the district "could get a new superintendent for half the price, it could replace the lunch ladies and get ride of the custodians, but the problem is what type of quality are you going to get."

Kelly Salter told the board she understands that the district is going to see a deficit, but doesn't see a return in student education.

"When you put students first, you can't hold money back for fear of what might happen," Kelly Salter said. "Spend the money on our teachers and you'll win back the students we've been losing."

Board Vice-President Skip Monit who with Pitsenbarger are being targeted for a possible recall, told the parents that "as a board, we need to make the right decisions."

"If this group (the board) doesn't support and respect teachers, I don't know who does," he said. "We need to make sure we do everything to continue providing an education our children want. We can't just say put it here, put it here, put it here."

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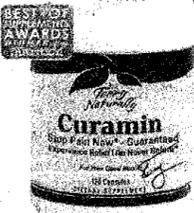
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WAYNE-WESTLAND STUDENT OF MONTH

Name: Emily Perkins
Age: 13
School: Marshall Middle School
Parent's Name: Tina Perkins
Nominated by: Gretchen Thomas
Why she was nominated: Emily works diligently on her studies. She currently holds a 3.6 grade point average, has been scor-



Perkins

when you grow up?: A car mechanic.

ing exceedingly well on her math quizzes and tests and is respectful of her teachers and peers.
What do you want to be

What do you like about school?: The learning process.
What is your favorite subject?: History, because you don't know where you are going until you know where you are from.
Who are your role models?: My brother, because he always encourages me.

Dates for surplus food distribution

Green beans, instant potatoes, mixed fruit, vegetable soup, nut mix, and 4-6-pound frozen turkey breasts will be among surplus federal food distributed to eligible Westland residents during November. All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Dorsey Community Center at 32715 Dorsey, between Glenwood and Palmer.

The pickup time and location for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 10, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The church's direct telephone number is (734) 729-1737. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers must contact their building manager for

their day of distribution at their building. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at their complex. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribution are determined by the agency. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Veterans group establishes depository of flags

Properly disposing of an American flag will get a little easier with the open of a flag depository at the William P. Faust Public Library.

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Westland Veteran's Association will unveil a U.S. flag depository to provide residents with a locale strictly designated for the American flag. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Citizens will be able to deposit any used, worn, or torn U.S. flags into the box for proper disposal by the Westland Veteran's Association (WVA).

"The American flag is the purest and most sacred symbol of our liberty as citizens of the United States," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "It is only fitting that we provide our residents with a proper way to dispose of them. We offer our gratitude to the Westland Veteran's Association for making this available."

In addition to the official introduction of the depository, the WVA will make public a special announcement pertaining to an upcoming event in the City of Westland.

"We're confident that attendees will be pleasantly surprised by it," Westland Veteran's Association President Ken Mehl said.

When the library's depository is full, flags will be prop-

erly disposed of by a local VFW Post during an official flag retirement ceremony on an as needed basis, which generally takes place on or near Memorial Day.

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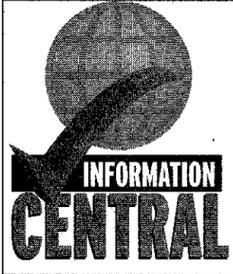
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Grieving a family pet

For many people, pets are considered an important part of the family. According to Sky Magazine, more than half of pet owners spend more time taking their pets to the vet than going to the doctor for themselves.

The bonds between a dog or cat and a human can be surprisingly strong and when a pet passes many people experience overwhelming grief. You can feel depressed, guilty or angry and find your feelings interfering with every day activities. Or you might feel that other people will not accept your sad feelings for a pet and you have to keep up a strong face. It's important, to know that your feelings are normal and that it is OK to let yourself go through a natural mourning process for your departed special friend.

Here at the Westland library, we have a number of resources to turn to help you through your grieving process. You might want to try "The Loss of a Pet" by Wallace Sife, "Goodbye Dear Friend: Coming to Terms with the Death of a Pet" by Virginia Ironside, "Pet Loss: A Spiritual Guide" by Eleanor L. Harris and "Pet Loss: A Thoughtful Guide for Adults and Children" by



Herbert A. Nieburg. We also have the video "Losing Your Best Friend: Recovering from the Death of a Pet." There are also a number of resources on the internet. The Web site, www.pet-loss.net, offers a number of support resources and coping tips. At www.helpguide.org/mental/grieving_pets.htm you can learn about the stages of grief and what to do when it comes time to make that hard decision about a suffering pet.

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Highlighted activities
Computer Classes: 11 a.m.

Nov. 3, Introduction to the Internet, 11 a.m. Nov. 6, Powerpoint for Beginners, 2 p.m. Nov. 6, Introduction to Microsoft Word.

Stop by the library for a complete description and requirements for all classes. All computer classes are hands-on. Space is limited. Register in advance at the reference desk or call (734) 326-6123.

Stress Reduction Workshop: 7 p.m. Nov. 10.

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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday.

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

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



At the Halloween Costume Walk for Pets, the Best Costume went to Amber Ragland and her dog Hewey. Amber was dressed as Little Bo Peep and Hewey was her lamb. The lamb costume was recycled from a costume Amber had worn when she was a baby.

Owners prove pets like to trick or treat

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the idea of Halloween Costume Walk for Pets came up, Patricia McKarge recalls there was some scoffing.

"Some people at City Hall said 'Why would you have a walk for dogs?' But for a lot of people, their dogs are their kids," said McKarge, Garden City Parks and Recreation director.

With 61 pets and more than 160 people turning up for the event last week in City Park, McKarge and her staff got the last laugh.

"It was a hoot, we absolutely plan to do it again," said McKarge. "When you do something for the first time, you never know what kind of response you'll get. Even the first time, this was a success. People called to thank us for having the event — that never happens."

Pets and their owners got to trick or treat along the walking path, collecting dog biscuits and other treats provided by members of the Garden City Family Resource Center RAVE Club and other human refreshments.

The costumes ranged from pirates to pineapples. Four awards were given to pet owners for their costume creations. Cathy Duford won Most Creative for "Piddler on the Roof."

The prize for Best Costume went to Amber Ragland and her dog Hewey. Amber was dressed as Little Bo Peep with Hewey, a dog, in lamb's clothing. The lamb costume was recycled from a costume Amber had worn as a baby.

Winner of the Funniest Costume awards was Tobie Shingleton whose Chihuahua, Ruby, was dressed as a pineapple.

Taking the prize as the Best Pet Owner/Pet Combination was Sharon Fewless, dressed as an Indian maiden with her dog, Sherman, costumed as a pony.

"We have a programs for pre-



Tobie Shingleton dressed up her Chihuahua Ruby as a pineapple and earned the Funniest Costume Award at the Halloween Costume Walk for pets.



Winner of the Best Pet Owner/Pet Combination competition was Sharon Fewless who was dressed as an Indian maiden. Her dog Sherman was dressed as a pony.

Mall, Macy's, chamber present Extravaganza

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With many economists predicting a lackluster holiday spending season, one business-minded Westland group already has rolled out a plan to help people save money by shopping early at the city's largest retail center.

It's the fourth annual Shopping Extravaganza, an exclusive, half-day event offered by the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Westland Shopping Center and Macy's. It will start at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the front of Macy's.

The first 50 people who sign up and pay \$20 will be treated to a continental breakfast by

Panera Bread, a holiday make-up presentation by Clinique, and shopping at participating stores that will be offering discounts and giveaways.

The event will culminate at 1 p.m. with lunch and door prize drawings at the mall's Lakeshore Grill.

"The Shopping Extravaganza is one of my favorite events," chamber President Brookellen Swope said. "What better way to help support the local businesses and fellow chamber members than by inviting the community to enjoy a day of shopping, not to mention being able to get a few people off my holiday shopping list."

Anyone interested in the shopping outing should call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Denise Mills, the mall's marketing manager, said the shopping center "is always happy to work with the chamber" to offer programs that help shoppers find discounts while promoting local businesses.

"We look at all different avenues to promote the mall as a whole," Mills said, adding that the Shopping Extravaganza is one way to accomplish that goal.

Organizers also hope such events will convince shoppers to return to Westland Shopping Center as they continue their holiday shopping, a move that could boost the local economy in what could be a challenging season.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 17, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on November 17, 2008 at 6:59 p.m. regarding the proposed Salary Ordinance for the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 1911:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #A-09-002

The City Council of the City of Garden City, in accordance with the City Charter and Labor Negotiations between it and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1911 (IAFF), hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for its employees for the period of July 1, 2008** through June 30, 2011.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SALARY ORDINANCE: International Association of Fire Fighters

Firefighters Starting Without All Required Certifications			
Experience	Level	07/01/08-06/30/09	07/01/09-06/30/10
No experience		\$37,143	\$39,000
0 - 1 year		\$38,081	\$39,933
1 - 3 years		\$38,913	\$40,859
3 - 5 years		\$39,793	\$41,783
Over 5 years		\$40,679	\$42,713

Firefighters Starting With All Required Certifications Beginning of Probationary Period			
Experience	Level	07/01/08-06/30/09	07/01/09-06/30/10
No experience		\$40,869	\$42,913
0 - 1 year		\$41,752	\$43,840
1 - 3 years		\$42,637	\$44,769
3 - 5 years		\$43,523	\$45,699
Over 5 years		\$44,405	\$46,625

Completion of Probationary Period			
Time	Level	07/01/08-06/30/09	07/01/09-06/30/10
Complete		\$47,758	\$50,146
1 year		\$52,309	\$54,924
2 years		\$54,217	\$56,928
3 years		\$56,319	\$59,135

Officers			
Rank	07/01/08-06/30/09	07/01/09-06/30/10	07/01/10-06/30/11
Fire Inspector	\$58,746	\$61,683	\$64,787
Engineer	\$59,305	\$62,270	\$65,384
Lieutenant			
Start	\$60,827	\$63,868	\$67,061
After 1 year	\$62,282	\$65,396	\$68,666
Captain			
Start	\$63,905	\$67,100	\$70,455
After 1 year	\$69,558	\$73,036	\$76,689
Fire Marshall	\$75,990	\$79,790	\$83,780

**Back Pay to only July 1, 2008

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2658-S. Hamade

Request for a 6,572 square foot lot area variance from Ordinance 248 in order to rezone the property at 32911 Warren Road for use as an automotive oil change facility; whereas Section 9.7.4(a) requires a minimum lot area of 20,000 square feet in the CB-4 district. (The existing site comprises 13,428 square feet).

Petition #2659-J. Parsell, 7611 Louise Court

Request for a 1 foot, 6 inch side yard fence height variance and a 6 inch side yard fence height variance from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6 foot high privacy fence in the south street side yard of the home and a 5 foot high privacy fence in the north side yard of the home; whereas Section 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4 feet, 6 inches in height.

Petition #2660-R. Elliott, 39012 Sandra

Request for a 3 foot separation variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct an 8' x 16' enclosed porch addition to the rear of the home that would be located 7 feet from the detached garage; whereas Section 7.4.3(c) requires a minimum 10 foot separation between a home and detached garage.

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teens and stuff for seniors. We don't have a lot of programs for families — all ages and groups," said McKarge. "The turnout was all ages. It really was a pleasant surprise."

The weather also cooperated as high winds from the early in day died down and it stayed dry.

"We had the main pavilion as a back up, but I'm glad we didn't have to move in there. It was fun seeing the dogs walk on the path," she said.

One change planned for next year is to move the date up to the first or second weekend of October to reduce the chances of bad weather, McKarge said.

Brad Davis, a veterinarian at Veterinary Centers of America in Garden City, helped organize

the event and arranged for judges from area radio stations.

"We really appreciated his assistance," said McKarge.

Vendors participating in the event included Cody's Cozy Corner Pet Grooming of Westland; the Country Cat & the City Kitty Cat and Kitten Rescue from Livonia; and Digs N Dogs self-serve pet wash, both located in Garden City; Help Me Find My Pet Registry; Pet-A-Pet Inc. whose members take pets to visit patients in hospitals and nursing homes; Petland Pet Store; Sheehy Animal Hospital; TK's Pet Grooming Spa and You Dirty Dog Pet Grooming.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To all residents and interested parties, the Council minutes will be available for review on the internet at:

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You can access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: November 2 & 16, 2008

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

Interested persons are invited to comment on the wireless telecommunications facility proposed to be constructed near Annapolis and Irene Road, Westland, Michigan, with respect to impacts on historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The facility will consist of constructing a 110' tall flagpole and associated equipment within a 50' x 50' lease area. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by mail to Regulatory Compliance Manager at 2001 Butterfield Road, Suite 1900, Downers Grove, IL 60515, or by calling (630) 960-8400. Questions about this facility or this notice may also be directed to that address or phone number. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47-C.F.R. Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C.

Publish: October 30, 2008

First-ever Michigan Deaf Health Fair draws 400

In mid-October, Madonna University was host to the first-ever, statewide Deaf Health Fair. The free, all-day event, presented by the University of Michigan Hospital, Michigan Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Madonna, drew a crowd of about 400, many from the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community.

Participants attended medical workshops and lectures, gained advice on healthy living, received health screenings and flu shots. Several of the speakers and the majority of the guests were Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and 25 interpreters donated their services for the day. Deaf professionals including a doctor, audiologist, lawyer, psychologist, dentist and nutritionist all gave presentations in American Sign Language (ASL), with vocal interpretation. Panels on diabetes, carpal tunnel, HIV/AIDS and addictions also were presented in ASL.

"The fair was a great success due to the fact that it was empowering for the Deaf community, and was something that everyone could enjoy together," said Rebecca Shriner, director of Madonna's Office of Disability Resources.

The key message of the event was equality and impartiality between the Hearing and the Deaf/Hard of Hearing communities. Therefore before and during the event interpreters and guests used the ASL sign for "fair" meaning impartial, unprejudiced and equal, rather than the sign meaning an exhibit or event.

Shriner added that Madonna will be involved with the next Michigan Deaf Health Fair, expected to take place in two years.

The location has not been determined, although Madonna, well known for its sign language studies (SLS) program, is being considered. "Participating in community

events such as this, fits well with our Franciscan values, as well as with the SLS commitment to the Deaf community," Shriner added.

Madonna University (www.madonna.edu) has offered a Bachelor of Arts degree in sign language studies (SLS) since 1975 and is the only bachelor's program in Michigan. By the year 2012, all sign language interpreters must have a bachelor's degree in sign language to qualify for national certification. The program prepares students for careers as interpreters, or enhances their skills as teachers, social workers, family counselors, community advocates, law enforcement officers or gerontologists. The SLS curriculum places emphasis on the socio-cultural aspects of the Deaf and their right to learn and use ASL. The SLS program is offered at Madonna University's main campus in Livonia, and at the University Center in Gaylord.



A Deaf Health Fair at Madonna University was a success, drawing more 400 visitors.

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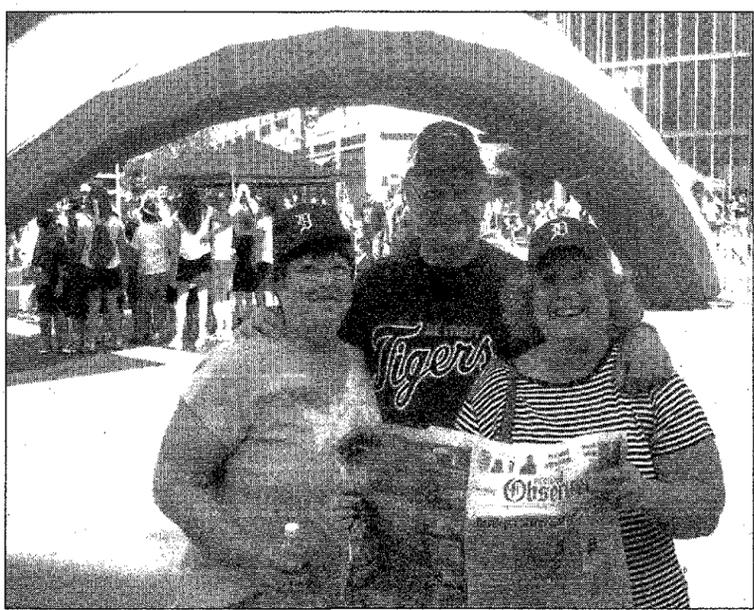
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Wish you were here

Detroit Tiger fans JoAnn Klazer, Andy "Tony" Slater and Mary Ann Bickman read their Westland Observer while waiting in line outside the Progressive Field in Cleveland, Ohio, to see their Tigers take on the Indians. There's no report on how well the Tigers did, but judging by their smiles they were glad to be there. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Westland Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

GC Hospital programs focus on healthy living

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Nov. 3
Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information

Childbirth Education (first of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (third of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing noon-2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby from noon to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major

muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (first of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32.

Wednesday, Nov. 5
Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussion on new diabetes information by attending this support group. Day and evening classes are available. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. CPAP and BiPAP users, did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

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

Thursday, Nov. 6
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DAILY PROGRAMS

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Voted to Oppose \$165 billion in "Blank Check" War Funding (6/19/08)	F
Voted for a Mandated Rest for Troops Before Return to Iraq (8/8/07)	F
Voted to Redeploy Most Troops from Iraq Within 9 Months (7/21/07)	F
Voted to Prohibit Attacking Iran Without Authorization From Congress (5/16/07)	F
Voted to Withdraw All Troops from Iraq Within 180 days (5/10/07)	F

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Fire Prevention Week is chance to renew safety tips

Fire departments all across this nation celebrate Fire Prevention Week to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, which tragically killed more than 250 people and left another 100,000 homeless back in 1871.

More than 17,400 homes and buildings were destroyed over a two-day period. Additionally, over 2,000 acres of land were also destroyed by this fire.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow belonging to Mrs. O'Leary



Denny Hughes

kicked over a lamp, setting a barn and then the whole city on fire. Chances are, you've heard some version of this story yourself. Well, like any good ole story, the case of the "cow" has some truth to it.

