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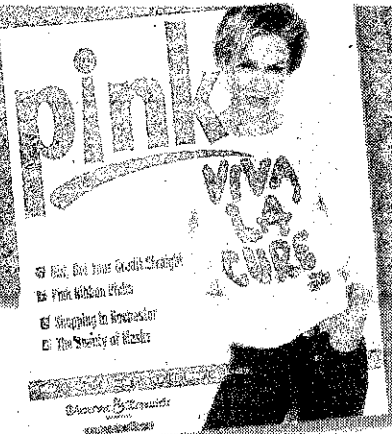
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One of the pumpkins on display at the VCA of Garden City is the creation of Denise Toney of Redford, but she's mum about which one. That's to keep the annual pumpkin decorating contest on the up-and-up.

## Veterinary staff gives new meaning to pumpkin decorating

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Brad Davis says it's nothing more than an "intense, but friendly" pumpkin decorating contest that started in 1994 and has evolved into a "clinic tradition" that is talked about all year long at the VCA Animal Hospital in Garden City.

"I remember I had this idea to hold a contest to show my superiority in decorating pumpkins," said the Westland resident. "I've only won once. Although technically I should win every year, but I get cheated out of it."

The top of a display case is lined with the staff's creations, and they're definitely not your usual Halloween pumpkins: a black and purple butterfly with wings that move — sometimes — an adult and baby giraffes, a turkey, *Sesame Street's* Ernie, a Grinchy-looking princess, Minnie Mouse and one wearing

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The Grinch may be disguised as a princess, but Mini Mouse has his number, so to speak, in the VCA pumpkin decorating contest.

## 8 straight: WW wins accounting awards

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board Trustee Steve Becher couldn't resist asking Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin if he had enough wall space to hang up two new accounting awards.

Martin, who head up the district's administrative and business service, didn't say yes and he didn't say no. "These are for the district,"

Martin said.

The awards were the Excellence in Financing Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and a Certificate of Excellence from the Association of School Business Officials. This is the eighth consecutive year Wayne-Westland school district has received the recognition for its financial accounting practices.

"It's the highest recogni-

tion a school district can get for financial reporting," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "It's one of the most comprehensive reporting packages. I'm proud of what the finance department has done and everything Gary brings to the department."

Baracy announced the awards at the school board meeting Monday evening. The awards recognize the work done on the 88-page Comprehensive Annual

Financial Report. The report was for 2005-06 and was judged for correctness and completeness according to national standards.

The certificate of excellence is the highest award school district financial operations can receive from the ASBO. It is given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards for the program. The GFOA certificate of achieve-

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## Sign of Times

Goodfellows anticipate more families in need

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

With job losses and home foreclosures mounting, a Westland charity organization is bracing for a surge of local families asking for help in putting Christmas presents under the tree.

"Based on the economy and the foreclosures, I would say that would probably be the case," Westland Goodfellows President Jim Rachwal said.

Last holiday season, Goodfellows collected \$15,873 and bought Christmas toys and gifts for 600 children. The amount of money raised in recent years has fluctuated from nearly \$10,500 to more than \$20,000.

This year, Goodfellows will get help from another charity group, the Westland Jaycees, which will roll out a party featuring celebrity impersonators performing songs by Shania Twain, Toby Keith, Neil Diamond, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley.

"We're trying to help them kick off their campaign this year," Jaycees chaplain Gary

Bulson said. "With the economy the way it is, there are so many more families and children out there who need help this holiday season."

The event, Tribute to the Stars, will cost \$25 a person and include a mostaccioli dinner, beer and pop. Doors open at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.

Those who feel like dancing may have at it. Also, a 50/50 raffle and silent auction will take place.

Tribute to the Stars has drawn support from the Westland Rotary Club and Miller Lite. For tickets, call Bulson's business, Men on the Move, at (734) 729-6683 or the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

In recent years, the Goodfellows group has tried to broaden its efforts to raise money. However, Rachwal said volunteers still plan to sell their familiar newspapers at city intersections on the day after Thanksgiving.

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## Seniors get creative in naming new bus

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland senior citizens have a new bus they need to name, but don't expect them to go Gray-hound.

Don't expect them to steal the name of MTV's *Pimp My Ride*, either.

Nonetheless, seniors are eagerly climbing on board for a name-the-bus contest unveiled by Mayor William Wild.

In all, Wild estimated that nearly 200 names have been submitted for the 27-passenger bus, used for outings from the senior Friendship Center on Newburgh south of Ford.

With Wednesday's contest entry deadline looming, Wild agreed to share a few bus names proposed by seniors: Get Up & Go, The Senior Chariot, The Westland Traveler, The Golden Age Shuttle, The Friendship Buggy, Heavenly Bound, The Westland Trippers and The Friendship Express.

Relax, seniors. Those aren't necessarily the finalists, but simply names that Wild rattled off when asked to share a few suggestions he has received.

The 2007 GMC bus takes seniors to places like Comerica Park, the Michigan State Fair

'Some of the names are quite humorous, but we do want them to be tasteful.'

PEGGY ELLENWOOD, senior director

and Greenfield Village, but seniors told city officials they often have a hard time spotting their ride when it's time to go home.

"A lot of cities get these same types of buses," Wild said.

A name could make the difference.

"We've had some very original names," senior Director Peggy Ellenwood said. "We've been anxiously wanting to get the bus lettered and painted up. Some of the names are quite humorous, but we do want them to be tasteful."

Contest entry forms will be available through Wednesday afternoon at the Friendship Center. Wild said a committee will then review the potential names and choose a winner.

Ellenwood revealed what's at stake for the winner: Bringing along three friends for lunch with the mayor at Macy's Lakeshore Grill at Westland Shopping Center.

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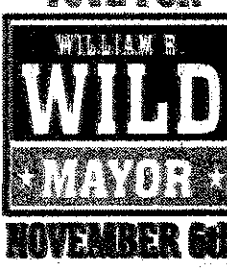
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# CONTEST

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hospital scrubs and surgical mask and sporting a long pony-tail like the one Davis has.

Nothing is left to chance in this contest. Davis has come up with two pages of rules, subtitled: "To keep Denise from cheating."

Denise Toney of Redford has won the contest three or four times, including last year when her Cinderella pumpkin shared first place with Kim Arbour's pink flamingoes.

"Most of the rules relate to me, but that's because I've been here the longest," she said.

Davis disagrees. "When Denise is alone with my pumpkin, something happens to it," he said.

That may explain Rule 19: "No vandalism of another entry."

Davis buys the pumpkins at the Wilson Barn in Livonia and gives them to the staff. The entries must include the original pumpkin, although others can be used. According to Toney, Davis has gone so far as to sign the bottom of the pumpkins to ensure that they are the ones entered in the contest.

The rules determine the amount of display space per pumpkin — 12 inches wide by 22 inches deep by 32 inches high — and prohibit the "selling/lending of pumpkin space for the competition." A drawing determines the order in the display, and the assigned space "cannot be traded or altered."

Rule 8 prohibits contestants and their relatives and friends from voting, but Toney says Davis has used his mother to



It may be Halloween, but there's room for the spirit for the next holiday, Thanksgiving.

stuff the ballot box.

"His mother has people come in off the street to vote," she said. "He also has this special way of coming out and telling people they can only vote for one."

"I try to help people with their voting, but you know how the voting laws and about not getting too close to the polling place," Davis countered. "I just try to push them in the right direction."

Numbers hang in front of each entry and only the staff knows whose is whose. The ballot box is taped shut to avoid voter fraud.

Balloting runs from Oct. 21-

31. It ends at 5 p.m., when Davis will do the count. Results of the contest won't be announced until the November staff meeting.

"He does a big unveiling," Toney said. "He does a lot of cool stuff for us, but this is mainly the big thing."

There is a prize. Davis presents the winner with a certificate for ice cream. The year he won, he bought ice cream for his staff.

"It's probably the highlight of the year at the clinic," Davis said. "I have clients show up two, three weeks in advance asking about the pumpkins."

This year's butterfly entry is having an electrical problem. It's on its second motor. The first burned out and the designer had a new one overnighted to get the wings back to fluttering. Within two days, the wings stopped

again. This time Toney suspects the entry may need new batteries.

When Davis first started the contest, the pumpkins were carved but they slowly turned "into piles of goo," Toney said. "That's why we have the garbage bags underneath them," she said. "One year Dr. Davis' pumpkin collapsed and fell. He blamed it on me."

Even using paint and accessories is no easy task. Laura Lapere of Westland had to use a marker to touch up the painting on her pumpkin. Rule 5 says entries can be "touched up during the course of the contest, but cannot be dramatically changed."

"This is my first year, and it wasn't easy," Lapere said.

"We do have a lot of fun with it," Toney said.

# AWARDS

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ment of excellence also is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"This is the highest recognition a school district can

get for financial reporting," Baracy said.

Martin shared the accolades with members of his department, telling the board that Linda Kempton, the senior executive director for business and operations, and executive secretary Sue Rawson "were the chief architects of the financial report."

"I think the board, the

# Dem Club meeting

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy. The club meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Lt. Gov. John Cherry will be the guest speaker at its Nov. 27 meeting.

For more information, call president Mike Short at (734) 788-1550 or send an e-mail to WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

# Candy checks

Parents can get their youngsters' Halloween candy and other goodies checked at Westland's 18th District Court on Halloween night (Wednesday, Oct. 31). This service is free and is available 6:30-10 p.m. at the court, located at 36675 Ford, behind the police station.

# Commission meets

The Westland's Historical Commission will meet in the Collins House located at the Westland Historic Village Park at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. The museum complex is on Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill and south of Marquette.

# Hot dog lunch

The Westland senior Friendship Center will hold its final Hot Dog Lunch of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The center will fire up the grill one last time for "Hot Dog Day" which includes a hot dog, soda and a bag of chips for \$2. This lunch is open to the entire community. All proceeds go towards the American Cancer Society. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, just south of Ford.

# Credit Workshops

My House Credit Counseling workshops will be offered 6-8

# AROUND WESTLAND

p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, 15 and 19, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

The program is sponsored by Charter One Bank and is designed to assist individuals who want to learn more about financial literacy (saving/investments and budgeting), credit counseling (free credit report) and home buyer education training.

The workshops are free of charge, but seating is limited. To register, call (313) 537-5958, Ext. 24.

# Poker tournament

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

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

Registration is \$50 before Nov. 7, with a \$10 late registration. Pre-register online at www.westlandjaycees.org (check must accompany online order) or by sending a check, payable to the Westland Jaycees, to P.O. Box 85191, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call (734) 266-0400.

# Ballroom dancing

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

Trustee Ed Turner pointed out that "your department is the only department I know that can spend 10 cents and get 15 cents in change."

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Wednesday, November 7, 2007

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1. Approval of the November 8, 2006 Board Minutes.
2. Canvass and certify results of the City General Election of November 6, 2007.
3. Adjournment.

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 14, 2007 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 #2623-R, Holowicki-31740 Mackenzie**  
Request for a 1'6" side yard fence height variance from Article X, Section 22-303(c) of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a six (6) foot high vinyl privacy fence in the west street side yard of the home where a 4'6" fence is allowed.

**Petition #2624-S, Nickless/Corkscrew Party Shoppe, 37816 Ford**  
Request for an 11'5" sign setback variance from Section 15.6.3(b)(3) of Ordinance 248 in order to install a new free-standing sign 3.5 feet from the front lot line where a 15 foot minimum setback is required.

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Edison Elementary fifth-grader Andrea Hawley works on sewing a University of Michigan patch on blankets students and parents made during the festival. Andrea went to the festival dressed as a Southern belle.

# Blanket making teaches students lesson of caring

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

There was plenty of trick-or-treating through the halls of Edison Elementary School on Thursday evening. But in the midst of the fun, parents and students were invited to sit a spell and tie knots to help others.

When all was said and done, visitors to Tim Sullivan's classroom made 100 fleece blankets for patients at University of Michigan Hospital's cancer center.

"We had 400 people in the school for the Halloween Harvest Festival and I invited people to come in and make a blanket," Sullivan said. "We ended up making 100 of them."

The blanket making is part of a student council-sponsored Make a Difference Day project known as Warm Fuzzies.

The student council raised money to purchase the fleece for the throws. Then the council enlisted the help of parents and students to make them.

It's the second year the school has made the blankets and participated in Make a Difference Day.

The school began the project in honor of Kim Shock, a long-time volunteer at the school who died in June 2005 of cervical cancer. Last year's effort included making 300 throws as well as knotted dog toys that were given to the Michigan

Humane Society.

The amount was scaled back this year due in part to cost. However, students made bookmarks in art class, which have been laminated, that will be given to patients.

Even with the help of parents who do most of the preparation for the knot-tying and donations from North Bros. Ford and Westland Florist, the student council still had to raise several hundred dollars for the project.

"It's very expensive for the student council to do," Sullivan said. "The financial support we got was very helpful, but they still had to do fund-raisers like Hat Day and sales of their student newspaper."

Sullivan credits parents Birgid Quecke and Barb Patko for helping make this year's project a success.

"They stepped up and played a big part in it. They were the key to keep it going," Sullivan said. "They kept on watching the sales at Joanne's. The sale price plus my teacher discount kept the cost down, but we still paid around a \$1 a blanket."

The blanket project got its start with a Brownie Girl Scout Troop in Pinckney that wanted to create a service project for U-M's cancer patients. For several years, they made caps, but in 2001 switched to the blanket for the cancer center which estimates it needs 180 new blankets



Nathan Hawley, 212 of Westland has his dragon Halloween costume adjusted by his grandmother Barbara King before trick or treating begins at the Edison Elementary Halloween Harvest Festival. Nathan's sister Andrea is a fifth-grader at Edison.



First-grader John Lachin, 6, a ninja, and his sister, third-grader Alexandra, 8, a prisoner, draw faces on their pumpkins at festival.

each month to distribute to its cancer patients.

"This is a wonderful project," Sullivan said. "Kids learn the whole concept of caring for people they don't even know."

# It's a date: MEAP retest is Nov. 7

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

They may have taken it once, but they'll be taking it again.

That's the word from the state Department of Education which has decided that fifth- and sixth-graders across the state will take — or retake, in some cases — the MEAP writing test on the same day, Nov. 7.

The decision follows what state school officials labeled a "security breach" of the fifth- and sixth-grade reading prompts, following an article that appeared in the *Jackson Citizen Patriot* newspaper earlier this month.

"They're trying to cut down the exposure to another breach," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "We had already tested out fifth- and sixth-graders when this happened. It's going to be tough to keep the students motivated."

"All we can do is keep moving forward, do what we need to do," said Agnes Kubrak, Wayne-Westland's senior executive director for instruction. "All we can say is OK and let's move on."

State officials decided to call for statewide retesting after hearing from the U.S. Department of Education that failing to test all fifth- and sixth-graders using a replacement prompt could threaten the validity of the writing scores. Federal officials had indicated there was a risk that all schools in Michigan with fifth- and sixth-graders would not make adequate yearly progress, if there was no retesting.

"We realize that this could disrupt some school activities, but in this age of technology — with text messaging, blogging, and MySpace that kids use every day — we now have to resort to these additional secu-

rity measures," Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said.

The flap occurred when a reporter interviewed students who had completed the writing test. During the course of the interview, the reporter heard a student correct the teacher about the subject matter for each grade level and included the information in his story.

Initially, the state announced that 260,000 fifth- and sixth-graders would take the test between Nov. 5-13, but that was changed to all students taking the test in the morning on the same day. Students who are absent during the school testing time may be given the replacement writing prompt at any subsequent time during the remainder of the one-week testing window.

"We know that this is an unfortunate consequence of a newspaper's revealing in a news article what those writing prompts were," Flanagan said. "However, we have to be certain that we do everything necessary to be fair to all students; protect the integrity of the MEAP tests; and not put schools at risk of not making AYP."

More than 1,800 fifth- and sixth-graders will be retested in Wayne-Westland. The district brought in MEAP support for the original testing and may do so again, according to Kubrak, who pointed out that the retesting will take students away from their learning and staff away from the things they do to support that process.

"The staff is trying to keep them motivated and keep their spirits up," she said. "I hope this retest doesn't affect their motivation and the test scores. I know the staff is trying very hard, but this certainly isn't a good situation."

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# Bats and Halloween

What Halloween scene would be complete without a bat lurking in the shadows?

Why do we tend to associate bats with Halloween? Is there really any connection between bats and Halloween? If you find yourself thinking about these questions this time of the year, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is just the place to help you find the answers.

Folklore has it that bats communicate with spirits because they are nocturnal.

"They come out at night, and that's when people think monsters and the boogeyman come out," said Mike Brown, lead mammal department keeper at Brookfield Zoo.

But the fact is, "Nocturnality offers protection from the heat and helps the bat maintain its body temperature and moisture," reports the National Museum of Natural History.

But when one myth is dispelled, another one takes its place, specifically, their choice of food. Bats are thought to dine on human blood. Wrong again.

Scientists tell us that of the more than 1000 species of bats, only three species of vampire bats suck blood - livestock blood, that is. Humans need not worry. And anyway, these species live in Latin America. Most other bats around the world eat a healthier diet of fruits, bugs, nectar and even fish.

