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Tonia Szabo shows off one of the dresses that have been donated to the Prom Closet at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne. The dresses are available for use to students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Project helps kids dress for prom

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Senior proms at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High Schools are still more than a month off, but the hunt already is on for the essentials.

It's the biggest event of the school social year and making it memorable can be a costly endeavor. But Tonia Szabo has an away of keeping costs down, especially for students on a limited budget — the Prom Closet at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne.

"Kids shouldn't have to worry about the money, they should be able to be kids and go and have fun," said Szabo. "There's a need in the community. A lot of people are out of work and it's hard to afford something like this."

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THE PROM CLOSET

What: The Prom Closet

Why: The closet provides dresses for girls and tuxedo coats for boys for a small fee or free of charge.

Where: The First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne.

When: Confidential visits are by appointment and can be made by calling Tonia Szabo at (734) 564-9791.

the \$10 cost of dry cleaning. Bowers Cleaners in Wayne has been helping by cleaning the dresses.

Szabo heard about the concept of a Prom Closet and brought it to the churchwomen who "have been really excited" about it. They paid to have the donated dresses cleaned and set up a room for girls to come in and make their selections.

The process is confidential. Girls in need of dresses call Szabo to make an appointment. Szabo has been passing out cards and fliers, hoping the information will be given to a girl who needs it.

"I think for girls, the prom is a milestone, something they'll always remember," Szabo said. "Some girls don't get that opportunity. This offers

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Standoff suspect facing possible criminal charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A 31-year-old suspect was facing possible criminal charges as early as this weekend following a barricaded gunman situation that ended peacefully Friday when he surrendered to Westland police.

The suspect told police the three-hour incident was a misunderstanding and that he didn't respond to their bullhorn shouts and cell phone calls because he had fallen asleep, Deputy Police Chief Alan Ramsden said.

"There was never a shot fired. We treated it as a barricaded gunman because we thought that was the proper thing to do," Ramsden said, adding that police believe alcohol was a factor.

The neighborhood drama began just after 8 a.m. at Deerfield and Grand Traverse in the city's Norway subdivision, prompting a lockdown of 3,000 students at three Wayne-Westland schools. A 31-year-old man driving by the suspect's residence told police that a gun was pointed at him.

"He pulled over and got out and walked back," Ramsden said. "This is a guy who was walking toward a fight."

By then, the suspect was walking into his house with what police later learned was a 22-caliber pellet rifle, Ramsden said. Police arrived and used bullhorns and the man's cell phone number — obtained from relatives — to talk him out.

Three hours later, the suspect

finally answered his cell phone and surrendered, telling authorities he wasn't aware of the commotion outside his residence, Ramsden said.

The suspect told police that he shoots birds with his pellet rifle — also against the law — and that the man driving by must have mistakenly believed he had pointed the gun at him, Ramsden said.

Nonetheless, Westland police submitted a request to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office seeking a charge of felonious assault, Ramsden said. The charge is punishable by up to four years in prison.

"We took it very seriously," the deputy chief said.

As a precaution, Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy ordered a lockdown at Wayne Memorial High School, Adams Middle School and Lincoln Elementary School — all of which serve students from the area.

Baracy issued a statement as the incident unfolded, indicating that students weren't in any immediate danger and saying that "all of our children are safe at this time." The lockdown was lifted after the incident ended.

One concern was the potential for a stray bullet, Baracy said, adding that extra staff had been placed in the schools to reinforce security.

Some parents showed up at the schools to get their children.

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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Walker wants to help students and make difference in district

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shawna Walker believes that if given the opportunity, she could help the current school administration and school board do great things.

The Westland resident, who is making her first bid for a seat on the Wayne-Westland School board in the May 6 election, sees herself as offering a new way of looking at things.

"Sometimes, when we're in certain positions or roles, we tend to look at things one cer-



Walker

SHAWNA WALKER

Who: Shawna Walker of Westland. She is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Family: Married, she had her husband, Dwayne have four children — one is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and two attend Adams Middle School.

Employment: She worked at the Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly Plant for eight years before taking a buyout. She now works as an optical technician. "I went from making cars to

doing eye exams."

Community involvement: She has helped her children's school when needed. She also volunteers with Looking for My Sister, a domestic violence program, and is active in the women's ministry at her church, the Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. She belongs to the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons Order of the Eastern Star Princess of Bathsheba No. 149.

tain way or how we've always done it. Sometimes you have to take a step back and look," she said. "I'm very pleased

with current administration and I think they've done great

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Mulligan: Parent involvement is needed for school district

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ask Brian Mulligan why he's running for school board and he laughs, then adds that "someone has to."

"I believe in community involvement," Mulligan said. "I watch every day, people just walk down

the street, they don't have a clue what's going on, they have no direction in life. I believe that we all have a purpose and as society, we need to work together for that purpose. "If it takes me running for school board to help keep soci-



Mulligan

BRIAN MULLIGAN

Who: Brian Mulligan. A Westland resident, he is a high school graduate who attended Eastern Michigan University for two years and a trade school for five years. **Family:** A son, Tyler, and wife-to-be Angela.

ety running, then that's what it takes."

The Westland resident is making his second bid a seat on the Wayne-Westland school board in the Tuesday, May 6, school election.

An electrician, Mulligan's involvement in the schools is directly related to his son, Tyler, a student at Stevenson Middle School. He volunteers

Employment: Electrician. **Community Involvement:** He volunteers in Scouts, his union and the community, including his son's wrestling club, the Bottlerockets. "Anything Tyler is involved in, I volunteer and participate."

to chaperone and "shows up at events parent are allowed to be at."

"I'm as involved as I can be at this time — wrestling track, dances, Scouts," he said.

Mulligan describes himself as level-headed and said he listens to both sides of an issue before making a decision. The

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Contestants sought for Miss Westland Pageant

Miss Westland Pageant organizers are looking for a few good women -- 30, to be exact. Contestants are being sought for the 2008 Miss Westland competition which will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the senior Friendship Center. Miss Westland contenders will vie for more than the prestige of winning. Scholarship money will be awarded to the top three finishers. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 22. They also must live in Westland and never have been married. The competition is being held in advance of the July 2-6 Summer Festival. In the past it's been held on an outdoor stage at Central City Park shortly after the Summer Festival Parade. "I think this (the Friendship Center) is better for the girls in case it rains or is cold," said pageant coordinator Debbie Lindquist.

The pageant has no swimsuit or talent competition. Judging will be based on the application, poise, personality, an essay and general appearance. Applications are available in the counseling offices at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools, the Westland Parks, the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at the Bailey Recreation Center and at Hair Masters on Wayne Road just north of Cherry Hill. Applications must be typed or printed in ink and submitted by May 5 to the Miss Westland Summer Festival Pageant Coordinator, c/o Debbie Lindquist, John Glenn High School Counseling Department, 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. Applications must be completely filled out - additional paper may be used - and include at recent 4-by-6-inch or 5-by-7-inch photograph, current report

card or transcript and three letters of recommendation. The contest is limited to the first 30 applicants. Miss Westland will win \$1,200 in scholarships, a crown, sash, trophy and roses. First runner-up will receive \$800 and second-runner up \$500 in scholarship money as well as sash and trophy. For more information, call Lindquist at (734) 765-0499 or send an e-mail to her at deb0829@yahoo.com or to assistant chairperson Shaun Kovatch at shaunkovatch@yahoo.com. Contestants will be notified by mail about dress rehearsal date, time and location. All pageant contests must participate in the festival parade at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, while the scholarship winners will be required to attend various events during the festival, a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time.

MULLIGAN

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only correct decision is an informed decision, he said. "I'm not a reactionary, if something arises that needs something be done about it immediately then something has to be done. However, the whole situation needs to be looked at from end to end to find out why it happened," he added. He also believes the school board sets the example of what is expected of everybody in the district, not just the students, but the parents, the teachers and the individuals who volun-

teer. Calling it an "epidemic," he said a problem facing schools not only in Wayne-Westland, but across the country, is the lack of parental involvement. "Parents don't pay attention to whether or not their children's homework is done, they don't care if their children are involved in after-school sports or activities," he said. "They don't show up, they don't pay attention to what goes on in the community. I think we need parents more involved so they can actually see what's going and maybe realize they need to teach their children to respect others and be productive members of society."

He added that the school board should be inviting more active participation among parents, even if means re-educating parents to be proactive. Admitting there are some parents that are unreachable, Mulligan said board members need to show up at functions and talk to people, ask them questions and get answers. "I understand we have a lot of single parent families or both parents are working, so it's difficult for them to have the time to come to functions, but their input is valuable," he said. "Not only is their input valuable, but so is the board's input to the community in expressing what their opinions

are and why policies are they way there are. "It's important so parents understand why they do things the way they do." Mulligan said his work allows me to take time off to be involved in things like the school board and that he doesn't have to "justify every time I walk out the door to a meeting or event." "I believe that if you want somebody to work hard for you in the community, you should vote for me," he added. "That's what I do. I believe in doing things right and taking the time to do it right the first time."

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Judge orders trial in rehab office break-in

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for charges he broke into a drug rehab office near Merriman and Cherry Hill roads. Gary Allen Hubbard, 37, is facing trial after he gave up his right Thursday to a preliminary hearing in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli. His decision averted testimony and sent the case to the higher court for resolution. Hubbard is accused of breaking into a Safe Step Recovery office in Westland and trying to escape with undisclosed contents of the building. He remains jailed with a \$20,000 cash/surety bond, and a not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him. Hubbard is charged with two felonies for the March 30 incident -- breaking and entering

and larceny in a building. The charges carry penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison; however, Hubbard could potentially face a lengthier sentence because he is considered a repeat offender. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Hubbard had served a probationary sentence for earlier break-in cases, but he was discharged from probation in June of last year. Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick has said an alert neighbor helped officers nab a suspect in the Safe Step break-in. Karrick said the resident called police after seeing someone smash a window and climb inside the drug rehab office. Police officers rushed to the scene and made an arrest as the intruder was leaving the building, Karrick said. Without the neighbor's help, he said, "we couldn't have caught this guy when we did -- if ever."

WALKER

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things, but it always helps to have another way of looking, another viewpoint, a fresh face or someone to have a new look at things." Walker, who has four children, including a son who graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and two who are students at Adams Middle School, fears that with the current economy, kids are being forgotten and that if adults don't take the time to get them the education they need, they won't be able to take over. "You have to think of the kids as an investment; they're our future," she said.

Walker is former Ford Motor Co. employee who works part time as an optical technician and attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She took a buyout from the automaker to spend more time with her children and be able to do things like run for school board. She believes she must be a part of the schools to be a part of her children's lives. Her work with Ford precluded involvement with the PTA, but any time the school needed help, she "was willing to jump in." If elected, she plans to make it her goal to be at as many school activities and meetings as possible. She makes her own schedule at school and, by working part time, she is able to plan around her children "so

I can be more supportive for and be with them." "If I devote myself to something, I'm going to give 100 percent," she said. "To me, it's not just a game or something to do. I'm doing this because this is something I care about. I feel strong about it, so I will put my all into it." In talking with school staff and residents in the district, she believes one of the problems facing the district is classroom size. Larger class sizes can prevent teachers from have one-on-one with students and identifying and helping students who are having problems. She also is concerned about the new high school curriculum which "expects all students to be mathematicians or scientists." "Realistically, not every kid is an A student, not every kid college material. We wish every kid was," she said. "We need to put things in place, like vo-tech, so these students can get skills they can fall back on."

Walker said making sure

those kids aren't left behind will be her main focus, if elected to the school board. Accomplishing that goes back to class sizes. Having large class sizes tends to marginalize poor learners, but teachers with smaller class sizes can get to know the students and their potential. "A lot of issues facing the district you have to be in the midst of it, but class sizes and not achieving is what I've been hearing about from teachers and residents I've talked to," she said. Walker added that her goal for getting elected to the school board is to help. "I just want to make a difference and help someone. I think I can do that," she said. "Even the people that are there (on the school board) now, I'm sure they didn't know everything, but if you're willing to learn and take time and genuinely care about the people you want to help, you can do that. I truly believe that."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Benefit concert

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor a benefit Concert for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Research at 2 p.m. today (April 13), at the Penalty Box, at 28121 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The cost is \$5 and will include eight bands, food and door prizes. For more information, call the Westland Jaycees at (734) 226-0400 or visit their Web site at www.westlandjaycees.org.

Chili cookoff

The Westland Democratic Club will have its third annual

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chili cookoff Tuesday, April 29, at the Dorsey Community Center. Enjoy chili, beverages and dessert for \$5 or enter your homemade chili in the contest. Tasters are welcome at 6 p.m. Cooks should bring their crockpot of chili at 5:30 p.m. The winner will compete in the 11th District cookoff. For more information call (734) 729-1605 or (734) 674-7327.

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them the opportunity to go and have fun." While the focus has been on dresses, Szabo does have tuxedo jackets available for boys. The jackets -- 78 black, white and off-white in every size -- are a donation from the St. Mary Outreach Center. They

got them after she and Linda Maylone, vice president of the United Methodist Women, spoke to the Wayne Rotary where a woman from center heard their talk. "With these economic times, it's difficult and dresses are expensive," said Maylone, who spoke about the Prom Closet at a recent Wayne-Westland school board meeting. "We've started with the girls and are

expanding to boys. People are asking about suits boys have outgrown." Szabo is now looking for pants to go with those jackets and more dresses. People can drop them off at the church or call her at (734) 564-9791 for a pickup. In addition to clothing, Szabo is also accepting monetary donations or sponsors to cover the cleaning costs. Girls also can call that num-

ber to set up an appointment. With a limited selection, Szabo is suggesting, they call early to get the best selection. "It'll make my heart happy, if I can help a couple of boys and girls, it'll all be worth it," she said. "I care about kids, that's my passion. I want them to have fun and not worry about bills."

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Teen charged with torturing, killing cat

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland teenager is charged with sodomizing a cat and torturing and killing it while he was staying at a friend's house in the 2000 block of Stieber, near Wildwood and Palmer.



Treviso

Todd Allan Treviso, 18, was ordered jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond during his arraignment Wednesday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli. A not-guilty plea was entered for him.

Treviso is facing an April 17 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of sodomy and torturing and killing an animal. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison.

Treviso was charged following allegations he tortured

and killed the cat, named Magic, during the early morning hours of April 4, police Lt. Dan Karrick said. The defendant needed a place to stay and had been living with a friend, Karrick said.

Police didn't know the cat's age or whether it was male or female.

Treviso is accused of duct-taping the cat's front paws together, as well as its back paws. He also is accused of sticking a sock in the pet's mouth and "duct-taping its mouth shut," Karrick said.

The cat was found on a neighbor's porch, the lieutenant said.

"The cat at that time was dead," he said.

Little information was available about Treviso, although Karrick said police believe the teen has had "a troubled past."

Generally in cases involving animal torture, authorities fear that such behavior could lead to even more heinous crimes, possibly against people, Karrick said.

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Testimony: Blood evidence ties suspect to beheading

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A day after the most gripping, graphic testimony in the beheading trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz — a graphic description of the murder Wednesday by former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann that had observers weeping and forced Judge Annette Berry to break to give jurors a breather — prosecutors on Thursday went about presenting forensic details they say connect Orlewicz to the homicide.