The fire certainly started near Mrs. O'Leary's barn where she kept her five milking cows.

But, there is no proof that Mrs. O'Leary was in the barn when the fire started, or that a jumpy cow kicked over the lamp.

But if a cow wasn't to blame, who was? Some people have speculated that a meteorite may have fallen to earth starting several fires that day, not only in Chicago, but in Michigan and Wisconsin as well.

Regardless of which story is accurate, or which one you believe, in 1920 President Woodrow Wilson issued the very first "National Fire

Prevention Day" proclamation, and since 1922 it has been expanded into an entire week. This makes it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

Each year, a different theme is adopted, and the theme this year is: "Prevent Home Fires." Here are some basic fire prevention tips to help you and your family prevent home fires:

- Never leave cooking equipment unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches out of reach from children.

■ Never leave a burning candle unattended.

■ Provide a minimum of three feet around all furnaces, water heaters or approved space heaters.

■ Limit the use of extension cords.

■ Be sure to have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector on every level of the home. Test them monthly to be sure they are working.

■ Have a plan on how to escape and where to meet in the event of a fire.

■ If there is a fire, get low, and go!

Get outside and don't go back inside for any reason - if your clothes catch on fire, know to STOP, DROP & ROLL.

For additional information or to schedule a tour of a Fire Station, contact Lieutenant Denny Hughes at (248) 871-2800 or at dhughes@fhgov.com.

Lt. Denny Hughes is with the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Contact him at dhughes@fhgov.com.

CDs, money market fund best to pay for college



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: I have a freshman at MSU. I've been saving for college since he was an infant, but I'm hesitant to take money from mutual funds and 529 since the market is so depressed. I have several CDs in cash and a money fund that I started over the past five years to save for additional education college expenses. Should I use that money to pay the upcoming winter tuition or use the parent-plus loan which I've been approved for with an interest rate of about 7

percent?

A: It makes sense to use the money in CDs and money market accounts to pay the winter tuition. It makes no sense to sell stocks in today's weak environment unless you have to. Since you can wait until the market rebounds, I believe that is the proper course of action.

In regards to borrowing, I recommend using your money market and CD. The returns are substantially

lower than the 7 percent you would pay on a loan. Even once you factor in the tax consequences, it is better to use cash as opposed to borrowing money.

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

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Panel argues that money, interest groups undermine judiciary

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When Edward Thomas ran for the Michigan Supreme Court in 2000, he estimates that almost \$20 million dollars was spent in a campaign for three court seats.

"Why would anyone spend that much money for a Supreme Court justice seat that pays approximately

\$165,000 a year," he said during a forum Wednesday at Schoolcraft College. "It's because of the decisions that are made that benefit certain people."

The role of money and outside influence on the court were the topic of "A Fair and Impartial Michigan Supreme Court," sponsored by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area.

The forum comes when incumbent Justice Clifford Taylor faces Judge Diane Hathaway in another expensive and politically charged judicial campaign for the Supreme Court.

State Rep. Paul Condino (D-Southfield), chair of the House Judiciary Committee, was moderator for a three-person panel: Thomas, a former Wayne County Circuit

judge and currently Wayne County corporate counsel; Brian Dickerson, a columnist for the *Detroit Free Press*; and Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

Michigan has an unusual method for selecting Supreme Court justices. Candidates run on a non-partisan ballot and can run as independents, but the political parties also

nominate candidates for the courts. In this year's election Taylor is endorsed by the Republican party, Hathaway by the Democratic Party. Justices serve an eight-year term.

When a seat becomes vacant, the governor appoints a justice without having to seek legislative approval. During his time in office, Gov. John Engler appointed four of

the seven justices, creating a strongly conservative court.

Thomas ran with the endorsement and financial backing of the Democratic Party in his race against Justice Stephen Markman. Thomas and the other Democratic-endorsed candidates lost in that election.

"Each of us lost by the same percentage basis. I believe it was because of the incumbent status, a tremendous advantage," he said.

Incumbents are identified by their title on the ballot.

Edwards said there are pros and cons for both appointing and electing justices.

"I think back to one particular governor I had great faith in and that was Gov. Milliken," he said. "The way he went about picking judges for various courts was impartial, well thought out and fair-minded. Some governors, and I'm not talking about anyone in particular, come in with agendas and pick judges that will follow what their agenda is and that's not good for the public in my estimation."

Brian Dickerson was less reticent about naming a governor with an agenda. He said he first realized that things were changing during the 1998 court election. He said he attended a Republican fund-raiser during which then Gov. John Engler said tort reform passed in the legislature and reinforced by conservative judges "made it much safer to do business in Michigan."

Dickerson said Engler saw judicial reform as an economic development tool. He said Michigan citizens have been adversely affected by the conservative 4-3 decisions of the current court.

"As citizens of Michigan you've all been a party to many, many state Supreme Court cases, and I will argue that, sadly, you've been on the losing side in many cases," he said.

Dickerson cited three cases that came before the court in which the court ruled against individuals and environmental interests in favor of business interests.

Rich Robinson's organization keeps track of campaign financing. He said large amounts of money are given to judicial campaigns "not for selfless reasons."

He said the 1998 campaign was the first "million dollar" Supreme Court campaign.

"The game changer was when different groups weighed in on the campaigns. We had not experienced these expenditures in past elections," he said.

He said one major change was the advent of "issue ads" in which groups advocate on a certain issue without exhorting a vote for or against a candidate, but strongly implying a positive or negative view of the candidate.

He said millions are spent in this way and the contributions are "off the book." He said many of these ads are anonymously funded.

Robinson and his organization are advocating full disclosure on who is paying for these issue ads, similar to requirements in federal elections; setting standards for when a justice has to recuse him or herself from a case where a major contributor is a party; and public funding for judicial races to avoid these conflicts.

"This is not a liberal or a conservative issue, this is an issue of impartial justice," he said.

He added, "I would say that the net effect of all of this, including the campaign that is going on today, is to undermine trust and confidence in a fair and impartial judiciary and we need to address this or have a further erosion in rule of law in this state."

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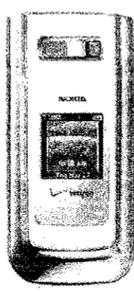


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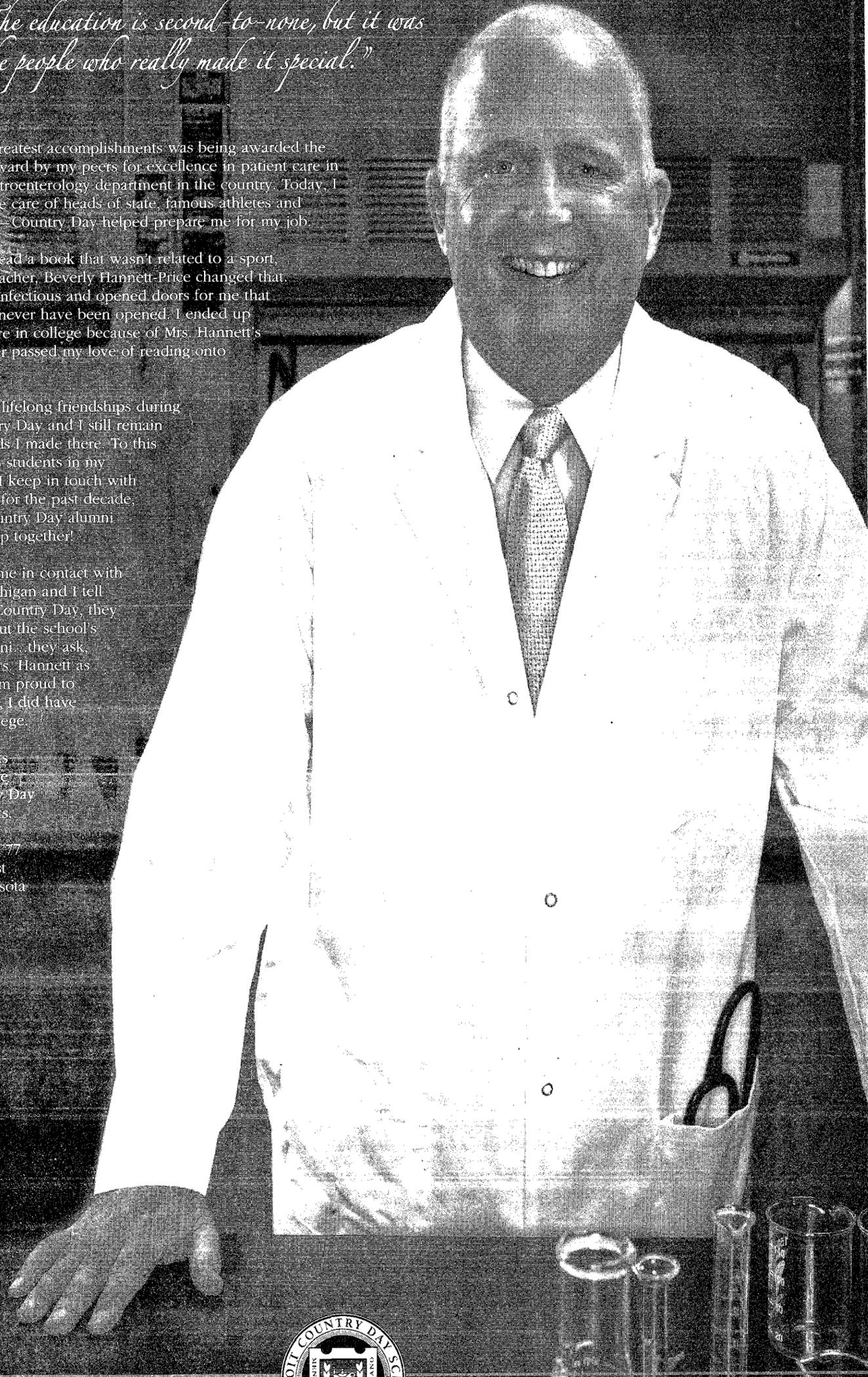
As a kid I never read a book that wasn't related to a sport, but my English teacher, Beverly Hannett-Price changed that. Reading became infectious and opened doors for me that would otherwise never have been opened. I ended up taking Shakespeare in college because of Mrs. Hannett's influence and later passed my love of reading onto my daughter.

I cultivated some lifelong friendships during my time at Country Day and I still remain close to the friends I made there. To this day, out of the 55 students in my graduating class, I keep in touch with about 20. In fact, for the past decade, a group of us Country Day alumni take an annual trip together!

Today when I come in contact with patients from Michigan and I tell them I attended Country Day, they don't ask me about the school's well-known alumni... they ask, "Did you have Mrs. Hannett as a teacher?" and I'm proud to tell them that yes, I did have that distinct privilege.

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Nick Barker of Plymouth, a C-5 crew chief in the U.S. Air Force, left for Iraq on his birthday.

Military mom looks to form support group

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having grown up as an Air Force brat — her father is a retired Vietnam-era veteran and her family is replete with military service — Kathy Barker learned firsthand what it's like for the families of military men and women who are deployed.

With her son, an Air Force C-5 crew chief, now on a four-month deployment to Iraq, she wants to help other families in similar situations learn how to get through it. Crafted much like the national Blue Star Moms, Barker's as-yet-unnamed group (she's leaning toward "Yellow Ribbon Families") would meet monthly to plan support projects, send "care" packages overseas — but mostly to talk.

"It's more than just the mothers concerned for the child (overseas), it's the whole family," said Barker, who met her husband at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. "If they have fellowship with others in the same situation, they feel more a part of things."

While the Blue Star Moms do have groups in Michigan — Barker says there are groups in Troy, Dearborn and Grayling — there's no similar group in the Plymouth-Canton area. Barker said her group would likely meet at the VFW Hall in Plymouth. In fact, the group was supposed to meet last month, but the meeting was pre-empted when a tornado ripped through parts of the community.

The idea came to Barker when her 24-year-old son, Nick, a Canton High School



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Kathy Barker intends to start a local support group for families of service men and women deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Her son (in the picture with his wife, Penny) is serving in Iraq.

SETTING UP SUPPORT

- **What:** Support group for families of military deployed
- **Who:** Kathy Barker of Plymouth, whose son is in Iraq
- **Idea:** To provide activities, put together "care packages for military overseas, provide support for family members back home
- **How to get involved:** E-mail Barker, kathybarker2003@yahoo.com

graduate, left for Iraq Sept. 2, leaving behind his wife, Penny, a medic at Dover AFB, Delaware, who also faces a potential deployment.

She's not looking for money, simply donations of items that can be included in packages to be sent to military men and women serving overseas. In fact, one lawyer has

already called to offer a donation of profits. Barker turned him down.

"I told him, 'I really don't want your money, I'd rather trade a cotton swab for a nickel,'" said Barker, whose father, brother-in-law and other family members have served in the military. "It's the items they need."

Mostly, though, she wants to provide support and fellowship. For instance, she sees groups getting together and doing things like bowling, cards or just watching a football game together. She also sees the Christmas project and care packages as a direct result.

"Everyone has a 'Support Our Troops' ribbon on their car, but what are they really doing?" asked Barker, a homemaker and retired dental assistant. "This is a hole that needs to be filled. This is something we can really do."

For more information on the group, contact Barker via e-mail at kathybarker2003@yahoo.com.

Play It Again Tuesdays benefit non-profits

Play It Again Sports has declared Tuesdays "Play It Again Tuesdays."

Beginning Nov. 4, the sporting goods stores, including stores in Canton and Livonia, will donate 10 percent of their profits for that day to a different area non-profit organization. Each store also will be accepting donations of gently used sports equipment and will in turn donate the amount they would have paid for the equipment to the beneficiary organization.

All 10 Play It Again Sports locations will be helping U.S. Steel for Children's Hospital of Michigan (www.semich.assistanceleague.org), while on Nov. 11, the Canton, Livonia and Southgate locations only will be helping Boy Scouts of America Detroit Council- Wayne County (www.dacbsa.org/).

Other collections will be for Michigan Senior Olympics (www.michigansenioryolym-

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Non-profit organizations interested in becoming part of Play It Again Tuesdays fundraising program can contact Tom Gould at (248) 366-0388 or by e-mail at tgould@shazaam.com.

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Custard election picks presidential winner

Call it an accurate prediction, a coincidence, or just plain crazy — the results of Culver's® Restaurants 2008 Custard Election are on track with the presumptive outcome of next week's presidential election.

Culver's guests participated in the Custard Election by purchasing their favorite candidate's sundae in-store or by voting online at www.votecustard.com.

Results from in-store purchases made up the electoral college vote and online ballots were tracked as the popular vote. Votes were collected from Sept. 29 through Oct. 26 with a record-setting 103,000 online voters — 99,500 more votes than were cast in the 2004 Custard Election.

Heath Toffeebits, the Democratic sundae candidate, clinched the popular vote with 51 percent of total online votes. With liberal scoops leading the popular vote, in-store electoral college votes took a different turn. Reese E. Buttercup, the Republican sundae candidate, out-sold and therefore won the in-store vote with 53 percent of the 70,700 total votes. This outcome begs the question: are guests voting for flavor or political party?

"The disparity between the winner of the popular vote and electoral college proves that anything can happen," said Chris Contino, vice president of marketing for Culver's. "Our guests are so passionate about this presidential election that their preferences took shape in our custard election."

"We're pleased with our custard voter numbers and hope that guests' enthusiasm is reflected in a high voter turnout on Nov. 4."

Voting in Culver's Custard Election was strong from the start. Just two weeks after the polls opened on Sept. 29, nearly 73,000 votes had been cast online. In-store votes were up as well, especially with Culver's attempt to "buy votes" during its second annual \$1 ButterBurger Customer Appreciation Day on Oct. 7.

The limited time sundae flavors — Republican Reese E. Buttercup, vanilla Custard with the traditional toppings of hot fudge and Reese's® peanut butter cup chunks, Democratic Heath Toffeebits, vanilla Custard with the alternative toppings caramel and Heath® bar — are available at all participating Culver's restaurants through Nov. 4.



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OUR VIEWS

Election Day: Here's who we've endorsed

Voters will be making many choices — some difficult — when they go to the polls Tuesday. There is a host of positions to be decided, ranging from a community college tax renewal to the president of the United States.

On the local level, the *Westland Observer* has been running profiles and endorsements of the various candidates who directly affect our communities. Here's a recap:

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

This promises to be a good year for Democrats in their effort to retain and expand their control of the U.S. House of Representatives. A troubled economy and widespread concern over jobs, health care and retirement are expected to benefit Democratic candidates.

But in the 11th congressional district, Republican Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia is expected to win easy re-election in a predominantly Republican district. He is bright, articulate and sees himself as a true conservative. As chair of the Republican House Policy Committee, he helps the party set its conservative agenda. Still, as a member from southeast Michigan, he also votes the district on issues involving trade, the auto industry and minimum wage.

Given his intelligence, his flexibility on issues of local importance, his broad legislative experience and his constituent service, we support the re-election of Thaddeus McCotter for a fourth term.

COUNTY OFFICES

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 race drawing any interest this year is the race for treasurer. Incumbent

Raymond Wojtowicz, 79, faces Republican Brendan Dunleavy, 48, of Plymouth, former Wayne County auditor general.

As county auditor, Dunleavy raised questions about the department's accounting practices, awarding of no-bid contracts and other "irregularities." Wojtowicz said the audit was politically motivated and procedures have improved.

We believe that Dunleavy has raised serious concerns and offers interesting ideas for helping people facing tax foreclosure and for handling foreclosed properties that come into the possession of the county. We believe it is time for a change in the treasurer's office and support Brendan Dunleavy for treasurer.

