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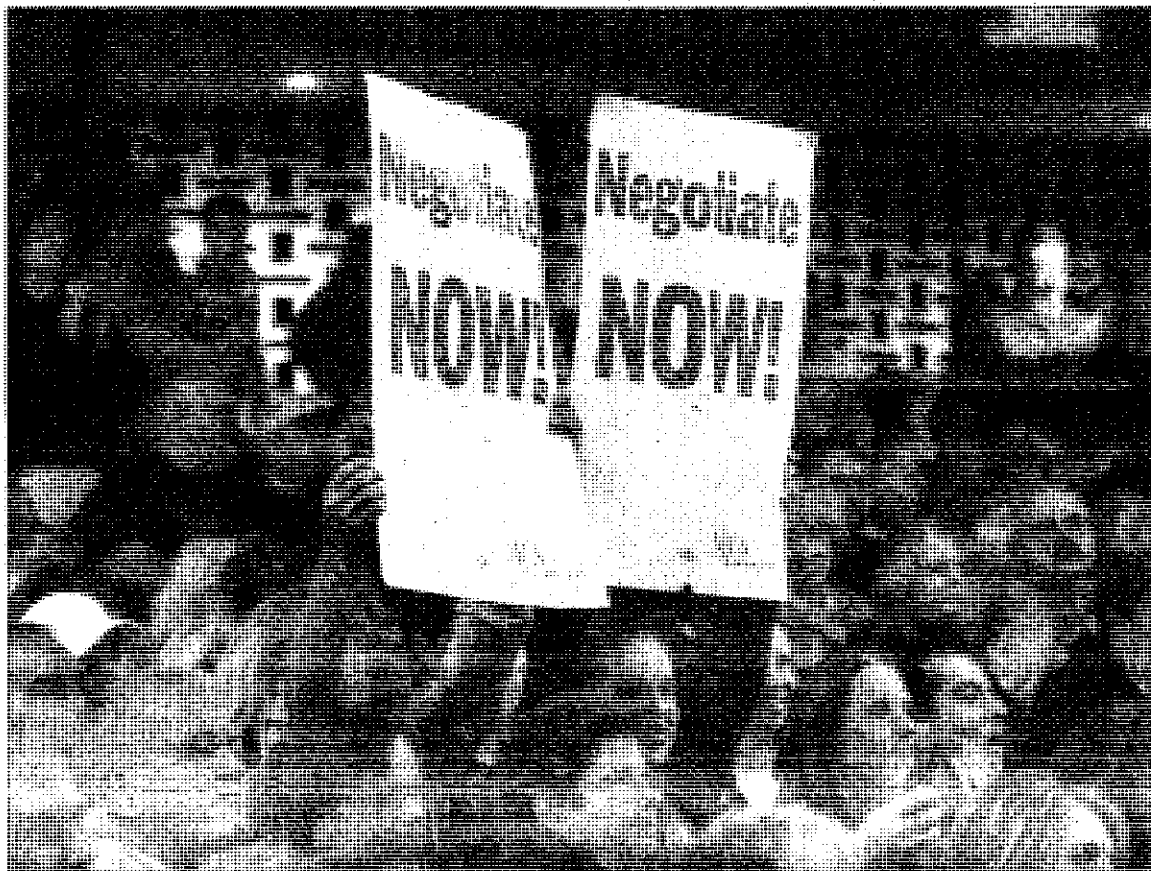
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W-W board OKs procedure for disciplining teachers

STRIKE UPDATE

- Students remain out of school since Monday as a result of a strike by Wayne-Westland teachers.
- The two sides were scheduled to meet for negotiations with state mediator Wanda Harris at 4 p.m. Wednesday and again Thursday.
- The dispute is also headed for the courtroom. On Thursday, the Wayne-Westland school district will ask a Wayne County Circuit Court judge to issue an injunction, forcing the district's striking teachers back to work, and the Michigan Labor Relations Board also scheduled a special session for Wednesday about the Wayne-Westland situation.
- The Michigan Education Association has won the first of several unfair labor practice charges it filed against the district. According to MEA general counsel Art Przybylowicz, an administrative law judge ruled that the district failed to properly respond to union requests for information. The judge issued the decision in favor of the union after the district failed to respond to an order to show cause. The district plans to appeal. The teachers' contract expired Aug. 25. Members had been working under a month-long contract extension that expired Sept. 30. The union refused the district's request for a second extension and instead went on strike Monday.



Supporters of striking teachers hold up signs, urging negotiating, during the meeting.

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Parents ask board to get agreement

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education put its striking teachers on notice Tuesday evening that it is prepared to take action against them if they don't return to their classrooms. The school board voted 6-0 with Treasurer Steve Becher absent to allow school officials to



Wayne-Westland school board President Martha Pitsenbarger tells teachers the board's negotiating team is 'ready and willing to complete these negotiations.' Sitting beside her is Superintendent Greg Baracy.

begin notifying teachers participating in the "illegal strike" of the procedures that would be used for discipline. "The board will not permit the

laws of the state of Michigan to be violated," said board President Martha Pitsenbarger. "The

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City makes push to land stop for commuter rail

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A strong push has begun to make Westland a coveted stop along a commuter rail line that regional officials plan to establish between Detroit and Ann Arbor, a project that could create tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in new development.

A formal decision is expected within weeks that will reveal whether Westland, Wayne or Inkster would become a stop along the Michigan Avenue rail corridor, along with the designated cities of Detroit, Dearborn, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

City officials and state legislators representing Westland have touted a rapid transit stop on Michigan Avenue near Henry Ruff as the best alternative, partly because of its proximity to Wayne County satellite offices and the Merriman Road corridor that leads to Detroit Metro Airport.

"It's the best place," state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, said Monday night during a Westland City Council meeting.

LeBlanc and state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, have pressed for the local railway stop, and Mayor William Wild and the seven-member Westland City Council gave sweeping approval Monday to a joint resolution supporting the Michigan-Henry Ruff proposal.

"I think we should be happy, proud and glad that we're being considered," Councilman Michael Kehrer said.

The city resolution will be sent to state and federal legislators, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, or SEMCOG, which is spearheading the rail project with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Amtrak.

Using a mix of federal, state, local and private-sector dollars, the commuter train service is pegged as a three-to-five-year trial project along existing rail lines, although an exact start-up date isn't known. During the trial period, studies would measure ridership and costs for a long-term plan.

Supporters have said the Detroit-to-Ann Arbor rail service would bring long-overdue rapid transit to an area that sorely lacks mass transportation. Some others have suggested the service would need additional routes to be

City launches community watch program

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the same night a Westland man sought help for problems like "drugs, gangs, knives and violence" in his once-quiet neighborhood, Mayor William Wild announced a new crime-fighting Community Watch Program.

Robert Fowlkes, a resident of Westland Woods subdivision on Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne, said crime has increased amid an economic downturn that has ushered in more foreclosed homes, abandoned cars and blight conditions.

Fowlkes, speaking Monday night during a Westland City Council meeting, said prob-

lems appear to have spilled into Westland Woods and spurred more calls for help to local police.

In response, Wild pledged to have Police Chief James Ridener and Building Director Roger Shifflett address the situation, and he urged residents to become involved in a new crime-prevention program.

"At its core, the Community Watch Program is about neighbors looking out for one another while serving as the extra eyes and ears of the Westland Police Department," Wild said in a prepared statement. "But it's deeper than that — it's also about maintaining clean, safe neighborhoods and building community

pride while creating an open forum to address community issues."

Wild indicated that groups may be formed by any subdivision, apartment building, condominium complex or business district, with the goal of watching for problems and reporting them to police.

Westland Police Officer David Archambeau, who has been named Community Watch Program liaison, has said watch groups are not designed to serve as vigilantes. Wild has indicated that Archambeau should be invited to start-up meetings for the groups.

Archambeau plans to train the groups and help them learn

about issues like home security, crime reporting skills and local crime patterns. City officials have urged the groups to have start-up meetings in homes, yards, recreation centers, parks, schools, churches or businesses.

Anyone interested in organizing a Community Watch Program group should call Archambeau at (734) 467-3547 or send him an e-mail at dar-chambeau@wlpd.net.

Community Watch Program packets also are available at the Westland Police Department and in the mayor's office at City Hall. Both buildings are on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne.

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A winning smile

Cassie Johnson has reason to smile after being elected to 2008 Homecoming queen at Wayne Memorial High School. Johnson was crowned during last week's Homecoming game. For more photos, see Page A3 or go online to the Westland home page at www.hometownlife.com.

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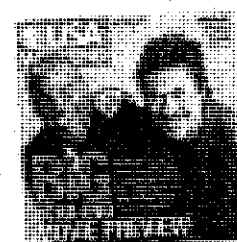
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Coming Sunday:
Big year-end movie preview

Cooking fire highlights prevention week message

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A fire that started inside a Westland apartment kitchen Monday morning served as a grim reminder of the potential dangers of home cooking.

The fire inside Hines Park Apartments, near Warren and Merriman, started as a resident had been cooking around 9 a.m., Westland Fire Capt. Colleen Pennington said. The blaze left one residence with heavy fire damage and several others with smoke damage, she said.

Despite a couple reports of smoke inhalation, no one had to be taken to a hospital, Pennington said.

Residents displaced by the

fire had gone to stay with family members or in other apartments in the complex, she said.

The fire occurred during National Fire Prevention Week, which coincidentally this year has a theme of preventing home fires.

"Cooking is the leading cause of home fires," Pennington said, especially when food is left unattended. "With a little extra caution, preventing home fires is within everybody's power."

While cooking starts more home fires, smoking causes more fire-related deaths in homes, Pennington said.

"We just want people to guard their smoking materials properly," she said.

Heating fires also can pose a risk, especially when residents aren't careful to keep clothing, curtains and other potentially flammable materials away from portable heaters, Pennington said.

She also cautioned against electrical fires, which often can be avoided if residents take precautions not to overload circuits inside the home.

Finally, Pennington also cautioned residents to make sure their smoke detectors are working properly. She said it's important to remember to change the batteries when adjusting clocks forward or backward in the spring and fall.

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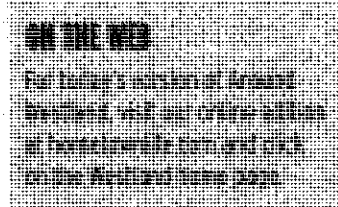
Judge orders trial in vandalism case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men accused of breaking into and vandalizing a Westland charter school will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Zackery Taylor Harrell, 17, and Anthony Ivan Byrd, 22, were ordered to stand trial after they waived their preliminary hearing last Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Harrell and Byrd, arrested on the night of Sept. 18 after a passer-by called police about suspicious activity at the Academy of Westland on Henry Ruff south of Cherry



Hill, are charged with breaking into the school and causing malicious destruction of property.

The pair is accused of going into the school and damaging books, desks, computer monitors, chairs, audio-visual equipment and water fountains. Westland police Sgt. David Dinsmore said the damage topped \$35,000.

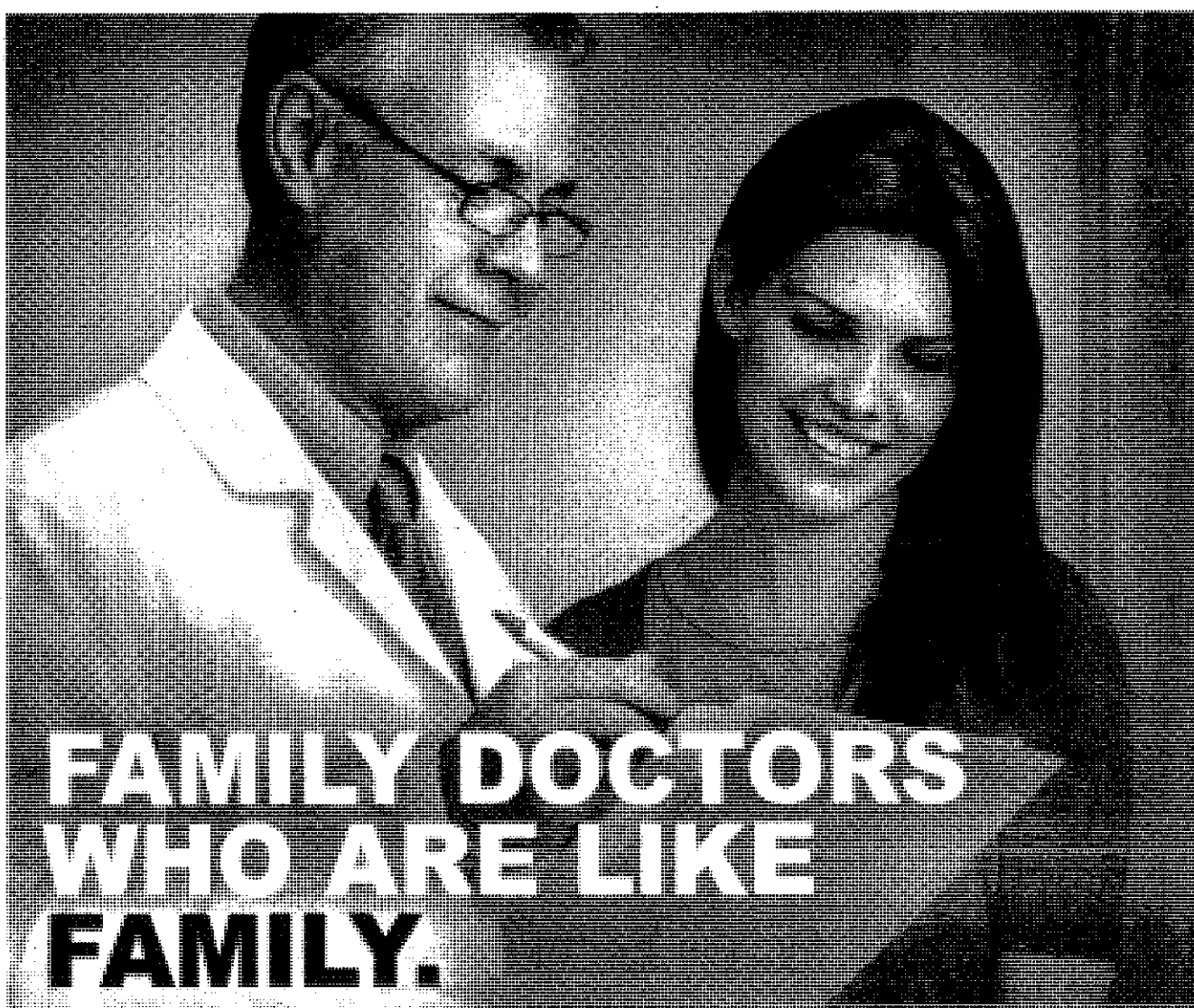
A not-guilty plea has

been entered for Harrell and Byrd as they await trial, but Harrell told 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot during a Sept. 19 arraignment that "I'd just like to apologize."

Harrell is jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond, but Vandersloot set Byrd's at \$100,000 because he is charged as a repeat offender with a 2007 conviction for home invasion.

If convicted, Harrell could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison. Byrd, as a repeat offender, could face 15 years behind bars, if he's found guilty.

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On Thursday, October 16, 2008, various items of the City of Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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Homecoming 'fever'

Wayne Memorial High School junior Roshelle Woods gets into the school spirit during the Homecoming pep rally.



Wayne Memorial Principal Valerie Orr leads the staff to victory in the Tug-of-war after the seniors let go of the rope at the start.



Wayne Memorial math teacher Marji Wright dances to 'Thriller' with the other staff dancers at the homecoming pep assembly.

STRIKE

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board's team has negotiated in good faith. The board remains committed to resolving this complex issue in a fair and equitable manner. The board will be at the bargaining table and will remain at the table."

The school board expressed a lack of confidence in the union to represent the interest of its members or "act in the best interest of the students, the parents, the district and its members."

The decision came at a special meeting, held at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium. More than 1,000 parents, students, striking teachers, their supporters and Michigan Education Association officials packed the auditorium for the meeting that at times was loud and raucous and resembled the rally teachers had held outside earlier in the evening.

It was the first meeting the board has held since the district agreed to move its meetings to a larger venue to settle a lawsuit filed by the Wayne-Westland Education Association.

Emotions ran high in the auditorium as parents and students expressed support for the teachers and urged the board to sit down and negotiate.

Wayne Mayor Al Hadius

told the board and teachers "that the stakes are too high," that no one can win or lose in the conflict.

"I know both sides are able and qualified to go back to the table and not leave until they bring the children back to school," he said.

Parent T.J. Thomas told both sides that they need to "grow up and do what they're supposed to do."

"The only people who get hurt in this mess, and this is a mess, is these kids," he said. "They've got to get back in school."

Parent Jennifer Finley blasted the district for its handling of the cancellation of classes Monday morning, saying that it was "very irresponsible."

"It really was unnecessary, you should have given us a heads up the night before," she said. "It doesn't give me a lot of confidence in the decisions of this administration."

MEA President Iris Salters also spoke to the board, telling the trustees that they "seem to have lost their way."

"If you come to the table, know that the Wayne-Westland Education Association will come," she said. "Do you think they want to be out there? We teach because we love what they do. I ask you to get a grip, to stand tall and come to the table. These teachers are ready to step up and do that."

The school board allowed one hour for public comments

before adjourning the meeting. Their decision was loudly booed by the audience.

After the meeting, Trustee William Gabriel said the trustees were prepared to speak but opted to keep silent.

"We would have loved to have made a statement, but under the circumstances, we would not have been heard," he said. "I wanted the meeting to be an exchange with residents. It turned into a big rally for the teachers."

Gabriel said that he has looked into complaints about class sizes and so far, has found that at the elementary level only 19 of 200 classrooms have more than 30 students — nine have 31, seven have 32 and four are actually over 32.

"That doesn't sound like a crisis," he said, adding that teachers agreed to increase the overflow number from two to four in their last contract.

Under the old agreement, kindergarten class sizes were capped at 27 students plus four, grades one-three at 28 students plus four and grades four-five at 32 students plus four. At the high school level, the negotiated class size is 34 students plus four.

"We're in the ballpark in class size when it comes to other districts," he added. "Livonia has 26.2 students, Allen Park 24.9 students and Plymouth-Canton 25 students."

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Free Movie
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, in cooperation with AMC Theaters of Livonia, will host a free movie screening of Clint Eastwood's film, "Flags of Our Fathers" at 3 p.m. Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at

Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Haggerty, north of Seven Mile. Concessions will also be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theaters of Livonia. The event is being held to honor the service of America's military veterans. Tickets are limited and required for admission. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by e-mail SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306.

Bug hunt
Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. No experience is necessary, but volunteers must pre-register before Oct. 10. On Bug Hunt Day, volunteers meet at a central location - Waterman Room of Schoolcraft College's VisiTech Center on Haggerty north of Six Mile, Livonia - where they are assigned to a team. Volunteers take on the job of "picking" anything moving from sample trays brought up from the river. The hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program designed to track the health of Rouge streams.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses the data to screen for problems and Rouge communities use it to track the health of their streams. The Fall Bug Hunt is funded by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Interested volunteers can register by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org before Oct. 10.

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

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Nature's Way
Jonathan Schechter

For as the waning nights of September gave way to the dawn of October, tiny feet patter about your yard, dig up tasty lawn grubs, paw through back door cat food bowls and dig exploratory burrows under your low deck: "Hey, this looks real snugly for a winter hideaway!"

The striped skunk is a master of perfection when it comes to adapting to the suburban-created habitat. And aversive conditioning techniques — creating negative stimuli such as boldly yelling at or harassing the unwanted intruder — are ineffective at the least and foolish.

Before you can yell, "That's not the neighbor's cat!" and beat a hasty retreat, it will spin about, raise tail and let go with a pungent blast of overwhelming musk. Fact of the matter is clear: skunks practice aversive conditioning to keep us away. And if you let your dog out at night to cryptically do its "business" on the neighbor's lawn (Who, me, do that?) it just may well come home reeking of an encounter.

Another word of advice, if you are one of those do-it-yourselfer woodchuck catchers and you set a cage to catch the garden raider, close the cage door before dusk or you may well wake up with a skunk peering at you from behind bars. "Honey, you caught something in the cage. I think it's a skunuunk!"

Every autumn in my suburban nuisance wildlife removal work down in the burghs of Bloomfield, I've come across this exact situation.

Be aware. Be skunk smart. Skunk-proofing your low deck may help. Bird feeder spillage is a great skunk attractor. This intelligent, omnivorous creature has wide ranging



Skunks are one of the few animals that happily will take on a nest full of yellow jackets — and win most of the time.

tastes. And one of its absolute favorites, the most delightful delectable, is nothing other than an underground nest full of yellow jackets. Both the larva and the adults are delicacies.

These golden days have underground yellow jacket nests exploding in a frenzy of activity. And it is these insects — not honey bees — that are the cause of most human sting agony. And do they ever love your picnics, cider, doughnuts and suburban campouts. Watch your beverage cans, too. Check the can lip before you sip — yellow jackets share drinks.