A string of witnesses on the trial's fourth day presented evidence of blood and tire and shoe print matches prosecutors say link the Plymouth Township teen with the brutal killing.

Orlewicz is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a body. He faces life in prison without parole, if convicted. Letkemann had faced the same charges, but pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for a sentence of 20-30 years in prison for his testimony.

Jennifer Dohring, a forensic scientist with the Michigan State Police crime lab in Northville, testified Thursday she took at least nine blood samples from stains found in

the garage where the murder allegedly took place.

Dohring, who said she'd investigated some 20 murder scenes, said she felt some dirt and debris covering the garage floor may have been put there to disguise the scene.

"There was so much dirt on the floor it looked in my opinion like someone may have swept it in to try and cover up the stainage," Dohring testified, though she admitted on cross-examination, "I can't say for sure."

Fellow forensic scientist Andrea Halvorson, who works in the MSP DNA unit in Northville, said she tested blood samples found on Orlewicz's Chevy S-10 and in the Canton garage, and compared them to samples taken from Sorensen's head and body. The samples matched, Halvorson testified.

Guy Nutter, a trace evidence examiner in the same MSP lab, said he compared casts made of tire tracks and footprints found at the Northville Township field where Sorensen's body was discovered with imprints he made from shoes found at Orlewicz's Plymouth Township home and

the rear tires on Orlewicz's truck. Those, too, Nutter testified, were a match.

More testimony about Orlewicz's state of mind came from teenagers within his own circle of friends.

At least three of them heard Orlewicz talking several days before the death of Daniel Sorensen about his desire to get away with murder, according to testimony.

Three friends said they heard Orlewicz say, "I wish I could kill someone" on Saturday, Nov. 3, just days before police say Orlewicz stabbed and beheaded Sorensen in the Canton garage belonging to Orlewicz's grandfather.

Levi Webb, 18 of Westland said Orlewicz made the statement to him standing in the driveway of another friend's house where several teenagers had gathered to hang out that Saturday.

"I said, 'You know you can get life in prison for that,' and he said, 'I know, I just wish I could get away with it,'" Webb testified. "I said, 'That's messed up,' and I walked away."

The statement was over-

heard by at least two other members of the group, including Sean Gaikowski, at whose Livonia house the gathering was held. Both Gaikowski and 14-year-old Kevin Carrier, a Livonia Churchill freshman, said they also heard the remark.

The teens admitted on cross examination they never heard Orlewicz mention Sorensen's name, and Carrier said he "didn't take him seriously."

Another friend, Adam Duwe, testified Orlewicz had started "pushing (Sorensen) away friendship-wise" a couple of years ago, when Orlewicz found out Sorensen's claims to mob connections weren't true. Duwe testified Sorensen also owed Orlewicz \$400, an unpaid debt Duwe testified angered Orlewicz.

Duwe also said Orlewicz owned a .38-caliber revolver, which he said he "watched JP load and unload a couple of times, and play Russian Roulette a couple of times."

No testimony was heard Friday, and prosecutors are expected to wrap up their case Monday morning.

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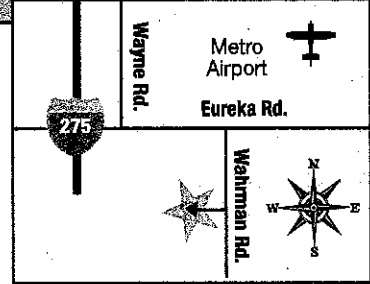
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Friday April 18 9 am - 8 pm
Saturday April 19 9 am - 4 pm

Wordsmiths needed at the library!

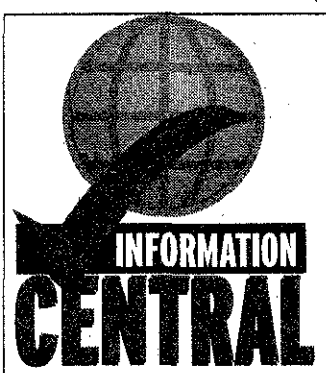
April is National Poetry Month, so plan a trip to the Public Library of Westland to dust off your inner wordsmith and have some fun with poetry. There are plenty of opportunities to read, rhyme, rant, listen, indulge, reflect, re-arrange, or be swept up by timeless and reckless metaphors, and simmering and subterranean emotions!

In celebration, the library is putting on three poetry events for our community: the first annual Teen Poetry Slam; the Poetry Month Reading; and the Poetry at the Library writing contest.

The Teen Poetry Slam is a poetry contest, where teens read their own (or one of their favorite) poems or songs, judged by three-five randomly chosen judges, and awarded prizes. Teens are encouraged but not required to memorize their chosen works. Participants do not have to be songwriters or poets to get involved; those interested in drama, rapping, or entertaining are encouraged to show what they have.

The Slam will be 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 21. National Slam poet Versiz (www.versiz.com or see "Versiz" on YouTube) will emcee and perform his own electrifying work.

If you are looking for another new and exciting slant on contemporary poetry, look no further than our Poetry Month event 6-8 p.m.



Wednesday, April 23. From 6-7 p.m., we are asking any and all community members to read their favorite poem or song so that we can broadcast our diverse word-loving community on Westland cable access. After that, Christine Hume, Eastern Michigan University creative writing professor, will read from her acclaimed work in both traditional and non-traditional ways.

For the writer in all of us, we are encouraging all community members to participate in our Poetry at the Library contest. Teens and adults can choose from any one of four forms (haiku, found, ode, "the pits") detailed at our reference display and then write their own work, dropping entries in our Poetry Box there. We even have magnetic poetry on which you can work ideas out. Winners will be announced for each of the four categories at our Poetry Month event and prizes will be handed out.

For those of you who like

to read or write poetry, there are plenty of stimulating resources here to help find or create that heart-to-the-floor metaphor, witty ditty, sublime rhyme, or bristling rhythm. Try our great collection of American poets (811-821) or our poetry writing (808.1) and poetry reference books (REF 808.1). If you have Internet access, we recommend the Poetry Foundation's amazing collection of poems, criticism, and podcasts at: www.poetry-foundation.org.

Call the library at (734) 326-6123 to sign up for any of the above events or with questions. All events will be held at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway.

Highlighted Activities
National Library Week, April 13-19: Celebrate a week of fun at your library.

Are You Hip?: 7 p.m. April 15. This fun-filled Hip Hop Dance Workshop, designed for all ages, is guaranteed to be a blast! Learn dance moves like the Soulja Boy, The Freeze and The Sponge Bob.

Celebrity Storytime: 7 p.m. April 16.

Join local Westland celebrities for a family storytime program.

Join us all week for raffles, contests and fun.

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



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Staci Bockmann, center, owner of Great Expectations, and speech therapist Debbie Kubinski work with Blaise Cerne, 2, of Royal Oak as he begins a speech therapy lesson at the Livonia-based facility.

Parents can learn special ed law, advocacy tips

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When a child is diagnosed with autism or characteristics of the disorder, parents have to find out not only about their son or daughter's individual therapy options, but also how to advocate on their child's behalf.

An upcoming workshop in Livonia will help parents understand special education law.

Peter Wright, a nationally recognized expert in special education law, will put on an all-day workshop April 23 at Laurel Manor.

Parents can get questions answered about their child's rights, establishing an individualized education plan, what the No Child Left Behind and Individuals with Disabilities Education acts mean for them, and tests to measure progress.

"This (covers) how to understand the law and sit down with the school," said Steve Bockmann, who with his wife, Staci, owns Great Expectations Speech, Sensory Integration and Learning Center.

Great Expectations is sponsoring the event after the Bockmanns heard a number of the same types of questions from parents.

"By no means is it an anti-school conference at all," Steve Bockmann said. He understands, schools have limited resources, but children have certain rights guaranteed by law. "Far too few children get the help they need in early grades when it can be most effective."

"Learn how to advocate for your child," Staci Bockmann said.

The Bockmanns researched all types of therapies to help their son, Blake, now 10, who was diagnosed with autism at age 2½. They decided to open Great Expectations to provide



Staci Bockmann of Great Expectations talks about the different computer-based programs available to help children, including the Play Attention program which helps children learn how to concentrate and stay focused.

LEARN ABOUT SPECIAL ED

What: The Michigan Special Education Law & Advocacy Parent Training Conference
Time, date: From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23.
Where: Laurel Manor on Schoolcraft, west of Hix.
Tickets: They're \$63 per person or \$95 for a couple, including lunch and textbooks.
More details: Call Great Expectations at (734) 762-0332; visit its Web site, www.mygreatkid.com; or e-mail seminar@mygreatkid.com.

a variety of options — from speech and occupational therapy to sensory therapy — under one roof.

"We've sat on both sides of the desk," Steve Bockmann said.

Blake Bockmann is now a third-grader in a mainstream classroom at a charter school in Canton. He helped the muralist come up with plans to decorate the Great Expectations offices in the Willow Wood Professional complex on Schoolcraft west of Merriman

in Livonia. With trains, animals and a church, the offices look nothing like a doctor's waiting room.

The center helps kids with trouble concentrating, attention deficit disorders, behavioral problems, speech and reading difficulties and autism, as well as typical students who are just struggling in school.

Blaise Cerne, 2½, of Royal Oak has a speech delay.

Within three weeks after working with a speech therapist, "he went from saying two words in his entire vocabulary ('hot' and 'tick-tock') to phrases," said Blaise's mom, Katherine Cerne. During a recent visit, Blaise played on a train table with a speech therapist.

The Sensory Training and Education program uses music, light and movement. Computer programs help improve concentration and reading.

Heath insurance coverage for this type of therapy is rare. Parents pay out of pocket, but the Bockmanns also offer scholarships through their non-profit, Liberty Kids Children's Charity.

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Volunteers needed to clean up park

Westland residents can take the pledge to make a difference on National Green Select Day Saturday, April 19, and help clean up parkland in the city.

Independent Carpet One Floor & Home in Westland is participating in the first annual National Green Select Day by cleaning up Curtis Woods/Kiwanis Park on Palmer west of Wayne Road and asking residents to join.

National Green Select Day is an effort across North America to build local community pride while making

the environment cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful. By volunteering and taking the National Green Select Day pledge, community members will take part in making Westland a more enjoyable place to live, work and play.

All volunteers who pledge at Independent Carpet One Floor & Home to make a difference on National Green Select Day will receive a National Green Select Day pin, pledge card with a discount on select earth-friendly flooring products, garden gloves and a National Green Select Day

T-shirt.

"We define going green as our community coming together to make environmentally responsible decisions," said Catherine Buchanan of Independent Carpet One Floor & Home. "We invite the local community to join us, take the National Green Select Day pledge, and unite in helping make Westland an even better place to live!"

Participants should meet at Independent Carpet One Floor & Home at 1400 N. Wayne Road by 11 a.m. The park cleanup will be noon-3 p.m.

Call Independent Carpet One Floor & Home at (734) 729-6200 to learn more about taking the pledge to be part of National Green Select Day, or go online to www.NationalGreenSelectDay.com to learn more about National Green Select Day and www.CarpetOne.com.

KNOW THE SCORE

check out the numbers in today's **SPORTS** section

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20080 Allen Rd. Trenton, MI 48183 (734)479-5442 4/25/2008 at 9:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

1034- Ricky Lee Nedrow- boxes,bags,totes
139- James Davis - boxes,bags,totes
165- Jason Neu- boxes,bags,totes
327- Natalie Rose Chrapko- boxes,bags,totes
328- James Brenda- boxes,tv,dresser
345- Don Smith- box,bbq,dresser
422- Rikki Manning- boxes,bags,totes
642- Angela Manning- sofa
658- David Zimmerman- boxes,metal
710- Craig Murphy- boxes,bags,totes

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

3032 Jacquelyn Cicotte clothes crib car seat
3097 Thomas Lippford bags boxes totes
4043 Jacqueline Yurkovich bags boxes totes
6056 Robert Winter Jr. Matchbox collectibles boxes scooters
6129-Tony Stanley- boxes,bags,totes
7017-Vikki Hood- boxes,bags,totes
7049-Elise Vann - boxes,bags,totes
7112-Renee Boyea -- boxes,bags,totes
9057-Jane Lopez- boxes,bags,totes
2025-Tami Hamz- boxes,bags,totes
3026-Jennifer McGeogh-- boxes,bags,totes
3088- Kiauna Lewis- sofa,tote,bag
4049-Antoine Williams-- boxes,totes
4051-Antoine Murry-- boxes,bags,totes
4083-Claude Ross-- boxes,bags,totes
5037-Flowers by deavila-- boxes,bags,totes
5093-Danielle Carney-- boxes,bags,totes
6009-David Baldwin-boxes,totes
6026-Patricia Kowalski-refrigerator,box,tote

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On April 15, 2008 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1991	Buick	2D	White	1G4HP54C7MH465345
1992	Ford	Crwn Vic	Lt Blue	2FACP74W3NX106568
1999	Mazda	Protege	Tan	JM1BJ2228X0106268
1987	Cadillac	DeVille	White	1G6CD5189H4328270
1993	Dodge	Intrepid	Red	2B3ED46TXPH578679
1992	Geo	Tracker	White	2CNBE16U9N6910344
1994	Cadillac	DeVille	Black	1G6KF52Y4RU217261
1994	Ford	Crwn Vic	White	2FALP71W0RX171629
1984	Pontiac	Bonneville	Blue	2G2AR69H3E2284871
1986	Chevy	Caprice	White	1G1BL69Z7GY152656
1997	Lincoln	Mark 8	Black	1LNLM92V5VY628168
1990	Ford	Escort	Blue	1FAPP9197LT167086
1999	Toyota	Corolla	Black	2T1BR12E0XC162692
1998	Ford	Contour	Tan	1FAPP6638WK253371
1996	Ford	Escort	Red	1FALP6530TK110477
2007	Ford	Focus	Silver	1FAHP37N47W302440
1996	Plymouth	Voyager	Green	2P4FP2535TR768342
1992	Mercury	Marquis	Red	2MECM75W1NX664533
1993	Chevy	Cavalier	Blue	1G1JH62FX37301634
2007	Chrysler	Concorde	Gray	2C3HD56FXVH596919
1993	Dodge	Dynasty	Blue	1B3XC56R4PD150903
1991	Buick	LeSabre	Gray	1G4HP54C2MH452762
1991	Chevy	Beretta	Green	1G1LV13T4MY204679
2006	Ford	Focus	Gray	1FAFP34N76W103201
2003	Ford	Taurus	Gray	1FAFP53U63A122805

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Poker tournament

The Knights of Columbus will host a charity Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to benefit various charities Saturday, April 19, at The Shark Club, 42070 Ford, Canton. Tournament registration begins at 11:30 a.m., dealing at 12:30 p.m. Buy in of \$40 includes \$5 bounty chip. One \$20 add-on prior to start of tourney. Cash games will be running before and during the tournament. There will be a full menu and bar available. For more information and to reserve a tournament seat, visit www.kofc8284.eventbrite.com, or call Tom at (734) 502-7016 or Fred at (734) 765-8739.