Who can forget the perennial charge that "bats get tangled in peoples hair." This accusation creates just the right amount of eeriness surrounding the Halloween season. But, "although bats may occasionally fly

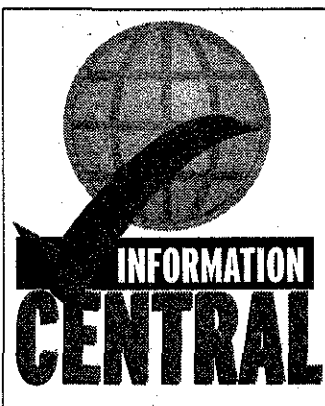
very close to someone's face while catching insects, they do not get stuck in people's hair. That's because the bats ability to echolocate is so acute that it can avoid obstacles no wider than a piece of thread," according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

So, if you find that you are interested in learning the real truth about bats, pick up a copy of David E. Brown's "Vampire: The Vampire Bat in Fact and Fiction" or Don E. Wilson's "Bats in Question: The Smithsonian Answer Book."

Maybe you would like to build a home for our furry friends, then take a look at Dale Gelfand's "Building Bat Houses" or log on to www.batcon.org and visit the Organization for Bat Conservation International whose mission is to teach people the value of bats, to protect and conserve critical bat habitats, and to advance scientific knowledge through research.

To keep up with the latest research surrounding bats and their environs visit the Center for North American Bat Research and Conservation at Indiana State University online at www.indstate.edu/ecology/centers/bat.htm and the Lubee Bat Conservancy, an international non-profit organization working with others to save fruit and nectar bats and their habitats through conservation, research and education at www.lubee.org.

Just maybe we can learn a lesson from the Chinese who incorporate the image of bats in art and handicrafts as a symbol of happiness and good luck. As for Halloween, for my money



there's no real scare as a black cat. So no matter what sets your hair up on end, just stop by the library to set your mind at ease. Call (734) 326-6123 or log on to www.westland.lib.mi.us.

### Highlighted Activities

#### Haunted Independent Movie Night: 7 p.m. Oct. 30.

Join us for a screening Haunted Honeymoon. All are welcome (children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Join us in costume if you like!

#### The History of Eloise: 7 p.m. Nov. 7.

Located on Michigan Avenue in Westland, Eloise was at times a poorhouse, an insane asylum, a farm and a hospital. Jo Johnson, local historian and president of the Friends of Eloise, will give an informative talk about the history of Eloise. Betty Zimmerman grew up living on the Eloise grounds, and will relate many fascinating stories from her childhood.

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

# Avoid investing in life insurance policies on terminally ill individuals

**Q: Dear Rick: I was recently approached about buying a viatical contract. What do you think?**

**A:** I am not a fan of viaticals. One rule I live by is never invest in anything I cannot check out independently. It's very difficult to research viaticals.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

A viatical contract is a life insurance policy on a terminally ill individual. In theory, it is a win-win for both sides of the transaction. The contract allows the terminally ill individual to sell the policy and use the proceeds for whatever purpose they desire. Of course, they could always cash out the life insurance policy and receive the cash surrender value, but in theory by selling the policy they receive a greater amount than the cash surrender value.

The investor, upon the terminally ill individual's death, would receive the full face value of the policy. So if the individual passed on when expected, the investor could make a fair rate of return. However, in the real world other issues/problems develop when investing in viatical contracts.

The value of the contract is based upon a terminally ill individual's death. If he/she

survives longer than expected, the investor's rate of return reduces dramatically. Not only do they have to wait longer to receive the face value of the insurance policy, but the new owner of the policy has to continue to make premium payments. This will substantially reduce the rate of return to an investor.

Another issue is the fraud that has been committed on both sides of the transaction - selling the same policy to more than one investor and undervaluing the policy.

I choose to avoid viaticals as an investment and I recommend you do the same.

**Q: Dear Rick: At the beginning of the year, I set up a flexible spending account through my job. I have not spent any of the money and one of my fellow workers told me that unless I spend it before the end of the year, I lose it. Is that true?**

**A:** Unfortunately, with few exceptions, that's the rule.

A few years ago, the Department of Treasury revised some regulations and allowed employers to extend the time to use flexible spending accounts for another two and a half months after the end of the year. This was not a mandatory change, but rather one that is optional and so some companies have extended the deadline. Ask your employer for the deadline and if they have not extended the deadline, you should encour-

age them to do so. I am a fan of the flexible spending account. It allows you to use pre-tax dollars to pay for certain expenses. When you use pre-tax dollars, it's like the government is subsidizing your expenses.

The majority of people use a flexible spending account for medical expenses.

Most people believe that flexible spending accounts are used to cover deductible and co-payments, however, they are more flexible. You can use your flex spending dollars for prescription sunglasses, a doctor approved weight-loss program or even laser eye procedures. Most flexible spending plans are very flexible, which is why I recommend them.

However, you should only fund your flexible spending account with money you will use. The downside of these programs is the use-it-or-lose-it feature.

As we get closer to the end of the year, if you have money in your flex account, make sure you use it. Whether it's for a dental visit or laser eye surgery, the bottom line is it's your money.

Unless you use it, you lose it.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monymatters@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 WTK-AM (1400).



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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

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 5, 2007 at 7:20 p.m. regarding the proposed Salary Ordinance for the Garden City Supervisory and Professional Personnel Association (GCSPPA):

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Garden City, in accordance with the City Charter and Labor Negotiations between it and the Garden City Supervisory and Professional Personnel Association (GCSPPA), hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for its employees for the period November 5, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SALARY ORDINANCE: GARDEN CITY SUPERVISORY AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES**

**SECTION 1:**

PAY GRADE	JOB TITLE	PAY GRADE	JOB TITLE
I	• Admin Assistant (Police & Fire Chiefs)	VI	• Dep. Treasurer • Dep. DPS Dir
II	• Executive Secy • HR Assistant	VII	• Dir. Comm. Devel. • Dir. Parks & Rec.
III	• Bldg Inspector • Fam. Res. Ctr Supvsr	VIII	• Dir. Public Services
IV	• Community Ctr Supvsr. • Sts/Water Foreman	IX	• City Clerk-Treas. • Fire Chief
V	• Recreation Supvsr • Bldg Official • Bldgs/Grounds Supvsr • Dir. Human Resources	X	• Police Chief

PAY GRADE	Effective 11/5/07	
	FROM	TO
I	\$ 35,345.00	\$ 46,655.00
II	\$ 38,793.00	\$ 45,000.00
III	\$ 42,287.00	\$ 55,946.00
IV	\$ 44,884.00	\$ 59,246.00
V	\$ 49,569.00	\$ 65,431.00
VI	\$ 51,724.00	\$ 68,278.00
VII	\$ 60,345.00	\$ 79,655.00
VIII	\$ 66,379.00	\$ 87,621.00
IX	\$ 68,966.00	\$ 91,034.00
X	\$ 72,414.00	\$ 95,586.00

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	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
I	\$ 37,112.25	\$ 48,987.75	\$ 38,967.86	\$ 51,437.14	\$ 40,916.26	\$ 54,006.99
II	\$ 40,732.65	\$ 47,250.00	\$ 42,769.28	\$ 49,812.50	\$ 44,907.75	\$ 52,093.13
III	\$ 44,401.36	\$ 58,743.30	\$ 46,621.42	\$ 61,680.47	\$ 48,952.49	\$ 64,764.49
IV	\$ 47,128.20	\$ 62,208.30	\$ 49,484.61	\$ 65,318.72	\$ 51,958.84	\$ 68,584.65
V	\$ 52,047.45	\$ 68,702.55	\$ 54,649.82	\$ 72,137.68	\$ 57,382.31	\$ 75,744.56
VI	\$ 54,310.20	\$ 71,689.80	\$ 57,025.71	\$ 75,274.29	\$ 59,877.00	\$ 79,038.00
VII	\$ 63,362.25	\$ 83,637.75	\$ 66,530.36	\$ 87,819.64	\$ 69,856.88	\$ 92,210.62
VIII	\$ 69,697.95	\$ 92,002.05	\$ 73,182.85	\$ 98,602.15	\$ 76,841.99	\$ 101,432.26
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X	\$ 76,034.70	\$ 100,365.30	\$ 79,836.44	\$ 105,383.57	\$ 83,828.26	\$ 110,652.74

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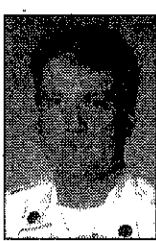
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## Take precautions for a safe Halloween

The rustle of leaves under your feet, the autumn chill in the air, and decorations being put out that look like skeletons, witches and various grimaces on the faces of jack-o'-lanterns remind me of my favorite time of year and the celebration of Halloween.

While the trick-or-treating that we have become accustomed to didn't really take off until the 1930s, many children love to dress up in costume and collect treats on the evening of Oct. 31. The least we, as adults, can do is to make sure they are safe while doing it.

If you are expecting to invite children to your door, start by cleaning up your yard, so children won't trip over hoses, branches or slippery leaves. Put unused tools away and make sure your house lights will light the way for children to come to your house. If you must drive on Halloween, use extra cau-



Tom Kiurski

tion, especially in neighborhoods where children have their minds on treats more than on watching for cars. Turn house lights on to welcome children, and do not ask them into your home.

Candles look nice when controlled, but the risks may be too great. Consider a trip to your local Halloween store to check out the many options for lighting pumpkins. They have small strobe lights, color-changing lights and I even lit up a jack-o'-lantern with a glow stick last year and it looked great!

If you have children who will be trick-or-treating on Halloween, try their costumes on well before Halloween so that you can add reflective tape,

take up hems and make sure there is plenty of makeup for the big night. Makeup is recommended for the face over masks due to the peripheral visibility limitations of putting a mask on. Costumes should be plainly marked as flame-resistant or flame-retardant, and it shouldn't drag on the ground. Have children practice the "Stop, Drop and Roll" procedure in case their clothing and/or costume catches fire. Just because you may not use candles to light your jack-o'-lanterns doesn't mean that your neighbors do not.

Children should only travel in familiar areas and along an established route with a group of friends. Flashlights, glow sticks and reflective trim are a must, and a cell phone may be useful for children who are old enough to have them. Small children should always be accompanied by an adult and make sure they have their name and address

pinned somewhere onto their clothing in case they do get separated from the group.

I am a huge fan of cell phones during Halloween. It allows parents to let kids go out with friends as long as they know they are close and who they are with. Make sure cell phone batteries are fully charged, and that you are pre-programmed into the cell phone for one-button calling.

Give your children a meal before they head out for the evening. A full stomach will make children less likely to grab treats until they can get home and have an adult inspect them prior to consumption. Any unwrapped candy or food items should be discarded. Don't give candy to pets, and any unwanted candy will certainly be welcomed at your nearest fire station!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter

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## Sheriff receives federal grant for marine equipment

In 2004, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and Detroit Wayne County Port Authority began working together to apply for federal homeland security grants, only 5 percent of which typically reach Great Lakes ports.

However, since the partnership was formed, the Port Authority has been awarded more than \$3 million in marine grants, at least half of which has been allocated to the Sheriff's Marine Unit to purchase new boats and equipment, according to the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Warren Evans recently received word of a new \$450,000 allocation and is just weeks away from putting out bids for more than \$1 million in new marine unit equipment, including four new vessels, new motors for its existing boats, night vision technology and new and improved equipment for the Marine Unit's Dive Team and Special Response Team, including 40 gas masks.

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## Granholt brings budget message to meeting

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The best news Gov. Jennifer Granholt delivered to hundreds of municipal representatives attending the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly meeting Thursday afternoon at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township Thursday was not necessarily good news.

"We have a freeze on revenue sharing," Granholt said. "I did propose a cost-of-living increase, an inflationary adjustment, when I proposed my budget. That didn't survive, but we did avoid major cuts."

That didn't seem like much solace to municipal leaders, who know a freeze still means a loss of money because of inflationary budget increases facing their communities. After Granholt's presentation on the budget and how it will affect businesses and the residents of Michigan, the governor was asked about the many blank stares as she delivered her speech.

"The folks who were in there understand the challenge, both of tough economic times and trying to make ends meet," Granholt said. "To say what it is we're going to become ... we just can't retrench and get small, we've got to be bold and come out swinging because we're never going to emerge victorious if we're not innovative."

"Michigan citizens are feeling the brunt of this global shift in manufacturing jobs," she added, "and having a plan and an aggressive strategy and working that plan ... and giving people some benchmarks so they know that progress is being made is important."

Granholt said presidential candidates need to take notice of what's happening in Michigan as they seek the nation's highest elected office.

"Michigan is a precursor to what will happen in other states as technology moves and other states grapple with a shift in their economic sector to other parts of the world," Granholt said. "These candidates have got



Gov. Jennifer Granholt spoke about the situation in Lansing at a SEMCOG meeting held Thursday at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

to have a strategy that allows us to invest in making our businesses competitive. Candidates who talk about trade, and battling to keep the playing field level as well as investing in our people, are the candidates Michigan citizens will listen to."

Granholt was critical of the recall efforts of nearly a dozen lawmakers who cast votes in

favor of the recent income tax hike, including Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville).

"I think the representatives who cast tough votes to put our state on solid financial footing should not be recalled," Granholt said. "People need to understand these are the toughest votes of their careers, and they cast a vote to save

Michigan, not to save themselves. They put themselves at risk, and I think anybody who came to the center in the bipartisan solution should be thanked and not recalled."

When asked if she specifically would help Coriveau in his efforts to avoid recall, Granholt said, "I'll help him in any way he needs help."

## Haunted camp uses 3-D effects, boar's head

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

A hairy monster and wailing banshee aren't the only spooky effects that jump out at visitors to a 3-D open house at Emerson Middle School in Livonia.

Under the glow of black-light, images of Bigfoot's footprints, hundreds of neon skulls and spiders do too.

Those who dare to enter get 3-D glasses as they make their way to the creepy camp setting backstage at Emerson.

Snakes float among the brush dragged in from parents' backyards. Bats in the background are hard to spot, except for their beady red eyes.

"I've always wanted to do a 3-D haunted house but never knew how to go about it," said Jilda Macuga of Westland. She and another parent, Ann Green of Garden City, attended a haunt convention in May at the Dearborn Hyatt. "They had a workshop on 3-D haunted houses. That's how I found out the secrets."

The haunted house — a PTA tradition that began at Hayes Elementary 17 years ago — is in its second year at Emerson.

From 6-8 p.m. Monday, students and families from Cooper, Johnson and Riley and Webster's fifth- and sixth-graders are invited.

"We want them to be scared, but we try to balance that with being appropriate. We don't do gore. We don't do blood," Macuga said. "You don't need them to make a good scare."

No one carries a weapon, she said. "Nobody grabs you." "It's just a matter of where

people are at, the music, and of course, the props."

Six dedicated volunteers work for more than a month to put it together. Running the show takes about 25 to 30 helpers.

Brandon Mickel of Westland, who has an eighth-grade son at Emerson, designed a pneumatic pop-up prop and a secret door.

Mickel, who has an acting background and "always wanted to be that guy on the block with the great Halloween display," will be in costume, lurking somewhere near his contraption.

More are stationed among the grave yard, infirmary, skull room, campsite and cave. Macuga's son Eric, a Franklin sophomore, plays the hockey-masked Halloween serial killer Jason. Sure to get some screams is a real, wild boar. (Don't worry — it's just his head.)

The creature made the mistake of chasing Green's Uncle Dave up a tree while he was bow hunting years ago. Green said her uncle — a former teacher with a sick sense of humor — has been using "Black Bart" to scare youngsters in the family since she was an adolescent.

Green and Macuga share a love for Halloween and knack for creating haunted houses, but neither will go in one.

"The one we did last year, I would not go through with the lights out," Green said. "That's why I do ticket sales outside."

Admission is \$2. It recommended for ages 11 and older, but that's up to the parents, organizers said.

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## LeBlanc plan offers special hunt dates

Disable veterans could get an early firearms deer season under plan developed by State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland.

His plan to create an early firearms deer season for disabled veterans has been heard by the House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Resources Committee, a move intended to allow more veterans to participate fully in this recreational activity and Michigan tradition.

LeBlanc's plan is the result of a successful pilot-program that enabled disabled veterans to participate in a special two-day hunting season last September.

"Michigan weather is unpredictable, and trying to maneuver through the state's fields and forests during November can present many challenges for people with disabilities," LeBlanc said. "Hunting is a great Michigan tradition, and I don't want to see anyone who loves this sport - especially our veterans - lose the opportunity to participate because of physical limitations."

"The men and women who fought to keep our country free deserve every opportunity in life. I am proud of this plan that designates a two-day hunting season for disabled veterans at the end of September every year."

Under current Michigan law, disabled veterans with hunting licenses participate in the regular deer hunting season in November. Under LeBlanc's plan, disabled veterans could take part in a two-day hunting season that coincides with the special youth hunting season, which typically comes at a designated time at the end of September.

After this year's successful pilot project in Marquette, Mason and Newaygo Counties, LeBlanc's annual program would now be designated throughout the entire state.

For eligibility, disabled veterans applying would need to have either a current firearm

deer license, combination deer license or an antlerless deer license or a deer management assistance permit. In order to qualify, veterans would need to have unemployable status as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits for a disability other than blindness.

"Hunting is a special part of life in Michigan and a critical component to the state's economy," LeBlanc said. "Establishing this annual program shows Michigan is committed to the sport of hunting and its timeless traditions and also to honoring our brave veterans who have sacrificed so much for all of us."

## Military academies host night for high schoolers

Representatives of the nation's military academies will be in Dearborn Tuesday evening to talk to high school students interested in attending them.

The Academy Night for high school students and their parents will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd., south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

The U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado

Springs, Colo., U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn. and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. will be represented.

The event will give students interested in attending one of the service academies the opportunity to talk with academy representatives and recent graduates.