And avoid the underground nests: Not to be messed with unless you are a hungry skunk putting on weight for winter.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Write him at oaknature@aol.com.

ZOO BOO SCARES UP FUN AT DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoo's annual "merry-not-scary" Zoo Boo celebration returns this Halloween season, featuring a festively decorated half-mile trick-or-treat trail through the front of the park. Presented by Meijer, Zoo Boo will be held 6-8 p.m. Oct. 17-19, Oct. 24-26 and Oct. 30-31, rain or shine.

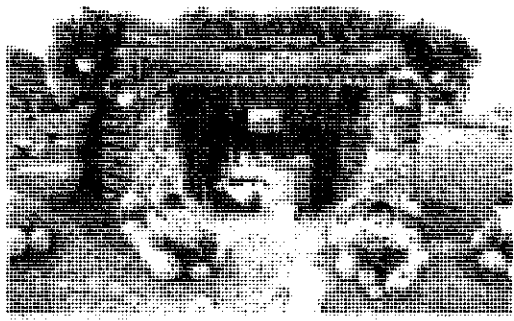
Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House, where friendly witches, mummies, vampires and other monsters have taken up residence for the season.

Ghouly Games, sponsored by Blue Care Network of Michigan, will feature Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts and a hay maze. The live musical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed every half hour starting at 6:30 p.m.

The excitement continues at the Main Picnic Grove. The Wild Adventure Ride, sponsored by State Farm Insurance, as "Dracula's Haunted Castle" transports riders through secret passages.

On Oct. 25, FedEx and Safe Kids USA will remind children and parents about safety. FedEx will provide reflective giveaways to increase visibility as well as safety tips for parents and drivers.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Booth One at the admission gate of the Detroit Zoo or online at www.detroitzoo.org. Tickets are \$6 per person, ages 2 and up. Tickets for the Wild Adventure Ride are an additional \$2 per person, half-off the regular price. Time slots for Zoo Boo are 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. If a date and time slot is not sold out, a limited number of tickets may be available at the gate that day after 5 p.m. for \$10.



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OUR VIEWS

Talk, not walking, is best solution

It's October and where should children be? In school learning. But in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, students are at home or wherever else their parents have put them because the teachers have gone on strike.

Strike is an ugly word and ugly is a good description of what is going on in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. For weeks it has been nothing short of a war over three issues — health care, wages and classroom sizes. Neither side is willing to blink, and as a result, students who should be in the classroom learning are enjoying a mini-vacation.

We will not venture into the war of words, the back and forth that has been going on in the weeks leading up to this strike. We will only say that we are disappointed in what has happened. The people who are carrying picket signs, saying they deserve respect, showed absolutely no respect for the parents and the students in this school district by leaving them hanging Monday morning.

The teachers have said they had no choice but to strike. We disagree. The negotiating table is a better place to work through differences, a place where reasonable proposals merit reasonable counterproposals.

Yes, class sizes are large. And, yes, health care is expensive, whether it's MESSA or HAP or any other plan out there. But those are contractual issues better resolved through give-and-take of bargaining than walking a picket line.

The state of the economy is troublesome at best. People are losing their jobs, losing their homes and leaving the state to find work. The economy is in tatters and for many people, the prospect of unemployment is very real. No good can come of this conflict.

We urge both sides in this conflict to remember who they are here to serve — the students — and work together to end this strike immediately. Everyone — teachers, parents, students and the district — loses and will continue to lose as long as this goes on.

Letters, Web page provide your voice

Over the years, we have enjoyed — and taken seriously — the responsibility we have to be your eyes and ears in the communities we cover as your hometown newspaper.

But there's another role we play on your behalf, another thing we can be for you — particularly as the world moves farther along the information highway.

Your voice. With the established opinion pages inside our print editions, and our interactive, user-friendly Web site (www.hometownlife.com), readers have an unprecedented opportunity to take part in the coverage of their own community.

Our "Letters to the Editor" section continues to be a leading means of expression for our readers. The section was particularly popular during the recent political primary, as it always is during an election season. The section served as a springboard for ideas, a canvas on which to paint a portrait of a candidate and a venue for public discourse about the issues facing our community, and those we wanted to face those issues.

But the letters serve a valuable purpose in non-election times, as well. A range of topics — from taxes to budgets and zoning to public safety — are debated in these pages twice a week. At 400 words apiece, that's a lot of discussion.

But increasingly, readers are finding it more convenient and more interactive to get into discussions via our Web page (www.hometownlife.com). There are several ways to do it, and all of them are easy.

You can become an *Observer* blogger (all you have to do is register, and the Web site walks you through the easy-as-pie instructions). There are community forums, where you can either start a discussion about anything you wish, or join an existing discussion. Or you can leave a comment about an individual story posted to the site.

Upset with your elected officials? Let us know. Want to thank a police officer or a firefighter? Drop us a line. Prefer the Internet to old-fashioned paper and pencil? Feel free.

For years, we've been your watchdog, keeping our eyes on your community for you. Now we've found more ways than ever to provide you with a voice of your own.

Whichever way you choose to do it, all you have to do now is make sure your voice is heard.



LETTERS

Campaign office opens

This is for voters in the Westland area who have been interested in securing political signs for the democratic candidates, including Barack Obama. Several have called our home and I apologize if I have not gotten back with you.

A campaign office is now open in Canton that has Obama lawn signs and other political information for other democratic candidates running in the Wayne/Westland/Plymouth/Canton area.

The location is 42011 Ford, east of Lilley and west of Haggerty. This is in a strip mall near the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant. Call for more information: (734) 981-2208. The public is welcome to stop by and volunteers are always appreciated!

Also, if you live in the 11th Congressional District, there are monthly meetings taking place the first Thursday of every month at UAW Local 900 on Michigan Avenue in Wayne, across from the Ford plant west of Newburgh. These meetings often have several local elected officials in attendance and guest speakers to answer questions from the public. Visit the Web site, www.11thdistrictdems.org

Please get involved and consider donating your time to increase voter turnout and improve the lives of your family and community.

Lastly, we ask that you consider only purchasing, union-made, political items. If you cannot secure any materials printed in Michigan, two Web sites that produce union goods include: www.demstore.com and www.democraticstuff.com.

Ron Graunstadt
president
Westland Democratic Club

In good hands with Gebhardt

I attended the League of Women Voters' Candidates Forum last Thursday night at Livonia City Hall and was most impressed with Wayne County Commission candidate Joan Gebhardt. It's plain to see she has the experience, intelligence, integrity and mindset we need in a commissioner for the 12th District.

Gebhardt demonstrated that she has a good understanding of the problems confronting us, as well as the knowledge and ability to solve them. We would be well-served with Gebhardt at the commission table, given her track record in public service, education, volunteering and politics; not to mention her skill in dealing with people from all walks of life.

Gebhardt's qualifications are sterling. She already represents part of the district as an elected Schoolcraft College trustee, responsible for a large budget, and students on two campuses. She serves on the board's

financial audit committee, and as a representative to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). Gebhardt was elected by her SEMCOG colleagues to the Executive Assembly, where she votes on regional issues.

We'll be in good hands with Gebhardt; I urge my fellow voters to support her Nov. 4 for Wayne County Commission.

Marybeth Dillon-Butler
Livonia

Farmlands are important

The article written recently by Don Kolvista was much needed to explain to the public how very important our farmlands are to not only Michigan residents but others in more states than ours. Our precious land belonging to our farmers should be protected. We need them! If anything that might help them, it would be a lower tax rate.

Hopefully, the Department of Agriculture gives our farmers much encouragement. Our people take much for granted. Our farmers make our lands more beautiful. How pleasant it is to drive through parts of the northern sections of Michigan and parts further down towards the Ohio-Michigan border. See these fields of green, gold and rust — what beauty!

Praying for a rich harvest this year and in the future.

Ila Kwiecinski
Westland

Are you better off?

Soon absentee ballots will be received by voters. So, we wanted to highlight some thoughts on the coming election.

The age-old question, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" still holds. If you are, you are one of the chosen few.

This is what we see: the middle class is disappearing; pensions are lost; health care is broken (if you're lucky you have it); homes are foreclosed (numbers near the Depression years); the economy??? (you can answer that); oil companies continue to make record profits as all of us pay too much at the pump; cost of food? (you can answer that, too); the war in the "wrong country" is still waging; our returning brave vets continue to have problems; our vets are being re-deployed too many times; suicide rates in the military have gone up; post-traumatic stress syndrome needs a lot more recognition and resolution; college education is going back only to the rich; salaries of hard workers are frozen as CEOs continue to steal from their workers. So are you better off?

To our utter amazement, there are just too many voters who focus in

on only one issue: abortion. If they believe in the Ten Commandments, they know that abortion falls under the Fifth Commandment. And as far as we know, the Fifth Commandment, Thou shall not kill, has not been changed to Thou shall not have an abortion. So why do so many people take only one part of one commandment and vote only on that one issue? What about the rest of the Fifth Commandment, or what about the remaining nine commandments? Please take another look at the candidates and see where they stand.

Yes, Sen. Obama is pro-choice, but not for abortion. He is indeed pro-life. He is against this war: he is for the middle class. He is Christian, though this should not be a deciding factor, nevertheless, he is Christian. He is for education in a big way; he has a health care plan that most of us, in the middle class, will welcome. These are but a few of his strengths.

We believe that we will be much better off with Sen. Obama and Sen. Biden in office than with their opposition that offers only four more years of Bush. Is that what you really want? Behind all the hype, if you choose Obama's opponent, we will get four more years of these last awful eight years.

Please think about this very carefully.

We have to be careful not to let racism influence our vote. Racism, prejudice, have reared their ugly heads again. We can't afford another four years of the same. To you who are still saying that you don't know enough about Obama, then try as time permits to spend more time with TV channels like PBS, MSNBC and CNN. Many people are locked into media that promote only one side of the issue.

No, we are not telling anyone how to vote. We are asking you to reconsider your vote, if you are leaning toward Obama's opponent, and ask yourself: Am I better off now than I was four years ago?

James and Mary Murphy
Westland

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— Westland Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover about receiving and award from the University of Michigan African-American Alumni Council for her professional achievements and contributions to the community

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8 facts about village

The following is a response to the letter of Robert Welch Jr. published in the Sept. 4 *Observer*:

Mr. Welch quotes Jack Nicholson in the movie *A Few Good Men*, "You want the truth, you can't handle the truth." Mr. Welch, what is the truth, the truth as you see it, or the truth as others may see it. This is our response to your "8 Facts."

Fact #1: The master plan is truly a strategy, which points you in a particular direction. This is true. But it is not a bible. There are different directions a strategy can take. The strategy is often altered because of economic, social and demographic needs. In what way should Westland's strategy be altered? Toward more housing for seniors? If you take a look at senior housing in the Detroit area, including Westland, you will see that most, if not all, facilities have significant vacancy rates. Is this the social and economic pressures that Mr. Welch is alluding to?

Fact #2: There is no doubt that a city, represented by the City Council, should work with developers, who plan projects useful to ALL the citizens of Westland. That does not mean that all projects are good for everyone affected. A project should not put a significant portion of the citizenry in peril economically or even esthetically. The project, particularly the very large three-story building, will affect our property values, which have already been severely affected by the present economic situation.

Fact #3: Yes, Mr. Welch, you are correct about some closed minds leaving Westland with a

closed movie theater, empty buildings, etc. In some cases, the mayor and/or the council may have erred. In some cases, the business left because of other reasons. The Nankin Mills project however, is not in this category. The residents of the contiguous streets were ignored about the ramifications of this project. Residents pointed out the charter provisions which this project violated. They pointed out the increased traffic and the safety issues, particularly what students are facing daily because they have to walk on the soft shoulder since the city has not seen fit to put in sidewalks. There was also a fatal accident earlier this year. What would have happened had the Council tabled the proposal so that further studies could be made regarding the objections of nearby neighborhoods? The Council completely ignored our concerns. This has led us to go ahead with a recall, not the "progressive" nature of this project.

Fact #4: Wow! We have to acquiesce to every plan brought before the City Council because the investor knows better than the citizen. The citizens of this fair city apparently are ignorant and should allow any investor to develop a project, just because he or she knows better than Mr. Citizen.

Fact #5: You may have a point if 150 signatures were from people outside of Westland. This, however, is not true. Over 100 signatures were from Westland citizens. In any case, the point is still being made that the council completely ignored all the points brought before it and actually made allegations that the citizens were wrong. Wrong about the traffic, wrong about safety, wrong about the Master Plan.

Fact #6: The infamous meeting was a prob-

lem from the start. No one made clear from the start that the meeting was open to everyone concerned. I attended the meeting, as did a number of people from Gray and Ravine streets. The "invitations" were not clear, and were easily misunderstood. Mr. Shaw's attorney said that the meeting was for only those invited. When that was "clarified" many of the residents were still reluctant to go because they were told that the invitations were only for a few. It was an error-ridden problem from the start.

Fact #7: Mr. Welch, this portion of your letter makes no sense whatsoever. If you bother to look at Gray and Ravine streets, you will see many tall old trees. The properties developed through the years by individuals have left most trees standing. In fact, some trees are so old that they may have to be chopped down because they are dying. And, Mr. Welch, what is wrong in trying to preserve the "natural beauty" of an area. A very large three-story building is not going to do that. Regarding the driving, the whole project is open to older people, most of whom will still be driving. You cannot tell me that they will not drive during the time that the school buses are running on Joy Road. With the amount of people who will reside in the project, traffic will increase. Add to that delivery trucks, emergency vehicles and relatives and friends visiting, there should be increased traffic. The most I can say about this is that nobody knows for sure, but it should not have been shrugged off by the councilmen.

Fact #8: The loss of property values is a strong enough incentive for being against the project. The fact that one home is "any-

where near" the building, is enough to oppose that. After all, this home, although built very deep and behind the other buildings on Gray Street is incentive enough to oppose the plan. And, after all the building of this home was approved by this same city council. Two properties are vacant, and people have indicated that they would not buy the property because of the planned project. Gray Street is not like your normal suburban subdivision. People invested in their properties because they desired the semi-rural nature of the area. They know that this building will severely affect the nature of this area. Walking paths and green areas are nice, but they do not make up for an imposing three story structure. The distances which you alluded to, Mr. Welch, are not at all true. The building will be much closer than 500 yards. I do not know what plans you are looking at.

Finally, pardon us for being emotional. These are our homes that are affected, and we bought and built here because of the nature of the area. Nobody claimed that there was a conspiracy. It was simply stated that, with Mr. Wild and Mr. Godbout being on the board of Mr. Shaw's foundation, there is a question of neutrality. The recall is being carried out because there is no other weapon that average citizens can turn to when very real concerns about their properties and their rights, are completely cast aside as nonsense. It is not a matter of growing or staying put, Mr. Welch. We are not against growth. We are against stomping on our rights regarding our properties.

Curt Gottlieb
Westland

FROM THE WEB

Among the views posted on our *Westland Observer* Web site at www.hometownlife.com are:

■ Regarding contract negotiations between teachers and the school board in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools:

MrEdwards wrote:

I support the teachers of W-W 100 percent. I have two boys in the district (Glenn and Marshall) and if a strike occurs and the administration follows through on their threat of randomly firing teachers in the district until it is settled, then I will have no choice but to remove my kids from the district and place them in another school district. Stay strong, W-W teachers! South Redford school district teachers support you!

cullenbryant wrote:

The teacher's union is leading the teachers in the wrong direction. They're negotiating as much for their own organization as they are for their membership. There is only one real issue at stake — who the health care provider is. The union is a business, and part of that business is buying Blue Cross health insurance and then

reselling it to its membership under the name of MESSA. As costs have risen dramatically for health care and funding is declining, the administration needs to seek ways to contain costs. One easy way is to be able to shop for health care coverage and offer alternatives — same great coverage, but at lower costs. If the union allows this to happen, however, it will put a big dent in their money-making machine. And since this is one of the larger districts, they're fighting hard to keep this in the contract. Visit the W-W Web site (www.wcsd.net/index.htm) and read the offer the union is rejecting and decide for yourself if it is "fair and equitable." Be knowledgeable.

lrfbob wrote:

The conduct of the Wayne-Westland teachers this morning left me feeling upset.

Students were bused to school only to find teachers striking outside. Many students were driven to school by school of choice parents. Parents were scrambling to find day care or had to stay home to take care of their children. Many parents were late for work and students trying to find a bus to take them home. The

teachers could care less about the welfare of the students or their families. If they want to strike or walk out that's fine, but when they endanger my child by their selfish motives, I lose all respect for them.

Why couldn't they notify the school or families of the walk out, why hurt or put the families and students at risk. Now that you involved me in your strike or walkout, I will not support the teachers, because they don't support my family.

dogwhisperer wrote:

The Michigan Public Employment Relations Act makes it illegal for teachers to strike. The Wayne-Westland school district should give the teachers a warning that if they do not show up for work tomorrow, they are fired.

Thebeatgoeson wrote:

Replying to dogwhisperer:
Does anyone remember what happened in D7 many years ago? Look it up. Devastated and destroyed the district. But I'm sure it was in the best interest of the kids.

shellsom wrote:

I fully support our teachers. They are trying to do what's best for the kids in this district.

The ones I spoke to yesterday would much rather be in their classrooms than not. Also, from what I have seen on the news it seems that our district has plenty of money to help compensate teachers. If it's true what the news says, from their last offer, the teachers said they'd take the same contract they already had, as long as our kids have smaller class sizes. How does anyone think that smaller class sizes won't help? Go Wayne-Westland teachers!!!!

tck1980 wrote:

School of choice kids should go back to their home schools. Also, there are kids that use false addresses to go to Glenn instead of Wayne. I'm sure that's not helping with the class sizes. Every class my child has at Glenn has 38 plus students.

Christcentered wrote:

You ask why there aren't residency checks? We sell seats in the district for the \$\$\$. It's the same all over — more and more districts are offering "schools of choice" to get the extra income. It's ridiculous. I say everybody go back home!!! Detroit would have enough students again, that's for certain.



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Borrowers bear responsibility in financial crisis

Now that the economic recovery plan has been passed by Congress and signed by the president, everything should calm down and things should get back to normal. Of course, that is what we would all like, however, that is not the reality.

It would be nice if whenever we had a problem,

Washington or Lansing would come up with a solution and everything would be OK. Unfortunately, it does not work that way. Washington or Lansing rarely have all the answers. After all, let's not forget how politics and special interest groups always enter into the equation of any legislation. Therefore, it is unrealistic to assume that the economic recovery bill will solve

all the problems. While it may resolve the current credit crunch and make it easier for banks to loan, particularly to small businesses, one thing that will not be resolved is the consumer's irresponsibility about money.

There is plenty of blame to pass around regarding this financial crisis. Banks, financial institutions and financial salespeople have let greed dictate business decisions. In addition, government and government regulators failed to take action based upon the irresponsibility of mortgage companies, mortgage brokers and other financial institutions. That being said, at the root of this financial crisis are individuals who borrowed excessively and had no realistic expectations of repaying their debt. No one likes to talk about that part of the problem, however, if we want to prevent similar problems from developing in the future, we must recognize that irre-

sponsibility was one of the main causes.

There are a number of lessons to learn from the current financial crisis. The first is to realize who we can or cannot count on for financial advice. Listening to a mortgage salesperson tell you how much house you can afford makes no sense. Your finances are too important to be trusted to a salesperson. The lesson here is the importance of independent financial advice.

Another lesson is understand the terms of the loan. Before you sign your name on the dotted line, make sure that you understand how the debt works. Don't assume that all loans are the same. Understand how the interest is calculated, payment terms, what happens upon default and know the costs. If you don't understand the terms of the loan, don't sign. When you obtain a loan, make sure you're getting independent advice.

Another lesson to learn is sometimes you just can't afford what you want. We live in a society that teaches us buy, buy and buy some more and don't worry about how to pay.

It's easy to blame Wall Street and the government for the current problems. However, that would only be half the truth. Individual Americans have been irresponsible with their finances and they, too, must accept part of the responsibility for what has occurred.

I hope the silver lining in this situation is that people will look at how they deal with debt and become better managers of their finances.

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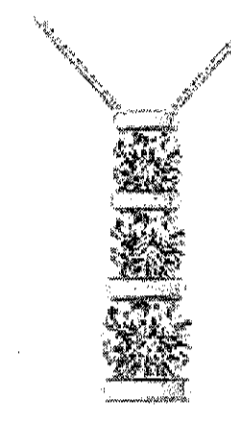
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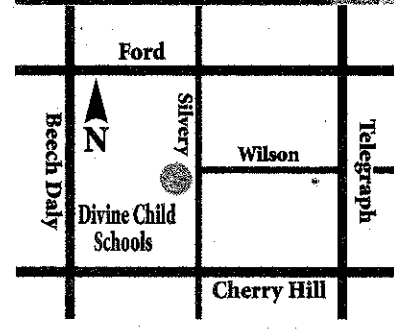


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Week No. 7 puts season into focus

So you think Drew Stanton should get the nod as Lions quarterback? Will Michigan make a bowl game? Is Michigan State for real? How many more weeks can Rod Mariuelli survive?