Benefit auction

Are you looking for a relaxing evening of fun? Are you looking for a chance to benefit two good causes? If so, Wayne Rotary and the City of Wayne Recreation Department will hold the 2008 Auction and Tailgate Party at 6 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. The cost is \$10 a person and includes three food items catered by Chef Tony. Auction items range from sports memorabilia to art items, including paintings, glassware and jewelry. There also will be a silent auction items. Proceeds will benefit the soon-to-be-built Boundless Playground as well as Wayne Rotary Scholarships for high school seniors in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. For more information or tickets, call (734) 721-7400.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

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

Lincoln/Reagan Dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee will host



In the book

Students at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland read books donated recently by the Westland Rotary. Rotarians bought a total of 180 books, one for each child at the school, with a different book chosen for each grade level. Club members Mary McGaw, Mark McConnell, Gary Bulson and Julie Brown delivered the books March 20, with Principal Laura Beckman and teachers grateful for the effort.

Saul Anuzis, Michigan party chairman, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop (keynote speaker) at its annual Lincoln/Reagan Dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft. Cash bar reception begins at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$50 per person, \$90 per couple, or \$450 for table of 10. Call (248) 474-3525 for menu choice and reservations by April 11.

Open house

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's Lekotek Program, which offers unique play sessions for developmentally disabled children ages up to age 12, will host an open house with free pizza, raffles, balloon magic and ice cream from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at its site, 26049 Five Mile, Redford. Visitors will get a tour and a chance to get acquainted with the program. Reserve a spot by calling Lana at (313) 532-8524 or by e-mail at lanag356@aol.com. Visit the Web site at www.thearcnw.org.

Love of Lace XV

The Great Lakes Lace Group Inc. will present Love of Lace XV 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, in Livonia. The event is a day of lace making, with demonstrations, try-it tables, vendors and displays. Admission is free, public is welcome. For more information, go online to www.GLLGI.org.

Mom-2-Mom Sale

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will host a Mom-2-Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. The sale will feature a bake sale, kids clothing, baby/toddler gear, toys and more. Admission is \$1 and strollers are allowed. If interested in renting a table, send a e-mail Melinda at melinda@brycefamilynet.net.

Wrestling Club

Westland Bottle Rockets is a wrestling club for ages 5-14. The club meets on Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan. The club runs from November through March and costs \$20. For questions or more information, contact Judy at judyaw1122@yahoo.com or calling (734) 634-4595.

Higher Rock Cafe

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

Hospital sponsors wellness programs

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

Monday, April 14

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

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

American Cancer Society Educational Session: Resources and Programs at 6 p.m. A representative from the American Cancer Society will be at Garden City Hospital to provide information about community resources and programs for individuals affected by cancer and their caregivers. There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is required. Dinner will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Susan Karasinsk at (734) 458-3403 or by e-mail skarasin@gchosp.org.

Tuesday, April 15

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (third of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. 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 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. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, please call (734) 458-4392.

Wednesday, April 16

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

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

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR -Adult at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, the class provides hands-on CPR training to adults. Participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims, age 8 and above. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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

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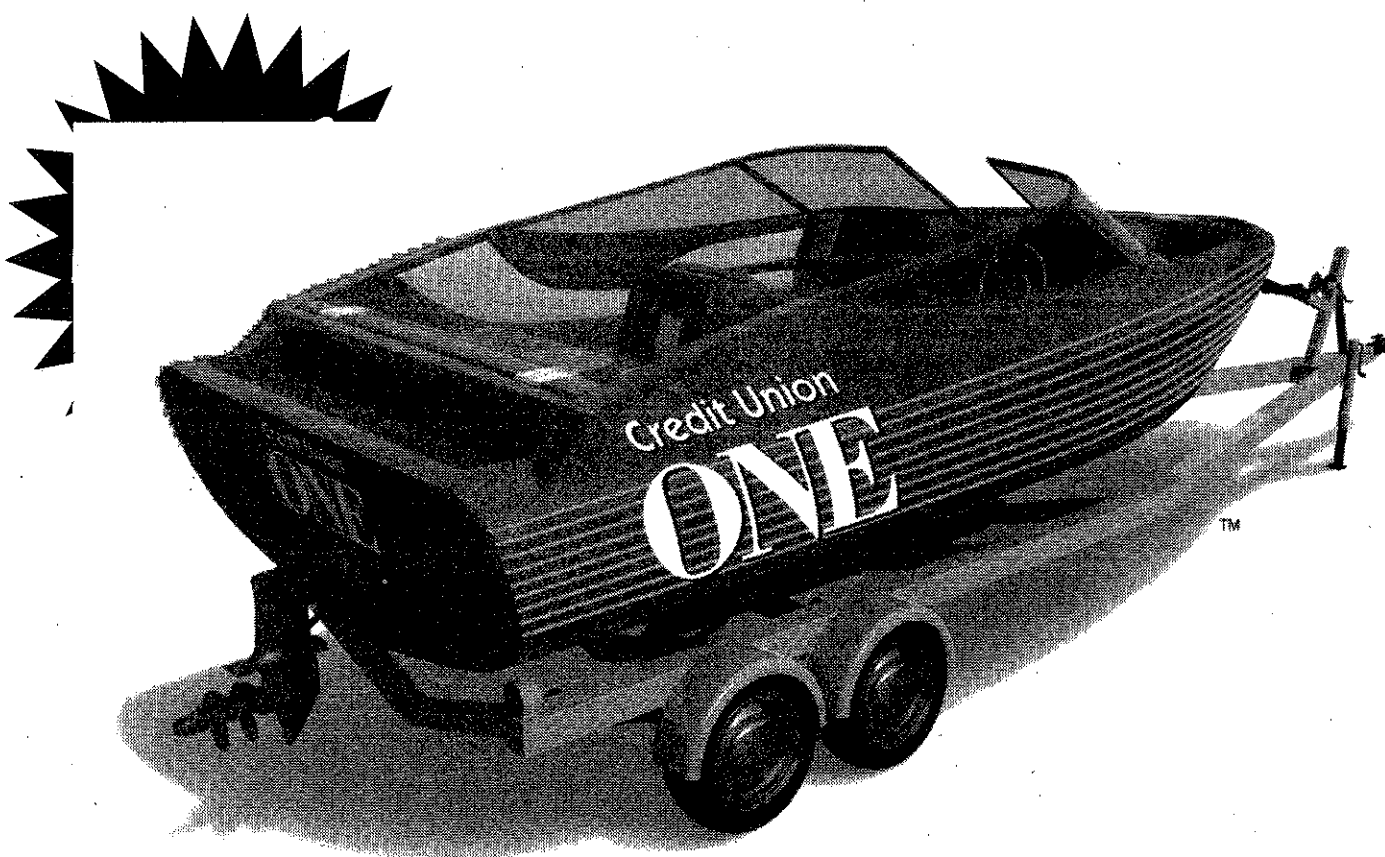
Friday, April 18

Exercise Express 12:30-1 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

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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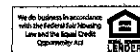
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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: The recent economic news has been negative (employment numbers and the Bear Stearns situation) yet the stock market has risen. Why?

A: When it comes to short term gyrations of the market, anything and everything can happen. Sometimes good economic news causes the market

to tumble while bad news sends the market climbing. That is why I tell investors not to make decisions based upon what is currently happening in the market. Investment decisions should be based on long-term goals and objectives.

In understanding the market, it is important to recognize that the stock market is always

looking forward while economic numbers are always looking in the rear view mirror.

It would be great if by looking at a variety of indicators we could project short-term volatilities in the market. To be able to time the market would be great and very rewarding. Unfortunately, it can't be done. The stock market is not con-

trolled by one or two factors, but by numerous forces making it impossible to accurately predict how the market will react at certain points in time. The history of the market is that it overreacts over the short run but that it is much smoother sailing over the long run. If you want to be successful as an investor, you can't fall for the fool's game of

trying to predict what will happen to the market over any day, week, month or even a year.

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

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Jane Poulton, senior director for China development for International SOS, will present at this free session.

Attendees will leave with the tools to effectively manage globally mobile employees in China, with a deeper understanding of the current health care landscape in the country and will be able to take advantage of a networking opportunity to discuss key medical and safety issues with industry leaders and peers.

Anyone who manages, oversees or directs the development of medical, health or safety programs for employees in China, especially executives in the areas of medical and occupational health, HR, employee benefits, risk and safety and travel, are encouraged to attend.

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Advocates spread autism awareness

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An estimated 1.5 million Americans are living with autism spectrum disorders, a group of developmental disabilities that start to show up in children as young as 3. Now local families have new resources for dealing with the issues surrounding the disorder, which has no single known cause and no cure.

The Autism Society of America's Oakland County Chapter is donating \$8,000 worth of books to local public libraries around the county on various aspects of autism. According to Rochester Hills resident Lisa Kowalski, the mother of an autistic son, the need was great.

"We've done this project before, but on a much smaller scale," she said. "We targeted a few of the libraries and gave them a smaller budget. This time, it was full out. Because the incidence rate has climbed so dramatically. It's now one in 150 children born today. And Oakland County and the metro Detroit area is one of the hot spots in the country."

GETTING WORD OUT

When Kowalski's son was first diagnosed, the library was where she turned for information.

"We decided that our Oakland County public libraries were one of the best ways to get information to the general public about autism, so we decided to use them as our vehicle to inform the public," she said. Each participating library received an extensive book list to choose from and a \$300 budget. Topics included advocacy, diet, parenting strategies, public awareness, school- and medicine-related titles and stories for children and young adults.

Mary Wilson, youth services manager for the Rochester Hills Public Library, said the donation will fill a need in the collection.

"We hadn't really bought much for older kids to read about autism themselves, like a story with a character with autism," Wilson said. "The kids can kind of relate the story that



Seventeen-year-old Jason Kowalski (left) sorts books April 5 with his brother, Aaron, a Van Hoosen Middle School student with autism. All the books were donated to Oakland County libraries to boost their collections on topics related to autism.

they're reading to something they themselves are experiencing."

In addition, books were purchased for parents and other caregivers.

"What we're finding is more and more parents are looking for material they can either read to a sibling or share with a sibling, or just read more about autism themselves," she said.

Wilson also said it was nice being able to discuss the books with Kowalski. "A lot of these are put out by small publishing houses and they don't get reviewed," she said.

'EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE'

Each library chose the books they wanted, "based on their collection and the needs of their community," Kowalski said. "Some of the books that we're offering in this wave are not just for kids with autism. Some of them are special education, hygiene books, for teens and preteens. ...

"It seems nowadays everyone knows someone with autism. It's a neighbor's child or an aunt's ... so the general public needs to know about autism."

Funds for the project were

raised through the chapter's annual golf outing, which is held the Monday after Labor Day at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

"It's a wonderful event. This year it looks like we're going to exceed the \$1 million amount for just this outing," Kowalski said. "And those funds have been put to use in many ways."

On April 5, chapter members got together to fill the

book orders and deliver them. Kowalski pointed out that thanks to library inter-loans, all the books ordered will be available countywide to library patrons.

"From start to finish, families affected by autism are doing this as volunteers," she said.

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Actress Jenny McCarthy will be the speaker for "Living with Autism," Wednesday, April 16, at the Troy Hilton, 5500 Crooks. The day begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by breakout sessions.

You can ask questions of breakout session facilitators, including medical experts from Henry Ford Health System, Oakland University's School of Education and the Kaufman Children's Center. Cost is \$95 for general admission or \$125 for general admission with CEU credits. For tickets, or information, visit www.metroparent.com and click on the events link.

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Lifespan opens 2nd office in Westland

In an economy where many businesses are downsizing, Starfish Family Services is opening a second Lifespan Clinical Services facility in Westland.

The new office will provide a full-range of behavior health services to more than 500 families in western Wayne County annually. The facility is made possible through a partnership with Gateway Community Health which is funded by the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

In addition to an infant and children's behavioral health services, Starfish Family Services will launch a new Child Welfare Treatment Program at the new site that aims to help children, adolescents and their families involved in the child welfare system, including foster care and adoption programs. The goal of the program is to break the cycle of multi-generational foster care, promote family preservation and lessen the trauma on children.

"We believe in the importance of investing in the community and providing children and their families with exceptional behavior health services," said Ann Kalass, CEO of Starfish Family Services. "Our goal is that the new office will offer another convenient location where families can seek the support they need to create brighter futures for their children."

The Westland office is 35300 Nankin Blvd., Suite 601. Twelve therapists will staff the 2,900-square-foot office. Lifespan already serves more than 1,300 infants, children and their families through its Livonia clinic.

Lifespan is a division of Starfish Family Services which offers 12 specialized programs at 18 service sites. For more information on Lifespan, call (888) 355-LIFE or go online to www.starfish-online.org.

Technology is center stage at annual Realtor luncheon

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's an annual rite of spring in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools: the Realtors Luncheon, a time to show off the district to the people who can sell it through their business.

Realtors joined with city and school officials at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland where they dined on food prepared by the culinary arts students and visited with a kindergarten class via the distant learning lab.

"It's all about technology in K-12," Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman told the group. "In this district, we believe in technology. Our students learn to read, write and do math, but they do it with technology. All of our programs here have technology integrated into them."

Through videos, live feeds from a kindergarten class at P.D. Graham Elementary, school officials showed Realtors how technology is being used in Wayne-Westland schools.

They got to see the Thunderbolt II, an award-winning innovative design vehicle designed and built by six different Career Technical Center programs for a project sponsored by the Convergence Education Foundation, and how kindergartners used video technology in creating their Big Heart program which they presented to an area nursing home.

"This is not your old votech of 20-30 years ago," Sherman said. "We're high-tech."

"Our students are able to take virtual field trips," added Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We had students view a live knee replacement surgery. They had the opportunity to ask the doctor and staff questions as the surgery was taking place."

"We have a \$25 million investment in technology, we have to stay on the cutting



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James Tillman of Westland, a Realtor for Real Estate One in Ann Arbor, watches as Career Technical Center student Tyler Hilyard drives the Thunderbolt II innovative design vehicle into the auditorium.

Scouts host Fashionistas '08

The Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council's spring fundraiser, Fashionistas 2008, will provide guests with an evening of spring fashions and an exciting and enjoyable way to support Girl Scouting.

The event will be held on Thursday, May 1, at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor. Talbot's will supply the women's fashions and Bachrach will supply the men's fashions. Tricho Studio will provide salon services.

The festivities begin with the reception, cash bar, and viewing of raffle baskets at 5:30 p.m. More than three dozen

gift-filled baskets and packages will be raffled off during the fashion show. Included are jewelry, spa items, gift certificates for restaurants, tickets to shows at Meadow Brook Theatre and Performance Network and two one-week stays in a condo in Winter Park, Colo. Fashionistas 2008 will feature local "celebrity models."

Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$450 for a table of 10. To preregister, call GSHVC at (734) 971-8800, Ext. 211, or visit the council's Web site at www.gshvc.org. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 23.

edge," Baracy added. "We have to replace our equipment if we hope to at least maintain what we have."

Wayne Mayor Al Hadeus is happy the district is preparing students for the jobs of the future.

"Twenty years ago, we didn't prepare a generation for this kind of technology," he said. "I'm glad to see we have that in place for the class of 2020."