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#### Tuesday, Oct. 30

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

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

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#### Wednesday, Oct. 30

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

**CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic** at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurance cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

**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. 1

**Strength and Stretch** at 11 a.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.

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

#### 3242.

**Yoga** (first of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (fourth of four classes) at 6:30 p.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. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

#### Friday, Nov. 2

**Get Up and Move** at 9 a.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for

the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Power Hour** at 10 a.m. and 1, 3 and 5 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**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.

**Daily Programs** Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

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# Seeking the supernatural

## Michigan Ghost Watchers out to prove there's life after death

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Ghost Watchers don't run from things that go hump in the night — they take a picture of it.

Founded by Canton woman Cindy Blake in 2001, the group has nearly 100 members and serves as a haven for serious ghost watchers.

"For as long as I can remember, I've been interested in paranormal and the supernatural," said Blake, 52. "I remember being 6-years-old and begging my father to take me to (my first horror) movie."

In their investigations, club members travel to places such as cemeteries, basements and historical buildings. They take photographs, record audio, access temperatures and tap into the skills of their spirit medium, Keith Norton, 37, of Madison Heights.

During these experiences, Blake said she's heard whispers, been touched and had footsteps following her when she was the only person in the room.

"I've definitely been startled but I haven't been afraid," she said, adding that her favorite investigation took place at the



Cindy Blake (from left), Sue Burt and Lon Kuehn search Sheldon Cemetery for areas that have markedly colder temperatures, which indicate the presence of ghosts.

Gettysburg battlefield. "There is so much activity there. We recorded gun shots. It's a privilege to witness something that can't be explained through nor-

mal means."

MGW, which has blossomed to include chapters in North Carolina, Ireland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, is planning a trip in the spring to a sanatorium in Kentucky.

"Those who believe will

believe," said Blake, a former Plymouth resident. "For those who don't want to believe, there's nothing you can say to change their mind."

Lon Kuehn, 44, of Clinton Township has been with MGW for four years and said he had



Lon Kuehn walks through the cemetery looking for electromagnetic fields.

his first paranormal experience as a toddler.

"My grandfather was buried the day before my first birthday and I saw his ghost when I was 3 years old," he said. "It freaked out my mom."

Kuehn, who describes himself as a "techno geek," said he gets a thrill out of being in MGW because it's filled with "like-minded individuals that are proving to the world there's life after death."

As Blake, Norton, Kuehn and another group member, Sue Bert of Waterford, walked around the historic cemetery on Sheldon north of Michigan Avenue, they snapped and compared photographs.

"We haven't had a hand come up out of the ground," Blake laughed, while Norton chimed in, "That would be nice, though. We're hoping that happens."



Cindy Blake of Canton notes the time that her voice recording begins. Keith Norton and Lon Kuehn take photographs and measure temperatures.



### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING November 5, 2007

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 5, 2007 regarding the proposed Ordinance to adopt the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices:

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

ORDINANCE NO: 08-002

2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 98-018; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

#### SECTION 1. REPEAL PROVISION.

Ordinance 98-018, entitled "Boca National Fire Prevention Code Adopted by Reference" is hereby repealed.

#### SECTION 2. CODE ADOPTED.

A. The 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices as published by the International Code Council (ICC), is adopted by the City. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the National Fire Codes and the International Fire Code, the more stringent of the two shall govern. A complete copy of the International Fire Code is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

B. The following sections and subsections of the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices are hereby amended or repealed as set forth. Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to the like-numbered sections of the International Fire Code.

- Section 1019.2: Section 1019.2 and its subsection are hereby repealed.
- Section 103.2: Appointment. The fire code official shall be the Fire Chief of the City of Garden City or his/her designee.

#### SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

#### SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

#### SECTION 6. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk of the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication in the manner required by law.

Introduced: October 15, 2007  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Published: October 28, 2007

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 5, 2007

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 5, 2007 at 7:25 p.m. regarding the proposed Ordinance to amend procedures for evaluation of an employee disability retirement application:

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO: 08-003

ORDINANCE AMENDING PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATION OF AN EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 36.35 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, AMENDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A THIRD PHYSICIAN'S OPINION ON AN EMPLOYEE APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 36.35 Disability Incurred (subsections A, B, and C) of the City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

Upon the application of a member or his department head, a member who becomes totally and permanently incapacitated for duty in the service of the city by reason of personal injury or disease may be retired by the Board. The member may be retired if, after a medical examination of the member, made by or under the direction of a medical committee consisting of three physicians, one of whom shall be appointed by the Board, one by the member, and the third by the two physicians so named, the medical committee certifies to the Board, by a majority opinion in writing, the following.

- That the member is mentally or physically totally incapacitated for duty in the service of the city.
- That incapacity will probably be permanent.
- That the member should be retired.

If the physician appointed by the Board and the physician designated by the member agree on the above, the requirement for the third physician's opinion is waived.

#### SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

#### REPEAL.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

#### PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE.

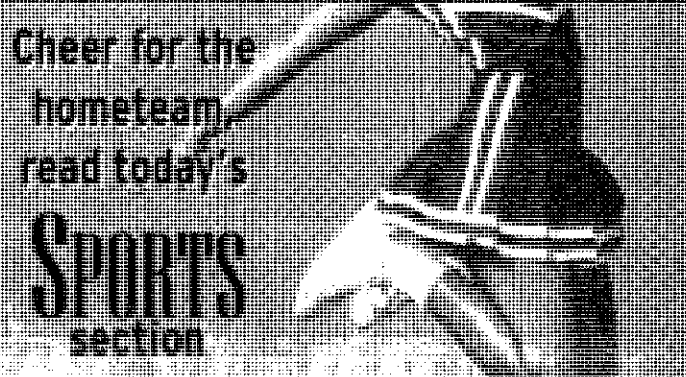
This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Allyson M. Bettis  
Treasurer-City Clerk

Posted: October 23, 2007.

Published: October 28, 2007

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the City General Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling places:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

Candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

**Mayor  
City Council**

All polling places are handicapper accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-793-1620 prior to Election Day. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 5, 2007, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

**ALLYSON M. BETTIS**  
City Clerk  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

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## WJLB's Coco inspires Redford woman

Ebony Bell of Redford Township got a chance to lunch with the woman who inspired her "to be happy with myself." Bell won The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Buddy's Pizza "Dining With the Stars" contest featuring CoCo of WJLB-FM.

Bell and her husband, James Maloy, are the parents of three children ages 1 to 16. A stay-at-home mom, Bell was treated to a limo ride courtesy of All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, makeover from Beauty Salon by J. Lyle Lmt, featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Bloomfield Hills.

"Coco was so sweet I felt like I had known her for years" said Bell, who had lunch with CoCo at the original Buddy's on Six Mile Road in Detroit.

Bell was among five finalists in the August competition.

In her winning entry Bell wrote about how she "used every diet known to man to try and lose weight. One day I tried to give up the diets and give up on life... until I heard CoCo on the radio."

CoCo was talking about how television and some people promote diets and thin "even if it kills us," wrote Bell.

Bell suffered a heart attack in April 2002 - the result of dieting and stress. She credits CoCo's inspiration to be happy with who you are as the turning point in her life.

"I had never seen Coco in person before but I started to see pictures of her and I said she



Ebony Bell of Redford, enjoyed lunch with WJLB's Coco at the original Buddy's in Detroit.

looks so happy. I said I want to be happy too. I want to live and be happy.

"I started going to the doctor, found out I had diabetes and if I didn't lose the weight I was going to die.

"I made up in my mind that I didn't want to be thin but I want to live and take care of my kids.

"I listen to CoCo in the morning to start my day...I just want to thank her for being an inspira-

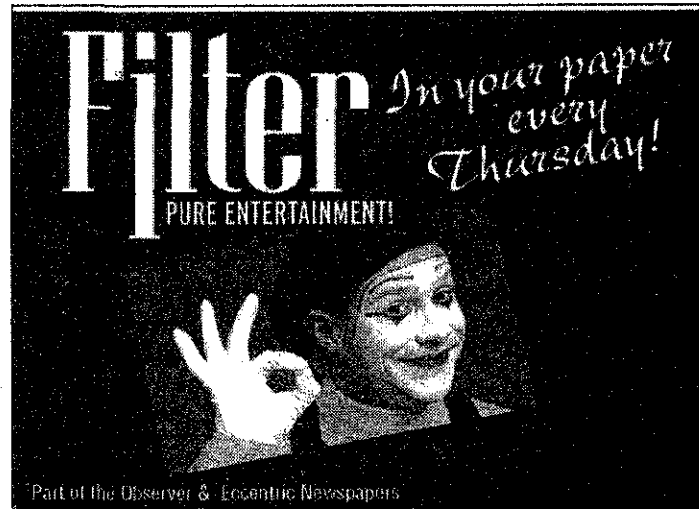
tion to a lot of women. "To me I am beautiful and my children let me know that every day," wrote Bell.

Bell, who weighed more than 300 pounds has lost 100 pounds.

"I really feel good about myself - thanks a million Coco." Coco of "The Coco, Foolish & Mr. Chase in the Morning Show," airs weekdays from 6-10 a.m. on FM98 WJLB.

Buddy's donated \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month make the final selection.



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### CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 16, 2008 AND ENDING DECEMBER 17, 2008.

To all persons interested in the meetings of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals:

PLACE:	Westland City Hall 36601 Ford Road Westland, MI 48185
TIME:	7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING DATE	DEADLINE:
January 16, 2008	December 21, 2007
February 20, 2008	January 25, 2008
March 19, 2008	February 22, 2008
April 16, 2008	March 21, 2008
May 21, 2008	April 25, 2008
June 18, 2008	May 23, 2008
July 16, 2008	June 20, 2008
August 20, 2008	July 25, 2008
September 17, 2008	August 22, 2008
October 15, 2008	September 18, 2008
November 19, 2008	October 24, 2008
December 17, 2008	November 21, 2008

The minutes of each meeting of the regular meetings listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Westland not more than eight (8) business days after the date of said meeting.

Approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five (5) business days after the meeting at which the minutes of the meeting are approved.

This notice is given in compliance with Act. No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

Eileen DeHart, City Clerk

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## Win a chance to dine with Florine Mark

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

In 100 words or less, tell us why you would like to have

lunch or dinner with Florine Mark at Buddy's Pizza.

Mark has a "healthy" pizza named after her on the Buddy's menu. It's "The Florine Mark Pizza" with brick/fat-free cheese blend, spinach, mushrooms, diced tomatoes, garlic and black olives.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.

com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of All Class Transportation, makeover by Utopia Salon & Spa on Main Street in Northville (hair by Sebastian

and makeup by ILSE), a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.



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Dr. Adam Mashike

## Have you been living with headaches? You don't have to!

If you have a headache, you're not alone. Nine out of ten Americans suffer from headaches. For some people headaches are an occasional annoyance, for others a disabling chronic condition.

What do you do when you suffer from a pounding headache? Do you tighten your jaw and try to make it through the day? Lie down with your head under a pillow? Pop a pill and hope the pain goes away? There is a better alternative.

Modern chiropractic care has a lot to offer headache sufferers. Headaches have many causes, or "triggers." These may include foods, environmental stimuli (noises, lights, stress, etc.) and/or behaviors (insomnia, excessive exercise, blood sugar changes, etc.). Aspirin and other medications relieve the pain of tension headaches, migraines and cluster headaches without correcting the underlying causes. Drugs, on the other hand are designed to mask the pain.

Suggestions to help headache sufferers:

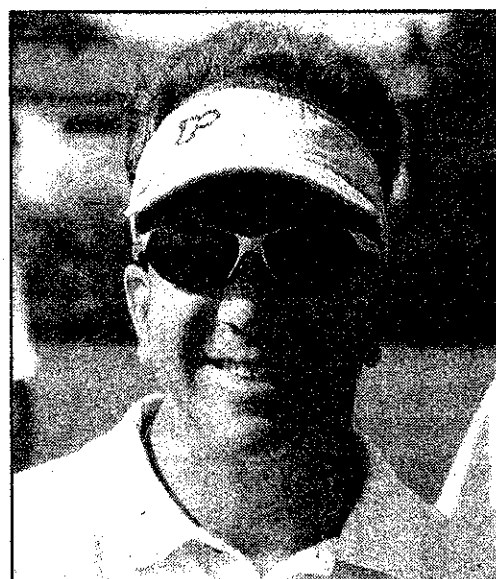
- \* If you spend a large amount of time in one fixed position, such as in front of a computer, on a sewing machine, typing or reading, take a break and stretch every 30 minutes to one hour. The stretches should take your head and neck through a comfortable range of motion.

- \* Low-impact exercise may help relieve the pain associated with primary headaches. However, if you are prone to dull, throbbing headaches, avoid heavy exercise. Engage in such activities as walking and low-impact aerobics.

- \* Avoid teeth clenching. The upper teeth should never touch the lowers, except when swallowing. This results in stress at the temporomandibular joints (TMJ) - the two joints that connect your jaw to your skull - leading to TMJ irritation and a form of tension headaches.

- \* Drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day to help avoid dehydration, which can lead to headaches.

Dr. Mashike can perform spinal manipulation or chiropractic adjustments to improve spinal function and alleviate the stress on your system. He can provide nutritional advice, recommending a change in diet and perhaps the addition of B complex vitamins if necessary. If you or someone you know is suffering from headaches, a Chiropractic evaluation is the first step to freedom from pain.



I suffered with headaches/migraines for over 20 years. I experienced several headaches each week and at least one migraine per month. The migraines would force me to lie in bed with an ice pack on my head, feeling nauseous and taking several medications to ease the pain. Since becoming a patient of Dr. Mashike and receiving adjustments to correct my subluxation, I am no longer on medication. I am happy to share that I have experienced only one migraine in the last two years. When I feel a headache coming on I see Dr. Mashike for treatment and relief.

Larry Machonga

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# Madonna's replaces gym floor

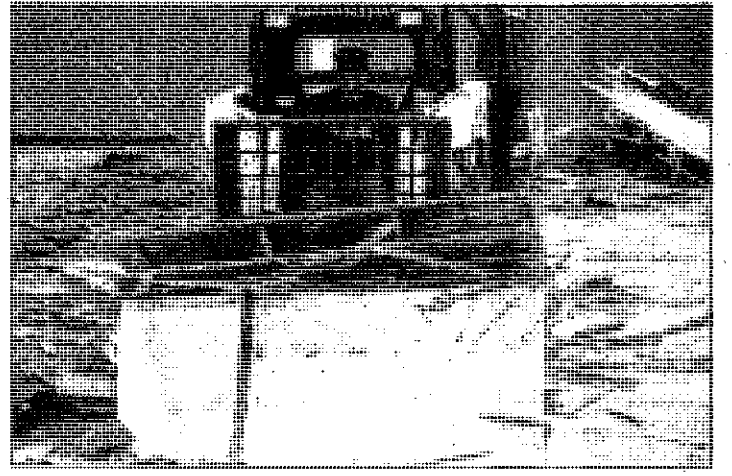
Workers began ripping up Madonna University's basketball court — the original flooring that was installed when the campus' activities building was built in 1975 — this week. The emergency floor replacement was prompted by a malfunction in the boiler room, located adjacent to the gymnasium, that caused a flood on the floor. The subsequent water damage left the gym floor

unplayable. The work of replacing the floor, which is covered by insurance, is being handled by crews from Varsity Flooring of St. Clair Shores. They're working two shifts, 16 hours a day, seven days a week, to get it done in time for competition by Nov. 16. In the meantime, according to Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo, volleyball and basketball

teams will be practicing at more than a half dozen different gyms across the Livonia and Redford area. One men's basketball game and a volleyball tournament were shifted to accommodate the replacement. The university isn't just dumping its historic wooden planks into the trash. Rizzo said. The athletic department will make some of the pieces

available for sale as keepsakes to former players or coaches through its Web site, <http://ww3.madonna.edu/crusaders/>. Madonna University's floor had been sanded and restained regularly over the years. Three years ago was the last time, and that project included the painting of a Crusader emblem on the center court.

— By Dave Varga



MADONNA UNIVERSITY SPORTS INFORMATION

Work crews tear up the gymnasium floor at Madonna University.



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### Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

**Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.**

By Elena Lombardi

For most of us, activities like reading, knitting, driving or playing cards seem like simple tasks, but for those who don't see well, these tasks can be difficult or even impossible. People with visual limitations from conditions like glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or macular degeneration are said to have low vision.

However for many of these people, Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers they have been seeking.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

**"Many people are told by their doctor that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith.** "We fit specially designed devices to help patients meet their personal visual goals."

Many patients seeking to help themselves end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to

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

"Mostly, telescopic glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well."

"They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

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

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

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices as there are various



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

activities. Dr. Smith also counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500.

"Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at **1-877-677-2020**

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

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## OUR VIEWS

### Help Gleaners feed hungry

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, the area's largest emergency food provider, has put out an urgent SOS. At a time when the need is the greatest, the supply of food is critically low.

The agency reports that its inventory is down by 1.5 million pounds of food. Meanwhile, from January through September, Gleaners' distribution has increased by 2.2 million pounds, a 12.7 percent increase from the same period last year. In the months July through September, Gleaners distributed 704,964 more pounds of food than in the same period in 2006.

Improved efficiencies by national food companies have had a devastating effect on surplus supplies for emergency food centers. The agency reports that the 35 percent decline in donations so far this year is the largest falloff to date.

Also contributing to the food shortage is the diversion of some food and feed crops to ethanol manufacturing.