Those questions likely won't get answered for a few weeks, but the moment of truth awaits several area high school teams this weekend.

Canton, Plymouth and Livonia Clarenceville — all sporting a 5-1 record — are on the cusp of securing a postseason playoff spot and making it to Halloween weekend.

Next in line are trio of 4-2 teams — Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Franklin and Redford Thurston, all of which must wait at least two more weeks.

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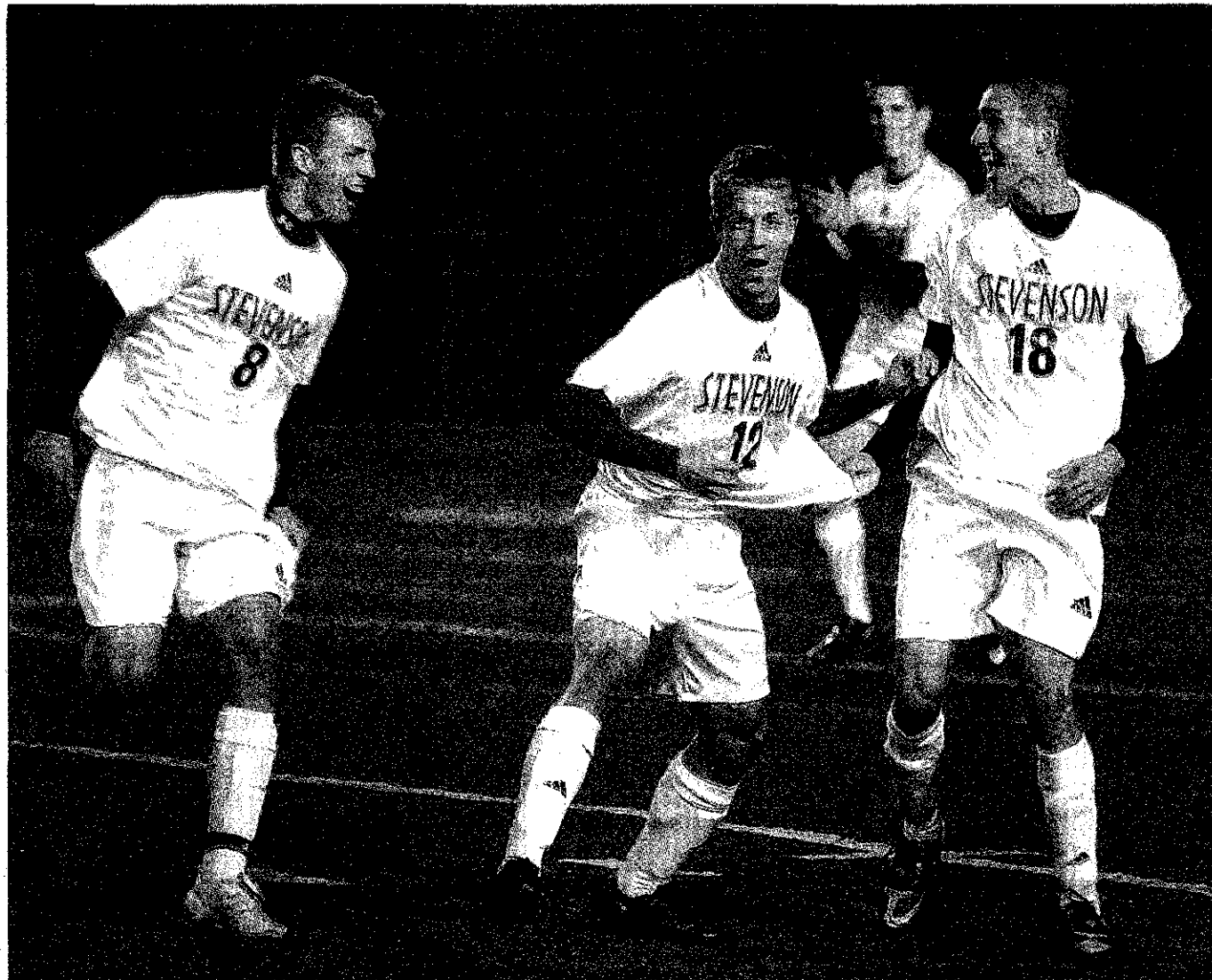
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FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

LIV. CHURCHILL (2-4, 1-3) AT CANTON (5-1, 3-1): The Chiefs have plenty at stake, including earning the top seed in the KLAAs South Division and its eighth state playoff berth since 2000 under coach Tim Baechler. Churchill won last year's meeting, 20-7, and snapped its three-game losing streak Friday with a 43-16 win over winless Wayne Memorial. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).

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Stevenson's Nate Sergison (from left), goal scorer David Simor and Richard Chrzasz celebrate during the Spartans' 6-1 triumph KLAAs-Kensington Conference championship victory Monday night over Churchill.

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Grid Picks

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No doubt about it

Stevenson smothers Churchill in conference final

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Winning Western Lakes Activities Association titles had become old hat for perennial boys soccer power Livonia Stevenson.

But Monday night, the host Spartans experienced a new high by hoisting their first-ever Kensington conference trophy by cooling off a red-hot Livonia Churchill squad with convincing a 6-1 victory.

That sent Stevenson, 13-1-3 overall and ranked No. 2 in Division 1, into Wednesday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship match at home against unranked

Brighton.

The Bulldogs, 11-1-4 overall, advanced to the final by capturing the KLAAs Lakes Division with a 1-0 win Monday night over visiting Walled Lake Northern.

Stevenson went 8-0-2 to win the KLAAs tough Central Division, while the Chargers, unbeaten in their last 14 games since losing Aug. 29 to the Spartans 4-1, finished 10-0 to rule the KLAAs South.

"The schedule is relentless," Stevenson's 11th-year coach Lars Richters said. "It's one difficult game after another staring you in the face. But I love the new (KLAAs) setup and I wouldn't change it for anything

else. Ideally it's great preparation for the (state) tournament — that's my hope."

Stevenson jumped out to a quick 4-0 first-half lead before Churchill could answer. Four of Stevenson's six goals came off restarts.

David Simor opened the scoring just 4:26 into the match off an assist from Nate Sergison. Simor scored his second in the 13th minute from Joey DiDomenico after a ball was served into the goal area by Richard Chrzasz.

Sergison headed in a nifty throw-in from Kendal Snow to make it

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Lutheran Westland opts for new conference

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It appears Lutheran High Westland is jumping leagues for the 2009-10 school year.

The smallest school in the Metro Conference (enrollment 208) will more than likely become a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (MIAC) in a move that is already having a ripple effect.

The MIAC, consisting of 11 small Christian-based schools and one private school (Birmingham Roper), has also extended invitations to two other Metro Conference members — Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (enrollment 308) and Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (enrollment 244) for the 2009-10 season.

The MIAC is currently divided into two divisions (Red and Blue) of six schools. The *Observer* also learned that Ann Arbor Greenhills (enrollment 317), currently an independent, has inquired about joining the MIAC.

According to Lutheran Westland Athletic Director Mike Unger, the MIAC has set an application deadline of Oct. 15 and, if accepted, the invited schools' administrators will make individual presentations sometime next month.

"It's a tough decision for me emotionally because I've been in the (Metro) conference more than anybody for 30 years," Unger said. "It's our administrators' call, but I have to do what's best for the kids. It was a very tough decision. We were invited and we considered joining that conference (MIAC) and that sort of moved us some. Size-wise, we're the smallest in the (Metro) conference already and we already have schools in the MIAC that are our size."

Unger said the MIAC could possibly expand to 18 schools with three divisions of six.

After one year as an independent (1989-90), Lutheran Westland was a member of the MIAC from 1990-92 before joining the Metro in 1992-93.

Despite being one of the smallest schools in the Metro, the Warriors have

enjoyed immense success on a state level, winning a Division 4 boys track and field championship (2001) and reaching the baseball (2008) and boys soccer (2003) championship state finals.

The Lutheran Westland wrestling team has made a pair of appearances in the Division 4 team wrestling state finals and its volleyball team is currently ranked third in the state in Class D.

Where that leaves the eight-school Metro Conference — which could be down to five schools — is anybody's guess.

In addition to Lutheran Westland, Lutheran Northwest and Liggett, the Metro, which spans three different counties, currently consists of Livonia Clarenceville, Macomb Lutheran North, Harper Woods, Hamtramck and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood. Last year, Clawson left the Metro to join the Macomb Area Conference, leaving the Metro with eight schools for the 2008-09 school year.

Metro Conference athletic direc-

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MUSICAL CHAIRS 2009-10

Metro Conference: Livonia Clarenceville, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Harper Woods, Hamtramck, Macomb Lutheran North.

Leaving: Lutheran High Westland, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Red Division: Canton Agape Christian, Taylor Baptist Park, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, Novi-Franklin Road Christian, Plymouth Christian Academy, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Blue Division: Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Birmingham Roper, Macomb Christian, Southfield Christian, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Joining: Lutheran Westland, Liggett, Northwest, Ann Arbor Greenhills (?).

WYAA basketball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball begins Saturday, Oct. 11 and will continue through Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

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Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Birch Run (M.S.), 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Oct. 9
Warren Regina at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at S'field-Lathrup, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Madonna Tourney at Plymouth, 8:30 a.m.
Sturgis Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Mega-KLAA Challenge at N'ville, 8:30 a.m.
Whitmore Lake Tournament, TBA.
BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Oct. 9
Univ. Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.
Wash. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10
Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Novi-Detroit CC, 7 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Oct. 11
Gab. Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Oct. 9
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
MISCA Meet at EMU, noon.
GIRLS GOLF Thursday, Oct. 9
Division 1 regional at Giant Oak, 9 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 10
Division 1 regional at Tanglewood, 9 a.m.
Division 2 regional at Pontiac C.C., 9 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS Friday, Oct. 10
Division 1 regional at Novi, 8 a.m.
Division 1 regional at Woodhaven, 8 a.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Saturday, Oct. 11
E. Grand Rapids at Ladywood, 10 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Oct. 9
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Schoolcraft at Harper College Inv., TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Oct. 10
Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Oct. 11
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Kicking the habit

Wayne ends 15-match losing streak in two overtimes

Zach Girouard's goal with five minutes left in the second overtime gave Wayne Memorial a 3-2 KLAA-Kensington Conference boys soccer crossover victory at South Lyon East.

Kevin Glass assisted on the game-winner as the Zebras, now 1-15-1 overall, notched their first victory of the season and ended their 15-match losing skid.

Alex Balli and Drew Stanton also tallied goals for the Zebras, who rallied from a 2-1 halftime deficit.

Cory Taylor went all the way in goal for Wayne, which finished 0-10 in the KLAA-South Division following Thursday's 7-0 home loss to Plymouth.

The loss drops South Lyon East to 0-17-1. CHURCHILL 2, W.L. NORTHERN 0: Matt Regan assisted on both goals

KLAA BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill (14-3-1), the KLAA-South Division champion, blanked KLAA-North Division champ Walled Lake Northern (10-6-4) in a crossover.

Jakub Herout scored what proved to be the game-winner during the first half, while Max Washko added an insurance goal in the second half.

Adrian Motto, who played the first 60 minutes in goal, teamed up with Christian Adams for the shutout.

JOHN GLENN 4, W.L. WESTERN 1: Khalid Suleiman scored two goals to lead the host Westland John Glenn (7-11-1) past Walled Lake Western (8-7-3) in a KLAA crossover match Tuesday.

Nelson Kenne and Logan Chaston also scored for Glenn.

"We lost to them second game of the season (2-0), had an idea how they played, we made some changes and took care of business today," Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada said.

"We're playing with style and technique, instead of defense and offense." NORTHVILLE 5, JOHN GLENN 1: Alex Marilley scored a pair of goals Monday as the host Mustangs (12-6-1) made a 4-0 halftime lead stand up in the third-place KLAA-Kensington Conference crossover victory over Westland John Glenn (6-11-1).

Latif Alashe, Nate Hrivnak and Andrew Kelleher also scored goals for Northville.

Assists went to Matt Hagan (2), John Hatsis and Alashe. Khalid Suleiman scored for the Rockets.

"We played beautiful second half, but the first half surprised us," said Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada, who was missing four starters.

KLAA-Kensington Conference fifth-place crossover Monday, Jake Green scored twice as the host Lions (9-7-3) scored six times in the second half to subdue Livonia Franklin (2-13-1).

Matt Morais (penalty kick), Drew Mexicotte, Alex Enfroy, Adam Gentile, Chris Kobayashi and Bob Wendt also scored for South Lyon.

Franklin got goals from Jordan McGuire and Zain Qureshi. CHURCHILL 2, DEXTER 1: Livonia Churchill (13-2-1) got a goal in each half Saturday to beat the host Dreadnaughts (7-8-3) in a non-league encounter.

Churchill led 1-0 at halftime on Adam Bedell's throw-in to Etienne Lussiez.

Chris DeNapoli then fed Matt Regan on a cross to make it 2-0 in the second half before Dexter scored with only five minutes left beating the Churchill defensive wall on a free kick.

Adrian Motta was the winning goalkeeper.

STEVENSON

FROM PAGE B1

3-0 with 13:41 left in the half and Adrian Fyloneko banged home a rebound just 1:34 later with Michael Nickerson drawing the assist for a commanding 4-0 advantage.

Churchill finally got on the board four minutes before intermission on Etienne Lussiez's goal off a throw-in from Adam Bedell.

"Our guys made some pretty good decisions on a few of them, and then we executed well on a few others," Richters said, referring to the numerous free kicks, corners and throw-ins.

Just shortly after the second half started, Stevenson goaltender Conner Burton made back-to-back key saves, including a point-blank stop off a rebound attempt by Churchill's Max Washko.

"The whole message at halftime was that we're not stopping at the whistle," Richters said. "That's how



Stevenson's Nate Sergison (right) reacts with joy after scoring the Spartans' third goal during first-half action in Monday's 6-1 KLAA-Kensington Conference championship victory over Churchill.

as it turned out we had success as well." Stevenson went on to score two more second-half goals - Brian Klemczak on a free kick from Joey D'Agostino with 16:51 remaining, and D'Agostino's goal from Klemczak with 1:17 to go.

"The numbers were down on restarts," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs,

whose team is 13-3-1 overall. "They (Stevenson) executed well, but defensively we did not adjust or pinch over. Defensively, we should have been prepared for what they gave us. They scored four and we scored one (off restarts). The last game we scored first, but it was much more disappointing today. They took advantage of their chances."

Churchill, meanwhile, had little time to regroup, playing at 7 tonight against Walled Lake Northern in the KLAA consolation final between first-place divisional winners.

"When you play against a good team, they make you play unlike yourself," Friedrichs said. "They (Stevenson) outcoached us and outplayed us. They played very well. We did not play well. They beat us all over the field and I'm embarrassed the way we played. Tonight was a lesson on the way you play. They came to win and we only came to play."

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Warriors fall to North in overtime, 1-0

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This time around, Lutheran High Westland gave Macomb Lutheran North quite a tussle. The Warriors' boys soccer team was routed 5-1 against the Mustangs earlier this season, but Tuesday's Metro Conference tournament match-up was a different story - albeit one with the same ending as Lutheran Westland lost 1-0 in overtime.

Scoring the match-winning goal for Lutheran North (10-6) was junior Anthony Calideo, who got a shot behind senior goalkeeper Micah Hausch (11 saves), who Warriors' coach Rich Block said "played real strong in net."

Block added that his "whole team played very well, in particular my back line, and I was real proud of their efforts."

The coach added that the solid effort should provide a confidence boost entering next week's state districts.

"We really set ourselves up nicely to look forward to a nice run in the state playoffs," said Block, whose team is 11-5-1 overall. "I'm excited to see what we can do."

CLARENCEVILLE 2, LUTHERAN N'WEST 1: In a Metro Conference consolation round match Tuesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (8-8-1) defeated Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest as junior midfielder Gareth Hintzman tallied the game-winning goal.

Senior sweeper/forward Matt Garant also had a goal and assist for the victorious Trojans.

Recycle this newspaper

Crusaders blank Cornerstone, 2-0

The 26th-ranked Madonna University men's soccer team improved to 6-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and 8-1 overall with a 2-0 win Saturday at Cornerstone University.

The Golden Eagles (4-6-1, 2-3-1) had the game's first chance to score in the sixth minute as Zack McCabe sent in a shot on Anthony DeMarco, but the MU keeper was up to the task and turned it away to keep the match 0-0.

Madonna got on the board in the 26th minute as Emilio Giorgi (took a pass from Mark Pikula and beat CU's Dan Kerstan to make it 1-0 Madonna.

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DeMarco had to make four saves in the first half and kept the Golden Eagles off the board through the first 45 minutes.

Coming out of the break, CU carried the play until the 59th minute when Daniel Amaya (Cartagena, Columbia) took a rebound of Pikula's shot and buried it for his first career goal to give Madonna a 2-0 lead.

DeMarco and the MU defense kept CU off the board for the remaining 30 minutes and helped the MU side earn the shutout. DeMarco made nine saves for his second shut-out of the season.

The match was a physical one with 32 total fouls being called and five cards being issued.

SCHOOLCRAFT 5, ANCILLA CC 0: The Ocelots (6-1-4, 6-0) used a balanced scoring attack and solid work in goal from Chris Riley and Dan Horton to post a lopsided victory on Saturday at home against Ancilla Community College (6-5-3, 4-3).

Schoolcraft led 2-0 at the break thanks to goals from freshman Arnold Kostkowski and Younan Samra. Kostkowski's net-finder came on a penalty kick after Mark Djokaj drew a foul in the 18-yard box. Omoregie Lyha assisted on Samra's goal.

The Ocelots put the game on ice in the second half on goals from Bim Ogunyemi, Andy Adlington and John Swiastyn.

Lady Ocelots blank U-M-Dearborn

Ashley Chandler registered a seven-save shutout to lead the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team to a 2-0 victory Saturday over host University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Stephanie Gutkowski and Brittany Pickett scored goals for the winners. Kate Gilbert and Andrea Polite notched assists.

"The game was hard-fought and I felt that we dominated many parts of the game and had numerous opportunities

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to score," said Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivrman, whose team is 7-0-2 overall and ranked No. 2 in latest NJCAA-Division I poll. "Their keeper and defense really worked hard to keep us at bay. We regrouped at the half, and our hard work was rewarded with a pair of goals."

MADONNA 3, CORNERSTONE 0: After seeing its mid-week game at Spring

Arbor washed out, 23rd-ranked Madonna University (8-2, 6-0) came away with a WHAC victory Saturday at Cornerstone University (6-5, 3-3) as Salem High's Ashley Stoychoff scored a pair of goals.

Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) assisted on the first goal in the eighth minute and Stoychoff scored unassisted in the 87th minute.

MU's other goal came in the 61st minute by Nicole Rodriguez off an assist from Sarah Rokuski.

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) had to make just three saves to pick up her sixth clean sheet of the season.

State's hoop coaches recognize local editor

Livonia/Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Honor Friday during a ceremony at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.

Emons has earned the respect and admiration of the state's basketball coaches since he first started covering prep hoops for the Observer in 1977.

"Brad has always been a real pro when covering high school athletics," said Dan Young, a member of the BCAM Board of Directors and the head basket-



Emons

ball coach at Westland John Glenn. "More importantly, he's been a pro as far as dealing with high school coaches over the years."

After graduating from Livonia Franklin - where he played basketball - in 1973, Emons earned a degree in journalism from Franklin College (Indiana) and was a member of school's tennis team.

A short time after graduating from college, Emons was

hired as Sports Editor at the Plymouth-Canton Observer before moving to the Livonia-Westland beat in 1981.

He has also kept statistics for the University of Detroit and the Detroit Pistons.

"Basketball has been a life-long passion of mine and I feel grateful for being recognized by the members of BCAM," Emons said. "I'm both blessed and grateful for the opportunity to cover the game at its purest form and at its grass roots level. I appreciate the efforts from all the area coaches I've dealt with during my 30 years in newspapers."

PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 20
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 39
Oct. 7 at Cass Benton Park
 Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 18:40.
 Other Churchill finishers: 3. Alyssa Mira, 20:20; 4. Bethany Pilat, 20:45; 5. Kayla Szabo, 20:49; 7. Jenna Szabo, 20:59; 9. Lindsay McMullen, 21:07; 10. Emily Clairmont, 21:17.
 Franklin finishers: 2. Megan McPherson, 19:16; 6. Tiffany Lambie, 20:52; 8. Brittany Dilley, 21:03; 11. Kelly Walby, 21:22; 12. Brittany Rouse, 21:53; 13. Shannon Niznik, 22:18; 14. Tiffany VanOrden, 22:23.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 5-0 KLAAs-South Division (clinched title); Franklin, 2-3 KLAAs-South.
NORTHVILLE 17, LIVONIA STEVENSON 39
Oct. 7 at Cass Benton Park
 Individual winner: Gina McNamara (Northville), 19:57 (5,000 meters).
 Stevenson finishers: 5. Victoria Salfarian, 21:15; 6. Tasi Newton, 21:21; 8. Michelle Krawczyk, 21:36; 9. Julia Capeneka, 21:36; 16. Kelsey O'Keefe, 22:39; 17. Kate Capeneka, 22:49.
Dual meet records: Northville, 3-2 KLAAs-Central; Stevenson, 2-3 KLAAs-Central.

GIRLS TRI-MEET RESULTS
Oct. 7 at Bicentennial Park (Livonia)
TEAM SCORES: Livonia Ladywood 24, Farmington Hills Mercy 32; Ladywood 15, Riverview Gabriel Richard 50; Mercy 15, Gabriel Richard 50.
Individual winner: Marion Rodriguez (Mercy), 20:11 (5,000 meters).
Ladywood finishers: 2. Julia Kenney, 20:36; 3. Becky Babon, 20:51; 4. Meredith Houska, 21:05; 6. Cathy Wojtanowski, 21:31; 9. Morgan Zuziak, 21:41; 10. Shannon Scarlett, 22:10; 14. Stobhan Aldridge, 22:37.
Other Mercy finishers: 5. Mary Bridget Welch, 21:26; 7. Karena Nordstrom, 21:31; 8. Heather Smith, 21:40; 11. Tara Ellis, 22:16; 12. Katie Conley, 22:16; 13. Nicole Gaudino, 22:29.
Dual meet records: Ladywood, 6-1 overall, 6-1 (Catholic League); Mercy, 5-2 overall, 5-2 (Catholic League).

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 27
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 28
Oct. 7 at Cass Benton Park
 Individual winner: Austin Jones (Franklin), 17:26.
 Churchill finishers: 2. Matt Szado, 17:28; 3. Tom Windle, 17:37; 4. Mark Waterbury, 17:40; 5. 8. Quinn Osgood, 18:13; 9. Mark Freyberg, 18:27; 10. Ryan Keeling, 18:31; 12. Steve Zoski, 18:39; 13. Edward Tremel, 18:41; 14. Kyle Mireles, 18:41.
 Other Franklin finishers: 5. Paul Hanni, 17:44; 7. Peter Walby, 17:59; 7. Dylan Taylor, 18:05; 9. Alex Curry, 18:22; 14. Bobby Wilson, 18:46; 21.6. Jason Riffel, 18:53.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-2 KLAAs-South; Franklin, 2-3 KLAAs-South.
NORTHVILLE 16, LIVONIA STEVENSON 47
Oct. 7 at Cass Benton Park
 Individual winner: Jack Dalton (Northville), 16:50.
 Other Northville: 2. Frank Griffiths, 16:53; 3. Colin Riley, 17:17; 4. Jeff Girbach, 17:26; 5. Lerner, 17:45; 7. Cory Smetana, 17:46; 8. Jake Williams, 17:48.
 Stevenson finishers: 5. Shawn Howse, 17:44; 13. Matt Williams, 18:11; 15. Travis Gosselin, 18:15; 16. Eric Pliisko, 18:16; 17. John Lynch, 18:18.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-4 KLAAs-Central Division.

PLYMOUTH 15, WAYNE MEMORIAL 50
Oct. 7 at Wayne
 Individual winner: Steven Schultz (Plymouth), 18:25.
 Other Plymouth finishers: 1. Steven Schultz, 18:25; 2. Stephen Balazs, 18:45; 3. Tyler Schwaegerl, 18:46; 4. Zach Koch, 19:06; 5. Brandon Burke, 19:22.
Wayne finishers: 6. Darryl Ison, 20:10; 7. Tyler Gendron, 21:09; 8. Brandon Tykoski, 22:36.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 5-0 KLAAs-South (clinched title); Wayne, 0-5 KLAAs-South.

CANTON 15
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50
Oct. 7 at John Glenn
 Individual winner: Duncan Spitz (Canton), 16:45.
 Other Canton finishers: 2. Kyle Clinton, 17:0e; 3. Greg Reed, 17:14; 4. Zach Spreitzer, 17:14; 5. (tie) Mitch Clinton and Paul Rakovitis, 17:18.
John Glenn finisher: 7. Tim Boes, 17:35; 8. Jeff Adkins, 17:40; 9. Eric Mlynar, 18:43; 10. Jeff

Medel, 20:16; 11. Ryan Vichinsky, 20:26.
Dual meet records: Canton, 4-1 KLAAs-South; John Glenn, 1-4 KLAAs-South.
2008 WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Oct. 4 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (27 schools):
 1. Plymouth, 58; 2. Canton, 110; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 112; 4. Salem, 118; 5. Livonia Franklin, 200; 6. Livonia Churchill, 233; 11. Livonia Stevenson, 297; 18. Westland John Glenn, 447; 20. Lutheran Westland, 551.
Individual winner: Edwin Gay (Grosse Pointe South), 15:54.17 (5,000 meters).
BOYS INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS
Franklin (200): 26. Austin Jones, 17:14.81; 36. Nik Gherardini, 17:28.07; 45. Paul Hanni, 17:40.21; 48. Pete Walby, 17:44.56; 55. Dylan Taylor, 17:53.06.
Churchill (233): 16. Mark Waterbury, 17:01.67; 30. Tom Windle, 17:20.36; 58. Quinn Osgood, 17:56.59; 61. Matt Szado, 17:59.36; 78. Ryan Keeling, 18:20.39.
Stevenson (297): 43. Matt Williams, 17:38.93; 50. Joe Urso, 17:47.72; 52. Andrew Longhi, 17:49.40; 65. Shawn Howse, 18:02.84; 98. John Lynch, 18:46.43.
John Glenn (447): 37. Tim Boes, 17:29.48; 63. Jeff Adkins, 18:01.17; 88. Eric Mlynar, 18:32.72; 129. Ruben Maya, 19:30.80; 150. Jeff Medel, 20:13.40.
Lutheran Westland (551): 5. Spencer Lyle, 16:25.81; 123. Theodis Washington, 19:18.74; 140. Alex Kemp, 19:45.09; 148. Zechariah Washington, 20:06.52; 165. Jeremy Kohtz, 20:53.49.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (25 schools):
 1. Livonia Churchill, 98; 2. Plymouth, 102; 3. Canton, 104; 4. Salem, 145; 5. Trenton, 151; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 174; 7. Livonia Franklin, 194; 17. Lutheran Westland, 515; 25. Westland John Glenn, 669.
Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 18:01.62 (5,000 meters).
GIRLS INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS
Churchill (98): 1. Sara Kroll, 18:01.62; 19. Bethany Pilat, 20:02.41; 21. Kayla Szado, 20:03.86; 22. Emily Clairmont, 20:04.84; 36. Katie Rash, 20:45.82.
Stevenson (174): 2. Courtney Calka, 18:06.69; 32. Karli Kuchka, 20:34.87; 33. Victoria Salfarian, 20:35.54; 55. Michelle Krawczyk, 21:19.92; 56. Julia Capeneka, 21:20.49.
Franklin (233): 4. Megan McPherson, 19:04.69; 26. Tiffany Lambie, 20:12.80; 49. Brittany Dilley, 21:04.17; 53. Kelly Walby, 21:22.54; 60. Brittany Rouse, 21:23.53.
Lutheran Westland (515): 63. Sarah Maynard, 21:28.66; 98. Miriam Pranschke, 22:55.56; 112. Erin Klye, 23:08.46; 128. Brittany Maynard, 23:48.29; 135. Ashley Pniwski, 24:10.29.
John Glenn (669): 103. Evi Cenolli, 22:58.88; 106. Ashley Bailey, 23:01.87; 160. Michelle Levy, 25:16.42; 162. Megan Nikula, 25:37.15; 166. Audra Flores, 26:07.01.
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
Oct. 2 at John Glenn N.S.
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn, 23; 2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 46; 3. Livonia Churchill, 63; 4. (tie) Belleville and John Glenn, no team scores.
Individual winner: R. Labrell (Dearborn), 17:50.23 (5,000 meters).
CC finishers: 3. Matt Kozijara, 18:02; 7. Steve Turzowski, 18:41; 11. Evan Caramagno, 19:15; 12. Joshua Bindon, 19:18; 13. Jake Spuller, 19:22; 16. Joel Savalle, 19:31; 18. Ryan Doyle, 19:34.
Churchill finishers: 5. Ryan Wise, 18:29; 9. Cody Rossler, 18:53; 14. Stephen Charney, 19:27; 15. Peter Eri, 19:31; 21. Josh Walker, 20:04; 23. Matt Szabo, 20:46.
Glenn finishers: 17. Ruben Maya, 19:32; 22. Jeff Medel, 20:22.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 17; 2. Belleville, 38; 3. Westland John Glenn, 55.
Individual winner: Kayla Szado (Churchill), 20:47.
Other Churchill finishers: 2. Sarah Bauman, 20:57; 3. Allie Zoski, 21:43; 5. Lisa McMullen, 22:10; 6. Alessandra Iadipalao, 22:48; 7. Alex Pomrenke, 23:04; 9. Maddy Jiga, 23:42; 23. Judy Wesley, 23:50.
John Glenn finishers: 12. Audra Flores, 26:37; 13. Bisi Ajelanmba, 29:16; 14. Ranequia Kelly-Boyd, 30:48; 16. Elizabeth Burns, 31:32.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

KLAAs-KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Oct. 7 at Pheasant Run Golf Course
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 354 strokes; 2. Novi, 363; 3. South Lyon, 388; 4. Livonia Churchill, 397; 5. John Glenn, 407; 6. Livonia Franklin, 414; 7. Canton, 436; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 468; 9. Plymouth, 476; 10. Wayne Memorial, 542; 11. South Lyon East, 558; 12. Salem (no team score).
Individual medalist: Natalie Krick, Northville, 77.
TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS
Northville (354): Alicia Weber, 79; Kelley Hill, 87; Brianna Roberts, 89; Joanne Weber, 99; Amy Bernstein and Stephanie Sakorafas, 102 each.
Novi (363): Natalie Krick, 77 (medalist); Megan Henry, 93; Kelli Timar, 96; Alex Palmer, 97; Stephanie Hrit, 104; Brooke Collins, 105.
South Lyon (388): Christy Cooney, 89; Danielle Godair, 95; Alex Drew, 101; Emily Groth, 103; Amy Comuth, 105; Brittany Snivley, 108.
Churchill (397): Lexi McFarlane, 87; Jessica Burdette, 91; Jordyn Shepler, 107; Sarah Linder, 112; Samantha Proben, 122; Stephanie Panaretos, 124.
John Glenn (407): Heidi Irvine, 90; Courtney McKinney, 103; Michelle Bishop, 107; Justine Woodard, 107; Samantha Baker, 116.
Franklin (414): Alexis Smith, 101;

Samantha McAtee, 102; Natalie Polakowski, 103; Lauren Beahon, 108; Georgia Patrick, 109; Samantha Nesbitt, 116.
Canton (436): Chelsea Osburn, 93; Kara Gregory, 100; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 121; Megan Baumgart, 122; Erin Lixie, 126; Alexandra Wee, 146.
Stevenson (468): Gabrielle Sabatini, 109; Chelsea Phillips, 110; Shelby Plichota, 119; Brynn Cavanaugh, 130; Andrea Burford, 137; Natalie Cicchelli, 200.
Plymouth (476): LeAnn O'Shaughnessy, 116; Chloe Marentic, 118; Christy Pattison, 120; Liz Cizek, 122.
Wayne (542): Berlyn Beaver, 86; Taylor Tuttle, 109; Jane Thayer, 147.
South Lyon East (558): Lindsay Heikinen, 110; Taylor Jones, 111; Emily Wenson, 119; Stephanie Carson, 128.
FINAL DIVISION STANDINGS
Central: 1. Northville, 10-0; 2. Novi, 8-2; 3. South Lyon, 6-4; 4. Stevenson, 4-6; 5. South Lyon East, 2-8; 6. Salem, 0-10.
South: 1. Churchill, 10-0; 2. John Glenn, 8-2; 3. Canton, 6-4; 4. Franklin, 4-6; 5. (tie) Wayne and Plymouth, 1-9.
ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Oct. 7 at St. John's Golf Center
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills

Mercy, 352 strokes; 2. Warren Regina, 369; 3. Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart, 381; 4. Birmingham Marian, 384; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 414; 6. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 418; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 423; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 459.
Individual medalist: Maggie Lentz (Mercy), 82.
Other Mercy finishers: 4. Lane Czank, 87; 7. Maura Malone, 90; 10. Miranda Elison, 93; 18. Egan Franks, 100; 33. Shannon White, 113.
Sacred Heart finishers: 5. Bess Quick, 88; 12. Rebecca Noble, 95; 15. Maggie Gibson, 97; 20. Amanda Paul, 101; 22. Adrienne Milner, 103; 36. Sarah Dilts, 114.
Marian finishers: 10. Megan Fleischer, 93; Lianne DiMambro, 96; 15. Jenna Kramer, 97; 17. Kelly Lughammer, 98; 24. (tie) Kristen Lughammer and Macy Hudson, 104 each.
Ladywood finishers: 21. Marissa Ley, 102; 22. Katelyn Papler, 103; 30. (tie) Val DeMilia and Marissa Briden, 109 each; 43. Taylor Romano, 127; Amanda Molin, 135.
ALL-CATHOLIC: 1. Maggie Lentz (Mercy), 82; 2. (tie) Melissa Raffoul (Regina) and Marisa Stroster (Notre Dame Prep), 86 each; 4. Lane Czank (Mercy), 87; 5. Bess Quick, 88; 6. Emma Salata (Gabriel Richard), 89; 7. Maura Malone (Mercy), 90; 8. Maria Raffoul (Regina), 91; 9. Natalie Didio (Regina), 92; 10. (tie) Megan Fleischer (Marian) and Miranda Elison (Mercy), 93 each; 12. Donnia Fiscelli (Divine Child), 94.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAAs-KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Oct. 4 at Plymouth H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 33 points; 2. Northville, 33; 3. Salem, 12; 4. Plymouth, 7; 5. (tie) South Lyon and Canton, 5 each; 7. (tie) Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson and South Lyon East, 7 each; 10. Livonia Franklin, 6; 11. Westland John Glenn, 2; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1.
INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT FINALS
No. 1 singles: Mami Mahadevan (Novi) defeated Tim Wasielewski (N'ville), 7-6 (7-3), 6-2; **semifinals:** Mahadevan def. Brett Foster (Salem), no score available; Wasielewski def. Kevin Ranehan (S.L. East), 6-4, 6-1.
No. 2: Ryan Bell (Novi) def. Melvin Joseph (N'ville), 6-3, 6-3; **semifinals:** Bell def. Erik Koch (Stevenson), 6-4, 6-2; Joseph def. Brock Foster (Salem), 6-2, 6-0.

No. 3: Steve Irvine (N'ville) def. Goutham Kondapi (Novi), 6-4, 6-3; **semifinals:** Irvine def. Kyle Gordon (South Lyon), 6-0, 6-2; Kondapi def. Tudor Bamatha (S.L. East), 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Carson Crandell (Novi) def. David Benson (Salem), 6-3, 6-0; **semifinals:** Crandell def. Andy Mitchell (Plymouth), 6-1, 6-0; Benson def. Mike Hagan (N'ville), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Justin Farooq-Ameyya Sohani (Novi) def. Lee Schechter-Nick Kalweit (N'ville), 6-0, 7-5; **semifinals:** Farooq-Sohani def. Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp (Franklin), 6-1, 6-0; Schechter-Kalweit def. Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey (Plymouth), 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Greg Richard-Peter Zhang (Novi) def. Evan Gatz-Albert Chen (N'ville), 6-1, 6-3; **semifinals:** Richard-Zhang def. Andy Steinman-Jose Peres (Salem), 6-2, 6-0; Gatz-Chen def. David Ding-Adam Payne (Canton), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3: Derek Richard-Vishnu Venugopal (Novi) def. Mike Burckek-Ian Jaye (N'ville), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Richard-Venugopal def. Tom Eggleston-John Lopus (Plymouth), 6-0, 6-2; Burckek-Jaye def. Jared Timm-Kyle Wilson (South Lyon), 6-1, 6-1.
No. 4: Nikhil Davarakonda-Nathan Farooq (Novi) def. Matt Satterfield-Andrew Ginnard (N'ville), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Davarakonda-Farooq def. Drew Leist-Hank Eckhardt (Plymouth), 6-0, 6-0; Satterfield-Ginnard def. John Mosley-Jimmy LaFontaine (Canton), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
No. 5: Anthony Rossi-Amol Kamat (N'ville) def. Kyle McGuire-Matt McPherson (Novi), 6-3, 2-6, 7-5; **semifinals:** Rossi-Kamat def. Varun Bandri-Steve Lee (Canton), 6-2, 6-0; McGuire-McPherson def. Pat Moroney-Matt Cezat (Churchill), 6-1, 6-0.

COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY INVITATIONAL WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS
Oct. 4 at Tecumseh Country Club
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ferris State, 358 strokes; 2. (tie) Madonna University and Kalamazoo College, 372 each; 4. Siena Heights, 413; 5. Calvin College, 422; 56. Rochester College, no team score.
Individual medalist: Blaise Baumgartner (Ferris State), 12-over 84.
Madonna scorers: 3. Sara Simmich, 89; 7. (tie) Caitlin Steele, 93; 9. (tie) Chelsea Bathurst and Livonia Stevenson, 94; 13. (tie) Jillian Kloc, 96;

15. (tie) Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), 97.
WOLVERINE-HOOSIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WOMEN'S GOLF JAMBOREE (No. 6)
Oct. 3 at Quail Ridge G.C. (Grand Rapids)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Madonna University, 353; 2. Indiana Tech, 358; 3. Aquinas, 360; 4. Cornerstone, 377; 5. Siena Heights, 392; 6. Davenport, 393; 7. Concordia, did not finish.
Individual medalist: Jordan Essman (Indiana Tech), 5-over 77.
Madonna scorers: 3. (tie) Sara Simmich, 87; 6. Mariel Meyers, 88; 7. (tie) Chelsea Bathurst and Caitlin Steele, 89 each; 20. Jillian Kloc, 98.

WHAC MEN'S GOLF JAMBOREE (No. 6)
Oct. 6 at Quail Ridge G.C. (Grand Rapids)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Davenport, 295; 2. Indiana Tech, 310; 3. Cornerstone, 311; 4. Madonna, 312; 5. Aquinas, 328; 6. Siena Heights, 339; 7. Concordia, 413.
Individual medalist: Nick Boone (Davenport), 3-under 69.
Madonna scorers: 3. (tie) Steve South (Livonia Franklin), 75; 8. (tie) Kyle Lawery and Austin Stillman (Franklin), 78 each; 18. (tie) Brett Quiltquit, 84; 24. (tie) Matt Robinson (Livonia Churchill), 84; 28. (tie) Nick Sears, 86.

CONFERENCE

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tors are scheduled to meet Thursday, Oct. 16, to discuss their future plans. Clarenceville, Cranbrook and Lutheran North also planned to stage meetings to discuss possible options with their own coaches.

After Metro Conference officials met Oct. 1 and were informed of the pending moves by three of its members, Clarenceville A.D. Kevin Murphy said in a memo to his coaches that he would seek to have those schools delay their decision until the 2010-11 school year.

"We have asked these schools to wait until the following year, so that the remaining schools can find somewhere to go," Murphy said in the e-mail. "These schools will talk to their administration and report back in two weeks what their decision will be as to when they are leaving."

In the e-mail, Murphy also spelled out several scenarios that Clarenceville and its fellow members could consider including:

- Try to add new schools to the Metro.
 - Join the 22-member Oakland Activities Association and be the smallest school (enrollment 630).
 - Join the remaining northern schools left in the 28-member Michigan Mega, which is losing 12 members to two other leagues. (Clarenceville would remain the smallest.)
 - Join the eight-member Huron League, which would include extensive travel (and remain the smallest school).
 - Become a member with smaller schools in the Detroit Catholic League, but couldn't compete in the playoffs or include athletes for all-league consideration.
 - Become an independent (creating scheduling issues).
- Mega Conference administrators, reeling from the effects of 10 schools departing next year for the 10-member Downriver League and two others to the Southeastern Conference, were also scheduled to meet today to discuss their situation.