18TH STATE HOUSE DISTRICT

Incumbent state Rep. Richard LeBlanc is facing a nominal challenge from perennial candidate Harold Dunn, who initially filed as a Republican, but withdrew to become a candidate for the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

LeBlanc has proven to be astute in working with other state lawmakers. He has shown that he is able to step across the aisle and work with his political counterparts. He is knowledgeable and prepared to ask the tough questions on behalf of his district.

That's why we urge residents to vote for Richard LeBlanc in the 18th District House race.

12TH COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT

Democrat Joan Gebhardt and Republican Thomas Thompson are vying for the right to represent the 12th Wayne County Commission District that was served by former Commissioner Kay Beard.

We believe the person who replaces her needs an even

stronger understanding of the district and that person is Joan Gebhardt.

As the district staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and representative to Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, Gebhardt is well-versed in what's happening in the district, the region and the state. She also has shown creativity addressing the foreclosure issue and has the political savvy to be an effective representative of the district on the county commission.

We believe that residents would be best served by electing Joan Gebhardt in the Wayne County Commission's 12th District.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

9TH DISTRICT

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, making her well-suited to help steer WCCCD at a time when it is experiencing a growth spurt. She has knowledge of what the college offers and the ability to promote it 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 service area. We urge people to vote for Sharon Scott for WCCCD's 9th District.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MILLAGE REDUCTION AND RENEWAL

Wayne County Community College District has brought back its request for a 10-year renewal of its operating millage with a twist. Instead of the 1.5 mills rejected by voters last year, it's been pared down to 1.25 mills.

The money raised by the

levy represents 40 percent of WCCCD's budget for its 72,000-student, five-campus district. The new tax rate would take effect in 2011.

We believe the millage should be renewed. WCCCD has spent its money wisely by improving its facilities, including the acquisition of the University of Detroit Mercy's Outer Drive campus for its new Northwestern campus, and has positioned itself to meet the increasing need for retraining the unemployed and underemployed adults as well as high school graduates.

Wayne County Community College District has earned its place higher education in Wayne County and deserves to have its request approved. We urge residents of the district to vote YES on the WCCCD tax renewal request.

18TH DISTRICT COURT

Mark McConnell faces no opposition in his bid to replace Judge C. Charles Bokos on Westland 18th District Court. Bokos cannot seek re-election because he will reach the age of 70 before the election.

McConnell is well-schooled with the court because of his work as an assistant Westland city attorney. He has worked for City Attorney Angelo Plakas' office since 1995, drafting ordinances and legal opinions, prosecuting cases and negotiating plea agreements.

We believe he will dispense justice in a fair and equitable manner and is a fine choice to replace Bokos. That's why we encourage residents to vote for Mark McConnell for 18th District Court.

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"If you could, who would you vote for president?" We asked of students participating in a mock election at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland.

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Noah Duncan
fifth-grader



"John McCain because my whole family is voting for him. I think he'll help the economy and lower gas prices."
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WNIC radio personalities to host lunch at Buddy's

WNIC listeners are in for a treat because the winner of this month's Dining with the Stars will lunch with Lisa Barry, co-host of the WNIC Breakfast Club, and Kevin O'Neill, WNIC's weekday afternoon (2-7 p.m.) drive-time host.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Barry and O'Neill of WNIC-FM (100.3) at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

In addition to lunch with the WNIC radio personalities, the winner will be



Barry



Neill

Barry, a lifelong metro Detroit, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School. She received a singing scholarship to Olivet College, where she graduated with a degree in communications. She started working at the campus radio station and has spent her entire career in Michigan and mainly Detroit on-air at news talk and country radio stations prior to WNIC. Barry, who has two children — Benjamin, 17, and Parker, 13 — enjoys traveling, movies, shopping and eating out. She is active in her church and in the community.

After her son, Benjamin, spent an entire month in Beaumont Hospital — when a benign tumor was found on his spine — she selected The Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Hospital as her children's charity of choice.

"During this time ... Buddy's was also nice enough to send over pizza to the hospital to cheer up Benjamin and share with the staff something that made my family forever grateful to the wonderful people at Buddy's," Barry said.

Staffers at WNIC describe O'Neill as "sweet, kind, funny and just a really nice guy."

O'Neill was born and raised in Cleveland and his mom knew that broadcasting was in his blood when, at the age of 6, she found him creating his own "radio shows" (Dick Clark-style) using a soup strainer for a microphone. The rest is DJ history.

Throughout his career, O'Neill has worked at a variety of stations, including those in Cleveland, Akron and Oberlin, Ohio, as well as in South Bend, Ind., and Houston. He was offered a job at New York's premier oldies station WCBS-FM and declined because he had little interest in becoming a New Yorker. Years later, O'Neill made it back to the Midwest and to the Detroit area he loves so much.

Becoming a part of the WNIC family on Labor Day weekend of 2004 was the "right thing to do," O'Neill said. O'Neill's life would be changed forever — twice — when his son, Brendan, was born in 1982 and again June 11, 2007, when a quintuple bypass would save his life. Dining With the Stars is co-sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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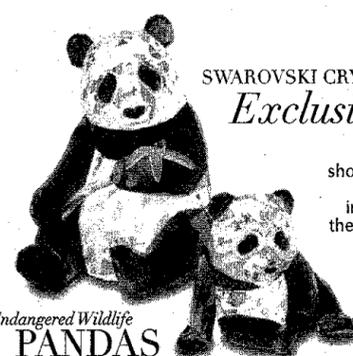


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Trojans knock off Richard to reach district final

Sidelines

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The best thing about Livonia Clarenceville's 27-13 win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in Friday's Division 5 pre-district football game is the Trojans will have a second chance for some home cooking. No matter what, coach Ryan Irish - victorious in his first-ever Clarenceville playoff game - and his team will host the district final 7 p.m. this Friday against the winner of Saturday's game between Almont and

Madison Heights Madison. "It's going to be a tough game," said versatile senior running back Jeremy Gainer, who said energy from an enthusiastic home crowd helped knock off the visiting Fighting Irish. "But ever since Day 1 our coach has been stressing 'We want more, we want more.' I'm satisfied about this win, but I'll be even happier if we make it semis and all the way to the states." If the Trojans (9-1) can reprise the ball-control offense and clutch defense (two interceptions of Josh Herbeck passes and a

fumble recovery) that they featured against Gabriel Richard, people might start hearing names such as Gainer, Darryl Whitaker and Levonte Brooks instead of 2001 state semifinalists Tim Shaw, Steve Meadows and Greg Hudkins. "We want to go back to that," Gainer said. "We want to give Clarenceville a name again." The Trojans overcame a sluggish start and early 7-0 deficit. Gabriel Richard (6-4) scored on a one-yard touchdown run by senior Houston Staub just 3:21 into the game.

Clarenceville bounced right back to score on a 14-yard toss from Whitaker (3-of-6, 39 yards) to junior Leonard Hogan - a bullet over the middle that Hogan reeled in near the front of the end zone - and the first of three extra points by senior Brad Pozniak made it 7-all. But Irish said the way the Clarenceville defense stiffened in Gabriel Richard's subsequent offensive series really gave his team confidence.

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Livonia Stevenson's Wade Stahl makes his way down the field on his way to scoring the Spartans' first touchdown during Friday night's playoff game against West Bloomfield.

Case for the defense

Stevenson stymies West Bloomfield in district playoff game, 17-6

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While averaging almost 38 points a game in the regular season, Livonia Stevenson showed it has a pretty good defense, too, in the first round of the playoffs Friday. Until the final 16 seconds, the Spartans pitched a shutout and finished with a 17-6 victory over visiting West Bloomfield in a Division 1 district tournament game. "Defensively, the kids did a great job preparing this

week," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "The defense had a great week of practice and came out and played like that. They bailed us out a number of times." The Spartans (8-2) intercepted West Bloomfield quarterback Ryan Christensen four times, and senior defensive back Mark Grisa made three of the picks. Stevenson held the Lakers to 85 rushing yards and 11 firsts down. The Spartans outgained the Lakers, 287-219, and were in control of the ball and situa-

tion for most of the game. "We didn't score a lot and we turned it over in the red zone," Gabel said. "It's tough to get in a rhythm when you know it's going to be a defensive struggle, and that's what it was tonight." "It's good to know we can rely on the defense. That's the best defensive effort we've had this year, and all the offensive guys were on the sideline pulling for them. It was good to see them come out and carry us tonight." Stevenson scored off the opening kickoff, marching 65 yards in nine plays. Wade Stahl

scored on a 24-yard counter and Jonny Myshock booted the PAT at 7:33 of the first quarter. After their third possession ended with an end-zone interception by West Bloomfield's Justin Parker, the Spartans took a 10-0 lead with 1:04 remaining in the half when Myshock kicked a 27-yard field goal. Stevenson's Zeb Bacigal intercepted a pass on the first play of the third quarter, and the teams settled into a defensive struggle.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Chargers win KLAA crown in 4

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The glass is now completely full for the Livonia Churchill girls volleyball team when it comes to the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Chargers, South Division and Kensington Conference champions, completed their trifecta Thursday night at home with a come-from-behind 18-25, 26-24, 25-18, 25-20 win over White Lake Lakeland for the overall KLAA title.

Churchill, now 43-3 overall entering Monday's Class A district tournament, got sterling performances from several players including senior outside hitter Kristen Nalecz (26 kills) and senior libero Lindsey Graciak (30 digs).

Lakeland, 33-6, was led by its outstanding junior setter Lauren Maxwell (31 assist-to-kills) and senior middle hitter Brittany Felzon (11 kills, nine blocks). Senior Larissa Virgin was the Eagles' top attacker with 14 kills. Lakeland took control of the first game from the start on put Churchill on its heels led by Felzon's five blocks, one kill and ace serve.

"We talked about matchups and where we wanted to put the ball," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "For the kids in Game One, it was a good learning lesson. We were a bit in a panic mode. We needed to calm down and focus with the game plan."

Churchill came more aggressive and squeaked out the second game, 26-24. The Chargers were also helped by a Lakeland net violation when it was 24-all.

In the third game, Lakeland roared out to a 14-9 lead, forcing Grenier to burn a timeout.

"We had a couple of rotations where we wanted to set the ball and where we wanted to put the ball," Grenier said. "We made some adjustments and we had success with that."

The Chargers responded by going on an 11-0 run with Katie Matz, a 5-9 senior, doing the serving.

"They're a good team and they adjusted to what we did," Lakeland coach Owen Nakamura said. "We still blocked them a little bit, but not as much."

"You just have to tell the kids to refocus and settle down."

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MU women fall

Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) College overcame a two-point halftime deficit Friday to spoil Madonna University's women's basketball season opener, 70-59, in the Taylor University (Ind.) Tip-Off Classic.

The Blue Raiders got a game-high 21 points from Seirra Rambert, while Ewa Kukowska and Viktoria Krell added 18 and 13, respectively.

MU, which led 36-34 at intermission, was led by Adrian College transfer Kim Olech (Plymouth), who finished with a team-high 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Alyssa Guerin (Salem) added 12 points, while Christie Carrico and Katie Mount contributed 10 each.

The Crusaders were scheduled to play host Taylor, ranked No. 16 in NAIA Division II, in the tournament finale on Saturday.

Szczypka honored

Western Michigan University freshman outstanding Alison Szczypka (Livonia Ladywood) was named co-Mid-American Conference Player of the Week for scoring two game-winning goals against Kent State (Oct. 24) and the (Oct. 26) University of Buffalo.

The Novi native is the first player from WMU to win Player of the Week since Chelsea McNally in 2005.

Szczypka has started 10 of 17 games for WMU, which is 7-10-1 overall and finishes the MAC regular season at 6-4-1 heading into Sunday's first-round playoff matchup at Bowling Green State University (Ohio).

5K Trot for Mott

The Trot for Mott, a 5-kilometer run-walk will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at Doc's Sports Retreat, located at Seven Mile and Victor Parkway, in Livonia.

The event will benefit the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

The early registration deadline (by Nov. 8) is \$25 (includes Mizuno technical running shirt, goodie bag and entry to a post run party at Doc's). Race day registration is \$30 per person.

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.

Early deficit haunts Patriots, 31-20

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin ironically will be haunted by its first-quarter playoff performance on Halloween Night. The Patriots spotted host Dearborn Fordson a 15-point lead Friday, but had a chance to tie early in the fourth quarter before eventually succumbing to the unbeaten Tractors,

31-20, in a Division 1-Region 4-District 1 matchup. Fordson held the Patriots to a mere 138 yards total offense, but the Tractors needed a two-point safety followed by a 28-yard touchdown run by Abe Mroue with only 6:22 remaining in the final quarter to put the game away. The Tractors avenged last year's 20-8 second-round playoff loss to Franklin and will

move onto the second round to face either Detroit Henry Ford (7-2) or Detroit Cody (7-2). Fordson scored twice in the opening quarter on Ali Alaboody's 57-yard punt return followed by Baquer Sayed's acrobatic one-handed catch, a 5-yarder in the corner of the end zone from quarterback Ali Baidoun. The Tractors also got a two-point run from Alaboody fol-

lowing their first TD after the Patriots were penalized twice for jumping offsides. "Typically we won't go for it if it happens one time," Fordson coach Walker Zaban said of the two-point conversion decision. "But after two times - if you can't make a yard - then shame on you. You have to go for it." Meanwhile, Franklin

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coach Chris Kelbert's worst fears were realized when the Tractors got off to another of their trademark quick starts.

"They've jumped out on everybody this year and they did it to us," he said. "It's 15-0 and they made us play catch-up. It put us in an uncomfortable position all night."

Kelbert, however, questioned the officials on Fordson's first TD on the Alaboody punt return.

"The kid calls a fair catch - then you're not supposed to run with it - that put us in a hole early," the Franklin coach said.

Despite a stagnant offense, Franklin senior defensive back Connor Leidal gave the Patriots life when he intercepted a Baidoun pass in the flat on the first play of the second quarter and raced untouched 57 yards for a TD to cut the deficit to 15-7 following Jordan Williamson's extra point.

But Fordson would respond when Baidoun, who was 6-of-11 for 80 yards, hit Mohammad Bazzi on third down from five yards out to make it 22-7 following Jad Al-Zein's PAT.

The Tractors nearly scored again before the half, marching to the Patriots' 13 in the final minute, but Leidal came up with his second interception to thwart the 12-play drive which started at the Fordson 16.

"At halftime it was either decide for ourselves to play better and harder, or be done," Kelbert said. "The game plan was to get some quick hitters and hit them vertically, but we couldn't execute the passes."

The Patriots, however, came out flying in the third quarter and got back in it on Fortin's 2-yard TD run with 5:02 remaining after Baidoun was intercepted near midfield by Michael Gadsby, who returned it to the Tractors' 25.

Franklin's defense held again and quarterback Mark McRobb, scrambling out of the pocket, began finding open receivers. After going 1-for-9 for 6 yards in the first half, the senior got hot connecting on five straight passes resulting in a 19-yard screen to Fortin with 9:01 to go to cut the deficit to 22-20.

The Patriots went for two, but failed to convert as McRobb's pass fell incomplete in the back of the end zone.

"We ran the same play versus Plymouth, but the fullback forgot to release in the flat and Mark (McRobb) had to

check down and get the third option," Kelbert said.

Helped by a Franklin personal foul, Fordson went up 29-20 when Mroue scored on a 28-yard scamper to make it a two-score game.

Franklin then tried a half-back option pass that was picked off by Fordson safety Justin Diggs at the Patriots 45.

The Patriots' defense held again, but Al-Zein's punt dribbled all the way down to the 1 and McRobb was clipped at his ankles for a two-point safety by Hassan Houssaiky with 3:39 to go put the Tractors comfortably ahead by 11 points.

Al-Zein was a force all night, booming all four of his kickoffs into the end zone.

"The kicking game is our secret weapon," Zaban said. "He's a first-year guy, a tremendous kicker who is a helluva soccer player."

Fordson outgained the Patriots in total offense, 262-138, and in first downs 10-8.

"We're an aggressive team, that's our style defensively," Fordson coach Walker Zaban said. "Last year Franklin did a tremendous job and pounded us."

Baidoun, meanwhile, was 6-of-11 passing for 80 yards and two TDs. He was picked off three times, but hit some clutch passes.

"We did not do too good of a job tonight, we threw some interceptions, but you can't point the finger at one guy," Zaba said. "We did a good job when we had to. When teams are stuffing the run, we have to be able to dump the ball off, convert on third down and get first down. Credit our offensive linemen and our fullback Homayed Abdullah, He's good at pass blocking and does a tremendous job as a lead blocker."

With starter Hassen Amen out of the lineup injured, Alaboody and Mroue did a bulk of the running, combining for 167 yards on 36 carries.

McRobb was Franklin's top offensive threat with 92 yards passing and 33 yards rushing. "McRobb is that type of quarterback," Kelbert said. "He's been in improv guy all year and that's when he's at his best."

Franklin, which made the playoff field for the second straight year as an at-large, bows out at 5-5 overall.

"Coach (Chris) Kelbert I've got a lot of respect for because his teams always play hard and tough," Zaban said. "My hat goes off to them."

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Sergison's OT goal lifts Spartans to D-1 final

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Overtime continued to be kind to the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team.

The Spartans, coming off the heels of a 1-0 OT victory in the regional final over Warren DeLaSalle, did it again Wednesday night with a dramatic 2-1 triumph in the Division I state semifinal over Grand Blanc in a match played at Rochester Stoney Creek High School.

Nate Sergison flicked in a header from teammate Adrian Fylenenko midway through the first 15-minute sudden death period to propel the Spartans, now 20-1-3 overall, into Saturday's state final at Troy Athens to face defending champion East Kentwood (22-1-3), which also advanced with a 2-0 semifinal triumph over Saline.