This is especially hard on Michigan and metro Detroit, which continues to be economically hard hit. In September, United Way's 2-1-1 call center received the highest volume of calls for service since the program was launched in December 2005.

Gleaners Community Food Bank needs to acquire two million pounds of food before Thanksgiving to ensure it can meet the needs of 250,000 people who depend on its emergency food to feed themselves and their families.

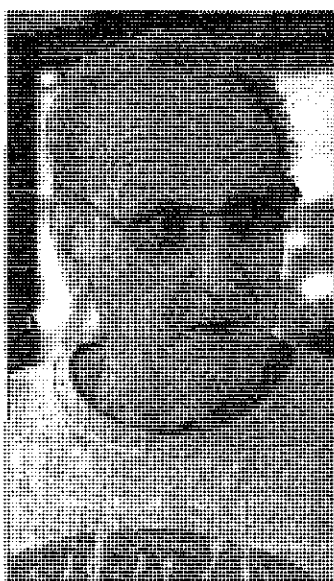
Gleaners is asking for help.

"We have thus far been able to meet the demands of our partners, the 400 soup kitchens, shelters, churches and pantries who serve our hungry neighbors," said Gerry Brisson, Gleaners vice president for development. "But without help it is only a matter of time before hungry children, seniors and families will be denied assistance due to lack of food."

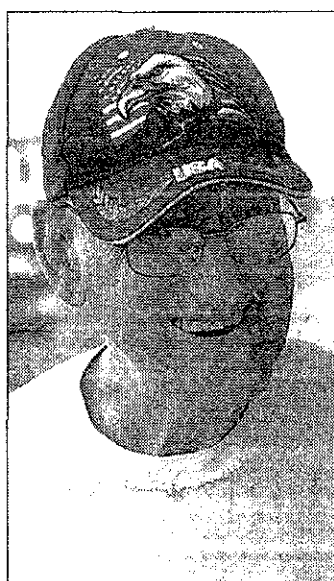
Gleaners is seeking monetary donations so it can purchase food. To donate and learn more, visit [www.gcfb.org](http://www.gcfb.org).

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### How has the high cost of gas affected your budget?



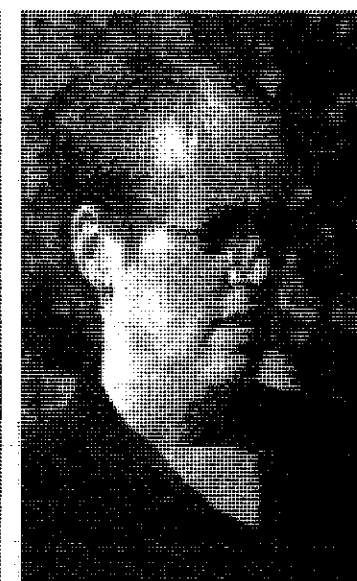
"I'm retired and it affects me a lot. I go see my mother-in-law on the eastside three times a week. It's \$20 in gas every time I go."  
Frank Pongracz  
Garden City



"I just have less money to spend for something else. I have a lot of medical expenses, it kind of hurts there."  
Charles Myers  
Garden City



"I'm devastated by it. I'm retired and I drive only when it's necessary. More often than not, I ride my bike."  
James Harley  
Wayne



"Everybody's got to budget differently. Luckily, I have a car that's good on gas. A lot of people are getting rich and the rest of us are getting poor."  
Barbara DeWitt  
Livonia

## LETTERS

### Vote is disappointing

I am disappointed that Rep. Thaddeus McCotter voted to support the president's veto of the SCHIP program.

The bill was designed to expand the overwhelmingly successful program to extend health care coverage to cover more of the nation's uninsured children.

It is appalling that the United States is alone among the industrialized nations in its failure to provide for the health of its children. Apparently covering some kids is good enough for Rep. McCotter. Can he really believe it is better to let thousands of children go without health insurance?

Rep. McCotter is willing to sink this country deeper in debt every day to pay for the disastrous war in Iraq. Heaven forbid even a small fraction of that money go to children under SCHIP.

Nancy Melke  
Westland

### Help domestic violence victims

Domestic violence affects a huge part of our population. In fact, one out of three American women report being abused at some point in their lifetime. And contrary to some misconceptions, domestic violence knows no social or economic boundaries.

Because it knows no boundaries, it preys on the communities where we live, work and play. It also helps to create future abusers, and affects more than just the women involved. It harms children and entire families. That's why it is important to take a stand and work to put an end to this widely pervasive, yet rarely discussed, attacker.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Verizon Wireless is asking for your help by donating to its HopeLine phone recycling program, which turns no-longer-used wireless phones into support for area domestic violence shelters and organizations, including

those throughout Michigan. Wireless phones, batteries and other accessories are collected at Verizon Wireless Communications Stores nationwide and in special collections throughout the year. The phones are either refurbished for reuse or recycled in an environmentally sound way.

Since October 2001, when Verizon Wireless launched its national recycling program, HopeLine has collected more than four million wireless phones. The program has disposed of nearly one million phones in an environmentally sound way and refurbished the remaining phones for resale and reuse. Over the last five years, Verizon Wireless also has distributed more than 45,000 phones with airtime and other features valued at more than \$10 million to be used by victims of domestic violence.

So far this year, Verizon Wireless has donated more than \$420,000 in cash grants, phones and airtime to shelters and other organizations in Michigan working to support victims of domes-

tic violence and their families. In Plymouth, First Step received a \$9,800 grant to help fund case management and advocacy/counseling services to assist more domestic violence survivors.

This October, I highly encourage everyone to dig through their closets, ask friends and family members for their used phones and accessories, and donate as much wireless equipment as possible to the HopeLine program and help make a difference in the lives of the victims in the Plymouth area and throughout Michigan. Equipment can be donated at the following Verizon Wireless locations in the Plymouth area: Canton Corners, 42447 Ford Road, Canton; 35105 Warren Road, Westland; 20580 Haggerty, Northville; and in Circuit City, 36300 Warren Road, Westland.

To find out more about our HopeLine program, please visit [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline).

Dave Vogler  
Verizon district manager

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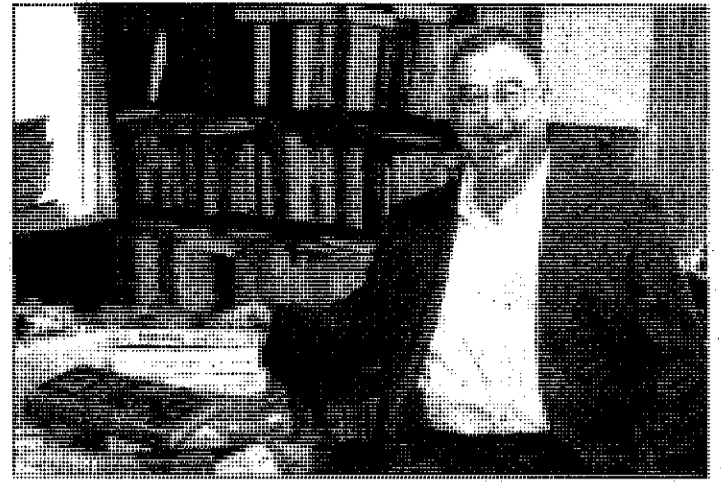
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Lawrence Berkove's own volume pulls together works from the late 19th century.

## Local man strikes mother lode of Wild West tales

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

Before retiring from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, professor Lawrence Berkove taught English and American literature.

This past weekend in Nevada, however, the Southfield resident was being recognized for his work on the Sagebrush School of Writers, 19th century authors who lived and wrote about the famous Comstock Lode that yielded \$400 million (as much as \$600 billion in today's dollars) in the last half of the 1800s.

"These guys were good writers," Berkove said last week as he prepared for the October meeting of the Western Literature Association.

While Berkove is extremely knowledgeable about Ambrose Bierce, Samuel L. Clemens, Bret Harte and Dan DeQuille, perhaps the most well-known of the sagebrush writers, he is considered an expert on Sam Davis and other lesser known authors of the time.

"Larry has virtually single-handedly recovered long-forgotten works from 19th century Nevada," said Cheryl Glotfelty, a faculty member at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

She was to present a paper — entitled *Daring Acts of Literary Recovery: Lawrence I. Berkove and the Sagebrush School* — at the association meeting.

While it's nice to be recognized, Berkove said his lifelong research has been rewarding in its own right. "All the work I've done (since the 1950s, as an assistant instructor at the University of Pennsylvania) has been demanding," he said, "but fascinating."

Among the most rewarding developments, he said, occurred in the 1990s when he interviewed the granddaughter of Sam Davis, who among other things was a newspaper writer in Nevada.

As part of an interview about her grandfather, Berkove recalled, he examined several original manuscripts. "I was about to leave," he said, "when she said, 'Don't you want to see the rest?'"

"Davis' granddaughter had an entire trunk of notes, personal letters and other (largely unpublished) material."

He spent months copying materials in that trunk, Berkove recalled. "And now I am the expert on Sam Davis," he said.

Gail Berkove, his wife and a psychologist in Southfield, said she has enjoyed her husband's research and life's avocation almost as much as he has. "He's like a detective," she said.

Berkove said retirement is rewarding. But he still enjoys working with students, as he did in the summer of 2003, when he taught summer school at Elmira College.

"I've always enjoyed teaching," he said.

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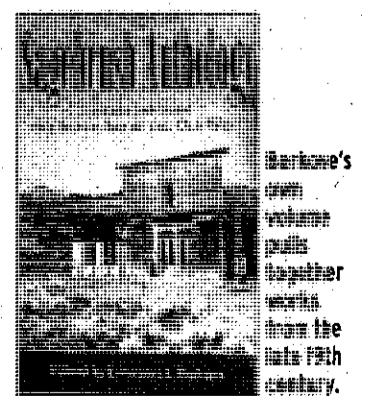
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## Patriots pull upset special, stun Monroe

Fortin's return fuels 39-38 win

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

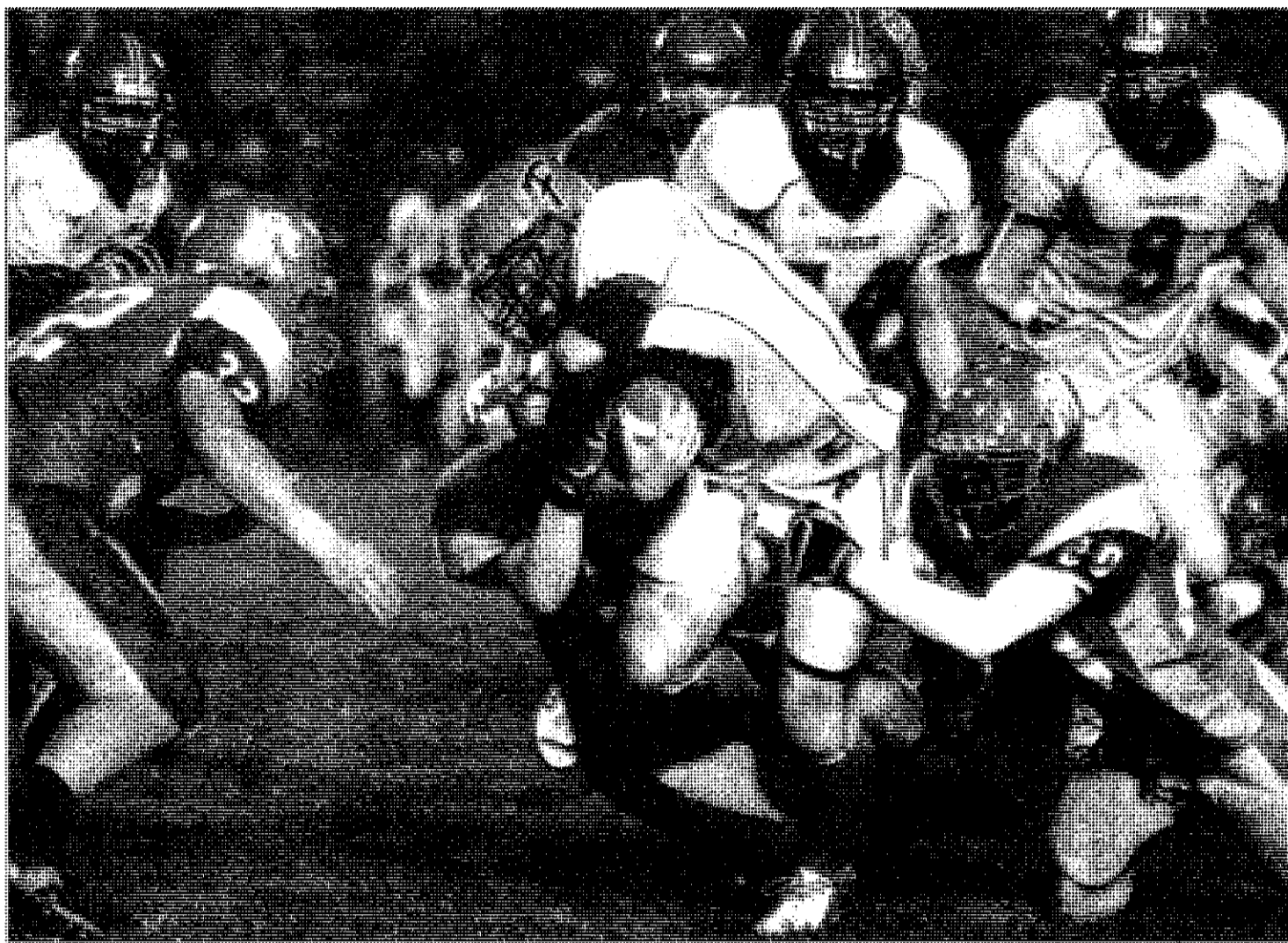
Livonia Franklin brought out its secret slingshot – David Fortin – to pull off an upset of GIANT proportions in the opening round of the state football playoffs.

The Patriots, who earned the last spot in the 256-team MHSAA field as a 5-4 at-large, got 238 yards rushing from the 5-foot-10, 195-pound junior Friday night to stun host Monroe in double-overtime, 39-38.

Franklin moves on to the Division 1-Region 2-District 2 championship game to face 8-2 Dearborn Fordson, which advanced Friday with a 35-7 win over Taylor Truman.

Fortin, who was a starter as a sophomore, hadn't played since the opening game of the season in a 26-17 loss to Westland John Glenn after suffering a broken ulna bone (in his forearm).

The hard-running up-back didn't look at all rusty after missing eight games although



Franklin's David Fortin drives for a first down on fourth down to set up the Patriots' second touchdown in the second half over Monroe.

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## Sidelines

### WYAA basketball

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

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

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

### Livonia Turkey Trot

The Livonia Turkey Trot walk-run to help the Livonia Goodfellows provide meals for Christmas will be Saturday, Nov. 3 at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The fee is \$10 per adult or \$5 per child (ages 3-17). Fee includes T-shirt, drink and snack.

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

### Toys For Tots Skate

The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will stage its 2007 Christmas exhibition to benefit Toys For Tots from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each skater will provide their own music and choreographed program for 90 seconds.

Bring one unwrapped toy for a donation and admission.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

### Stevenson practices

Official practice begins for the Livonia Blue gymnastics team from 3-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 at Churchill High School. Stevenson hockey try-outs also will be held from 5-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 at Devon-Aire Ice Arena.

All athletes must have a current physical exam dated on or after April 15, 2007, in order to participate.

For more information, call the Stevenson athletic office at (734) 744-2894 or e-mail Lori Hyman at [lyman@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:lyman@livonia.k12.mi.us).

## Close shave Spartans fend off Wildcats, 27-21

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

In a game that was capped by four of the wildest, drama-packed, comeback-filled minutes imaginable Friday night, unbeaten and No. 4-ranked Livonia Stevenson survived against never-say-die Plymouth.

Led by a junior back-up quarterback who's been chomping at the bit all season to show his stuff, and a defense that registered big plays when it absolutely had to, the host Spartans persevered against the Wildcats, 27-21, in a Division 1 pre-district contest played in mild, misty

conditions. The 10-0 Spartans, whose most recent postseason victory came 13 years ago against Howell, meets Novi (9-1) at 7 p.m. this Friday night in a district final. Novi advanced with a 13-9 triumph Friday night over Livonia Churchill.

Plymouth closed out first-year head coach Mike Sawchuk's first season with a 6-4 record – and a serious dose of respect from those in attendance Friday night.

"I absolutely knew this was going to be a dogfight," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "I thought

Please see SPARTANS, B2



Stevenson quarterback Jacob Gudeman tries to elude the grasp of Plymouth's Andrew Saunders (18) and Spencer Tobin (29).

## Novi's goal line stand staves off Churchill, 13-9

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

On a very wet Friday night at Novi, Livonia Churchill came within inches of raining on the Wildcats' prep football playoff parade.

Novi junior linebacker Pat Favorite stopped Churchill's Daran Carey just inches short of the goal line with 8:45 left, and the Vikings toughed out a narrow 13-9 Division I-Region 4-District 1 playoff win.

"We thought we had a good plan and we were playing hard," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said afterward. "(But) we made two big mistakes in the first half, and when you're playing a good defense like Novi's, you can't afford to do that."

The victory sends Novi (9-1) to the district final Friday against unbeaten

Livonia Stevenson (10-0), who likewise fought off a challenge from a decided underdog in posting a 27-21 win over Plymouth (6-4).

But it comes only after a tense second half Friday, when the Vikings built a 13-0 lead only to watch Churchill battle back after the break.

The Chargers (7-3) tried an inside kick to start the second half. Novi recovered, but promptly fumbled on the first play, a miscue recovered by senior linebacker Joe DiCicco. That Churchill drive stalled at the Novi 6-yard-line, but it helped Churchill win a field position battle.