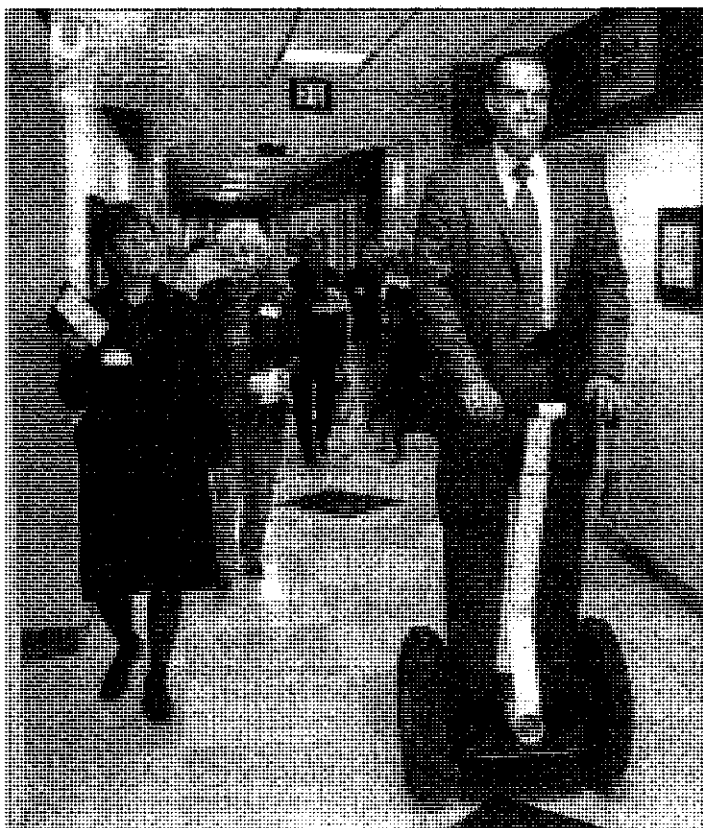
"We try to prepare and give them the foundation for jobs 15-20 years down the road that we don't know about," Baracy said. "It's extremely important we do that. This building should and can help people move forward into new jobs."

"If we're going to put Michigan back to work, people need to be here to get the skills to get a job in the work force."

In response to questions, Baracy told Realtors that the district hopes to get a good turnout for its annual Kindergarten Roundup "to at least maintain" its 13,900 student enrollment, but the state's economy will have an impact.

"More than 35,000 students left Michigan in the last eight months," he said.

For Realtors, the program was a bright spot in the aftermath of the sub-prime mortgage meltdown.



Wayne-Westland Career Technical Center Assistant Principal Steven Kay rides a Segway personal transporter as the Realtors follow to the center's distance learning auditorium.

According to Jon Breckon of Caldwell Banker, the flood of bank foreclosures has changed business tremendously.

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Lessons to learn: Helping kids understand economics of life

Something strange has happened with my kids on the way to growing up. They went from reasonable happy youngsters to often surly teens, which is surprising since my daughter who's only 11 years old.

A day doesn't go by without some kind of wailing — usually my daughter — and gnashing of teeth — my son, over being chastised about his attitude.

I will admit we've spoiled them beyond belief. What they wanted, they got. Being late-in-life parents, we could afford to do it. But with the economic backwash that's flooded Michigan, we've scaled back on frivolous purchases. The mantra now is if they want something, they have to buy it themselves.

My son has been able to grasp that concept and another — in one hand



Sue Mason

and money earned doing chores has trimmed his deficit to just \$80.

His sister, on the other hand, refuses to understand. She wants, wants, wants, but will do nothing to earn money to acquire those wants. And what money she does get can end up in one of two places — lost or spent in the snack line at school. She is impulsive and doesn't think twice about doing

and out the other — as he pays off the cost of a new portable PlayStation he had to have to replace the one he broke. Of course, he had to have top-of-the-line, silver limited edition at \$200.

Four days' worth of baby-sitting his sister and money earned doing chores has trimmed his deficit to just \$80.

His sister, on the other hand, refuses to understand. She wants, wants, wants, but will do nothing to earn money to acquire those wants. And what money she does get can end up in one of two places — lost or spent in the snack line at school. She is impulsive and doesn't think twice about doing

something. Her pat answer for almost everything she does is "I don't know" and she truly means it. With some prodding, however, she will come up with an explanation.

I have tried to instill the idea of saving money and building a little nest egg. They both have savings accounts that I've added money to over time. When their monthly statements come, they look at the bottom line and see it as money to be spent, not saved for that rainy day. In their world, the only rain that falls is when their electronics are confiscated by the mean mom and dad.

It's an uphill battle. They can rake in several hundred dollars in birthday money, but when I suggest putting some in their accounts, dad counters with a statement that that wasn't the intent of the gift, the money was meant

to be spent. I can't argue with that, but many's the time I watched my daughter grab something off the shelf at Toys R Us and buy it because she could, only to find it months later in a corner unopened.

Now that there's no spontaneous spending going on, they've resorted to new tactics. They've already started pointing out what they want for their birthdays and Christmas. At Easter, my son had a list of items that could be considered as the "big" gift from the Easter Bunny. No matter how often you tell them it's Easter Bunny, not Easter Claus, they still think they should get many gifts. This year they had to settle for clothing — shorts for him, pajamas for her — and some candy.

Was my son happy? Absolutely

not. He decided to go snooping Good Friday and knew what would be waiting for him on Easter morning. Our fault there. We usually lock up gifts in the spare bedroom and hide the key. But a lesson learned for him. Bet he doesn't go snooping this Christmas.

It's a hard adjustment for them to go from spoiled rotten to rational living. It's even hard for my husband and me, but we're adjusting. Hopefully, my kids will get the message that my Depression-era parents taught me: A penny saved is a penny earned. There's hope. One's working on it, the other still remains clueless.

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LETTERS

Protest despicable action

This is a response to a letter from E. Alfred Johnson in the Sunday, April 6, *Observer & Eccentric* wherein the writer equates widespread dissent with the Bush administration as allegedly emboldening America's enemies. Nothing could be further from the truth. The occupation of Iraq has not defeated America's enemies; rather it is this very occupation which has emboldened them and increased their number.

The letter begins with a dubious statement that "we are in a war and there is no way to turn back." We are? Which "war" is Mr. Johnson referring to? America's illegal occupation of Iraq, predicated on what has been thoroughly and unequivocally documented as a series of calculated and colossal Bush administration lies, ceased being a "war" several years ago. Or perhaps he is referring to the administration's utterly phony "war on terror" — a claim used to justify the subversion of civil liberties, the trashing of the United States Constitution and illegal torture.

Mr. Johnson also repeats a long-discredited Bush administration canard by deceitfully linking the war in Iraq as a response to those who are willing to die by blowing up planes, buildings, etc. However, there is one significant problem with that claim. The evidence is irrefutable that Iraq and Saddam Hussein had nothing whatsoever to do with the 9/11 terrorist attacks. That's not a conspiracy theory, just merely a fact that gets in the way of the wishful and ideologically blind thinking of those who support the

continued occupation of a sovereign nation by the United States.

We who protest the despicable actions of the Bush administration regarding Iraq as well as the war profiteers of corporate America are merely following in the footsteps of the patriots who founded the world's greatest nation. Thomas Jefferson said that "dissent is the highest form of patriotism." We who choose to dissent are the Americans who are really supporting our troops — not the label-pin patriots, their draft-dodging United States President and his utterly corrupt political party.

Joe Golonka
Westland

An illegal occupation

After reading the lone letter to the editor in the Sunday, April 6, edition of the *O&E*, I am compelled to respond. In his letter, Mr. Johnson starts by stating that we are in a war and there is no way out. Let me start by stating that our presence in Iraq is more accurately depicted as an illegal occupation. Further, there is a way to turn back, and that is to withdraw our troops, as most Americans support.

"The enemy" the writer refers to, which flew planes into the World Trade Center in September 2001, is not the same enemy we are fighting in Iraq. On the contrary, the two have nothing to do with each other. There has never been one single shred of evidence linking Iraq to what happened on that devastating day.

Further, when we exercise our right to free speech, (and free thought for that matter) when

Americans express dissent to what President Bush and his administration has gotten us into, we are not "helping our enemies." We are exercising more than our right to vote, which is what the writer suggests, is the proper response. Rather, we are exercising many of our rights and responsibilities for ensuring America remains "... of the people, by the people and for the people ..." We are still living in a democratically represented republic, and thus are compelled to participate at many levels, other than that of our responsibility to vote.

Free speech must be protected, especially that which is in disagreement. For, what is there to protect, if we were all in agreement? Americans must maintain our Constitutional rights given us by our forefathers "... in order to create a more perfect union ..."

Patricia Linna
Westland

Assault on the Constitution

Regarding the comments of E. Alfred Johnson on April 6: When U.S. military personnel are sworn in, they don't profess allegiance to the Commander-in-Chief. They swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. The same Constitution that has been folded, spindled and mutilated by the Bush administration.

Sedition is a powerful word. It refers to efforts to undermine or overthrow the government. The assault on the Constitution is tantamount to that end, and should have serious consequences, including impeachment.

As for the issue of Iraq, the bipartisan 9/11 Commission made it clear that Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11, nor did it have any ties to Al Qaeda. These were deliberately patented fabrications by an administration desperate for reasons to justify an unnecessary war. A war that continues to steal life, limb and billions of dollars from the nation's dangerously neglected infrastructure.

Joseph Borrajo
Dearborn

Bipartisan president? Vote McCain

In May 2001, can you guess who was one of only two Republicans to vote against the Bush tax cuts?

When Republican Sen. Jim Jeffords became an independent, throwing control of the Senate to the Democrats, who defended Jeffords against self-appointed enforcers of party loyalty?

Can you guess who, along with then-Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman, wrote the legislation that created the 9/11 Commission, while he and Democratic Sen. Fritz Hollings co-sponsored the Aviation and Transportation Security Act that federalized airport security?

Who helped oust Donald Rumsfeld? Time and again, Sen. McCain has reached across the aisle and at times risked his career for what is right for this country. Can the same be said for the other presidential candidates?

Ed Johnson
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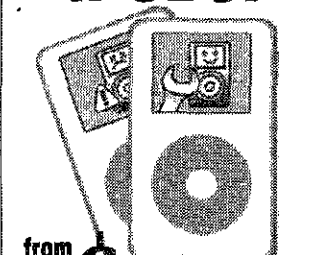
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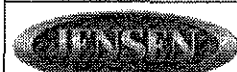
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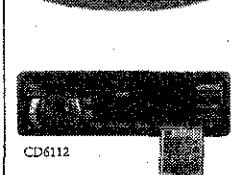


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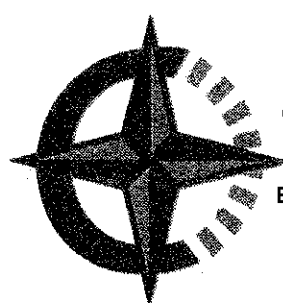
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Pats triumph in 4-3 thriller over Rockets

It was a good-old fashioned pitcher's duel Friday as Livonia Franklin squeaked out a 4-3 baseball victory at Westland John Glenn.

Winning pitcher Mark McRobb went all seven innings, allowing just five hits. He struck out seven and walked four as the Patriots improved to 5-1 overall in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game.

Losing pitcher Robert Fraser fanned 13 for Glenn during his seven-inning stint.

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He allowed seven hits and walked two as the Rockets fell to 2-1 overall.

Franklin's Garrett Gumm singled home Mike Basner with the game-winning run in the top of the seventh.

Gumm went 2-for-4, including an RBI double and two runs scored. Basner also went 2-for-3 with two runs.

Glenn got all three of its run in the second inning highlighted by Anthony Vettraino's RBI single.

PLYMOUTH 10, CHURCHILL & Livonia Churchill (0-3) couldn't hold a 5-2 lead through three innings Friday in a WLAA crossover setback against the visiting Wildcats (3-0).

Churchill committed four of its five errors as Plymouth surged ahead with an eight-run fourth inning.

"One thing led to another and we just kind of fell apart on a couple of bunt plays" Churchill coach Ron Targosz said.

Kyle Sanders, who pitched five innings of scoreless relief of starter Matt Priebe, got the victory. Sanders struck out six, walked one and allowed six hits. Priebe gave up five runs on three hits and five walks in two innings.

Brad Lineberry paced the Plymouth offense going 3-for-4 with a double, triple, two runs scored and three RBI. Priebe also went 2-for-3.

Churchill starter Jimmy Tyler allowed all 10 runs, but only three earned, over six innings. He allowed eight hits, struck out five and walked one before Tyler Cotter finished up.

Tyler Bledsoe went 3-for-3 with a walk and two RBI. Ricky Scully added two hits and an RBI, while

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lutheran Westland's Adam Zehel steals third base as Clarenceville's Danny Schiffman awaits the throw.

Warriors throw goose eggs to start

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There aren't enough superlatives to describe Lutheran High Westland's 3-0 baseball start.

The Warriors' pitching staff has worked 14 scoreless innings and allowed just one hit so far in 2008 with the latest victory coming Friday at Livonia Clarenceville, 11-0, in a six-inning mercy.

Junior Micah Hausch started the season April 7 by pitching three perfect innings in a 16-0 rout of Newport Lutheran South followed by sophomore Austin Baglow's five-inning no-hitter Thursday at Canton Agape

Christian in a 10-0 mercy-rule triumph.

Senior lefty Derek Fleetham continued the streak into the sixth inning Friday against Clarenceville (0-4, 0-1) before defensive replacement Danny Blacker, in his first plate appearance, broke up the no-hit bid with a shot with two-out in the bottom of the sixth that eluded Lutheran Westland third baseman Sam Ahlersmeyer.

Fleetham struck out nine and walked four against Clarenceville, while Baglow fanned 10, walked only two and allowed two harmless flies to right field in the win over Agape (1-1).

"Our pitchers have been good so far

because they've been throwing strikes,"

Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Austin threw last year for us a freshman and pitched travel over the summer. He's increased his velocity and his curveball was breaking a ton. He was getting them (Agape) buckling at the knees or swinging early."

In the win over Clarenceville, Hausch went 4-for-5 with a double and RBI, while junior Ryan Rakovalis went 3-for-4 with a double.

Senior left fielder Billy Meier doubled in two runs in the first inning, while

Please see **WARRIORS, B3**

Mustangs pay back Spartans in 7-4 triumph

In a rematch of last year's Western Lakes Activities Association girls softball title game, host Northville came away the victor Friday with a 7-4 triumph over defending champion Livonia Stevenson.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Winning pitcher Jenna Dumbleton limited the Spartans to six hits, while striking out seven and walking four. She also went 2-for-4 at the plate as the Mustangs improved to 5-0 overall.

Catcher Sarah Rounsifer also went 2-for-4, including a 2-run homer in the first inning. Brittany Birdsall also collected two hits.

Stevenson's Jamie Johnson was the losing pitcher. In six innings, Johns allowed 11 hits, walked six and fanned eight. She also went 2-for-3.

Nina Bonanno had an RBI single for the Spartans (1-1) in the second inning, while Kristina Vacklavik contributed an RBI single in the third.

It was 5-4 Northville through five innings before the Mustangs put it away with two in the bottom of the sixth.

FRANKLIN 9, JOHN GLENN 2: On Friday, host Livonia Franklin (3-0) downed Westland John Glenn (0-1) in a WLAA crossover as winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn allowed just two hits and five walks while fanning

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clarenceville's pitcher Val Sochacki awaits the umpire's call as Lutheran Westland's Carla Kryzskis gets tagged out at the plate trying to steal on a passed ball.

Runs-a-plenty in Clarenceville win

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

The merry-go-round around the bases started early for Livonia Clarenceville, which took just four innings Friday to mercy Metro Conference foe Lutheran High Westland in a girls softball game, 18-3.