It will be Stevenson's 11th state finals appearance in school history and the Spartans will be gunning for their seventh title.

"I'm very thankful for the boys to stretch the season to the limit and play the last game," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, who has won three titles as a player but still

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looking for his first as a coach. "They enjoy each other's company and I thankful for the second chance and thank God for the opportunity to play for a state championship, which will be so memorable."

After Fylenenko sent left-footed rocket blast by Grand Blanc goalkeeper Kyle Huber with 9:58 remaining in the first half off an assist from Sergison to make it 1-0, it appeared the Spartans would rest on their laurels the rest of the way.

Stevenson territorially and chance-wise controlled play much of the second half, but the Bobcats had other ideas when they took advantage of a brief breakdown by the Spartans' defensive backline.

Matt Filos' goal off an assist from Tim Walker with only 15:52 remaining infused new life into the Grand Blanc side.

"The natural tendency of a soccer team that takes the lead is to get off the gas and we gravitated toward our goal," Richters said. "Then we had to respond to attack again, which becomes a challenging great task."

The Spartans' nearly ended it just before the final seconds of

regulation when Kendal Snow's shot, headed for the upper right corner off a feed from Bob Smith, was stopped by Huber.

In the overtime, Fylenenko this time hooked up with Sergison off a free kick.

"It was a set play, I just tried to get in front of the goal," Sergison said. "I'm usually good in the air and I knew where to put it."

The senior midfielder then fell to the ground in a heap as teammates piled on top of him following the game-winner.

"Both my legs cramped up," Sergison added. "But it was one last play and you've got to do it. It did not feel good with everyone on top of me. I was not happy and I tried to get everybody off of me."

"But it feels good now and it's my second time in the state final. It feels great and I hope we can do it on Saturday."

Stevenson last played in the Division I state finals in 2006 before losing to Traverse City West, 1-0.

"It means a lot because we suffered a heartbreaker against Traverse City (West) and I'm glad to get the opportunity," said Fylenenko, a senior forward who comes off the bench. "I couldn't tell what happened (on the game-winner), but I

felt it was a perfect ball to Nate and he put it away. Usually I try to get it to Nate or one of our tall defenders like Kendal (Snow) and Nick (Mike Nickerson). It worked to our advantage today."

Nobody was happier afterwards for Fylenenko than Richters.

"I'm proud of Adrian because it's been a challenging season for him," the Stevenson coach said. "He's always possessed the ability to score the big goal and this was his biggest of the year."

Meanwhile, the Bobcats bowed out at 19-3-2 overall.

"We had good reports on Stevenson and I thought we were prepared," Grand Blanc coach Greg Kehler said.

When they scored their (first) goal it may have hit one of our guys and deflected. I thought we had it covered.

"We battled back to get the tie. We got the momentum and had them on their heels. We pushed up-top, but in the overtime I did not want to leave our defense vulnerable and leave a guy open.

"In overtime anything can happen. We were hopeful, but I think they (Stevenson) had a little more energy. Lars has a great team."

MU spikers upset by Webber International

The No. 7-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team suffered only its third loss of the season on Thursday night, falling in five sets at Webber International (Fla.), 25-13, 25-17, 26-28, 23-25, 10-15.

The loss drops Madonna to 31-3 on the season and Webber improves to 22-9.

Lubovj Tihomirova, Mary McGinnis and Fuelling paced MU's offensive attack with 18, 15 and 13 kills, respectively.

Inta Grinvalds handed out 52 assist-to-kills, while Bryn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College) led the defense with a team-high 18 digs. Abby Long

and Amanda Koszela chipped in with 14 and 12 digs respectively.

Cindy Eurie paced Webber with 20 kills and 16 digs. Julianne Dougherty and Tammy Needham added 19 and 18 digs, while setters Danielle Wagner and Trisha Belcher combined for 47 assist-to-kills. Kristina Reeves also had 10 kills.

The Crusaders are off until Tuesday night when No. 15 Indiana Tech (28-0) comes calling to the Activities Center for Senior Night honoring Fuelling, Parslow and Tihomirova prior to the match.

MU blanks Cardinals, 4-0

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The Madonna University men's soccer team passed its final road test of the season with a 4-0 non-conference triumph Wednesday at Saginaw Valley State.

The win moves MU to 13-2 overall on the season while the Cardinals fall to 6-9-2.

MU got on the board early in the contest when Otieno Victor took a pass from Doron Draai in the 16th minute and found the back of the net for a 1-0 MU lead.

The Crusaders' lead grew to 2-0 in the 24th minute when Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson) took a feed from Eric Kiebert and buried his shot to take MU into the lockerroom with a 2-0 lead at intermission.

TROJANS

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"In that second series we came out and stopped them and that kind of turned the momentum and said, 'Hey, we can stop these guys, they're not just going to march up and down the field and score all night on us,'" Irish said.

Before halftime, Clarenceville tacked on two more touchdowns for a commanding 21-7 lead at the break.

Setting up the tiebreaker, with 8:46 left in the second, was a 28-yard run by Whitaker. He dropped back to pass, waited a moment and then shot through the middle of the line.

Three plays later, Brooks raced around the right end for an 11-yard TD.

A sparkling 28-yard halfback option pass from Gainer to Whitaker, all alone down the left sideline, sparked the Trojans' next scoring march of 69 yards in eight plays. Capping it off was a nine-yard TD run by Whitaker (18 rushes, 127 yards, two TDs).

"We caught them off guard," said Gainer, who completed both passes he attempted for 46 yards. He also rushed for 47 yards and caught a 24-yard pass.

An interception by Hogan early in the fourth quarter led to the Trojans final score of the night.

Other big defensive plays by the Trojans included a third-quarter fumble recovery by sophomore Moses Hobson and an interception late in the fourth by junior Benjamin Watts.

Clarenceville made it 27-7 with about nine minutes to go in the game. A 25-yard carry by Brooks (13-for-80) keyed the drive, and Whitaker scored from the 23 with a dash around left end.

The Fighting Irish finished the night's scoring, when Herbeck (10-for-20, 167 yards) threw a 15-yard TD to senior Jeff Lemanski. That 53-yard drive only took 23 seconds to complete.

But the Trojans, instead of losing focus, got the ball back and ran an offensive series that shaved seven minutes off the clock to seal the victory.

"We just continue to talk about that, about persevering and staying even keel," Irish said. "It's hard, because I'm an emotional guy. I wear it on my sleeve and the kids kind of go as I go."

According to Richard coach Brian Lemons, his team's difficulty with the never-say-die running of Clarenceville's backs really hurt.

"Sometimes it comes down to making tackles," lamented Lemons. "They had a lot of second-effort yards. We weren't getting all the guys to the football."

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VOLLEYBALL

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Sometimes you can and sometimes you can't. There's nothing a coach can do because you can't go out there and help them."

The Chargers, getting seven kills from the 5-foot-10 Nalecz and four more from 5-10 junior Sarah Suppelsa, were able to close out the match, 25-20, in the fourth set.

Matz, 5-9 senior, had the game-winning kill. She finished with 17 assists, 11 digs and four kills on the night.

Also chipping in for the Chargers, who featured a balanced attack, was Suppelsa (nine kills), Kristy DeClercq (17 assists), Cory Urbats (11 assists), Taylor Kerr (10 digs), Cierra Yetts (five kills) and Jessica Stroud (four kills, two blocks).

And not to be outdone was 5-9 senior outside hitter Kat Krupsky, who contributed six key kills and two blocks.

"Kathryn does not get a lot of

sets, but she converted the ones she had and she blocked a few - she's won of our unsung kids," Grenier said.

Churchill and Lakeland, the KLAAs-North Conference and North Division champion, could possibly meet again in the Class A regional semifinals (Nov. 11).

"We played them at the Michigan State Team Camp - where I think they split up their teams," Nakamura said.

"They're obviously not the same team we saw there. I tell the kids the first-round of the regional is Churchill. Every loss we've had this year, we've come back and beat the teams again. We just have to refocus when we play a team again."

It was a competitive first-ever KLAAs final and Grenier knows KLAAs are capable.

"Owen (Nakamura) does an outstanding job," the Churchill coach said. "They're a disciplined and well-coached team - hats go off to them."

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STEVENSON

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The Spartans capitalized on a blocked punt by Jordan El-Sabeh at midfield to take a 17-0 lead at 8:22 in the fourth quarter.

Austin White, who rushed for 88 yards on 25 carries, capped the 57-yard drive with a 2-yard run. His 27-yarder five plays earlier helped set up the score.

"That running back; he's legitimate," West Bloomfield coach James Thomas said of White. "We felt, if we held him under a hundred yards, we would win the game."

"The quarterback (Jacob Gudeman) was throwing 8- to 10-yard out routes and getting the first down, and that hurt us. They kept the ball away from us, which was very smart."

Sophomore Phil Brown engineered a scoring drive on West Bloomfield's final possession, throwing an 8-yard touchdown pass to Chris Hurst with 16 seconds remaining.

Hurst finished with five receptions for 44 yards; Cameron Fields made three catches for 70 yards. Christensen was 4-of-19 for 79 yards, Brown 7-of-11 for 55.

"Our kids were pretty tight, nervous; that might have hurt us early," Thomas said. "The defense settled down in the third quarter and started to

control the game. Offensively, we never got in a rhythm. They just outplayed us.

"That's a credit to their defense. They pretty much shut us out. They made good plays on the long ball, which is what we had been living by all year. We wanted to shorten the passing downs and do a little more running, but it didn't work out."

"That's a good (Stevenson) team. It was pretty simple; they played a basic football game, and they were ready for us. Their defense had a good game plan against our offense."

The Spartans will be at home again Friday when they renew a long-standing playoff rivalry with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in a district championship game.

Stevenson rushed for 227 yards with Duran Onwuemene (57) and Stahl (49) making key contributions, too. Gudeman completed seven of 11 passes for 60 yards; Stephen Pollard and Stahl made three catches each.

"We've scored a lot of points this year and have a lot of confidence (in the offense)," Gabel said. "(The Lakers) were quick and aggressive up front, and they were tough to block. We wanted to make first downs and shorten the clock."

"The third score was a big one, because we got field position and took advantage of it. Our goal was to score enough points to win the game and not impress people."

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

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LIVONIA LADYWOOD 87
Oct. 20 at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Caleigh Griffin, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:01.4.
200 freestyle: 1. Heather Pijor (LL), 2:09.56; 2. Maddy Pelon (LL), 2:10.3.
200 individual medley: 1. Mackenzie Chesley (NDP), 2:26.03; 2. Wilson (LL), 2:32.44; 3. Mollie Pely (LL), 2:35.08.
50 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 25.56.
1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 221.25 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Chesley (NDP), 1:05.58; 2. Maddy Pelon (LL), 1:07.42; 3. Brinkman (LL), 1:08.56.
100 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 57.17.
500 freestyle relay: 1. Notre Dame Prep (Jacyn Wilson, Chesley, Caleigh Mullin, Liz Barron), 1:47.97; 2. Ladywood, 1:53.12.
100 backstroke: 1. Wilson (LL), 1:07.28.
100 breaststroke: 1. Wilson (NDP), 1:13.26; 2. Griffin (LL), 1:18.16.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Maddy Pelon, Pijor, Wilson, Kelly), 3:57.38.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 4-5 overall, 3-3 Catholic League.

S'craft men's cagers hope to turn up heat

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

HOOP PREVIEW

The heat will be on opponents of the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team this winter.

Following a down 2007-08 campaign during which the Ocelots struggled to a 3-24 record, coach Randy Henry's squad is re-energized and ready to make foes sweat for everything they get.

"We have the players this year to play defense 94 feet of the court," the second-year coach said. "We're going to get after it on defense this year and harass teams all the way up the court. We want to disrupt them before they can get into their flow."

The Ocelots' schedule is challenging, to say the least, as it includes five nationally-ranked teams.

"It's a tough schedule, but with the guys we have this year, I think we'll be up for it."

The catalyst of the Ocelots' attack this season will be Trivoris Freeman, a 5-foot-10 sophomore guard who transferred from Henry Ford CC.

"Trivoris is a tremendous outside shooter who is extremely quick," said Henry. "He's left-handed, too, which I like in players."

Freeman will be joined in the backcourt by another lefty, Martez Abney, a 5-9 freshman from Wayne Memorial.

"Martez is another good shooter who can get to the hole," said Henry.

Stefan Marken, a 6-3 freshman from Westland John Glenn, will start at small for-

ward for the Ocelots.

"Stefan gives us an asset we didn't have last year - he can go out and shoot the 'three' on a consistent basis," said Henry. "He's a very intelligent kid who goes out and does a lot of the little things it take to win. He has a great basketball IQ."

Banging down low for Schoolcraft will be Bruce Watson, a 6-8, 265-pound freshman from Detroit Southwestern, and Eric Henry, a 6-3 sophomore from Detroit Renaissance.

Eric Henry is Randy Henry's son.

"Bruce gives us a big inside presence," Randy Henry said. "He has good hands and a soft touch and he's a very good passer."

"Eric is a tough rebounder who's not afraid to mix it up around the basket."

Among the first players off the bench for the Ocelots will be Charles Winston, a 6-3 freshman from Detroit Henry Ford, and Larry Wilson, a 5-10 sophomore guard from Livonia Churchill.

"Charles played basketball and football in high school, so he'll get on the floor for the loose balls," said Henry. "Larry gives us good sophomore leadership. He started 19 games last year, so he'll bring a lot of experience off the bench."

The Ocelots opened their season Saturday in Alpena. Their home opener is Wednesday, Nov. 10 vs. Marygrove.



Turning up the Heat

The Livonia YMCA Heat, a 12-and-under girls soccer team, recently completed an 8-0 season. Team members include (bottom row, from left) Katie O'Meara, Andrea Hall, Selma Pedrotte, Jamie Nowicki, Alex Estes, Dominique Pacheco; (top row, from left) Brianna Ash, Lily Sartori, Vanessa Agrusa, Brittany Washington, Jazmen Evans, Courtney Cameron and coach Susan O'Meara.

Hail to the Seniors

Clarenceville sweeps Thurston in 3 straight sets

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Livonia Clarenceville's seniors have carried the torch all season for the varsity volleyball team.

So Thursday's strong play from the "veterans" against visiting Redford Thurston came as no surprise to Trojans' coach Wendy Merschman as Clarenceville swept the Eagles 3-0 on Senior Night.

"They all did a good job," said Merschman, referring to starters Marlene Azar, Sam Giordano, Katie Blacker, Laisha Patterson and Lisa Wilson. "Our seniors definitely led the way this year, and tonight, too. They'll now lead the team right into districts."

Clarenceville (11-14-2) "started strong" in the non-conference matchup and "carried it through all three games."

Merschman credited the consistency in the passing department as well as the good-time feeling in the gym for the final home game of the regular season. "They were very excited and played well all the way through."

Thurston head coach Natalie Wasio's team dropped to 1-13 for the season. As has been the case all season, the

Eagles were not able to sustain anything good that transpired from play to play.

"We have some sparks of improvement, but we just don't know how to keep that momentum going," Wasio said. "We were a lot scrappier today, we were picking up a lot more balls and blocking more."

Wasio noted some good things: hustle from senior Jessica McBay (nine digs), junior Molly Hochstein (10 digs) and senior Becca Burgess (39 assists, four aces); blocking from junior Veronica Wheeler; hitting from senior Ashley Rone (10 digs, four kills) and recent junior varsity call-up Rachel Smith (three kills).

The Clarenceville seniors rode the wave from the pre-game festivities to a quick 13-6 lead in Game 1 and capped off the opener when outside hitter Giordano went on a three-point serving run for the 25-12 victory.

In Game 2, Merschman gave more playing time to her underclassmen and they didn't disappoint although the teams were locked up in a close game until junior defensive specialist Ashley Devon served three

points to break an 8-8 tie.

The Trojans really took control with middle hitter Patterson (five kills, four blocks) at the line. She strung together four points to make it 16-9 and Clarenceville went on to win by a 25-13 score.

Thurston mounted brief, two-point serving runs from Hochstein and senior Sammar Jarrous.

But Clarenceville never flinched and broke free when outside hitter Azar (five kills) served up five points including an ace to give the Trojans a 19-11 edge.

Blacker, who tallied 32 assists in an excellent performance at setter, collected two points (including an ace) from the stripe to make it 24-16 before Thurston junior Jessica Art's spike only delayed the inevitable.

McBay's subsequent serve led to match point when Blacker sent a perfect set over to junior outside hitter Morgan Tressler for the kill.

Other Trojans with strong efforts included junior outside hitter Kat Hall (six kills, eight digs, three aces), junior libero Teresa Parent (nine digs) and outside hitter/defensive specialist Wilson (three aces).

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Changing of the guard

Holdover Sims key to MU men's hoop fortunes

BY BRAD EMONS
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HOOP PREVIEW

Question marks abound for the Madonna University men's basketball team as it enters Monday night's season opener at home against St. Francis (Ind.).

The Crusaders, coming off their best season in school history (19-13) and a second-place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, were picked seventh in the coaches preseason poll.

Gone are All-WHAC selections Jon Battle (17.7 ppg) and D.J. Bridges (Canton), along with four-year mainstays Mike Rashad, Keith Hearn and Charlie Henry.

"All were big losses, big point-producers who got a lions share of the minutes," fifth-year MU coach Chuck Henry said. "We have 18 on our roster, but three are ineligible. Six of them are freshmen - four of them red-shirt freshman. We have three sophomores, so we're pretty young."

"We have good numbers, but not a lot of depth because we have a lot of inexperienced players."

Cedric Sims, who averaged 13 points a game last year en route to All-Conference recognition, is the team's top

returning scorer. The 6-foot senior will take over the point-guard duties on a full-time basis.