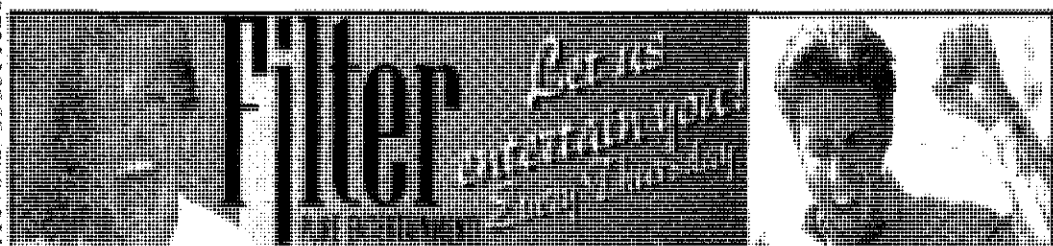
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MU volleyball wins 20th

The fifth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team made quick work Tuesday of visiting Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe Aquinas College in three games, 25-16, 25-15, 25-22. Whitney Fuelling and Lubovj Tihomirova led the offensive attack for the Crusaders, now 20-1

overall, with 14 and 11 kills, respectively. Setter Inta Grinvalds had a game-high 34 assist-to-kill as Madonna improved to 6-0 in the WHAC. Teammate Brynn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College) added a game-high 12 digs. Aquinas (10-5, 4-2) got 12 kills from Mollie Lounds.

Chargers zoom past Patriots

Livonia Churchill, ranked fifth in Division 1, used a balanced attack Tuesday to earn a 25-16, 25-9, 25-6 KLAASouth Division girls volleyball victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Kristen Nalez was the Chargers' top hitter with 11 kills. She also had three ace serves as Churchill improved to 23-3 overall and 5-0 in the division.

Other contributions for the Chargers came from senior libero Lindsey Graciak (18 digs, two aces); Cierra Yetts (six kills); Kristy DeClercq (10 assists), Jessica Stroud (three kills, two blocks); Sarah Suppelsa (three kills), Darcy DeRoo (three kills, two digs) and Taylor Kerr (four aces, five digs).

The loss drops the Patriots to 6-12 overall and 1-4 in the KLAASouth.

Stevenson falls in 3

In a KLAASouth Central Division match Monday, Northville defeated host Livonia Stevenson in three straight games, 25-19, 25-19, 25-20.

Reina Tyl, Meg Iafate and Brooke Knochel each had seven kills in the loss for the Spartans, who fall to 8-14 overall and 2-3 in the division.

Christine Armstrong added a team-high 18 digs and had three aces in the setback. Knochel also had 14 digs, while Iafate finished with three blocks.

Setter Katie Vellucci recorded 12 assists.

Northville is 8-11-2 overall and 2-3 in the KLAASouth.



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Kristen Nalez (top) led Churchill with a team-high 11 kills and served three aces in a KLAASouth Division match at home against Franklin.

Canton sweeps Glenn

Westland John Glenn's proved to be no match Tuesday

night for host Canton in a KLAASouth Division match-up. The Chiefs swept away the

KLAA VOLLEYBALL

Rockets in three games, 25-15, 25-13, 25-20, to improve to 18-4 overall and 4-1 in the KLAASouth Division.

Senior captain Gina Waite paced the Chiefs' defensive effort with 13 digs.

Also excelling for the winners were Jordan Kieley (13 kills and 10 digs), Allison Muir (seven kills and 11 digs), Shelby Anthony (10 digs and six aces) and Kacy Moran (25 assists and six kills).

Leading the Rockets' attack were Brittany Holbrook (six kills), Halie Baker (seven blocks) and Stacey Truskowski, who combined with Holbrook to register 40 digs.

Glenn falls to 3-2 in the division.

Wildcats topple Wayne

On Tuesday, host Plymouth dominated Wayne Memorial, 25-13, 25-12, 25-14, in a KLAASouth Division encounter.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 10-8-3 overall and 2-3 in the division.

Dani Risi (12 kills) and Kayla Bridge (eight kills) were forces at the net for the 'Cats, who also received strong efforts from O'Connor (26 assists), Briana Beyer (21 digs, four aces) and Katie Binger (four kills).

Wayne falls to 6-18-1 overall and 0-5 in the South.

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Warriors pound Hamtramck

Lutheran High Westland's state-ranked girls volleyball squad team routed visiting Hamtramck Tuesday by scores of 25-5, 25-3 and 25-8.

The victory improved the Warriors' overall record to 24-4-3 and 4-0 in the Metro Conference.

Warriors' head coach Kevin Wade said although his team overmatched Hamtramck, it stayed focused rather than playing sloppily - which he emphasized can happen when a team squares off against a lesser opponent.

"I was proud of how the girls stayed focused and played their game throughout the night," said Wade, adding that he hopes that level of play continues at Saturday's Madonna University tournament at Plymouth High "because we are going to see some really good teams."

For Lutherau Westland, senior Becca Refenes led the way with 13 kills. Lauren Gieschen tallied 24 assists along with four kills while other contributors included Allyson Yankee (seven kills), Rachel Storck (six kills), Katey Ramthun (17 serving points, 19-for-19 serve-serve, two aces), Abi Gieschen (11 points, 12-for-12 serve-serve, 3 aces) and Nicole Zehel (14 points serving).

Hamtramck falls to 1-3 in the Metro.

Trojans sweep in 3

On Tuesday, Livonia Clarenceville earned a 3-0 Metro Conference volleyball victory over Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23.

The visiting Trojans (6-10-2) were led by junior Teresa Parent, who registered eight defensive digs along with 11-for-11 in serve-serve and junior Katie Blacker (11 digs, 10 assists).

Also chipping in for Clarenceville included senior Laisha Patterson (five blocks, five kills), junior Ashley Welch (10 assists), junior Kat Hall (five blocks, seven kills), junior Ashley Devon (five kills) and junior Megan McLaughlin (four blocks).

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On a cold, rainy morning, the hearts of Wayne Westland teachers were warmed by a spontaneous outpouring of support by parents and community members.

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PICKS

FROM PAGE B1

PLYMOUTH (5-1, 3-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (4-2, 3-1): The second seed and a piece of the KLAAs South Division is at stake. Plymouth's defense has been tops in the division, allowing just 10 per game. The Patriots are averaging 36.3 points per game, while allowing 30. PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth). WAYNE (0-6, 0-4) AT WESTLAND GLENN (2-4, 2-2): These teams usually play in the season finale, but the matchup comes earlier because of the new KLAAs. The Rockets lead the series 28-8 and snapped a

three-game losing streak last year against the Zebras, 49-38. PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Glenn). S. LYON EAST (0-6, 0-4) AT LIV. STEVENSON (4-2, 3-1): The Spartans, still stinging from their fourth-quarter collapse against Novi, must win two of their last three to make the playoffs. South Lyon East, with only 22 varsity players and no seniors, has been outscored 338-105 thus far. PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson). SALEM (1-5, 1-3) AT SOUTH LYON (2-4, 1-3): The Rocks have been much more competitive in their last three outings and are starving for a signature win

under coach Parker Salowich. South Lyon picked on new rival South Lyon East last week, 67-18, while Salem gave Northville a battle before losing, 20-14. PICKS: Emons (Salem); Wright (Salem); Smith (S. Lyon). LUTH. WESTLAND (2-4, 2-3) AT LUTHERAN N'WEST (6-0, 4-0): This has been a special year for Northwest, which has already locked up a playoff berth. The state-ranked Crusaders have allowed just 47 points all season. Lutheran Westland is coming off a 42-15 thrashing at the hands of Livonia Clarenceville. PICKS: Emons (Lutheran N'west); Wright (Lutheran N'west); Smith (Lutheran N'west). LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (5-1, 4-1) AT

BIRCH RUN (2-4, 2-3), 7:30 p.m. at Birch Run M.S.: The Trojans can clinch their eighth state playoff berth in school history and first since 2004 with a win. Birch Run, a member of the Tri-Valley Conference, is fresh off a 35-20 win over Millington and has lost four games by a total of 19 points. PICKS: Emons (Birch Run); Wright (Birch Run); Smith (C'ville). TAYLOR KENNEDY (1-5, 1-3) AT REDFORD UNION (1-5, 0-4): This is a Mega Conference White Division matchup. The Panthers made a strong showing last week against 4-2 Trenton, only to lose 24-22 on the final play of the game. Kennedy is coming off a 42-6 loss to Dearborn of the Mega

Red. PICKS: Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU). GARDEN CITY (1-5, 0-5) AT D.H. ANNAPOLIS (5-1, 4-1): It's a Mega crossover matchup with Annapolis leading the Gold Division, while GC is winless in the Blue. Garden City, which has played the tougher schedule, is coming off a 33-7 setback to Dearborn Edsel Ford, while Annapolis whipped Willow Run, 34-6. PICKS: Emons (Garden City); Wright (Annapolis); Smith (Annapolis). RED. THURSTON (4-2, 4-0) AT ECORSE (0-6, 0-4), 4 P.M.: The Eagles, leading the Mega Gold, can move closer to a playoff berth with a triumph over the winless Red Raiders, who have

been outscored 271-30 and are coming off a 28-8 setback to River Rouge. PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston). SATURDAY'S GAME S.H. PARKWAY (5-1, 4-0) AT RED. COVENANT (3-3, 2-2), 1 P.M.: This Southern Michigan Football Conference matchup could be a competitive game. Parkway, led by running back Zurlon Tipton (committed to Central Michigan), has won five straight since losing its season opener, 54-47, to Deckerville. Covenant is coming off a 24-20 setback to Detroit Old Redford Academy. PICKS: Emons (Covenant); Wright (Parkway); Smith (Covenant).

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OCTOBER

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

www.olg.wineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.
Church bazaar
Oct. 10-11, at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, 19300 Ford Rd., off of Southfield Fwy. Dearborn, includes Vegas Night, Friday, Oct. 10 with doors opening at 8 p.m. (Tickets \$35, pre-purchased tickets include \$50 in chips; Texas Hold'em tournament tickets \$75); traditional bazaar with Armenian food, drinks, vendors, outdoor kids fun 1-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 (No charge). For more information, call (313) 336-6200.
Convention
The Southeast Michigan Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America hold their Biennial

Convention 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-7249.
Church dinner
And Silent Auction with more than 100 items Saturday, Oct. 11, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Rd., Westland. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children under age 10. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with Silent Auction beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets call Pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.
Apologetics conference
Christians & The Challenge of Islam: A Balanced View presented by Adam S. Francisco 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

11, at Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. No charge, pre-registration not required. Sponsored by Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School in Dearborn. Call Pastor Rod Zwonitzer at (313) 565-4002 or Elaine Pierani at (313) 724-1979 or epierani@wowway.com.
Conference
With David Dark on his book, The Gospel According to America 9:30 a.m. to noon (9 a.m. registration) Saturday, Oct. 11, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile at I-275, Livonia. Cost \$5. For questions, call (734) 425-2800.
Fall craft show
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421.
ICEA conference
For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker. 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time around Christian books. Registration required only for workshops. Non-denominational. Call (248) 557-5536 or visit www.iceaonline.org.
Plymouth/Canton CROP walk
Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867 or wbrave@yahoo.com.

Anniversary celebration
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, will celebrate their 40th Anniversary with a special worship service and fellowship immediately after the service. Immanuel Church was previously located near Tiger Stadium until it was necessary to move the church due to the building of I-96. We are the "Friendly Church on the Trail". Please join us to celebrate!!!
Caregiver's support group
St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.
Living rosary
7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at St. Michael the Archangel Church 11411 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in this spiritual experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates October as the month of the Rosary follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.
Youth meeting
St. Edith is planning a mission trip to New Orleans April 13-18 for high school students and young adults through the National Relief Network to help people still recovering from hurricanes Katrina and Gustave. There will be an informational meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the St. Edith Youth Group room at 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile. For more information, call Kim Rize at (734) 464-6621

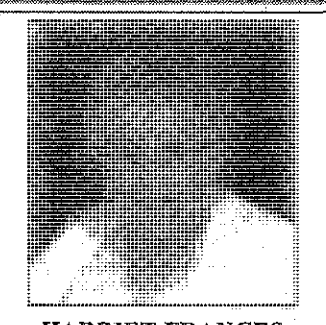
Westland. The Salvation Army is at 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer.
Evenings of Evangelization
Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 17, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11411 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. The series continues Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200. Bring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. Bishops) at September meeting.
Pumpkin patch
Begins Friday, Oct. 17, and continues to Oct. 31, with pumpkins of all sizes and fall decoration for sale, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. A book sale runs during the same hours Oct. 24-26 with a bag sale 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 26. The church women's group holds a bake sale on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from all sales go to various missions and the church's general fund. For information, call (734) 422-6038.
SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) hop
6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Ford Field, Detroit. Tickets are \$250 and available by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 153, includes dinner and silent auction. After Glow takes place after the dinner at 9 p.m. in the South Cove Lounge (\$50 includes two drinks, unlimited dessert bar and coffee station, and entertainment by Flashback Experience, an 80s band). The event is included for those who will be attending the traditional SOCK event. Proceeds go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.
Sweetest Day dance
Featuring The Rhythm Society Orchestra 8-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors/students age 18 and over. Sorry, no children. Call (248) 349-0911.
Girl genius
The ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) event takes place 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and 25, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Girl Genius is an ENDOW middle school program designed to teach Pope John Paul II's message regarding the dignity and vocation of women to 10 to 13 year old girls on their God-given nature, dignity and special role in society. Call (734) 425-5950. Cost is \$30 per girl, mentors free. Lunch is provided.
Mom-to-mom sale
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact ncamom2momsale@gmail.com.
Annual church tour
Join us Saturday, Oct. 18 to visit an eclectic mix of Catholic parishes in Detroit: The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Old St. Mary's in Greektown, and St. Hyacinth. Two tour buses leave St. Aidan parish at 9:15 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited to 110 slots and costs only \$20 per person, which includes lunch at the New Parthenon restaurant in Greektown. Sign up today by emailing David Conrad: davidconrad@staidanlivonia.org or calling (734) 425-5950.
Mass of anointing
St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11411 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. All Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of people attending.
All-you-can-eat pancakes
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues their 30-plus year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday, Oct. 19, in the school cafeteria at 11411 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2

adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.
Choral concert
The Detroit Lutheran Singers perform 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Faith will be expressed by in such beautiful anthems as "He Watching Over Israel", from Mendelssohn's "Elijah"; "The Lord Will Guide You Continually", by F. Swann and several other familiar anthems. Featured in the concert will be the debut of "We Are the Lord's." Composer Donald Busarow, well known Lutheran composer and musician and founding director of DLS, describes this piece as a musical portrait of a life dedicated to the Lord. Tickets \$10 (\$5 in advance), \$7 seniors and students 12 and over). Call Dick Schaufelberger (810) 220-8639 for tickets.
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4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Rd., west of Farmington Rd., south of Grand River, Farmington Hills, hosts a benefit concert by Cross Chords to raise money for building and equipping Cpl. Joshua Hoffman's house through Homes for Our Troops. The concert features favorite contemporary Christian songs. The band is composed of members of St. John's contemporary praise band, plus additional musicians from the area. No charge for admission. A free-will offering will be received to create barrier-free adaptations and the use of technology to enable him to regain some of the independence that he has lost since being hit by sniper fire in Iraq. For more information on Homes for Our Troops, visit www.homesforourtroops.org.
Bible study
A Word for you Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the green room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland. The one hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.
Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 425-7280.
Crafters wanted
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11411 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.
Fall craft show
Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.
Spaghetti dinner
5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. A silent auction will also be held. Cost is \$7 adults, \$3.50 children ages 4-11, free for kids under age 3. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (734) 427-3660.
Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25 (\$2 bag sale) in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. One quarter of the proceeds are given directly to charities such as Lutheran Social Services Michigan, the Smile Train, Central United Methodist Church Noah Shoes Project, O.A.T.S. and for those in Texas impacted by Hurricane Ike. Part of the profits assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to New Orleans for a national youth gathering and mission work.
Empowering women
Catholic Women's Conference put on by Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Speakers include Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus: HOPE, and Sister Nancy Murray who travels the world performing the one-woman play based on the life of St. Catherine of Siena. The inspirational day celebrates the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter On the Dignity and Vocation of Women. Tickets \$45 adults, \$35 students. For information, call (313) 237-5806 or visit www.aodwomensministry.org.

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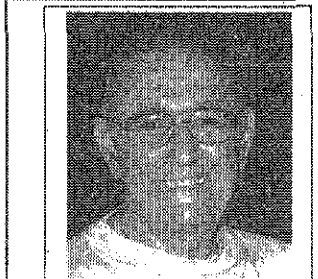


HARRIET FRANCES (KYSER) BARNARD

Born on June 17, 1917 in Highland Park General Hospital. Died October 5, 2008 in South Lyon. Her father was Harry D. Kyser of Troy and mother was Bertha V. West of Parsons, Kansas. Married (January 25, 1941) to Oakland County Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard (deceased 1998). They already owned the house in Troy and this was her resident until her passing. She worked at S.S. Kresge in Birmingham. After her first child was born, she was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Troy. Her great-grandfather came to Troy from New York in the 1860's (settled on land given to him by the Government for fighting in the War of 1812). Harriet is the fifth generation to live in Troy. She was active in the First United Methodist Church of Troy and Troy Study Club since 1945; former Brownie and Cub scout leader; 4-H leader in Troy for 20 years; former member and Chairman of the Troy Youth Assistance program; Troy Animal control board; former member of the Troy Historical Commission; past President of the Troy Historical Society; Active in Civic affairs, including the Troy Women's Society of Christian Service, Troy Animal Owner's Association, Troy Citizen's Committee for Schools, Election Precinct worker and chairman, and the Troy Township Volunteer Fire Department. Most recently an avid supporter of the History of Troy by giving her 1837 resident to the City because of its historical value. Mother of Frederick (wife, Kit) of Washington, MI; Robert (wife, Mary) of Lake Orion, MI; Harold (deceased wife, Pat) of Shelby Twp., MI; Ronald (wife, Laura) of Metamora, MI; Sandra Elwood (husband, Tom) of New Hudson, MI; and Richard (wife, Cheryl) of Troy, MI. She has 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Sister of Virginia Schlabach of Livonia, MI and the late Betty Smith. Visitation was held at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (bet. Big and Wattles Roads), Troy (248-689-0700). Funeral Service was held at First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois Road, Troy. Memorials should be directed to the Troy Historical Society-Heritage Fund and the First United Methodist Church of Troy. Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Share memories at www.pricefuneralhome.net.