Senior Karinda Cummins went 4-for-4 with a double and scored a pair of runs as the Trojans improved to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the Metro.

Clarenceville collected a total of 15 hits as Lisa Wilson went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. Miranda Cummings also added three hits, while Samantha Sillanapaa, Chelsea Lawler and Charmaine McQueen contributed two apiece for the victorious Trojans, who scored two in the first inning; four in the second; seven in the third; and four in the fourth.

Winning pitcher Val Sochacki allowed two hits, a pair of walks and struck out five to even her record at 2-2.

Losing pitcher Emily Whitaker, meanwhile, was the victim of seven errors.

"She threw strikes, but when you can't field the ball it's going to be a long day," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said.

Amanda DeVries drove in two runs for the Warriors, who slipped to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the Metro. Whitaker had the other RBI.

On Thursday, Lutheran Westland was down 9-0 after four innings before rallying for a 23-18 triumph at Canton Agape Christian.

The Warriors, who scored a total of 12 runs over the final two innings, did not collect their first hit until the fifth inning. Whitaker and DeVries each collected two hits in the win.

Sidelines

Blazer lacrosse wins

Senior center Ellen Gwozdek scored six goals and senior attacker Jessica Padmos added two Friday as host Livonia Ladywood evened its girls lacrosse record to 3-3 with a 13-12 triumph over Grosse Pointe North.

"Our varsity squad played a great game today against a team we haven't beaten since I've been with the program - until tonight," Ladywood coach Julie Holland said.

MU signs cager

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry announced the signing Thursday of Southgate Anderson guard Jon Jaciuk, an All-Mega Conference selection who averaged 11 points, six assists, four rebounds and three steals per game.

"He's a true gym rat in that he loves to be in the gym working to get better," Henry said. "He sees the floor very well and will help ease of the loss of some of our guards from this past season."

Jaciuk, a four-year member of the honor roll at Anderson, plans to study nursing.

Milam to NAHL

Livonia Churchill's All-Observer and All-State senior forward Nate Milam, who scored 45 goals and added 19 assists for 64 points, has been tendered an offer to play for the Marquette Rangers of the North American Hockey League.

"Nathan has the ability to put on a show every time he touches the puck," Rangers Director of Player Personnel Tom Boileau said. "He's a fast skater, has great hands and a natural ability to score goals. This kid is fun to watch, and he's the kind of player every coach dreams of having on his bench."

Fairfax commits

Livonia Clarenceville 5-foot-9 senior guard Lonnie Fairfax, who averaged 11.7 points, 7.7 assists and 4.3 steals per game for the 18-3 Trojans, will sign a letter-of-intent this week with Davenport University of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Fairfax was a second-team All-Observer and All-Metro Conference selection.

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
April 11 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Paige Fallu, 2-6, 6-0; **No. 2:** Katelyn Foster (LC) def. Emma Stack, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kelly Houghan (LC) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3); **No. 4:** Jessica McClain (LC) def. Stephanie Belcher, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Kelly Felner-Jenna Zuccarini (LC) def. Lauren Oslawa-Jennifer Neamtu, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; **No. 2:** Lauren Vella-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Linda Comini-Angela Tomassini, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Lauren Vasko-Cortney Bennett (LC) def. Angela Browning-Lauren Pennington, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Brianna Devlin-Val Rose (LC) def. Crystal Henderson-Jennifer Rellinger, 6-2, 7-5.

Dual match records: Churchill, 2-1 overall, 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 8
WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
April 11 at W.L. Central

No. 1 singles: Erica Roleau (WLC) defeated Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Steph Indarian (WLC) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Sayari Yoshida (WLC) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Liz Slusher (WLC) def. Jessica Gush, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Sara Johnson-Mackenzie Cohn (WLC) def. Madelyn Bevil-Kara Windsor, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Nicole Wehta-Alicia Segnitz (WLC) def. Jessica Gregoi-Cailie Parendo, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Angela Stawasz-Rena Molnar (WLC) def. Xiyen Wang-Nancy Watson, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Melissa Kosky-Nicole Stawasz, 6-2, 6-1.

Dual match records: Wayne, 0-3 overall; 0-1

WLAA; W.L. Central, 1-0 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6, HOWELL 2
April 9 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) def. Keri Wkatiskin, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Elizabeth Morse (H) def. Laura Sims, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Paige McNamara (LS) def. Emmy Keough, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1; **No. 4:** Carli Marschner (LS) def. Kristen Bartkowiak, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Katherine Morse-Katey Roberts (LS) def. Kristen Miller-Taylor Oglesby, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 2:** Jessica McIntyre-Mallory Mutual (H) def. Gabrielle Sabatini-Laura Gumpfer, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5; **No. 3:** Ashley Benvenuti-Shannon Dwight (LS) def. Susan Hill-Kali Walter, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; **No. 4:** Simona Enea-Danielle Jagodzinski (LS) def. Kaitlyn Cancry-Becca Thomas, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Stevenson's dual match record: 1-0 overall.

YPSILANTI LINCOLN 7
WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
April 4 at Lincoln

No. 1 singles: Jessica Novack (WM) defeated Angelica Reyes, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jessica Vivian (YL) def. Morgan Greig, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; **No. 3:** Gretchen Guck (YL) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Rachel Serafini (YL) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Elizabeth Little-Geneva Chunn (YL) def. Cassie Woods-Jessica Gush, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 2:** Marti Schmitt-Sam Pinter (YL) def. Madelyn Bevil-Kara Windsor, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 3:** Allison Chan-Breanna Thomas (YL) def. Jessica Gregoi-Kelsi Thomas, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Kate Burch-Crystal Wesnoski (YL) def. Nancy Watson-Xiyen Wang, 6-1, 6-1.

Wayne's dual match record: 0-2 overall.

Chargers pay back Blue Devils, 1-0

GIRLS SOCCER

good." Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "They ran 10 subs at us and don't lose anything, they're very deep.

The first goal by Pilarski came from 30 yards out and caromed off the post.

"It was a good shot, our goalie (Michele) Ring didn't have much of a chance," Shingledecker said. "She played very well and made some key saves at key times."

Marian goalkeeper Whitney Sarkis made three saves en route to the shutout, while Ladywood's Ring had five.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0: On Thursday, Brooke Williams notched a hat trick - all in the final 30 minutes to break open a close match - as Plymouth Christian Academy (5-0) blanked Livonia Clarenceville (2-1) in a non-conference encounter.

One of Williams' goal came as a result of a penalty kick.

CHURCHILL 8, FRANKLIN 1: Bailey Brandon had two goals and three assists Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill (2-0-1) rolled to a WLAA crossover win over Livonia Franklin (0-4).

Kayla Johnston, coming off a hat trick in Monday's 3-3 tie with Northville, added two goals and one assist for the Chargers, who led 5-0 at halftime.

Lindsey Marlow, who had the game-winner in the eighth minute, also drew an assist.

Shari Zakalowski, Stefanie Turner and Diana Bush also scored for the Chargers.

Megan Bauman played goal for the Chargers, who played with Hannah Otto (fever) and Alyssa Mira (hamstring).

"We looked to combine with each other and play good soccer, and that was good to see," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Alley Mesa tallied a second half goal for the Patriots.

"Going into the game we knew we were going to have to be on to make things happen," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We had moments where we were keeping their players from getting in, but we didn't keep it up for 80 minutes. We fought hard defensively, but sometimes when you're playing like a Kayla Johnston, who's determined to find a way to score or assist, even that's not enough. We were able to take a good lesson way from the game and recognize where we're succeeding and where we need to work."

STEVENSON 0, WAYNE 0: In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, Molly McConnell's hat trick helped host Livonia Stevenson (3-2) to a mercy-rule win over Wayne Memorial (0-5).

Kayla Kimble and Krista Kane added a goal an assist for the Spartans, who led 7-0 at intermission.

Other goals came from Stephanie Gutkowski (penalty kick), Brittany Hoots and Samantha Gutkowski. Julie Schroeder and Taleen Mergian each had two assists, while Joelle Williamson contributed one.

Freshman goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk notched the shutout.

NORTHVILLE 8, JOHN GLENN 0: Lauren Lokey and Julia Bowden each collected two goals and one assist Wednesday as the visiting Mustangs (3-0-1) merced Westland John Glenn (1-2) early in the second half.

Northville led 7-0 at halftime before putting it away two minutes into the second half.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6, LUTH. SOUTH 0: Miranda Kasprovicz scored twice Wednesday as host Lutheran High Westland (2-1) blanked Newport Lutheran South in a non-conference encounter.

Sarah Frusti, Hannah Mielke, Sam Terranella and Jessica Welser also scored for the victorious Warriors.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, April 14
Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Summit at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Highland Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Franklin Road at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18
W.L. Northern at Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
(all double-headers unless noted)
Franklin at Clarkson Invitational, 10 a.m.
Stevenson at St. Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m.
Thurston at Churchill, 11 a.m.
Garden City at Wayne, 11 a.m.
Crestwood at Clarenceville, 11 a.m.
Agape at Huron Valley, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, April 14
Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Summit at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Birm. Marian (2), 4 p.m.
Highland Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
(all double-headers unless noted)
Agape at Huron Valley, 10 a.m.
Churchill at Birm. Groves, 11 a.m.
Romulus at Wayne, 11 a.m.
Crestwood at Clarenceville, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 14
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
Churchill at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at H.W. Regina, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Churchill, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Clawson at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at F.H. Mercy, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Churchill at Ladywood, 5 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Tuesday, April 15
M.H. Lamphere at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Southfield Christian, Lutheran South at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Churchill at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Clarenceville Quad Meet, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Dearborn Fordson Invitational, 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Berkley Invitational, 9 a.m.
Ipsanti Relays, 10 a.m.
Elks Relays at Dearborn, 11 a.m.

BOYS GOLF

Thursday, April 17
Farmington Inv. at Farm. Hills G.C., 8:30 a.m.
John Glenn vs. Garden City at Westland Municipal G.C., 3 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Huron Valley vs. Plymouth Christian at Hawthorne Valley G.C., 2:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Monday, April 14
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 4 p.m.
W.B. Jewish Academy at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 4 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Monday, April 14
A.A. Gab. Richard at Ladywood, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Ladywood at H.W. Regina, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Birm. Marian at Ladywood, 6 p.m.

Men's College Baseball
(all double-headers unless noted)
Sunday, April 13
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Siena Heights at Madonna, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 20
Aquinas College at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Women's College Softball
(all double-headers unless noted)
Sunday, April 13
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Siena Heights at Madonna, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Madonna at Northwood Univ., 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 20
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, April 19
Det. Demolition at Chicago Force, 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

Derek Poremba also collected two hits.

NORTHVILLE 3, STEVENSON 0: Four pitchers combined for the six-hit shutout Friday as the visiting Mustangs (7-0) downed Livonia Stevenson (0-2) in a WLAA crossover.

Joe Mitchell, Kevin Fisher, David Uberti and Kevin Uetz took turns on the mound for Northville.

The Spartans left 10 runners stranded and costly errors resulted in the three unearned runs.

Losing pitcher Jeff Sorenson gave up four hits over 5.2 innings before giving way to Mike Tuttle.

Uberti had two hits for Northville, while Mitchell and Damarii Saunderson each knocked in a run. Matt Deacon had a hit and scored twice.

Bob Smith, Eric Krauss, Sam Vomastek, Jon Samaan, Chris

Summers and Sorenson had the Stevenson hits.

SALEM 10, WAYNE 4: On Friday, the host Rocks (1-0) broke open a close game with five runs in the sixth inning to win their season opener against Wayne Memorial. The Rocks appeared on the verge of blowing this one wide open when they plated five runs in the first. However, the Zebras rallied with four unearned runs - one in the third and three in the fifth - to reduce their deficit to 5-4. Salem outhit Wayne, 9-2, however, the winners committed four errors. Junior right-hander Joe Posler earned the win, yielding just two hits and one walk while striking out six in 4.2 innings. All four runs Posler gave up were unearned.

Ryan Collop suffered the loss for the Zebras, tossing five innings of six-hit ball. Brent Patterson pitched the sixth for Wayne. The hitting stars for Salem were Sam Ott (2-for-3, two RBI), Dana Lorber (2-for-4), Dave Loos (2-for-4), Chris Kordick (1-for-4, three RBI) and Posler (2-for-4).

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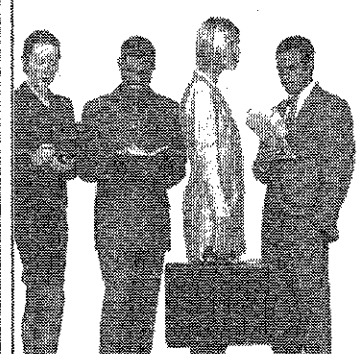
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Living with Autism

Workshop features actress Jenny McCarthy, begins with 7:45 a.m. continental breakfast Wednesday, April 16, at Hilton Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy. Breakout sessions include topics ranging from how to diagnose autism to the role of genetics and neurology in autism and autistic-like behaviors. Cost is \$95, \$125 with CEU credits. For information, visit www.metroreport.com and click on events link.

National Healthcare Decisions Day

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is welcoming the public throughout the day in the hospital's South Lobby at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia, with free information about advance care planning and advance directive forms, information about medical bracelets, organ and bone marrow donation, and more. For information, visit www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

Eat Your Way Thin

6 p.m. Wednesday April 16, at Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No charge. Limited to 30 guests. Reservations required, call (734) 756-6904.

Genetically modified foods

Allergies, digestive problems, headaches, personality changes, and other unexplained health problems may be caused from genetically modified foods 3 p.m. Friday, April 18 with Dr. William Karl, D.C. at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth, between Merriman and Farmington. To reserve a seat, call (734) 425-8588.

Health screenings

Free and low cost preventive tests during Project Healthy Living 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Includes hearing, vision, height and weight, blood pressure, bone density, and tests that are more specialized such as stroke screening, blood panels, CA-125 for women, and PSA for men. Botsford health professionals offer counseling and referrals. Age 18 years or older. Transportation available to Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, 55 or older or handicapped, call (248) 473-1864 at least 24 hours ahead. No pre-registration except for Heart Health Screenings, Echocardiogram, Abdominal Aorta Screen, or Electrocardiogram. To register, call (800) 541-8110. The 22 panel Blood Test requires a 4-hour fast. For information, call (248) 473-1822.

Social for Teens/Young Adults

Teens and Young Adults with Autism and Asperger Syndrome are invited to come and enjoy a fun filled night of video games, socializing, floor hockey, basketball and more 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Anastasia Activity Center in Troy. Contact the Autism Society of America Oakland County Chapter for more information at (248) 393-3131 or send e-mail to chapterinfo@ssaokland.org.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the Conference Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments encourage to prevent lengthy waits. Visit www.givelife.org with the sponsor code DMC and choose the HVSH drive.

Detox: Is it Right for You?

6:30 p.m. Tuesday April 22. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No charge. Reservation required. Call (734) 756-6904.

Divorce support group

Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Hagerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

CPR class

For family and friends, presented by Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23. Cost is \$10 and includes a class manual, two wallet cards and a barrier device. Reserve a seat at (248) 473-3100.

Women remembering women

Deadline for reservations for second annual Evening Tea is Friday, April 25. Event is 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Italian American Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Call or leave a message for Diana at (248) 915-8221, Sherri at (248) 798-0635, or send e-mail to 4627officestaff@hcrmanorcare.com. Provided by Heartland Hospice.

Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, one of 10 metro Detroit charities. A wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Ford Conference and Event Center, Dearborn with live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (313) 876-9237.

Diabetes fund-raiser

Women in business holding a vendor/craft event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, Canton. Admission \$1, proceeds from admission, bake sale, raffles benefit American Diabetes Association. For details, send e-mail to entertainingu@gmail.com.

Healthy planet, healthy people



Last year's Earth Day Expo offered locally grown organic produce.

Earth Day Expo offers alternatives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

The flower children of the late 1960s envisioned an energy-conserving planet free of pollution and kind to animals. It's taken 40 years but the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center and Oakland University are reviving their idealism by inviting environmental and health-conscious exhibitors to share the latest information on the connection between planet and people at the Earth Day Expo Saturday, April 19, on the campus in Rochester.

The day kicks off at 10 a.m. with Hike for Discovery, a fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and ends at the expo, which is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, visit www.hikefordiscovery.org or call (248) 582-2900.

Expo visitors can learn about the green movement and healthy living at outdoor and indoor exhibits including hybrid vehicles, a mini farm market with organic and locally produced food, presentations on green building, renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, meditation, and yoga. A representative of La Vida Local (lavidalocalonline.com) talks about making local eating a reality. La Vida Local offers a variety of Michigan products. Locally produced foods conserve fuel while organically grown lettuce helps keep the environment safe by eliminating pesticides and fertilizers which drain into waterways.

"We're trying to make the connection between having a healthy planet and the effects on people's health," said John Batdorf, executive director of Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford and a Rochester resident. "We're a fish in water and the water's our environ-

ment. Anyone who doesn't get the connection between the earth and our health ask them to hold their breath for a few minutes."

Paul Krause is going to share his information on health and nutrition. The Troy resident is a pharmacist and owner of the Medicine Cabinet in Smithfield. He also serves on the board of directors of VegMichigan, the nonprofit that promotes the benefits of not eating meat for the sake of health, the environment and animals. Every day Krause fills prescriptions to treat the high blood pressure and cholesterol of patients who should be making lifestyle changes instead to improve their health. Krause became a vegetarian after he was diagnosed with a cardiovascular blockage. Fourteen years ago he decided against angioplasty in favor of vegetarianism and exercise. From 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, he'll represent VegMichigan (vegmichigan.org) at the Great American Meat Out in Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest.

Krause speaks on Diet and the Environment at the Earth Day Expo at 1 p.m. sharing a wealth of statistics about farm animals who excrete 130 times more than the entire human population polluting the soil and water. He says, 50 percent of all water goes to raise animals for food, 1/3 of all energy.

"Not eating meat is the single most important (thing people can do for the planet and ourselves)," said Krause. "Forty percent of cancer is caused by what we eat. Eighty percent of cancer can be obliterated by what we eat and do, not smoking, exercising. People are getting breast and prostate cancer because animals are being injected with hormones. Cardiovascular disease results from eating animal products packed with saturated fat and cholesterol."

Robert Jarski agrees with Krause that avoiding meat and dairy products is a good way to prevent and reverse heart disease. He speaks on the topic at 2 p.m. The Oakland University professor spent two of his sabbaticals working with Dr. Dean



EARTH DAY EXPO

When: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19
Where: Oakland Center at Oakland University, 2200 Squirrel Road, Rochester
Cost: Free. Visit www.earthdayexpo.org for details and directions, or call (248) 693-1021

Ornish at University of California, San Francisco, on a trial that found nutrition, exercise, stress management, and group support could reverse blockages in arteries. Jarski eats fish but no meat, jogs every other day, meditates every day. He regularly enjoys walks near his home on the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester Hills.

"This is probably where heart disease treatment is going," said Jarski, director of the complimentary and wellness program at Oakland University. "Heart disease is caused by a lot of environmental factors such as the way we live our life. We expect to be able to drive to the doorstep of our workplace instead of walking 6 miles like they do in France."

"We need to live in a clean environment that facilitates good health instead of causing heart disease and cancer. As I see them they're inseparable."

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Activists promote clean environment to reduce health risks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Italia Millan lives her life by the adage Think Globally, Act Locally. She and other members of the Sierra Club Rochester Ecos Group will be passing out materials on their clean water and air campaigns at the Earth Day Expo on April 19 at Oakland University.

"We want to promote renewable, cleaner fuels, no more coal factories. They greatly pollute the air and that affects our health," said Millan, chairwoman of the Rochester area Sierra Club. "We want people to be their own environment protection group to become activists in their community. Humans have a great impact on the environment, the fuels we use, the chemicals we use in our

household or for personal care, the cars we drive, the way we dispose of things, the materials we decide to buy, even the groceries we buy have an impact on our environment's health and ultimately our health and other species too."

Millan and her husband Donald Hughes are vegans and walk regularly with their two dogs.

"We try to recycle at home as much as we can, try to use less packaging, and buy bulk so we don't have a lot of packaging," said Millan. "We try to use household products with natural and organics to protect our health and the health of our animals. We don't use pesticides on our lawn or water the lawn and wash the car with a bucket."

"If you get involved with a local group you can have an impact on

your community. Talk to your neighbors about issues. There's so many ways you can get involved."

For more than 30 years Upland Hills has been promoting renewable energy as a way to heat, cool and light its ecological center in Oxford. According to John Batdorf, the executive director, the Michigan Energy Demonstration Center receives funding from the state to educate the public about energy.

Batdorf's personal life mirrors his professional. He rides a bike whenever possible instead of driving a car. He's a vegan who eats only organic foods. He's seen to it that only biodegradable serving ware will be used at the expo.

"We'll have some cool stuff outdoors: a wind turbine, a blokart (for land sailing), clothing and per-

sonal care products," said Batdorf of Rochester. "We'll talk about using nontoxic materials in products and clothing, if you put something on your body, it gets in your body. We're really trying to be as broad as we can to offer alternatives. The rap on the environmental movement was you were told to be cold and in the dark. We're trying to say nature is abundant and we want to do things in step with it."

"I keep finding when it's healthy for me, it's healthy for the environment. We have a choice of using machines to do things for us or use our own muscles, to choose to walk and ride bikes. Not only is it good for the planet and health but makes for a nicer community."

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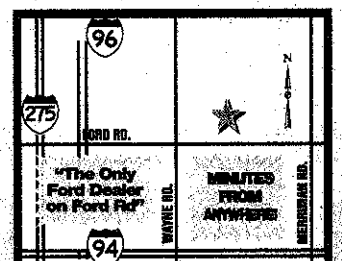
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Staying alive

Polish choreographer preserves culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Polish children of all ages love Mrs. Marzec. Even though the Livonia dance teacher can be a task master, she makes learning about their heritage fun.

A special celebration on Sunday, April 20, should be no exception as Suzan Charuba Marzec celebrates 20 years of passing on Polish folklore dancing as well as the customs and traditions of the land where her father was born. The afterglow follows the annual recital of the PNA Centennial Dancers children's group and adult Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Marzec estimates she's taught more than 2,000 children and adults the regional dances and language in classes subsidized by the Polish National Alliance (PNA). In addition to the weekly sessions, Marzec holds Polish cultural classes in October for Polish Heritage Month and in summer offers a Polish camp.

Dancers from Farmington Hills to Garden City, Plymouth and Canton travel to the studio to learn more about their heritage that includes the decorative Easter egg art known as pisanaki.

"My biggest compliment is their children are dancing with me," said Marzec of students from her early days as a teacher. "This is the third generation now keeping their heritage alive. Their grandmas and grandpas aren't there any more to practice all the customs. I teach them about the costumes from the region they're dancing. I have maps to find out where their roots are from so they have a sense of ownership, an understanding."

Marzec was one of the first Americans to earn a degree from Marie Currie Slowdoska University in Lublin, Poland in 1992 and teach the authentic dances back here. That's one of the reasons she was asked to choreograph the Centennial and Radomianie dancers for a scene in the film, *The Polish Wedding*. Marzec tries to keep as much of Polish culture alive as possible. In back of the studio, her two-year-old business, Simply Polish, offers pottery, amber jewelry, glass ornaments, and Cuipaga sticks from the mountain areas. Marzec uses the sticks to attract boys to Polish dancing. They become excited about learning how to jump over the stick as part of the dance.

Marzec started dancing at age 4 with the Polish Roman Catholic Union dancers in southwest Detroit and has performed for Pope John Paul II as well as around the country. As a choreographer she attended her first World Festival of Polish Folkloric Dance in Rzeszow in 1993 as a choreographer. She returns to the Polish city in July to march in the parade with her dancers.

Twirling around the studio in a Lowicz costume



Hand-painted eggs from Poland available in the store at Simply Polish in Livonia.

Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia dances in her studio.

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Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia displays a glass Polish Santa Claus Christmas ornament.

from central Poland, she talks about the oldest national dance, the Polonez. Marzec performs the dance with her husband, Ken, as part of Radomianie. Their son Greg, 13, dances on the program with Centennial.

"It opens official ceremonies, weddings, and dates back to the 1500s" said Marzec. "It teaches girls to be feminine, to walk around with a lot of pride. It's exciting for me to watch a little one that comes in in a shell with no eye contact and then a year later they're smiling and can talk to people."

Kathy Miszak says her daughter Katrina was kind of shy when she started dancing at age 4. After watching her first recital the Livonia woman was so inspired by folkloric dancing she joined the adult group, Radomianie, which was just forming.

"It's actually quite challenging," said Miszak, an accountant for a law firm in Bloomfield Hills. "It was very fun because I was also doing costumes at the time. Having Katrina involved was a good family outlet for us. You don't find too many things parents can do together with their children."

"It helped her find that tie back to her family

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POLISH EXTRAVAGANZA

What: PNA Centennial Dancers annual recital featuring the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble
When: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 20, Afterglow at 3:30 p.m.
Where: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Tickets: \$9 in advance, \$10 at door. Call (734) 525-2880



Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia shows some of the hand-painted Polish pottery available in her store.

Horseback riding good for body, mind

No one really knows when therapeutic horseback riding began. It has been written that the Greeks would send wounded soldiers out on horseback excursions to expedite their recovery. British hospitals are said to have done the same during World War II.

In the U.S., The North American Riding for The Handicapped Association has more than 400 accredited riding programs. Integrating horse

riding into therapy programs began in the U.S. some 30 years ago at a farm outside of Grand Rapids.

In addition to the proven benefits from a physical therapy standpoint, for children and adults with orthopedic and ambulation problems, the emotional and psychological benefits have been well-demonstrated.

Improvements in self-esteem, self-confidence, attention and concentration are but a few.

It has been shown that a walking horse, with a seated rider, exercises and rehabilitates injured body parts of a human by providing similar muscle movement which one would acquire by walking on the ground. Balance and strength are also enhanced for the rider. An individual with gait problems or paralysis of the lower half of the body can gain much physical rejuvenation from riding on a walking horse. Side-walkers and a lead-walker typically accompany the new rider until they are no longer needed and the person can manage the horse by him/herself.

There is also a tremendous psychological benefit to mastering things much bigger than ourselves — and horses certainly fit the bill. Many orthopedically and physically challenged children involved in therapeutic horse riding have been heard commenting: "Well maybe I can't walk so good and sometimes I need that wheelchair, but I can ride a horse!"

Also, newspaper accounts have told former White House Press Secretary James Brady, who was shot in the head during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan, found horse riding to be an important component in his physical and personal recovery.

Most therapeutic riding schools are staffed with volunteers who facilitate the safety of the disabled rider. The display of their dedication and conviction to the therapeutic effectiveness of uniting horse and man is extraordinary and, in itself, a testimony to the therapeutic effect of this form of rehabilitation. Youngsters and adults stricken with muscular dystrophy, paraplegia, traumatic brain injury and mental illnesses are but a few of the populations who can benefit.

For several years, I have been treating people with traumatic brain injuries. I have found a wonderful riding school in Mason called C.H.U.M. (Children and Humans United in Movement). The facility is owned and operated by a physical therapist. I have sent about a half a dozen patients over the years and, combined with other treatment modalities such as psychotherapy, cognitive therapy and traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, have found that they have all benefited. The clinical results have been very good.

You see, when a person sits on a walking horse, the person gets the same muscular-skeletal workout as if walking on the ground. And for those with depression and self-esteem problems, there is nothing like a vigorous workout and the increased confidence from riding (under close supervision and always with a helmet) atop a horse.

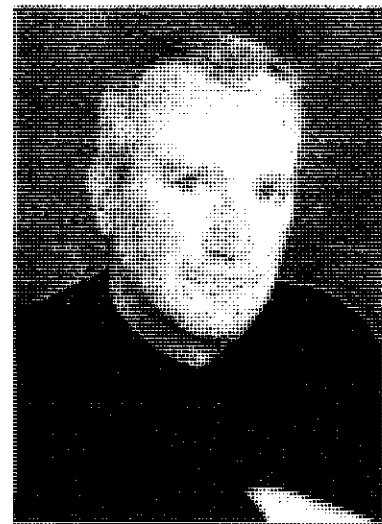
I will never forget the power I personally felt when I rode English-style in a jumping class and was frequently finding myself in mid-air with all the power and majesty of a horse underneath me, as joined together we would hurdle fences!

I further wonder if some of the benefits of therapeutic horse riding for so many disabled individuals comes about because it offers them the opportunity to master their own aggressive impulses by controlling the powerful and often aggressive appearance of a big, muscular horse. Probably so! What an accomplishment for the able-bodied person, let alone those of our fragile, timid, survivors of catastrophic injuries.

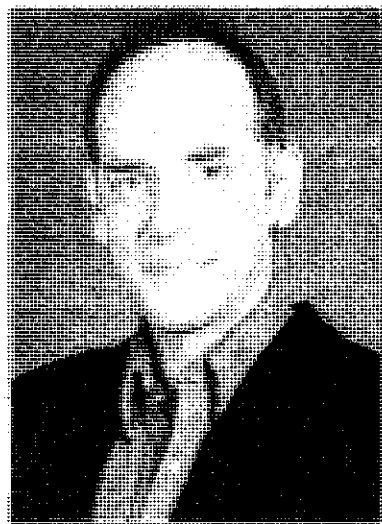
Resources: The book, "The Man Who Listens to Horses" by Monty Roberts available by calling (888) U2-MONTY. Also, Children And Humans United In Movement (C.H.U.M.) at (517) 204-0974.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and credentialed in brain injury, mental health, social work and addictions. His column "Our Mental Health" has been running six years in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and elsewhere with 90 publications to date. He can be reached about his writing at (248) 476-9329.

Composer sets potter's words to music



Baritone Stephen Lusmann sings a cycle of songs with words written by eccentric potter George Ohr.



Pianist Logan Skelton performs his Ohr Songs as part of the Wednesday Noon Concert Series April 16, at Schoolcraft College.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Logan Skelton finds George Ohr so fascinating he's written a cycle of songs to accompany the writings of the eccentric potter in the 1800s and early 20th century.

The University of Michigan piano department chairman began working on the music a number of years ago. On Wednesday, April 16, he and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform the Ohr Songs as part of the music department's Wednesday Noon Concert series April 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Skelton says because Ohr's work is so unusual and the fact he wrote words, it's like a window into his life, the life of an artist.