"He's a captain, his role has changed as a leader," Henry said of the Wayne Memorial High grad. "He plays at fast-paced, breakneck speed, but I don't know if everything else can keep up with him so we'll have to slow him down. But we'll certainly utilize Cedric and his talents. D.J. (Bridges) was our main look last year, but now it's coming from the point-guard position. We have several new options to give Cedric the ball. His skill is driving to the basket, but we want it later in the shot clock instead of earlier."

Also returning is 6-foot senior Drew Coker (Whitmore Lake), who will move into a starting forward spot.

Junior college transfer Leroy Allen (Kirtland CC), a 6-7 junior from Detroit, will give the Crusaders athleticism on the front line and hopes to make up for the loss of Bridges.

"He's a good player, a rebounder who had a nice career at Kirtland," Henry said. "He's also a good student, who is doing well in his classes. One

of his professors said he's his best writer. He's a real catch for us."

Hoping to join Allen and Coker up-front is 6-7 sophomore Ryan Waidmann, who was hampered by injuries during his freshman year.

"He missed more than half the year," Henry said. "He's a good rebounder, but has to be more aggressive and look to the basket more."

Also expected to be in the mix on opening night is 6-4 freshman forward Tyler Coker (Drew's brother), 5-10 sophomore guard Bryant Slaughter (Westland), 6-4 junior Noah Williams (Shaker Heights, Ohio), 6-3 sophomore Ryan Bahnmiller (Walled Lake Northern via Adrian College) and 6-3 senior Kevin McLoughlin (Shepherd).

Henry's biggest concern is the health of his squad.

Allen suffered a sprained ankle in a preseason scrimmage, while McLoughlin and Slaughter are also nursing injuries.

"The is one of the year where I ask the Lord to have no injuries," Henry said. "It's a learning process, but the kids are competing in practice and it's been a lot of fun."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Friday, Nov. 7
Division 1-Region 2-District 2 final)
Novi-Detroit CC at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Division 5-Region 4-District 1 final)
Madison Hts. Madison-Altom winner
at Livonia Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS
CLASS A
at YPSILANTI
Monday, Nov. 3: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Garden City, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Ypsilanti vs. (D) Belleville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Westland John Glenn vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Romulus vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Saline vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln district champion.)

at FARMINGTON
Monday, Nov. 3: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5 p.m.; (C) Farmington vs. (D) Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Redford Thurston vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7: Championship final, 7 p.m.

(Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 11 at White Lake Lakeland vs. Lakeland district champion.)

CLASS B
at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Tuesday, Nov. 4: (A) South Lyon East vs. (B) Livonia Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (D) Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7: Championship final, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Onsted vs. New Boston Huron district champion.)

CLASS D
at WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Tuesday, Nov. 4: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian vs. Birmingham Roeper district champion.)

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Nov. 6
KLAA-Central Meet at S. Lyon East, 1 p.m.

KLAA-South Meet at Wayne, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8
Kensington Conf. Meet at Salem, noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6
Madonna at Davenport, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 3
St. Francis (Ind.) at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8
Schoolcraft at Kalamazoo Valley, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Nov. 5
(WHAC-MCC Challenge)

Bethel (Ind.) at Madonna, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6
Madonna at IU-South Bend, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7
(St. Clair County CC Tip-Off Classic)

Saturday, Nov. 8
Schoolcraft vs. Lansing CC, 5 p.m.
(St. Clair County CC Tip-Off Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Grand Rapids CC, noon.

Rockets outlast crossover foe

The Westland John Glenn girls volleyball squad improved to 18-13-7 overall with a 25-16, 31-29, 25-11 Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over visiting Walled Lake Western.

The Rockets prevailed in the marathon second game behind the play of Katie Down, Shelley Sportsman and Lauren Baker.

Halie Baker had a big night with 17 digs, eight kills and one block.

Other Glenn statistical leaders included Brittany Holbrook (12 kills, one block); Stacey Truskowski (14 digs,

KLAA VOLLEYBALL

five kills); and Brook Zywick (18 dig).

Paige Darlenio paced the Warriors (10-14-2) with 10 kills, four digs and two blocks, while Kristen Osip added 10 digs and no serving errors.

Glenn was 64-of-75 serving with 17 aces.

Spartans sweep Hartland

Brooke Knochel and Meg Iafate led the way with 15 and 14 kills, respectively, propelling Livonia Stevenson to a 25-10, 25-13, 25-13 win Thursday

over visiting Hartland, in a KLAA crossover.

Setters Katie Vellucci and Claire LeBlanc combined for 34 assists as the Spartans improved to 21-22 overall.

Christine Armstrong chipped in with nine digs, while Kaylee McGrath added three blocks and a kill.

Hartland falls to 15-17-4.

Other KLAA matches

■ On Thursday, Waterford Mott downed host Livonia Franklin in three games, 25-18, 25-21, 25-13.

Mott is 5-16-5 overall, while Franklin falls to 9-20-2.

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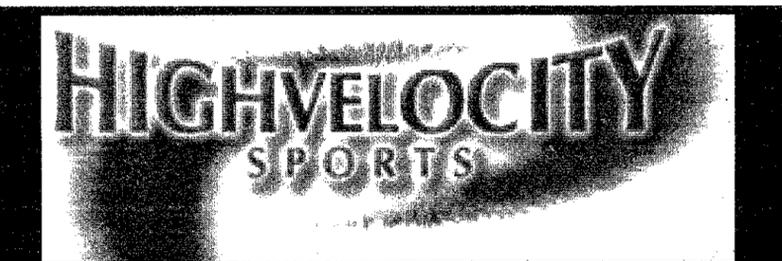
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Workplace clinics help prevent spread of flu



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American Concrete Institute CEO Bill Tolley, left, receives a flu shot from Doris Apacanis, an R.N. with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan at the ACI offices in Farmington Hills.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Malutkowski hasn't missed getting a flu shot since college so when husband Kevin came home with news his employer was holding a workplace clinic she was glad it included the entire family. The Berkley woman makes sure she, Kevin, their daughter, Amelia, and are protected from the infectious virus every year. In mid-October she bundled up their 23-month-old daughter and headed for the American Concrete Institute in Farmington Hills. This year the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is recommending all children age 6 months to 18 years receive flu shots so ACT's decision to include families made it extremely convenient.

"It's a great opportunity. Hopefully we can miss getting the flu. We have a lot of kids getting sick in our neighborhood," said Jennifer Malutkowski. "I used to get the flu all the time and it used to wipe me out for a week."

Human resources director Barbara Cheyne is always looking for ways to help employees stay healthy.

"This is a way to make a benefit available to the staff with minimal disruption to the staff day. They don't have to leave to get a flu shot," said Cheyne. "When employees get the flu there's a costly impact on the organization.

You're not only risking the spread of disease but diminished productivity and quality overall. It's in everyone's best interests."

CEO Bill Tolley was among the first in line. Tolley gets a flu shot every year.

"Part of it is because of travel. I take 20 to 25 trips a year, this year to Brazil, Colombia, Hong Kong, and Vietnam," said Tolley. "I never have gotten the flu very much because I receive flu shots. There's nothing worse than being sick and traveling."

More and more workplaces are offering clinics. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan has held several already this season including the one at ACI. The Wayne and Oakland counties' health divisions offer public clinics as well as the VNA (www.vna.org).

"Children carry virus and spread it," said Kay Renny, a registered nurse and manager of community programs for VNA of Southeast Michigan. "They're not always washing their hands and doing the sneeze in elbow. They bring it home to grandma and grandpa and maybe a baby sister or brother."

As a medical historian, Dr. Howard Markel knows how quickly infectious disease can spread. As director of the University of Michigan Center for the History of Medicine he has studied flu pandemics which have killed millions of people around



Kevin Malutkowski of American Concrete Institute, center, and his wife Jennifer, left, keep their 23-month-old daughter Amelia busy as she gets a flu shot from Doris Apacanis, an R.N. with the Visiting Nurse Association at the ACI offices in Farmington Hills. Amelia only cried for a little while probably because she had Pooh Bear with her.

the world. About 675,000 died of Spanish flu in the U.S. in 1918-19.

"It was a devastating pandemic," said Markel. "As a historian I tell people you need to pay attention to the past. Every 30 to 40 years we have a flu pandemic, in 68, 57. We're kind of overdue for one. Will it be one that kills a lot

of people or one that makes a lot of people sick? I can't predict, but flu shots are very, very important."

As a pediatrician, Markel recommends flu shots for patients as well as his children, ages 4 and 8. In recent years some parents have opted to avoid flu shots over fear

of a possible link between autism and vaccines.

"It's very safe. Studies have all disproved (a link) time and time again," said Markel. "Even if you don't want to trust me. Talk to your doctor."

While Malutkowski says the possible link between vaccines

and autism is always in the back of her mind, it's more important for Amelia to receive a flu shot.

"I would rather see her protected," said Malutkowski.

For more information about the flu, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

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Lead can cause health problems in children

Lead exposure can cause serious and permanent damage to the health of young children that's why the Oakland County Health Division is trying to increase awareness. Most often children are poisoned by lead dust and lead paint in homes built before 1978. However, children can be exposed to lead by a number of household items and materials including toys, old painted furniture, glazed pottery, dirt and soil from flower pots, charcoal, and imported spices and food additives.

"While there is much recently publicity about toys, lead dust from house paint remains the main source of lead poisoning in children," said Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer of Oakland County Health Division. "The only way to be sure that a child does not have lead poisoning is to have them tested."

Lead can cause reading disabilities and attention and motor coordination problems in children. Signs of lead poisoning include tiredness, headaches or irritability. In most cases there are no obvious symptoms to indicate that the child has been exposed to dangerous lead levels.

Lead poisoning in children is preventable. Here are some tips to keep your kids safe.

Keep toys out of the child's mouth. Wash your child's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.

Look for and remove sources of lead in places your child lives and plays. Keep floors, window sills, blinds, and other surfaces dust and dirt free.

Throw recalled toys or items away, or return to the manufacturer as directed. For a complete product recall list, visit www.epsc.gov.

For more information, call Oakland County Health Division's Nurse on Call at (800) 848-5533.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

Flu shots

For adults and children over 6 months of age available at Oakland County Health Division locations at 1200 N. Telegraph in Oakland County Complex Bldg. 36 East in Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield, north of 11 Mile at Catalpa Road in Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple at Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Cost is \$11 (cash only). Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Bring photo identification and insurance cards. For information, call (800) 434-3358 or visit www.oakgov.com/health.

CHADD meeting

Child & Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder meets Monday, Nov. 3, at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The Parent group will have Marla Godette speaking on AD/HD in the Black Home: The Real Truth. The Adult group will have Arthur Robin, psychologist and author, speaking on Can Your Marriage Survive AD/HD. Registration opens at 7 p.m. Meeting runs 7:30-9 p.m. Meetings free for CHADD members and up to a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call (248) 988-6716. The Web site is www.chadd.net/527.

Girls' night out

Presented by Henry Ford Health System 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Pine Lake Country Club, 3300 Pine Lake Road, Orchard Lake. Enjoy a gourmet, heart-healthy dinner while learning about how to treat your heart right. Experts from the Heart & Vascular Institute will be available for small group discussions throughout the evening as well as present four short lectures. Tickets \$20 per person. Space limited. Call (800) HENRYFORD (436-7936) or visit henryford.com and click on Find Henry Ford classes.

Free seminar

To educate men and women about treatment options for erectile dysfunction and incontinence 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Henry Ford Hospital Warren Campus, Classroom BB, 13355 E. 10 Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 261-7401.

Caregiver's support group

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

Healthcare symposium

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. Guest speaker is Margaret Dowd, president of the Lupus

Research Institute. Dr. Joseph McCune, chief of rheumatology at University of Michigan, leads a discussion by a panel of physicians whose specialties impact treatment of lupus. No charge, but a \$10 donation is requested for breakfast and lunch. To register, call (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to info@milupus.org or visit www.milupus.org.

Stomp out diabetes

Wine Tasting Benefit 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills. Guests will enjoy an evening of sampling and socializing all in support of the American Diabetes Association's efforts to prevent and cure diabetes. For tickets or more information, contact Debbie O'Leary at (888) 342-2383, ext. 6636 or doleary@diabetes.org.

Thyroid & your health

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, on the 3rd floor of Livonia Civic Center Library-3rd floor, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Roads. Seating limited, call (734) 425-8588 to register. For more information, visit www.KarlWellnessCenter.com and www.KarlHolisticHealthcare.com.

Fibromyalgia workshop

By Dr. Daniel Clauw, director of the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at the University of Michigan 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road., Garden City. For information, contact Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768 or lucyrowley23@hotmail.com. No charge for the workshop presented by the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones and offers valuable information at meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month 10 a.m. to noon at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options available. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the evening group meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. For information or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, ext. 233.

Chocolate jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Held annually, Funds will support programs and services to more than 70,000 metro Detroit families affected by the disease as well as fund research. The luncheon is followed by a chocolate tasting with over 20 exhibitors offering up their sweetest creations.

Luncheon and Jubilee tickets still available. To purchase or participate in the 50/50 Raffle or Sweet Chances, call (248) 351-0280 or visit www.alzgm.org for details.

Get ready to have a baby

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Childbirth Education Weekday programs held 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, to Nov. 19; Mondays, Nov. 17 to Dec. 15, and Wednesdays, Dec. 3 to Jan. 14. Childbirth Education One-day workshops 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. There is a fee. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1162 for information or to register.

UPCOMING

Gala evening at the movies

A benefit for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at The Uptown Palladium Theater, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. Evening includes the premiere of a new feature film and an hors d'oeuvres and dessert pre-glow reception. The honoree for the 31st annual Gala Evening at the Movies is The Michael Yendick Foundation for Children. To attend the event, purchase a listing in the Movie Gala Souvenir Journal from \$75-\$5,000 and receive complimentary tickets. Call (248) 737-0900, or email michigan@ccta.org for more information.

Butterfly ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan has rescheduled its black tie fund-raiser to 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person and include The Butterfly Ball will be highlighted by music and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development Specialist, (248) 784-2018 or jjimenez@alam.org.

ONGOING

Physical performance classes

Incorporates jump-rope training, core work, and functional strength training using dumbbells and body weight for resistance 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. An Exercise Therapy class for a mid to lower intensity workout that stress functional fitness, core, balance, strength and flexibility 8:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. One hour sessions run through November at Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Drop in sessions \$6 each, 10 sessions \$48. These classes are both lead by Jeanie Weaver with the concept of training to spare the joints and improve back mobility and strength. She is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training

experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957 to register. For information send e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

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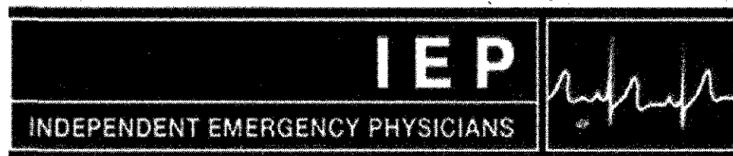
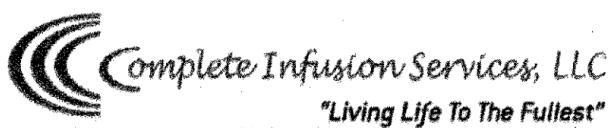
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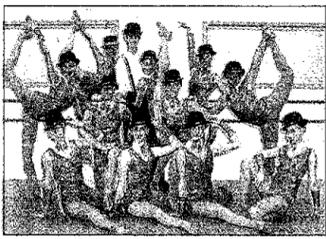
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The Bunny Sanford dancers sport red sequin vests and shorts for the Le Jazz Hot portion of the show.

NEW YORK VIBES

What: A fund-raising dinner, silent auction and concert by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra with special guests from the Bunny Sanford's School of Dance

When: Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21

Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Tickets: \$70. Call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111. Items are still being sought for the silent auction.

Dancers to kick up their heels Rockette-style

One professional ballroom dancer dressed in bright yellow is still twirling in the heads of many of the guests who attended last year's Livonia Symphony Orchestra fund-raiser. This year's event promises to be equally as memorable as the chorus line from Bunny Sanford's School of Dance kick up their heels Friday, Nov. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The nearly two dozen dancers, ages 15 to 19, perform in front of a silhouette of New York City, the theme this year.



Linda Chomin

Dance has always been popular as witnessed by the hundreds of little girls taking classes and performing in recitals locally, but lately more adults seem to be interested in a variety of styles thanks to the television hit, *Dancing with the Stars*. Last year's fund-raiser had just about everybody tapping their toes.

"Last year I set things up for the silent auction and had the opportunity to watch the dancers perform and it was just superb," said Patrick Beckley, vice president of the Livonia Symphony Society, the governing and fund-raising arm of the orchestra.

APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE

The kick lines should bring as much applause as the tangos and cha chas last year. Dressed in gold shimmering costumes with tails for the chorus portion of the show, the young dancers change into bright red vests and shorts with bowler hats for the jazz section. The show is definitely up tempo with music selections ranging from *Give My Regards to Broadway* to *Hello, Dolly* and a *Salute to the Big Bands*. Angie Hahn directed and choreographed the dancers in the chorus line and Le Jazz Hot. Hahn has been teaching 21 years at the Livonia studio celebrating its 35th anniversary.

"It's a fantastic show," she said. "The chorus line production is like a Rockette-style number. It gives them the opportunity to do a professional show in front of an audience in case they want to continue on to become a professional dancer and it's a great chance to perform with the symphony and have live music."

KEEPING IN SHAPE

In recent years, the Livonia Symphony has made an effort to reach out to the community just as Bunny Sanford and her students do. The dancers perform in local nursing homes. People of all ages love to watch them move to the beat of the music.

"Dance keeps them active, in shape. We have a lot of male dancers big into sports in high school, soccer, football," said Hahn. "It helps give them the coordination to excel at their sports. It gives them such a good base. There's a community spirit about them. A lot are on homecoming courts and in the Honor Society."