After Novi was forced to punt, Churchill's Matt Kowalis (12 carries, 69 yards) rumbled 47 yards to cap a 50-yard, six-play drive that pulled the Chargers within 13-7. A safety on Novi's next possession made it 13-9.

The Chargers took the ensuing kickoff at the Novi 49 and worked their way downfield. It appeared the Wildcats had stopped Churchill when quarterback Grant Morgan's pass fell harmlessly incomplete. But the Wildcats were flagged for pass interference, giving Churchill new life at the Novi 3.

But with 8:45 left in the game, Favorite stuffed Carey just shy of a touchdown.

"I thought he was close, and I just grabbed him and pulled him back as hard as I could," Favorite said. "I got some help from my teammates, but I was pulling as hard as I could."

Filiatraut said the play was designed to go wide, but Carey saw an opening upfield.

"We thought we could get to the edge, but (Carey) cut it up," the coach said. "It was a good running back decision, but

(Favorite) just made the play."

Churchill had one last shot, but Novi's Garrett Green intercepted a halfback option pass with 5:10 remaining, and Novi ran out the clock.

Novi's Arshaun Hall gave the Wildcats a 7-0 lead with a five-yard touchdown run with 4:38 left in the first quarter, and the Wildcats scored 44 seconds into the second quarter (a one-yard run by quarterback Mark Heard) for the 13-0 lead.

Hall, a 5-11 senior running back, finished with 80 yards on 27 carries.

Neither team had much success running the ball - Novi 38-for-89 and Churchill 38-for-89.

The Wildcats had 88 in the air to Churchill's 76 and led in first downs, 10-7.

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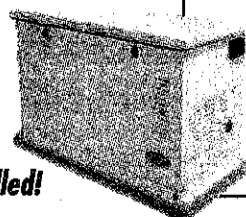
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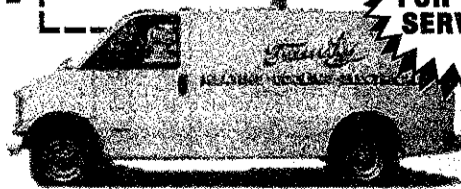
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**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
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**Saturday, Nov. 3 at WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
**First round:** (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Romulus, 10 a.m.; (C) Garden City vs. (D) Belleville, 10 a.m.  
**Semifinals:** Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m.; Ypsilanti vs. C-D winner, 11:30 a.m.  
**Championship final:** 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Westland John Glenn vs. Saline district champion.)  
**Friday, Nov. 2 at LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
**First round:** (A) Redford Thurston vs. (B) Farmington, 4 p.m.; (C) Livonia Stevenson vs. (D) Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.  
**Semifinals:** Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Redford Thurston vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.  
**Championship final:** 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Novi vs. White Lake Lakeland district champion.)  
**CLASS B**  
**at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE**  
**Thursday, Nov. 1:** (A) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (B) Detroit Southwestern, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Nov. 2:** Livonia Ladywood vs. A-B winner, 4:30 p.m.; Detroit Chadsey vs. Detroit Renaissance, 6 p.m.  
**Championship final:** 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Carleton-Airport vs. New Boston Huron district champion.)  
**CLASS D**  
**Saturday, Nov. 3 at LUTHERAN WESTLAND**  
**First round:** (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. (B) Taylor Light & Light Christian, 9:30 a.m.  
**Semifinals:** Taylor Baptist Park vs. Newport Lutheran South, 11 a.m.; Lutheran Westland vs. A-B winner, 12:30 p.m.  
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**Tuesday, Oct. 30**  
 Ladywood at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
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**Friday, Nov. 2**  
 WLAA Meet prelims at Salem, 2:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
 WLAA finals at Salem, noon.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 30**  
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Nov. 1**  
 Madonna at Warner Southern (Fla.), TBA.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
 Owens Tech (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.  
 Madonna at Grace College (Ind.), 1 p.m.  
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**Friday, Nov. 2**  
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**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
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**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Thursday, Nov. 1**  
 Whalers at Niagara (N.Y.), IceDogs, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
 Whalers at Erie (Pa.), Otters, 7:30 p.m.  
**MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
 Detroit Ignition vs. Philadelphia KIXX at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.  
**TBA - time to be announced.**

**SPARTANS**

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our kids played with a lot of pride tonight and I was happy with the way they hung in there.

"We've won a lot of games by wide margins this season and now we've had two games in a row in which the score has been close and we haven't panicked. We didn't close it out real well, but I think that's part of the learning process."

Facing late-game, uphill scenarios that may have forced lesser teams to pack it in, the Wildcats kept clawing and nearly wiped out 20-7 and 27-14 deficits in the contest's final four minutes.

"The most important thing our entire coaching staff tried to instill in these kids from the very first day was that you can't quit - you have to keep battling - both on and off the football field," Sawchuk said.

Stevenson played without starting senior quarterback Mitchell White, who was injured early in last week's 14-0 victory over Brighton.

In stepped junior Jacob Gudeman, who brushed off a few early-game jitters to complete 11-of-20 passes for 175 yards and a TD. He also may have earned the nickname Jake "The Snake" by slithering out of several near sacks and rushing for 37 yards.

"I've been a starter my whole life before this year, so I was happy to get a chance to start

tonight," Gudeman said. "I was a little nervous early in the game, but Mitchell (White) and coach Gabel helped me calm down. It took me a little while to get into my groove."

The scoreless first quarter was monopolized for the most part by both teams' defenses. Stevenson drove to Plymouth's 23 on its initial possession, but was turned back when Wade Stahl was stopped for no gain by Connor Martin on a fourth-and-two play.

The scoreboard was lit up for the first time with 8:30 left in the first half when Austin White - Mitchell's younger brother - hauled in a 3-yard scoring pass from Gudeman, climaxing a 10-play, 66-yard drive. Jonny Myschock's point after - his first of three on the night - made it 7-0.

Plymouth evened the count at 7-all with 1:32 remaining in the half when running back Myron Puryear finished off an eight-play march with a 2-yard scoring plunge. Michael Korona tacked on the first of his three PATs. The drive was set up by Ronnie Goble's fumble recovery at the Stevenson 35.

Taking over at its 20 with 92 ticks left in the half, Stevenson appeared to regain the advantage on the first play of its next drive when Gudeman and Austin White hooked up on an 80-yard scoring strike. However, the TD was called back due to a holding penalty.

Undaunted, Gudeman rifled a perfectly thrown spiral

six plays later to Stahl, who sprinted through the heart of the Plymouth defense to complete a 33-yard TD pass with just 23 seconds showing on the first-half clock.

"Momentum-wise, that was a big play for us, but it was probably better for us because it helped us overcome the mistake we made on the touchdown that was called back," Gabel said.

Trailing 14-7 mid-way through the third quarter, Plymouth moved deep into Stevenson territory thanks to a 33-yard run by Puryear.

On the ensuing play, sophomore speedster Jernarian Caldwell got the edge and raced into the end zone from 23 yards out, however, a holding penalty negated the play. Three incompletions and a punt later, the Spartans took over at its own 14.

Sparked by a 21-yard gallop by Austin White, the Spartans marched 86 yards on nine plays and upped their lead to 20-7 on a dazzling 13-yard run to pay dirt by White. The extra point was aborted due to a low snap, leaving the score at 20-7.

Following an exchange of punts, Stevenson junior defensive back Mark Grisa thwarted a Plymouth drive when he picked off a pass at the Spartan 2.

Plymouth's defense forced a three-and-out, which gave their offensive mates the ball at the Stevenson 24. Three plays later, senior back-up quarterback C.J. Gregory con-

nected with Martin on a 12-yard TD pass with 3:35 left to cut Plymouth's deficit to 20-14.

Stevenson appeared to put the game on ice with 54 seconds to play when Stahl took a reverse hand-off 54 yards to the end zone to make it 27-14.

However, Plymouth responded 22 seconds later when Gregory lofted a perfect pass to Alexander Minch who sprinted past the Spartans' secondary to finish off a 59-yard TD, bringing the 'Cats to within 22-21.

Stevenson's Steve Eideh sealed the win when he pounced on an onside kick at the 30.

Austin White led the winners' ground game with 81 yards on 18 carries. Senior Myles White, Mitchell's twin brother and the older sibling of Austin, caught three passes for 60 yards. Stahl was dangerous all night, gaining 79 yards on seven carries while catching a pair of passes for 44 yards.

Puryear closed out a fine senior year with 122 yards on 24 attempts. Plymouth starting quarterback Matt Skubik was 4-of-12 for 42 yards while Gregory finished 3-of-8 for 80 yards and two TDs.

"We knew after watching the film that we could play with them," Sawchuk said. "They were a little bit bigger than us and they made a couple more plays than we did, that's all there was to it."

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**Coaches wanted**

Westland John Glenn is seeking a ninth-grade and JV girls basketball coach for the 2007-08 season. For more information, call Glenn athletic administrator Brian Swinehart at (734) 419-2311; or e-mail him at swinehartb@wwcs.k12.mi.us.

Livonia Clarenceville High School has a coaching opening for

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**PATRIOTS**

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he fumbled three times, losing two.

"It feels great," Fortin said of the arm. "But I was getting mad. I promised the team I wouldn't fumble again. I lost it three times. I don't like to make excuses, but the first one the ball was a little wet. I feel fresh actually. I've got to hand it to my linemen - that's where it all starts. My line blocked perfectly."

Franklin trailed 15-0 with 7:35 remaining in the third quarter after Monroe's Jessie Johnson scored on a 41-yard touchdown run followed by

quarterback Willie Johnson's two-point pass to Ben Nortario off an extra-point fake.

But the Patriots showed some resilience, getting their offense untracked on the ensuing series by marching 85 yards in eight plays capped by quarterback Jesse Carpenter's 19-yard TD pass to Israel Woolfork. Carpenter then converted the point-after to close the gap to 15-7 with 2:03 remaining in the third.

On the first play of the fourth-quarter, Franklin's defense came up with a key stop on fourth-and-inches at the Monroe 44 when linebacker Pat Cecile tackled Jessie Johnson short of the first down marker.

Franklin capitalized on its good field position came up with Fortin gains of 10, 6, 21 and 6 resulting in another TD with 9:07 remaining in the game. Carpenter, who was 10-of-18 for 131 yards, then rolled out and hit the 6-foot-4 Woolfork on a two-point pass to even the count at 15-11.

After Monroe went three-and-out, Franklin took an 18-15 lead with only 4:34 to go in regulation when Carpenter booted a 25-yard field goal.

Monroe, however, answered as Willie Johnson came up with two big passes, including a 10-yard to Brandyn Harris, on fourth-and-eight, to set up a 19-yard field by goal by Fred Nielsen with only 1:51 to go to make it 18-18.

Things then got a little crazy in the final 1:23.

Fortin busted through the line, shielded a pair of Trojan tacklers, and raced 67 yards for a TD with only 1:12 remaining and Carpenter's PAT gave Franklin a 25-18 advantage.

But on this soggy night, no lead appeared to be safe as Monroe's Jon Carribino

returned the kickoff 47 yards to the Franklin 44 and two plays later, Willie Johnson hit Alex Russo for a 22-yard TD pass with only 38.6 seconds left to send the game into OT (following Nielsen's PAT).

In the first OT, with each team getting four downs from the 10-yard line, Monroe scored on first down as Willie Johnson connected with Harris out of the backfield, while Franklin needed a clutch fourth down pass from Carpenter to Cole Kelly. (Both teams made the point-after to knot the count at 32-all.)

In the second OT, Franklin got the ball first as Fortin went 6 and then 4 yards (carrying tacklers into the end zone) for a score.

With a 39-32 advantage, Monroe responded with Willie Johnson's 5-yard TD run on third down.

The Trojans then lined up for the extra point and Franklin was called offside, putting the ball inside the 2. The subsequent snap from center sailed high and Willie Johnson couldn't corral it. The junior picked up the loose ball and rolled out to his left, but couldn't find an open receiver in the end zone. His pass was batted down by Carpenter and the Patriots stormed onto the field in jubilation.

"This is the biggest thing I've experienced either playing or coaching," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said, "And I played in a state championship game. Just the way it we started the game, I just didn't know. But this group of kids refused to stop playing."

Monroe, which ended its season at 8-1 and was the top seed in Region 4, outgained the Patriots slightly in total offense, 392-386.

Following the loss, Monroe

coach Greg Hudkins questioned officials as they were leaving the field following the muffed extra point attempt.

"I thought one of their guys jumped offside, but I don't want to take anything away from Franklin," said Hudkins, who coached five seasons at Livonia Clarenceville. "We were kicking it (the final extra point). It was not designed to go for two. It was a bad snap. But if it was offside, I'll just flip out because then I would have gone for two and the win."

Fortin's performance, meanwhile, was extraordinary to say the least after missing a huge chunk of the season.

"I had to pull him many times off the sideline," Kelbert said. "His desire to get back on the field was so intense. That built-in frustration came out tonight. As far as our game plan, he was 'the' run game. Did I know it was going to work that well? No, I can't say I thought it would be like that."

Fortin had 238 of the Patriots' 235 net yards rushing.

"I got a little winded, but I feel I'm getting back in shape," he said. "I've been waiting all too long."

Franklin's offense sputtered in the first half as Monroe took a 7-0 lead just before the half ended when Harris broke loose 80 yards for a TD with only 34.4 seconds to go.

"This game was an example of our whole season - the first half we come out slowly and come on later," said Kelbert, whose Patriots are 6-4 overall. "We couldn't do it right the first half. We made some adjustments, but it was an attitude speech, not Xs-and-Os. We had to get our heads up and keep playing the second half."

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# Rocks outlast Glenn spikers in 5

Westland John Glenn's Brittany Holbrook had a "monster night," but it wasn't enough Wednesday as the host Rockets fell in five games on Senior Night to Salem in a WLA-Lakes Division girls volleyball match.

Holbrook racked up 30 kills, 19 digs, five blocks and three ace serves, but Salem prevailed by rallying in the final two games by scores of 25-21, 22-25, 23-25, 25-13, 15-8.

The visiting Rocks improved to 33-12-2 overall and finish 6-4 in the division, while Glenn falls to 19-9-4 overall and 3-7.

"This was the last game of the regular season, we really wanted to send our seniors out on a winning note tonight," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "We came out fired up and ready to play, and were able to maintain a lot of that emotion through the night, especially the second and third games."

Glenn senior outside hitter Kirstin Kirk finished with 56 digs and four kills, while senior libero Aranda Phare had 29 digs.

Junior outside hitter Stacey Truskowski added 10 kills, five aces, one block

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and 15 digs, while freshman hitter Halie Baker had eight kills and six blocks.

"You have to give a lot of credit to Salem - they didn't panic and wore us down in Games 4 and 5," Wargo said. "I think we played some of our best volleyball of the season tonight. Right now, everybody is contributing and that is going to make us a better team in the end."

**CHURCHILL 3, W.L. CENTRAL 0:** Setters Kristy DeClercq and Kayla Johnston combined for 37 assist-to-kills Wednesday as WLA-Lakes Division champion Livonia Churchill (37-2-3, 10-0) defeated Walled Lake Central in three games, 25-12, 25-16, 25-20.

Top attackers for the Chargers included Kyndra Abron, who finished with 19 kills; Kristen Nalez, eight kills; Shari Zakalowski, five kills; and Jaclyn Gribeck, four kills.

Kathryn Krupsky and Lindsey Graciak led in digs with nine each, while Brianna Schmanky, Katelyn Matz and Rachel Elery turned in strong all-around games, according to coach Mark Grenier.

**W.L. NORTHERN 3, STEVENSON 1:** In a WLA-Lakes Division match Wednesday, host Walled Lake Northern came away with a victory over Livonia Stevenson (18-18-3, 4-6) in four games, 21-25,

25-13, 25-18, 25-21.

Senior Jordan Pilut led the Spartans' defense with 20 digs, while Stephanie Labby and Christine Armstrong chipped in with 18 and 17, respectively. Setter Katie Vellucci finished with 31 assists.

Junior Brooke Knochel contributed 12 kills, while Kaylee McGrath and Meg Iafate added nine and seven, respectively. Labby also had six kills.

Iafate also collected four blocks, while McGrath recorded three.

**CANTON 3, FRANKLIN 0:** The Chiefs (27-10-1, 9-1) wrapped up the WLA-Lakes Division crown Wednesday night with a 25-16, 22-25, 25-13, 25-16 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin (7-23, 2-8).

Ashley Price and Brianna Taylor led the Patriots with nine kills apiece, while Brittany Taylor added seven.

Libero Amy McGaughey paced the defense with 20 digs, while Amanda Borieo added eight.

**PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE 0:** In a WLA-Lakes Division match Wednesday, the host Wildcats (29-8-5, 7-3) downed Wayne Memorial (1-23, 0-10) in three games, 25-18, 25-15, 25-11.

The Zebras' Kristen Miller and Emily Rudy recorded four and three blocks, respectively.

In Monday's 25-10, 25-10, 25-14 loss at home to divisional champion Canton, Katie Badrak was Wayne's leading hitter, while recent JV call-up Brandi Pietruszka led the defense.

# MU spikers pull off upset vs. reigning NAIA champs

The Madonna University women's volleyball team pulled rank Friday night in the Crusader Classic, upsetting reigning NAIA National champion and fourth-ranked National American (S.D.) in four games, 30-28, 30-23, 22-30, 30-26, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Lubovj Tihomirova led the Crusaders, now 27-8 overall, with 20 kills.