"He was a revolutionary artist," said Skelton. "At that time ceramics were basic forms in standard shapes produced by teams, kind of a factory operation. He tried

to make every single piece different. He experimented wildly with glazes and forms and materials. It was unlike anything that had ever been done. He developed this

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NOON CONCERT SERIES

What: Pianist Logan Skelton and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform Skelton's original composition set to the writings of eccentric potter George Ohr
When: Noon-Wednesday, April 16
Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia
Admission: Free, but donations at the door help fund student scholarships. For information, call the college's music department at (734) 462-4403

POLISH

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because her father was Polish and I'm half Polish. I wasn't raised with the customs so for me it was finding where I came from."

Kristal Greniuk grew up in Standish with the customs and traditions but as an adult moved away to practice dentistry.

She kept her heritage alive by going to Polish festivals and dances where she eventually met husband-to-be John Wioncek.

Both are second generation Poles who wanted to share their Polish roots with daughters Katrina and Elena.

"When the kids came along we started getting away from the festivals," said Dr. Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek who as director of the Centennial Dancers coordinates performances at festivals and churches such at



Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia shows some of the aids she uses to teach Polish culture to students as they begin their classes.

St. Edith and St. Aidan.

Every Fourth of July the children march in parades in Plymouth and Northville. On May 23, they'll dance a pregame routine at Polish American night in Comerica Park.

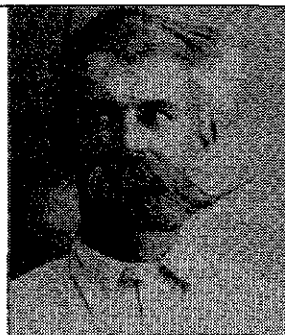
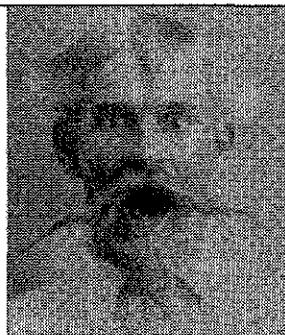
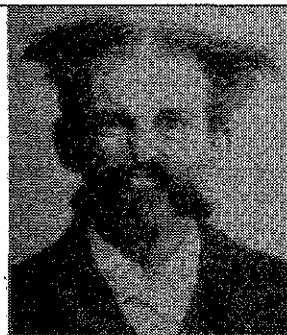
"The Centennial Dancers

have become our new Polish family. My dad speaks Polish but never taught us Polish," said Wioncek who started her Dental Smiles practice in Livonia 13 years ago. She is vice president of the National Dental Medical Association, an organization of Polish physicians and dentists who promote their Polish heritage.

"It's a good clean activity, not really competitive like sports. It's a family activity."

Wioncek and her mother went with Katrina, at age 10, to dance in the international festival. Katrina, now age 13, returns to the festival in July with Marzec. Katrina and Wioncek take Polish language classes together once a week at the studio.

"Suzan gives 150-percent to the kids," said Wioncek. "She has a rich history of touching kids' lives."



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George Ohr was an eccentric ceramic artist who created thousands of one-of-a-kind pots.

COMPOSER

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eccentric persona to draw attention to his artwork. He never sold his work unless you would buy them all. He said it was like selling individual lines of a Shakespeare play."

At the end of his life Ohr instructed his family not to sell the pots for at least 50 years and when they did to select a reputable art dealer. The family respected his wishes, selling the entire 7,000 pots to an antique dealer from New Jersey in 1968. Ohr, who often referred to himself as the Mad Potter of Biloxi, died in 1918.

Skelton characterizes one of the piano interludes as demonic, mimicking the whirring of the potter's wheel.

"I felt there were different aspects to his personality. He was into kind of Barnum and Bailey self promotion," said Skelton.

"These were heartfelt writings about what it means to be an artist. The expression of the very experimental pieces is found in three piano interludes, the self promotion and circus kind of atmosphere is in the style of circus music or kaleidoscope."

Skelton started collaborating with Lusmann for the performances after hearing the U-M associate professor of voice sing. Lusmann has sung leading roles with major opera houses and toured with the New York City Opera under conductors and directors including Leonard Slatkin, Franco Zeffirelli and Gian Carlo Menotti. The two recorded the CD, An American Circus, to the poetry of E.E. Cummings two years ago. This fall they perform a concert of the Ohr songs sponsored by the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art in Biloxi.

Skelton lived in Ohr's hometown of Biloxi, Miss., where he became interested in playing piano at age 5 after his older brother started taking lessons. Skelton went on to earn his master's degree from Eastman School of Music, and doctorate from Manhattan School of Music.

Last fall he played several concerts in Romania, one of them in Bela Bartok's hometown near the Hungarian-Romania border. He has performed concerts in the United States, Europe and Asia and is a frequent guest pianist at

prestigious music festivals such as Gina Bachauer, Eastman, Hilton Head Island, and the Prague International Piano Master classes where he is a member of the artist piano faculty and Associate Director.

His recordings include nine discs of solo and chamber music, and a 10th with composer/pianist William Bolcom on two pianos. He has been on the faculties of Manhattan School of Music, Southwest Missouri State University and is currently Director of Doctoral Studies in Piano Performance at U-M.

"I'm sort of a slow bake composer," said Skelton. "I find myself going back to it regularly. He was always making signs and promoting himself. Some of the text was taken from his signs, some from letters, some from writing he would inscribe on pots."

One of Skelton's favorite Ohr pots is in the Smithsonian.

"It's about creating art, how art lives on and the person disappears and fades. He ends by saying I am the potter who was. It's beautiful and distinctive writing."

Skelton writes the majority of his music in summer and then puts on the finishing touches throughout the year. "That's what Mahler used to do," said Skelton. "He was basically a conductor by profession. It takes uninterrupted time to percolate when you're coming up with ideas."

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Another important diet relationship to gout is alcohol. The drink that brings on gout is beer. Drinking two or more beers a day creates a 2 fold risk of a gout attack. Hard liquor causes a slight increase in gout, and wine causes no increase at all.

Only in the circumstances of unusually large intake of meat, fish, liver or sweetbreads will a change in diet decrease gout. Generally, medications available will suffice to prevent a gout attack, and make diet changes unnecessary.

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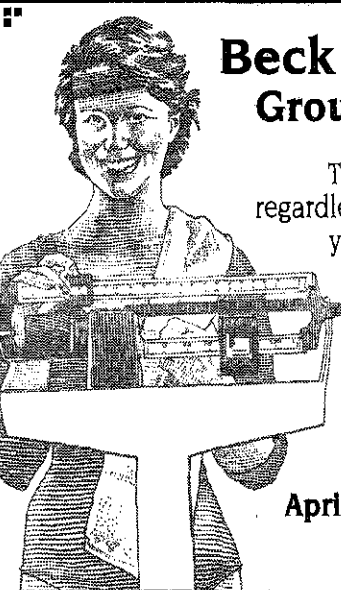
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Spotlight Players' musical comedy is a family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Len Fisher is enjoying every minute of directing the Spotlight Players' upcoming production of *Company* at The Village Theater in Canton. Besides laughing his way through the Stephen Sondheim comedy about a charming New York bachelor, Fisher is spending time with his children Elizabeth, 23, who plays one of the lead character's three girlfriends, and son Benjamin, 18, who runs the lighting.

The comedy was first staged in 1970 and won several Tony Awards. It was revived on Broadway in 2006. Spotlight Players cast members include Roy Sexton of Saline playing Robert, the bachelor.

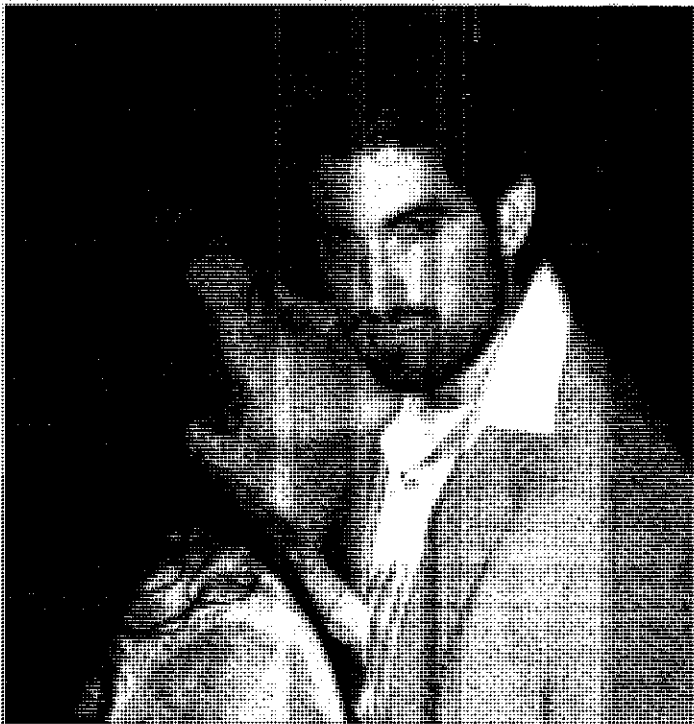
"We've worked together every show I can drag them into," said Fisher of Westland. "Elizabeth auditioned for the show and the staff did not know she was my daughter and was chosen based on her talents. They had at least 50 people audition to fill the cast of 14 people."

"The story is about a 35-year-old bachelor with married friends and something missing from his life. Commitment is missing so at his birthday party he reviews all the relationships in his life but it's musical comedy."

Len Fisher started acting in high school in Ohio and has been involved with Flint Youth Theater and productions in Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota.

He's been directing for 25 years and leads his own Westland based community group, Inspired Theater.

"I'm really excited about the talent in this production," said Fisher. "The audience will love the music, the story, the acting. They will walk out of there very entertained."



Allison Sorzano and Matt Cameron play a couple getting a divorce in the Stephen Sondheim musical comedy opening April 25 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.



Elizabeth and Benjamin Fisher are enjoying working with their father Len on the Spotlight Players' production of 'Company.'

THE SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

What: Present the Stephen Sondheim musical comedy, 'Company'

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 25-26, May 2-3 and 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4

Where: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Tickets: \$18 adults, \$16 senior citizens and children under age 18. Call (734) 394-5460, (734) 394-5300, or visit www.spotlightplayers.net

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Crestwood High School**Class of 1968**

A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch 313-937-3477 or email CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School**Class of 1963**

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelly Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@com-cast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford**Classes of 1958**

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club.

Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford**Class of 1968**

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

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Detroit Cass Tech**Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313)882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School**Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248)548-4829 or mspoterala@com-

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**Detroit Christ the King Elementary
Class of 1963**

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit High School of Commerce**Class of 1958 January, June and August**

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

Detroit Western High School**Class of 1978**

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or email western1978@att.net.

Garden City High School**Class of 1960**

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Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gch-s1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion.

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Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Franklin**Class of 1969**

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson**Class of 1978**

A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be more information coming soon. For more information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or superchargertest@aol.com

Milford High School**Class of 1978**

Planning a 30th reunion. All interested class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Their contact email address is: milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School**Class of 1968**

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools**Classes of 1988**

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclas-sof1988@yahoo.com for more information.

Romulus High School**Class of 1958**

A 50-year class reunion Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Lakes of Taylor, 25505 Northline, Taylor. For details, contact Al Preis at (734) 697-0092, Janet Miller at (734) 697-7483 or Terry Bird at (734) 697-4232.

Royal Oak Kimball**Class of 1988**

A 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988.myevent.com to register.



Sam Fink of West Bloomfield, and his wife, Babe, sample some of the smoked salmon pastrami and swiss cheese prepared by the culinary arts students during the strolling diner program of the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.



Samer, left, and Valerie Georges of Ferndale enjoy some of the food prepared by the culinary arts department during the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.



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Culinary arts student Danielle Tiefenbach arranges trays of desserts before the start of the strolling dinner for the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.

VisTa Gala raises \$5,000 for Schoolcraft College

The VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center April 5 raised about \$5,000 for the school's culinary arts program.

The black-tie optional event attracted 225 guests who sampled gourmet food and participated in a silent auction.

The menu featured Montreal beef with caramelized onion and roadhouse barbecue sauce; smoked cod cake with wilted greens and mustard aioli; wood grilled rack of lamb with rosemary sauce; sushi; sea bass, rock shrimp and lobster in light pastry with chervil, glazed cucumber and caviar sauce; corn and shrimp bisque; pan-seared Hudson Valley duck foie gras and assorted chocolate desserts.

All dishes were prepared by the award-winning Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs.

Auction items were donated by Allie Brothers Uniforms; the Culinary Arts Department; McCormick Distilling Co.; Chef Brian Polcyn of Schoolcraft; Scottie's Kitchen; Solterra Wine; and WineStyles.

Cadillac Coffee Co., d/s events, Steve Petix Formal Wear and National Wine & Spirits Corp. contributed to the event.



Jodi Capello of Novi, left, and Teri Bowen browse some of the appetizer selections offered by the Schoolcraft College culinary arts program during the 2008 VisTa Gala.



Culinary arts student Marguerite Anderson, left, prepares inside out sushi rolls as fellow classmate Nichole Sobocki prepares deep fried tofu pockets for the strolling dinner during the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.



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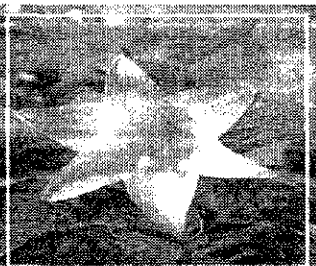
Passed away on March 7, 2008 in Encinitas, CA after a brief illness. She was born Nov. 1, 1917 and married to Frank R. "Bob" Spitznagel in 1945. They resided in Birmingham for 35 years before retiring to Encinitas in 1987. Ruth leaves a legacy of love and friendship and is survived by her husband, their three children, Pamela Alfenito of Northridge, CA; Rob Spitznagel of Lake Forest, CA; and Doug Spitznagel of La Canada, CA; as well as seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment was at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, Pt. Loma, CA.

**JOHN ANTHONY MOLLICA**

Age 84, born May 27, 1923, passed away on March 28, 2008 in Henderson, Nevada. Formerly a resident of Rochester Hills and Sage Lake, Michigan, John is preceded in death by his wife Patricia and his eldest son, John Robert, who passed away weeks earlier on February 11, 2008. John was a decorated World War II U.S. Marine who fought in Germany and survived the battle of Iwo Jima, Japan. After the war, John received top honors in completing his Engineering degree at General Motors Institute in Flint in 1949, and worked at the Oldsmobile Forge Plant in Lansing. He later accepted a position at GM World Headquarters in Detroit becoming one of their youngest executives at the age of 31. He made his mark at GM in 1955 with his work on precedent setting wage assignments for GM Canada and later Europe. In 1971, he was promoted to Director of Wage Administration and Labor Economics before retiring in 1980 carrying that title, as well as Assistant Director of Labor Relations for GM Worldwide. John is survived by his children: Stephen, Carolyn Dellerba (David), Margaret "Maggie" Zarbano, Philip (Joanne), Patricia "Maria", and Christine Carver (Donald), 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who wish to honor him with our eternal love, gratitude and affection. A funeral mass celebrating his life, and the life of his son, John Robert, will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at St. Casimir Catholic Church, 815 Sparrow Avenue in Lansing, Michigan. Donations can be made to Catholic Charities of Michigan in John's name.