DONNA C. WHITE
Age 73, lifelong resident of Plymouth. Passed away October 7, 2008. She retired after nine years as a bus driver for the Plymouth-Canton Schools. She was a member of Northridge Church. She loved to play cards and visit casinos, but most of all she loved being with her family. She is survived by her children, Marcia (Chris) Drake, Phyllis Maycock, Cheryl Lynn Collins, and Nancy (Jeff) Good; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and six brothers and sisters. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the Michigan Heart Association. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

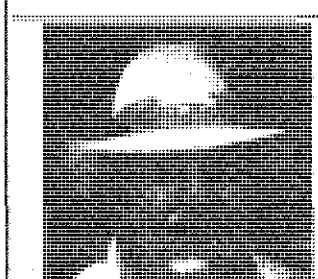
ELIZABETH F. SCOGGINS
Age 86. October 6, 2008. Beloved wife of the late CM Scoggins and the late Denver Crumpler. Loving mother of Lillia Dale, Robert (Jean), Charlotte (John), Golembiewski and Charles (Christina) and step-mother of Carol (Ali) Burki, and Paula (Bob) Newsom. Dearest grandmother of five and great-grandmother of eight. Family will receive friends Friday 3-7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Services will take place Friday at 7 pm at the funeral home. The family appreciates memorial contributions to Michigan Lupus Alliance. Please share a memory with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



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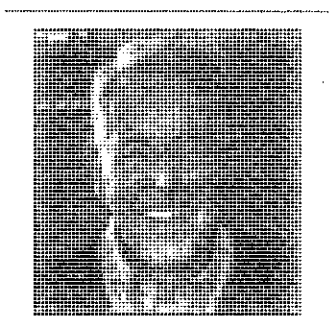
Age 72, October 4, 2008. Beloved husband of Laura. Dear father of Joann (Joseph) Greene, Mia Peterson, Darrin (Tammy) and Andra Cooker. Grandfather of Jeffery, Ryan, Michael, Brian, Drew, Mitchell, Joseph and Sarah. Brother of Charles, John, Anthony, Mari and Victor. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

KATHRINE S. ERWIN
Age 90, of Country Club Retirement Community. Passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2008. She was born on Linden Place Farm near West Elkton, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Frank V. and Ruth H. Shafer. After graduating from Miami University, and further study at the University of Cincinnati, she became Director of Dietetics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, a position she held for 30 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley. She leaves a sister, Jean S. Kiracofe of Mount Vernon, Ohio; a niece, Lynn Kiracofe of New York; a nephew Bruce Kiracofe of Howard, Ohio; and a grand-niece Abby Kiracofe of Columbus, Ohio. A Memorial Service will be held in the chapel at First Congregational Church in Mount Vernon on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7 pm. No date has yet been set for a service at the West Elkton Friends Meeting in West Elkton, Ohio. The Dows-Snyder Funeral Home, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, assisted the family with arrangements. This obituary and online condolences can be accessed at: www.snyderfuneralhomes.com



RICHARD G. BRIGGS

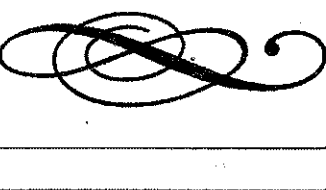
Age 81, October 5, 2008. Of Livonia. Beloved father of Nancy (Bruce) Souby, Aileen (Bud) Harris, Lloyd (Maureen) Briggs, Richard R. (Christina) Briggs, Ellen (Fred) Leach, Barbara (Terry) O'Neil, James (Rachelle) Briggs, Jeffrey Briggs and mother of his children, Margaret Rariden. Brother of Muriel Bradley. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Service 11 am Thursday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Share a memory of Richard at www.rggharris.com



MICHAEL BRAMLEY "MIKE" REDFIELD

October 6, 2008. Age 77, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of Pamela (nee Dittich), the late Clare Redfield (nee Palms) and the late Elizabeth Louise Wagoner (nee Thompson). Dear father of David (Jean), Mary Redfield Wood, William (Julie), Michelle Redfield (Fred Gale), Lisa Daitch (Joshua) and Wendy Merrion. Loving grandfather of Patrick, Timothy, Kelsey, Gordon, John, Natalie, Ethan, Matthew and A.J. Brother of John (Arlene), William (Lyn), Anthony Fruhauf (Georgetta), Ennis Fruhauf and the late Nicholas (Ellen). Son of the late Harold and Alma. Michael was baptized and remained very active at Christ Church (Episcopal) Cranbrook in numerous ministries, including music, vestry, ushers and lay minister. Michael earned his Bachelor's in Business Administration at University of Michigan and worked for several manufacturing enterprises in Southeast Michigan. Michael purchased Ford'sell Machine Products in 1984 and had dozens of friends and associates during that time until its sale in 1997. He was a vivacious character and shared numerous hobbies and interests including gardening, Corvettes, travelling, photography, ice cream, model trains and classical music. He was a magnificent man and a tower of strength possessing a wonderful sense of humor. He is loved beyond words and will be missed by countless family and friends. He brought so much joy and laughter to many people in business and community. "He had one heck of a ride." Family will receive friends Friday 3-8 pm at A.J. Desmond and Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial service Saturday 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, (Lone Pine west of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to the Michael B. Redfield Memorial Music Fund at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

JANET HILL (nee Lathrop)
Passed away Oct. 5, 2008. She was born April 5, 1916 in Ypsilanti, MI and was raised in Detroit. Mrs. Hill earned her BA as an English major at Albion College in 1938 and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She then worked as a legal secretary prior to her marriage to Edward J. Hill, M.D. After their marriage, they moved to California for Dr. Hill's deployment as a surgeon in the US Navy during WWII. Returning to Michigan after the war, the family settled in Bloomfield Hills where Mrs. Hill became a homemaker and raised her family. She was a history buff and an avid reader. She loved crossword puzzles, traveling, collecting antiques and maintaining the family's genealogy. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward J. Hill, M.D., past Chief of Plastic Surgery at Harper Hospital/Detroit Medical Center; loving mother of Edward (Michele) and Stephen Hill and Christine (Mike) Haller; cherished grandmother of Steven (Joanna), David, Meghan and Patrick (Kathy Rivkin) Hill, Jacqueline (Paul) Naughton and Kimberly and Lindsay Haller; dear great-grandmother of Alex, Tyler, Darby and Owen; dearest sister of the late Frederic (the late Mary Louise) and the late Eric (Madeline) Lathrop; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Visitation Wed., Oct. 8th, 5 pm until time of funeral service at 7 pm at Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home, 1100 Greenleaf Ave., Wilmette. Interment private at Willow Grove Cemetery, Armada, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Albion College, Office of Annual Giving, 611 E. Porter St., Albion, MI 49224 or AMDF (American Macular Degeneration Foundation), P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061. Share a memory at www.mem.com. Info. 847-251-8200.



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Author to hold workshop for tweens and moms

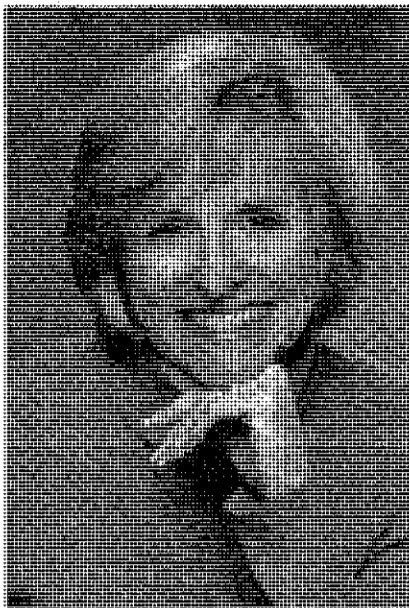
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Tween girls might be a little surprised when author Nancy Rue asks if they'd give their dog a cigarette or pour beer into his water bowl. The Nashville author is simply trying to shock young girls into taking care of their body by telling them "if you wouldn't do that to your cocker spaniel, don't do it to yourself."

The riveting presentation is part of the Faithgirlz! Beauty is Believing tour (www.faithgirlz.com) for ages 9-12, Saturday, Oct. 18, at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth. Faithgirlz! is a collection of books, products and resources designed for tween Christian girls to grow and develop emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Rue (nancyrue.com) has written more than 100 books for teens and pre-teens to help guide them through a period when celebrity role models look more like girls gone wild. The morning consists of two hour-long workshops, an interactive presentation, crafts and a book signing.

"I'll speak to them about Girl Politics, the issues girls face with their friends, 'Friendship Flubs' and how to fix them, the drama queen who cries at the drop of a hat and about choosing your battles. Maybe things could be a little more calm and what part hormones play in that," said Rue. "We'll talk about loving the body that God gave you



Author Nancy Rue gives a workshop for tween girls and moms at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth on Saturday, Oct. 18.

and taking care of it. God gave you that temple."

Rue says the biggest obstacle facing tween girls today is parents who expect them to grow up too fast. She was raised in Florida where her biggest challenge as the baby in the family was being held back from exploring all that she was and could be. Rue went on to teach at public schools in Virginia and Nevada for 16 years but later started writing teen books. She grew up in a Christian home and tries to look at the way Jesus lived and live her life accordingly. Rue's conveys her mes-

BEAUTY IS BELIEVING TOUR

What: Author Nancy Rue talks to tween girls (ages 9-12) and their moms about the challenges of growing up
When: 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
Where: NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial at Ridge, Plymouth
Tickets: \$10 per girl, adults free. Space is limited. Register at www.northridgechurch.com, click on kids to Faithgirlz. For questions, call (734) 414-7777



Nancy Rue answers questions from tween readers in her new book.



This is one of two new books by Nancy Rue. Lucy Rooney is a fiery tomboy who questions everything, even God. The novel, for ages 8 to 12, provides inspiration to live a life of faith.

sage through her books "without beating them about the head with a Bible."

"They are not allowed to be little girls anymore," said Rue. "One little girl by age 12 had 6,000 text messages in one month. Where is the time to imagine, to play, to be little girls before they're out there facing a tough world? Many are over-scheduled. Parents feel she's gotta keep up. I would ask them to choose one sport and one activity that they'd like to do this term. Because of the hectic pace parents find girls really get bored easily, but there's books, friends to talk to. All that activity stifles creativity or even from developing their faith."

Parents, on the other hand, face their own set of challenges.

"It's being able to take a stand to say I know what everybody else is doing but it's time to slow down. Friendships are important. It's time to find out who you are. You have a

whole life to grow into who you are," said Rue, whose daughter, Marijean, 29, still calls several times a day for answers to questions she has as a newlywed.

Rue goes to her daughter for advice as well. Marijean helped compile answers for Rue's newest book, "Dear Nancy" answers young girls' questions about growing up. As part of the Beauty is Believing Tour she'll sign her latest "Lucy" books as well.

"The workshop is a unique experience. They're not going to sit and be talked at. There's an opportunity to do crafts, have books signed, form Faithgirlz clubs where they take a pledge and form their own clubs so they're together with girls struggling with the same things they are, to be decent Christian girls."

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A TAXPAYERS' UPDATE ON THE ILLEGAL TEACHERS STRIKE IN WAYNE-WESTLAND

The Wayne-Westland Education Association, an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association, formed a picket line in front of schools Monday—putting its agenda ahead of educating kids.

some time and have found their chance. In a September 20 e-mail from union leaders entitled "WWEA—Update 9-20," MEA employee Evelyn Baran had her comments summarized this way:

The union has been looking for an opportunity to strike. They've been planning for it for

For those who are wondering, the team is still seriously considering a work stoppage. It is a bargaining chip that has never been taken off the table and it is something that has to remain a possibility for viable negotiating to take place.

Rumor that the Adm would start by using the 'Al Quaida' method of firing 25 teacher 'hostages' at a time until they get their way. This is why we cannot let adm. go after us a few at a time. If we go out, we ALL have to go out. Collective Bargaining as a method of gaining rights for teachers would no longer exist in the state of Michigan if we do not remain united in these efforts. Terrorists can only win if we capitulate to them.

Source: http://www.educationactiongroup.org/documents/WWunionemail_000.pdf

Friday night, the union withdrew its proposal to decrease class sizes in the district. Dropping the only issue that had the potential to positively impact kids, union leaders instead decided to fight for the one that helps the union's bottom line. Health insurance.

MESSA is controlled by the MEA. Last year alone, the MEA was paid over \$4.7 million for "marketing services" by MESSA. The conflict of interest is costing Wayne-Westland kids and parents.

See, the teachers currently have health insurance provided by the Michigan Education Special Services Association, or MESSA.

A 2007 Bargaining Brief provided by MESSA outlines the MEA's negotiating priorities. This is a snapshot from page 2 of the guide:

Goal-Setting

After researching and assessing your members' needs, assemble a list of goals to take to the bargaining table.

Here are some considerations:

1. Start by considering MEA's Bargaining Goals:

- No rollbacks
- The priority for bargaining benefits into each contract should be:
 - 1st priority: MESSA Health Insurance
 - 2nd priority: MESSA Long-Term Disability Insurance
 - 3rd priority: MESSA Life Insurance
 - 4th priority: MESSA Dental Insurance
 - 5th priority: MESSA Vision Insurance
- ESP Compensation: Same fully paid benefit package and % salary settlement increase as EA unit
- No cap on the employer's contribution to insurance premium

2. Consider the specific needs of your group.

Source: www.meaexposed.org/documents/BPB.pdf

Check out the full Bargaining Brief, as well as other documents, at MEAexposed.com

**WILL YOU ALLOW THE MEA TO HOLD YOUR DISTRICT HOSTAGE
OVER A BRAND OF HEALTH INSURANCE?**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD IS TRYING TO PUT AS MANY RESOURCES AS POSSIBLE
TOWARD EDUCATING KIDS. WHY WON'T THE UNION PURSUE THE SAME AGENDA?**

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Lucinda Williams is among this week's Pure Picks.

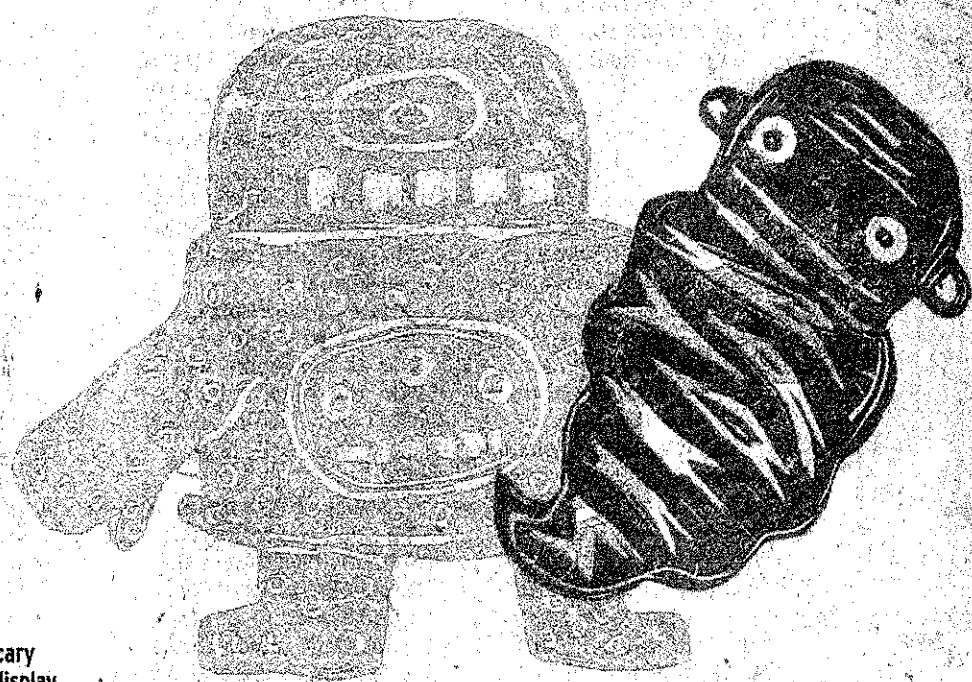
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Forest Grill is the latest addition to Birmingham's dining scene.

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Scary Monsters



See Tom Carey's "Scary Monsters," now on display at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

New exhibits showcase shadow puppetry, found objects at PCCA

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Since the season of thrills and chills is upon us, The Paint Creek Center for the Arts has invited back an Ann Arbor-based artist whose prints shown during this summer's *Uneasy* exhibit really drew a crowd. Tom Carey will take over the First Floor Gallery for his first solo show at the Rochester art house. It's appropriately titled *Scary Monsters*.

Much of the show is made up of Carey's relief prints, monster creations he's applied to handmade paper. Mary Fortuna, exhibition director for the PCCA said it's not the center's regular practice to time exhibits to coincide with Halloween but *Scary Monsters* "was just a great fit."

She said the images range from the familiar — inspired by classic monster movies like *Mothra* and *Godzilla's Revenge* — to Carey's own imagined creations. And Fortuna described them as "warm and friendly" rather than really scary.

Carey said he hopes the timing of the show "will inspire people to stop by and check out my witchy imagery."

The Detroit native has been drawing monsters since the tender age of 4. "When I was a kid I was fascinated (and) repulsed by vivid imagery

whether it was monster movies on Sir Graves Ghastly or Catholic iconography," he said in a recent interview. "I had a lot of nightmares either way. I think drawing monsters became a way to own that fear."

He earned his bachelor's degree in fine art from Wayne State University and his master's degree from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. His work can be seen in the Print Collection of the New York Public Library, and Carey has exhibited here in his home state as well as in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

"He's done some really interesting things," Fortuna said. "He's created Indonesian-style shadow puppets on sticks." The puppets inspired the exhibit, but won't be on display. He created them in 2007 to accompany performances with the psych-folk band Monster Island for shows at Detroit's UFO Factory, Zeitgeist Gallery and the Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit.

"I made the (linoleum) cuts based on photos of the shadow puppets in action," said Carey. "I really like the silhouette effect on vividly covered space." Those images became the basis of *Scary Monsters*. It includes his lino-

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HANDS-ON ART

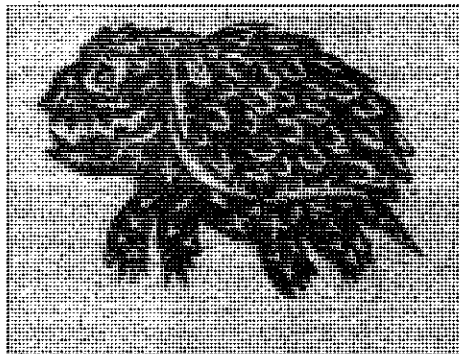
What: Two new exhibitions will host hands-on workshops to get all ages involved in art.

A Keeper: Craft art from found objects with artists Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson, in accordance with their show "Accumulation" which runs through Nov. 8. The workshop is free and open to all ages, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. The opening reception is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

Get Spooked: Make shadow puppets and monster masks with Ann Arbor's Tom Carey, in accordance with his solo show "Scary Monsters" which runs through Nov. 8. The workshop is free and open to all ages, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. The opening reception will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

Where: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester.

More information: Call the PCCA at (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.



Tom Carey's colorful prints are based on shadow puppets he created. See it all in "Scary Monsters."

Sci-fi and film fans get ready to flock to The Henry Ford

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Who hasn't wondered what Darth Vader or Batman might look like up close? Who hasn't hoped for a peek at the wide-brimmed hat worn by the venerable Wicked Witch of the West in *The Wizard of Oz*?

Now's your chance. A new exhibit featured at The Henry Ford in Dearborn gives movie buffs and sci-fi fans a chance to investigate the iconic images set forth in films ranging from *The Terminator* to *Indiana Jones*, *Star Wars* to *Ghostbusters*. More than 40 items — costumes, accessories and even vehicles — have been assembled by the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame in Seattle's Experience Music Project to create *Out of This World: Extraordinary Costumes of Film and Television*.

The family-friendly exhibit arrived just in time for Halloween and will continue through the holiday season.

Jeanine Head Miller, curator of Domestic Life and Leisure at The Henry Ford, noted that dressing in costumes has moved from trick-or-treat child's play into the adult realm. With the growth of popularity for science fiction movies, video games and role-playing games, adults are dressing up more than ever, added Terry Hoover, chief archivist and film historian at The Henry Ford. And *Out of This World* showcases several outfits that have inspired costumes over the years — as well as fueled our pop culture-soaked imaginations.

The exhibit travels through concepts — from early ideas of hero and villain to the wonder that is George Lucas's *Star Wars* franchise to the creation of costumes inspired by both literature and film.

"The costumes displayed in this exhibit are just as much a part of our pop culture as the

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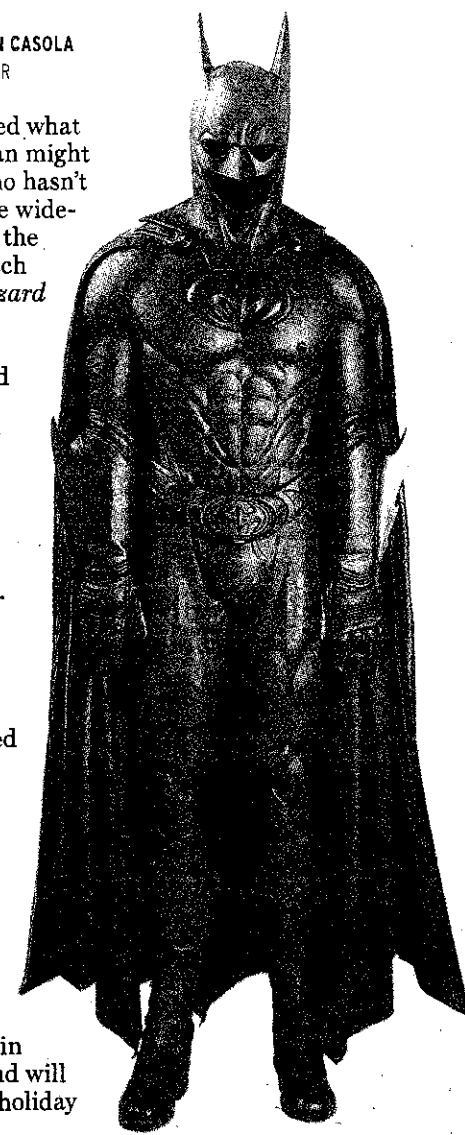


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This Batman costume, featured in 1997's "Batman & Robin," is part of the "Out of This World" exhibit at The Henry Ford.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

ART

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

Harvest Pumpkin Painting: D&M Art Studio gets in on the act of this artistic fall activity, Oct. 23-29, at 28691 N. Lilley

Road, in Canton. Call (734) 453-3710 or visit www.dmartstudio.com.

STAGE

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

"They're Coming to Get You Barbra": The Majestic Theatre presents a night of undead musical theater, with the production *Night of the Living Dead: The Musical*, Oct. 30, at 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-9700 for details.

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

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

Blood Bath and Beyond: And *Blood Bath and Beyond* is showing Oct. 10-Nov. 1, at Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Call (313) 365-4948.