Mary McGinnis and

Whitney Fuelling contributed 12 and nine each in the win over NAU.

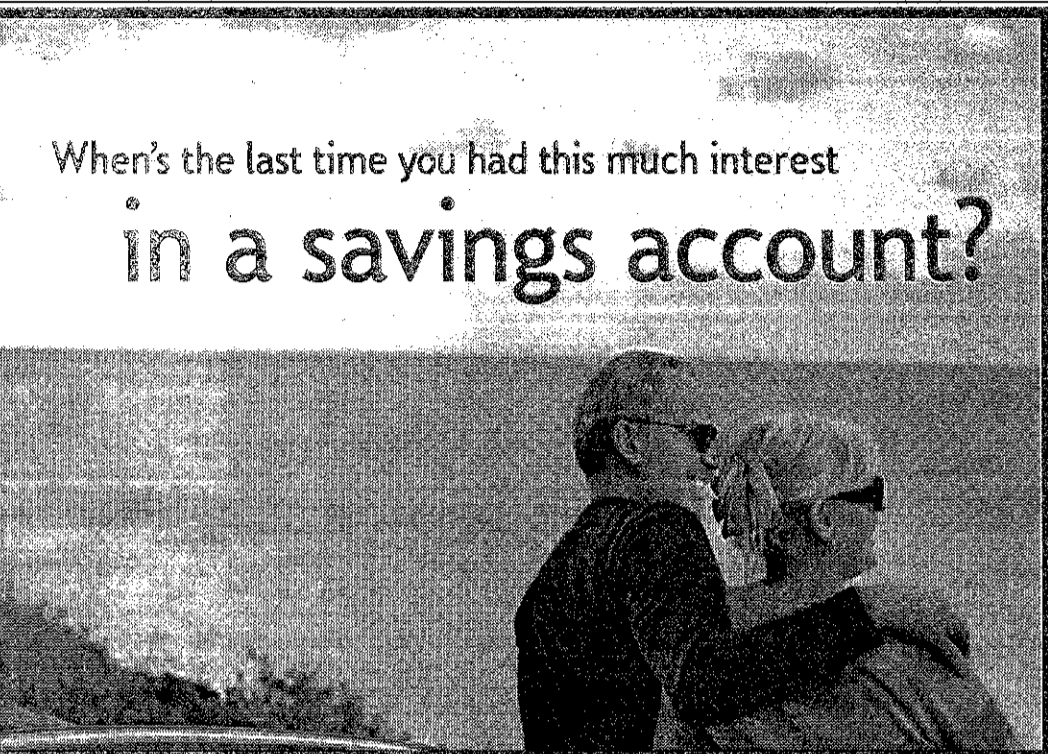
Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill), Brynn Kerr (Churchill/Schoolcraft College) and Amy Szymanski (Redford/Livonia Ladywood) led the defense with 12 digs apiece.

Thais Batistella led three NAU players in double figures in kills with 24 kills, while Leslie DaSilva had 65 assists

as the Mavericks fell to 19-7 overall. The Crusaders, who also went five games to beat 23-6 Walsh College (Ohio) earlier in the day, 30-24, 30-27, 27-30, 20-30, 17-15.

Tihomirova led the offensive attack again with 28 kills, while McGinnis added 19.

Gatt had a team-high 28 digs, while Kerr added nine. Setter Inta Grinvalds finished with 63 assists.



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### PREP GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 110 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 75 Oct. 25 at John Glenn**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Savannah Hatt, Isabella Deglilio), 1:57.45; 2. John Glenn (Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson, Jordan Burgess, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:02.33; 3. Stevenson, 2:07.97.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Laura Timson (LS), 2:00.12; 2. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 2:10.04; 3. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 2:15.19.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Sells (WJG), 2:15.58; 2. Hatt (LS), 2:17.94; 3. Peterson (WJG), 2:22.81.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Marecki (LS), 25.89; 2. Burgess (WJG), 26.59; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 27.77.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 174.20 points; 2. Katy Harris (WJG), 157.60; 3. Jannie Humbach (WJG), 145.40.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Sells (WJG), 1:00.59; 2. Hatt (LS), 1:03.00; 3. Dolinski (LS), 1:05.88.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Marecki (LS), 54.71; 2. Gordon (LS), 55.83; 3. Burgess (WJG), 57.07.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Peterson (WJG), 5:34.48; 2. Sparks (WJG), 5:42.2; 3. Blake Holtz (LS), 5:48.01.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Timson, B. Holtz, Hatt, Marecki), 1:47.58; 2. John Glenn

(Jacquelyn Hewitt, Fielhauer, Sparks, Kim Raley), 1:51.4; 3. Stevenson, 1:51.77.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:08.04; 2. Catherine Moeller (LS), 1:10.19; 3. Caitlin O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:13.15.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Gordon (LS), 1:11.48; 2. Allison Kellahan (LS), 1:17.75; 3. Laura Holtz (LS), 1:19.22.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Timson, Dolinski, B. Holtz, Gordon), 3:50.43; 2. John Glenn (Sells, Peterson, Sparks, Burgess), 4:03.77; 3. Stevenson, 4:12.87.  
**Dual meet records:** Stevenson, 7-2 overall, 5-0 WLA-Lakes Division (clinched title outright); John Glenn, 5-3 overall, 3-2 WLA-Lakes Division.

**LIVONIA LADYWOOD 141 MONROE ST. MARY CC 42 Oct. 25 at Livonia Community Rec. Ctr.**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Ladywood (Annemarie Brinkman, Sarah Ledford, Abbie Winter, Mollie Pelon), 2:20.13.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Courtney Lyskawa (LL), 2:18.4; 2. Karl Santeiu (LL), 2:22.67; 3. Haley Jackson (LL), 2:37.87.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:33.49; 2. Pelon (LL), 2:42.67; 3. Winter (LL), 2:52.53.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Mandy Nameth (LL), 28.01; 3. Jessika Hadash (LL), 33.51.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 191.65 points; 2. Emily Hadash (LL), 142.00; 3. Marlee Knuth (LL), 129.70.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Brinkman (LL), 1:13.63; 2. Winter (LL), 1:19.36; 3. Jackson (LL), 1:23.67.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Shannon Kelly (LL), 1:01.05; 2. Ledford (LL), 1:09.64.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Santeiu (LL), 5:59.12; 2. Lyskawa (LL), 6:13.9; 3. Pelon (LL), 6:30.97.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Ladywood (Kelly, Brianna Wilson, Nameth, Hodges), 1:49.56; 2. Ladywood (Ledford, Winter, Lyskawa, Santeiu), 2:06.41.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Wilson (LL), 1:11.18; 2. Brinkman (LL), 1:14.85.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Nameth (LL), 1:14.37; 2. Ledford (LL), 1:27.87.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Ladywood (Kelly, Santeiu, Wilson, Hodges), 4:13.44; 2. Ladywood Jackson, Pelon, Brinkman, Lyskawa), 4:33.69.  
**Ladywood's dual meet record:** 7-5 overall.

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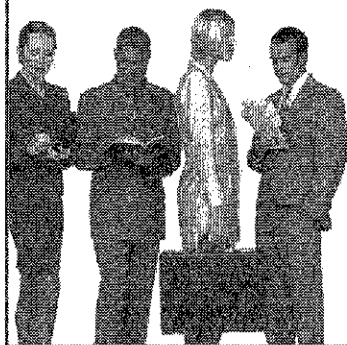
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## Monsters in the night

### Experts tell how to keep kids safe this Halloween

BY LINDA ANN CHOHIN  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Steve McGraw isn't as concerned about candy tampering this Halloween as broken bones and lacerations. As an emergency room physician, he's treated children who wore costumes hazardous to their health.

McGraw's own little princess will be wearing tennis shoes when he takes McKenna, 8, Erica, 6, Corey, 5, and Carrigan 4, trick or treating while wife Bobi stays home to hand out candy.

"The number one thing we see in the ER are injuries from kids wearing costumes that cause them to fall onto porches or steps and break bones," said Dr. Steve McGraw, an ER physician at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "It's the long flowing gowns of princess outfits and high heels that can cause injuries. Make sure they can walk easily up and down the steps of a porch. In my neighborhood I've seen kids tripping over shoes and gowns. Ninja outfits trip too."

Sgt. Debra Newsome made sure her 3-year-old son's Superman costume was fireproof. Newsome suggests parents check out the Canton Police Department's Halloween Safety Tips at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org) before letting their little ones go door to door.

Neither the Canton Police or Providence Hospital screens candy anymore because of a decline in real-life ghouls planting razor blades in goodies. Nevertheless, Newsome urges parents to look for signs of tampering or candy which could pose a choking hazard for young children.

"My son is not wearing a mask, but if their child is, make sure the eye holes are big enough to see and there is reflective tape on costumes," said Sgt. Debra Newsome, community relations coordinator for Canton Public Safety. "Parents should have a flash light and always accompany young children. One way to gauge if they're too young to go out alone is if you're not going to leave your child home alone then accompany them. Even in a group they should be accompanied by an adult."

Donna Bucciarelli plans to walk through the neighborhood with her 8-year old daughter Elena. Bucciarelli is trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Hospitals and program manager of Safety City U.S.A. which



offers classes from fire prevention to Decking Your Halls Safely (Dec. 11). For more information, call (248) 551-0100.

"Halloween is one of those days where I think people for one day of the year let their guard down. They take candy from strangers. Parents should stress never to enter a stranger's home or car to get a treat," said Donna Bucciarelli.

Although the Bucciarelli family lives in Livonia, Elena is trick or treating in Northville after performing at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio where Radio Disney will be broadcasting.

"At the dance studio she'll be a pirate but for the night she'll be in a witch costume," said Bucciarelli. "My husband and I will be with her making sure her costume is not dragging, she has the right shoes to wear, not on roller blades or wheelies. She doesn't have a mask. I worry about masks that might be sharp and if you fall could gash or poke an eye or they could get hurt on witch brooms or devil spears if they did trip and fall."

Like Newsome, Bucciarelli made sure Elena's costume is flame resistant. Decorative contact lenses are forbidden. Bucciarelli says older kids

like to change their eye color but don't realize an improper fit or lack of hygiene could cause an infection or corneal abrasion which could lead to blindness.

"We put candles in our pumpkins, luminaries on the walk ways. Anything that's flowing, a cape or edge of a gown could catch fire," said Bucciarelli. "If something does catch fire, tell children don't run; that feeds the fire. Stop, drop and roll."

While Halloween can be hazardous so can the activities leading up to the fun night.

Bucciarelli warns about the danger of carving pumpkins and suggests parents involve their children in drawing a design on paper or cleaning out seeds. She offers safety tips at [www.beaumont-hospitals.com](http://www.beaumont-hospitals.com), click on news then the press page.

"I tell my daughter to stay on sidewalks and walk ways. She could trip over a sprinkler hose," said Bucciarelli. "It's so dark on Halloween because it's at night when it's spooky."

To prevent anyone from getting lost in the dark, McGraw tells his children to meet at the last house on the corner at the end of each block. Over the years he's seen frost nipped fingers and ears

in the ER on Halloween night even when children were out collecting candy for only a couple hours.

"My kids wear long john underwear like they would wear sledding. I always bring mittens and an extra hat, a blanket, and a wagon in case someone gets tired," said McGraw. "I stand with other dads at end of the walk very near the children to prevent kids from venturing off the sidewalk and into the road. With the flashlights it makes it easier for me to keep an eye on them. On Halloween in the ER we see various types of trauma, automobile accidents. People need to be very careful when driving. Children should all have a flashlight to keep from being hit."

To avoid ending up in the ER after Halloween, McGraw limits his children to no more than one piece of candy per day.

"A big load of carbohydrate can constipate, cause severe cramps and they can feel nauseated," said McGraw. "My wife and I give out Snickers bars, but also boxes of raisins. We like to give out healthy foods, granola bars from bulk food places."

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Ann from Taylor e-mails asking if there's any new news out about breast cancer.

Actually, Ann, there is and it is good news. A new study found the death rate from breast cancer continues to drop steadily by about 2 percent a year. There's more good news — breast cancer rates also fell. For women over age 50, the rates fell by almost 5 percent. Experts from the American Cancer Society say women have a lower chance of dying from breast cancer than they did decades ago. They say prevention is key. Proper nutrition and exercise is critical to prevent breast cancer and any disease.

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## Tips ensure all members of the family stay safe this Halloween

Costumed strangers, loud noises and a steady stream of visitors can make Halloween festivities frightening or even dangerous for companion animals, according to the Michigan Humane Society. MHS offers the following tips to help ensure a safe Halloween season for all family members:

Along with plenty of angels, there may be vicious pranksters in the area looking to tease, steal or harm animals on Halloween. Avoid leaving animals outside except under close supervision. The Michigan Humane Society recommends keeping cats indoors at all times but it is especially important several days before and after Halloween.

A dog or cat could dart outside when the door is opened for trick-or-treaters. Consider placing your companion animal in a safe, quiet room with a favorite toy and comfortable bedding. If he is nervous or frightened, play quiet music to help minimize stress.

Make sure your dog or cat is wearing current identification at all times. The MHS recommends an ID tag affixed to his collar as well as a permanent form of ID such as a microchip. If he escapes and becomes lost, having identification greatly

increases the chance he will be returned to you.

Resist the temptation to feed an animal trick-or-treat candy and keep it out of your pet's reach. Chocolate is toxic to many animals. Also, tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

Keep animals away from lit candles and jack-o'-lanterns which can pose a serious hazard. Keep this in mind if trick-or-treating with your dog.

If you dress your companion animal for Halloween festivities, introduce the costume two or three days in advance and make sure he is not uncomfortable or stressed by it. The costume should not restrict movement, vision, hearing or the ability to breathe or bark. Costumes that cover the animal's eyes, nose or ears are not recommended.

According to a survey by Pets Supplies "Plus," 29-percent of pet owners dressed their dogs for the festivities last year. Before putting the family pet into that Superdog or Princess Pooch costume, consider these tips from Pet Supplies "Plus."

Make sure the costume has no small or dangling pieces that a dog may chew on. Elastics, plastics and other pieces are choking hazards or may cause

intestinal blockage.

Costumes must fit well. If they're too loose, dogs may trip on them. Lightweight fabrics are best to prevent overheating. Remember dogs have thick fur coats and respond to temperatures differently than humans. Supervise costumed dogs at all times to ensure they stay comfortable and safe.

If you plan on walking your pet outside on Halloween, Petland in Westland suggests owners take their stroll before dark, keep their dog on a shorter-than-normal leash and away from groups of children and other pets. Petland agrees with MHS about keeping chocolate away from pets. Chocolate contains theobromine which in large quantities can be fatal to pets. 10-ounces of milk chocolate and considerably less of unsweetened baking chocolate can be a lethal dose for small pets, especially those weighing 20-pounds or less. Donna Kurdziel, Petland's owner, says to call your veterinarian immediately if the animal has eaten chocolate.

For more information about companion animal health and safety, visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) or call 1-866-MHUMANE, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### OCTOBER

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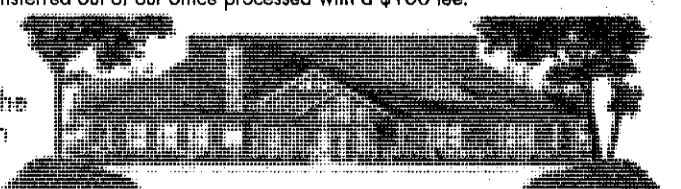
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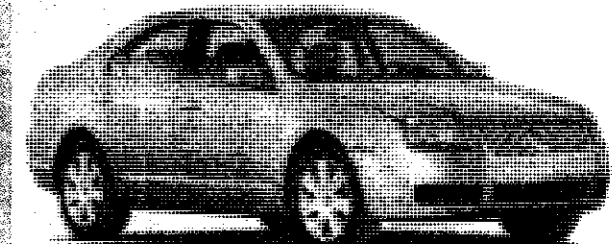
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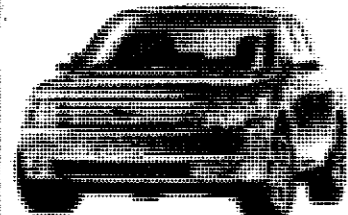
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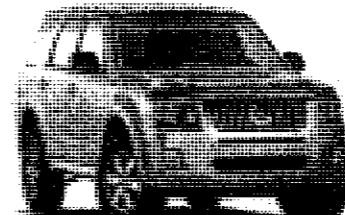
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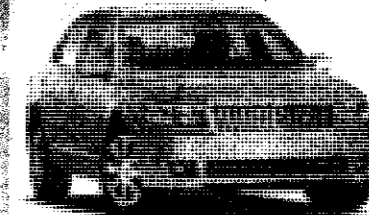
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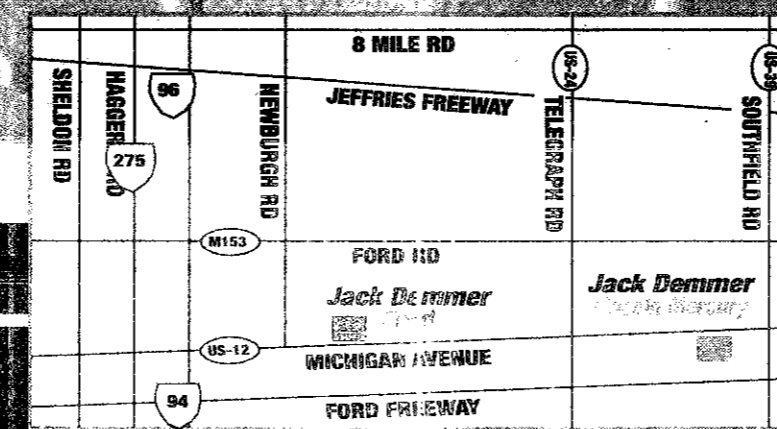
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## When children are involved, take time with relationship

I have recently become engaged to a good guy. He has two sons from a previous relationship and is looking forward to having at least two more with me. The problem is that his children are out-of-control and I do not want to have anything to do with bringing more children into this situation. We have been together for about six months and I have serious questions about his parenting skills. He is a wonderful person, but he ignores the misbehavior of his kids and wants me to do the same. I have no control over this area of our lives and it is a constant source of stress for me. Is there any hope in this situation or am I fooling myself that things will change?