Nikki Fata isn't nervous about performing in front of the crowd since the dancers have been practicing for more than two months. The 16-year-old Westland girl has been taking classes

Please see **DANCERS, C2**



Timario Wilkins directs the Philharmonic.

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Sophia Washer, 7, of Bloomfield Hills, and Elizabeth Manning, 10, Garden City, play violin during strings class.

Young instrumentalists play for fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Most kids look forward to having fun with their friends on the weekend and members of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan are no exception. The only difference is they're playing classical music together instead of soccer.

Four separate rooms of string and woodwind musicians sit on the edge of their chairs listening to conductors for the beginning to advanced ensembles. When

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LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN

What: A nonprofit educational organization teaches young musicians orchestral skills

When: Meets 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays from September to May

Costs: For the season range from \$175 for beginning concert strings to \$250 for the philharmonic

Details: Call (734) 634-5250 or visit www.LYPM.org.



Carl Karoub of Livonia leads the winds ensemble. Karoub is principal French Horn with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Holiday fair offers gifts that keep on giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're looking to give something different for the holidays don't miss the Alternative Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

The show promises to be bigger and better than ever with 45 charities selling everything from jewelry to teddy bears, hand-carved items, food including soup and dessert mixes, and even chickens and goats. While fair goers can't take the animals home for a price they can help Heifer International provide food and income for families in need. All purchases at the fair keep on giving by supporting organizations including Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Haven, Donate Life Coalition, Detroit Rescue Mission, Special Olympics Michigan, and Lutheran Child and Family Services, to name a few.

Jessica Beamer of Farmington stresses the fair is an ecumenical event. St. Fabian Catholic Church

in Farmington Hills is once again working with Hope Lutheran. Volunteers from both churches bake cookies for the fair.

"This is not a fund-raiser for either church but a gift of service for the community," said Beamer, fair coordinator. "In 35 hours of selling time over the last seven years we raised \$150,000 for the charities. They leave with that money."

Beamer especially likes to shop at the event every year.

"I like to buy handmade gift bags to put my items in, gifts for teachers, school staff, piano teachers, the people in my life I like to honor," Beamer said. "For some charities you might leave with a card saying you bought a school kit going to a child around the world. I always call them double gifts. They're for someone but you're helping someone too."

"Last year M.I.N.D.S. (Mental Illness Needs Discussion) brought a professional photographer and took photos for Christmas cards,"

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Sales of bears and books go to Feed the Children.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

What: The festival features gift items from nonprofit organizations

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

Where: Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

Cost: \$1. For more information, call (248) 553-7170.

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she said, referring to the Southfield-based organization that educates youth about mental illness and suicide prevention. "My three children are going to come looking quite nice."

YOUNG ARTISTS

The children at the Boys & Girls Republic in Farmington Hills have been making jewelry for weeks to get ready for the fair. The nonprofit offers a group home setting for abused, neglected and troubled youth who would otherwise be in foster care.

"The kids sell the things they make themselves — candy babies filled with candy, pens with flowers on top, hair-pieces," said Latisha Early, representative. "Once a week we do crafts. It's very therapeutic when they're very stressed and having a bad day. They enjoy being creative."

The fair gives Julie Connoyer an opportunity to meet people from other social service agencies. Connoyer is community outreach coordinator for Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia. The nonprofit sells holiday greeting cards as well as Braille jewelry and books to provide low cost reading materials for blind children around the world. For \$10, supporters receive a holiday tribute card informing the recipient a book has been inscribed in their name.

"People feel Braille is only for blind children. Our books tell children there is another reading medium out there besides print. We have cute holiday books this year, one with a hand puppet, and all of the books are in print and Braille," said Connoyer.

JEWELRY, PUPPY KISSES

Samaritan Counseling Center in Farmington Hills is selling mustard seed jewelry with proceeds going to support the center's adjusted fee schedule. Each of the organizations offers something different. Joy DeFranco, fair committee person and volunteer liaison for Make-A-Wish, was involved with



Robin Danko holds a Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan bear.



Bruce and Sue Calderwood volunteer every year to sell soup mixes for the Detroit Rescue Mission. New this year are dessert mixes.

hosting a party where terminally ill children made holiday cards. The Farmington Hills woman always buys the greetings to send to family and friends.

"They drew it. It tells you their diagnosis and what their wish is," said DeFranco.

Suzanne Geliske is offering something very unusual — the opportunity to kiss a Paws With a Cause puppy

she's raising in her Pontiac home. When Halo, the golden retriever, is old enough she'll leave for Wayland to be trained as a service dog.

"They can just give a donation. They don't have to kiss the dog but puppies are cute," said Geliske. "If they just want to pet the dog that's OK."

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Open house
English Gardens will kick off the holiday season with its annual open house, today, Sunday, Nov. 6, at all of its stores. A portion of the day's sales will be donated to Forgotten Harvest, Metro Detroit's mobile food rescue organization. English Gardens open house features the unveiling of its professionally decorated theme trees, photos with Santa, and caroling. Free photos with Santa will be taken from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Local stores include:

- Ann Arbor, 155 N. Maple at Jackson (Maple Village Shopping Center); (734) 332-7900
- Dearborn Heights, 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive; (313) 278-4433
- West Bloomfield, 6370 Orchard

Lake Road; (248) 851-7506
63rd Annual Greens Market
The Ann Arbor Branch of Woman's Farm & Garden Association plans its annual sale of fresh-cut Oregon greens, holiday wreaths, swags, forced bulbs and other arrangements from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The market also will include custom-made accessories, jewelry, clothing, toys and gifts; homemade baked goods; antiques and collectibles and decorative craft demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The market is open only to members of Woman's Farm & Garden Association and Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum from 10 a.m.-noon. Doors open to the public at noon. No admission fee. Free valet parking will be available.

Lunches from Afternoon Delight will be available for purchase. (734) 647-7600 or www.annarborfarm-garden.org.
Make a wreath
Join in the fun of making a holiday wreath with fresh greens and seasonal decorations to either keep or give away as a gift, from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Henry Ford Estate, located on Fairlane drive, west of Evergreen, on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, in Dearborn. Professional florists from Christopher and Company will teach the class, which is designed for adults and youth, age 10 and older accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$35 per person, with proceeds supporting the Henry Ford Estate gardens. For more information or to make a reservation, call (313) 593-0514 or (313) 593-5580.

ENGAGEMENTS



Comstock-Kostin
Jeff and Peggy Comstock of Dexter announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Alexander Kostin, son of Gordon and Nancy Kostin of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a full-time graduate student at DePaul University, studying school counseling and student affairs. The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology. He works as a fine particle analyst at Particle Technology Labs in Chicago, Ill.
The couple plan a May 2009 wedding at St. Joseph Church in Dexter and a reception at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

Balcewicz-Sundol
George and Judy Balcewicz of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Balcewicz, to Chad Sundol, son of Max Sundol of Dunkirk, N.Y., and Carol Dowling of Titusville, Pa. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Northern Michigan University and works for the University of Texas in San Antonio, Texas. The groom attends Mesa Community



College, in Mesa, Ariz. The couple plans to wed in November 2008 at the LDS Temple in Mesa, Ariz.

Dimmer-Campau
Sally Dimmer of Livonia and Mike and Carol Dimmer of Walled Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Ruth, to Chad Evan Campau, son of Ronald and Barbara Campau of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and earned a master's degree from Marygrove University. She teaches special education at Cass Elementary and Cooper Upper Elementary schools in Livonia. The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University and earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is a secondary mathematics teacher at Churchill High School in



Livonia. The couple plans a July 2009 wedding at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and a reception at Joy Manor in Livonia.

Kasper-Geverink
Richard and Laurretta Kasper of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Michelle, to Ryan Lee Geverink, son of Jan and Debbie Geverink of Allen Park. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia, and a 2005 graduate of Madonna University, where she earned degrees in music education and in English. She is pursuing her master's degree in educational leadership at Madonna University and works for Livonia Public Schools as a vocal and instrumental music teacher.
Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Allen Park High School and attended Henry Ford Community College. He worked for Alcoa before



accepting his current position at Summitco, where he is an electrical wire harness designer. The couple, who met at Oakpointe Church, plan a December 2008 wedding.

ANNIVERSARIES

Golden Anniversary
Ron and Nancy (Francis) Rozman of Livonia are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The couple wed Oct. 18, 1958 at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods. They are parents to six children: the late Sue Delia; Sally Williams of Okemos; Mary Mueeting of Dexter; Rick Rozman of Brighton; Amy Rozman, a Livonia Stevenson High School teacher who lives in Salem Township; and Ron Rozman Jr. of Livonia. The Rozmans have lived in the area for 40 years. Both Ron and Nancy worked for Allstate Insurance and retired 12 years ago. They have nine grandchildren and enjoy attending family events like soccer games and dance recitals. To celebrate the anniversary, family and friends planned a party at Andiamo in Livonia.



Ron and Nancy Rozman on their wedding day 50 years ago.

Golden Anniversary
Thomas and Judy (Wright) Bradley of Plymouth are celebrating their 50 years of marriage. The couple, who split their time between Plymouth and Ft. Myers, Fla. and who previously resided in Livonia, wed on Oct. 21, 1958 in Hamilton, Canada.
Thomas worked as a camera operator for Channel 50 and Judy owned an antique shop in Northville. They have been retired for 10 years and have two children, Jim Bradley of Naples, Fla. and John (Tanya) Bradley of Flower Mound, Texas. The couple has four granddaughters, Mae, Camille, Brianna and Peighton, and one grandson, Logan.
For their anniversary, their



children planned a surprise celebration at LaBistecca Italian Restaurant in Plymouth. Friends and family came in from Canada, Texas, Florida and around Michigan. As a gift, their children gave them a vacation to San Antonio, Texas.



Boggs-Veres
Brook Ann Boggs of Canton and Daniel Lee Veres of Novi plan to wed in December 2008.
The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Dollie Boggs of Ann Arbor, is an assistant to the U.S. director of SEND International in Farmington.
Her fiancé, son of Daniel and Cheryl Veres of Cape Coral, Fla., is an account manager with ArvinMeritor, in Detroit.

JOHN LODGE
Age 78, passed away January 6, 2008, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Memorial service will be held November 29 at Unity Church of Hawaii, 3608 Diamond Head Cir., Honolulu, Hawaii at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the World Vision.

BRIAN K. MELVILLE
Age 26, October 30, 2008. Suddenly. Beloved fiancé of April Ruddy. Loving father of eight month old Trent K. Beloved son of Keith L. & Deloris C. Dearest brother of Jessica & Christina. Dear grandson of Robert Melville & Deloris Trotter. Survived by hosts of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Service Monday, November 3, 11:00 am at the Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Rd. (btw. Beech Daly & Telegraph), Redford Twp. (313-535-3030). Visit Sunday 1 until 8 pm. Interment Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

EVELINE MIKKO
Age 95. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away October 31, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

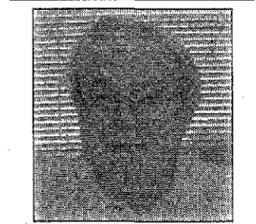
DAVID STEPHEN SKALSKY
Of Clarkston. October 24, 2008 at 96 years of age. Beloved husband of the late Shirley Skalsky and the late Edna Skalsky; dear father of Cindy Skalsky and Jeff Skalsky; brother of Eugene Skalsky; brother-in-law of Florence de la Valliere; Mr. Skalsky was a member of the Waterford and Clarkston Senior Centers, Waterford Golden Agers and the Young at Heart Bowling League at the 300 Bowl. He was a graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School and was formerly employed at Exello Corp., Tishken Products and Pontiac Window Shade. He also formerly owned and operated Woodman's Shade and Blind. Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 31, 2008 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Family will receive friends at a memorial visitation on Thursday from 3-5 & 7-9 p.m. at COATS FUNERAL HOME, Waterford. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan Care Hospice or your charity of choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send a private condolence to the family, go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.



Golden Anniversary
Richard and Carol (Brandt) Dout of Redford are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The couple wed Sept. 20, 1958 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Detroit. They have lived in Redford for 20 years and are parents to Susan Dyke of Midland and Anne Dout of Dearborn Heights. They also have two grandchildren. Richard and Carol formerly owned The Lobby Shoppe in Detroit and have been retired for the past five years. They celebrated their anniversary with friends and family at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Dearborn Heights.



Richard and Carol Dout of Redford at their wedding in 1958.



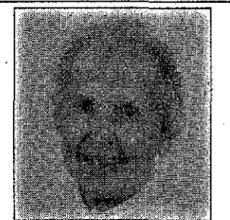
ERICH WALTER vom STEEG
Passed away at home on September 8, 2008. He was born on April 14, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. Surviving Erich is his wife of 45 years, Nancy (Wonnberger). They are blessed with many close family members and friends. A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church Detroit on November 8th at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Church Special Music Fund, or to the Lutheran Social Services of MI, Refugee Fund.

FERN WATKINS
Age 75, October 28, 2008. Beloved wife of Don for 56 years. Dear mother of Daniel (Marcia), Melody Reid, Beth (Ken) Brady and Bruce. Grandmother of Mark (Emily), Jim, David, Jesse, Chris, Sara, Andrew, Matthew and Julianna. Sister of Norman Mathias, Elizabeth (Vince) Sillanpaa and Ronald (Quan) Mathias. Visitation Friday 1-9 pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10 am until an 11 am Funeral Service at Joy Baptist Church, 37055 Joy Rd. (east of Newburgh Rd.). Memorials suggested to Joy Baptist Church or Angela Hospice.



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SISTER MARY HONORA BUZA, RSM
Sister of Mercy, Teacher (Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Honora Buza, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 67 years, died on October 27, 2008 at McAuley Center, Farmington Hills. She was 86. She was born on February 7, 1922 in Hawks, Michigan, the youngest of 17 children of Joseph and Louise (Rant) Buza. She was named Elizabeth at her baptism in St. Dominic Church, Metz. After joining the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1941 she received the name, Sister Mary Honora, and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1947. Sister Mary Honora earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master's in elementary education from Notre Dame University. During her more than 30 years in Catholic elementary education, students in Howell, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Hazel Park, Bay City, Manistee, Temperance, Berkley, Cheboygan, Traverse City, Detroit, Posen, Dearborn, Wyoming and Rogers City, Michigan and Tucson, Arizona, knew Sister Mary Honora as a teacher who cared for them and who helped them to succeed. By 1975, health problems forced Sister Mary Honora to assume less physically demanding ministries as a teacher's aide, tutor and office assistant. In 1993 she moved to Mercy Bellbrook in Rochester Hills where she assisted other elderly persons as a companion and spiritual friend. In 2003, she retired to McAuley Center for a time of prayer and reflection. Sister Mary Honora is remembered for her gentle, generous spirit. In spite of numerous physical challenges she was always gracious and grateful. She enjoyed good conversation, reading, and a lively game of Scrabble. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service took place on October 29, 2008 at McAuley Center, Farmington Hills, followed by a prayer service that evening. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated on October 30, 2008 in the McAuley Center Chapel, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.



AARON COHEN
88, former Liberty resident and business man, died Saturday, October 25, 2008, in Monroe, Ohio, where he had resided since 2002. A native of Clarksburg, WV, he was born September 2, 1920 to Joseph H. and Dena Roseshien Cohen. In 1938, he graduated from high school in Clarksburg, WV and later attended law school. A U.S. Army veteran, he had been active in numerous civic clubs and organizations in Clarksburg, WV and Liberty IN. He came to Liberty in 1957 where he owned and operated the Liberty Department Store until his retirement in 1985. Aaron is survived by two children and their spouses: Jay Cohen and Paula of Middletown, Ohio, Perri Waggoner and Steve of Canton, Michigan; two grandchildren: Krista and Brandon Waggoner of Canton, Michigan; three step-grandchildren and their spouses: Scott Walker and Jenny of Middletown, Ohio, Wendy Cooper of New Hope, Ohio, Donna Bailey and Mark of Hamilton, Ohio; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted Monday at Showalter Blackwell Long Funeral Home, Fossilick Chapel, Liberty with Rabbi Kari Tuling of the Temple Beth Shalom, Middletown, Ohio, officiating. Interment was Wednesday at the Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, WV. Memorial contributions may be made at the funeral home to the Mt. Pleasant Life Care Fund, Shriners Childrens Hospital or to the Beth Boruk Temple. For additional information and to send condolences or memories, visit www.ShowalterBlackwell.org.com



VIENO D. KARL
Age 88, passed away October 30, 2008 at Glacier Hills Retirement Community. Vieno was born in South Range, MI, in the Keweenaw peninsula, on January 25, 1920. She was the daughter, the fifth child of Hans and Olivia Kahkola. She was the widow of Robert L. Karl, who passed away in 1988. Vieno attended the South Range Grade School, Painesdale H.S. for three years, and finally graduated from Cooley H.S. in Detroit. She went to Burroughs Business School for accounting using comptometers. Vieno worked in accounting at National Bank of Detroit and American Blower in Detroit before marrying Robert in January 1942. She has three surviving children: Neil Karl, Karen Hartnett, and Marian Karl. Vieno has four surviving brothers and sisters: Jennie Oldford, Eino Kahkola, Wilho Kahkola, and Ann Valentine. She has two grandchildren, Jim and Jeanne Hartnett and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Marlowe. Vieno was resident at Silver Tea Club group home of Royal Oak, 1987-2005; Glastonbury group home of Ann Arbor, 2005-2008; and Glacier Hills of Ann Arbor, 2008. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday at 12 pm. Visitation Sunday from 1 until 9 pm. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Seasons Hospice or American Heart Association. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgrharris.com.