ARLENE M. TURNER

Age 85, April 8, 2008. Loving wife of Albert F. Turner, retired from General Motors Photographic. Beloved mother of Linda (Gordon T). Totty. Grandmother of Gordon M. (Karen) Totty and Stephanie Totty. Visitation and services were held on Friday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

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BIRTH

Kaylee Michelle Brown

Ian and Christy (Frederick) Brown of Orange Park, Fla. (Ian from Tulsa, Okla. and Christy from Redford, Mich.) announce the birth of their baby girl, Kaylee Michelle, on March 26, 2008. Kaylee weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. Kaylee's grandmother is Laura Frederick of Redford.



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Show pampers ladies to raise money for diabetes research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cyndi Wasunyk's watched her nephew struggle with juvenile diabetes every day since he was diagnosed with Type 1 at age 3. Now a fifth grade student at Gallimore Elementary, Evan Piontek is doing better after receiving a pump to deliver his insulin continuously, but still Wasunyk is working for a cure.

On April 26, the Canton woman hosts a fund-raiser to raise money for the American Diabetes Association for research so one day Evan is free of the disease that can cause kidney failure, blindness and even death.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at Gallimore Elementary, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, in Canton.

Admission is \$1, with proceeds from the bake sale,

raffles and admission to the vendor/craft show going to ADA.

Wasunyk is a stay at home mom who runs a Taste of Home Entertaining decor business selling items like serving bowls at parties.

"My nephew, my mom dealt with diabetes. It's pretty prevalent in the family," said Wasunyk. "Now he's (Evan) really regulated, but still struggling to cope with this disease, watching everything he eats. His sugar goes low and he gets cranky, going through things kids shouldn't have to go through."

Wasunyk's daughter Kendall, 4½, doesn't have diabetes, but she reads books to the little girl so she understands what Evan is going through. And she hopes Kendall never has to face the disease so for a third time she's putting on a show to raise

money for charity. The first two times it was with a net-working group, Metro Detroit Home Business Network. Autism and breast cancer organizations were the beneficiaries.

Wasunyk's sister Karen Piontek helped her connect with ADA for the latest show. Piontek organizes a walk every May for the ADA at Gallimore.

"We need help to find a cure," said Wasunyk who's expecting 20 vendors and crafters for the show. "It's a mix of home party vendors and a mix of women who created their own businesses. It's kind of a pampering event for women with a Mary Kay representative, Avon, Bath and Body Shop, Taste of Home Entertaining decor. Some are friends, a lady who created her own massage business."

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Stamp show coming to Plymouth

The 39th annual Plymouth show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, takes place 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Central Middle School, 650 Church St. at Main, Plymouth.

Admission and parking are free. For information, visit www.plymouthshow.com.

The exhibition presents more than 2,800 exhibit pages. A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society (APS) judges will determine the exhibition

award levels.

The Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS World Series of Philately. The Grand Award Winner will be able to compete in the August Champion of Champion exhibition at STAMPSHOW in Connecticut against winners from 30 other national shows.

Again this year, the club holds Stamps in Your Closet session on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and

provide guidance on a collection's worth.

A 40-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers and supplies for new and experienced collectors.

The United States, United Nations and Nordica Postal Administrations will be on-site during show hours to sell their current stamp and postal stationery issues.

The club is offering a cachet cover saluting the 100th anniversary of Ford Model T automobile.

Students sought for Italian American Club scholarships

The Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are of Italian ancestry and reside in Southeast lower Michigan.

Candidates must have completed their junior year of high school in the spring of 2008, have a B average in all classes and have taken the ACT or SAT exams.

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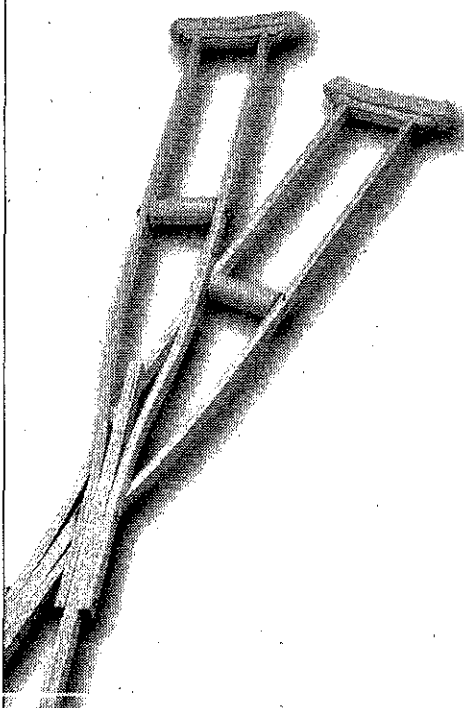


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JUST A NICE PERSON...
looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, WM a plus. ☎249320

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, h/w, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. ☎147058

TAKING A PEEK
Attractive SBF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. ☎254474

GORGEOUS SMILE!
SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-30, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. ☎257889

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎60808

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

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. ☎265529

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230694

HI THERE!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SBF, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! ☎289278

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

SEEKS STYLISH GENTLEMAN
Active WWF, 65, 5'3", 140lbs, has SOH, N/S, loves family time, dancing, walks, sports, movies. Seeking well-groomed, neat SWPM, 60-70, healthy, energetic, romantic, N/S, for friendship and sharing good times. ☎263620

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
SWF, 33, N/S, loves horror and action movies, pizza, horseback riding, hiking. Seeking fun-loving WM, 33-45, for friendship, possible romance. ☎264258

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 130lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, long hair, for friendship, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎409879

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-60, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎270132

LONELY VIRGO
SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests. ☎269375

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent SF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. ☎267824

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 160lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man, 50-60, race open. ☎134425

HONESTY A MUST
SF, 42, 5'4", 130lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. ☎256608

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'4", smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎266442

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. ☎269899

A LOT TO OFFER
SBF, 48, educated, enjoys her pets, life. Seeking similar male, 38-48, who is positive and healthy, H/W proportionate, to share life. ☎262384

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the nice weather, travel and life in general. Friendship first. ☎241298

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...
White Knight. Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. ☎265040

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SBF, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. ☎273603

HIDDEN TREASURE
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. ☎212790

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎391217

SWEET SEXY LADY WANTS...
to be swept off my feet! Very pretty SWF, 42, brunette, 5'6", 133lbs, N/S, seeks good-looking, tall SBF, 40-45, honest, cosmetic surgeon, college-educated, romantic, sensual, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎235306

TAKE A CHANCE
SF, 48, 5'7", 210lbs, medium brown/blond, N/D, N/S, no children, enjoys drama films, shooting pool, playing cards, sports events, long drives, more. Seeking SM, 45-55, who enjoys the same. ☎259265

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT
Outgoing, laid-back SWF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, fun SM, who knows how to enjoy life, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. ☎255010

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-50, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎262137

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 68, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a WHM, 65-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. ☎207161

TAKE A CHANCE
DWF, 48, mom, black/dark brown, employed, likes Italian food, nice talks, concerts, movies and simple times. Seeking compatible man to share these and maybe more. ☎255541

NO DRAMA LTR
SBF, 42, 4'11", 135lbs, N/S, mother of three, goes to college, seeks man, 30-48, who is serious about life, doesn't play games. ☎261544

HERE I AM GUYS

Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 150lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. ☎238307

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship. LTR. ☎245848

LOOKING FOR ME?
Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. ☎246987

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 5'3", long hair, student, seeking a SBF, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. ☎246542

HELLO
SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SWAM, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm. ☎249758

IT'S WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. ☎255979

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWFF, 54, platinum/blond, 5'5", H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. ☎259894

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 18, 150lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257308

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBF, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. ☎269770

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks SM, 37-40, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎583750

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, merly gentleman. ☎992549

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. ☎280756

STILL SEEKING
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

POSSIBLE LTR
SWFF, 58, 5'7", attractive, outdoors, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993381

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, dining, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION
Tall, attractive WWF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing boardcard games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. ☎236416

LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST
SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? ☎247152

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. ☎262181

LET'S TALK SOON
Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'6", reddish-brown/brown, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/DWM, 35-62, who's interested in a friends first relationship. ☎46147

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBF, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎95794

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL
Sociable, active SM, 25, 6'3", 225lbs, brown/hazel, strong, affectionate, lovable, loves camp, going to new things, nice talks. Seeking loving, family-oriented, outdoorsy SF, to share life's little pleasures and adventures. ☎227126

HARD-WORKING
SBM, 20, 6'8", 250lbs, N/S, seeks BF, 20-26, for friendship, possible romance. Call me. ☎269033

HELLO SWEET LADIES
SBM, 45, educated, degreed, enjoys canoeing, basketball, cycling, jogging. Seeking a special, kind, Christian lady, 25-40, slim-medium build, D/D-free, to share the good things in life. ☎269139

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART
Hardworking SM, 62", 195lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing AWF, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. ☎268221

NEW IN THE AREA
SWM, 35, 6'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, smoker, seeks woman, 25-40, for dining, movies, quiet times at home. ☎269861

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎269340

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored SBF, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, goatee/beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking for drama-free, good-hearted woman, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. ☎250850

JUST A CALL AWAY
SM, 35, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys the basics: movies, dining out, and just having fun. Looking to share friendship and/or relationship with loving, happy H/W proportionate lady. ☎251165

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 54, N/S, loves P&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all life's simple pleasures. ☎210024

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50, for dating. ☎257496

LOVELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎360308

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

MARTIAL ARTIST
SWM, 45, 5'6", slim build, smoker, into martial arts, enjoys all types of music. Seeking secure, honest, caring, humorous woman, 28-57, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎264446

LIGHT MY FIRE
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LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who enjoys Backgammon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bally's, piano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. Must be social drinker, N/S, H/W proportionate. ☎218827

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SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992843

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SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531306

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Slim, hard-working SBF, 43, 140lbs, looking for a SF, 33-43, N/D, for friendship leading to marriage. ☎266574

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DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking, boating and some old movies. Seeking SWH/SF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. ☎268130

LET'S GO OUT!
DWM, 47, 5'11", 185lbs, N/S, social drinker, physically fit, fun, loyal, energetic, hard-working, seeking happy SWAF, 32-45, kids ok, who's attractive, slender to average build, to have fun, possible LTR. ☎250806

INTERESTED?
WM, 5'11", brown/blue, goatee, mustache, looking for a woman who wants to start a relationship. Seeking WF, 18-45. ☎265007

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SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life. ☎235739

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Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. ☎268130

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SWM, 46, kind, hard-working, N/S, seeking SBH/SF, 32-34, N/S, for sharing conversation, enjoys dates, laughter and just living life. Possible LTR. ☎254060

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WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. ☎257501

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TELL-TALE SIGNS FOR GETTING MORE BUSINESS



WORKWISE

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selling via e-mail, where asking for too much too soon might make you seem to be demanding. How can you tell when your customer is ready to up the ante?

'BUYING MODE'

Craig Garber, president of KingofCopy.com Inc., in Lutz, Fla., indicates that you must pay attention as soon as you get the sale. Don't wait, "seeking permission," to ask for more business. "The toughest dollar to get out of any customer is the first dollar," he says, "the point at which you're most unknown. Once you've made a sale, your customer is most open and receptive to giving you more money." Garber, a direct marketing consultant, publisher and copywriter, has been selling in several industries over the last 19 years, previously in recruiting and as a C.P.A. in financial planning. He's "consumed with selling 24/7."

Sydney, Australia's Tessa Snowe, of SalesConversation, advises you to wait a little longer -- "once you've delivered the value you said you would deliver and you have confirmed this with the customer. Then it's a good time to have a conversation about additional areas you can help them with. The conversation is on helping them rather than selling them."

Chris Stiehl, founding partner of San Diego's Blue Velocity Partners L.L.C., a consulting group of senior strategists, advocates listening "for what ails them. People are 19 times more likely to (discuss) their pain rather than a benefit." Garber would agree, commenting that the buyer often "says something like, 'I wish I had a way to do ____.' Jump right in. Do the same when you hear that a company is 'spending money on projects or are developing new plans and ideas,'" Stiehl says. "The company is growing, likely to be needing help," Stiehl says.

"One of my Silicon Valley clients told me that the company had no more money to spend on consultants," Stiehl recalls. "I asked the status of their training budget. They hadn't spent that. I offered provocative training on relevant subject matter at a hotel less than five miles from their complex. More than a dozen employees paid more than \$600 each to spend the day in my seminar." He developed such enthusiasm that the company invested another \$75,000 in projects. "Not bad for not having any budget for consultants," he adds.

Stowe agrees with his reference to capitalizing on problems with sincerity. She says that you can tell that the time is ripe for more business when you detect additional "problems you can solve..." (with) their best interest at heart." For her you must respond to a moral imperative: "You are negligent if you don't help them as soon as you know they have a problem you can solve."

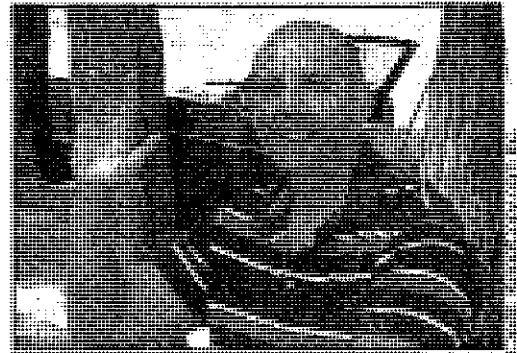
E-MAIL

Marketing and selling by e-mail, in a world where people are inundated with spam, can be even more tricky. Stiehl says to "learn to listen with both halves of your brain. Can customers help you with breakthrough innovation? They certainly can."

Garber maintains that people don't buy out of fear. "Your toughest objection to overcome is that the buyer hasn't paid enough dues, hasn't learned enough and feels underserving." This can be the case especially when the person is new in his capacity and/or the company. You have to be particularly cautious in selecting opportunities to sell online.

When your inquiries are met with silence, Stiehl says to recognize that "the wheels are turning and something needs to be said. Don't feel the pressure to sell. Your objective isn't to sell but to help this person solve his problem, even if it doesn't involve you. That's how it builds the loyalty."

"Nobody wants to work," Garber says, "especially online. In the service business, it's very hard to find



Craig Garber works in his outdoor home office in Lutz, Fla., where he is president of KingofCopy.com Inc. Garber has had many opportunities to sell across industries for almost two decades.

dependable people. Continuing to send work in the virtual world -- this is contact -- is essential, because people are starving for content and (want to) cement relationships. You must prove that you're the real deal, that you won't be outworked...." Of course, doing so might take a little time.

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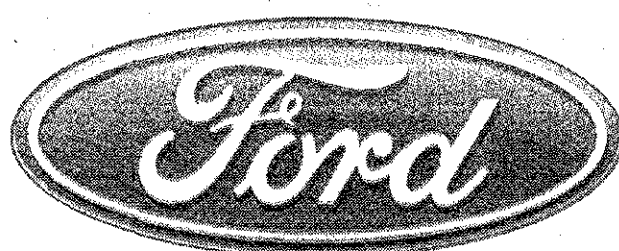
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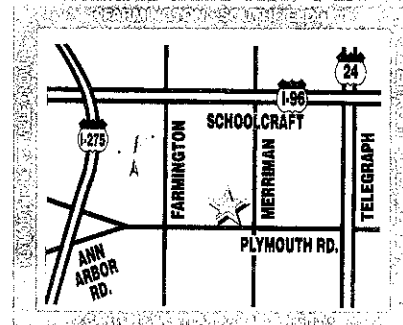
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