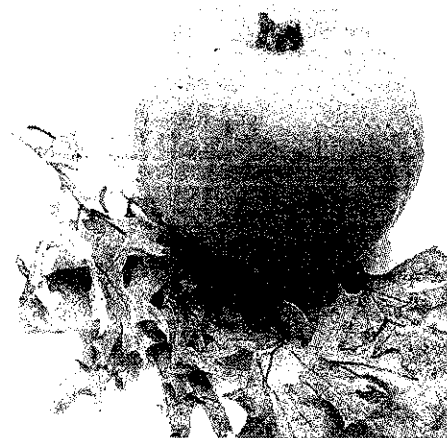
SCREEN

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

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

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

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COSTUMES

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movies in which they were featured," said Miller, a Plymouth resident. "The design of these wonderful pieces of clothing combined color and style with the right cultural cues and historical traditions and created these memorable fashions with which we will forever associate our favorite characters."

The first item visitors will notice is the pointy black hat worn by Margaret Hamilton in *The Wizard of Oz*. "When costumes were created, they harkened back to cultural cues," said Miller. Viewers instantly associated The Wicked Witch of the West with the commonly accepted idea of a witch, a villain in black. When compared with Glinda the Good Witch — who wore flowing fabrics in lighter colors, it was easy to identify who was good, and who was evil.

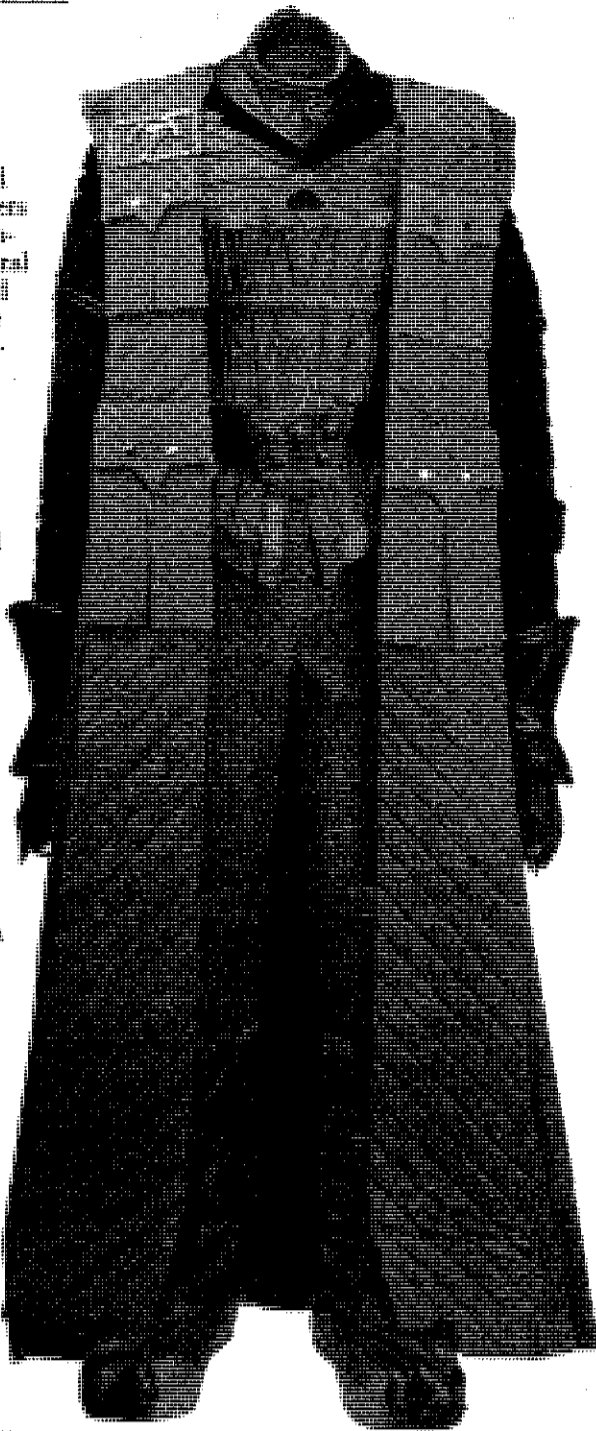
Hoover and Miller shared another interesting example of this juxtaposition in the form of the iconic leather jacket. One featured in the exhibit was worn by Arnold Schwarzenegger in *The Terminator*. It's imposing and structured, battered and black. Another, worn by Harrison Ford as archeologist and adventurer in the *Indiana Jones* series has an entirely different aesthetic. "The leather has a softer feel, it's a lighter color," said Hoover, who resides in Farmington Hills.

The costumes reveal much more than just a sense of the characters wearing them. In the case of *The Highlander* attire worn by Christopher Lambert, Miller noted the combination of fur and armor calls attention to a rugged world where animalistic characters fight to survive. Hoover said the clothing can also call attention to time periods, like the futuristic sleekness of early *Star Trek* series attire, as well as professions — considering the pilot-likeness of Luke Skywalker's stark orange X-Wing fighter costume.

Also sure to make a splash with *Star Wars* fans, is the Samurai-inspired black armor worn by uber-villain Darth Vader. Set in a cylindrical case like the other costumes, its striking image makes one realize, as in watching the films, that no one truly sees what lies behind that mask, as Hoover noted.

And *Batman* fans can compare the way the images have changed from sidekick Robin's Robin Hood-inspired and rather simple, cartoonish get-up from the television series to the eerie *Batman* costume worn by George Clooney in *Batman & Robin* to the sparkly green suit of Jim Carrey's Riddler in *Batman Forever*.

"Costume designers make sophisticated



Trekkies will recognize this Klingon warrior costume in The Henry Ford's latest exhibit.

choices about color, style, scale and materials, and incorporate historical traditions and cultural cues into their memorable designs," said Miller. "We forever associate our favorite characters with the extraordinary costumes that help define them."

She anticipates the new exhibit will be very well-received at The Henry Ford. "We think it will be very popular," she said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to be able to get up close with your favorite characters."

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redfordtheatre.com.

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

PARTIES

Turn of the Century Spooks:

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

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

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

PARADES

72nd Annual Halloween Parade: Kicking off at the corner of Martin and Bates streets near Shain Park, this Birmingham tradition begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Come early to visit The Community House's own pumpkin patch, open from 1-4 p.m., where you'll find cookie decorating, moon bounces, Halloween crafts and more. Call (248) 644-1700.

7th Annual Trick or Treat Parade:

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

Halloween Happenings at the Village

Spooktacular Costume Party & Parade:

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

TRICK OR TREAT

The Great Pumpkin Caper:

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

Stories From the Shadows:

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

HAUNTED HOUSES

Pumpkin Fest Haunted Barn:

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

Barn. (734) 466-2410.

Haunted Hallows: Dusk through midnight Oct. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and November 1. Dusk until 11 p.m. on October 12, 19, 26, 30 and November 2. Acres of spooky stuff. \$15, not for the meek. Presented by the VFW Post 9885. 6440 Hix Road, Westland, between Ford Road and Warren Road. www.haunted-hallows.com (734) 751-4312.

Haunted Hike at Heritage Park:

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

Corn Maze:

Bloomfield Township's Historic Bowers Farm open Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 27. Beginner's and advanced mazes. Flashlights permitted. \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-11. Children ages 5 and under admitted free. 1219 E. Square Lake Road, west of Adams Road. www.BloomfieldMaze.com.

Special Event:

At the above location, Saturday, Oct. 20 from 6:30-10:30 p.m., is a haunted forest, friendly barn, music, bonfire, and hay rides. \$10 at the gate or \$8. Call Bloomfield Hills Schools Recreation Dept. (248) 433-0885.

The Haunted Winery:

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

Tunnel of Terror:

Haunted House by the Rochester Area Jaycee every Friday and Saturday in October from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. \$10 per person. Location is Rochester Municipal Park at Pine Street west of Main Street and north of University Drive. From noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, it's kid friendly. (\$2 with a canned food donation. Parents admitted free that day.) www.rochesterareajaycees.org

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MONSTERS

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leum cut prints and larger watercolors depicting sea monsters and robots in bright colors, which he considers reminiscent of a dream sequence in a B-movie.

Carey is offering a workshop and will give a demonstration on shadow puppetry for those in attendance Oct. 18. He'll teach patrons how to create a shadow puppet and a monster mask and end the afternoon with an improvised performance using those items. Coinciding with Carey's solo show, visitors will find Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson's joint installation, *Accumulation*, on the main floor.

The artists share studio and living quarters but view the concept of accumulation very differently. Thompson sees it as a resource for his work. "My aesthetic approach is to compose 'stuff' into works that tell a narrative or create an intimate space of retreat," he said. But Thatch reiterates that while accumulation of stuff "is comforting to him," it makes her nervous.

"I have been fixated on the idea of mobility for as long as I can remember, and therefore the acquisition of stuff is problematic," she said. The creative couple will showcase their divergent viewpoints during the opening reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. In preparation, Fortuna said, "they're making clouds out of puffed up plastic grocery bags. The space is not recognizable."



Artist Tom Carey performs a puppet show to coincide with live music by Monster Island.

The artists will also offer a workshop, showcasing just how found materials can be transformed into sculpture.

"We're interested in creating many different ways of appealing to parents and their kids, and encouraging them to interact with art and artists," said Fortuna, "to see these are just people." She hopes the gallery talks and workshops bring a new understanding to art patrons of all ages — to show that anyone can create and appreciate art.

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Forest Grill is the latest addition to Birmingham's dining scene.

Food and wine take the forefront at Birmingham's Forest Grill

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Open just over one month, Forest Grill is quickly earning a reputation as Birmingham's newest dining destination. Five Lakes Grill Proprietor Brian Polcyn's latest culinary offering might be located off the beaten path of Woodward Avenue, but its green concept and welcoming atmosphere have already won fans over. Just ask the restaurant's food and wine tag-team of Executive Chef David Gilbert and General Manager and Sommelier Mario Plaza.

The culinary duo joined forces first at The Rugby Grill inside Birmingham's Townsend Hotel. After two years there they began discussing plans for a restaurant that focused on local flavors and environmentally responsible concepts.

About a year ago Polcyn became involved in just such a project. Forest Grill was created to suit a loft and office green building designed by Victor Saroki and Associates and constructed just east of Woodward Avenue on Forest. In it, Polcyn, Gilbert and Plaza aimed to create a restaurant that would offer diners something different — an American bistro where food was grown locally and cooking techniques were classic.

"We wanted to be unique but responsible," said Gilbert, a West Bloomfield resident. Customers expect a high level of quality in the menu and service, he said. But they intended for Forest Grill to be the sort of neighborhood restaurant where the clientele would return regularly.

Plaza, who resides in Troy, said the service itself sets the restaurant apart from its com-



Executive Chef David Gilbert and General Manager and Sommelier Mario Plaza work together to craft a harmonious menu and wine selection at Forest Grill.

petition. He described the staff and atmosphere as "very personable, not pretentious" and offering "personal attention without being intrusive."

When it comes to the menu, produce is purchased locally and all food comes from within a 300-mile radius, Gilbert said. By choosing locally-grown seasonal foods, the menu is constantly evolving. Dinner entrees like Venison Carpaccio with Black Truffles and Lake Trout with Potato Purée and Tomato Confit Butter Sauce have emerged as early favorites.

The lunch menu features everything from clay oven-baked pizza to panini to comforting soups like Tomato Bisque in Puff Pastry. "We're not locked into our menu," said Gilbert. "In many ways we are the anti-restaurant. We are not a restaurant that follows trends."

The wine menu also offers a wide variety of options — including more than 50 varieties that may be purchased by the glass.

Because Gilbert and Plaza work closely, the entrees and wines are paired to perfection. Rather than stocking wines by popularity, the menu urges the clientele to try something new. Some of the most popular wine choices lately include the dry white Albarino and Rioja from Spain, said Plaza.

And the contemporary decor, while subtle and airy, suits the restaurant. Silverware, stemware and dishes were chosen with high quality in mind, Plaza said. One of the best compliments he received was that the restaurant reminded a diner of a bistro in New York City, very trendy and urban.

"To be compared to that kind

FOREST GRILL

What: Chef Brian Polcyn's newest restaurant, an American bistro featuring local ingredients and highlighting green practices.

Where: 735 Forest Ave., in the Triangle District, Birmingham
Hours: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.-midnight Friday; 5 p.m.-midnight Saturday; closed Sunday.

Seating: 65 seats indoors and 30 on the heated outer patio, as weather permits.

Reservations: Strongly recommended, (248) 258-9400

of look, we do feel very pleased," Plaza said.

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There is a new restaurant (scheduled to open this month) Benito's Cafe in Novi located off of Novi road just north of 10 mile. It is definitely new to its type because it is a cafe-style family restaurant as opposed to the familiar Benito's we all know and love as a fast-paced, great pizza venue.

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This is an unusual, exciting place in Novi that I'm sure everyone will love! We should welcome them with open arms as they are investing in our community and look forward to more special dealings with us in the future.

Sincerely, Dianna Moses, artist, Novi



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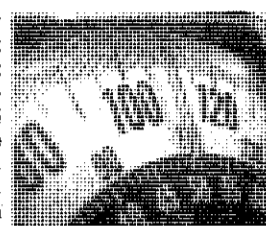
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The 23rd Annual OUR TOWN ART Show and Sale to begin

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

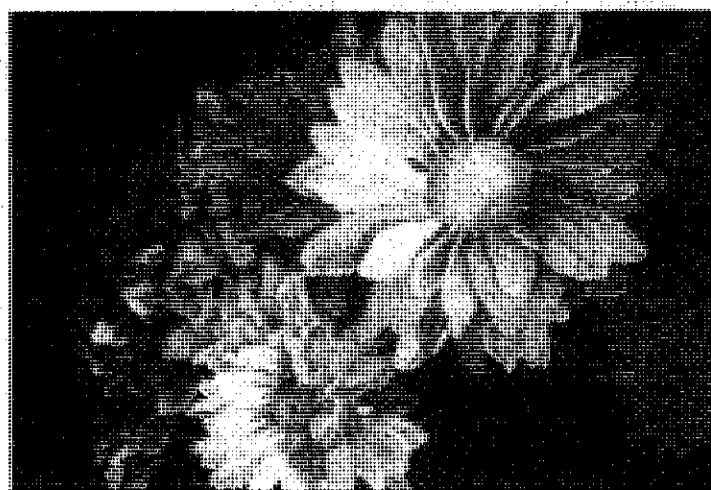
Troy resident Denise Little's enthusiasm is contagious. Spend five minutes in her world of art, community and hope and you just may catch her zest for living. Little is the co-chair of the Our Town Art Show and Art Sale in Birmingham — her goal is to bring people together, and that's not a cliché. "Art speaks to everyone," Little said. "And you can do wonderful things with art." Those wonderful things include feeding people, nurturing local artists, creating outreach programs for abused children, spreading awareness about can-

cer and keeping places like The Community House open and running. The Community House offers unique enrichment classes. It's the home-base where many nonprofit groups gather; it's where weddings are celebrated and where children learn to dance. Our Town, an event that sells fine art, help supports it all. The 2008 show, Oct. 16-18, in its 22nd year, is chaired by Little and Pamela Gerber. It showcases 397 pieces of artwork from 226 artists and will award \$10,000 in prize money to Michigan artists. Benefactor Chairs are Sue and Grant Beard, Deborah and Andy Meyer, Denise Ilitch and Jim Scalcio. This year's honorees are Ann and Tom Stallkamp.

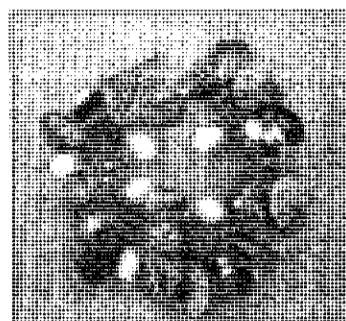
The juried, all-media art show provides a forum for Michigan artists to exhibit, demonstrate and sell their work. Art ranges from traditional to contemporary. New this year, is a "Teal Exhibit," focusing on the color teal which is also the designated color for ovarian cancer awareness. Last year, Little — who has been involved with Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance and also ran the art gallery Arteria during the 1980s — was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She had many symptoms, such as bloating, that women often ignore. Fortunately she went to her doctor, was diagnosed, treated and is doing well. "So many women don't even know about this disease," Little said. "The exhibit will help spread awareness through the Karmanos Cancer Center." Little didn't name all the artists who will be involved in the teal exhibit, she wants it as a surprise for guests. One of them, though, is Little's daughter Larissa Flynn, owner of Gallery on Main in Bay Harbor. She will show her oil pastel drawing titled *Minnows*. This year, along with the paintings and sculptures, is more wearable art. "We have expanded our jewelry selection in the entire exhibit," Little said. "People love the jewelry and some people may have

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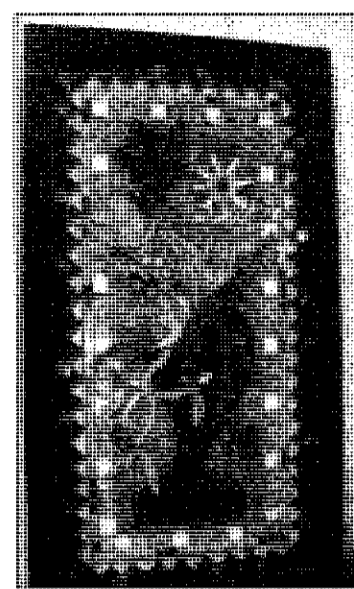
What: A local fine arts show juried by Arbara Heller, Chief Conservator, The Detroit Institute of Arts.
When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 16-18
Where: The Community House, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.
Admission: Free
Special: The opening night preview is 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Tickets are \$200 for benefactors and include strolling dinner, live musical entertainment, first opportunity to preview and purchase art plus a 5:30 p.m. artists' award. Benefactors also receive a commemorative tile designed by artist Annie Kleene. Friend tickets are \$75 with admission at 6 p.m.



Ink, Watercolor and colored pencils by Diane Radtke of Shelby Township are included in the exhibit.



Jewelry and lampwork, by Denise Billups Walker, of Troy, can be viewed in Our Town.



Featured in 2008 Our Town are glass mosaics and mixed media by artist Joan Schwartz of Huntington Woods.

walls overloaded with art." Thirty-five percent of the proceeds from the art sales will benefit The Community House outreach programs. Opening night allows paid ticket members a chance to preview and purchase art a day before the event opens to the public. There's also a strolling dinner and interesting artist impersonators. Last year, skilled performance artists

impersonated Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Jackson Pollack and others. "People didn't know if they were impersonators or just kooky people attending the event," Little laughed. "Art exhibits always attract interesting people anyway."

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Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend beginning Oct. 10, 2008:

10 We can always count on Planet Ant Theatre in Hamtramck for a ghoulish good

time nearing Halloween. Last year the theater brought us a devilish look at *Dr. Seward's Dracula* and this year they serve up *Blood Bath and Beyond*, an original comedy by Shawn Handlon. Tonight, opening night, catch the 8 p.m. show. Call (313) 365-4948 for tickets and information. The theater is at 2357 Caniff Ave.



The Three Stooges

11 For those who love lighthearted, classic comedies, the Redford Theater's annual *Three Stooges Festival* always fills the seats in this historic theatre. Tickets are only \$5 for a run of six films. Showtimes are 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. today for the following: *Women Haters*; *Three Little Pigskins*; *Uncivil Warriors*; *False Alarms*; *Violent is the Word for Curly*; and *Calling All*

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12 Calling all trick-or-treaters. This marks the first of three weekends in which the Henry Ford brings Hallowe'en to Greenfield Village. Follow the jack-o-lantern-lit paths around the festively-outfitted historic village and fill up a complimentary goody bag. Just be sure to keep an eye out for the Headless Horseman. Tickets are going fast and cost \$12.75-\$15 for a time slot between 6:30-9 p.m. at The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

13 Get your grub in Livonia tonight as the Livonia Chamber of Commerce sponsors its 4th annual *Grub Crawl* at St. Mary's Cultural



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14 Lucinda Williams performs tonight at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre. Doors kick open at 6:30 p.m. for this 7:30 p.m. show, so head out early. Buick 6 opens. Tickets \$25. The theater is located at 603 E. Liberty. Call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.livenation.com.