**Chat Room**

Terry Wilamowski

learning about another person and deciding if a relationship is possible.

You seem to recognize this for yourself. You are concerned about his parenting skills and this is an area that needs to be addressed before you commit to a long-term relationship. What happens if you get married and then find out that he does not want to change anything about the way that he handles misbehavior? It's far better to address these issues now rather than learn to live with them later.

Talk to him and tell him your concerns. Decide as a couple what needs to be done to correct this situation and then do it. You might take parenting classes or talk to a counselor or pursue some other avenue. But the key is to do it as a couple and to do it before the relationship goes any further. In this way, you can make an informed decision about your future and what part, if any, you will play.

Do not ignore the stress that you are experiencing and do not hope that it will be all better with time ... because it won't. Only if these issues are resolved in the present can there be any hope for a future together.

My husband and I recently caught our 13-year-old son visiting "adult" Web sites. He was grounded from going online for a one month. The problem is that his computer is in his room and we can't always be sure that he is not going online when he is in his room. Do you have any advice about how we can better police his online use? I'm sure that we're not the only parents dealing with this problem.

While it is inappropriate for your son to visit these sexually explicit Web sites, it is important to remember that his curiosity and interest in sex is not. I hope that you and your husband take this opportunity to talk to him about sex and why he wanted to go to these Web sites. Talk to him about your concerns and address any questions that he may have. As awkward as this may be, I know that you want him to get this type of information from you and not from some adult Web site.

Once this line of communication is opened, you can begin helping your son to make more appropriate online decisions. Help him to see that the following suggestions are to help him make these kinds of choices and are not meant as a punishment for him. These suggestions may also keep him safe from online predators.

To begin, I would activate the parental controls available through your internet provider. These can be customized to your son's age and may even provide you with a regular report card listing all Web sites visited.

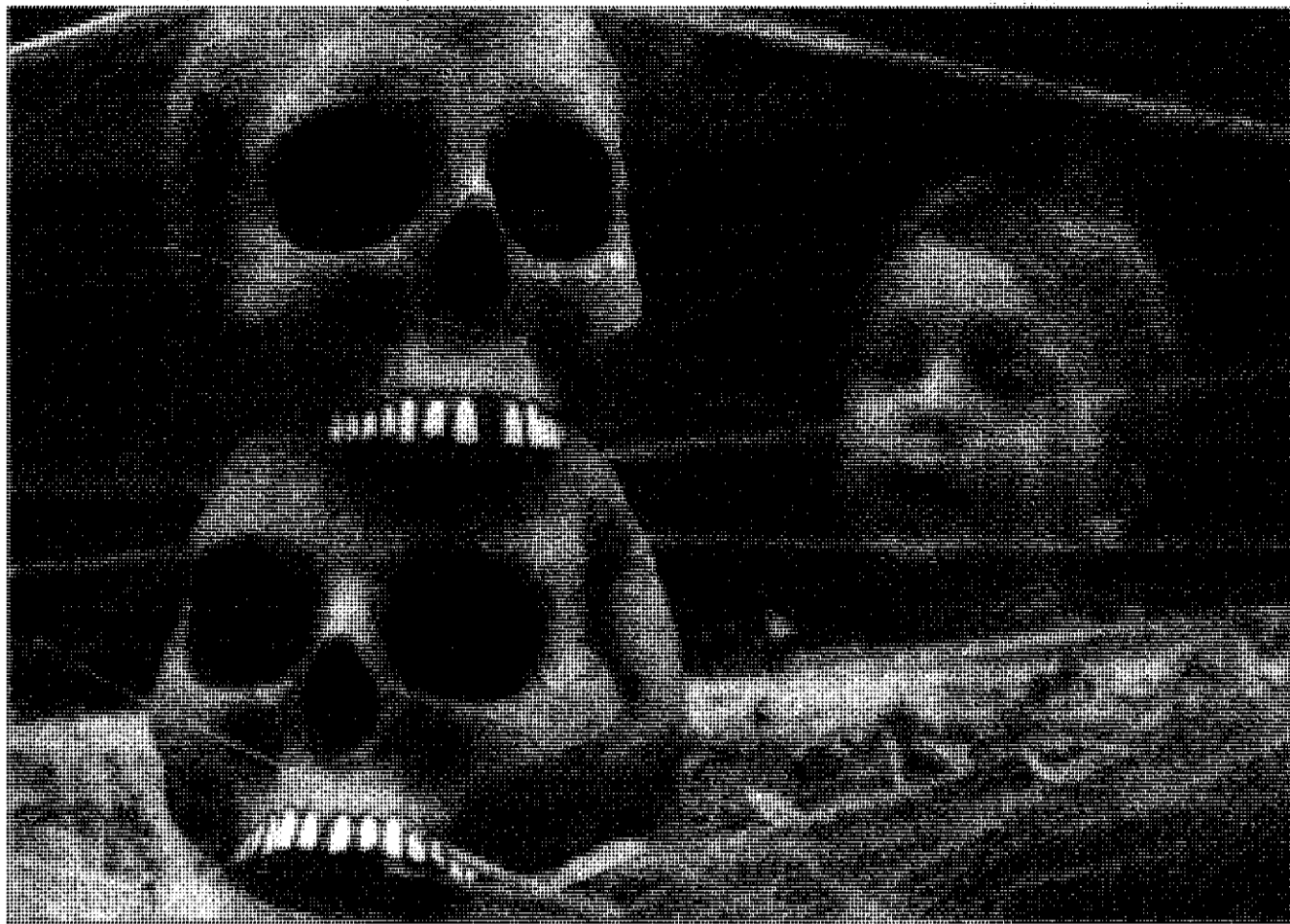
In addition, I would encourage you to relocate his computer to a more public area of the home. By placing it outside of his private space, he may feel less secure that his online activity will be unobserved and may be less inclined to risk visiting inappropriate sites. It is also important that you actually come into the room while he is online to create the idea that he is being supervised. Do not follow a pattern but rather come in randomly to let him know that you can and will pop in unannounced.

Finally, I suggest that you keep talking to him about this as well as anything else that comes up. The best method for keeping a young person out of trouble is to engage them and let them know that you care for them and will be there for them if and when they need you. The earlier that this communication is established, the more effective it will be.

As much as your son may protest these changes, tell him that they are a non-negotiable part of his continued online use. Remind him that these measures are not a punishment but rather supportive actions intended to help him to make better online choices. These measures, especially the communication, may also increase the positive decisions that he makes in the real world as well.

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## Homeowners spare no expense on Halloween decorations



Logan Piendzia isn't scared of spooky skulls in his front yard on Brown Court in the Marquette and Henry Ruff area of Garden City.

# Looking for a good SCARE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER



The Piendzia home in Garden City turns scary this time of year.

The last week of September, kids on the school bus start looking for the monsters in Jim and Wilma Stoops' yard on Hanford, between Ridge and Beck. It's not unusual for the driver to stop the vehicle to look at the decorations as Halloween creeps closer.

Some of the ghouls do scare passers-by but the majority were intended to make the holiday fun. For those looking for a good scare, homes in Garden City, Livonia and every community in between display graveyard scenes, scarecrows and pumpkins all aglow. Like many of the decorators, Jim Stoops started creating the characters in September from old clothes and straw. Stoops displayed his first monster about 16 years ago after moving into the Canton home built in 1898. This year, fog machines boil over cauldrons as dead bodies lay on the ground near a headless horseman. The newest acquisition is a carriage pulled by two horses with a macabre scene inside. While the plastic decoration was purchased, Stoops makes most



A mummy stands on the Stoops' front porch on Hanford, between Ridge and Beck.

Please see **SCARE, C4**

## Orchestra benefit spotlights ballroom dancing

### BALLROOM BRILLIANCE

**What:** A benefit for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra featuring ballroom dancing performances  
**When:** Friday, Nov. 16, doors open at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails and browsing silent auction items, dinner at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Tickets:** \$60, call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Rose Kachnowski only had to look at her television to come up with a theme for this year's Livonia Symphony Orchestra benefit. The craze over Dancing with the Stars inspired the event's chairwoman to create an evening around ballroom dancing.

On Friday, Nov. 16, LSO supporters will be treated to dinner, a silent auction and dance performances during Ballroom Brilliance at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"We've built in one set of dancing near the end in case people want to dance. It's not a dinner dance,

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Anja Walthall kicks up her heels on the dance floor.



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# Gala to raise funds for hospital renovations

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

It's true this year St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual gala is jam packed with entertainment and gourmet food, but more importantly it's all for a good cause - the Behavioral Medicine Department. As vice president of the hospital's foundation, Richard DeLoof is leading the way to renovate the area that provides inpatient care for those battling chemical dependency and mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, prolonged grief and loss issues, and schizophrenia. An intensive outpatient program offers treatment for addictions as well.

"It's a great plus for our patients," said Richard DeLoof. "We look to improving the health of patients."

Kelly Domagal used the hospital's inpatient rehabilitation unit as a guideline to envision the space which is sensitive to patients' emotional and physical needs. She then met with an interior designer to update every aspect of the Behavioral Medicine department including furnishings.

"We're using the newest products - a vinyl floor with grips to prevent falls," said Kelly Domagal, director of the Behavioral Medicine Department and an R.N. "The day room where most general activities takes place, we're making it more



The Rhythm Society Orchestra plays music to dance the night away at a gala to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

homelike. This is where group therapy and interactions occur. We'll have an occupational workshop with tables to adapt to wheelchairs and we're creating an interview room for therapy."

"Presently our inpatient is 70-percent occupancy. We would like to go to 90 percent. Inpatient mental health has been growing five years but especially the last year. Detroit Riverview closed and the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital and there's an

urgency to have more beds available. St. Mary's wants to utilize more beds. We're licensed for 31, but average about 22. We need for it to be more comfortable and therapeutic for patients."

Domagal estimates the entire renovation at \$900,000.

The first phase begins at the end of the year and should cost between \$450,000 to \$500,000. DeLoof is counting on the gala to raise over \$150,000 just like last year. In the

past galas and golf outings supported improvements in cardiovascular and oncology services.

The hospital currently is running a capital campaign to provide the latest care in these areas so DeLoof looked for a new cause.

For several years, proceeds from the galas went to fund the hospital's new cancer center which opened in late September.

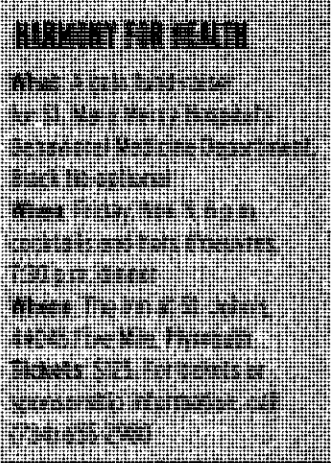
"We started driver's license evaluation about one month ago (outpatient



Naz Edwards performs songs from Funny Girl, Hello Dolly, Follies, South Pacific, and The King and I at the 15th annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Gala.

for substance abuse). We have new medication to get off of illegal drugs, Vivitrol injections for alcoholics. New services create needs," said Domagal. "We serve uninsured and under insured in our area. Most health insurance covers only 50-percent of mental health and chemical dependency. We limit the amount of treatment people can receive. Research shows these are brain disorders and treatment works. Most are chronic conditions and require ongoing treatments."

Katherine Daudlin is making sure the gala is a success so patients can receive the mental health and substance abuse care



they need. Naz Edwards sings songs from musicals during dinner. Edwards has performed in Broadway shows including Zorba with Anthony Quinn. Since moving to Michigan, she has appeared in productions at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield and the Performance Network in Ann Arbor where she can be seen in Souvenir, a play opening in January.

"We have a new entertainment format with music by the Rhythm Society Orchestra and Naz Edwards," said Katherine Daudlin. "This is our first year at St. John's where they opened the ballroom two years ago. There will be dancing after dinner, and they've created special appetizers for us at the cocktail hour."

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## Livonia Turkey Trot to raise funds for Christmas dinners

Livonia's Department of Parks and Recreation holds a Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 3, and it's all for a good cause. Join the crowd in walking and running to help the less fortunate. All proceeds and canned food donations will be given to the Livonia Goodfellows organization, which will provide needy families in Livonia with a Christmas dinner.

Anyone that brings in nonperishable items will receive a ticket and be entered into a raffle.

The Livonia Turkey Trot begins at Bicentennial Park at Seven Mile and Wayne roads. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 3-17). Fee includes T-shirt, drink and snack.

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

## Habitat for Humanity holds annual fund-raiser

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County presents its Building Houses, Building Hope Gala Saturday, Nov. 3, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Proceeds from the Gala helps build safe, decent and affordable homes for qualified Habitat partner families in the community.

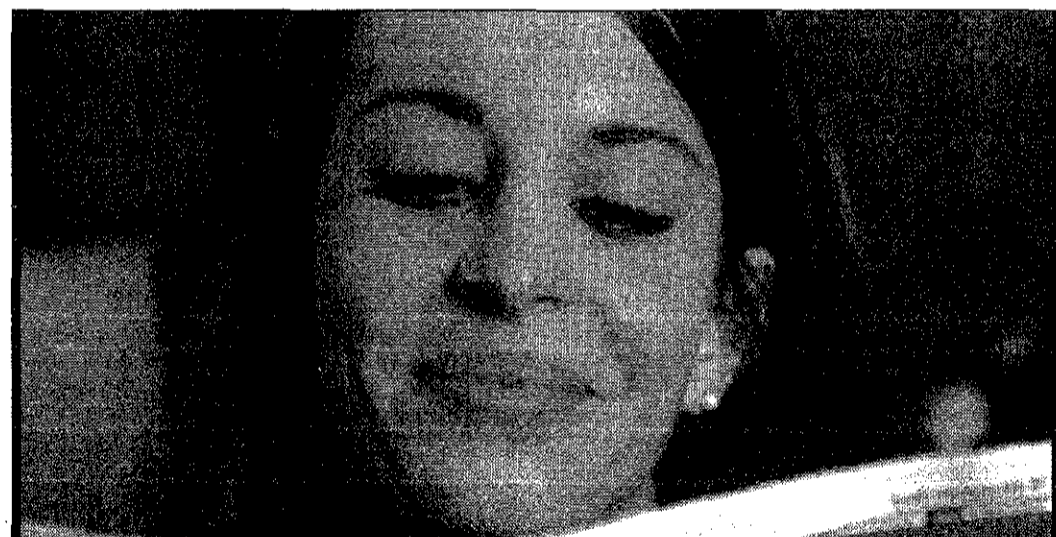
Along with a dinner prepared by award-winning culinary arts chefs, the evening features a silent auction, vol-

unteer awards presentation and music by the Keith Malinowski Jazz band. Robin Sullivan of The Praise Company (103.5 FM WMUZ) and Emmy Award winning anchor, Glenda Lewis of WXYZ TV Channel 7 News will host the event. The Gala is the affiliate's largest annual fund-raiser. Tickets are \$100 per person, \$150 per couple. Corporate sponsorship packages range from \$800 to \$10,000.

The nonprofit is currently collecting donations for the silent auction and

items for give-away bags. For more information and tickets, call (734) 459-7744 or visit [www.habitatwcc.org](http://www.habitatwcc.org)

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but people will definitely be invited to join pros on the floor at the end after they put on a wonderful show," said Rose Kachnowski of Livonia. "It's a concert with dancers, a sit down dinner and silent auction with musically oriented items like wines with names like Symphony. We try to put a musical twist on everything in the silent auction. The orchestra's music will all be dance orientated with tangos, rhumbas. These are all professional dancers or very good dancers doing this."

Anja Walthall and partner Tom Desjardin twirl through a waltz, cha cha, Viennese waltz, and quick step before the night is done. Walthall first stepped onto the dance floor 30 years ago. "I got bit by the disco bug and before I knew it I was competing and on Dance Fever. There are competitions everywhere every weekend," said Anja Walthall who teaches dance privately in Livonia. "I have a lot of students who dance for pleasure because it's something wonderful to do with your spouse or as a single to meet people. Ballroom dancing is mentally and physically demanding so it keeps you young and healthy."

Walthall says the craze over ballroom dancing started back 8 to 10 years ago when it was proposed as an Olympic sport.

"There's a TV show every few years about dancing," said Walthall, 48. "So You Think You Can Dance and Dancing with the Stars brought it into the spotlight. I never miss the shows. Ballroom dancing is a throwback to when men were gentlemen and ladies, ladies and you dressed up and were active. It's a fantastic stress reliever and a social outlet, just a wonderful way to get out and be social and be fit."

Dave Michalski has been doing ballroom dancing since the 1980s for many of the same reasons. He and partner Hope Larson perform a waltz, fox trot and the up tempo Viennese waltz.