ROY G. HENDERSON
Age 99, of Farmington Hills, passed away October 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



RICHARD A. HOFFMAN
Age 83, October 29, 2008. Beloved husband of Mary Elizabeth for 60 years. Loving father of Elizabeth Anne (Charles) Thomas and Paul Richard (Debra) Hoffman. Dear grandfather of Erik Nuss and Kai Bailey Hoffman. Brother of Marjory Wesley. Funeral services Tuesday 11 AM (in-state 10 AM) at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main Street, Milford, MI 48381. Visitation Monday, 2-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. West of Farmington Rd.), downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to the church. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. www.thayer-rock.com

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asked why they give up their Saturday mornings to rehearse at Churchill High School in Livonia, Jerusha Taylor, 8, of Farmington, Robert Sylvester, 8, of West Bloomfield and Damaris Micsa, 14, of Livonia resoundingly replied, "It's fun."

"I like performing," said Sophia Washer of Bloomfield Hills. The 7-year-old girl has been playing violin since age 4.

"Every semester she's given three options on what she wants to do and she chooses orchestra every time," said her mother Linda. "Miss Julia teaches kids how to play together. She makes it fun and picks engaging music. She challenges them."

Julia Kurtyka makes Bach fun. She's routinely on both sides of the baton not only conducting the two LYPM string ensembles, but performing with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

"LYPM gives them the opportunity to play in a group ensemble and have the camaraderie," said Kurtyka of Livonia. "They're not only playing their part but other people's parts and fitting their parts in."

POPULAR SONGS

In the next room Timario Wilkins, conductor for the philharmonic, the most advanced LYPM orchestra, makes playing enjoyable as well, by leading young musicians through themes from *Superman* and *Jaws*.

"It's fun to work together with a bunch of people



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Julia Kurtyka of Livonia leads the strings class. Kurtyka plays with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

who like music," said Nick Atsklas of Livonia. The 13-year-old boy has been playing trumpet seven years, three years in the philharmonic.

"There are a lot of entertaining songs you can play with a group you can't play alone," added Rachel Martin, 12, of Northville.

Dave Lindenmuth can't believe the philharmonic students have never heard the haunting music or seen the classic thriller, *Jaws* so he's hosting a movie party at his Livonia home this month.

"It's going to give them the feel and flavor for the music and to socialize a bit," said Lindenmuth.

As LYPM president, Lindenmuth is doing everything possible to inspire students to pursue music studies. His own son, Danny, 12, became interested in strings through Livonia Public Schools. He now plays with Kurtyka's two

groups, the Concert Strings and Symphony Strings. Lindenmuth's daughter Kristi, 8, is in Carl Karoub's wind and flute ensembles down the hall. Karoub is a member of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and a private French Horn teacher.

ALL WELCOME

A total of 112 students participate in the various ensembles for strings and woodwinds. The only criteria is that musicians must have taken a minimum of one year of lessons on their instrument. Half way through the season on Jan. 31, and at the close on May 16, the young musicians show off their talents in concert.

"We have an audition for placement, but we don't typically reject anyone. If a kid comes in with a skill set he or she could end up in the philharmonic," said Lindenmuth.

Linda Ignagni started playing violin with the

ensembles at age 10 and eventually went to college only to end up returning to help string players in the orchestras.

Ignagni, now a grandmother, is devoted to students in LYPM. She teaches privately and performs professionally with her Doree string quartet and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Downriver.

"They were a major support in shaping who I am today," said Ignagni, LYPM strings specialist. "Students have gone on to become performers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, scientists. We have mentors, too, that help."

Lijun Deng can't praise the organization enough. Her daughter Kelly, 6, has been playing since age 4.

"We love music, the whole family," said Deng of Livonia. "She's really enjoying music from very little. Violin is like a toy of hers." Jim Jonah has as much fun as his daughter Jessie, 9. He joined LYPM at the suggestion of Kurtyka who believes a child is more likely to continue playing if a parent does.

"I'm learning along with her. I'm the big kid in the orchestra," said Jonah of Highland.

While learning to perform as a group encourages teamwork, Wilkins says it also improves grades.

"It's inspired them through music to be a better student," said Wilkins, who earned a bachelor of music degree from the University of Michigan and is working on his teaching certificate at Eastern Michigan University.

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Help people to help animals

There's still time to help Tail Waggers USA, a local animal charity, raise money Saturday, Nov. 8, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. The cost for the Tail Waggers Bowl is \$25 per person and includes bowling, lunch or dinner, commemorative gift, and lots of prizes. Participants will get an opportunity to visit with four-legged benefactors, hear compelling rescue stories and talk to pet owners who have received assistance from Tail Waggers USA.

Founder, Laura Zain of Livonia said that "with the tough economic situation that we are all in, it is with high hopes that any amount of money can be raised for the animals that are in need of assistance." Zain also stated that if donations are avail-

able, Tail Waggers USA will provide pet food for families that are struggling financially because of job loss.

"We want people to know that we are here to give assistance and by providing food, pet owners will have one less thing to worry about," said Zain. "Pets need to stay with their owners during these times and we are here to help."

Tail Waggers USA is committed to helping people help animals. The goal is to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.

To register for the event, call (734) 560-4660 or send e-mail to tailwaggersbowl@sbcglobal.net.

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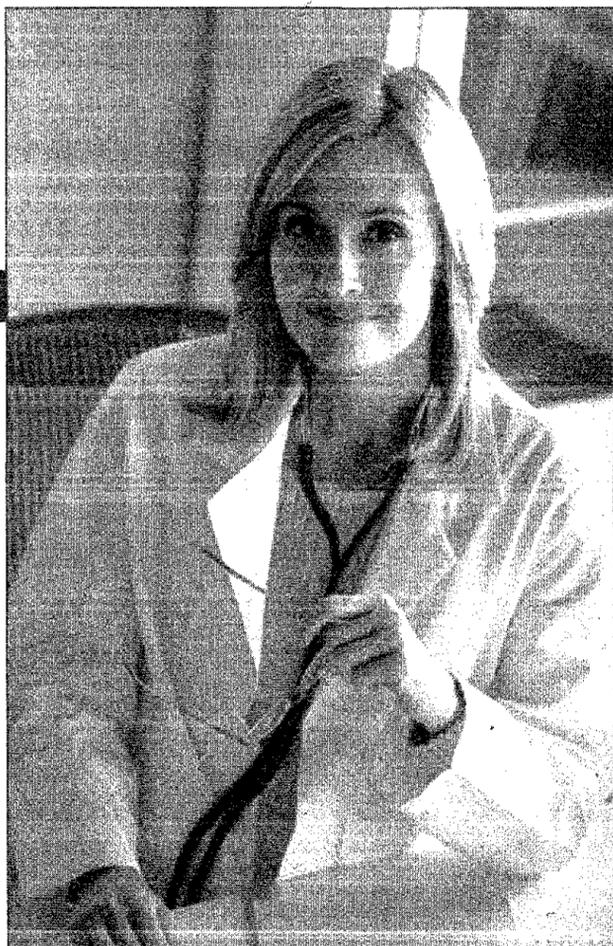
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Observer & Eccentric columnist signs book at local literary fair

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're thinking of buying a condo, hold that thought.

You might want to get a word or two of advice from Robert Meisner, the "condo king," before taking the plunge into condominium ownership.

Meisner, whose Bingham Farms law practice specializes in community association and condo law, will make a brief presentation and will sign copies of his 2006 book, *Condo Living, A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium* during the 57th Annual Jewish Book Fair, Nov. 5-16, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, in West Bloomfield.

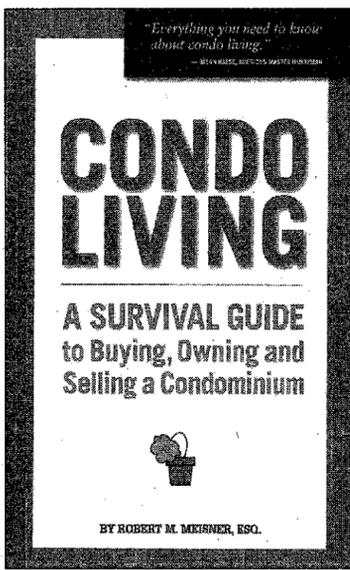
Abraham Foxman, author of *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control*, kicks off the two-week festival, at 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5. Tickets to his lecture, are \$10 in advance for center members; \$12 for non members and \$15 at the door. Check www.jccdet.org for a full schedule of events, as well as admission prices on select presentations.

Meisner, a longtime columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric* and a co-architect of the state's 1978 Condominium Act, will present his book during a free local author event from 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Nov. 9.

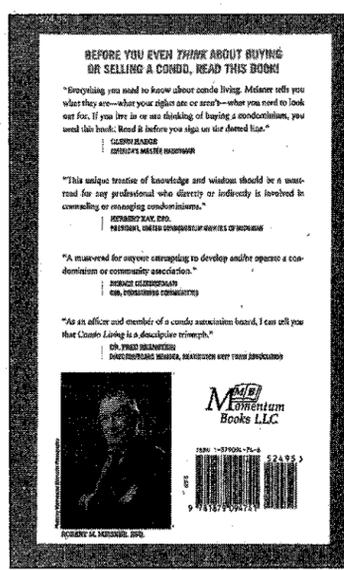
His book is designed as a "survival guide" to buying a condo. "I point out in the book the people don't understand what they are getting into. The condo association and board have tremendous power over how they live. It's not carefree living. I call it careful living," said Meisner, dubbed the "condo king" or "guru" in legal and development circles.

"A lot of people are sold on the concept that the condo association will take care of the amenities — you don't have to cut the grass — and that's true to some extent, as long as the association does what it should.

"Unfortunately, you have people who are unenlightened about running a condo association, on the board. Their job is to run the association to make living better for everyone."



Above, the front cover of O&E columnist Robert Meisner's condo survival book, which was published in 2006 and has garnered lots of praise. At right, Robert Meisner appears on the back cover of 'Condo Living.'



GETTING INVOLVED

But Meisner found that some boards spend as little money as possible or repair and maintain common areas and condo exteriors inconsistently. Some are reluctant to enforce deed restrictions — often because they've underfunded the association — and some take an overzealous approach. "You need to watch how the board operates and participate in the association. I tell anyone who hires me, who wants to buy a condo, to get involved in the governance of the association. They have a lot of control over what you do and hopefully, you can take a leadership role."

Meisner said new condo owners sometimes don't understand the restrictions on their property. When they find out what's involved, they aren't willing to uphold them. Deed restrictions might include anything from a limitation on the number of

pets allowed in a condo unit to landscaping in front of the home to prohibitions on barbecuing in the back yard.

"You have a new brand of communal living that people aren't always able to adapt to from a supervisory or co-owner standpoint," Meisner said.

BENEFITS

But those who do may find social and recreational benefits and satisfaction from being involved in the condo association board.

"There are some socio-economic benefits in terms of living in a condo. The cost per square foot may be less in a condo," said Meisner, a West Bloomfield resident and condo owner. "There are theoretical benefits in terms of maintenance. There's an economy of scale."

Meisner said about half of his book is "straight talk" about condo living for prospective buyers.

The other half focuses on the association and "things people living in a condo should know."

The book is \$24.95 and available through his office, 30200 Telegraph, suite 467, Bingham Farms.

Dog-owners: Check out anti-bite seminar and shirts and totes

Bonny Wainz, master trainer from Alternative Canine Training in Troy, will teach kids how to avoid becoming a dog bite statistic, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 8, at Pet Ritz Lakeshore Spa and Training Center, 23720 Mack, in St. Clair Shores.

Wainz will show kids the proper way to approach a dog, tell them the 10 things they should never do to a dog; the 10 things they should do; and how to react if they encounter a strange dog. "Kids & Canines" will be interactive, with games, doggy demonstrations, and a chance to win prizes.

No advance registration needed. For directions, call Pet Ritz at (586) 774-9895.



L.L.Bean offers this "Naughty and Nice" gift tote stuffed with Planet Dog brand dog toys this holiday season.

HOLIDAY TOTE

If Fido isn't drooling over the L.L. Bean catalogue yet, he may be soon.

The Maine-based clothing catalogue company has teamed with Planet Dog, maker of Orbee-Tuff toys, to sell a new toy and treat-stuffed tote for holiday giving.

The signature L.L. Bean tote with red handles sports a red paw embroidered on its front and back and is filled with Planet Dog's green Orbee-Tuff Bulb chew toy; Squeaky Naughty and Nice Lil Buds, fleece toss toys; a paw print sticker; and a bag of peanut butter treats.

The Naughty and Nice Gift Tote for Dogs sells \$29.95. Find it at LLBean.com

SPAY AND NEUTER

Buy a Nooters Club T-shirt and help pet owners remember the phone number for SPAY MICHIGAN, the spay and neuter hotline.

Nooters Club, (www.nootersclub.org), the Bloomfield Hills creator of whimsical apparel

and gifts that advocate pet saying and neutering, is selling dog and cat versions of the shirt on its Web site for \$12 plus tax and shipping, with proceeds going to All About Animals Rescue, in Warren.

The rescue group sponsors the hotline — (888) 5SPAY-HELP — which dispenses information about affordable spay and neuter services available throughout the state. A live operator answers the hotline from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The affordable services listed with SPAY MICHIGAN are aimed at people who can't afford the full, going rate for spaying and neutering their own pets or strays they're feeding.

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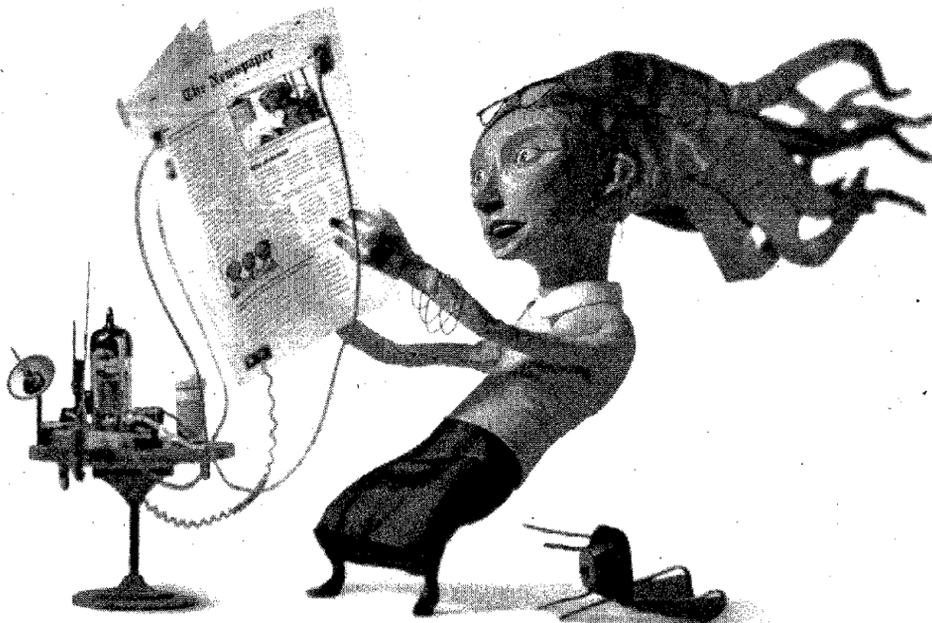
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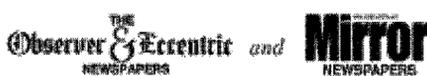
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Party time

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Shaina Allen fell in love with roofing three years ago while working on her first Habitat for Humanity house.

"When Hurricane Katrina hit we decided to do something. We drove down and worked on a house for a week," she said, recalling her trip to Biloxi, Miss., with her husband, Robb. "It was an unbelievable experience. That was my first experience with roofing. I love getting up there and nailing the boards on. I'd have to say roofing is my favorite."

The Rochester couple will throw a block party next weekend in the hopes that some of their guests might also fall in love with roofing, hammering, painting or donating money to assist Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, the nonprofit organization that enlists volunteers to build houses in Pontiac for the needy.

The Allens are among about two dozen Habitat supporters who will invite family, friends, co-workers — and in some

cases the public — to simultaneous gatherings that collectively have been dubbed "The World's Biggest House Party," on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The parties mix fun — from beer-tasting to shoe shopping — with information about the organization and its volunteer opportunities.

Virginia Alan, a Bloomfield Hills resident and Habitat board member, said event organizers decided on the multi-party approach because it is unique.

"We were looking for a new idea for a fund-raiser, rather than having another sit down dinner, which seems to happen every weekend," said Alan, referring to the fall social season of charity galas and fund-raisers.

"We thought if we could get individuals to have a party in their own home, invite family and friends, they could have a personal discussion about Habitat for Humanity," Alan said.

She's co-hosting a "Girls Night Out" party at a Berkley shoe store, where Habitat for

Gatherings mix fun, service, donations for housing group

Humanity of Oakland County will receive a portion of sale proceeds that night.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

As manager of corporate giving and volunteerism at the Handelman Company, Alan became involved in Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County six years ago.

Like Shaina and Robb Allen, she has served on a volunteer building crew for several Habitat houses.

"Painting is my forte. I'm not too good with a hammer," she said, adding that Handelman employees joined other Habitat volunteers to build five homes since 2002.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County generally builds about 12 houses annually. About half of those are constructed during "blitz" week in June. The others are built over 14-16 weeks.

"The people who receive the homes are so deserving," Alan added.

"It's so great when you see people get these homes," agreed Liz Pinto, a Troy resident who is co-

hosting a wine-tasting bash in Beverly Hills during the World's Biggest House Party. "And it's not a handout. They have to go through a process, get a mortgage and work 300 hours on the home. There's a lot of sweat equity they put into the home."

"They have a nice, safe place to live. It makes you happy to be a part of it."