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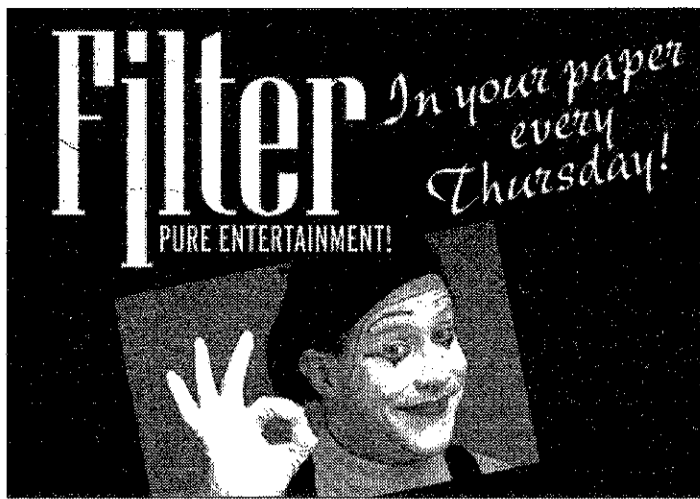
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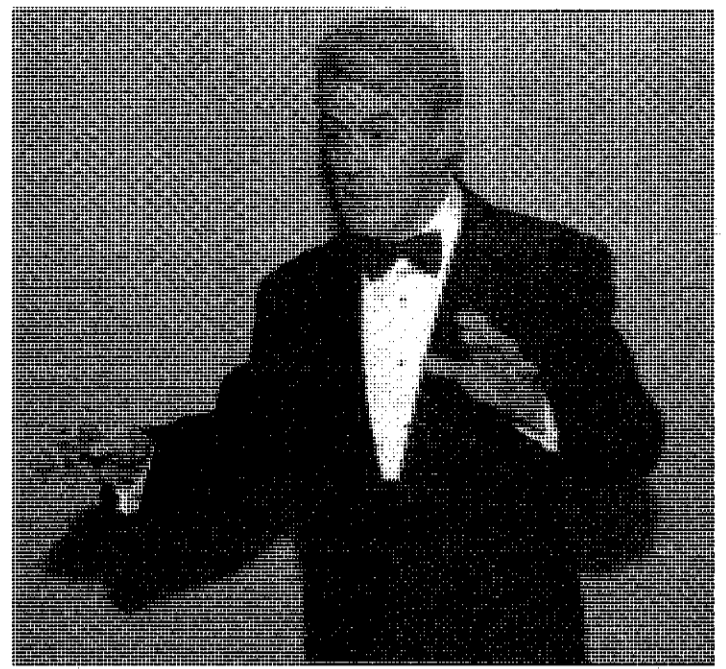
This year BBSO season subscriptions also include ticket admission to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall in Detroit,

conducted by its new music director, Leonard Slatkin, on January 11.

"With this collaboration with the DSO, the BBSO again offers a season's program of five concerts," said Carla Lamphere, BBSO executive director. "In today's local economy, we were not able to finance five concerts by our orchestra for this season. As a professional orchestra, we always depend on substantial financial support beyond our box office."

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Oct. 12: Charles Greenwell's 20th Year Anniversary Concert
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Dec. 28: Between the Holidays Special
Charles Greenwell conducting, featuring BBSO Concertmaster Eun Park and Birmingham/Bloomfield students
Music: Waldteufel: "The Skaters"; Humperdinck: Excerpts from "Hansel & Gretel"; Menotti: Excerpts from "Amahl & the Night Visitors"; Offenbach: "Orpheus in the Underworld"; Vivaldi: "Winter" from "The Four Seasons"; Chadwick: "Noel" from "Symphonic Sketches";

Tchaikovsky: "1812 Overture" & Birmingham/Bloomfield Students

3 p.m. Jan. 11, 2009: Americans Here & Abroad
Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin conducting at Orchestra Hall, Detroit
Music: Brouwer: "World Premiere"; Meyer, Fleck & Hussein: "Triple Concerto"; Ruggles: "Sun-Treader"; Gershwin: "An American in Paris"

March 22, 2009: Spring Spectacular
Charles Greenwell conducting, featuring BBSO String Competition Winner
Music: Respighi: "Ancient Airs and Dances No. 2." Selection by BBSO String Competition Winner; New Work by Michigan Composer (to be announced); Liszt: "Les Preludes"

May 10, 2009: David Syme Returns
Charles Greenwell conducting, featuring David Syme
Music: MMTA Piano Concerto Winner; Verdi: "Overture to La Forza del Destino"; Selection by MMTA Piano Concerto Winner; Vaughan Williams: "Five Variants/Dives & Lazarus"; Rachmaninoff: "Piano Concerto No. 3"

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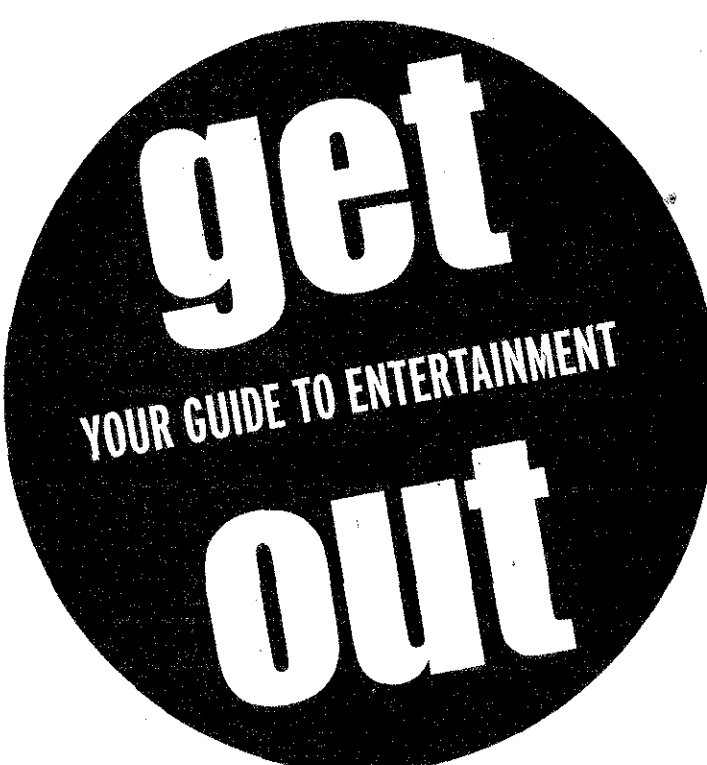
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Biddle Gallery: "Ryan Weiss and Jason Rohler AKA the A/V Kids: A Duo of Unordinary Proportions, through Oct. 31, 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779; www.biddlegallery.com.
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Ruth Adler Schnee, open now; Marie Woo, "A Clay Odyssey," through Oct. 10; Students of Leslie Masters, "Pentimento: The Birmingham Society of Women Painters," and Mary Brodbeck's Woodblock Prints, through Oct. 10, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.
Cary Gallery: "Sky, Clouds and Mind Dreams," Catherine Peet, through Oct. 18, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656.
D&M Art Studio: Bob Ross-style painting classes, 1-5 p.m. one Sunday per month; free line art portfolio assessments for college-bound students; Harvest Pumpkin Painting, Oct. 23-29, 29691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, (734) 453-3710, www.dmartstudio.com.
Habatat Galleries: "Four Seasons" Oct. 11-Nov. 1, reception 2 p.m. Oct. 11, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com.
Lawrence Street Gallery: Alice Frank: Frame of Mind, Nov. 5-29, reception, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 7; Little Things Mean A Lot! Competition, Dec. 3-24; reception, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.
Lemberg Gallery: Amanda Besi "If the Slipper Fits" through Oct. 11; Jane Hammond "People, Places and Things," Oct. 17-Nov. 2008, reception, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 17, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.
Lotus Arts Gallery: Artists Charles H. Pabst, Thomas Arvid and Sergio Furnari (a life-sized version of the Luncheon on a Skyscraper sculpture), now showing, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.
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Paul Kotula Projects: Jae Won Lee "In the Shadow of the Moon," through Oct. 11, 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.
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The Community House: 22nd Annual Art Show & Sale, Oct. 16-18, opening night party and fund raiser, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. benefactor (\$200), 6 p.m. friend (\$75), 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.
Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Impressions," through Oct. 30, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., (248) 348-4550.
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CHAMBER
Birmingham Temple: Vivace Music Series - Alturas Duo, Nov. 8, 28611 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Novemberfest," 7 p.m. Nov. 9; First Presbyterian Church, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 559-2095, www.detroit-chamberwinds.org.
Hapopian World of Bugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 17, Jan. 9, Jan. 30, March 13 and May 8, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Seligman Performing Arts Center: Prazak Quartet, Nov. 15, Tickets, \$25-\$75, 22305 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.
CHORAL
First Presbyterian Church: Let Heaven and

Nature Sing, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17; A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, trenney@comcast.net.
CLASSICAL
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Novemberfest," 3 p.m. Nov. 9, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Max M. Fisher Music Center: Classic Broadway, Nov. 13-15, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5711 and online at www.detroit-symphony.com.
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: "Music From the Heartland" 8 p.m. Nov. 8, Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouth-symphony.org.
Schoolcraft College: Pianist James Tocco, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Presentation Room in the VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.
CLUBS
Callahan's Redhill, Oct. 11: Sarah Lee Guthrie/Johnny Irion with special guest Tim Pak, 4 p.m. Oct. 12; Warrior Soul w/Snram, Oct. 18; Devon Alliman's Honeytribe, Oct. 30; The Spike Drivers, 4 p.m. Nov. 9; Tinsley Ellis, Nov. 14-15; Tommy Ramone's Bluegrass Band "Uncle Monk" with special guest



Fairy Tale Opera
 The Motor City Youth Opera, featuring child performers from throughout Metro Detroit, will present "Humpty Dumpty" Oct. 17-20 at Grandstand Cornet Playhouse, 27855 Grandstand in Livonia. Composed by Mark Krato, the opera is a story of triumph over evil, first performed by children of the Ferndale Concentration Camp. This "Part Two" will explore children's memories of the Holocaust. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets, \$22-\$25, may be purchased at (313) 535-6942 or www.mcyo.org.

Black Jake & The Carnies, 4 p.m. Nov. 16; Coca Montoya, Nov. 19, 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills, (248) 858-9508, www.ATCALLAHANS.com.
Edison: Aaron Vaughn Band, Oct. 9; bugs Beddow band, Oct. 10-11, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.
The Magic Stick: The Bronx, Oct. 13; Mates of State, Oct. 19, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.
COMEDY
Fox Theatre: Kathy Griffin, Oct. 18; Jeff Dunham, Nov. 29, 537.50-\$65, at 221 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Go Comedy! Improv Theatre: Opening October 2008, 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale, visit www.gocomedy.net.
Joe Louis Arena: Jeff Dunham Spark of Insanity tour, Nov. 29, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Michigan Theatre: Daniel Tosh, Oct. 10, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

The Second City: "DeFace the Nation," through Nov. 23, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.
CONCERTS
Village Theater at Cherry Hill: The Lettermen, Friday, Oct. 24, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5460, www.canton-mi.org/villageheater
Clutch Cargo: Relient K with Ludo, This Providence, House of Heroes, Oct. 11; Slightly Stoopid, Oct. 23; Anberlin with Scary Kids Scaring Kids, Oct. 24; Cute is What We Ain For, Nov. 16; The Rose Trims Again feat. Dir en Grey, The Human Abstract, Nov. 18; All Time Low, Nov. 21, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.
The Fillmore-Detroit: Ben Folds, Oct. 9; Chiodos, Oct. 10; Tesla, Oct. 17; Matisyahu, Oct. 23; Danzig and Dimmu Borgir, Oct. 24; Gym Class Heroes, Oct. 25; Henry Rollins, Oct. 26; Kinds of Leon, Nov. 8; OneRepublic, Dec. 2; Mudvayne, Dec. 5; The Black Crowes,

Dec. 6, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, Call (248) 645-6666.
The Fox Theatre: Celtic Thunder, Oct. 14; Maxwell, Oct. 19; Experience Hendrix, Oct. 25, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Joe Louis Arena: So You Think You Can Dance, Oct. 25; Metallica with Machinehead, The Sword, Jan. 13, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.
Majestic Theatre: Cobra Starship, Oct. 14; The Toadies, Oct. 18; Against Me! Oct. 19, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.
Michigan Theatre: Lucinda Williams, Oct. 14; David Byrne, Oct. 24; Brian Wilson, Nov. 12, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.
The Palace of Auburn Hills: The Who, Oct. 21; New Kids on the Block, Oct. 25; Coldplay, Nov. 3; ACDC, Nov. 5; Tina Turner, Nov. 20; The Cheateh Girls, Dec. 2; Sarah Brightman, Dec. 3; Neil Young with Wilco, Dec. 7; Oasis with Ryan Adams and the Cardinals, Dec. 13, 1 Chempionship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

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 3130 - Chris Wolverton - Lamp, Bed Frame, Misc Items
 4035 - Lynda Jordan - 20 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
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 C065 - Denise Simpson - 1 Boxes, Refrigerator, Stove
 D034 - Mark Thomas - Couch, Stereo, Big Screen TV
 D060 - Erica Archer - 12 Totes, Microwave, Console TV
 D158 - Jevalee Elliot - Stage Platform, Misc Items
 E009 - Michael F Mawby - Bed Mattress, Dresser, Aquarium
 F015 - Kimberly Smith - 10 Boxes, Table, Misc Items
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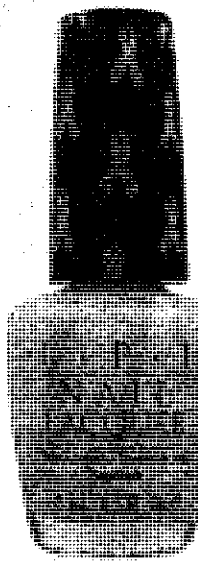
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pink picks



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this week's "Pink Ribbon" picks benefit the cause:

Wear It!
Karl Lagerfeld Key to the Cure tee at Saks Fifth Avenue

Tote It!
Beijo Pinky Promise bag

Clutch It!
Stephanie Johnson cosmetic tote — free with purchase of three Energizer battery packs — visit www.energizer.com/komen

Kick It!
New Balance 768KM, the official shoe of Komen Race for the Cure

Accessorize It!
2008 Ford Warriors in Pink scarf

Smell It!
Komen floral mist reed diffuser at Pier 1

Nail It!
OPI "Pink of Hearts"

Shop It!
Pink Shop items at Parisian

Use It!
Dyson DC16 Pink handheld vacuum at Target

Gift It!
Pink Ribbon flower arrangement @ www.proflowers.com

Eat It!
Pink Ribbon bagels at Panera



PHOTO BY JULIAN BROAD

Gwyneth Paltrow models the 2008 Key to the Cure limited edition T-shirt by Karl Lagerfeld designed exclusively for Saks Fifth Avenue in partnership with the Entertainment Industry Foundation. For the sale of every shirt, \$35 will benefit EIF's Women's Cancer Research Fund.

Stylish soiree raises funds for breast cancer research

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
OGE STAFF WRITER

On the hit reality show *Project Runway*, designers are asked to fashion garments using grocery store produce, car parts and candy wrappers.

Closer to home, a contest sponsored by the Michigan Design Center challenges interior designers to create high-fashion garb from home decor fabric.

The results prove that talented artists can make a masterpiece in more than one medium.

Guests will have a chance to see the garments during the second annual Catwalk Couture for a Cause, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16 at MDC.

Tickets (\$50-\$150), as well as 100 percent of proceeds from live and silent auctions, benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Partners.

Theresa Kisser, Director of Marketing and Advertising for MDC, said the event sold out its maiden year, and she expects a full house again.

The goal is to bring people into the MDC.

"We're always trying to come up with new events — because we're not really open to the public, we're open to the trade — to highlight the product available here."

Kisser said many of the MDC's luxury fabrics translate well into structured garments such as suits, dresses and coats.

Interior designers are invited to work with sketch artists and seamstresses to carry out their vision. They also are responsible for finding their own models. All of the labor and fabrics are donated, ensuring that 100 percent of proceeds benefit the cause.

Last year, bidding went from \$350-\$5,000 per outfit during the live auction. The fabrics alone can be extremely costly, Kisser said.

This year, designer Michael Coyne used Stark fabric valued at \$2,100 to create his dress "For the Lady who Lunches."

The Kravet fabric Heidi and Allison Parris used for their "Crewel Intentions" coat and dress was \$2,560.

A stunning coat, "Green with Envy" by David McGowen utilizes F. Schumacher & Co. fabric priced at \$1,650.

The garments, numbering more than 25, range from evening

gowns to office wear, and are designed in a variety of sizes.

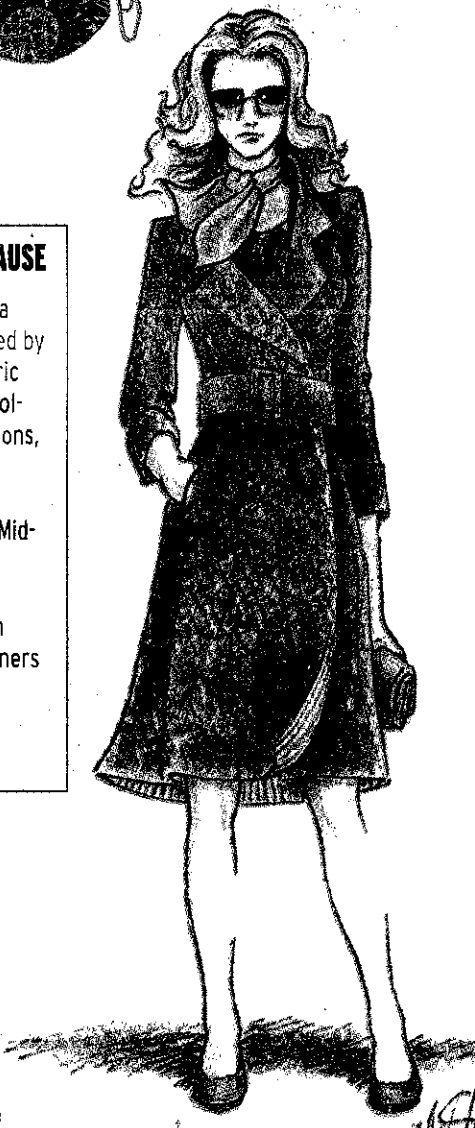
The one-of-a-kind looks will be displayed in the window of the former Sharper Image in Somerset Collection South through Oct. 10.

Kisser said the interior designers are surprisingly successful at applying their vision to fashion design.

"There's so much interplay



"Crewel Intentions" by Heidi and Allison Parris of Parris Interior Design of Birmingham.



"Green with Envy" by David McGowen of Chapman House Classic Home in Rochester.

CATWALK: COUTURE FOR A CAUSE

What: Charity benefit featuring a runway show of garments created by top interior designers using fabric from Michigan Design Center's collection, plus live and silent auctions, strolling dinner and drinks
When: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16
Where: Michigan Design Center Mid-America Room
Tickets: \$50, Enthusiast; \$150, Fashionista, benefit Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Partners
Attire: Festive cocktail
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between interior design and fashion. If you look at the trends in fashion you'll see them in a modified sense show up in interior design," Kisser said.

"It amazes me what they're capable of doing."

Karen Drew from WDIV will emcee Catwalk, and Robert DuMouchelle will lead the auction, which will immediately follow the 7:30 p.m. runway show.

Kisser expects the event will kick off the social season in style.

"I think the proliferation

of all the home design shows, which emphasize what interior designers truly can bring to the table, as well as *Project Runway*, definitely increase excitement for this type of event," she said.



"For the Lady who Lunches" by Michael Coyne of Michael Coyne Design in Southfield.

WALKS & CONGREGATES

Karen Neuberger Pink Party

METRO DETROIT — All Parisian locations will host a Karen Neuberger Pink Party Oct. 10-11. Shop KN Pink Ribbon sleepwear for 50 percent off, enjoy pink treats and refreshments, and sign a show of support to help under-insured women receive mammograms. Also, stop by Parisians' Pink Shop, where a variety of items benefit the cause through October.

Little Girls Night Out

CANTON — Girls 6-12 years old are invited to a fun-filled night of pillow fights, make up lessons, manicures as Canton Leisure Services hosts a big pajama party at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. The evening includes food, games, swimming, and more, \$15-\$22. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Golf Gear On Sale

CANTON — Get 25 percent off all golf gear as Pheasant Run Golf Club's Pro Shop hosts a Balloon Sale 3-8 p.m. Oct. 11. Shoppers can also pick a balloon for an extra five to 50 percent off. Located at 46500 Summit Parkway. Call (734) 397-6460.

HAVEN Benefit A La Mode

TROY — A la mode boutique will host

a designer-inspired jewelry and handbags show noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at Best Western Concord Inn, 1919 Star Batt Drive, Rochester Hills. Bring a gently used handbags for charity and be entered into a raffle. Call (248) 334-1284 or visit www.haven-oakland.org.

Knock Out Breast Cancer

LIVONIA — Parisian Laurel Park Place will host Wacoal Fit for the Cure through Oct. 15. For every customer who gets a free fitting in a Wacoal or DKNY Underwear bra, Wacoal will donate \$2 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for breast cancer research and outreach programs. For every bra purchased, customers will receive a pink boxing glove key ring, and Wacoal will donate an additional \$2.

Macy's Opens Beautiful Planet NOVI — Macy's Twelve Oaks will be the first store in Michigan to launch Beautiful Planet, Oct. 13, a new Macy's concept and eco-friendly shop carrying well-known natural and organic beauty products including Burt's Bees, CARE by Stella McCartney, Farmaesthetics, Nvey Eco, Organic Apoteke, Pangea Organics and Terre d'Oc. All elements of the Beautiful Planet shop will be created using

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