"It's just so much fun, the exercise and meeting people," said Dave Michalski, 59 of Livonia. "Once a week I dance all over town, different studios, singles dances. That's how I met my wife. She came over and said I'd like to learn that."

Michalski took up dancing about the time disco started.

"I originally started with Arthur Murray's, probably the only place teaching the disco stuff. That got me into the other dances and I was hooked," said Michalski, who's semi-retired. He works as a baker and assistant manager at Joe's Produce. "I watch Dancing with the Stars and So You Think You Can Dance all the time to see how things are progressing. They come out with new steps."

Michalski and Walthall will be joined on the dance floor for a waltz and Viennese waltz by Tom and Yvonne McCloud.

In addition to raising money from the dinner and ballroom performances, Kachnowski

said Baker's Square certificates will be sold for \$11 at the event and the Dec. 1 Santa Claus Symphony concert. \$3 out of each certificate goes to the symphony.

"We're trying to raise funds any way we can," said Kachnowski, LSO vice president of development. Kachnowski's son John and daughter Leslie play with the orchestra. "The musicians all donate services for this concert. We've had two volunteers come forth to entertain. Bob Bennett offered to play some piano music when people are coming in, and we'll have a harpist during dinner who's also donating services for the silent auction. At our concert on Saturday night (Oct. 20) my daughter donated an apple pie to go with the American theme to raise money to buy silent auction items. Our community is so lucky to have this orchestra."

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# Tail Wagger's bowl has openings for new participants on Nov. 3

Tail Waggers USA, a local animal charity, has set their main fund raising event for Saturday, Nov. 3, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. For the first time in more than 15 years, the event has openings for new participants. Squads are being held at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. and costs only \$20 which includes bowling, lunch or dinner, commemorative gift and a lot of prizes and fun. The organization has collected and donated more than three quarters of a million dollars to various animal welfare organizations and people in need over the past 17 years.

Pre-registration is required by calling Laura Zain at (734) 560-4660 prior to Nov. 1.

New participants will enjoy a heart-warming day that is filled with visits from our own


four-legged benefactors, hear compelling rescue stories and see first-hand how our mission is fulfilled. Children are invited to participate in the 9:30 a.m. squad and become an official Pet Cadet and win a variety of prizes.

Tail Waggers USA is known for its direct donations to local animal hospitals, rescue organizations and the general public which helps pet owners pay for emergency services when they are in need of financial assistance. The organization will also spay and/or neuter any animal for

a family that is in need.

Tail Waggers has promised to continue its fund raising mission and prides itself on being able to "help people, help animals". Known for spending the money that is raised directly on the animals Tail Waggers does not have salaries, company cars or expense accounts like other organizations. It is the group's ultimate goal 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.

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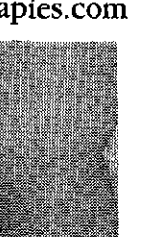


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**ANNIVERSARY**

**Iaquaniellos celebrate 50th**  
Michael and Maria (Marchelletta) Iaquaniello of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 19.

The couple married Oct. 19, 1957, at St. Clement Catholic Church in Dearborn. After living for 45 years in Dearborn, the couple has made Plymouth their home the last 4 1/2 years. Michael retired from Romena Construction Co., in 2000, though he still helps out with the daily office operations.



Maria is a homemaker. The couple has four children - Linda and Bill Johnston of Commerce Township and Elaine and Gerald

Harding, Joseph and Virginia Iaquaniello and Michael and Jane Iaquaniello, all of Plymouth.

The couple also has 12 grandchildren.

Michael and Maria are members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, and enjoy daily walks and supporting their grandchildren in their school sporting events.

The couple celebrated the occasion with a Mass at OLG and a family dinner at Corsi's Banquet Hall in Livonia.

**WEDDINGS**



**Gibaud-Thibault**  
Beth Ann Gibaud, daughter of Martin and Cindy Gibaud of Garden City wed Brian Daniel Thibault, the son of Bruce Thibault and the late Beth Thibault on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007.

The ceremony was held at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit and was officiated by Dr. Brian O'Donnell, S.J. The reception was held at The Italian American Club in Livonia and featured a Super Mario Bros. wedding cake (by Mrs. Maddox Cake Shop, Farmington) and a surprise performance by the groom's acapella group, Double Stuffed Oreos.

The couple met while attending Wayne State University in Detroit where they both received bachelor of fine arts degrees in theater with a concentration on performance. The bride also worked for the former assistant director of marketing and public relations for the Theatre Department, the groom's late mother, Beth Thibault.

The couple will reside in Sterling Heights where they recently purchased their first home together.

The attendants were: Angela Gibaud, maid of honor; Andrew Thibault, best man; bridesmaids, Andrea Gibaud, Katie Zoli, Shannon Ferrante, and Danielle Simonian; groomsmen, Joe Colosi, Joe Zettelmaier, Christopher Williams and Joshua German.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**Cornellier-Amormino**  
Gary and Sandra Cornellier of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nicole Cornellier, to David Paul Amormino, son of James and Paula Amormino of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in telecommunications.

She is project-coordinator, scheduling, business manager at Kinetic Post Inc. in Southfield.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. He is pursuing a

bachelor's degree in occupational safety, health and fire science at Madonna University. He is sole proprietor of Home Inspection Advantage.

A January 2008 wedding is planned for Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.

**CLASS REUNIONS**

**Berkley Class of 1987**  
A 20-year reunion, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at the Birmingham Community House. For information, www.bhsreunion1987.com for event details, to register and pay for your ticket.

**Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1977**  
A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

**Bloomfield Hills Andover Class of 1997**  
A 10-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at The Sea Grille in West Bloomfield. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or email rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

**Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969**  
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: kaynill@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

**Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1977**  
A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

**Detroit Central High School Class of 1952**  
A 55-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. For more information, call Selma Cohen at (248) 541-7864.

**Spencer-Tyo**  
Laura Spencer and Mike Tyo are engaged to be married in September, 2008.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie Martin of Ypsilanti and Randy Spencer of Grass Lake. She is a supervisor for City of Westland parks and recreation.

The future groom is son of Tom and Sandy Tyo of Belleville. He is a pet prod-



ucts manager for PetSmart in Canton.

The reception will be held at the Holiday Inn Banquet Center in Southgate.

**Baj-Dailey**  
Ron and Kathy Baj of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Baj, to Kenneth Dailey, son of Gary and Lola Dailey of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2004 from Eastern Michigan University. She is second/third grade teacher at Trillium Academy in Taylor.

The future groom attended



Ypsilanti High School and Washtenaw Community College. He is employed as a managing partner of Gabriels in Westland.

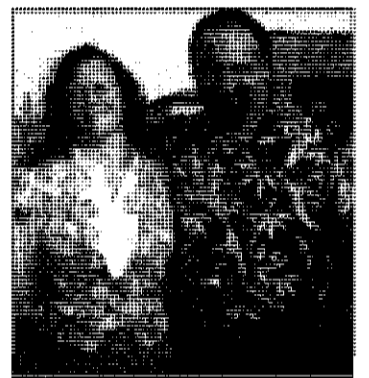
A September, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

**Berry-Reno**  
Jeanette Berry and Ron Reno are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lois and Edwin Berry of Flat Rock and Roma Berry-Selig and Warren Selig of Dundee, formerly of Garden City and Canton.

She is employed by Tucson VA Hospital as a Blind Rehabilitation Specialist. She graduated with a master's in blind rehabilitation teaching from Western Michigan. She graduated from Adrian College with a bachelor of political science and psychology. She also holds certification in low vision and vision rehabilitation therapist.

The future bridegroom is the



son of Florence and Norman Reno of Oaklawn, Ill., and Lorraine O'Brien and Rick Cresler of Palos Hills, Ill.

He is a retired lieutenant correctional service officer and has a hobby/business in scented oils.

A spring 2008 Michigan wedding is planned.



**McCahill-Geney**  
Tiffany McCahill, daughter of Dave McCahill of Westland and Kathy Shirk of Wayne, was wed Oct. 18 to Michael Geney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Geney of Wayne.

The ceremony was held at Golden Bands Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

**SCARE**  
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of the monsters.

"On Halloween night, Jim and I dress in costumes to go out and greet the kids," said Wilma Stoops, a registered nurse in the surgical ICU unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "They give us pictures that they draw of our yard. We started with one dummy, George. It's the only thing we've ever had stolen."

After 40 years of marriage nothing surprises Wilma when it comes to Jim's creativity.

"I used a reindeer head (from Christmas decorations) to animate the wolfman," said Jim Stoops. "A couple years ago I made her mother a dummy. She put it on a chair on the porch of her Main Street home in Plymouth."

None of the Stoopses' four grandchildren under age 10 have ever been scared by the monsters. It seems grandparents especially enjoy thrilling not chilling youngsters with the creations.

Mike Bernacchi believes Halloween home decorations is a baby boomer phenomenon. A marketing professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, Bernacchi tracks the numbers that reveal the unabated growth of merchandising for the fun holiday.

"Baby boomers have always been noted for having a good time. The decade of the 1990s is probably where the magnificent growth started," said Bernacchi of Huntington Woods. "The National Retail

Federation says it's about \$1.4 billion. What folks don't realize is it's the second biggest home decoration time of year only surpassed by Christmas. I started to follow it in the late 1980s. Halloween sales are about \$5 billion total with candy. It's no longer just a day. We now have the Halloween season which begins as soon as the back to school market starts to dwindle. We are baby boomers who are now grandparents and passed it onto our kids."

Two weekends ago, Tom and Sue Formes' five grandchildren, ages 4-11, helped put up the graveyard scene at their home at 9533 Hartel, east of Middlebelt, one block south of West Chicago in Livonia. Tom handmade the wrought iron cemetery fencing out of wood.

"My husband wants to make it more scarier," said Sue Formes. "He has a TV in one of the headstones and on Halloween night plays one of the Scream DVDs. The kids have fun with it. The best part of the holiday is watching the kids."

Three-year old Logan Piendzia says he's not afraid of monsters in his parents' yard at 29700 Brown Ct. in the Henry Ruff and Marquette area of Garden City.

His father, Michael Piendzia, began creating the graveyard scene about seven years ago from masks and clothes stuffed with hay.

"Michael does most of it," said his wife, Lynn Piendzia. "We might buy one thing a year at Halloween USA. Logan and his friends like to run

around and play by the ghouls. We keep the big guy inside the front door because he cost a lot but nobody's ever taken anything. On Halloween night, my husband dresses up and moves through this not to scare the little ones but older kids."

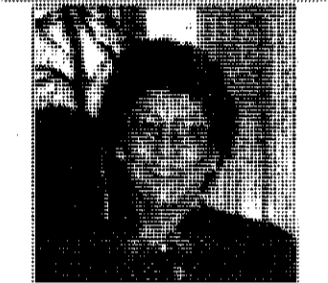
Bernacchi has seven kids, more than double than that in grandkids. He'll do his fair share of spending for Halloween which has grown into a multibillion dollar business that includes more than candy and decorations.

"We made it big time," said Bernacchi, 66. "There's always discussion about what you're going to be for Halloween. As a grandparent I send gift cards for Halloween. There's been amazing growth in the market for books. Go into Barnes & Noble and Borders and look at Halloween books for children. This business never existed in the '50s and '60s. From Snoopy to Clifford the Big Red Dog, everybody has a Halloween story."

"There's a growth of Halloween specials on television. Whether it's media, merchandise, movies, debuting *Halloween 27 1/2*, this is the time when we do it. The haunted house industry has grown. It may be the No. 2 day for decorations, but now it's in the top 5 or 6 for greeting cards. It's a worthwhile industry that transports you from back to school to Christmas without missing a step. It's the one day when the word fun is appropriate. Halloween is America's No. 1 fun holiday."

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**E. JAMES GAMBLE**  
E. James Gamble, age 78, regarded by many of his colleagues as the Dean of the estate planning and tax bar in Michigan, died unexpectedly Saturday, October 20, 2007. He is survived by his wife Lois, two sons, John and Paul, and daughter, Martha. Born June 1, 1929, in Duluth, Minnesota, Mr. Gamble graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in history. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1953 and went on to serve in the United States Navy as an Air Intelligence Officer. A Certified Public Accountant in the Detroit office of Ernst and Ernst at the beginning of his career and later became a partner at Dykema Gossett in Detroit, where he was the senior tax and estate planner for many years, until his retirement in 1994. Mr. Gamble served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the U of M Law School and as an Adjunct Professor at Wayne State University Law School. Following his retirement, Mr. Gamble formed his own law firm, now Gamble and Joswick in Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Gamble was the author of the Uniform Principal and Income Act (1997), currently adopted by over 40 states, and he was the author of a book on the 1962 Revised Uniform Principal and Income Act. He was an advisor for the Restatement (Third) of the Law of Trusts and the Restatement (Third) of the Law of Property (Donative Transfers). From 1998 until 1999, Mr. Gamble served as President of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). He was also a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, and an Academician of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. Mr. Gamble was a frequent speaker and writer on subjects dealing with taxation and estate planning, including presentations he made at the University of Miami Institute on Estate Planning, the New York University Institute on Federal Taxation, as well as numerous other advanced programs. He served on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of South East Michigan, and served as a trustee of both Walsh and Alma College. Mr. Gamble also served as counsel of the Michigan State Board of Accountancy and was Chairman of the Board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Detroit. While an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, Mr. Gamble played trombone and euphonium in the Michigan Marching and Concert Bands, returning frequently on football Saturdays after he graduated to play as a member of the alumni band. He developed a life-long interest in jazz and built a world class collection of recordings covering the best of American jazz. Mr. Gamble enjoyed playing squash as well as bridge and made yearly trips to Stratford and Niagara-on-the-Lake with his wife and friends to enjoy Shakespeare and other theater. Charles Clippert of Dickinson Wright, a close friend and contemporary of Jim's recalled him as "combining a brilliant intellect with a modest ego." A memorial service for Mr. Gamble will be held at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Wednesday, 10:30am. Memorials appreciated to U of M Marching Band, Revelli Hall, 350 E. Hoover, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-3707 or ACTEC Foundation, 3415 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 330, Los Angeles, California 90034-6060.

**ELEANOR GOTTSCHALK SPEERS**  
Of Plymouth, September 15, 2007. Beloved wife of Jim. Dear mother of Heather (Tom) Van Cleave. Loving grandmother of Alena, Thomas, Jacqueline, Erin and Allison. A Celebration of Life Service is planned for 3:00 PM Sunday, November 11, 2007 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road (at Warren), Canton, Michigan. For more information, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**RYAN M. AMSBAUGH**  
Suddenly, October 24, 2007, age 21, of Rochester Hills. Beloved son of Richard and Jeanne Amsbaugh. Dear brother of Haley and Cassy. Grandson of Richard and Marion Amsbaugh and the late Charles and Henrietta Beading. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Loving fiancée of Kate Woodward. The family will be receiving friends Sunday 1:00 pm until the 3:00 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence, please go to: [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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**JANET E. MacKENZIE**  
October 23, 2007, age 79, of Plymouth. Loving wife of Donald for 56 years. Beloved mother of Jan (Cindy) Cairns, David W. (Paula), Robert J. (Pamela), Richard and Daniel. Proud Grandma "G-ma" of Jason, Kylie, Annie, Maggie, Erin and Ian. Dear sister of Richard K. (Jan) and her twin, the late James (Lee). Janet also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and other family members that were very close to her heart. She also shared wonderful times with her long-time and dear friends who were like family to her. She cherished them and their memories together. Janet had a gift for making fast friends with anyone she met, making them feel special and at ease. She would light up a room with her smile and beautiful blue eyes. She found great joy in being with those she loved and her joy was contagious. She will be sorely missed but her loving spirit will live on in our hearts forever. The family will gather with friends Monday 4-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11am Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 702 Church Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medial Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752; or to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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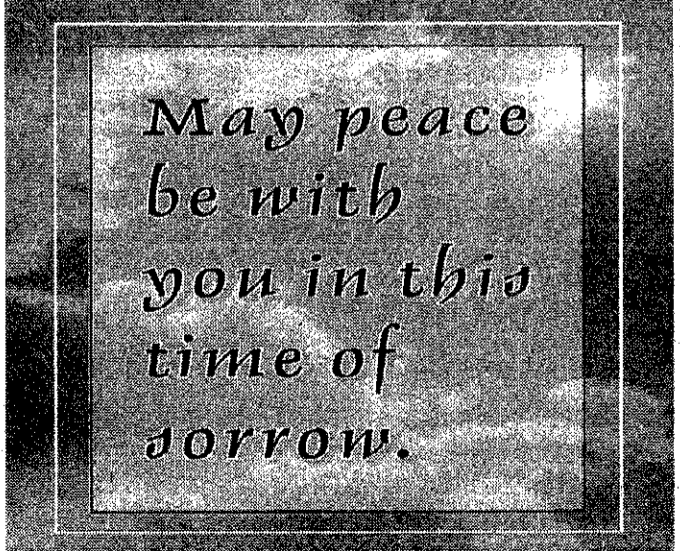
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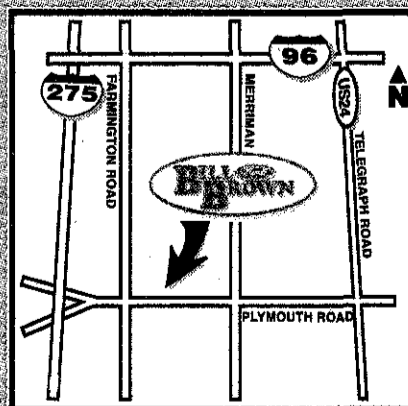
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