PONTIAC HOUSES

Allen said the organization has a waiting list of about 20 families waiting for a home. Home recipients must meet specific income guidelines and currently live in substandard housing or in a high crime area. Applicants can be from anywhere in or out of the state, but must be willing to move to Pontiac where the organization builds.

Allen invited a Habitat homeowner to speak at her block party in Rochester. At most parties, guests also will get a chance to sign a piece of lumber that's destined for a future Habitat house.

"We're doing it so that people will make a donation and I want

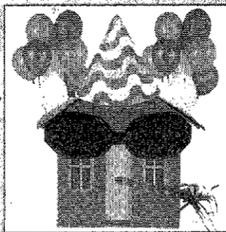
WORLD'S BIGGEST HOUSE PARTY

What: More than two dozen parties raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Where: Parties held throughout Oakland County. Two are open to the public: Shaina and Robb Allen's block party, starting at 4 p.m., at 302 Drace, at Pine, west of Main and north of University in Rochester; and a shoe shopping party from 7-9 p.m. at City Style, 3017 W. 12 Mile in Berkley.

Details: Each party will include a DVD message event chairman Detroit Pistons coach Michael Curry. A Habitat homeowner will speak at the Allen party.

Contribute: Throw your own party by signing up at www.worldsbiggesthouseparty.org; donate online or sign up to be a guest at a party.



them to learn something about Habitat," Allen said, explaining why she and her husband decided to host a public party.

The gathering on Drace near downtown Rochester will offer a little something for everyone. Paint Creek Center for the Arts donated tiles that children can decorate as gifts to Habitat homeowners. They'll also get a chance to make take-home projects from clay.

Local businesses have donated snacks and contributions, enabling the couple to hold a beer-tasting in conjunction with mingling and watching

televised football games.

"There's no admission but guests can make contributions to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County."

"We're cleaning out the garage and putting couches and a TV in it. We'll have a tent as well and childcare from 4-6 p.m. I have a single mom with five kids, a homeowner, who will speak about her experience with Habitat for Humanity. And the city is allowing us to close off our street," Allen said.

"We're hoping to raise \$2,500. It's for a good cause. It should be a good time."

Angela Hospice gala dazzles guests

For Angela Hospice friends and supporters, the Diamonds and Denim gala held Oct. 18, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi was an evening of dining, dancing, and donating to an important cause. More than 250 guests attended the benefit which combined casual denim with the glitter of diamonds for a fun atmosphere.

"Our guests enjoyed being able to come casual and just have a good time," said Barb Iovan, Events Coordinator for Angela Hospice. "We gave out super-sized flashing diamond rings as favors and it was great to see them all lighting up the dance floor."

The evening began with hors d'oeuvres as the silent auction and art auction opened. A gourmet dinner was followed by chocolate mousse and a dessert bar. The Rick Lieder Band performed and the

annual raffle added to the fun with a Hearts On Fire diamond donated by Orin Jewelers of Garden City and a 42-inch LG flat panel HDTV from volunteers Bill and Toni Bufe.

Proceeds from the event, totaling \$80,000, will support Angela Hospice's programs of care for terminally ill children and adults as well as patients' families. The charity's next fund-raiser is the annual Tree of Life held at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Providing an opportunity to honor loved ones during the holidays, the Tree of Life kicks off Saturday, Nov. 22, with an opening ceremony at 11 a.m., and will remain on display through Christmas Eve.

For more information about Angela Hospice and how individuals can get involved, visit www.angela-hospice.org, or call (734) 464-7810.



Helena Scappaticci was thrilled to win the Hearts On Fire diamond donated by Orin Jewelers for the Angela Hospice benefit. Scappaticci (center) is pictured with Orin staffers Joyce Pappas, Linda Mimnaugh, and Antoinette and Gina Mazzoni.

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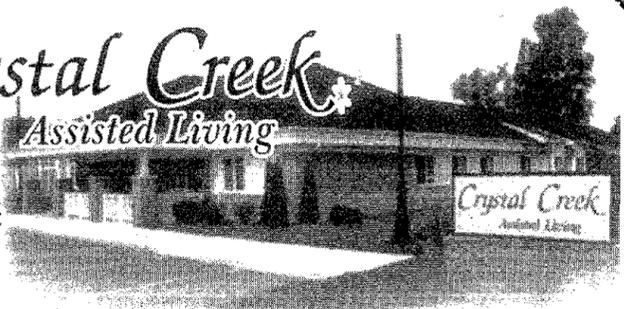
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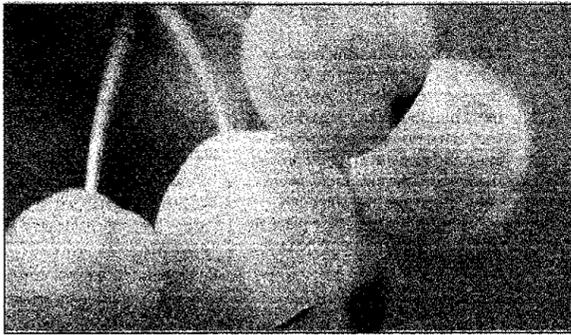
Fine-tune nature photos with local photographer

View nature from a slightly different perspective.

The City of Farmington Hills is offering local nature photographers a chance to brush up on their skills and see things with a fresh eye. Jacob Nothstine, nature photographer and award-winning videographer, will teach a one-session Nature Photography Critique Class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 and then again on Nov. 19 at the Heritage Park Visitor Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

"The best way to learn to take better nature photographs is to have your photographs critiqued," Nothstine said. "Class participants will learn what they've done right as well as ways to improve their work."

Photographers of all skill levels are welcome and are encouraged to bring up to five of their printed photographs (no smaller than 4" x 5") with them to class. Nothstine will offer a friendly critique and give tips on simple techniques to improve photography skills.



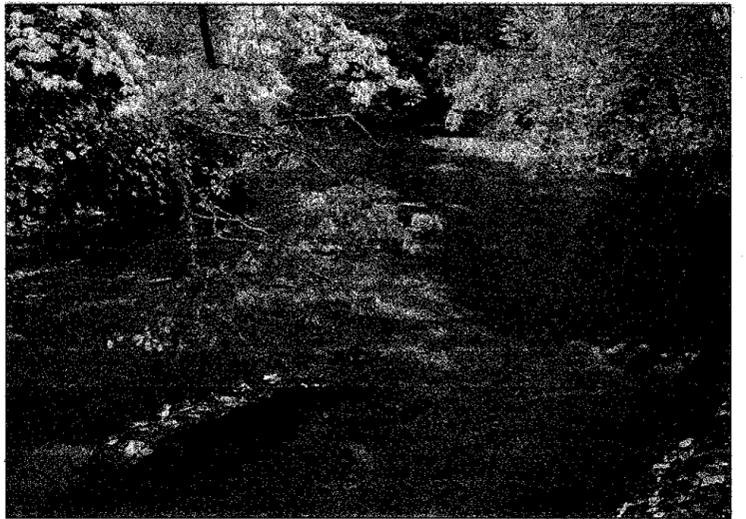
Topics will include composition, depth of field, exposure, and focus.

Nothstine, a Ferris State University graduate with a degree in television production, has traveled throughout the U.S. to pursue his passion for nature photography. He lectures on digital photography and his work has been displayed in the Farmington Hills City Hall and in the City Gallery

at the Costick Center.

The fee for the Nature Photography Critique Class is \$10 per class for residents and \$15 per class for non-residents.

Pre-registration is required, call (248) 473-1800. To learn more about Jacob Nothstine and to view some of his photographs, visit www.jfnphotography.com.



Jacob Nothstine photographs local nature.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com.

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Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

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50th reunion with a three-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Clarkston High School

Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit <http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent.com>, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail.com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

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Class of 1969
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Class of 1959
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A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

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Class of 1969

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Classes of 1964-2004

Reunion for graduates of Livonia Franklin High School between the years of 1964 to 2004 presented by Franklin Ail School committee

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Milford High School

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1968

Pre-party get together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th year reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@guardianplumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto@netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

Redford Union

Class of 1978

30-year reunion Saturday, 6 p.m.

till? Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. Cost \$20 per person if paid by Nov. 1. \$25 per person after Nov. 1. Contact Teresa (Linblad) McManamon at teresamac7@yahoo.com or (517) 861-0010, or Linda (Pearce) Dugan at ldugan@comcast.net or (734) 454-0745. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres from 7-9 p.m. Cash bar.

Class of 1988

Holds its 20th class reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. E-mail Reunion Committee for more information at reunion@ruhs88.org or visit the Web site at <http://ruhs88.org>.

Class of 1998

10-year reunion 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern, Southfield. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and include food, drinks and door prizes. For information and directions on how to RSVP, contact Craig Horger at ruhs98reunion@gmail.com. Reunion updates, discussions and direction on how to RSVP are located on Facebook. Make an account at www.facebook.com and search for RE[dford]UNION profile.

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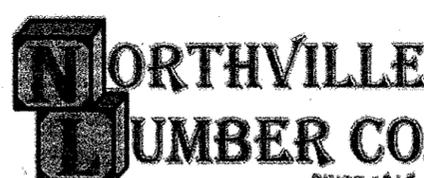



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WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other. **2287187**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/M, 47-58, N/S, clean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **2281229**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?

WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2260581**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **2295421**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DW/F, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2279171**

SINGLE DAD WELCOME

PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **2296002**

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-50, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

CURVACEOUS

SBF, 47, 5'7", hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBF, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **2283605**

PETITE AND CUTE

SBF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SBF, 36-45, who will love me for me. **2294943**

THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBF, 39-45, for possible relationship. **2250228**

SEEKING STRONG BM

Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **2285568**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBF, 39-51, **2242968**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **2289947**

ARE YOU LONELY?

Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **22891247**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **22952317**

CLASSY LADY

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 50-70, and ready for a relationship. Please call. **22982305**

HONEY BLONDE

SBF seeks down-to-earth SM, 25-65, with morals and values, who knows how to have fun in life. Is family-oriented. **2294929**

MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBF, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287856**

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A NEW BEGINNING

SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBF, 45-55, for friendship or more. **2289151**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SBF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SBF, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **2292549**

COULD IT BE YOU?

SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SBF, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SBF, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

SBF, 65, 5'6", N/S, HW proportionate, active, fun-loving, likes bike rides, working out, taking walks, autumn. Seeking SBF, 45-63, for dating, possible LTR. **2296774**

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SBF, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2298059**

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SBF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SBF, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **22759845**

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. **2284318**

HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **22113901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SBF, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBF/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2282444**

OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2292940**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

W/WF, 62, seeking for a friendly handsome man, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **22976914**

HAVE A GOOD HEART?

WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nascar, classic rock and more. **2293230**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SBF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities for friendship. LTR. **2245646**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **2282618**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SBF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 160lbs, mature body/build, looking for a friendly handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2292913**

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible. LTR. **2293670**

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 57, 5'5", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **22113198**

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 69, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, hiking. Wishing to meet a SBF, 5'11", 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **22930808**

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HARD-WORKER

SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SBF, 35-45. **2298097**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SBF, 48, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **2200469**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

W/WM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2265340**

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. **2287161**

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2295646**

HONEST AND SINCERE

DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking, boating and some old movies. Seeking S/W/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. **2256288**

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SBF, 45, with good character and pleasant personality; likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM S/WF, for dating and fun times. **22187614**

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...

your investment. SBF, 5'8", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **2293151**

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible S/WF, to have and hold. **2292543**

LOVELY GENUINE HEART

SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SBF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. **2287987**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cool, humble BM, looking for a classy lady who is down-to-earth and likes having fun. 20-29. **2294314**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

WM, 62, 200lbs, light brown/blonde, N/S, clean-shaven, down-to-earth, looking for a female, 25-45, HW proportionate, N/S, for dating. **2296310**

LET'S TALK

BM looking for BF, 26-54, with good sense of humor, who loves bowling, long walks and more. **2296604**

TIRED OF GAMES?

Intelligent, attractive guy, 38, 6', slim, seeks woman, 30-40, slim/average build. I like movies, music, sports, concerts, etc. Open to new things you might like. Look forward to your call! **2297179**

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 44, 5'7", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking S/WF, 30-45, to spend time together. **2297143**

LET'S MEET

WM, 52, 5'6", brown/hazel, likes sports, fishing, camping and spending time with a special lady, 32-45. If you are interested, please call me. **2298669**

VERY AFFECTIONATE MALE

WM, 38, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, tan complexion, financially secure, likes movies, concerts, quiet times at home, cooking, more. In search of honest, down-to-earth, easygoing WF, 25-45, to share time with. **2295800**

IT COULD BE ME!

SWM, 35, 6'1", brown/blue, muscular build, looking for special SBF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to know. **2294679**

MATURE WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 38, 6'1", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids, N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 29-40, with same qualities. No drama! **2295462**

TAKE A CHANCE

WM, 38, likes cars, all kinds of music, having fun, movies and more. Looking for a woman, 30-58, to have fun with. **2296181**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2284501**

LET'S GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable S/WF for dating and more. **2212802**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, reading at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **2292418**

A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SBF, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. **2200890**

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

Married S/WF, 48, 6'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **2292910**

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72, I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking S/WF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. **2275970**

LET'S TALK!

SWM, 62, 5'7", likes outdoors, Nascar, music. Looking for SBF, 45-65, for friendship first, maybe more. **2295042**

FIRST AD IN OVER...

11 years! Loyal, sensual, health-conscious DWM, 64, 6', 215lbs, N/D, N/S, retired, likes rides, dining, nature. Seeking fit, attractive S/WF, 39-64. **2295071**

JUST ME AND MY DOG

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark green, likes rollerblading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SBF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2272374**

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

SWM, N/S, good-looking, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter. Seeking fit, attractive SBF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **2205048**

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL

SBF, 48, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **2298039**

FIT & FUN-LOVING

Easygoing D/WF, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-60, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. **2298335**

YOU NEED ME

SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek attractive, playful, outgoing, fun-loving lady. Meeting may be more. You won't be disappointed. **2291112**

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WHAT'S BEHIND PRODUCT, SERVICE REPACKAGING



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

How do businesspeople create the magic that inspires new packaging for their products or services? I'm not talking about rewrapping food in bright new colors, but I am talking about

reshaping it for a brave new market. Ask yourself first for indications that you might need to repack. The most obvious of these is customer feedback.

Curtis Bingham, president of Predictive Consulting Group, Inc., in Littleton Mass., identifies four other indicators:

- pricing pressure from competitors;
- product or service usage variances, depending upon the market served;
- a customer remark that pinpoints a benefit or value you've overlooked; and
- client contract renegotiation with you.

Debra Ellis of Wilson & Ellis Consulting in Barnardsville, N.C., compiles and organizes sales and service information for clients. Her work was going smoothly with larger clients, but she sought a stronger revenue stream from smaller companies. "Even though

there was an ROI," she states, "initial sticker shock pulled them back. I looked at downscaling the services (but it would) ultimately reduce ROI, because these businesses need a comprehensive program, not bits and pieces."

Repackaging began when Wilson & Ellis developed an online workshop, which saves clients from having to travel and leave their businesses to learn. The Multichannel Analytics Intensive Workshop showcases the firm's most popular services. The first is analytics, which helps people maximize existing customer, marketing and operational data to find growth and profitability opportunities. The second service is benchmarking. It provides snapshots of a company's health over time and helps business owners identify trends before they have a negative fiscal impact.

The workshop enables participants to use their own information from their company, not samples. "This was very doable with the Internet," Ellis remarks. "We ended up with the best of both worlds. Clients can see anomalies, while data manipulation is taken from us." Breaking the process into manageable segments with reasonable time frames, such as a week or more, her firm shows them how to interpret their data. The workshop transpires over eight to 12 weeks.

Harris Family Foods L.L.C., in Roswell, Ga., found its inspiration very differently. This company oversees

the production of four Chet's Peanut Butter Breakfast and Dessert Toppings, with memories that stretch way back.

The two brothers and a sister grew up with few extras. One of their very favorite treats was the Sunday night ice cream, drizzled with a topping their father, Chet, made. Managing partner Tari Furey describes the moment of inspiration for herself and her brothers after their father died. "We stood around the kitchen," she says. "Randy wanted to honor Dad with something new."

They agreed to use their father's recipe to develop a new flavor. Brother Tim was in charge of product development for peanut butter topping with banana. Right away there was a hurdle over containers. The consistency wouldn't work with jars or tubes. It would "come out in huge globs," Furey said. Randy cased trade shows until he found a suitable container used by a juice manufacturer.

Ultimately, they maintained the product integrity they sought while adding unique flavors to peanut butter and putting it into a squeezable pouch to apply at breakfast and other times. This topping became known as Chet's Peanut Butter Banana Flavored.

The process of repackaging a service or product involves overcoming obstacles, large and small. Wilson & Ellis discovered a way to deliver their service in a new and innovative form to generate additional revenue.



Debra Ellis repackaged a service for larger companies to meet the needs of smaller businesses. It became a workshop delivered online so that the businesses could use the service on-site, at their convenience. Her firm, Wilson & Ellis Consulting, is based in Barnardsville, N.C.

Harris Family Foods developed a new product from an old recipe. In meeting an obstacle, they discovered a new package for all of their products: the squeezable pouch.

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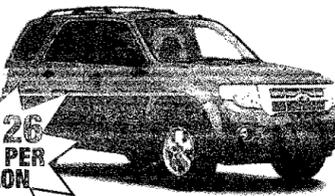


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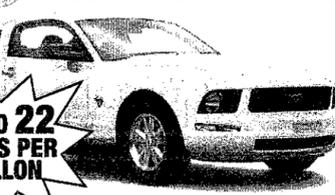


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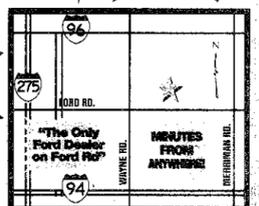
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